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Ruling brings alcohol closer to campus

NKU policy will remain unchanged

by Steve Rohs
Associate editor

An opinion issued by the Kentucky attorney general last week will have little immediate effect at NKU, said Dean of Students Bill Lamb last week.

The opinion, which says dorm rooms are private and students at least 21-years-old can legally consume alcohol in state university residence halls, was released last week.

However, the opinion says universities have a right to prohibit consumption of alcohol at residence halls as part of school policy.

Lamb said he has not read the decision and would not comment on how it will affect NKU until he has read it.

"I think it will affect only about 10 percent of the students at the dorms anyway," he said. He said there are only about 40 seniors and 12 law students living in NKU's dorms now.

NKU's policy prohibits alcohol in the dorms, said Lamb. At the beginning of the semester, student residents sign a contract including the policy and the penalty for disobeying it, which is removal from the halls, he said.

Northern expelled a student from the dorms two weeks ago for an alcohol violation, Lamb said.

"We are in the process of formulating campus-wide alcohol policies," he said. "We are not going to recommend alcohol be permitted on campus."

Lamb said there are three main focuses of the policy:

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by Steve Rohs
Associate editor

An opinion issued last week from the Kentucky Attorney General may cause state universities around the nation to rethink their campus alcohol policies.

The opinion, sought by the University of Kentucky Student Government Association, said dorm rooms in state schools are private places, and legal-age students would not be violating criminal law if they consumed alcohol there. The decision is advisory.

Prior to the decision, dorm rooms at state-supported universities were considered to be public places, and state law prevented students from drinking in the residences.

"Our argument was that if the dorm-room was private, I'm 21, I want to have the right to do it," said David Botkins, a UK SGA senator-at-large who started the push for legalized drinking in UK's residence halls.

"We're stressing the responsible use of alcohol," Botkins said last Friday. "Prohibition did not work in the 1920s and it will not work today."

Botkins said giving students at least 21-years-old the right to drink in the privacy of their dormrooms will give the university drinking policy more credibility.

"UK's not going to fall apart because we are allowing drinking in the dorms," he said.

Enforcement will also improve because

dorm resident assistants will have to know which students can drink and if they are following the proper guidelines, Botkins said.

"Now the (prohibition) policy is written but not enforced," he said. "We're addressing reality."

Botkins said state schools in Kentucky may use the UK ruling as an example to bring alcohol to campus and added "it's conceivable" that it may affect public universities around the country.

But the attorney general, in the opinion, noted state schools may prohibit alcohol in their residence halls despite the decision.

"The university is like a landlord. It can say what the provisions of the contract

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Eric Kroesne/The Northerner

A group of NKU students literally played with fire last Tuesday near the Fine Arts Building. At left, Bruce Hall is wrapped in aluminum foil as he and Ray Lawson prepare to ignite matches they placed on their heads. In the middle, Lawson is ready for the feat, and at right, Hall looks on as Lawson completes the exhibition.

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Students on probation can register early

by Todd Davis
News editor

Students on academic probation can register early during the priority registration period, the same as students who are not on probation, said Jerry Legere, registrar of NKU.

"(The new system) will be effective this semester," Legere said last Thursday.

Northern's Registration Council approved the new system of enrollment on Jan. 29.

The previous enrollment system, according to the accepted proposal, contained several disadvantages for probationary students:

- ☐ No pre- or early registration.
- ☐ Low priority to current students.
- ☐ A five-day open spring registration.

The new system of enrollment offers probationary students several advantages of early registration:

- ☐ Better selection of classes.
- ☐ Eliminates an extra day of registration.
- ☐ Allows more time for advising.

☐ Gives deans more time during open registration.

However, the new guidelines state that since grade point averages are unknown during the time of early registration, students may have problems entering another class if they have not fulfilled the requirements of a prerequisite course.

"Probation students will also be sent registration packets for early registration the same as students not on probation,"

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From The

Wire

Cornell Greek hires stripper for recruitment

To recruit new members, Phi Kappa Sigma hired two Syracuse strippers and held a "Valentine Stripfest," but administrator Janiece Bacon Oblak has asked the PKS national chapter to revoke the Cornell House's charter because the stripfest amounted to "sexual harassment."

More party colleges protest Playboy

Both University of Vermont and Plymouth (N.H.) State College students promised they'd demonstrate when *Playboy* photographers arrive on campus in the spring, to try to lure female students into posing in the nude for them.

Playboy, trolling for models at all the schools it named in a January "Top 40 Party Colleges" article, last week met resistance at University of Miami and Mercer.

Students, professors protest building smell

Forty students and professors demonstrated and chanted "To Hell With The Smell" in an effort to get the Massachusetts campus building to stop smelling.

Years of roof leaking have created a sludge that runs down the walls and emits what Professor Neil McLeod calls an "ehetic" smell.

Campus President Katherine Tisinger's office replied the state had delayed repairing the roof, rushing instead to fix other "emergency" status state buildings, but may get to the NASC building this summer.

University of Mississippi prints phone number of wrong hot prospects

The *Daily Mississippian*, the University of Mississippi's daily student paper, and the *Jackson Clarion-Ledger* both printed a 900 number that, they advertised, would tell callers which football recruits Ole Miss signed on national letter of intent day last week.

But the number belonged to *Penthouse* magazine, whose phone service is a taped female voice making sexual suggestions.

Ole Miss's sports information office, which provided the number to both papers, apologized. "All we can do is undergo the embarrassment of it," says spokesman Langston Rogers.

—College Press Service

Tuition rates to exceed inflation

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Tuition nationwide will rise much faster than the inflation rate, early announcements show.

While the Consumer Price Index—the measure of what people pay for certain things—has risen about 2 percent for goods and services during the last year, college in recent weeks have announced they'll raise their prices anywhere from 4 percent to, in one case, 20 percent for the 1987-88 school year.

Though tuition hikes have outstripped inflation every year since 1978, administrators say they need to keep imposing huge increases to help pay faculty members more, to compensate for lower state and federal funding, to repair their campuses and even to bring in new computers.

"Many administrators tell us they previously suppressed tuition and fees," says Kathleen Brauder, "but now have to pay for maintenance and new equipment, faculty salaries and libraries."

In September, the College Board predicted tuitions will rise an average of 7 percent a year through the rest of the 1980s.

Whatever the reasons, during the last few weeks schools as diverse as Ricks College in Idaho, New Hampshire, Princeton, Yale, Washington, Michigan State, Baptist College in South Carolina, Maryland, all the University of Missouri campuses, Baylor and Duke announced they'll charge students from 4 to 9 percent more next school year.

