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Source: NKU Police Department

Suspect sketch released

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The University Police of Northern Kentucky University has released a computer generated composite sketch of a young man wanted for questioning in regards to harassing communications and attempted assault of a student.

According to Assistant Chief Lt. Col. Jeff Martin, the victim received harassing phone calls on their dorm telephone line. Later that same evening the victim was grabbed by what is believed to be the same young man while walking from one dorm to another.

The suspect is white, in his early 20s, has short brown hair and is from 6 to 6 feet 2 inches tall.

Anyone who recognizes the individual should contact the University Police at (859) 572-5500.

Hurricane relief effort under way

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Northern Kentucky University will be working in collaboration with six other local colleges in order to collect funds for the relief of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The NKU departments of Art, Music and Theater will host a Concert of Hope to help with fundraising for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

The concert begins at 11:50 a.m., Sept. 12 on the plaza between the Steely Library and Landrum Hall.

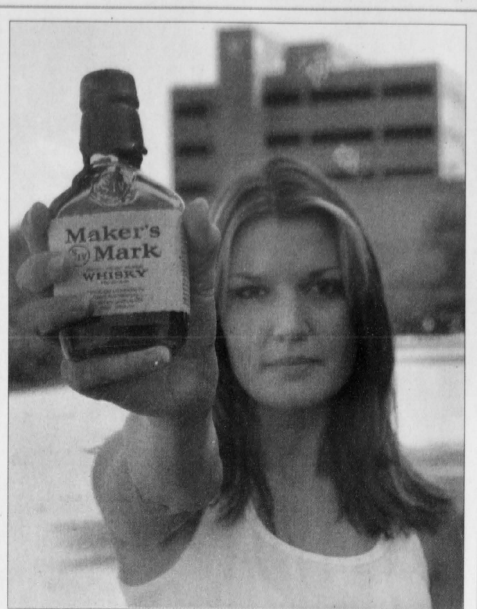
The 50-minute concert will feature NKU Chorus, the NKU Chamber Choir, the Vocal Jazz group, the Student Jazz Combo and the NKU Musical Theatre Troupe.

Under the direction of Dean of Students Kent Kelso, various student organizations will also provide a day of activities, food and fundraising events to immediately follow the concert.

All faculty and students are greatly encouraged to attend by administration members.

Though classes will not be canceled, Provost Gail Wells said, "If the inclusion of this event is appropriate for the content of a course held at noon on Monday, Sept. 12,

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"I feel students in college should be able to make independent decisions (about alcohol)," said junior graphic design major Jodi Kuley, above.

Harm reduction used to enforce dry campus

Alcohol NKU's 'worst public order problem'

By Joseph Szydlowski

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Northern Kentucky University has a zero-tolerance policy toward alcohol. Officers are told to arrest drunken students on sight, and drinking has always been prohibited on campus. In these regards, NKU seems like many other schools. But NKU differs in one major area. The university assumes that students will break its rules.

This controversial approach is based on the philosophy called Harm Reduction. Through harm reduction, several groups try to educate students on how to keep from hurting themselves and others while drinking, hoping to change these attitudes.

The philosophy centers on the idea that not everyone is ready to abstain from a vice. Thus, the philosophy holds that the best thing to do is to minimize the dangers associated with the behavior. For heroin users, not sharing needles is one approach. For sexually active people, it means using condoms.

Numerous approaches from this philosophy have been directed towards alcohol as well. But many disagree with the idea of harm reduction. Asa Hutchinson, director of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), said in a 2001 speech in London that she finds harm reduction "sells people short, sells hope short."

Some describe it as a Trojan horse for legalizing alcohol to minors. Others see harm reduction as encouraging alcohol use. Still others point out that abstinence is 100% effective at reducing the harms associated with alcohol.

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Nicole Jones/Photo Editor
The Fort Wright City Council named a museum in honor of NKU history Professor James Ramage.

Museum named after NKU professor

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Over 300 people from the Tri-state and beyond came to the Fort Wright Battery Hooper site Aug. 20 to witness the dedication of the museum and park to Dr. James A. Ramage. Ramage is a historian, teacher and an author specializing in Civil War studies.

He has been a full-time faculty member at Northern Kentucky University since 1972.

"The museum was being called The City of Fort Wright Battery Hooper Site Museum," Ramage said. "Then Larry Klein, the City Administrator, called and said he wanted to come see me in my office...he'd never been to my office before so I assumed we had a major problem. He came in and said: 'The mayor and city council want to name the museum after me.' I thought we already had a name and I never expected anything to be named after me," Ramage said. "It was overwhelming."

NKU President James Votruba, who is also a friend of Ramage, said, "It was appropriate that the museum be named after professor Ramage, one of our most distinguished faculty members and a noted Civil War historian. He reflects the finest qualities of an academic."

The museum has four major rooms. One displays mostly donated artifacts and items from the Civil War.

Another room is an observation of the history of Fort Wright. The third room is a timeline of the Civil War. And the last room is a model 1960s kitchen set up to honor the Storer family.

"We are doing 'pretty well,'" said Linda Hornsby, a volunteer for the museum, "considering we just opened and we've had at least 600 visitors and there were at least 300 people here on the weekend of the dedication."

The site was also recently featured in Smithsonian Magazine.

The property on which the museum was erected was donated to NKU by Fern Storer to create a scholarship in her and her husband's name.

President Votruba said the sixteen acres, which includes the Storer house and a Union Civil War battery site, was sold to the city of Fort Wright for \$750,000 in 2003 to create a park and museum, and to fund the Storer's Scholarship. Once a grant was approved, Ramage and his students began to work with Fort Wright to gather Civil War artifacts, to excavate, research and restore the battery.

"Being able to preserve these acres so close to the highway is just wonderful," Ramage said. The museum is located on Highland Avenue.

"I am so honored to have this museum named after me," Ramage said. "It represents the bravery of the soldiers in the Civil War and it is a model of cooperation."

Votruba thanks Davis for securing connector road funds

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Mike Mastandrea/Photographer
Davis speaks in Otto Budig Theater on Sept. 2.

Visiting Congressman Geoff Davis asked the small crowd assembled in Otto Budig Theater on Sept. 2 how much money a university president needs. "All of it!" several voices shouted in unison. "A little bit more," Davis said.

That's always been true for Northern Kentucky University.

