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A peek of the new sculpture depicting Civil Rights leaders. The sculpture will be unveiled in its entirety on March 23.

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Art honors faculty member

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The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame is set to unveil the latest addition to its sculpture depicting Hall of Fame inductees.

The unveiling will take place at 11:30 a.m. March 23, in the third floor lobby of Northern Kentucky University's Lucas Administrative Center.

"This section of the sculpture is of special interest to NKU since it depicts Anne Braden, a recently deceased member of NKU's faculty," said NKU Director of Special Events Kathy Stewart. The sculpture is being dedicated in Braden's memory at the event. Braden, whose life was described by Catherine Fos's prize winning 2002 book "Subversive Southerner," fought for equality and civil rights.

"Braden was, and still is, an inspiration to everyone who believes in justice for all," said NKU freshman Eric Bruns.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame, in which Braden was inducted in 2001, was established in 2000 as a way to honor past leaders in the struggle for equality and justice.

A ceremony will surround the unveiling, including guest speakers and a reception following the presentation.

"The keynote speaker at the event will be the director of the NKU Institute of Freedom Studies, Dr. Prince Brown Jr.," Stewart said.

The ceremony will also include speeches from Judge Linda Strite Murnane and President James Votruba. "I'm excited that NKU is hosting a ceremony honoring civil rights. Hopefully this



Photo courtesy of The Louisville Courier-Journal

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Braden, an NKU professor will be memorialized in the new sculpture.

washes away the turmoil of the protests we recently saw," Bruns said.

Bruns was quick to say, "It's not only the university's administration who are

responsible for creating the harsh words and actions of the recent protests on campus.

"The ceremony will be a great experience, hopefully a lot of students turn out," Bruns said. "This is a chance for students to show they also understand and respect history."

The sculpture, created by Lexington, Ky. artist Gary Bibbs, honors inductees into the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

The sculpture is broken up into sections, with each section honoring different civil rights activists.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame sculpture was created by the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights to present information on Hall of Fame inductees.

The ceremony and reception are open to the public, with no admission charge.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Sculpture will be housed in the Lucas Administrative Center lobby for about a year.

Tuition to rise 9.6%

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President James Votruba is keeping the promise he made to the Student Government Association to make this year's tuition hike below 10 percent. It is the first time in five years that Northern Kentucky University has had a single-digit tuition increase.

Votruba told SGA in Fall 2005 that NKU would implement a single-digit increase and followed through by suggesting a 9.6 percent increase for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Votruba warned students against only considering the percent increase, saying dollar amounts might be better indicators when comparing NKU's tuition with that of area colleges.

"Students don't spend percent; they spend dollars," Votruba said. "NKU might be increasing tuition 9.6 percent while other colleges are only increasing by 5 percent, but our tuition will still be far lower," he said.

For full-time resident undergraduate students, the 9.6 percent increase means paying about \$1,000 more each semester. In contrast, if Xavier University increased its tuition by only 5 percent the dollar increase would be \$546 more per semester.

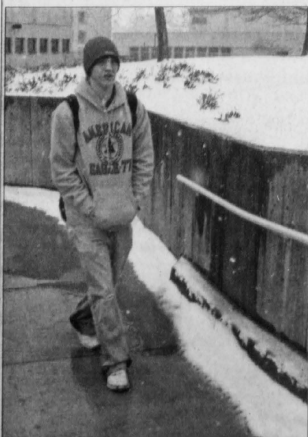
"We are very excited that Votruba kept his promise to us in regards to a single-digit tuition increase," said Jeff Fox, SGA vice president of public relations. "I think that Votruba takes the student body at NKU seriously and he sees us as the representatives of the students."

The highest amount NKU could increase tuition by is 10.8 percent—the cap set for all Kentucky state universities by the Council of Public Education.

"By not increasing tuition by the full amount, we will be missing out on about \$300,000," Votruba said. "There's a lot we can do

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First day of Spring?



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Freshman Justin Hughes walks around a snow-covered campus on Tuesday.

Budget includes Informatics Center

Students travel to Frankfort to lobby, learn about Kentucky politics

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With major projects pending and historic underfunding, all eyes were on Frankfort March 21 as the Kentucky Senate passed its version of the state budget.

The budget includes the \$36.5 million Center for Informatics, as well as bonds and some benchmark funding. From this point, the budget must now return to legislators to negotiate the final numbers for submission in a formal budget to the governor. If the proposed budget passes it could be a beneficial year for NKU in the 2006 legislative session.

In hopes of creating a beneficial year, the Presidential Ambassadors, College Republicans and College Democrats came together in February to lobby state funding for NKU. With the assistance of Joe Wind, associate vice president for government and community relations, students have an all access pass to the inner-workings of the legislative and budget making processes in Frankfort.

Along with NKU president,

James Votruba and members of the universities executive team, the group met with Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate Katie Kratz Stein as well as other local representatives and senators. The faculty and students discussed why NKU needed more funds.

This is the third year the NKU student groups have traveled to Frankfort. In the last legislative session, the group of students assisted in lobbying to secure general funding allotments, bonds to build the new Student Union, as well as \$54 million for the Bank of Kentucky Center, a new 9,000 seat multi-use arena. "I am very thankful for the student's participation," Votruba said. Presidential Ambassadors President Anna Hogan helped organize the trip and said the mission is "to give NKU a face in Frankfort and assist the university in closing the historic gap in lack of funding from the state. Lack of funding for the university has been an issue in Frankfort." According to the Council on Post-Secondary



Photo courtesy of Bud Kraft

Students go behind the scenes while lobbying in Frankfort.

Education, NKU is behind the regional average for academic space per student, student tuition share percentage and overall state funding.

"There are several factors that can be debated as to why the university is so underfunded. One of them is the lack in presence of Northern Kentucky University in Frankfort beyond university administration. That was the driving force behind the trip: to give a visual presence to NKU in the faces of the people it impacts the most: its

students," Hogan said. The group also included NKU's Ryan L. Tetton, PhD in the political science department whom attended the lobbying trip said, "The students' presence alone is powerful."