But those increases may be bargains. Cal State is raising "fees"—its version of tuition—10 percent. Alabama-Birmingham students will pay 12.7 percent more to attend classes next year, while tuition at Loyola-New Orleans will rise 12.5 percent.

Oklahoma students may get "only" a 15 percent hike, although Gov. Henry Bellmon initially wanted an 88 percent jump, which would have been the highest in the nation.

Community college students, however, may face the biggest in the nation.

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Parkland Community College in Illinois, for example, will hike prices 20 percent next year.

Parklands Vice President of Business Affairs Don Moran says the college's board of trustees had to tap "new sources of revenue"—students—because of a decline in Illinois' farm property value.

But other schools were raising tuition for other reasons, one major observer says.

"Some of our colleges," U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett said last November, "charge what the market can bear."

Bennett went on to say schools can raise tuition because they know students can get federal loans to pay it, press aide Tom Lyonn recalls.

If students can't get loans as easily, they may be less likely to tolerate hikes to these magnitudes, Lyon adds. "If students begin to assume the cost burden themselves, there will be pressure on the

schools (to lower their prices) from consumers."

Perhaps because they feel they can borrow money to pay for the increase, students are not, in fact, protesting the new round of big hikes very often.

"I can't see myself protesting," says University of Alabama at Birmingham sophomore Beth Baker.

Though her scholarship won't cover a 12.7 percent tuition jump, Baker knew her school would have to "get the money from somewhere. I'll just have to understand. I am a big pro-UAB person."

"Some of our colleges charge what the market can bear."

But Bennett's conclusions that colleges are charging as much as they can just because they can are "just wrong," contends Richard Rosser, president of the National Association of Independent Col-

leges and Universities.

Schools' inflation rates, he argues, will always differ from the family consumption patterns measured by the Consumer Price Index.

In addition, campuses have suffered "dramatic" price increases in books and periodicals for their libraries at the same time they've added new services, like career planning and placement services and, "unfortunately, security forces," Rosser notes.

"And moving into the computer age costs money. These are very real add-ons," he says.

For instance, Loyola-New Orleans' big 12.5 jump, explains LU budget director John Eckholdt, was needed to pay for a new recreation center and garage.

Moreover, Eckholdt says, "We're playing catch-up as far as faculty salaries, which were suppressed in this particular area (Louisiana). There were extremely high utility costs in the past that slowed down faculty salary increases for years."

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SPRING BREAK '87

WNKU examines AIDS

by Valerie Spurr
Staff writer

WNKU radio broadcasted an international call-in program focusing on one of the world's greatest health problems—Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)—on March 1.

The 90-minute program, produced by the British Broadcasting Company (BBC), is the first live, international program distributed through American public radio. Its purpose was to educate the public about the disease.

The latest figures show that more than 30,000 people are suffering from the disease in the United States and that for every one person suffering from the disease, 50 to 100 are carrying the virus with no symptoms. Only with the knowledge of the disease and how it is transmitted can people remain safe from it.

Dr. Tony Pinching, an immunology expert from St. Mary's Hospital in London, and Jonathan Mann, director of the World Health Organization's AIDS program, answered questions from around the world.

Many countries have campaigns to let people know about AIDS. The famous red ribbons in London have posters reading, "Say you care, wear a condom."

In Australia, they're saying, "Safe sex is great sex." And Uganda says, "Love carefully."

The program criticized the United States by saying, "Americans with the biggest number of reported cases have held back from mass campaigns for fear of bad taste."

"This week they finally approved the mention of condoms on television. Good taste versus good health."

The program focused on the ability of a condom to somewhat prevent the disease.

"Be careful," Pinching said. "Be careful about sexual partners. Don't have too many. And if you do, get to know a lot about them before you have sex with them."

"And if you are doubtful, use a condom."

"Use of condoms is the best way to reduce the risk of exposure, but we must say that condoms may break, come off, and condoms may fail," Mann said. "Therefore, the best way is to reduce the number of sexual partners you have."

Back in the early spring of 1981, two cases of AIDS were recognized in the United States. The disease then appeared to be confined to homosexual men, but it has become clear there are no bounds, Mann said.

In Africa, equal numbers of men and women are affected. If AIDS progresses in its current mode, the people of the United States may suffer the same fate, according to the speakers.

The AIDS call-in interviewed a bisexual with the disease. He said, "If I had known five years ago what I know now, I would have never come in contact with the virus."

"When a person is having sex, they're not just having it with that partner," said Otis Bowen, secretary of Health and Human Services. "They're having it with everybody that partner has had it with for the past 10 years."

Policy

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- An alcohol education program.
- Written rules and regulations concerning use of alcohol off campus by student organizations.
- A process of referral of alcohol and drug abusers to self-help agencies.

Lamb said the university is already implementing some of the programs. Speakers from groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon have come to campus, and NKU's Student Government sponsors an Alcohol Awareness Week every year.

"The focus of the campus-wide policy is to organize those functions," Lamb said.

"We also will debate and come to some conclusions about rules of alcohol

(possession and consumption) on and off campus," Lamb said.

The referral of drug and alcohol abusers to self-help agencies helps resolve a problem for Lamb, he said.

"When we kick them out of the residence halls, it might solve the problem of disturbing their neighbors, but it doesn't help them much."

The policy, said Lamb, "just kind evolved as something that's needed."

Besides the policy on dorm residents' contracts, there is no written alcohol policy at NKU, Lamb said.

"Because we are primarily a commuter campus, there was no need for a written policy," Lamb said.



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Internationally-known speakers John Ndulue (left) and Amuzie Chimezie, known for their expertise in minority affairs, answered questions from NKU students last week. NKU professor Michael Washington sits between.

CIA policy includes routinely spreading disinformation

by Jack Anderson
and Joseph Spear
United Feature Syndicate

WASHINGTON—The disinformation campaign aimed at Libya by Adm. John Poindexter has been pretty well swallowed up by the Iran/contras scandal that led to Poindexter's resignation as national security adviser. But that doesn't mean disinformation is dead.

There's a good possibility that the Reagan administration and its friends have been using disinformation techniques to deflect attention—and blame—from their own mistakes. Witness the carefully planted stories suggesting the whole arms deal—including diversion of funds to the contras—and somehow forced on a reluctant White House by the Israelis. This scenario has the fishy smell of disinformation.