As the youngest university in the state of Kentucky, NKU has always struggled to gain monetary means for campus improvements.

Davis is trying to change that. He was on campus to accept thanks for his involvement in securing the funds needed to build a connector road from the AAA-275 high-

way. Davis named Senator Jim Bunning as one who had considerable influence in securing the funds for the connector road. "If you ever hear anyone say 'I did this,' cast him out of your fellowship and stone him," Davis said.

NKU President James Votruba thanked Davis personally. "This new connector road will help make our campus a safer place and provide the type of campus environment that every top-notch university should have," he said.

Student Government

President Jen Perry also addressed Davis.

"Student Government presidents long before me were asked by students to do something about the pedestrian vehicle conflict on campus," she said. Perry believes that the conflict was addressed by the speed bumps, but not solved. What was needed, she said, was a new road in order to create a better college environment.

"Congressman, your work will allow this to happen and our students appreciate it," Perry said.

Elected in November 2004, Davis represents Kentucky's 4th District. Davis sits on the Armed Services Committee with assignments on the Subcommittee on Terrorism, and the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces. He also sits on the Financial Services Committee with assignments on the Subcommittee on Terrorism, and the Subcommittee for Oversight and Investigations.

Alcohol

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Support on campus for the idea of harm reduction is strong even though, as NKU Counselor Karen Bolte admits, harm reduction is not effective at changing most students' behaviors. Instead, treatment centers educate students on the dangers of alcohol, instead of scaring them into quitting.

"Education is the key to being able to make a good decision," said Bolte. "I provide them with education, but they have to make the choice."

NKU psychology professor, Dr. Perliou Goddard, shares Bolte's concern and philosophy. She notes that freshmen are the most vulnerable to the dangers of alcohol. Drinking to become very drunk, or binge-drinking, is most common among first-year students.

Many freshmen see getting completely wasted as cool and the ability to hold one's liquor as a badge of honor. This, Bolte said, represents tolerance, a key indicator of alcoholism. For them, and many parents, drinking is almost a right of passage.

Some believe that making alcohol legal for 18-year-olds may help alleviate this problem. Goddard is torn on the idea of lowering the drinking age. She admits that evidence exists proving that raising the drinking age lowers DUIs. But that causes other concerns.

One reason why freshmen drink so irresponsibly, she proposed, is because it is driven underground. She noted that in public areas,

such as restaurants, few drink to become drunk. She fears that because students do not drink in these open environments with mature adults, they have to learn to control themselves on their own.

No one, she remarked, teaches freshmen how to enjoy drinking without getting drunk. Instead, students have to find out on their own. Goddard knows that although NKU fully supports the program and many others, some people believe that anything that does not condemn alcohol use condones it. These people say just don't drink.

"Just say no' doesn't work," Goddard said.

Bolte agreed, noting that if students keep abstinance, they stop listening. Her work, based entirely on research, is to do whatever she can to prevent the problems associated with alcohol, such as alcohol poisoning and DUI deaths.

NKU's Department of Public Safety has seen fights, sexual assault, general disorder and disorderly conduct come from drunken students. "When people are under the influence of alcohol, they do things they wouldn't dream of otherwise," said Lt. Col. Jeff Martin of DPS.

Each year 600,000 students are assaulted by someone under the influence, according to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The American Council on Drug Education reports that nine out of every 10 college rapes occur while either the rapist or victim is under the influence.

Martin views alcohol as NKU's "worst public order problem," and said that drinking "shouldn't be here."

Goddard notes that NKU's policy as a dry campus extends not only to students but to faculty as well. But this does not stop drinking here, nor at any other dry campus at which she has worked.

However, she added that most students outgrow the habit of binge drinking.

"I see a difference between the freshmen of my drug policy class and the seniors regarding alcohol," Goddard said.

But some students are not so fortunate. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse, 31 percent of college students showed the signs of alcohol abuse. Though most abuse alcohol for a variety of reasons, ranging from trying to fit in to coping with stress.

Some drink merely for pleasure and some keep abusing it. They begin to abuse it more often, joining the 6 percent of college students who are alcohol dependent. Bolte remarked that they start to show signs of alcoholism, including tolerance, loss of appetite and weight, school and work problems and depression. Despite the destruction wreaked by alcohol in their personal lives,

alcoholics keep drinking, usually to avoid the painful withdrawal.

NKU's counseling services cannot treat those who have become addicted with this disease, but Bolte does offer guidance.

She offers the Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory, or SASSI, a test that gauges a student's drinking habits, and compares them to those of the student's peers. It shows exactly how normal, or in the case of alcoholics, how abnormal their drinking habits are.

a very difficult task for drinkers to find out on their own.

"They're getting a very biased view by hanging out with other drinkers," Goddard said.

Goddard feels the SASSI method would probably work best. And, for Bolte, it has had some emotional results, causing one student to burst into tears when she found out how abnormal her drinking was.

Most of Bolte's work is directed toward alcohol abusers by using Harm Reduction. One of her harm reduction programs, called Choices, centers on teaching students how to drink responsibly rather than riskily. It presents ideas and sound facts to students, such as the blood alcohol

level per number of drinks a student has had, allowing them to make smart choices when they drink.

But, ultimately, what transpires is out of her hands. She still has to remind undergraduate participants throughout the exercise that drinking is illegal.

Bolte presents another program to all University 101 students. Named Alcohol Awareness, it follows the same idea as Choices, but uses different methods. Bolte takes the class to the computer labs where they use the program Alcohol 101+ to go through and make decisions about drinking by placing them in various situations. Some students, she said, find it very interesting. Others, however, don't. One described its boredom being nearly indistinguishable from class. Another did not even remember the hair color of the presenter.

But Bolte is not the only one using the idea of harm reduction to teach students about drinking. Goddard has gone to the University 101 classes, giving them her own lesson about drinking. In that, she focuses on giving students ideas on how to drink safely. Goddard also has students give large group presentations about the risks of alcohol and how to reduce them.

DPS also presents its own form of harm reduction, but it's far more intimidating.

One method has officers give a warning to both parents and students during freshman orientation.

Their goal, as Martin pointed out, is to teach incom-

ing students and their parents a very simple lesson about getting caught with alcohol and its consequences: "If you screw up, this is what will happen."

Other less threatening methods include a DUI car where students navigate a golf cart through a simple series of cones. The catch, however, is that they have to wear beer goggles that depict levels of intoxication. Few students succeed.