Senator and President Pro Tempore Katie Kratz Stine said, "Seeing the students is a great way to reinforce for all senators that NKU is a regional university and a vote for NKU is a vote for the region as a whole."

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NKU hosts Civil Rights Hall of Fame Sculpture

Northern Kentucky University will be hosting a section of the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Sculpture in the third floor of the Lucas Administrative Center for a year. A public unveiling March 23 at 11:30 a.m. will include a keynote speech by Dr. Prince Brown Jr., director of the NKU Institute of Freedom Studies.

Commencement Rescheduled

NKU has rescheduled its commencement ceremony to May 5 at 7 p.m. in the U.S. Bank Arena in Cincinnati.

Earth Day Celebration to be held April 12

Environmentally Concerned Organization of Students will host its Third Annual Earth Day Celebration at NKU April 12

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The celebration will include live music, environmental speakers, exhibits and free food. For more information, please contact ecso@nku.edu.

Hoxworth Blood Drive to be held April 5

Blood donors are needed for the Hoxworth Blood Drive April 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. To sign up, visit www.hoxworth.org.

nka.

Military History Lecture March 28

The Military History Lecture Series will present "Women and the Civil War: Paradoxes of Domesticity and Violence" by Alice Fahs March 28 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be held in the Eva Farris Auditorium in Business Education and Psychology Building. It is free and open to the public. *Mary Berwanger*

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with \$300,000, but I think it's important to keep the promise the administration made." Although parking fees were not increased last year, a \$50 increase is proposed for the 2006-2007 year. "I hate to bring this to (students and faculty), but it's the only resource we have," said Ken Ramey, vice president of administration and finance. "This increase will ensure there are no parking fees for any garages." Ramey said NKU is running out of surface parking and necessity forces the university to build up rather than out. "The state won't fund garages and they're very, very expensive," he said. Housing fees may increase an average of 3.2 percent and suggested Meal Plan increases range from 3.5 to 3.7 percent, depending on the type of plan. All tuition and fee increases are being proposed at the March 22 Board of Regents meeting and will be voted on in May.

Through the looking glass

Strange, and somewhat unbelievable news from around the globe

By Mike Pingree

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You the guy who called a cab? Hop in ...

Upon being pulled over in the town of Walkkill, N.Y., a parole violator decided to make a run for it. He drove a few miles, then ran into the woods, forcing police to spend hours searching for him. Then the cops noticed a taxi cab out in the middle of nowhere. The driver told them that a man called on a cell phone asking to be picked up at a nearby bridge. A policeman got into the cab and went to the destination where the suspect was waiting.

Hey, big boy, Wanna Dance?

A man's attempt at stealing food from a Spring Hill, Fla., supermarket was foiled when the manager noticed him trying to leave the premises with

a 12-inch pepperoni in his shoes.

Dear Leichen, don't let anyone see this...

A female prison guard in Saarbrücken, Germany, was slipping into the cell of a male prisoner and having sex with him. She was caught when authorities discovered "intimate mail correspondence" between the two.

I saw it in my house and assumed it was mine, sorry...

While a young burglar was being sentenced in Oroville, Calif., his mother showed up in court holding a distinctive pink Chanel purse that was among the items that the thief had stolen. The woman was informed that possession of stolen property is a crime. She immediately returned the purse to its owner.

Poof! Hey, where did MacTavish go?

Officials at a maximum security prison in Scotland refused an inmate permission to purchase books on magic. They felt that the books would provide him tips on how to escape. A spokesman said, "The titles requested were not thought appropriate."

Is that you doc? Talk so I can find you...

A motorist in San Rafael, Calif., ran into a bicyclist who had flashed an obscene gesture, and the bike rider later sued claiming he was blinded when his head hit the pavement. But charges against the driver were dropped when a doctor found that the victim can, in fact, see very well.

Uh, concentrate, that's it, we can't concentrate...

Officials at a university in Bosnia have installed surveillance cameras in all of the classrooms to combat widespread cheating. Students are objecting vociferously, claiming

that they can't concentrate on their exams because they are being filmed.

How did you catch me?

A newspaperwoman in Birmingham, England, wrote a column detailing how she killed her elderly great aunt, who had been suffering from cancer, by giving her an overdose of morphine 30 years ago. The police arrested her on suspicion of murder.

Yes, officer? What seems to be the problem?

Two men burglarized a liquor store in Owosso, Mich., then loaded beer and cigarettes into a shopping cart and rolled it away. Unfortunately for them, there was an inch of freshly fallen snow on the ground. The cops followed the tracks to the thieves' apartment a short distance away and arrested them.



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The following reports were filed with the Northern Kentucky University Police Department between March 14 and March 20.

Tuesday, March 14

12:13 a.m. Jamilyn Strong, 21, of Alexandria, Ky., was speeding on Nunn Drive.

Strong was issued a Kentucky State Citation for speeding.

8:39 a.m. Subject reported a non-injury accident in Lot E.

11:27 a.m. Subject reported lost 2006 NKU Parking Pass.

2:52 p.m. Subject reported never receiving 2006 NKU Parking Pass in the mail.

8:04 p.m. Subject reported the smell of fire in

Landrum.

It was determined that the smoke odor was caused by a faulty surge protector.

Wednesday, March 15

2:52 p.m. A fire alarm was received from Commonwealth Hall. The alarm was caused by a faulty smoke detector.

Thursday, March 16

2:25 p.m. Subject was found possibly hallucinating in Landrum.

Subject was determined to not be under the influence of any substances. Additional information was obtained on subject.

4:38 p.m. Subject reported non-injury auto accident occurred on Kenton Drive.

4:47 p.m. Subject reported a

book bag was lost or stolen from the Fine Arts building.

Friday, March 17

1:18 a.m. Andrew Gallo, 18, Sean Cobb, 19, and Bradley Bohannon, 18, of Cincinnati, Oh., were found in the possession of alcohol in Norse Hall with a previous warning of alcohol possession on March 8.