The fact is, of course, that governments routinely practice disinformation, leaking false stories to gullible reporters in hopes that the public will believe them—or at least seeds of doubt will be planted in the public's mind.

As we've reported in the past, the Soviets are masters at forgery and other "dezinformatsi" methods. Their howlers have included stories that the CIA was

ed an epidemic of dengue fever in Cuba, that a University of Maryland malaria base caused 80 infant deaths in Naples, Italy, and that 7,000 Brazilians died from U.S. chemical warfare rests in the Amazon basin.

The Reagan administration, of course, didn't invent disinformation. Its chief distinction is that it was exposed so quickly, and that it used the National Security Council as its disinformative vehicle. Previous administrations preferred the CIA, which had more experience in the black art. Here are some examples:

□ In the Carter administration, the CIA fed *The New York Times* a story designed to discredit Greek exile journalist Elias Demetracopoulos. Why? Demetracopoulos had explosive evidence that the Greek intelligence service, subsidized by the CIA, had funneled secret funds to the Nixon-Agnew campaign in 1968. *The Times* story in 1977 charged that Demetracopoulos had worked for Yugoslav and Israeli intelligence and had been rejected for a job with the CIA—all untrue.

The source of the story was made clear when the CIA was eventually forced to release its file on the Greek journalist: His name was consistently misspelled by the CIA in exactly the same way it had been

in the *Times*. Last April, the CIA finally admitted it had "no derogatory" information on Demetracopoulos.

□ In the Ford administration, the CIA planted stories blaming the assassination of its Athens station chief, Robert Welch, on his identification by *Counterspy* magazine. What the CIA didn't disclose was that Welch had ignored an explicit warning, two months before his murder, not to move into his predecessor's house in Athens, because it was well known as the CIA station chief's residence.

□ In the Nixon administration, the CIA's manipulation of journalists in its campaign to overthrow Chilean President Salvador Allende was a classic of disinformation. As just one part of its sly campaign to court the press, the CIA made up a story—contradicted by its own intelligence estimates—that Allende planned to abolish freedom of the press in Chile. The media lapped it up.

□ In the Johnson administration, CIA headquarters sent out orders directing agents to discredit authors who had written books or articles critical of the Warren Commission's report on the assassination of President Kennedy. "Employ propaganda assets to answer and refute the attacks by the critics!" the orders read.

"Book reviews and feature articles are particularly appropriate." Some critics were depicted as anti-American and pro-communist.

Teacher's Troubles: The number of college students planning careers in education is rising, even though federal funding cuts put new teachers' long-range prospects about on a par with sword-swallowers'.

A survey by the American Council on Education shows that the number of college freshmen planning to go into teaching has jumped almost 50 percent in the last five years. The study cheerily attributes this to higher salaries—up 28 percent since 1982 for those already on the payroll.

Why are college freshmen heading into the teaching profession, then? One educator suggested that higher salaries have nothing to do with it. They come from affluent families, he said, and though they know teaching is risky, they want to do something that is fulfilling rather than "grow up as unhappy yuppies."

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Editorial

AIDS epidemic University fit for condoms

According to a recent article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, colleges could play a crucial role in halting the spread of AIDS.

By 1991, 300,000 cases will have been diagnosed in this country. Currently, besides the 30,000 people that already have been diagnosed as having AIDS, between 1.5 and five million people are infected with the virus, according to estimates by the U.S. government.

Even though the United States has one of the largest outbreaks of the killer disease, Americans have been slow to react.

Public health experts believe colleges can do two things to slow the enormous rate at which AIDS is spreading—educate people on the disease and hand out condoms.

Condom ads are just now breaking into magazines and television. Ironically, most magazines have been accepting cigarette ads for years, while refusing contraceptive ads. One kills; the other saves lives—something is wrong here.

Cries from religious groups, right-to-life activists and members of the right-wing coalition have kept these ads from appearing.

Other countries weren't quite as worried about hurting people's so-called

moral feelings. London buses carry ads reading, "Say you care, wear a condom."

However, the tide is gradually changing in this country, and not a minute too soon, since the disease has crept into the heterosexual society.

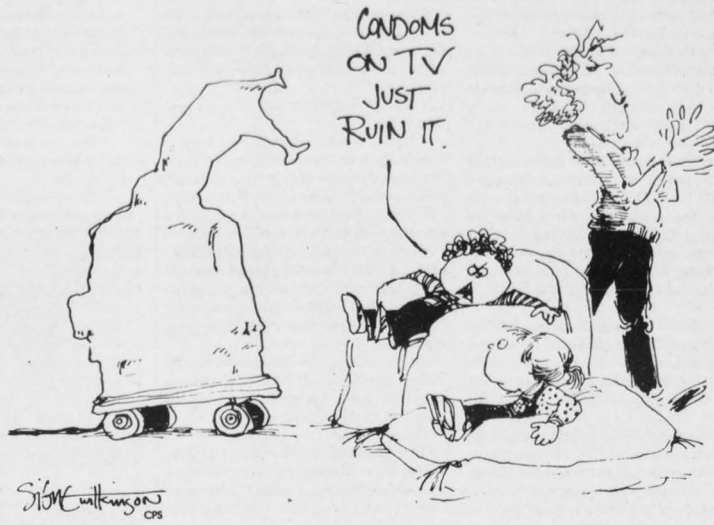
Even NKU has begun to join the ranks of schools participating in the fight against AIDS. Northern is trying to start an educational program on AIDS. Unfortunately, officials feel it won't receive much support.

Students are afraid they will be viewed as having AIDS if they attend the class, said Debbie Walker, NKU's director of student health services.

Sadly, this is probably as far as Northern will go. Given the conservative nature and religious tendencies of this area, as well as NKU students and administrators, the other method of slowing the disease—distributing or at least selling condoms—is a long way down the road for this public university.

"Maybe there will be a day that we could distribute condoms through this office," Health Director Walker said.

Let's make that day as soon as possible. Condoms sold or distributed from this school could potentially save thousands of lives. And if they saved one, it would be worth it.



Selective admissions unnecessary

There is little question that for most universities a selective admissions policy is beneficial. They can use such policies to generate a more challenging academic environment and thus promote a stronger academic reputation. I stress, however, the word "most."

Steve Olding

While it has been said many times before, it stands repeating—NKU is not a typical university, especially when you consider its student population make-up. According to recent university figures, nearly 40 percent of Northern's students are over the age of 25, over half are part-time students and over 95 percent are employed. Thus, unlike the vast majority of universities in this country, the non-traditional student plays a major role at NKU.