Martin also mentioned that DPS gives a rape assault defense class, teaching women to fight off would be attackers or rapists, hoping to prevent some of the rapes or sexual assaults that occur while a person is under the influence. However, DPS's main method of eliminating alcohol abuse on campus is through eliminating alcohol on campus. DPS trains its officers to deal with alcohol-related incidents such as drunk driving, a crime that 2.1 million students committed last year across the United States.

Martin doesn't consider alcohol a problem, though, if used responsibly. Describing the many ramifications he has seen over his 30 year career as a police officer, Martin said, "I'm not opposed to it as a matter of principle. I'm opposed to it because of what I've seen."

"Drinking is more fun when you limit yourself," Goddard said.

Hurricane

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the faculty member may choose to make attendance at the noon event a class assignment. If it is not disruptive of the class, faculty members are encouraged to permit attendance of those students who are involved in the performances or who express an interest in participating in the event."

Receptacles for financial donations will also be available for stu-

dents to donate cash to help with the Red Cross's relief efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

While Congressman Geoff Davis was visiting campus on Sept. 2, he spoke at length on the devastation in the effected states. "(Hurricane Katrina) is probably the largest disaster to ever befall the United States as far as scope," Davis said. "It's a disaster of biblical propor-

tion."

Davis opened the floor to questions from students.

One student asked Davis why the government response to the hurricane wasn't quicker, and commented that the response to the tsunami seemed more urgent.

"The sense of urgency is far greater than that of the tsunami," Davis said. "(New Orleans) was actually

declared a disaster area before the storm even hit."

NKU President James Votruba also commented on the relief effort.

"The day is gone, I think, when we can distance ourselves and think that it won't impact us," he said.

"We grieve for the lives lost and the people suffering because of this catastrophic force of nature, and offer our sympathy to those impact-

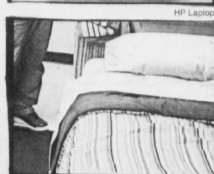
ed directly or indirectly by this tragedy," Votruba said in an email.

The six colleges that NKU is working in collaboration with are: Xavier University, the University of Cincinnati, Thomas More College, of Mount St. Joseph, Gateway Technical and Community College, and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

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New Orleans begins to 'turn the corner'

By Erika Boistad, Sarah Bahari
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NEW ORLEANS — As floodwaters slowly receded Tuesday and many bodies surfaced and many more are expected, even as a new tropical threat lurked offshore. But some shafts of light split the grim Gulf Coast reality.

First, the shadow: A storm developing just off Florida's east coast could strike as a hurricane by this weekend, threatening to further tax a nation already overwhelmed by disaster.

Next, the light: Officials in New Orleans and some other affected areas said water finally began to flow out, relief supplies finally flowed in, order began to be restored, and — here and

there even a hint of normalcy began to sprout.

In Washington, President Bush acknowledged the withering criticism of his administration's initial response to Hurricane Katrina, said he would lead an investigation into the failures and vowed to build on the progress that emerged in recent days.

"This administration is not going to rest," Bush said, "until every life is saved, until every family is reconnected, until the recovery is complete."

The administration will seek \$40 billion to \$50 billion for the next phase of storm relief, according to Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada, who said the

federal share ultimately could reach \$150 billion.

Katrina will dominate Congress "for the foreseeable future," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Forecasters said the new system, which could become Tropical Storm Ophelia on Wednesday, posed no immediate danger to New Orleans or the rest of the region bulldozed last week by Hurricane Katrina.

But they couldn't rule out the possibility that, like Katrina, it would cross Florida, enter the Gulf of Mexico and veer toward the already ravaged upper Gulf Coast. Even if it tracked outside the region, it could drain already depleted U.S. emergency-response capacities.

Some neighborhoods in New Orleans dried out Tuesday, but 60 percent of the city remained underwater and

more hints emerged of horrors ahead.

In the Lower Ninth Ward, where the search for bodies and survivors intensified, Bill Moore, an urban search-and-rescue expert, said he saw "a handful of bodies, and I'm a guy who's had minimal time in the water."

"This is a thousand times worse than I expected," said Moore, who has 30 years of experience. "It's just disgusting."

Patricia Kelly, 41, camped on the porch of a nearby beauty-and-barber shop, waiting to learn if her relatives had been found.

"Family members are scattered all around," she said. "I hope they're alive. I just have to believe in the Lord."

As many as 50 of the 1,700 police officers on the New Orleans force remain unaccounted for eight days after

Katrina. It's unclear whether those officers perished in the storm, are stranded somewhere in the city still without communication or have deserted the force.

"I'm very worried about them," said Police Superintendent Eddie Compass.

"I love my men and women in uniform. They're like my sheep. I'm their shepherd."

A day after he raised the possibility of 10,000 deaths, Mayor Ray Nagin again spoke in dire terms.

In nearby Jefferson Parish, firefighters used the pumps on their fire engines to suck in the floodwaters to use against the fires.

Nagin again insisted that all remaining residents leave immediately.

"There's a health risk," he said. "There are toxins in the water. There are gas leaks where we may have explo-

sions."

He said three weeks would pass before the waters fully recede. Debris removal and power restoration will take even longer.

But several streams of good news also appeared, and Nagin said he had a sense that the city had begun to "turn the corner."

"We are starting to see some significant progress," he said. "I'm starting to see rays of light all throughout what we're doing."

With a major breach in the levee repaired and two main pumping stations back in operation, more water poured out of the city, and authorities said they had restored order among the relative few who remained in a city that 10 days ago resounded with 485,000 people.

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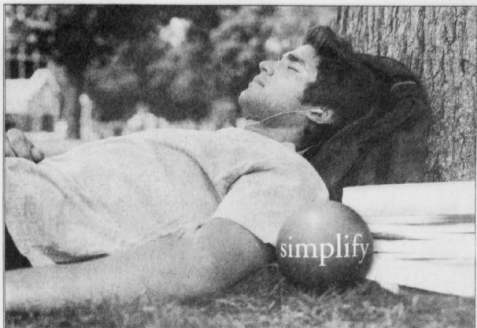
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Who's To BLAME?



Hurricane Katrina evacuees from the Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, arrive by the busload at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, Texas, Sept. 3.