All three subjects were issued a Kentucky State Citation for possession of alcohol by a minor.

11:01 a.m. Subject reported a vehicle had been damaged near an information booth.

11:09 a.m. Subject reported art pieces were damaged in the Fine Arts building.

11:41 p.m. Medical assistance was requested for a subject in Woodcrest Apartments. Subject was transported to St. Luke Hospital-East for evaluation and treatment.

Saturday, March 18

6:18 a.m.

A welfare check was requested for a subject in Norse Hall. The subject was located and found to be in no danger.

Sunday, March 19

4:02 p.m. A smoke alarm was activated from the University Suites. The alarm was determined to be caused by a hairdryer or a hot shower. There was evidence that the detector had been tampered with.

Monday, March 20

8:29 a.m. Suzanne Summe, 18, of Edgewood, Ky., was speeding on Campbell Drive. Summe was issued a Kentucky State Citation for speeding.

8:54 a.m. Megan Hollenkamp, 21, of Crestview Hills, Ky., was speeding on Campbell Drive. Hollenkamp was issued a Kentucky State Citation for speeding and no insurance.

12:45 p.m. Subject reported a minor non-injury accident in Lot F.

1:27 p.m. A vehicle was found operating with expired registration in Lot E. The driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for expired registration and no insurance.

Chase students' accomplishments not moot

Moot Court Team compete nationally and finish in third place as semi-finalists

By Eric Hirth

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The Salmon P Chase College of Law's students finished third as national semi-finalists in the nation's first Moot Court Competition in the area of child welfare and adoption law March 11.

In Columbus, Ohio the Chase College of Law's Moot Court team competed against 18 other teams from law schools across the United States and presented legal arguments regarding assisted reproduction, privacy and

wrongful adoption.

The Chase College of Law's Moot Court team members Leanne Gagliardi and Jennifer Hedge won first place in the Best Brief Award and also finished in third place.

The Best Brief Award is considered one of the highest honors at a national competition. The award recognizes the writers' abilities to research and analyze issues impacting the legal setting and set forth a cohesive argument that will convince the court to decide in their favor.

Gagliardi also received second place and Hedge received

fourth place for oral advocate in the preliminary round.

"This is a very exciting honor," Gagliardi said. "Being recognized for this prestigious award is encouraging because it means that I have the ability to use my skills to convince people about issues that will impact the current legal setting."

Moot Court competitions give law students a chance to go head-to-head against other students.

The process involves the preparation of appellate briefs and the presentation of oral arguments in a fictional, but

realistic, courtroom setting.

An important part of the competition score includes writing a brief to the court.

The teams then have to argue both sides of the case in front of the fictional Supreme Court of Capitana.

The basis of the problem the law students confronted in this year's competition dealt with new technological frontiers in assisted reproduction.

The situation involved a fictitious statute that stated frozen embryos can only be transferred by using formal adoption procedures.

"We were so proud to have been two of the 19 teams attending the competition with a keen desire in promoting awareness of the adoption process and its positive impact on children," Gagliardi said.

Justice Maureen O'Connor, of the Supreme Court of Ohio, presided over the final round and presented the national champion, runner-up and best oral advocate awards at the end of the competition.

"This year's Child Welfare and Adoption Law Competition participants offered lively advocacy on a topic that provokes strong

feelings and great public interest," Justice O'Connor said, according to Capital University's web site.

"I am always impressed with the quality advocacy demonstrated in law school moot court competition."

Capital University Law School's National Center for Adoption Law & Policy partnered with four other prominent child advocacy organizations to host the competition including the National Association of Counsel for Children and the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

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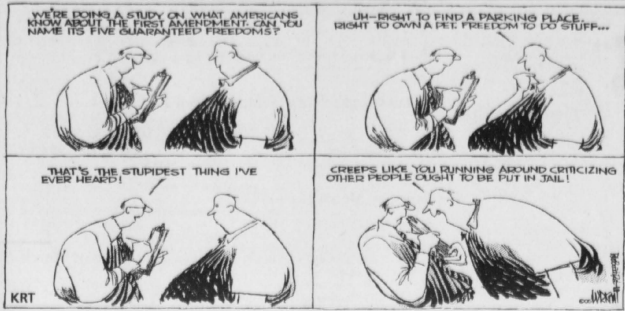
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viewpoints



A letter from PEAA to NKU

While People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is ethically opposed to all exploitation of animals, we typically reserve action for those particularly cruel and unnecessary abuses.

I believe Dr. Mark Bardgett's biopsychology lab fits both criteria. The rats used by Bardgett undergo a procedure called stereotaxic surgery, in which steel spikes lock the animal's head in place so that a piece of brain can surgically be cut out. The rats are then put through a series of experiments involving electric shock and other noxious stimuli before they are finally killed.

Even if these procedures are performed perfectly – a "big if" for inexperienced undergraduates – there is no denying that pain, distress and death await these animals.

The real argument is over the necessity of experimenting on animals. Simply, ani-

mal use is not necessary to teach undergraduate students about biopsychology research design. Bardgett and others have invoked unrelated Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia research in defense of the course, but beginner-level training experiments are not legitimate disease research. They produce no original scientific data and their only purpose is teaching research design to novices.

Bardgett and others also point out the cost of non-animal methods, a straw man argument because only a few of the relevant technologies are expensive.

More basic equipment for electroencephalograph (brain activity) and electromyograph (muscle/nerve activity) studies is already available to the class. Other technologies that measure skin conductance, heart rate and eye movement are inexpensive and readily accessible. Other schools use

these noninvasive methods, and I've heard no explanation why NKU cannot manage to do the same.

Just think for a moment about the innumerable questions that can be investigated with an EEG machine. How do brain waves change before, during, and after students do 30 jumping jacks? How are brain waves affected when students are shown various images? When they do math or think about sex? Do men and women respond differently? Do students with different majors respond differently? Does conditioning participants affect results? The permutations offer limitless hypothesis testing. No explanation exists as to why human studies are unfeasible and why animal studies are necessary.