Furthermore, unlike most universities which deal primarily with younger, less professionally experienced students, Northern is a vehicle by which many non-traditional students further their professional careers.

Therefore, the question becomes, should a university with such a large segment of non-traditional students screen incoming freshmen by means of traditional academic criteria? A quick overview of Northern's selective admissions policy may shed some light on that question:

- Pre-college curriculum core (four years English, three years Math, etc.) Affects only those over the age of 25, since 1982 all Kentucky high schools have had such requirements for graduation.
- Minimum ACT score of 18. Is it fair to judge a 30-year-old's ability on a high-school curriculum-

oriented test? Certainly not.

Even the university realizes how unnecessary and troublesome these standards are through their implementation of a 20 percent "exemption pool" that will supposedly solve the problem of the non-traditionals. But if non-traditionals make up 40 percent of this school and there will only be a 20 percent exemption pool, what about the others?

Another question to be answered is where will the lost revenue be made up when Northern begins to turn possible students away? With \$500,000 already cut from next year's budget, can NKU afford to turn down a person's tuition, thus forcing them to increase current tuition rates. In turn, this could create a situation in which current students may be forced to drop out of school because they can no longer afford it. Is all of this really in the best interest of Northern's students?

In the case of NKU, the selective admissions policy is little more than a public relations ploy. Some would argue that NKU has desperately needed such a policy to bring about a better reputation for the school. I would argue that a good reputation is built on action, not restrictions. The references to NKU as "no-knowledge college" so commonly heard 10 years ago are just a memory. Northern is building a reputation the best way possible, through its product, its students.

I disagree completely that selective admissions filters out the academic riff-raff—college does that already. Besides, Northern has always had a screening process, one that doesn't discriminate against non-traditional students—it's called a faculty.

Perhaps 10 years down the road Northern will benefit from selective admissions. For the time being, though, it's more trouble than it's worth.

Don't speak for other fraternities, sororities

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the Feb. 25 issue of *The Northerner*: Reader's Views. It amazes us, we the "others concerned," as to how the authors of the article find it their responsibility to speak for those of us who truly understand what "organized" (not formal) rush entails.

It is obvious from the opinion stated that certain individuals are either highly misinformed or do not care enough to research the facts. These individuals obviously do not realize that in order to have a Greek row, a sizeable Greek system must be developed.

Looking around however, the signs of a disorganized fraternal system are clear to see. No fraternity on this campus has over 30 active members, three of which fall short of even 20 actives. This is the case from semester to semester.

A university of Northern's size should easily be able to accommodate chapters of at least 40 members. Under the current system, however, the likelihood of this happening is slim.

In order for Northern's fraternal system to survive and grow, an alternative form of rush needs to be developed. Fraternities at Northern are basically elite groups in which you practically have to know someone in order to be rushed.

Chances are, if greater diversity is not introduced to these groups, the fraternal system is doomed. An organized form of rush may be the solution to this long-term problem.

A resolution is presently being considered by an IFC committee. It deserves fair and open-minded study by all member fraternities of the Interfraternity Council.

But then again, why bother even discussing a resolution (for a unanimous vote) when it is apparent that certain closed-minded individuals have already given the bill its "last rights by a vote of R.I.P. If these certain individuals are allowed to speak for the majority, nothing will ever be accomplished.

In conclusion, "let us decide what is best for us." We do not need a self-proclaimed majority deciding the future of the fraternal system.

Kevin Rowland
President Alpha Tau Omega fraternity

Mark Wendling
Vice-Chairman IFC

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Mike Browne's letter regarding fraternity rush.

It disturbs me that Mr. Browne has placed Panhellenic Council on the level of a dictatorship. Therefore, I would first like to enlighten him as to the purpose of Panhellenic Council.

The Panhellenic Council is not an evil organization that conjures up ways to make the sororities behave like trained circus animals. The purpose of the Panhellenic Council is to increase Greek membership mainly through organizing, advertising and promoting Formal Rush and to provide a means of government (not a dictatorship).

Granted, problems exist with Formal Rush. Many do not like the rules set by Panhellenic. These rules are not set to purposely irritate the sororities. They exist so that every rushee is allowed the opportunity to meet and objectively evaluate each sorority without undue influence.

Also, every sorority is given a chance to meet every rushee. These rules are designed to maximize the opportunities of both parties.

I feel Mr. Browne needs to concern himself with the well being of the Greek system as well as with the well being of his fraternity. The only way that a Greek system is to grow is through unification.

Fraternities and sororities need to unite and have one main purpose—increasing Greek membership, not individual organization membership. The latter objective will be accomplished as a by-product of the increase in Greek membership.

In its present state, the IFC is analogous to the original government of the United States after the Revolutionary War—a confederation. A confederation is the weakest form of government, often having internal factions warring against each other. Of course, the original confederation failed, resulting in the Constitution and the strong government we have today. I feel the IFC also need this change, as they are attempting through the establishment of a Formal Rush.

Also, it cannot hurt to try a Formal Rush. If one hasn't tried something, little grounds exist for its condemnation.

Terri Bolyard
former Panhellenic Council president

Reader says painting should be displayed elsewhere

To the editor:

I read with interest in the Feb. 25 edition of *The Northerner* the article about NKU's recent acquisition of the copy of Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington. I continued reading anxiously to learn of George's whereabouts.

I can't express just how disappointed I am to discover that the painting is hanging in NKU President Leon Boothe's office, a place few people have access.

Not only does placement of this priceless painting in President Boothe's office violate the donor's intention, Mr. Koehlke said the art "belonged to Kentucky...people in the area really wanted

it," but on a higher level its location fails to embrace the spirit of the artwork in general—enjoyment for everyone.

President Boothe's office does not "belong to Kentucky," nor is President Boothe the "people of Kentucky."

President Boothe stated that "we hope this will be a beginning of a repository to the arts in the area." But realistically it is of little meaning that the painting represents such a repository if people are denied access to it. While security may be a consideration in the placement of the painting in President Boothe's office, I am certain there are equally safe places for George on NKU's campus.

It is equally disturbing that the ex-

tremely limited exposure of a painting of such quality and beauty could exist in an institution that culturally and educationally recognizes the value of art on all levels.

The students, faculty and staff of NKU should have the opportunity to view the extremely generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Koehlke, and I think President Boothe has a responsibility to make the painting accessible to anyone wishing to see it. As long as George remains in President Boothe's office, I would like to see him

welcome viewers and perhaps even extend an invitation to all on NKU's campus to see this major gift.