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The Issue: Hurricane Katrina relief

Point: Mayor, governor failed to take advice from

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On Aug. 26, a hurricane near the tip of Florida took a wide right turn and headed into New Orleans. Non-stop media coverage of Hurricane Katrina since that point has brought us pictures and stories of the city of New Orleans. Contrary to most media coverage, the federal government is not to blame; the mayor and the governor are the ones

who let the people of that city down.

According to a Sept. 2 Reuters report, more than 40 federal, state, local and volunteer organizations participated in a five-day simulation code-named "Hurricane Pam" in July 2004. In this scenario, these organizations were faced with an imaginary storm that hit New Orleans and forced the evacuation of a million residents.

How was New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin unprepared for this?

If Nagin cared so much about his people, he wouldn't have waited until Aug. 28 to issue a mandatory evacuation order. The Bush administration wanted the order to be issued earlier.

Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco shares some of the blame as well. According to a Sept. 4 Washington Post report, the Bush administration sent Blanco a proposed legal memorandum Sept. 2 asking her to request a federal takeover of the evacuation of New Orleans. Bush's offer, however, was rejected.

So before people continue blaming President Bush, they should take a look at the local and state officials – both Democrats – who decided not to follow his requests.

My prayers are with the people of New Orleans. Their local leaders failed them, and they paid the price.

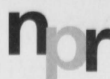


main purpose of the Army Corps of Engineers is to protect and maintain the coastal waterways and shorelines from natural disasters. So why, considering the advanced notice of increased hurricane activity would the president be willing to place the safety of millions in America in jeopardy?

Once again, the president failed to address these issues in a timely manner, instead he chose to visit the disaster-stricken areas days – not hours – after Hurricane Katrina hit. We know the response was slow. We know information was hard to come by. People were dying, deserted and left without basic human necessities. Isn't it amazing that just hours after President Bush visited the region relief seemed to arrive? Coincidence?

I think not. It sounds like another incident of Karl Rove and poll-bolstering tactics to hide the fact that the government was crippled under this president's administration.

We have all heard the stories and the cries for action, yet the president chose to wait. He chose not to show force until the force was already in motion. What took so long, Mr. President? Your party controls congress, it controls FEMA and it ultimately controls the aid. How many people must die before you realize the impact of your actions?



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 Amanda Davidson and
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Do you think
 alcohol is a problem
 on campus?



Donna Darpel
 Freshman,
 communications

"No, I haven't really seen it around at all."



David Marshall
 Senior, journalism

"People drink everywhere and people don't drink excess here compared to everywhere else."



Ashley Ross
 Freshman,
 art and photography

"I'm not a drinker so I wouldn't really know and neither are my roommates. It's not a really big deal on campus."



Prashanta Acharya
 Senior,
 business administration

"It's problem on campus I've seen so many people drinking...and doing whatever they want."



Natalie Simpson
 Junior,
 Speech communication

"From what I've seen (on campus), I haven't seen anything wrong."



Patrick Haskins
 Junior

"I've only been here a matter of four days so..."

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sports scene

Tough season looms for Bengals

The NFL season kicks off on Thursday with the prime time match up of the New England Patriots versus the Oakland Raiders. Locally, optimism is riding high with the Cincinnati Bengals as they hope to break their playoff hiatus. Here are the top ten story lines that will affect the Bengals' season and determine if they finally reach the playoffs.

1. Nationally televised games. After having two nationally televised games last year, the Bengals get to appear on national television only once this season. On October 9th, they head to Jacksonville to take on the Jaguars in a Sunday Night Football game on ESPN. They will have to play good in this game if they want to get back to playing in prime time on a regular basis.

2. The Bengals' wide receivers. TJ Houshmandzadeh and Kelley Washington will have to step up big this season after the release of Peter Warrick. It is given that Chad Johnson will be double teamed a lot this season. These two and the rest of the receivers will have to step up in order for the Bengals to have a successful season.

3. The Bengals' defense. Under new defensive coordinator Chuck Bresnahan, the defense will need to improve after finishing last year as the 19th ranked defense in the league. The season ending injury to safety Kim Herring hurts but second year safety Madiou Williams is poised for a breakout year.

4. The Bengals' offensive line. Anchored by tackle Willie Anderson, this group needs to play tough and open up some holes to give running back Rudi Johnson room to rack up some yards.

5. Rudi Johnson. As he begins his fifth season with the team he will have to be a viable option for Palmer if the receiver's coverage falters.

6. Crucial away games. In addition to the Sunday night game in Jacksonville, the Bengals face tough road games against the Titans, Chiefs, and the Lions.

7. Marvin Lewis. This season will be the third for the Bengals. After two seasons guiding the team to an 8-8 record, he looks to break this record and finally achieve his first winning season as a head coach.

8. The 12th man: The crowd at Paul Brown Stadium. Home games against the Packers, Colts, Vikings, and divisional opponents loom for the Bengals. When the Steelers come to town on December 4th, the hope is that Bengals' fans won't let the Steelers and their fans make Paul Brown Stadium look like Heinz Field West by using their terrible towels.

9. Chad Johnson. The two time Pro Bowler will have to fight off the defensive backs and catch some highlight reel passes for the team this year.

10. Carson Palmer. He will have to be reliable in the pocket and improve his mobility so the team will be successful.

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Men, women ready to run

Norse Cross Country teams train for upcoming seasons



Senior Greaham Niemer and the men's cross country team look to out run their tough competition.

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With their toughest schedule ever attempted, this season looks to strengthen the Norse Cross Country. This season will not only toughen them for the Great Lakes Valley Conference and the NCAA Regionals but also for next season.

The Norse opened their season Sept. 3 in Dayton, Ohio at the Dayton Flyer Invitational. The invitational is a Division I 5000 meters meet.

"We're just as ready as the Division I guys," coach Steve Kruse said. "We'll give them a race, it'll be a lot of fun to watch."

After facing Division I teams the Norse will host their own meet, the Norse Invitational, on Sept. 9th in Alexandria, Ky.

"Our second meet, which is our home meet, will seem a lot easier. We're expecting a very small turn out for that," Kruse said.

The men's seniors Greaham Niemer and Danny Kramer will be expected to lead the team this season. Kruse says they trained together during the summer and are determined to improve their last season finishes. Niemer placed an 18th finish and Kramer finished 35th at the conference meet.