Critics further declare that students will miss out on vital experience if they don't experiment on the rodents. But

with the American Psychological Association's estimates that only 7 percent of psychology research involves animals, are students really missing anything? More likely, students are wasting their time on archaic methods that will not be useful in their careers in psychology. So why continue with an animal-focused course – with the suffering animals must endure – instead of switching to a more relevant human-focused course?

PETA is asking that the biopsychology lab be redesigned and that animals experimentation ends after the spring 2006 semester. I urge concerned students, faculty and alumni to contact President James Votruba and tell him it's time to give the animals a break.

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Research Associate for PETA

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What do you think of the new Civil Rights Sculpture on campus?



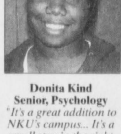
Alex Brauer
Senior, International
Studies

"I didn't know there was one. I am usually only here at night. I think they should do more to promote it."



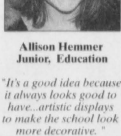
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"I haven't seen it yet. Where is it?"



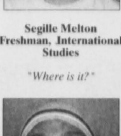
Donita Kind
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"It's a great addition to NKU's campus... It's a small step in the right direction."



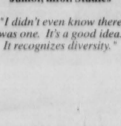
Allison Hemmer
Junior, Education

"It's a good idea because it always looks good to have artistic displays to make the school look more decorative."



Segille Melton
Freshman, International
Studies

"Where is it?"



Arthur Chitanda
Junior, Inter. Studies

"I didn't even know there was one. It's a good idea. It recognizes diversity."

Campus views about Choice

Saving lives worth sacrifices

Abortion actually saves lives

Thank you for running the article on the recent anti-abortion demonstration at Northern Kentucky University. A majority of NKU faculty, staff, alumni, and students may be for abortion rights. Universities, however, are supposed to be places where a diversity of ideas can be expressed in an atmosphere free of fear.

Therefore, I have volunteered to be a faculty sponsor of an NKU anti-abortion student organization; Northern Right to Life.

It amazes me how many NKU professors and staff have anti-abortion views but fear openly admitting it. It also amazes me that many anti-abortion students feel they must appear a professor's abortion rights views to pass a course. I hope these fears are unfounded.

America values individualism, and the Constitution outlines our individual freedoms. We all want to be recognized for our own unique talents and to develop as individuals. However, at some point, the line that separates the development of the individual from the cult of the individual has been crossed. In the cult of the individual, only "I" matter.

The mantra of the egotistical cult is "I deserve it" and that to sacrifice for the good of others is merely to play the

fool. I have experienced a very different value system in working and living with traditional Native Americans, self-effacing traditionalists who put the good of the group above any individual success or freedom.

People who subscribe to anti-abortion beliefs often share this viewpoint. Caring for the babies, the elderly and the terminally ill restricts a person's freedom as an individual but are responsibilities that we as individuals have to others. In the culture of death, procedures such as abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment get rid of those troublesome, time-consuming people who restrict our freedom.

But in the culture of life, individuals embrace the responsibilities of helping others and, in doing so, develop character, charity and comradeship. Such people may not achieve every career goal, win a lot of awards or gain fame and fortune. But what they get is something far more valuable. What they do end up with are lives with meaning.

Sharon Neely, Ph.D.
Professor of Anthropology

Free speech at NKU endangered

How many Northern Kentucky University students are aware of the fact that a designated freedom of speech area exists on campus? And just what does a designated freedom of speech area imply?

Any area outside of the designated section does not allow people to participate in the action that is acceptable in the section. What does this say about the area outside of the boundaries of our freedom of speech area, i.e. the rest of campus? Freedom of speech is not allowed in this area, which is most of campus!

This alone should foster discomfort, if not outright anger

and disgust. This area sits on a very lovely piece of campus next to the University Center. The fact that this area isn't visible to the Lucas Administration building, making any student expressions towards the administration moot, isn't even the problem any more.

The problem now is that, due to the construction of the new Student Union, part of the area isn't even accessible to the student body.

The construction of the new Student Union building is estimated to take at least two years. I seem to remember last year the cafeteria in Norse Commons had a prob-

lem with their dishwasher that only needed a week to fix. It took more than a semester.

Even one moment without the freedom to voice opinion is too long.

I strongly urge anyone reading this to not support against this attack on the right to stand up and be heard. Our opinions matter. Our money, in tuition and taxes, pays the NKU employees.

We should refuse to be castrated of our capacity for collegiate correction; we don't have to let our rights be removed. We should be free to express ourselves anywhere on campus just as we are sup-

posed to be able to express ourselves anywhere in the country! Write letters; stage protests; get involved; get informed!

This university mostly includes students with a few administrators with tuition-filled wallets writing the rules. With freedom of speech reduced to a small area, one that isn't visible to policy makers or accessible to students, where is the balance between the decisions and the people subjected to those decisions?

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sportscene
with Chris Groger

Kentucky lives for March

It's that time of year again when sports fans of all ages root for their favorite basketball teams in their prospective tournaments. People filling out their brackets, rounding up tickets, skipping class to watch those first round games. We are a spoiled bunch around here when it comes to choosing who to cheer for. Year in and year out Northern Kentucky University has a men's and woman's team that competes for conference and national championships. Yet is this enough for people, why do I hear from others that certain teams checked or just weren't very good because they didn't win the big game?

There's an old saying in sports: "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game." So why is it that when it comes to crunch time, all you hear is how poorly a team did or they "choked" when they lose the big game?

Where do we draw the line with this madness? In the NCAA Division I tournament 64 teams compete. This means 63 teams will lose their final games and go home unhappy. This is the madness of March and of sports, unfortunately. We are judged on how many championships we win and not on effort.

So how competitive have we gotten? Yeah, listen to yourselves, you so called fans, the same fans who call for coaches' jobs when the team loses who scream for players to be benched for poor play, who fight someone because they downgraded your team. These people are out there! I hear at at every sporting event I attend. Do you ever think about coaches having to support themselves. Do you ever think about players families who may be in the stands?

