



Childhood Center expands services

Lon Cox
News Editor

For those students juggling dual roles of student and parent, the NKU Early Childhood Center may be able to make life just a little bit easier.

The Center, with the help of a \$120,340 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, will expand services to include an evening childcare program, more parent education services and scholarships.

The funds make it possible for the Center to assist a greater number of NKU students, faculty and community members, said ECC Director

Melanie Caldwell. "We are really excited about this," she said.

The need for evening childcare was apparent to the ECC after a survey conducted at the end of the 2001-2002 academic year revealed 88 percent of respondents were interested in evening hours. The evening program will allow both graduate and undergraduate students to take advantage of the ECC.

The grant, "Child Care Access Means Parents in School," will be used over a four-year period with \$40,000 for scholarships for eligible ECC parents. The center will allocate \$10,000 in scholarships at mid-semester each year, after the

need of currently enrolled parents is assessed.

Some parents make too little to pay for childcare, but too much for the state to cover the cost, said Caldwell. Parents qualify for scholarships if they are "Pell Grant eligible, but don't qualify for full childcare assistance from the state," she said.

The remainder of the funds will be used for parent education and extended hours of operation. A new teacher, Margie Hoppenjans, was hired to oversee both parent education and the evening program.

"Parent education is something the center offers every day,"

Caldwell said. The ECC has always provided pamphlets and answered parent's questions. However, the center hopes to move beyond pamphlets to more interactive services such as seminars, group meetings, home visits and a resource library.

"Our Parent Educator will be able to establish more contacts in the community" and strengthen resources for the center and the ECC parents, Caldwell said.

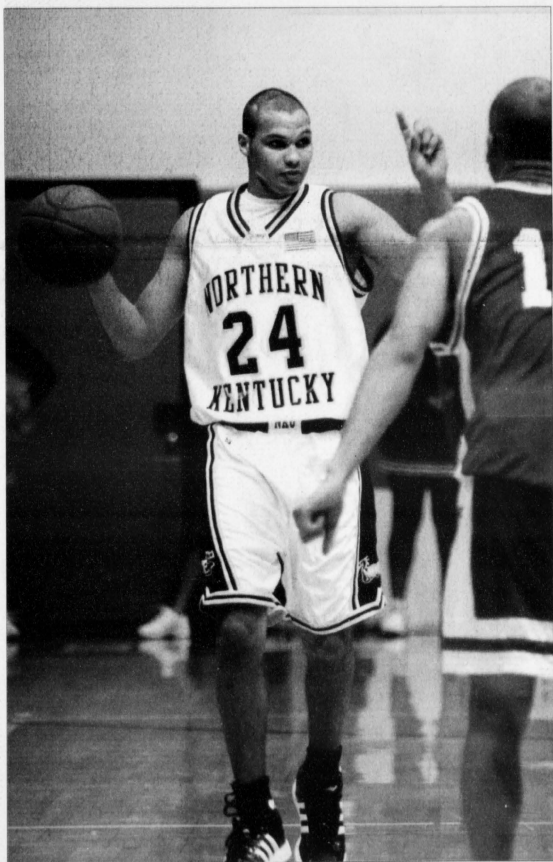
Use of the facility can be scheduled on a drop-in basis, but paperwork must be filed with the center before a child will be permitted to



Beth Richter/Photographer
Carol Crouch reads three little girls in the Early Childhood Center where she teaches. The kids were getting ready to take a nap.

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Alone at the top



Tim Downer/Photo Editor
The NKU Men's Basketball team holds the number one position in the GLVC after defeating SIUE Thursday.

Check out pages 6 and 7 for more coverage of men's and women's basketball.

Foundation looks for leader

Independent firm to audit assets

JORDAN KYLLOGG
Editor in Chief

The NKU Foundation is currently searching for a permanent replacement for former President/CEO James Alford who was arrested Dec. 19 on charges that he was trafficking marijuana.

Henry "Bud" Pogue IV, the Vice President of the Foundation, is currently serving as interim President until a permanent replacement can be found.

Pogue said a search committee is looking for candidates to fill the position. Members of the university community as well as "recognized leaders" in Northern Kentucky have been asked to submit names of possible candidates.

The search committee will then contact the candidates and ask them to submit resumes if they are interested in the position.

Pogue said the search committee is not looking outside of Northern Kentucky for candidates.

An announcement about the replacement could be made by May 22 at the annual meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors, Pogue said.

According to an email addressed to the university community from President James Votruba, an independent accounting firm, authorized by the Foundation itself, will conduct a comprehensive audit of the Foundation to make sure all of its assets have been managed well.

The NKU Foundation manages and invests private contributions to the University.

"While the circumstances surrounding Dr. Alford's departure are distressing to all of us, please allow me to reiterate that the steps being taken are for the purpose of protecting the assets of the Foundation," wrote Votruba.

After Alford's arrest, he was suspended indefinitely from his duties at the Foundation and subsequently resigned.

According to a uniform citation filed in Campbell District Court, police found over eight ounces marijuana, scales, baggies and a .38-caliber revolver during a warranted search of Alford's residence.

As President, Alford was responsible for the managing the day to day operations of the Foundation.

Alford's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 4 at 1:30.

Donation enhances school education

JASON DOBBINS
Staff writer

The Toyota USA Foundation donated \$1million towards the enhancement of Northern Kentucky University's local science and math education during a gift announcement Dec. 17th in the Natural Science Center.

Half will go to support the young scholars summer program for science and math students in preschool through 12th grade, while the rest will be invested in state-of-the-art science equipment.

"We look forward to the day when we host 3,000 youth on campus for science and math camps like we do for sports camps," said NKU President James Votruba during the announcement.

Another goal is to engage undergraduate physics students in research and innovative programs that include projects like designing and building a human-powered

moon buggy for a NASA competition, Votruba said.

Donald Gorbani, assistant vice-president of University Development, credits outside partners for giving the university the opportunity to purchase much of the equipment for the science center.

"We've had people come through the building that are nationally known scientists that said this is one of the finest science facilities they've ever seen. And that's because of the private support," Gorbani said.

Toyota is one of several companies in NKU's partnership programs. Other major supporters include Ashland Inc. and the Rievesch Foundation, which have also donated \$1 million each.

The Ashland Inc. donation has been used to purchase scientific equipment and provide additional funding for the summer science

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DPS Reports

JAN 11 2003-Saturday-10:51am Location: OFF CAMPUS-MILFORD OHIO - DECAL-Lost/Stolen Decal - Female reported that her 2002-2003 NKU Parking Permit was lost while the vehicle was parked at the listed location. Subject was referred to the Parking Office for a replacement. Case closed...

JAN 10 2003-Friday-09:30am Location: UNIVERSITY DRIVE AT CAMPBELL DRIVE - TRAFFIC-Vehicle Stop/DISREGARDING TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE Vehicle was observed disregarding a traffic control device, turning left on a red light, at the listed location. Driver was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Disregarding a Traffic Control Device and No Proof of Insurance. Case closed...