The men also welcome back the GLVC Freshman of the Year, Keith

Knapp. Knapp, who finished 11th in the conference meet, will play a big part in the top five.

For most part our men's team has prepared very well this summer, good distance pace and that's all we've really been doing," Kruse said.

It's not the same story for women who have some injury problems.

"Our women are not quite ready," Kruse said. "We've got a couple girls who did a fantastic job over the summer but it's not going to be enough for a total situation."

A major set back for the women is Norse's top runner Tracy Carskaddon's injury. Kruse believes Carskaddon will be participating at the Dayton Flyer Invitational.

Last season Carskaddon earned All-Conference and All-Region honors and led the team with two individual race victories.

The women's other senior captain Lisa Sand, who Kruse says has much improved over the summer, finished 46th at the conference championships last season. Kruse says both the men and women have recruited talented freshman to help this season and in the future.

"I believe we will do better in our conference meet as well as the regional meet this year," Kruse said.

NFL kicks off the 2005 season

Teams look to make it to Detroit, dethrone Patriots as champs

By Sam McClanahan

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The 2005 NFL season kicks off this weekend and gridiron fans all over the country are filled with anticipation with what promises to be yet another fantastic season.

Before we can look forward, we must first look back at an interesting off-season that saw many transactions and events occur to kept fan interest at a peak.

Perhaps the biggest player move was the Oakland Raiders' acquisition of controversial wide receiver Randy Moss.

Moss will now start over in a new regime and will try to resurrect a Raider franchise that has fallen off drastically over the past two years.

Speaking of controversy, pro sports most infamous pot smoker Ricky Williams has returned to the Miami Dolphins.

Williams, who left the team last year due to a lack of desire, has found a new spark. The saga that is on the on-again,

off-again relationship between Donovan McNabb and Terrell Owens hit new heights during the off-season as well. Owens, who is trying to work out a new contract agreement, had become so much of a distraction during practices, Philadelphia Eagles head coach Andy Reid told Owens to hit the road for a week.

During that time Owens lashed out against anyone and everyone who he feels is against him including McNabb.

McNabb on the other hand, had tried to downplay the situation in front of the media, but one can't help but wonder what goes on behind the closed doors of the Eagles locker room.

Tragedies of another form also transpired during the off-season. Teddy Bruschi, the heart and soul of the New England Patriots defense, suffered a mild stroke in February, and will sit out the entire season. Bruschi, 31, has indicated that he will be back in 2006, but his prowess on the field and his presence off the field will be

sorely missed by the defending Super Bowl champion.

The San Francisco 49ers are also recovering from tragedy, after the untimely death of rookie offensive lineman Thomas Herrion.

Herrion collapsed after a pre-season game with the Oakland Raiders, and died a shortly later at a local hospital.

The biggest question of the 2005 season will be if anyone can stop New England. The Patriots face a tough schedule this season and will have a large target on their backs, but don't expect that to stop Tom Brady and company; they will be no doubt be there in the end.

Posing a threats in the AFC are the high-powered offenses of the Colts, (with reigning MVP Peyton Manning), the Kansas City Chiefs with a healthy Priest Holmes, the Steelers and Ben Roethlisberger, and the ever tenacious Baltimore Ravens led by all-pro linebacker Ray Lewis.

It will be interesting to see where the Cincinnati Bengals

will fit into the mix. 3rd year head coach Marvin Lewis should be near the top of their division this season, but keep an eye on how well quarterback Dante Culpepper functions without Randy Moss.

In the NFC West, look for a two-team battle between St. Louis and Seattle, but watch out for Arizona, that's right, the Cardinals possess many skilled young players on their team led by wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald, and if Kurt Warner can find his touch again, don't be surprised to see the Cardinals near the 500 mark.

Perhaps the biggest sleeper team in all of football this season will be Carolina.

After nearly winning the Super Bowl two years ago, the Panthers were devastated by injuries last season, but are now healthy and ready to return to the playoffs led by ultra-motivated quarterback Jake Delhomme.

With the pre-season now in the books, it is time for the real show to begin, and this football can't wait to see how it all unfolds.

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northernlife

Full house can't beat the flush of students

By Rich Shivenor
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Students' demand for campus housing at Northern Kentucky University reached an all-time high this fall.

With all 1,396 beds occupied, Kentucky Hall, Commonwealth Hall, Norse Hall, Woodcrest Hall and the University Suites all have no vacancies.

"We had about 1,321 students last year and this year we were completely at our capacity," said Matt Brown, the director of university housing.

Students who sent their housing applications in early were guaranteed a spot. Those from local parts of town who waited until the last second faced trouble.

"The last three weeks leading up to opening, we had to prioritize late contracts by geography," Brown said. "We were using our last handful of spaces to accommodate students who were walking in from Cleveland or Louisville or Western Kentucky that really had no option of commuting."

Brown and the housing staff had to consider international students who needed to stay on campus. With the vacancy issues, some students had to

room temporarily with resident assistants in Kentucky Hall and Commonwealth.

Hall Director Bethany Kilgore said the group of RAs hardly complained about the situation, especially Kentucky Hall RA Pat Reynolds. Bummed at first about sharing a room, he said, Reynolds bonded with his new roommate.

"Fortunately, our schedules were pretty much the same so we got along at the same time. He was a cool dude, we got along really well," he said. "I told Bethany that I didn't want him to move out. I'd rather have someone here to hang out with ... but I always leave my door open."

Even though housing did some reconfiguring, some students are still on a waiting list. Brown is advocating the construction of a new residential hall.

"NKU is seriously exploring what options are available down the road to provide some additional beds," he said. "It's a really complex process and involves multiple departments and vice presidents, but (the university) is starting to have that discussion."

Until then, Brown said he and housing will continue to manage their occupancy as best as they can.



Nicole Jones/Photo Editor
This year's demand for housing inspired ideas to expand the residential housing area.

The Fashion Spot
with Regan Coomer

Regan Coomer/Photographer

Students throughout campus can be found sporting the flip-flop trend.

NKU students flip for flops

Flip-flops are no longer just for the beach or the shower; they're now being worn at the White House! The Northwestern University's national champion women's lacrosse team caused a nation wide controversy in late July when some of the team members wore flip-flops to meet President George W. Bush.