I urge President Boothe to reconsider temporary (and permanent) placement of our latest art acquisition to an area more accessible; the Koehlke's and George would have wanted it that way.

Linda Holbrook, junior
English major

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Columnist wary after days of 'crazed' conservatism

WASHINGTON—After spending three days at the Conservative Political Action Conference here last week, I am ready for a visit to a detoxification center.

Cody Shearer

One easily forgets how crazed the Far Right is until spending time at their major gathering of the year. At one table at the Washington Hilton, visitors learned how AIDS was a plague to get pervers. In another corner, a group held court, demanding that Secretary of State George Shultz conduct a full-scale investigation into the dozens of American MIAs who are believed to be in Hanoi.

Richard Viguerie, the conservative direct-mail wizard characterizes the Far

Right coalition as a minority of country-club Republicans, businessmen who resent government regulations, born-again Christians upset by sexual overtones on TV and parents opposed to busing and abortion proponents. The Rev. Jerry Falwell offers a more self-serving definition. He claims the Far Right consists of "citizens who are pro-family, pro-moral, pro-life and pro-American, who have integrity and believe in hard work." But both of these descriptions belie many of the extreme positions the Far Right advocates.

On the one hand, it was irksome to listen to 1,200 predominantly white, male activists for 30 hours and not hear diddly about human rights, only a lot of peculiar squabble about who among us is more pure. Equally painful was observing many

of the prospective 1988 Republican presidential contenders, excluding Vice President Bush, who chose not to jump through the hoops for the Far Right. Indeed, there was practically nothing that Sen. Robert Dole (R-Kansas) or Gen. Alexander Haig or former governor Pete du Pont (R-Del.) or Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) would not say to elicit the crowd's encouragement.

Kemp stole the attendees' hearts by demanding Shultz's resignation. But that didn't stop the others from offering similarly idiotic war cries. Haig, for example, said he'd never talk to the communist-aided African National Congress (ANC).

Though some candidates may have blushed in private after groveling for the Far Rights' support, it has become a necessary evil in order to lure big money

and foot soldiers for the Republican presidential primary season.

One would think the Far Right would be content with Ronald Reagan in the White House. But that's hardly the case. A number of conservative organizations have encountered resistance in fund-raising because many longtime contributors have decided the cause has essentially triumphed.

However, the true believers know their movement has failed to bring ideological purity to the White House. The Reagan administration may have given lip service to school prayer and banning abortions, but these objectives are not closer to reality in 1987 than they were when Ronald Reagan was elected president in 1980.

NKU picks queen candidate

by Diane Goetz
Staff writer

Every year NKU sends a delegate to the annual Mountain Laurel Festival in Pineville, Ky., and this year freshman Ellen Horning has been chosen to represent Northern.

Horning graduated from Anderson High School and currently lives in Cold Spring. She attends NKU on a four-year presidential scholarship and is majoring in International Studies.

Photography, soccer, and singing are just a few of her many interests. She recently had to give up being a deacon at her church, Calvin Presbyterian, but still continues to sing in the choir.

Horning is the alternating delegate in the Panhellenic Council for Theta Phi Alpha, the sorority that nominated her for the contest.

She said a love for music drew her to sing for the NKU Chamber Choir.

She is also an active member of the American Field Service, a student foreign exchange program. She has hosted several students in her home while they've stayed in this country, including students from France and Spain.

This summer Horning will study in France for two months. She will attend classes for six weeks and then have two weeks of free touring time.

Horning said she hopes those students that once stayed in her home will show her around Europe.

She added that she hopes that her involvement in the American Field



Ellen Horning

Service influenced her in choosing a major.

Girls from each university in Kentucky compete to become the Mountain Laurel Queen. Candidates are judged on the photographs that are submitted to the judges prior to the festival and on personality.

"The girl who went last year said you get treated like a princess whether you win or lose," Horning said. "A lot of girls concentrate too hard on winning and miss out on the fun."

Horning said she aspires to be an international buyer or a foreign ambassador, preferably with France.

'Time of Your Life' Northern production's plot needs work

by Sue Wright
Staff writer

"All I want is a chance to make it in life!" That is the never-ending plea each character makes in William Saroyan's "The Time of Your Life."

The NKU Fine Arts Dept. production ran Feb. 20-22 and Feb. 26 - March 1, in the black box theatre. After viewing the play and the performance of the characters, I was thoroughly convinced that people have problems in the 1930s, the 1980s, and probably forever.

The play is set in the Depression Era of the 1930s. The main action takes place at Nick's Pacific Street Saloon. The bar is described by its owner as, "the louiest dive in San Francisco," but is known as a place where people every walk of life meet.

It is portrayed as a sad, yet ironic time, because the characters are still young and innocent, while on the verge of adulthood. This is supposed to be the "exciting, exhilarating times of their lives." But they are so entangled in the problems of the Depression, all they can do is gather at the bar and discuss how they will change the hard, cruel world into an all-loving existence. That is where the plot becomes a little unrealistic.

Nick's main customer, Joe, played by Ed Proudfoot, is a middle-aged businessman who has made it to the top by cheating the little guy. He represents the authority figure who flaunts his money (no one knows where he gets it). Proudfoot does an excellent job portraying his arrogant character. When asked what his profession is, Joe states, "He gets up, goes over to the bar and drinks, and goes back to sleep again."

While the younger, poorer characters meet and plan to change the world for the better, Joe growls at them and says, "You can only change the world from bad to worse."

However, Joe later proves to be helpful. He's responsible for helping poor Tom, played by Joseph Garrett, a young man who has all the ambition in the world, but needs the chance to use it.

It just so happens that Joe is in love with Kitty Duvall, played by Maryday Van Over. In Kitty's opening scene her charming and eloquent manner disguises that she was a "streetwalker," but as she lights a cigarette and sips on her beer, her identity is revealed.

Van Over makes you believe her character is two personalities—beautiful and caring, while being seductive and selling. Her uncontrolled sobbing and struggle to "do what's right," actually make you feel sorry for her. Kitty isn't a hooker because she wants to be, but out of necessity.

Until this scene, the action of the play was very drawn out, but that was used to keep the attention of the audience. Just as you're asking "Is there a conflict?" a very well-crafted action scene arises.

Every time Blick, played by Jim Wood, enters the bar in his black suit and hat, a calm arises, creating a sense of death. He's vehemently against hookers and stalks them all over the city. He approaches Duval, and cuts her down with terrible words, until she can't cry another tear.