JAN 9 2003-Thursday-11:29am Location: ADMINISTRATION CENTER - LOBBY - ALARM ACTIVATION- Smoke Detector NO FIRE. Smoke Detector Activation Alarm received, via the EUSA Computer, from the listed location. NKU DPS, Physical Plant, and the Environmental Safety Officer responded and checked the area finding an odor of burnt popcorn and plastic. Upon investigation, it was determined that a plastic bowl, containing popcorn, had melted in a microwave oven. There was no damage to the building or contents. The NKU ESO stated that the Central Campbell County Fire Department did not need to respond. They were advised by the ESO, after the incident. Case closed...

JAN 9 2003-Thursday-09:02am Location: PARKING LOT A - FIGHT - Report of a Fight-In-Progress, at the listed location, with Four (4) Subjects involved. Upon arrival, Officer located and questioned the subjects. Officers determined that one subject, who was standing next to his vehicle, was yelling at the other subjects, who were across the lot. All subjects stated that nothing physical occurred. Officer advised and dispersed the subjects. Case closed...

JAN 8 2003-Wednesday-10:37am Location: ADMINISTRATION CENTER - THIRD FLOOR - THEFT- Theft By Unlawful Taking-Under \$300 - Female subject reported that subject's unknown removed her wallet from the listed location. Subject advised that this incident occurred on 1/7/2003. See Report #03003, Dated 1/7/2003 for a related incident. Under investigation...

JAN 7 2003-Thursday-03:18pm Location: STEELY LIBRARY - FIFTH FLOOR - THEFT- Theft By Unlawful Taking-Over \$300 - Female University employee reported that subject's unknown removed her wallet from the listed location. (See Report #030004, Dated 1/8/2003 for a related incident). Under investigation...

JAN 6 2003-Monday-10:47am Location: CARROLL DRIVE AT PARKING LOT E - AUTO ACCIDENT-Injuries - With Injuries. Two (2) Vehicles involved. Unit #2, attempting to exit the listed location, struck Unit #1, that was traveling on Carroll Drive. Driver of Unit #1 complained of a knee injury from hitting the dashboard. The Central Campbell County Squad responded and treated the subject on the scene, no transportation. Unit #1 was towed from the scene, Unit #2 remained in service. Case closed...

Youth violence topic of speech

Lois Cox
News Editor

Violence is everywhere these days - on television, movies, computer games and even cartoons.

"The media glorifies violence as child play," said Cheryl Nunez, director in the office of Affirmative Action/Multicultural Affairs.

There are media campaigns against public health concerns such as smoking and drugs, but violence is ignored, Nunez said.

"[When we] turn to violence as a public health concern, we will see something done," she said.

Preventing youth violence is the topic Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Smith, a nationally recognized violence prevention expert, will address at the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Keynote Lecture Jan. 16.

Dr. Prothrow-Smith became involved in violence prevention while working as a resident at Boston City Hospital. She witnessed the tragedy of youth violence first-



Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Smith, youth, particularly among young black males.

She wrote "Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents," the first violence prevention curriculum for schools and communities and has also written extensively on public health issues.

Finding a solution to youth violence is more complicated than just saying no and it is vital that young people gain "understanding and exposure to the breadth of the problem," Nunez said. "They are our future leaders...if [they] have a simplistic idea of the solution, we will have nothing to rely on," she said.

In her lecture, "Non-Violence: A

Prescription for Community Healing," Dr. Prothrow-Smith will discuss an approach to violence prevention that includes increasing public awareness, strengthening government programs and bringing community leaders such as educators, medical professionals and clergy together to find solutions.

Dr. Prothrow-Smith is currently a professor and associate dean for faculty development in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Harvard. Her most recent project, The Community Violence Prevention Project, focuses on violence prevention education. She recently published "Peace by Piece: A Guide for Preventing Community Violence" to help communities begin prevention programs.

Dr. Prothrow-Smith was the youngest-ever Commissioner of Public Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and established the first Office of Violence Prevention in a Department of Public Health. She

has received three honorary doctorate awards, the World Health Day Award, the Secretary of Health and Human Service Award and was appointed to the National Commission on Crime Control by President Clinton in 1995.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

What: Non-Violence: A Prescription for Community Healing

Who: Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Smith

Where: Otto Budig Theatre

When: Thursday, January 16 from 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Iowa students debate meaning of 'no'

By Barbara Brotman
Chicago Tribune

IOWA CITY — Kelly Fangman and Tim Roling have been friends for almost all their lives. Lately, though, they find themselves arguing fiercely over the subject that has consumed many on the University of Iowa campus: Pierre Pierce and date rape.

Pierce, of west suburban Westmont, is a star basketball player at the school who last month pleaded guilty to assault causing injury after a female athlete at the school told police Pierce raped her. He was originally charged with felony sexual assault, but as part of

a plea agreement entered a guilty plea to the misdemeanor charge. He was sentenced to a year of probation, 200 hours of community service and ordered to undergo counseling.

The incident has rived and riven the campus. Some students furiously contend that Pierce, 19, a former prep basketball star at Westmont High School, was treated more leniently by the school because he is an athlete. Pierce remains on full athletic scholarship and on the team, although he will not be allowed to compete this year. There have been protests, petition drives and calls for firing basketball coach Steve Alford, who after Pierce was

arrested said he believed that the player was innocent.

And the case has opened heated discussions among students about the rules of sexual engagement; about the lines between sexual freedom and responsibility; and about whether date rape is an act of predatory violence or an alcohol-fueled misunderstanding.

Fangman, 23, who graduated in May but still works at the university athletic center, said date rape is appallingly common at UI.

"Three of my four best friends have been raped by boyfriends or ex-boyfriends," she said. Another woman was raped on Fangman's own couch, she said.

She thinks a lot of young men come to college without knowing exactly what rape is.

"I think they think if a girl is willing to do something 1/8 sexual/3/8, then they can do anything they want," she said.

But her friend Roling, 22, an economics major who also works at the athletic center and knows and likes Pierce, questioned the woman's story in the case.

She told police that she and a friend went to the home Pierce shares with two other players because she had been drinking and wanted a ride home. She was in an

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stay. Sometimes, even if a parent has a regular sitter, situations arise unexpectedly that cause an occasional need for childcare. Caldwell said, "It is a good idea to fill out the paperwork so when an emergency situation comes up, everything will be ready," she said.

The center, located in BEP 147, provides full-day childcare includ-

ing pre-school and pre-K, half-day pre-school and half-day kindergarten for children 2 years old (and

fully potty trained) to 5 years old. The evening program accepts children up to 12 years old.

For more information, contact the Early Childhood Center at (859) 572-6338.

The extended hours, 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday, began January 13.

Toyota: Gift brings office closer to goal

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enrichment program, said Gorbandt. Half of Rieveschl's contribution is also being used to buy equipment, while the rest has been set aside in an equipment endowment for future purchases.

Procuring private funding for different initiatives is an ongoing process said Gorbandt. In the past

three years the University Development office has been raising money for Votruba's "Shaping Dreams" comprehensive campaign, he said. The campaign was a five-year strategic vision for the development of the university that began in 1997. The vision is the framework for setting institutional priorities and for the allocation of human and financial resources to support

those priorities.