Whether complete with kitten heels, jewels, sequins or flowers, the average person's flip-flops have come a long way from just ho-hum beachwear. These fancier types, as well as the old, have made a huge appearance on Northern Kentucky University's campus the last couple of weeks, and you can count on seeing them for many weeks to come. This reporter predicts flip-flops will be the fashion staple on campus at least until the end of October.

However, this popularity of such a simple type of footwear begs the question, "Why flip-flops?"

First of all, flip-flops are cheap. You can never have too many pairs of flip-flops. An average shopper in an average town is sure to find many pairs of flip-flops under \$10. For those with limited means (like college students), flip-flops provide a wallet-friendly alternative to having more variety in the wardrobe without shelling out mass bucks. An added bonus is the fact that when a pair of flops wears out, it's not a problem. Just throw them out and buy a new pair.

Secondly, flip-flops are comfortable. A person can slip them on in an instant and head out the door—no tying of laces required. Flip-flops provide an alternative to other feet-killing footwear like high heels, boots and mules. Though high heels look classy and sophisticated, the stylish wearer may be the victim of blisters and aching feet more often than not.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, flip-flops have become stylish. In the past couple of years, more styles and variations of the flip-flop have appeared in stores than ever before. Flip-flops in a rainbow of colors (red, orange, turquoise, pink, orange, gold and silver to name a few) making it easy for the fashion savvy to accessorize flip-flops with any ensemble. Also, flip-flops have been outfitted with "bling" this season. Flamboyant flip-flops decorated with jewels, beads, flowers, sequins and anklets have been seen everywhere around campus.

It would not be wrong to say that flip-flops are more popular than ever before. In fact, according to Amanda Fortini of Slate.com, "There are now so many flip-flops in the world that discarded rubber thongs wash up by the thousands on the shores of Australia's Cocos and Keeling Islands."

Although summer vacation is over, the reign of flip-flops is not, and flip-flop fans can still pick them up just about anywhere in the Tri-state.

For basic color and style, retail stores like Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Old Navy still have a good selection of flip-flops that have been marked down significantly in the last few weeks. For those who like the fancier side of footwear, flip-flops can also be picked up at summer clearance prices at The Gap, Charlotte Russe, American Eagle and Payless.



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— Amanda Fortini, Slate.com

Students to celebrate latin culture, heritage

NKU kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month on Sept. 17

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Reggae and salsa music will ring out as Northern Kentucky University's celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month dances into full swing with a Reggaeton Party Sept. 17. The dance is one of many campus events recognizing the culture and contributions of the United States' fastest growing minority.

Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 thousands of people across the country will celebrate Hispanic culture. Los Angeles, the city with the largest Hispanic population outside of Latin America, will kick-off NHHM with a gathering on the steps of City Hall. The event will commemorate Mexico's Independence Day on Sept. 15.

In Cincinnati, Su Casa Hispanic Ministries will start the festivities early with Hispanic Fest 2005 on Sept. 9 and 10 at the Hamilton Country Fairgrounds. NKU will have its own kick off reception Sept. 16 to begin a month of activities and events designed to celebrate the Latino culture on campus.

The focal point of this

year's events will be Christina Garcia, acclaimed author of "Dreaming in Cuban," who will lecture Oct. 7 in Graves Concert Hall. She's the first Cuban-born speaker to lecture at NKU.

"She's a great speaker who truly enjoys talking to college students because this is the perfect place to convey her vision of what America is like and her journey as an immigrant," said Leo Calderon, director of Latino Student Affairs.

The Latino Student Union y Amigos, a campus organization, is also very involved in NHHM. It's sponsoring the Reggaeton Party and invited representatives from neighboring universities and high schools.

"This year will be a lot different than last, because this year we're trying to incorporate both the campus and the community to bring more educational awareness about Hispanic culture," said Christina Garrett, LSU y Amigos treasurer and social chair.

Melissa Roman, president of the LSU y Amigos, agrees and hopes that NHHM will "take away the stereotypes about other cultures, as well

as helping international students practice their English."

The group is hoping that some of the NHHM events bring attention to 9-year-old Lupita Velasco Zacarias. A native of Guatemala, she suffers from spina bifida, a birth defect that causes Lupita's feet and legs to severely twist out of position. She's receiving therapy at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

LSU y Amigos is paying for her distance calls to her family in Guatemala and the installation of her telephone. A booth will be set up at the Reggaeton Party for anyone interested in donating.

While cases like Zacarias' spotlight humanitarian needs, the focal point of NKU's NHHM is cultural diversity.

"If you provide students with opportunities like these, it validates our rich Latino heritage," Calderon said. He hopes that NKU "will continue leading efforts by celebrating and embracing multiculturalism."

Garrett agrees. "It is all about multiculturalism," she said. "We have to recognize that even though we all have differences, we're all very much the same."

Montreal Comedy Festival. He also won "Best Stand-Up" at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival and the 15th annual Seattle International Stand-Up Comedy Competition. NKU's Activities Programming Board is sponsoring the free event.

CampusCalendar

Wednesday

- Student Organization Rally from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the UC Plaza. Swing by to find out what student organizations are all about.

Thursday

- Comedian Tom Cotter performing at 8 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Admission and appetizers are free.

Friday

- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority 7th annual "Klozing Da Gaps" Fashion Show at 7:20 p.m. and an after party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the UC Ballroom. Admission is \$5. Proceeds go to the Sickle Cell Awareness group of Greater Cincinnati.

- Cultura LATINA Social from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in UC 303.

Saturday

- NKU volleyball v. Mars Hill at 9 a.m. in Charleston, W. Va.

Sunday

- Week-long residency begins for performer Susan Mullins and playwright Diane Glancy. They will be speaking to several theatre classes throughout the week.

Monday

- Economics club meeting from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in BEP 461. Movie Osamu will be shown.

- Apollo auditions begin. Contact the BUS or APB for appointment.

Tuesday

- Freestyle Battle from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the UC TV Lounge. Admission free.

To place an event, contact Regan Coomer at 859.572.5859 or bring a flyer to The Northerner in UC 203.

National act to come to NKU

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Comedian Tom Cotter will perform Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. in Northern Kentucky University's University Center ballroom.

Comedy fans might recognize Cotter from his half hour special on Comedy Central or

his appearances on television shows such as Premium Blend and the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. According to his Web site, tomcotter.com, Cotter has a "high energy rapid-fire style of comedy."