Kentuckians know basketball. We play in the backyard as kids, painting lines for foul shots and 3-point shots. We play pick-up games with neighbors and friends and have the pictures in our heads of having that last shot in the state tournament or in the NCAA Tournament and win the game. Sports are all about a passion and excitement for the game that we love, a dream that someday we will be in the big game and have the opportunity to make a shot for the team to win a championship and so what if we miss the shot? All that means is we have to work that much harder next time.

So when you're watching your favorite teams this March, tell yourself it's only a game and life goes on - win or lose.

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Golfer shoots 70 in tournament

Finland-born Hutton gets under par for first time in college

By Tim Downer

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Bianca Hutton is a junior from Helsinki, Finland, and member of the women's Northern Kentucky University golf team. This past weekend, she shot a closing round of 70 to win individual honors at the La Rosa Collegiate Cup played at Eagle Creek Country Club.

Tim: Bianca, You are from and still live in Finland. How in the world did you pick NKU from all of the other schools you could have chosen?

Bianca: When I lived in Brussels, Belgium, I met Kim Keyser-Scott who played for NKU and talked to Coach Landrum about me. I always wanted to play golf in the states and go to college here.

Tim: How many months of the year can you golf during the season in Finland?

Bianca: The season really only lasts from May to October.

Tim: Are your parents golfers and when did you first pick up a club?

Bianca: My parents and two brothers play golf. I started when we moved to Brussels at age 12.

Tim: Who is the most famous Finnish golfer on the LPGA or PGA tour past or present?

Bianca: Right now we have five women on the tour in Europe, but Minna Blomqvist who is 19 plays here on the LPGA Tour. She's still young and has a bright future ahead of her.

Tim: Do they play golf in the



Tim Downer/Photographer
Hutton.

snow in Finland? Have you ever?

Bianca: I only play golf in Finland during the summer. Some try to brave it and play in the cold but most stick to normal winter sports.

Tim: You had an excellent tournament this weekend at Eagle Creek. Did you make any mistakes during those rounds?

Bianca: Thank you. My first round was not the best, but on Sunday everything just worked out. Even the pros make mistakes. What makes a good round is the ability to manage around the mistakes you make and make the right decisions concerning course management.

Tim: Bianca, you shot a 2-under 70 Sunday. Do you ever break 70? And what has been your lowest score ever?

Bianca: This was the first time I shot under par in a college tournament and I feel like now that I've done it once I can do it again. Shooting under par was my goal for the season, now it's going to be posting a score in the 60s.

Tim: Does it bother you or your teammates that no one shows up to watch you play a golf match?

Bianca: It would be nice with some more support from the NKU student body. Very few even know that we have a women's golf team. It's mostly family and friends who show up - my sorority sisters (Delta Zeta) and some friends from Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity came to support me.

Tim: Bianca, would any of the NKU women golfers beat any of the NKU men golfers in a 18 hole match?

Bianca: You never know, with golf being the game it is. We play a lot of friendly matches when we practice together but we have some awesome men golfers who put up a very challenging match for us girls.

Tim: Do you aspire to become a professional golfer some day?

Bianca: I've been thinking about it, but it really depends on how I play this spring and during the summer. Starting out as a professional golfer can be difficult. You have to get the right contracts and sponsorships, and the competition is tough. I have a lot of work to do to reach the level the women play at on the LPGA.



Tim Downer/Photographer

Northern Kentucky University's Bianca Hutton takes a shot during a recent tournament. The junior golfer recently shot under par for the first time in her collegiate career. Her next goal is to shoot in the 60s. She may decide to play professionally someday.

Taekwondo club seeks new members

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Founded in the spring of 1999 by Master Susie Jang, the Northern Kentucky Taekwondo Club has quickly become a success, earning 100 medals in competitions.

The club, which is built around the principles of mental discipline, improved physical condition and confidence is open to any student interested in learning the skill of self defense.

Classes are now taught by Head Instructor Chris Jang. Jang obtained his black belt

certification in Seoul, Korea.

"While the club does charge dues of \$22.00 a semester for full membership, interested students can show up a number of times for free to try out the club and see if they like it," Cole said.

A typical practice starts with around five minutes of aerobic warm-ups followed by stretching and some basic kicks. The class then shifts to more advanced kicking drills and self-defense techniques. The practice ends with some light sparring, which is controlled fighting when members the learned kicks and blocks.

Techniques are taught to prepare students for their belt

tests, with the class schedule customized to the interests of the students present.

"The club does not require that people go to tournaments, nor does it require that people spar," Cole said. "If a member wants to compete they will need to practice at least once a week with the group."

The club has a participates in tournaments year-round. In these tournaments, the club competes in full-contact Olympic-style sparring and forms. The Olympic-style sparring is similar to boxing, except competitors can kick each other, but do not punch each other in the face.

"Once a student learns the

techniques, and if they want to, they can compete with the club in the Amateur Athletic Union's (AAU) competitions and in independent tournaments throughout the country," Cole said.

NKU will be hosting an AAU Taekwondo competition April 22 in the Albright Health Center Gymnasium for anyone interested in seeing what a competition looks like.

But, Cole wants students to know that you need not be interested in tournaments to join the club, all you need to do is show up to a practice.

Practices are Sundays at 4:30 Wednesdays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 4:30 p.m. in NKU's

Campus Recreation Center, either on the Racquetball Courts or in the Multipurpose Room.

All a student needs to do to join is show up at a practice in sweat and a t-shirt with a willingness to learn.

"We encourage anyone even remotely interested in the martial arts to come out and give the club a try," Cole said.

For more information, including club history and tournament schedules, visit the club's Web page at <http://studenthome.nku.edu/~taekwondo/>.

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From bean to brew...



Above: Coffee cherries before they have been picked. Once picked, the cherry is depulped, fermented, washed and dried. Below: Sophomore Kerri Helton (left) and junior Laura Baker sort through drying beans.



Above: Dolores, a member of the community, removes the outer shell of the bean. After drying, the beans are milled to break off the outer shell and then the outer shell is shaken off before the roasting process can begin. Below: Junior Laura Teeter sips coffee made by the locals while on the balcony of the community cabin at the finca.