Blick is later killed, but no one knows why, or how.

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Research pains Guide presents strategies to gather information

by Debbie Schwierjohann
Staff writer

The library is an effective tool for acquiring information on just about anything, if you know where to look.

So where can you turn when you find yourself going in circles? Announcing the publication of "Strategies," a guide to library research for NKU students. It was written and designed by Threasa L. Wesley and Emily Werrell of the W. Frank Steely Library at NKU.

This handbook directs the student through each step of a successful research strategy, from choosing a topic to selecting and evaluating sources.

"One of the most attractive features of 'Strategies' is that there are no extra practice exercises on library use," Wesley said.

Each student is guided through a library research strategy for the individual topic of his/her choice.

By completing the six worksheets in the handbook, the student will have developed a master list of resources for his/her own topic.

The handbook consists of 39 pages and can be found in the NKU bookstore for \$1.75.

"We hope students will become aware of this book, and be able to use it in the most helpful way," Wesley said. "We want them to get the most out of their research experience."

The ability to find, use, and critically evaluate information in libraries, once learned, will be valuable throughout an academic career, she said. It will be important in any future information search.



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Students, administrators and Student Government members dedicated elevators around campus as "handicapped priority elevators" last week. Pictured, left to right, are Shawn Cox, Joelle Dames, Jeff Wilson, Counselor A. Dale Adams, Frank Hicks, Karla McLain and John Seebree.

'Rock of Ages' tells accurate music history—almost

by Tim Riley
College Press Service

Rock books attempt the impossible. Since rock is an oral tradition, the rock criticisms in those books are akin to—as R.E.M.'s Peter Buck put it—"dancing about architecture."

Yet the music holds such mystery, writers can't resist it.

And if a recent spate of new books about music is any indication, a large number of readers shares the writers' curiosity about rock's eccentricities.

But amid the predictable biographies of James Brown and Bob Dylan, "Rock of Ages: The New Rolling Stone History of Rock & Roll" (Summit Books), emerges as one of the more important—albeit flawed—overview of rock's story.

More than 40 years in rock's history are detailed in 621 pages. That means that virtually nothing is covered in depth, although the big picture of the genre has never been so well conceived. It's a welcome contrast to the first large-scale history, "The Rolling Stone Illustrated History of Rock & Roll," which was simply a collection of essays from a variety of contributors.

Until now, rock devotees had only Charlie Gillett's thorough but tedious "The Sound of the City" as a reliable account of rock's development. Gillett argues that rock is the young person's expression of city life, the rhythms reflecting the clipped pace of modern urban manners.

But Gillett is a purist, the kind of inflexible critic capable of claiming that although the Beatles "created a sense of greater resilience behind the tender messages" of their music, they had "surprisingly" little stylistic influence on other innovators. If true, it would shock a lot of listeners and musicians.

Ed Ward, "Rock of Ages'" opening narrator, traces the music back to the vaudeville era of W.C. Handy, one of the first black professional performers. He credits Joe Liggins' 1945 rendition of "The Honeydripper" with being the first rock'n'roll record. Ward then takes us up to the day the music dies, when Buddy Holly, J.P. Richardson (the Big Bopper) and Richie Valens perished in a 1959 plane crash.

Geoffrey Stokes takes over when the '60s come along, and chooses to emphasize the American strains of the style at the expense of many of the British principals. He includes some unnecessary retellings of what Ward has already provided. For example, we learn again that the Temptations were originally called the Primes, and that the Supremes were first called the Primettes. And though the Beatles are at the center of the book as a matter of artistic necessity, Stokes favors the Yankees—Dylan, and the Motown and Stax labels—to a fault.

Stokes unwittingly characterizes the book's main drawback. These authors are more interested in rock's industry and culture than they are in its musical values. Some embarrassing errors result.

Stokes claims the Beach Boys' 1966 masterpiece, "Good Vibrations," uses a stand-up bass, which it clearly doesn't. He makes more of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young's record deal than he does of their flaccid albums.

Ken Tucker's concluding section brings the history up to date. He covers the creative vacuum of the '70s up through the emergence of Bruce Springsteen and Michael Jackson as megastars.

But let's face it: no rock book would be worth haggling over if it didn't have a few juicy errors. And compared to Robert Shelton's new misguided "biography" of Dylan ("No Direction Home"), "Rock of

Ages" is virtually beyond reproach. Shelton's only saving grace is the amount of space he gives to Dylan himself, with his prime morsels of wise gibberish.

For those interested in the process of the music itself, Bill Flanagan's "Written in My Soul" is a meaty compendium of interviews with songwriters. In it, Chuck

Berry says his only inspiration is the almighty dollar. Elvis Costello admits to some deliberate ambiguities throughout his lyrics. Such things are notable because these creators barely realize their own larger significance in the music's evolution. As they say: trust the art, not the artist.

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All in all there really was no plot to the play, just a reason or goal to change the world through the characters. Some of the scenes could have been performed in half of the time they were, but by the looks of the audience, that really didn't seem to matter.

As for the other characters like Harry, played by Nick Dantos and Dudley by Jeffrey Bentle, they could have performed the play by themselves. Their hilarious antics onstage were enough with one more person they would have had a modern-day

three stooges.

But the audience's favorite character award goes to Kit Carson, played by George W. Bellah III. The old man, who was constantly losing his memory, kept the audience rolling with his astounding stories. Bellah's voice and movement couldn't have been better as the audience rolled with every grunt and hobble of his body.

Overall, the performances suffered because of the incomplete storyline. Several performers suffered because of the lack of action in the plot.

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Lady Norse to host NCAA tournament

by Dane Neumeister
Sports editor

The NKU Lady Norse basketball team sewed up an NCAA Division II tournament berth last week by downing both Ashland College and IU-PU (at Fort Wayne).

Not only did coach Nancy Winstel's team receive a bid to the tournament, but the Lady Norse received a first-round bye and will host the winner of the Wright State-Bellarmine game next Tuesday (March 10) at 7 p.m. at Regents Hall, in the regional championship game.

In last Thursday's game versus Ashland, Melissa Wood took control with the game on the line. Wood, a 5-3 senior guard scored Northern's last 14 points, including the game-winning three-point shot, which put Northern up 70-67 with 26 seconds left in the game. Wood finished the game with 20 points.

The victory allowed Northern to clinch at least a share of the conference championship, which they would later win outright in the season finale versus Ft. Wayne.