Votruba has credited the campaign for improving, among other things, campus facilities, staff effectiveness and student recruitment and retention.

Gorbandt said the development office would reach the campaign goal of \$40 million before 2005.

Toyota's donation brings the total to \$31 million.

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SGA gets new members

JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

Student Government will start this Spring with nine new Senators and one new Judicial Council member, all elected during the Fall semester.

In the Senate, all six returning Senators kept their seats while nine new candidates made the final cut. Newcomer Katie Clark, Junior,

International Studies, secured the third highest vote count with 121 votes. She credits her involvement with campus organizations, especially Student Life where she serves as Student Organization Specialist, with helping her gather votes.

"I hope that people saw me as a good leader," she said. She said she wants to get more students involved in campus life and organizations.

In the race for the Judicial Council Yun Mi Kwon, Sophomore who has no previous SGA experience, beat SGA Senator Chris Fridge by six votes to secure one of the two seats which were up for grabs.

A constitutional amendment, which allows the President and Vice President to run on a slate ballot if they choose to do so, passed 106 to 88.

Student Government Association Elected Senators-Fall 2002 election-top fifteen people were elected.

Jennifer Rasp-144 votes
Cheri Taylor-124
Katie Clark-121
Slater Medley-118
Chris Pace-114
Scott Miller-114
Brandon Neukam 111
Billy Volk-110
Marty Kuerzi-109
Kelly Keene-102

Jhermel Holt-101
Susan Roberts-86
James Pollin-84
Leigh Wells-81
Daniel Moore-78
Michael Tobertga-77
Andrew Gucik-68

Yun Mi Kwon-130
Chris Fridge-124

Constitutional Amendment- Allows President and Vice President to run on slate ballot if they choose to do so.-Passed

Student Government Association Elected Judicial Council-Fall 2002 election-top two people were elected.

Karen Hoffmeister-136 votes

Yes-106
No-88
281 people voted

College students: Here's some food for thought

MARY-KATHRYN CRAFT
Knight Rider Newspapers

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Mary Hambright sometimes prepares burgers, hot dogs or grilled cheese sandwiches on a George Foreman grill in her Waccamaw Hall dormitory room. But most of the Coastal Carolina University freshman's meals consist of Hot Pockets, Ramen Noodles, microwave popcorn or Cocoa Puffs cereal. Hambright isn't different from most college students.

She chooses foods for convenience and taste, often overlooking nutritional value. Yet healthy foods and proper nutrition are essential for students.

College students, most of whom are already on irregular eating schedules, also consume more junk food during finals than other times of the school year, said Ann Litt, a Washington, D.C., nutritionist and author of "The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus." Balanced meals are important for focus during study time and often improve test performance, experts say.

Throughout the semester, most students at Clemson University

visit the grill lines ordering hamburgers, chili dogs, pizza and fried chicken, said food service director Todd Littrell.

Though he's seen an increase of vegetarians on campus in recent years, most students still stick to the junk food, he said.

"I try to remember back when I was that age," he said. "Nutrition wasn't really that important."

Denise Elliott, CCU food service director, sees the same eating patterns among students.

"So many kids in general are growing up on the fast food concept, and that's what they expect when they go off to college," she said.

The "freshman 15" is a common term used to describe weight gain for college students, but Litt said there's no scientific study that pinpoints how many pounds students actually put on. Still, most students gain some weight.

When MTV's "Road Rules" visited the University of South Carolina, six cast members were challenged to gain a cumulative 15 pounds in four hours. The catch — they could only eat food stashed in dorm rooms.

The group easily accomplished

the mission with the help of Hot Pockets, canned pasta and a multitude of junk food.

Derek Clemmensen, a CCU junior from Dallas, said he gained 10 pounds during each his freshman and sophomore years. This year, he lost 15 pounds. "I've been so busy this year, I don't eat as much," said Clemmensen, a resident adviser who works on campus and is taking a full load of sports medicine and psychology classes.

There are ways to fight the weight gain and get proper nutrition.

Substitute fruit and vegetables for chips and sugary food during snack time. Set and stick to a meal schedule.

Ensure balance at every meal by mixing fruits, vegetables, meats and grains.

One reason most students gain weight in college is they don't have regular meal schedules, said Litt, who studied eating habits at more than 100 colleges for her book. Students eat sporadically some times forgetting about food altogether and then gorging when they feel hungry.

"They stress and kind of use food to distract themselves and console

themselves," she said.

Christina Gladmon, a CCU freshman from Baltimore, said her meal patterns in college are different from what they were in high school.

Then she had a job and school to occupy most of her time and parents to guide what food she ate. Now, she has much more free time.

For many students, free time and long stretches of studying are filled with snacks.

Students don't necessarily eat because they are hungry, Litt said. They eat because they are bored or want distractions from the books. Many snack items are what Litt calls "nonhunger foods," or food that will never satisfy appetites.

These foods, such as candy or chips, are for munching, but not all nonhunger foods have to be junk. Students should try baby carrots, popcorn or fruit if they desire a snack.

Throughout the semester, Hambright, a marine science major, has used food as a reward for studying.

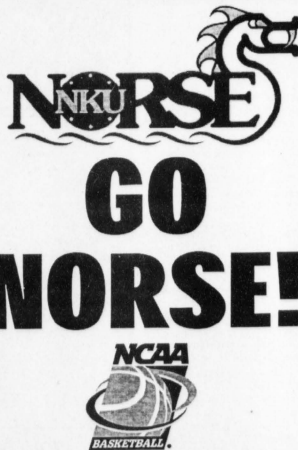
"Food is a big part of my day," she said. "You study; you take a break; you eat a snack."

Students regularly purchase a broad range of packaged goods and demonstrate high levels of brand loyalty:

Bought past month	(percent)	Top brand	Share
Regular soft drinks	74	Coke.	61
Bottled Water	66	Dasani	34
Chewing gum	61	Wrigley's	25
Salty snack foods	59	Lay's	28
Breath/candy mint	44	Altoids	28
Sports/Athletic drink	43	Gatorade	71
Iced tea	31	Lipton	48
Diet soft drinks	23	Diet Coke	65

(Student Monitor publishes nationally syndicated market research studies of the college student market. For this survey 1,200 full-time undergraduates at four-year colleges and universities were interviewed.)