Photographs by Amy Ehrreiter

Life & times

Honors class learns value of a good cup of coffee

For spring break, seven students in the honors class, *World of Coffee*, along with the class professor, Jodi Terner, and her husband John, honors director Tom Zaniello, professors Fran Zaniello and Belle Zembroth, and two other honors students traveled to the Dominican Republic to visit the organic Finca Alta Gracia, a 60-acre coffee farm on the slopes of Pico Duarte. The farm produces Arabica coffee, which is roasted by the Vermont Coffee Company and sold through Dakin Farm. This is the journal kept by *World of Coffee* student Amy Ehrreiter during her stay at the finca.

03.04.06 Estoy aquí! We arrived in Santiago a few hours ago after about a 12-hour travel day. We left from Cincinnati to Indianapolis by bus and flew to Miami and then to Santiago. We are staying in the Centro Plaza hotel for the night and will be leaving for the coffee farm in the morning. I still can't believe I'm here. I'm standing on the balcony of my room and watching the cars, mopeds and people pass. Upbeat music is blaring in the distance. The engines sound loud and uncared for, horns beep at almost every intersection and the city is alive at almost midnight. There are ants in the bathroom, cobwebs covering the streetlights and litter floating in the streets -- and I'm happy. Words can't describe the excitement I feel.

03.05.06 Today was our first official taste of the Dominican. After a morning in Santiago, we traveled to Jarabacoa, where a huge political rally was happening. I must say, the Dominicans have much more fun with their politics than Americans do. Speaker systems shouted music while cars honked and people screamed and waved anything purple they could find. (I guess that purple is a political party's color).

After spending lunch in the midst of this rally, we rode up in the bus for part of the mountain, and then continued the trip to Alta Gracia coffee farm in the back of a red pickup truck. We held on as the truck climbed up a dirt road. The view was like something I've never seen before: mountains, trees, rivers and people's houses in the middle of this amazing scenery. I'm sure they have no idea of the extent of the beauty that surrounds them. The truck stopped and we hiked down part of a mountain to find our cabins nestled sweetly on a hillside overlooking the valleys and a distant Jarabacoa.

After an delicious dinner of yucca and chicken, we entertained ourselves with charades and then settled in our cabins for a cool night in the mountains.

It's now about 9 p.m. -- and it's been dark for a few hours -- but I can't sleep. The students in bed at 9 p.m. who would've imagined?

03.06.06 "It just doesn't want to work today," translated Sarah (our translator and guide on the farm). Apparently this is a common Dominican phrase. Rather than having something wrong with a car, it just doesn't want to work on a particular day, but maybe tomorrow it will.

Today was amazing. I fell asleep to raindrops on the tin roof of our cabin and awoke to birds chirping and the sun finding its way through the wooden walls of our cabin. Breakfast was preceded this morning by a delicious cup of Dominican coffee.

I sipped the brew on the balcony of the common cabin, where we meet together and eat our meals, and watched the fog lift from the mountains. Breakfast came a little later than expected, but "things happen in the Dominican." Since our meal was late, we were delayed at leaving for the biblioteca -- where we were



Above: Junior Amy Ehrreiter picks coffee cherries from trees while at the finca.

meeting children in the community -- so about five children climbed down the mountain to our cabins to greet us with books in their hands ready to read to us. They were so excited that the Americans had come to visit. Celeste, who is a junior in the coffee class, brought out her Frisbee -- a game without language barriers -- and we threw it around for a while before heading to the biblioteca.

We spent at least an hour letting the children read their Spanish books ("Noah y el Arco" and other children's books translated into Spanish). We then played with pipe cleaners and crafts, but the children wanted to read to us more than anything. They were so passionate about it.

During the time with the children, 14-year-old Yohan formulated somewhat of a crush on me.

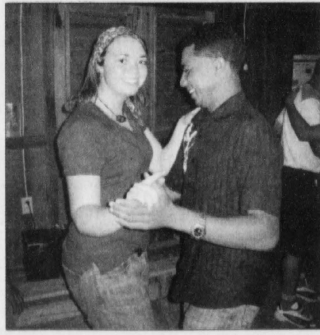
After lunch, while most others were taking a siesta (nap), Celeste, Laura, Jada and I decided to explore the farm for a few hours.

The walking tour of the finca followed our afternoon adventure, where we saw the shade-grown coffee trees and the different planting methods the people on the finca are trying in order to produce the best coffee they can. We saw coffee trees in different life stages as well as those infested with broca, which is a bug that ruins coffee beans. Jodi promptly squashed one of the varmint and declared that she was "saving coffee one broca at a time!"

To wind down our exhausting day, two Haitians from the community came and played guitar for us at the common cabin. Phillimino, the person in charge of the finca, came down to meet all of us, and played and sang for us as well.

It started to rain again today. Sarah said the coffee really needs the rain.

This afternoon, Sarah became more than a translator; she also became my godmother through a humorous story written by Yohan. He wrote a story depicting that Sarah and I both fell in love with him and wanted to marry him. He decided that he loved me the most and we wed, with



Sophomore Celeste Morris dances with community member Bocham during the group's last night at the finca.

Sarah being our godmother because she said the wedding was OK with her. Oh, the fun I'm having in the Dominican! I feel as if I'm in paradise.

03.07.06 It's going to be impossible to recap today. Today we picked coffee before breakfast. We met at the top of the hill at 8 a.m. Phillimino and other people from the community were already there picking.

To experience the labor that goes into one cup of coffee was such a humbling experience. We were briefed by Phillimino: only pick the red ones. If they are too dark, they are overripe. If they are too green, they are under ripe. So we spent the morning amid locals picking the ripe little cherries from coffee trees.

Later on, we went to the oficina, where the beans were depulped (the shell removed), fermented (to get the outer shell to come off) and dried. After lunch, during siesta time, Sarah, Celeste, Jada, Laura, Jodi and I hiked up to the community.