He was selected to perform in "Best of the Fest" at the



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THE TOP FIVE
 WEEKEND
 COUNTDOWN
 WITH **NKU**
Rich Shiverer

5. Party it up German style at Oktoberfest in Mainstrasse Friday through Sunday.

4. Maybe you didn't blow all your money on books. Evita, a Broadway musical about Argentine politics, hit the Aronoff this week. Tickets range from \$25 and \$75.

3. Krinj and Sweet Ray Laurel play the Southgate House this Friday. Look for the familiar faces since both bands feature NKU students. Tickets are \$54.

2. The NKU women's soccer team pummeled Concord 7 to 1 this past Friday. See if they can do the same to Kentucky Wesleyan this Friday.

1. An unfinished life, starring Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Lopez and Robert Redford, opens Sept. It's a story about single motherhood.

To suggest a weekend countdown item, email Rich at shiverer@nku.edu

artsentertainment

DiFranco to take hiatus

By Chuck Myers
 Knight Ridder News Service

The music has concluded, and the guitar retired to its stand.

Cheering from an audience of several thousand in the outdoor theater gradually subsided.

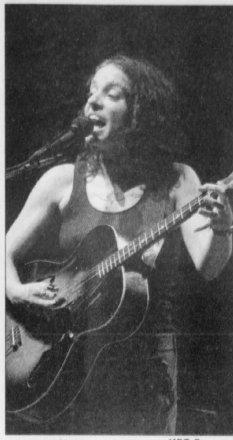
With a chorus of humming cicadas and chirping crickets providing a rhythmic backdrop, Ani DiFranco stands alone at center stage, and begins to recite "Grand Canyon," her poetic piece about the essence of feminism, human dignity and patriotism.

It's a moment flash with sublime atmosphere—and one put on temporary hold until 2006.

In July, severe tendonitis in her hands forced DiFranco to cancel her remaining four dates in 2005, and step away from the road to allow her strained finger tendons and ligaments to heal. Yet, the decision hardly means DiFranco will quietly retire from view. If anything, time away from live gigs will allow her to expand her artistic and activist interests, release recordings of her live sets through the Internet and, naturally, make more new music.

"Other projects, other projects—there's just a myriad of ideas of that come along," DiFranco says of her hiatus from the road. "Everything from going out to my friend Utah Phillips' house and making another record with him to activist work or all kinds, and branching out and exercising different forms of creativity. You sort of become a one-trick pony after a while out on the road."

An indefatigable creative spirit, DiFranco has produced 15 albums in as many years, accompanied by countless live performances. Her creative arc has gone from a folk-y singer style in the early '90s to a stylistically expansive sonic palette, and then back to her folk roots. She approaches her art with an unflinching honesty and her music is as much



Ani DiFranco performs at Wolf Trap in Vienna, Va., on July 26, 2005.

about resiliency and redemption as it is about painful truths.

"I've always agreed with Woody Guthrie that a song should uplift," the 34-year-old DiFranco says. "But sometimes I have a back-handed way of accomplishing that. But that's exactly what the purpose that my music serves for myself. I guess, is to celebrate the good things, but also move through the dark places into something else."

The Fix

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Actor **Johnny Depp** attended an explosive funeral recently, according to OK! Magazine. The funeral was that of **Hunter S. Thompson**, whom Depp played in the movie adaptation of Hunter's novel "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas." Hunter committed suicide last February and his cremated remains were fired out of a cannon shaped like a fist during the funeral proceedings. Let's hope nobody was caught in the crossfire!

Pop Starlet **Britney Spears** apparently loves the geographical name trend set by notables like **Victoria "Posh Spice" Beckham** who named her son "Brooklyn." According to MSN.com, Britney's baby is due to arrive sometime in the next few weeks, and she loves the name "London" for a boy—that's supposedly where she and husband **Kevin Federline** first hooked up. This lovely moment, is actually captured in their documentary "Chaotic," a production better left on the cutting room floor than shown on national TV. There are some things you just don't want to know.

And while we're on the subject of London, actress **Michelle Pfeiffer** was car jacked while shopping in that merry old city, according to The London Daily Mirror. Supposedly, assailants surrounded Pfeiffer's Range Rover while one man jumped in the car and drove off. Despite this dramatic picture, Pfeiffer's representative denies her presence during the incident, saying only that her hired help was driving the vehicle. Her spokesperson told The New York Post that "she was just glad no one got hurt." I'm sure the traumatized "hired help" appreciates her concern.

A new tribute to the late **Beatle John Lennon** opened on Broadway last week, according to OK! Magazine. Lennon: The Musical was performed with widow **Yoko Ono's** blessing, and son Sean Lennon attended the opening night performance. Singer **Liza Minnelli** was also in attendance. The production incorporates nine different actors playing Lennon, four of whom are women—Ono is thrilled with the result!

Rapper uses past to inspire career

By Brett O'Bourke
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Miami rapper **Smitty** does indeed have—as advertised on his much-rotated single—diamonds on his neck.

Build like a pit bull, all shoulders and sinew, he is slouched on an overstuffed couch in a lounge at North Miami's Circle House studios.

The mid-morning sun slides in through a small window and dances on the coaster-sized, encrusted medallion hanging from his thick neck.

"This is the biggest hip-hop studio in Miami," Smitty said. "They used to not even let me in here."

But that was before he started writing for Dr. Dre and Diddy, before he signed with J Records and put together an album featuring the likes of **Swizz Beatz**, **Timbaland**, **Kanye West**, **John Legend** and **Scarface**.

Before the Biggie-sampled

single, "Diamonds On My Neck," dropped in May and became one of the hits of Memorial Day weekend, catapulting Smitty into Miami's hip-hop consciousness.

"It's a good time right now," he said. "I've been out on the road a lot traveling, being out there in the clubs and things ... The record will be out in September, so it's nice to be home for a little while and relax."

Home is the cracked concrete of Little Haiti. The 25-year-old rapper (born Varick Smith) said he has two younger sisters and two brothers, raised by a mother who works in billing at Broward General Medical Center, and a father who he says has been in and out of jail.

"I call it the beautiful struggle. Even though we didn't have the best family environment, we were loved people. Being on welfare with a parent on drugs, growing up in Little Haiti taught me independence. It gave me the edge

to brush my shoulders off."

Smitty said hanging out on the street freestyling gave him a place to be and the outlet he needed to stay out of major trouble.