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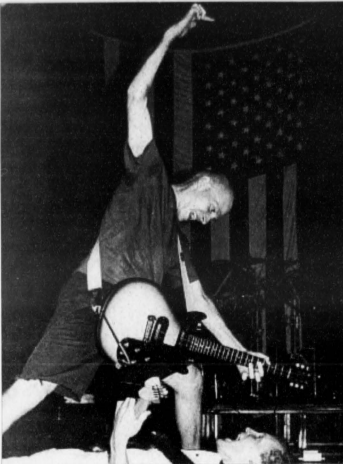
2002-03 NKU Men's Home Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Jan. 23	BELLARMINE	Highland Heights, Ky.	7:45 p.m.
Jan. 30	SAINT JOSEPH'S	Highland Heights, Ky.	7:45 p.m.
Feb. 1	UW-PARKSIDE	Highland Heights, Ky.	3:15 p.m.
Feb. 13	SOUTHERN INDIANA	Highland Heights, Ky.	7:45 p.m.
Feb. 15	KY. WESLEYAN	Highland Heights, Ky.	3:15 p.m.
Feb. 22	INDIANAPOLIS	Highland Heights, Ky.	7:45 p.m.
March 6-8	at GLVC Tournament	Evansville, Ind.	TBA

2002-03 NKU Women's Home Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Jan. 23	BELLARMINE	Highland Heights, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	SAINT JOSEPH'S	Highland Heights, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	UW-PARKSIDE	Highland Heights, Ky.	1 p.m.
Feb. 13	SOUTHERN INDIANA	Highland Heights, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	KY. WESLEYAN	Highland Heights, Ky.	1 p.m.
Feb. 19	BRESCIA	Highland Heights, Ky.	7 p.m.
Feb. 22	INDIANAPOLIS	Highland Heights, Ky.	5:30 p.m.
March 5-8	at GLVC Tournament	Evansville, Ind.	TBA

BURIED Alive



This weeks column features President's front man, Chris Ballew. He talks about his influences, upcoming music and looks back on the President's themselves.

JOSH FLOWERS

Assistant Entertainment Editor

Welcome back to this semester's first column of Buried Alive. I was fortunate enough to have an interview with the President's front man Chris Ballew. You might remember them from a multitude of hits they had in the 90's, "Peaches", "Lump", and "Cleveland Rocks" to name but a few. Truly unique (in a good head hopping way) and very influential artists. This interview is unfortunately a month late or so in coming out since I misunderstood when the last issue of the Northerner was to run. So when he says early next year, you can expect their re-released CD out any day now. Also the band is officially back together and many tour dates have already been arranged.

Describe yourself in three sentences.

I am obsessed with sound. I love sound. I want to be making music when I fall over dead.

How do you look back on the Presidents?

I was not into it for a while there at the end of our run so I had a bit of a sour taste in my mouth for a while. Now that I have my own composing business and four or five hands under my belt since we broke up I am happy with what we did. So happy that I have agreed to do a bunch of shows with those guys again.

I heard the band now owns the rights to your first recording. What are you planning on doing with it?

We are planning to re-release the first record with anywhere from one to five new songs either on the same CD or as a little EP that goes along with it. That will be after the first of the year so if there is anyone out there wondering where their original copy went and thinking about replacing it...wait!!

What's are you working on?

Right now I am doing music for a show on Fox called Oliver Beene with Tad my writing partner. We have a band called the Chris and Tad show too. He plays a little drumset and I play the organ AND the guitar AND the harmonica AND sing. Whew. Tad sings too

and plays a tiny marshmallow button keyboard called ORGATRON 1. Lots of looping and breakfast creation going on in my home studio...trying to pull a bunch of instrumental stuff I have been doing into an album form that I will sell on my soon to be finished Web Site.

What song have you done do you connect with best?

Lump.

If you had an action figure what would it be's special feature?

Sleeplessness.

Who do you still look up to musically?

All these new cut and paste beat creators...Fat Boy Slim, the Wiseguys, Ursula 1000, Tipay, the Avalanches...that stuff pushes the guitar bass drum thing in a healthy direction.

What's the answer to a question you never want to be asked?

Well, we got the name "The Presidents of the United States of America" when.....

Influences?

All the above mentioned people and my friend and family...they steer the ship.

Anything that constantly blocks your creative flow?

Being tired...little kids are so cute but they will get you up in the night like nobodies business...wish I could just Asleep for a year B never sleep.

Where are you heading musically?

More sampling...cutting looping...I got a CDJ100 machine because Sir-Mix-a-lot said I had to and it kills...I am warping all my own old recordings and coming up with fresh sounds that way too. More sound manipulation and more computers...I am building a mobile version of my home studio so that when I am on the road I can be creating beats and what not. First album by me (Caspar Babypants) out soon.

Fight to the finish with Dragonball Z: Budokai



Ready for action? Dragonball Z: Budokai is the game for you. Fight in non-stop battles with your favorite DBZ villains and heroes.



Photos contributed

JASON ELLIS

Entertainment Editor

Fans of the anime series "Dragonball Z" (DBZ) have been waiting for years for a good video game based on their favorite show.

Sure there was Dragonball GT: Final Bout for the PS One, but that game wasn't really that great.

Now fans can rejoice, they have a fun, and well done DBZ game, Dragonball Z: Budokai.

Unlike its predecessor, it has smooth animation and it is not in the least bit clunky.

The game has five fighting modes, Duel, World Tournament, Practice and The Legend of Hercule.

The Duel mode is your classic fighting game mode. In this mode you can go one on one with computer controlled opponents, have computer opponents face each other.

The best part of this mode, as in just about every other fighting game, is challenging friends to see who can win the most.

The World Tournament mode follows the same rules as the tournament that is featured in the show.

The mode also has three level settings, novice (three rounds), adept (four rounds) and advanced (five rounds).

You also earn zenry (money in the DBZ world) which enables you to buy more skills.

You also unlock the two hidden characters, Hercule and The Great Saiyaman. When Hercule is unlocked so is The Legend of Hercule mode.

In this mode you play as everyone's favorite buffoon Hercule. Your goal is to defeat super villain Cell, but you have to fight through each of the Z fighters in order to get to him.

But there are stipulations on every fight, like having to fight two fights in a row with the damage you sustain from the first fight carrying over to the next. This is a very tough mode to play, but a blast to play as Hercule and hear his smack talk in between fights.

The story mode is also a blast to play through. It begins with the Saiyan Saga and goes through the Namek Saga, Android Saga and ending at the end of the Cell

Games. The only downfall to this mode is you can finish it in one sitting, within a couple of hours. Other than that it is fun to guide your favorite heroes and villains

through their respective story lines.

Overall, Dragonball Z: Budokai receives a final score of 9 out of 10. With all the modes this game will keep you busy for a while.

The shortness of the story mode keeps this game from receiving a perfect score, but it is a great game none the less.

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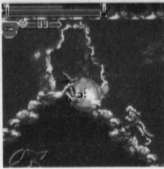
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The Games



JASON ELLIS
Entertainment Editor

Ah, a new semester is upon us. So, it's back to classes and the grind of every day life here at NKU. But the only problem with this is you are still in break mode, and all you want to do is have some fun and maybe even play some games.

The beginning of the Christmas semester also means that Christmas has already passed us by.

With that you may, or may not, have received everything that you wanted to find under the tree or in your stocking. But fear not, I am here to help. I have compiled a list of games and gaming accessories that you wish that you had received, and some that maybe you didn't.

First up is the Playstation 2: **Grand Theft Auto: Vice City**. This is the fourth installment in the GTA series, and is quite possibly the best. With its 1980's setting and music, think Miami Vice with a little more attitude, is a great and fun game to play.

Dragonball Z: Budokai
Fans of Dragonball Z rejoice, the series finally returns to the console gaming world. It looks much more

With so many games and game systems on the market today, how do you know if you are getting the best games for your gaming dollar? The games listed in the article above are just a few of many many great games that are out now on the various systems. Make your choice, but choose wisely. You don't want to wind up with a stinker.