We passed locals sitting outside and children playing. I wonder what it is like to not be constantly stimulated.

From wireless, everything to MP3 players to media at every corner, Americans are so stimulated they wouldn't survive a week living in this community. After traveling to the Haitian part of the community for a drink, we passed Dolores's house and found her and her husband milling the coffee that she roasted for us tonight. Her husband ground off the outer shell of the dried coffee beans and she separated the shell from the bean, so much effort for one cup.

We arrived back at the cabins in time for dinner. After dinner we joined in a sing-along of "American Pie" led by J.L., while waiting to see what the plans for the evening were. After a struggle to find a working CD player, the locals and the interns at the finca taught the clumsy Americans how to dance.

So, now here I am, sitting in my bed exhausted. We're leaving for Santo Domingo in the morning. It's going to be so hard to leave this place. We'll be spending the next three nights in Santo Domingo before heading back to the United States.

Achis finca, this has been the best three days.

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moviereview

The audience has eyes for violent horror flick

Movie details gory, disturbing torture of lost family

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Remaking Wes Craven's 1977 film, "The Hills Have Eyes," director Alexandre Aja gives the audience a film that is equal to, if not better than the original.

While not quite as inventive and unpredictable as Aja's last endeavor, "High Tension," this film satisfies moviegoers' desire for blood, gore, a good plot, scary bad guys and even the oh-so-important-to-horror-film teenage girl in a bikini.

The film, which is slow moving for the first half, is set in the New Mexico desert as a family is sent on an unmapped detour by a shady gas station attendant. A mysterious unfortunate accident leaves the family, consisting of "Big Bob" Carter (Ted Levine), his wife Ethel (Kathleen Quinlan), their daughter Brenda (Emilie de Ravin), son Bobby (Dan Byrd), and daughter Lynn (Vinessa Shaw), her husband Doug (Aaron Stanford), and their newborn daughter, stranded in the middle of nowhere. Of course, no cell phone signal is obtainable because that would end the movie in five minutes.

After realizing they aren't going anywhere, the unwitting family decides to split up. Carter and Doug start walk-



Photo courtesy of Twentieth Century Fox

"The Hills Have Eyes" details the unfortunate tale of the lost Carter family.

ing in opposite directions on the road to find help, while the rest of the family sets up camp for the night, unaware of the nightmarish cannibal mutants watching them from the surrounding hills. The mutants make their move, and the horror commences as they terrorize the entire family with pure guileless torture and killing.

These mutants, who the movie later explains are miners, were deformed from government radiation testing in

the 1940s and 1950s. Unlike the typical horror movie monster, these mutants are real people who have real lives outside being cannibal mutants. They also have real families, who are deformed as well.

This R-rated movie is deserving of its rating due to its extreme violence and gore, along with overly disturbing scenes such as someone burning alive and a head being blown off. The film portrays one of anyone's worst night-

mares: seeing your family tortured and killed at the hands of cannibalistic mutants out in the middle of nowhere with no help in sight. While the plot plays a little too much on the moviegoers' sympathy for the newborn, who is put in immense danger throughout the film, overall this film is well done. The film features unexpected twists, believable bad guys, sympathy-drawing victims, and the oh-so-important-to-horror-films teenage girl in a bikini.

The FIX

Regan Coomer Satisfying
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Breaking up is hard to do, but Laguna Beach stars Jason Wahler and Lauren Conrad decided to give their relationship another try even though Conrad caught Wahler making out with former girlfriend Jessica Smith on the second season finale Nov. 14. Star Magazine reports that the two were spotted together during New York Fashion Week. Wahler also has a spot on Conrad's new reality MTV show "The Hills," a Laguna Beach spin-off about Conrad's work as an intern for Teen Vogue. Conrad wants more of her old friends on the show. "We're trying to work it out right now," she said. As for the other former Laguna Beachers, they've all signed on to be in a Bongo ad.

Actress Jessica Alba doesn't "play" well with others—the star recently demanded that Hugh Hefner's brand of Playboy pull its March issue and turn over all profits from its sale to her. OK! Magazine reports: The magazine put a bikini shot of the 24-year-old on the cover of its "25 Sexiest Celebrities" issue. Alba claims the photo was obtained under false pretenses and has caused damage to her reputation and career by implying she appears nude or semi-nude in the magazine, which she doesn't. "Playboy has violated

my personal rights and blatantly misled the public, who might think I had given them permission to put me on the cover when I didn't," she said.

Tell the kids to cover their eyes, because actor John Travolta has just signed on to dress in drag as a housewife in the new musical movie version of "Hairspray." Daily Variety reports: Travolta, 52, and Queen Latifah, 35, will star in the film, which started out as an outrageous John Waters film in 1988 then was a hit on Broadway. Travolta will play Edna Turnblad, while Latifah will star as Motormouth Maybelle. New Line Cinema co-chairman Michael Lynne told Variety: "Bringing Travolta back into a musical after 30 years is so gratifying." Tell you what, Lynne, I'd be grateful to not see Travolta in a dress.

Quote of the Week:

"I'm ugly, but I'm sexy with my ugliness. I'm just the sexiest, ugliest guy in the world—and I got a booty."

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Wednesday

- Make appointments for Free HIV testing on March 20th in UC 300 starting today. Appointments on a first come, first serve basis. Call X5650 for more information.
- Mel Gibson's "Passion of the Christ" at 4 and 6:30 p.m. in the Budding Theatre. There will also be showings at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, 4:30 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday, 2:40 p.m. Sunday, and 2 and 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Thursday

- Lecture: "Globalization: Its History, Meaning, and Complexities" at 1:40 p.m. in LA 110.
- "Crimes of the Heart" at 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. Further performances will be Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. Sunday at 1 p.m., Ticket \$10 Adult, \$9 NKU Faculty/Staff, \$8 Seniors 60 and older and \$6 Students.
- NKU Brass Choir at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall. Event Charge: \$5 General admission, \$3 NKU/Students, Faculty, Students, and Seniors.