In 1997, he started getting serious about rapping while in college at Florida A&M in Tallahassee.

"I got into school, luckily," he said with a grin. "I saw my whole world open up. When I got to Tall, I thought this is good, but I've gotten this far. I might as well go farther."

The summer after his sophomore year, he and a friend decided to drive out to L.A. in his friend's beat-up '91 Nissan Stanza, to try and make inroads into the rap game.

It didn't take long for Smitty to find work. A contact hooked him up with a meeting at Will Smith's Overbrook Entertainment, where he got some work writing rhymes for some of its artists.

But his first big break came while stalking Dr. Dre on the

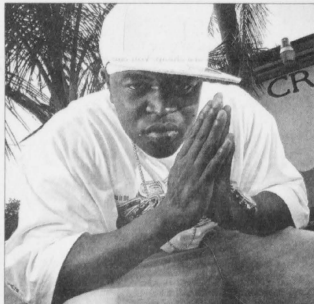
set of the 2001 movie "The Wash."

"I waited all day and all night for him," Smitty said. "Finally, he came over and I just started spitting for him, the kind of stuff I figured he wanted to hear. Two weeks later, I was writing for him for the 'Truth Hurts' album."

After he penned Hollywood for the sound track for "The Wash," Smitty said he and Dre talked about a recording contract but nothing solid ever came from it.

A few months later, another stalking—this time Diddy doing an appearance on Jay Leno—landed Smitty another writing job.

"I told him I don't want to sign, I just want to write for Bad Boy Records," Smitty said. "He gave me a song to work on and I went home and wrote six or seven verses. I don't even remember if they were hot, but the next thing I know I'm staying in Puffy's penthouse on Broadway, writing



Rapper Smitty

ing for Bad Boy."

At Circle House, Smitty has slouched so far into the couch he is practically lying on his back.

He tilted his head back and stares up at the ceiling, enjoying the relative peace of the moment and contemplating

his next moves.

"I want to go to Little Haiti what Biggie did for Brooklyn and Outkast did for Atlanta," Smitty said. "I may or may not be the voice of Miami but I'm one of the voices. And I'm pretty loud right now."

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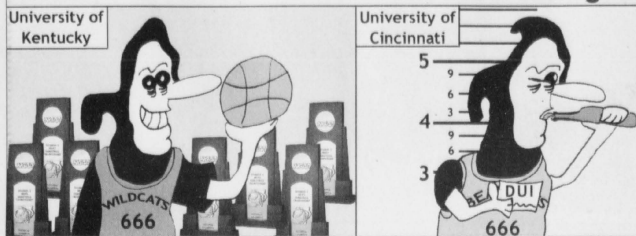
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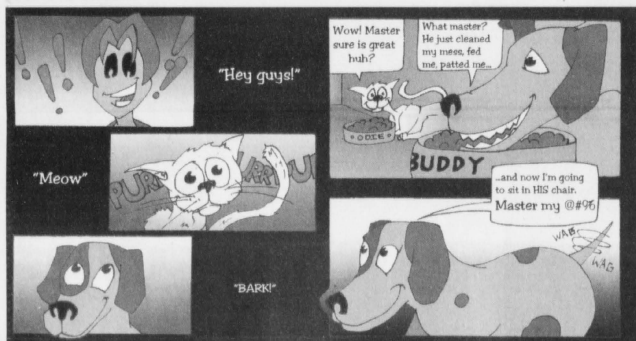
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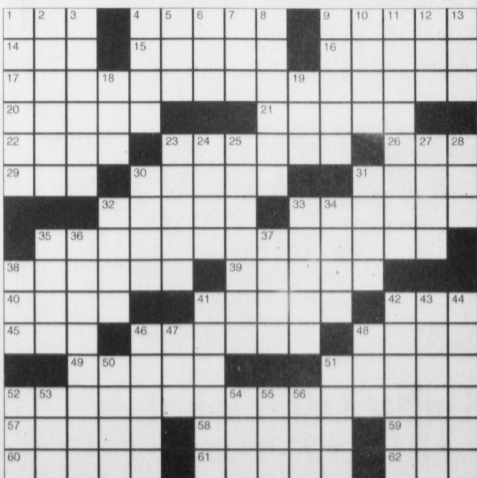
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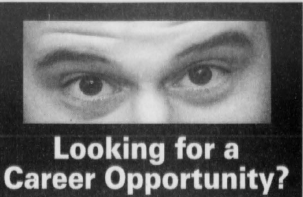
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Across		49	Recto's opposite	27	Itemize
1	Sch. near Harvard	51	Medicinal shrub	28	New GI
4	Highland plant	52	Had a mishap at the sewing shop?	30	Der __ (Adenauer)
9	Keyboard comic			31	Elevator man?
	Victor	57	Exposes	32	Mother of Horus
14	Docs' group	58	Olds model	33	Daisy relative
15	Bonehead	59	Min. fraction	34	Those folk
16	Stay away from	60	Storage box	35	Turner of "Madame X"
17	Had a mishap in the supermarket?	61	Cut corners	36	Indiscriminate consumer
		62	Either part of a fly?		
Down		1	Squashed	37	Rani's dress
2	School collar	2	Attribute	38	Poorly lit
23	Seventh planet	3	Tux adjuster	41	Hilo hellos
26	Camera letters	4	Hodges and Gerard	42	Most rational
29	Aachen article	5	Grand poem	43	Artistic subdivisions
30	Battery terminal	6	Freed	44	Stupefied state
31	Of the ear	7	Drunkard	46	Brittany port
32	Homeric epic	8	Fuel ingredient	47	NYC hrs.
33	Bear witness	9	Hot tomatoes?	48	Wager
35	Had a mishap at the laundry?	10	Hot box	50	Earns with great effort
38	Photographer Parer	11	Car with a rumble seat	51	Halt
39	Archibald and Thurmond	12	Rummy call	52	U.K. channel
40	Traveler's stops	13	O'Neill and Sullivan	53	Team cheer
41	Relevant: Lat. E. Bilko or J. Friday	18	PC group	54	Rockies grazer
42	... tai cocktail	19	Aussie bird	55	Louvre Pyramid designer
45	Old Chevy model	23	Alliance	56	Limb
46	1934-35 Heavy-weight champ	24	Jeffers' "___ Stallion"		
48		25	Book supplements		



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