Metal Gear Solid 2: Substance



Robotech Battlecry



Phantasy Star Online Episode I & II



Mario Party 4



Grand Theft Auto: Vice City

You Found



have game, and it should have been on your Christmas list. This game will become even more fun once the GameCube goes online.

Mario Party 4

If you are into group action (insert your own joke here) then this is the game that you should have received. You and up to three friends can battle in numerous mini-games as well as things like collecting coins and stars to become the ultimate Party Star.

Metroid Prime

If you were hoping to find a challenging game, then look no farther than right here. Say welcome back to everyone's favorite bounty hunter, Samus Aran. This game plays like Doom, but 20 times better. And if you have Metroid Fusion for the Gameboy Advance you are treated to special link features, the best is getting to play the original NES version of Metroid.

Metal of Honor: Frontline

Fans of the Medal of Honor series probably already have this, but here's a little known fact for those who haven't played it, it's good. If you like espionage and war games then you really wanted to get this title. WWII buffs will also enjoy

this, because that is the setting. Next up is the Xbox:

Metal Gear Solid 2: Substance

What more can I say, it's Metal Gear Solid, that should be enough said, but I, however, like to run-off at the mouth so here is a description for you. This game is a deluxe remake of the PS2 version, but you can now play as Solid during the main game. Also added are mini-games, special missions and skateboarding... No, really, I'm not lying about the skateboarding.

Finally is the Gameboy Advance:

Castlevania:

Harmony of Dissonance
This is more of a sequel to Symphony of the Night on PS1 than Circle of the Moon, but it is an awesome game. Prepare to spend countless hours exploring Dracula's castle. The graphics are easy on the eyes and this is a great game for gamers on the go.

The Legend of Zelda:

A Link to the Past

This game is pretty much a direct port from the addicting SNES version. But this game is good enough to play again and again. The game also features a four player battle or co-op system, so you can link up

XMas Tree



your GBA's and lay the old school smackdown on your buddies.

Games you don't want

As a side to this story, I have included a short list of games that if you got or ever get these, you will know that the gift giver really hates you.

Mortal Kombat Advance

What a stinker, and I've played some stinky games. This one almost makes me hate every MK game ever made. But at least there were some good ones in the series.

Any Mary-Kate and Ashley Olson game

If you got any of these for a gift then you might as well jump off of a bridge, because everyone in the entire world hates you. I mean the twins are bad enough just being on television, but in game form they are worse. Yes, I have played the games and I do have a little sister after all. But when I was finished playing I wanted to jab my eyes out with a red hot fireplace poker.

I hope you find something you like on this list and I hope you enjoy it. I also hope you got what you wanted. If not get those receipts, exchange those clothes for cash and get your game on.

Web site of the week

With the playoffs in full swing, and the AFC and NFC championship games coming up on Sunday, this weeks web site of the week is NFL.com. You can get up to date information on the remaining teams and the off season going on's of your favorite team.

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with Twizted
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Oleander
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Looking Ahead

3 Doors Down with Theory of A Deadman
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The Roots with Cody Chessnutt
Feb. 8 8:30 p.m.

SUM 41 with No Use For A Name, The Starting Line and Authority Zero
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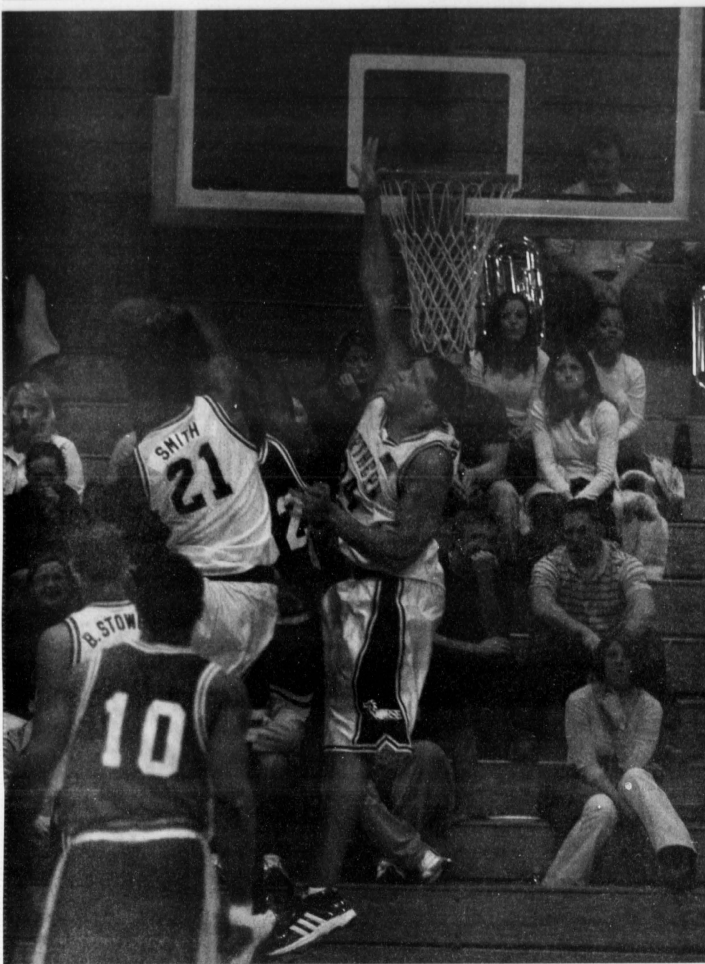
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22 Wednesday • International Coffee Hour, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. in the University Center, 2nd floor lobby. Sponsored by International Student Affairs. • Separate & Unequal: Psychology's Treatment of Race, 12 - 1 p.m. in BEP 120. Dr. Tamara Brown from UK is lecturing on minority health issues. Sponsored by Psi Chi/The Psychology Club.	23 Thursday	24 Friday	25 Saturday	26 Sunday	27 Monday	28 Tuesday

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NKU senior forward Quentin Smith and senior center Chris Seabrooks rise to the occasion in the 77-63 victory over SIUE. Smith led the Norse with 19 points and 10 rebounds. **Tim Downer/Photo Editor**

12th-ranked Norse hand SIUE its seventh loss of the season

Quentin Smith scored a career-high 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Saturday as 12th-ranked Northern Kentucky University rallied for a 77-63 win over Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in Regents Hall.

Mike Kelsey added 15 points and three assists as NKU improved to 13-2 overall, 7-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Norse are in sole possession of first place in the GLVC.

SIUE (6-7 overall, 2-5 GLVC) held a 38-32 lead early in the second half, but NKU used a 13-3 run to take a 45-41 advantage. Bobby St-Preux and Chris Seabrooks each scored two baskets to key the Norse run.

St-Preux's three-pointer gave NKU a 58-51 lead with 7:39 remaining, and the Norse sealed the victory by making nine free throws in the final 3:30. Smith, a graduate of Mount Healthy High School in

Cincinnati, hit six straight free throws late in the game as NKU held off the Cougars.