Friday

- Reggae Concert and Food Drive to benefit the Jamaica Service Learning Project at 9:30 p.m. at Thomas More College. Admission is \$10 or \$7 with two canned goods. Contact the Office of Student Life (X6514) for more details.

To include the event you're planning in the calendar, contact Regan Coomer at coomer@nku.edu, or call The Northerner at 572-5859.

Saturday

- Up 'Til Dawn Finale Event at 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Sports of All Sorts in Florence.

Sunday

- Catholic Newman Club Mass at 7:30 p.m. and confession at 7 p.m. in Norse Commons 117 in Norse Commons 111.

Monday

- Chris Brown tickets on sale in the Office of Student Life. Tickets only available to NKU Students (limit 2 with ID) from March 27 to April 7 from \$10, \$20 at the door.
- Akira Kurosawa's "High and Low" at noon in the Budding Theatre.

Tuesday

- Alcohol Education Program at 2 p.m. in UC 108.
- Military History Lecture Series—Women and the Civil War—"Paradoxes of Domesticity and Violence" at 7:30 p.m. in BEP Farris Room.

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In each row, fill in the numbers one through nine (1-9) in any order without repeating any number. In each column do the same. Using the given numbers, fill in each three-by-three box with the correct answer. No number should be repeated in any row, column, or three-by-three box.

There is only one solution, and it can be reached

using logic. Guessing is not necessary!

An EASY puzzle (Neural Numbing May Occur) might take you half an hour the first time, but practice should lower your time. MEDIUM difficulty (Migraines Likely) will probably give you a headache.

On the other hand, if you were on death row, scheduled for execution in the morning, and the guard told you if you solved a HARD puzzle (Risk of Brain Aneurism) your life would be spared — you'd probably die.

Solutions, tips, and computer program at www.sudoku.com. You can visit this Web site to practice, learn strategies, and improve your time.

Migraines Likely

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Answers to this week's crossword puzzle will be posted on The Northerner Web site at www.thenortherner.com.

By Lasha Senik (KRT)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Romantic and home obligations will steadily increase over the next 19 days. Early this week, many Virgos will be asked to deal with long-term family goals or clearly redefine present love relationships. Remain optimistic and watch for loved ones to provide positive support and heartfelt advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Over the next six days, new job assignments may be unrealistic or poorly defined: after Monday, expect authority figures to misinterpret vital information or wrongly calculate deadlines. Remain diplomatic. This is not the right time to act as advisor or group mediator. Tuesday through Friday, accept all last minute social invitations. Your attendance will be appreciated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Controversial social events and unusual romantic announcements are accepted over the next few days. Some Scorpios will now discover

a private history between friends or close colleagues. All looks ethical and pleasant, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid bold reactions or strongly stated opinions: passions may be high.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Recently silent or withdrawn relatives may this week ask for private advice. Areas of concern are relations with older family members, traditional roles in the home or the past expectations of loved ones. Encourage open discussion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Financial records, employment habits or business methods will this week be publicly examined by authority figures. Expect minor mix-ups to escape; team accomplishments may soon demand justification. Defend your ideas and career. In the coming weeks, power struggles with key

Crossword

"The Daily Crossword" Edited by Wayne Robert Williams (KRT)

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- School for Pierre
- Aunts in Acapulco
- Hardy girl
- Warning words
- Salinger lass

Down

- G-men
- Asian nursemaid
- Prom
- Momentarily stunned
- Mass vestments
- Louise and Turner
- Death Valley rarity
- Third baseman
- Rodriguez
- Sea cows
- Caps
- Provocative look
- Patch up
- Pop-ups, e.g.
- are here (map info)
- Quotable catcher
- Trees of a region
- Error's partner
- One-named New Age musician
- Extinct birds
- Israeli statesman
- Gawl
- Major artery
- Carpus, commonly
- Salon sound
- Slughter Hank
- Lively
- Likely winner
- perhaps
- Peck cases
- TU alien from
- Melmac
- Exodus leader
- Mature
- Office folder
- March 15th
- Shell competitor
- High time?
- "Trinity" author
- Muslim leader
- Stun, with a gun
- Back of the Space Shuttle

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officials will need to be permanently resolved. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)** Love relationships will this week provide unique moments of seduction. Romantic partners and potential lovers will no longer avoid difficult discussions or ignore complicated social obligations. Flirtation, physical attraction and renewed sensuality may also be on the agenda. Listen to all observations and respond honestly: your reactions are important.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Home discussions require diplomacy and emotional caution over the next few days. Before Thursday, loved ones may easily misinterpret subtle comments or overreact to constructive criticism. Avoid serious subjects or complex opinions at present; passionate family demands and prideful displays are an ongoing theme. Share your ideas; outdated resentments need to fade.

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

After mid-week, special permissions and business announcements provide fresh options. Unproductive team projects or failed contracts will likely be reassigned this week; if possible, ask for added duties and find creative ways to further complex business ideas. This is the right time to impress key officials or prove the validity of your skills.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)

Workplace power struggles are now unavoidable: after Monday, group assignments and business decisions will require diplomacy. Minor resentments or private criticism may this week strain key relationships. Remain flexible: at present, co-workers

may be encouraged to resolve their own problems. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Team business assignments, although socially complicated, will soon offer tangible rewards. Many Geminis will now be asked to correct the mistakes of outdated manag-

ers or unproductive employees. Take all such opportunities seriously: over the next 19 days, sudden promotions or rare job offers may arrive without warning.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Quick intuitions and sudden glimpses of the future with this week offer a rare insight into a troubled relationship. Over the next six days, Cancerians will negotiate new levels of trust in close relationships. Study the subtle comments of lovers or long-term friends for valuable clues; emotional increase will soon be a top priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Vivid memories and past social engagements are a prime focus for loved ones: Tuesday after Tuesday, intense discussions may reveal unexpected regrets; if necessary, ask close friends or romantic partners to fully explain their private goals or long-term needs. Family expectations, sudden home reversals or uniquely defined relationships may be at issue.

The Fellas

by Alex Campbell

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