NKU defeated the Lady Dons 97-66, marking the highest offensive production from the team this season. Sophomore guard Natalie Ochs scored a season-high 17 points to lead NKU. The Lady Norse, who led 45-33 at the half, also got 16 points from Julie Wells and 14 points each from Melissa Wood and Linda Honigford.

NKU finishes the regular season with a 23-4 record and a 14-2 mark in the GLVC, including winning their last 13 in a row.

The appearance in the NCAA Division II tournament will mark their third straight and fourth in the last six years.

The Lady Norse defeated both Wright

State and Bellarmine twice during the regular season but NKU coach Nancy Winstel doesn't think either of those teams can be taken lightly.

"They say anything can happen in the tournament," Winstel said. "We have to look at it like a new season. All four games we've played those two teams have been tough and it's hard to beat a team three times during the same season."

Winstel also doesn't think her team will be hampered by the long layoff.

"We're happy we have a bye and we're happy to be playing at home," Winstel said. "I'd also like to get Cindy (Schlarman) 100 percent healthy in practice this week."

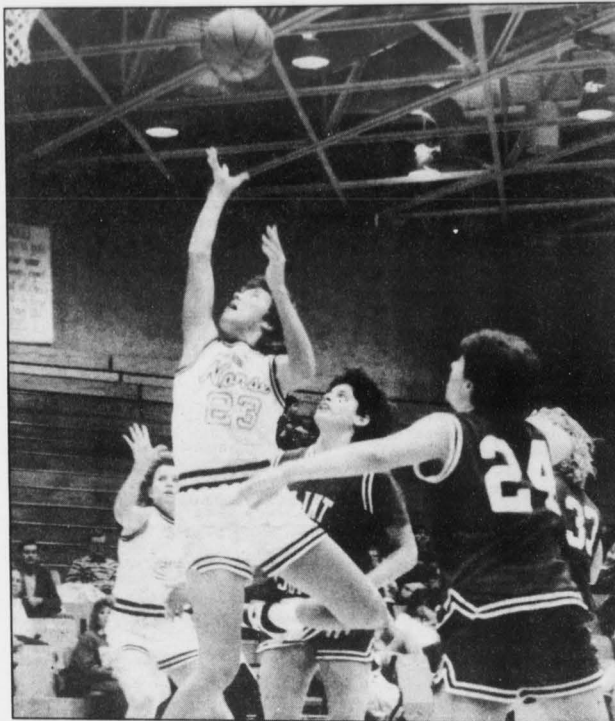
Schlarman, the team's starting center, has been hampered by a pulled stomach muscle.

If the Lady Norse win their first game, they will host the winner of the South Central Region at Regents Hall, Saturday, March 7, in the quarterfinals of the Division II tournament. The eventual winner of that game will then advance to the semifinals with a shot to play in the finals March 19 and 21 in Springfield, Mass.

NKU finished the season with all five starters in double figures. Wood led the way with a 13.3 average while Amy Falk averaged 11.3 along with a team-leading

6.3 rebounds per game. Schlarman had a 11.3 average, Wells 10.6 and Honigford 10.1.

NKU averaged 73.6 points per game compared to just 58.9 points for their opponents. The Lady Norse also finished the regular season with a 48.2 shooting percentage from the field.



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Julie Wells, 23, shown here in a recent game at NKU, helped the Lady Norse to assure a NCAA Division II tournament bid with 16 points against the Fort Wayne Lady Dons last week. Northern won, 97-66.

Winstel expects hitting to carry women's softball

by Dane Neumeister
Sports editor

Losing seven players from last year's team, three to graduation, one would think that NKU softball coach Jane Meier would have a lot to worry about this year. But Meier, who now has only one returning starter, has a very talented team and thinks the Lady Norse will be very competitive.

"We need to have consistent defensive play all year and although we hit well last year, the hitting will be better," said Meier, whose team finished with a 19-16 record last year, 7-7 in the GLVC.

"If we swing the bat to our capabilities and we are consistent, we could have a nice year."

Meier's biggest loss this season will be

replacing Tina May, who graduated. May, an outfielder, led the team in six offensive categories last year, including runs scored (20), hits (30) and runs batted in (19).

"Losing May will hurt the most because of her offense," Meier said.

Meier also feels another graduation loss—third baseman Deb Fields. She said Fields will be hard to replace.

"Fields' defense at third was really good," Meier said. "She will be replaced by a sophomore and a freshman. It's the hardest position to play."

Meier, who welcomes the addition of pitcher Lisa Barnett, is now three-deep in pitching. Barnett will team with sophomores Amy Serrano and Amy Brown to give the Lady Norse formidable pitching for years. Meier plans to pitch both Serrano and Brown in each double-

header.

Meier feels a lot of her team's performance is based on its pitching staff.

"I like the flexibility of having three pitchers," Meier said. "The pitcher doesn't have to feel that it's all up to them. All of our pitchers are around the plate and they all throw different pitches."

Meier was particularly impressed with Serrano last year.

"I thought that Amy had a good year," Meier said. "She pitched a lot, which she likes." Serrano pitched a team-leading 160 innings and finished with a 13-9 record. She walked only 42 batters.

NKU should be defensively sound up the middle this year with two-year starter Lisa Frede returning behind the plate. Meier will count on three seniors to carry

the team with their defense.

Second baseman Holly Hanna appears to have recovered from last year's injury while Maria Reinert will hold down the shortstop position. Reinert hit a team-high three home runs last year.

All-GLVC pick Deb Holford will patrol center field for her final season. Holford hit a team-high .333 last year while stealing 13 bases.

At first base, Meier looks to start Mary Agricola, who she feels had a good year last year. The third basemen competing for the starting job are Wendi Lakes and Lisa Brewer, said Meier.

Competing for the left field position will be freshmen Lori Penn and Monica Henn. Both players have a lot of slow-pitch experience, according to Meier.

NKU wins last 2 games surpassing .500 mark for sixth straight year

by Steve Olding
Features/Sports editor

Where's that postseason tournament when a team needs it? The Norsemen certainly wish the Great Lakes Valley Conference had one, especially after their recent performances.

NKU finished the year with three straight victories, including a 93-92 white knuckle triumph over Indiana-Purdue of Ft. Wayne last Saturday. The victory closes the Norsemen's season on a winning note at 15-13, the sixth consecutive winning season for a Beitzel team.

Against Ashland last Thursday night, Northern's full-court press harassed Ashland into numerous turnovers, mistakes that led to easy Northern points. Derek Fields led the Norsemen with 20 points and five assists.