St-Preux finished with 13 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots, while Brenden Stowers added 14 points. NKU held SIUE to 43.6 percent shooting from the field and won the rebounding battle by a 37-25 margin.

Seabrooks added eight points and five rebounds for NKU, which has won 17 consecutive games in

Regents Hall.

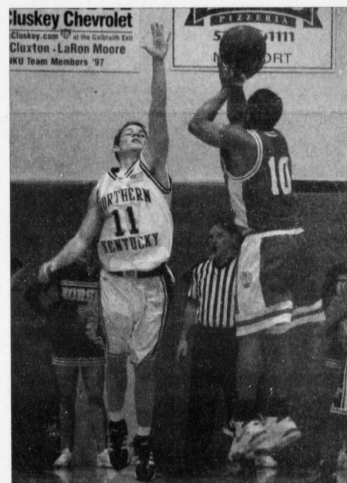
NKU has beaten SIUE 14 consecutive times. NKU has not lost to SIUE since the 1991-92 season, when the Cougars posted a 97-90 win against the Norse in Edwardsville, Ill.

NKU will hit the road for a game at the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 8:45 p.m. this Thursday.

Article by Sports Information

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Jan. 18	at Southern Indiana 4:15 p.m.
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Jan. 30	Saint Joseph's 7:45 p.m.
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Feb. 22	Indianapolis 7:45 p.m.
Feb. 27	at UW-Parkside 8:45 p.m.
March 1	at Lewis 4:00 p.m.
March 6-8	at GLVC Tournament TBA



Sophomore guard Mike Kelsey defends a shot by SIUE's Corey Bradford in Saturday evening's game. Kelsey finished the game scoring 15 points, hitting three three-pointers. **Tim Downer/Photo Editor**

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Sophomore Connie Myers zeroed in on the basket giving the Norse two points in a 69-48 win over SIUE.

Tim Downer/Photo Editor

Norse torch Cougars with outside shooting

ELIAS HAJJAR
Sports Editor

It seemed as though invisible lids covered the rims at the beginning of Saturday's women's basketball game against Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The ball just wouldn't go in easily for both teams, until NKU senior forward Amy Mobley took over to give the Norse a 69-48 victory.

Mobley scored 16 points in the first half for the lady Norse, which shot just 13 of 33 from the field.

The Norse took a commanding 21-9 lead midway through the first half, but watched it disappear after SIUE's LaKesha Cole intercepted a pass and took it the other way for two points. Cole's basket ignited a 9-2 run by the Cougars that cut the lead to 23-18.

NKU weathered the storm and finished the half strong taking a

35-27 lead into the locker room.

The second half belonged entirely to the Norse, as it jumped to a quick 9-0 run thanks to three consecutive three-pointers. Senior guard Bridget Flanagan connected on two of the three three-pointers, the second of which put her over the 1,000 total point mark for her career. Flanagan finished the game with 16 points, sinking four three-pointers in the game.

The Norse shot 51 percent from

the field in the second half, and an incredible 62.5 percent from the three-point line.

Mobley led all players with 26 points, six rebounds and five assists, while senior Kristin Polosky added nine points, seven rebounds and six assists.

The 25th-ranked Norse (10-3 overall, 6-2 in the conference) will head to St. Louis Thursday to take on the University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen.

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Letters to the Editor

'Write-ins' more than names

JORDAN KELLOGG
Editor in Chief

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Write-ins voted failed to make much of an impact last semester during the Fall Student Government elections. Eighty-two different people (or those people's friends, or whoever) tried, with no luck, to make their mark on the election. None came close, but they tried for any number of reasons even if the idea sprung into their heads while they were standing in line to vote.

One explanation for write-in votes in any election is that voters are not satisfied with the field of candidates. In November 2002, the Boston Globe reported that in the Massachusetts Senate race "at least 20,000 people apparently voted to write-in Senate candidate Randall Forsberg, to protest U.S. Senator John F. Kerry's support of war on Iraq." The article goes on to say that some voters were upset that Kerry was first critical of President Bush, but then voted to authorize military force in Iraq.

Kerry ended up winning the election, but he undoubtedly heard the message that people were not satisfied with how he was choosing to represent them.

No such movement is apparent in the official SGA vote list. The most votes a write-in candidate received was four.

Some write-in candidates were alternate spellings. Joseph Mills would have doubled his votes to two had his constituents decided whether or not they wanted his shortened name to include the letter "y". Sally Jo Mills and Joey Mills each received one separate vote. Had Mills been able to bring the votes together he would have edged slightly up the list past such formidable write-in candidates as Bill Clinton.

Other voters seemed ill informed of their candidate's positions.

One write-in voter will be pleasantly surprised to hear that Eric Fagan, actually Eric Fegan, is already working in SGA, serving as

Another voter will be discouraged that Kent Kelsow will not be able to mount a more formidable campaign bid for the next election. He is already serving as Dean of Students.

Elías Hajjar, The Northerner's Sports Editor, is probably going to stick to reporting.

But there may be hope yet for the personifying known as Jellybean Goat who raked in one vote, or for Shit Face, who, well, what can you say.

With these names aside, there were plenty of other people on the list of write-ins who were probably eligible to run for a position with their name on the ballot had they decided to fill out the paperwork.

It would be naive to assume that all of the write-ins put their own name down, but there were undoubtedly a few voters who decided to write themselves in as their fifteenth vote, just to see what would happen.

Most people like to think that they would be a good fit for any given position and that other people think the same thing. They are not sure, though, and would like someone to tell them that they would do a good job.

Politics is one of few arenas where positions are backed up by votes and can provide this affirmation. The people who wrote their names in would love it if they really did collect enough votes to win a seat in the Senate.

They would accept the responsibility, knowing that someone thought they could do a good job.

With student organizations complaining about participation in groups and meetings, it might be useful for them take a look at the list of write-ins as a possible base to begin recruiting.

People may not respond to meeting announcements in the hallway, but they might respond to a phone call telling them that a group is interested in them.

SLIMBONE BY MIKE MAYDAK



War may change college life

ANGELA CAPUTO
The Columbia Chronicle (Columbia College)

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — President George W. Bush said that Iraq will disclose and disarm weapons of mass destruction in compliance with the U.N. mandate.

Sure, there is good reason to doubt that Hussein will do an about face after more than a decade of defiance. But Bush's lack of hope leaves Americans wondering if he is disinterested in reaching a peaceful agreement.

This hawkish tone has all but

promised war and the American people will have no choice but to be involved.

Among Columbia University's students, the lack of outrage or support for this drive toward war is discouraging.

Columbia students are not alone in their apathy. College students nationwide seem to be ignoring the reality that college-aged people are top candidates for maiming a war, should one break out.

Students seem to be banking on the current stock of soldiers staffing a war. Most students think it's unlikely that a war against Iraq would deplete the armed forces

enough that a draft would be enacted. But is it really that unlikely? Isn't registering for the draft still mandatory?

With nearly the entire Arab world up in arms about a United States driven strike on Iraq, this impending war could escalate quickly. And so could the need for soldiers.

Wake up students! It could be you.

The days of college deferment are long gone. Since the reinstatement of the draft in 1980, the provision that exempted college students from the draft was thrown out.

Now, any college student tapped for war would have until the end of

the semester to wrap up his studies. Seniors would be able to delay enlistment until the end of the current school year before gearing up for combat.

And with the military requiring more sophisticated soldiers to operate highly technological weaponry, college students and graduates are the most ideal candidates.

Students need to stand up and recognize that talk of war could quickly turn into actual warfare.

And they could end up on the front lines, fighting a war they are ambivalent about, or against, before they even realize how they got there.

Attacking the AIDS epidemic

BERNARD POLACK
The GW Hatchet (George Washington U.)

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The Bush administration needs to drastically change the U.S. policy toward AIDS, both domestically and internationally.

Worldwide, 14,000 people are infected with HIV each day, and the number of people with HIV or AIDS is more than double by 2010. AIDS has already taken 25 million lives and could infect 100 million people over the next eight years. Yet, 95 percent of the people suffering from this disease do not have access to the life-saving medicine that would prolong their own lives and greatly reduce the risk of their children being born with AIDS. At a time when offering treatment and prevention could curtail the spread of AIDS, the United States has refused to commit the necessary funding to do so.

Domestically, the Bush administration has only served to kick more people off AIDS drug assistance rolls, block needle exchange, restrict

AIDS education for youth to abstinence-only and consistently underfunded AIDS initiatives, such as the Ryan White Foundation and the Minority AIDS Initiative. The Administration does this despite a growing number of Americans suffering from the epidemic.

In the United States, there will continue to be more than 40,000 newly infected HIV patients each year, predominantly affecting those with low incomes and African-Americans, because basic public health programs such as safe-sex education and harm-reduction programs, including needle exchange programs, are frozen, cut or blocked.

Conservatives often argue that educational abstinence programs will cure the AIDS crisis. This naive ethno-centric approach will do nothing more than proliferate the spread of the disease. It has never worked, in fact the success in fighting AIDS in countries such as Brazil and South Africa is precisely because they use direct prevention and treatment instead.

The United States is in a position to drastically curb the AIDS crisis. Bush will need to take a strong stand supporting a limited exception to international patent rules so that affordable generic medications can be exported to poor countries when they lack the production capacity to locally manufacture the drugs.

Pharmaceutical companies and governments must do more to reduce the price of AIDS drugs and get these drugs to the individuals who need them. Conservatives make excuses for these companies, but the plain and sad fact is that these companies legally and intentionally withhold lifesaving medicine from people because it is not profitable to reduce costs.

In addition, the U.S. must offer the necessary funding to cover the approximately 2 million women with HIV who give birth every year (and the 600,000 babies born infected). By providing mothers with the necessary medication, we can greatly reduce this risk. Consequently, for the children orphaned or left vulnerable by the AIDS pandemic, we

must support programs that offer community-based care and support.

To ensure that we meet these goals, the United States must commit a sustained and significant annual contribution for HIV prevention programs in low and middle-income countries, including a 2004 federal budget request for a provision of \$2.5 billion for implementation of global AIDS programs, as well as additional funding to fight tuberculosis and malaria. In addition, as a nation we must commit to a comprehensive debt cancellation for impoverished countries facing an HIV/AIDS crisis, with support for locally determined processes to ensure that resulting savings are rechanneled to social needs.

"Why should the United States be the ATM of the world?" Conservatives often bark back with this tired isolationist rhetoric. The answer is simply that millions of people are dying from AIDS and that, fundamentally, we have the medicine, the funding and the resources to help them. How will history judge our inaction?

North Poll

Compiled by: Fran McQueen and Jordan Kellogg

What is the worst Christmas present you have ever received?



AKIA ELLIS
Freshman
Psychology

"One of the [rhinestone] sweaters my Auntie gave me"



DELMAR HARDEN
Freshman
Undeclared

"[A] suitcase from my stepfather...because he wanted me to move out."



ASHLEY HUMMELORD
Freshman
Undeclared

"The generic brand of Chicken Soup for the Women's Soul."



KEITH BRYANT
Freshman
Biology

"Socks from my grandma."



CHRISTINE THOMPSON
Freshman
Undeclared

"I've never gotten a Christmas present I didn't like."



MATT GOODPOSTER
Senior
Business Administration

"My brother gave me a quarter in an envelope once."

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No: Drinking not an excuse

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unoccupied bedroom, she said, when Pierce came in and tried to remove her shirt. She told him she did not want to have sex, but then agreed to perform oral sex in hopes that he would not insist on intercourse, she said. Pierce then pinned her arms and forcibly penetrated her, she told police.

Though Pierce publicly apologized for forcing "unwanted intimate contact" on the victim, he told a sex-offender counselor hired by his attorneys that the sex was consensual.

Rolling told Fangman he isn't sure where the truth lies. But if the woman willingly performed oral sex, he asked Fangman, doesn't that mean she was consenting to sex?

"If you put me in my bed, naked, and give me (oral sex), what do you think I'm going to do?" he said.

Fangman furiously retorted that the woman had not put herself into Pierce's bed, and that no matter what transpires between a man and a woman, as soon as a woman says no, consent is clearly withdrawn.

"Tim, I could be laying on top of you, and I say it's done, (after that) it's rape," she said.

The fact that some people are questioning the woman's veracity enrages some students.

"The first thing people say (in a date rape case) is, 'What did she do to get herself in that position, how did she provoke him?'" said Maureen McCartney, 20, a journalism major and resident of a sorority house where a number of young women are so angry that they are boycotting basketball games.

"The focus should be on making men understand what is and is not acceptable," said another sorority member, Via Osgood, 21, an English major.

And a shocking number of men at the school think it is acceptable to violate females, the sorority women said. Of the 55 members of two pledge classes at their house, Osgood said, she knows of 10 who have been raped. She knows of only one who contacted police, and that young woman did not press charges, Osgood said, because she was worried about her parents' reaction. Speaking a week after she initially gave that count, Osgood raised it. Another sorority sister, she said, had been raped and yet another had escaped after a young man with whom she was drinking in his room grabbed her by the hair and tried to pin her down.

"It's a serious epidemic," she said. "It's really demoralizing."

Student opinions about the Pierce case do not necessarily break along gender lines. There are women who say the young woman showed poor judgment by showing up at Pierce's apartment after drinking. She told police that she had three or four shots of rum and two mixed drinks over three hours.

"I feel there are certain behaviors where you need to be responsible for your own safety," said Kimberly Betton, 20, a premed student sitting in the student union. "You have to watch out about your drinking."

If a woman doesn't want to have sex, she said, she shouldn't get herself into situations where her judgment — or a man's — could be impaired.

And there are men who say that regardless of the circumstances or the woman's blood alcohol level, no means no — "no matter how far it's gone," specified political science major Matthew Wyatt, 19. "Just because she's taken her clothes off, she is not obligated to engage in sex. Everyone can change their mind, at any point."

But not all men feel that way, said another male student, Nam Nguyen, 21, a communications major. "If a girl told me to stop, I know I would," he said. "But I know a lot of guys out there who wouldn't take no for an answer."