The game, however, was ultimately

decided at the foul line as NKU converted 11 of 12 free throws in the final two minutes to secure their 66-53 victory.

This set the stage for the season finale against Indiana-Purdue.

In that contest, Chris Wall led the Norsemen with 18 points and Willie Schlarman, in his final collegiate appearance, contributed 16. The 93 points scored by the Norsemen was their greatest point production of the season.

NKU finishes conference play at 7-9, identical to last year's mark. But to say the Norsemen are not an improved team from last year would be to overlook several important factors, including Northern's inexperience and youth. Also, looking forward to next season, NKU will return its entire lineup (excluding Schlarman, of course.)

All of this should make next year very strong for the Norsemen.

Cody

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Few view Mr. Reagan as anything more than a ceremonial leader for their causes.

Others accept the half-loaf outcome of the Reagan presidency as a predictable outgrowth or practical politics. Nevertheless, the expectations and frustrations of the movement linger.

"When we have a secretary of state who invites a communist murderer to Washington to talk diplomacy, that stinks," said L. Brent Bozell III, president of the National Conservative Political Action Committee, in an interview with the *Washington Post*. "When we have a secretary of health and human services who wants to give more funds to Planned Parenthood than for their murder clinics, that stinks. When we have a surgeon general who wants to introduce condoms into every classroom, that stinks."

There is no pleasing Far Right activists, who seem to get hysterical about every presidential appointment. There was, for example, conversation at the conference about Nancy Riske, who will soon succeed Al Kingon as secretary of the cabinet. She is viewed as a feminist and

a good friend of that ardent liberal, First Daughter Maureen Reagan.

Of course, the Far Right blames the media for blocking its path in converting the nation into right-to-life, right-to-bear arms, pro-Contra, Strategic Defense Initiative advocates. The "Big Media" after all, are responsible for everything that goes sour, including the weather.

Everyone knows the "Big Media" report alleged atrocities by U.S. allies far more frequent than those of its enemies. One conference participant told media guest Sam Donaldson, of ABC News, that he didn't deserve to be an American citizen. Another called former *New York Times* reporter Seymour Hersh a "Jew boy."

There is no mistaking that the Far Right wants to do more than conserve what is right about America. It is a radically-discriminating movement, favoring radical change.

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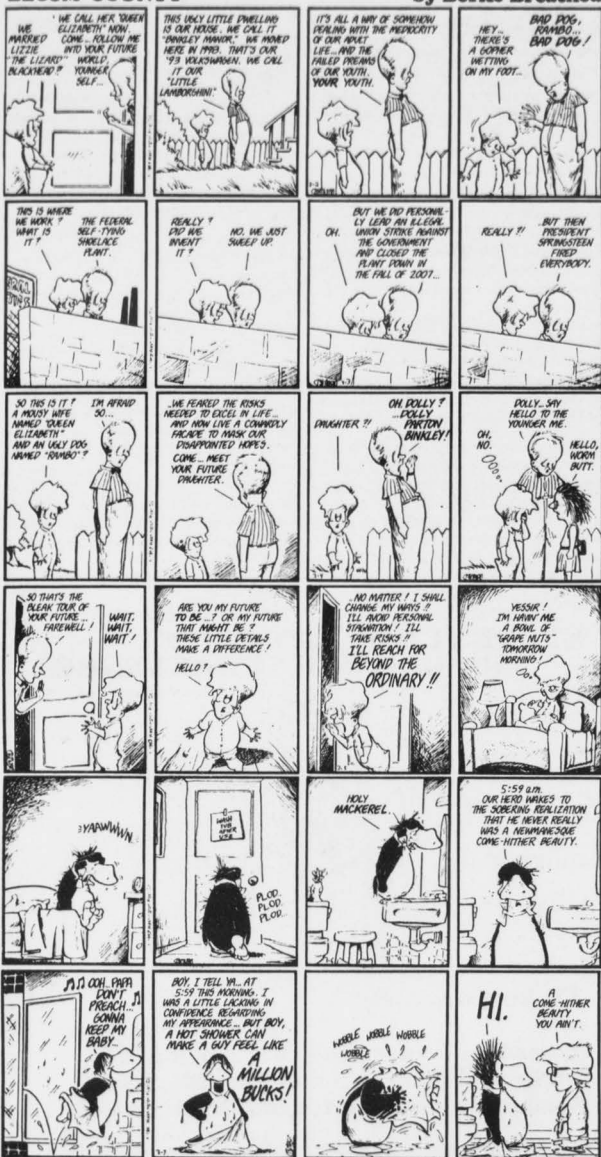
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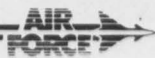
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Legere said.

The new system, according to its guidelines, requires that undecided probation students receive advising from the Advising, Counseling and Testing (ACT) Center. A signature from the ACT is also required.

Under the new system, probation students with declared majors must secure the signature of the associate dean and advising time for early registration must be coordinated by the three associate/assistant deans.

The guidelines also state that NKU is the last of the eight Kentucky state universities to adopt this new enrollment system.

Legere said he hopes probationary students will take advantage of the new system even though it is not required.

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The Northerner is taking a sabbatical for two weeks.

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are," said Kevin Noland, general counsel for the attorney general's office, who wrote the opinion.

"It's a question of university policy. There's no constitutional right that says you can drink on someone else's property," Noland said in a telephone interview last Friday.

The universities, though they cannot prosecute legal-age students for violating state law if they drink in the residences, can expel them from the dorms, Noland said.

Students are required to sign a contract at UK and other state schools before they move into the dorms. One provision of the contract in Kentucky is prohibition

of alcohol consumption.

UK's Botkins said an organization he started, Student Leaders Against Prohibition (SLAP), is trying to change the terms of the housing contract at the university.

A UK committee—including student leaders, UK Board of Trustee members and experts on alcohol and drug abuse—appointed to study the problem will issue its recommendations to UK Lexington Campus Chancellor Art Gallaher this week.

Botkins said the committee is expected to recommend to Gallaher that "UK abide by the laws of the commonwealth of Kentucky, and one of those laws is that if

you're 21 or older, you can possess and consume alcohol."

Gallaher can accept the proposal or make a recommendation to the UK Board of Trustees, which governs the university.

"The odds of him saying 'no' are very slim," said Botkins. "The committee is so respected, the chancellor isn't going to ignore its recommendations."

"I have no idea what will be decided until I get the recommendation," Gallaher said in a telephone interview last Friday. "What I know is that nothing has changed. The attorney general said universities are free to decide what the alcohol policy is."



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