"I think a lot of girls use (drinking) to justify their actions," said Liz Donovan, 19, a philosophy major sitting with friends in the student union. "There are cases in which a girl says, 'I feel bad for getting drunk and having sex last night, so I'm going to stick him with a rape charge.'"

Donovan and her friends ended up in heated conversation when roles.

Donovan insisted that a man should not necessarily expect sex even if a woman comes to his room and darts.

"That's ludicrous," argued David Haywood, 19. "Until she says we're not, I'm assuming we're having sex."

Shouldn't a woman be free to tease a man? Donovan asked. "No!" shouted Haywood and Marcus Banks, a 19-year-old business management major.

Some male students said the woman sometimes used mixed signals.

"She might tell you no, but she still might be leading you on," said Lee Gray, 20, a defensive lineman for the Iowa Hawkeyes. "She's touching me, looking at me in certain ways, doing certain things. It's hard to judge. It's confusing."

Women may be confused themselves, said Kimberly Betton.

"A lot of times, especially in college, women get into situations where they weren't planning to have sex, and they're feeling unsure," she said. "I think a lot of women come here unsure of themselves and the whole sexuality thing. I think they may say yes, but be unsure that they mean yes. It's very gray."

But gray turns to black the moment a woman says no, said the sorority women. The problem is neither alcohol nor misunderstandings, they said, but men who attack women, including ones who trusted the men as friends.

Women should be able to get

drunk without getting raped, the sorority sisters said.

"There is a cult of drinking on campuses, especially Big Ten campuses," McCartney said. "I don't think a culture of drinking should translate to a culture of rape. You should be able to go have a couple of drinks and be safe."

There is a double standard for sexual behavior, the sorority women contended. Men can pursue sex without criticism, but if a woman goes to a man's room and agrees to engage in some kind of sex, she is held partly responsible if the man then forces other sex acts on her.

"People are reverting to the idea that if women do anything, they're easy," Osgood said.

Amanda Mittelstadt, 21, opinions editor of the Daily Iowan, thinks outdated attitudes may feed into misunderstandings that can end up as date rape.

"The historical stereotype is that women are supposed to be hard to get, play coy," she said. "Men have been taught to believe that no means yes. ... Women can't just say, 'I want sex.' God forbid women have sexuality."

Phillip E. Jones, vice president for student services and dean of students at the University of Iowa, said the most common denominator in sexual attacks and sexual misunderstandings is abusive drinking.

"We're having situations where young women are putting themselves in difficult situations through alcohol abuse, or young men are playing them with alcohol" to the point where they are unable to give genuine consent, he said.

"And it's not just women's problem. We have guys who get so drunk that they don't know what they're doing," and engage in sex that they later regret, he said.

The Harvard School of Public Health 2001 College Alcohol Study found that 27 percent of UI students who drank in the past year engaged in unplanned sexual activity, he said. More than 31 percent of all UI students said they had experienced an unwanted sexual advance during the fall semester.

In the wake of the Pierce case, Iowa students are speaking more openly about date rape and sexual behavior. "I think it's helped to have people talk about it," said Mittelstadt.

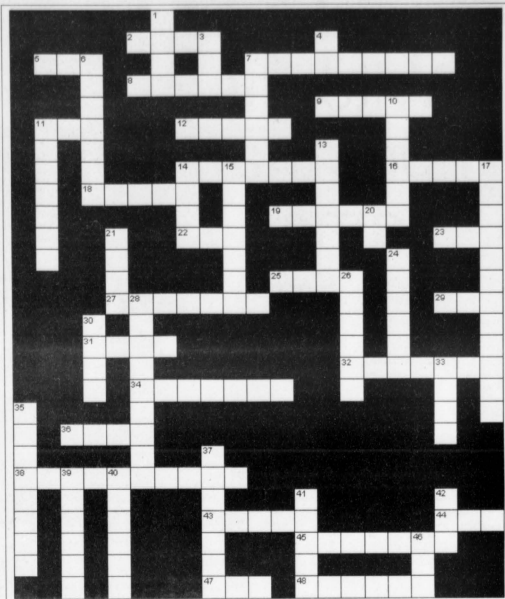
Outside an Iowa City bar, Fangman and Roling were far from an understanding. When Fangman said she considered Pierce an admitted rapist whose presence on campus was repugnant, Roling objected.

Pierce did not plead guilty to rape, Roling pointed out, but to the misdemeanor charge of assault causing injury.

"Assault with injury?" Fangman cried. "Have you ever had sex with a woman and caused injury?"

"Probably," Roling said, attempting a joke.

The conversation raged on. Fangman sighed. "We fight about this every day," she said.



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11. "Letter From a Birmingham Jail"
12. Grappling martial art
13. Human cloning co.
14. NKU student radical, "The Edge"
15. Cruise ship virus
17. Ex-Zap or Pow or Thrak
21. Suiyshi
24. Poet Khalil
28. S.G.A. pres. Katie
30. Pensacola server
33. Without slack
35. Dragon-like
37. Mushroom
39. Hexagrammed oracle
40. Clubby electronics
41. Microsoft spreadsheet app.
42. Graduate test
46. Action star Diesel

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2. Writer of "Letter From a Birmingham Jail"
5. Deep explanation of Homer
7. Bitterly seething, caustic
8. Car making NKU donor
9. Muslim shrine
11. Dance
12. Female intergalactic bounty hunter of Nintendo fame
14. Women's ball coach
16. Red/Yellowish brown wild dog
18. German painter and engraver
19. Romanized Chinese
22. Women's Movement org.
23. Unit of electrical resistance
25. Sculptor of NKU's "Box"
27. American linguist and political theorist
29. Progressive musician Brian
31. To cuckold
32. Aquatic mammal
34. Manager book "Love In the Time of ..."
36. Fencing sword
38. FBI domestic "counterintelligence" program
43. Latin for happy, fortunate
44. Whiskey grain
45. Plot, scheme
47. Paranoiac
48. Author Ursula K.

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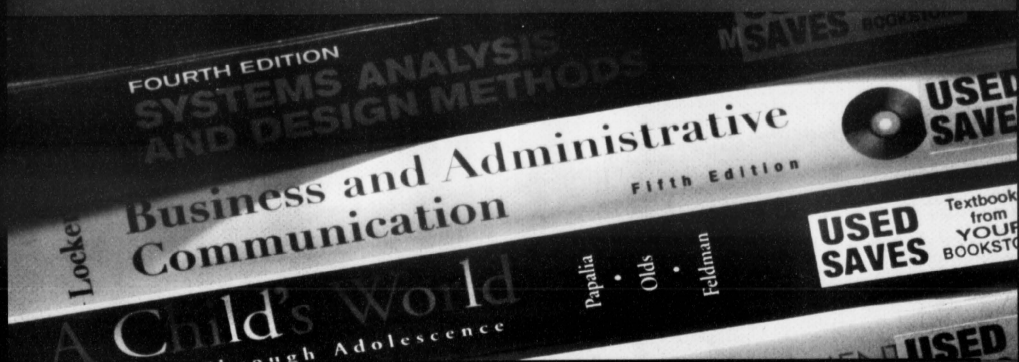
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