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At www.halloween-online.com you can extend the holiday to a year-long event. In addition to getting the chance to chat with the mistress of the dark herself, Elvira, you can learn costume techniques and get pumpkin carving tips. Also, get Halloween news.

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Partly Cloudy



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At the dialogue, campus faculty and student leaders gathered to discuss the different racism issues that are facing NKU's campus.

Students bring topics to the table to work on solutions to racism

By Shelly Conrad
Staff Reporter

A Student Dialogue On Race was held Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Baptist Student Center.

The dialogue was in conjunction with Diversity Week (Oct. 18-23) and President Clinton's National Initiative.

This event was sponsored by the Office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs, Students Together Against Racism (STAR), Student Government Association, Baptist Student Union, The Office of African American, Student Affairs and Ethnic Services, The Office of International Student Affairs, The Women's Center, Black United Students and Residential Life.

Director of African American Studies Dr. Michael Washington, who facilitated the dialogue, said that programs sponsored by student organizations such as this, that address issues related to race-relations and anti-racism forums, will encourage diversity among students here at Northern Kentucky University.

A Student Dialogue On Race was made up of one faculty member, Dr. Yasue Kuwahara, and a panel of student leaders: Jorge Marciano, Greg Walker, Anna Weaver, Elizabeth Spencer, Aaron Carter, Lilian Olenbo, and Leah Ann Schroder, who discussed ways in which racism affects NKU.

Each of the students on the panel were introduced individually and stated the topics that they wanted

addressed.

The topics ranged from international students lack of knowledge about race, colorism among sororities and fraternities, to stereotypical views towards black organizations and lack of funding for them, and the labeling of different racial backgrounds.

One of the main topics of discussion was African American faculty recruitment and retention.

Dr. Washington agrees that NKU provides good opportunity for African American students to get an education, but he also feels that African-American faculty recruitment and retention would help.

"African American students often

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Parental advisory Campus drinking may cause a surprise

By Carrie M. Eppler
Assistant News Editor

College students under the age of 21 caught drinking on campus maybe in for a surprise when the school makes a call home to their parents.

Congress amended federal confidentiality laws to give universities the option of telling parents when students under 21 violate campus rules on alcohol. Northern Kentucky University is debating whether or not to develop a policy where parents would be notified. "We're still exploring the issue," said William Lamb, dean of students. "Our goal is to help the person. The circumstance would dictate whether contact would be helpful."

Some area colleges have already begun implementing this policy. Western Kentucky University students were given a sheet at orientation authorizing the school to send parents a form letter if their students

their parent."

Tom Moorman, a 20 year-old sophomore, agrees. Before he attended NKU, Moorman attended Wilmington College where he said the school didn't call parents unless a student was caught several times. "When you are 18 you should be mature enough to handle problems yourself and not rely on your parents."

Director of Public Safety Department, Don L. McKenzie said there is an average of one to two students per weekend caught drinking underage or otherwise. "We see less because of the zero tolerance policy on campus," said McKenzie. He said the school would decide whether or not parents should be called. "We're still going to follow the legal law," said McKenzie.

Nathan Lee, a 23-year-old freshman thinks if you're under 21 caught drinking the problem should be handled legally. "You're an adult. You

make decisions on your own whether good or bad," said Lee. "You should face the consequences of the law."

The policy raises questions such as how parents will be notified and what kind of follow-up will there be said Cheryl Fitzpatrick, coordinator of health education. "This policy could prevent a major problem from developing," said Fitzpatrick.



Study hall crashes

By Jason Criser
Staff Reporter

Two years ago two Northern Kentucky University professors designed and made available an online study hall. Over the past year, the upkeep of the online study hall has become the job of academic computing. Since the changing of hands, some of the study hall's options have crashed and become unavailable to professors and students.

The online study hall, created by professors Rudy Gams and Dave Adams, was intended to allow professors to have web pages online for their classes, Gams said. The program, a student oriented portfolio of high-tech instructional applications, allowed professors to post information, syllabi and course related web pages on a page accessible through NKU's home page, Gams said.

Gams said "Sophia" gave professors an opportunity to have online chat rooms, tests and homework assignments. Sophia's web pages require no previous experience in designing web pages, Gams said. Professors use pre-designed tem-

plates, which are online, to create web pages with the options and information they want available and displayed for their students, Gams said.

Gams said he has seen the study hall go from being an interactive web program for students and teachers to a place where information can only be posted. The chat room and capabilities to test or do homework online have "crashed" and become unavailable since academic computing began maintaining Sophia. Gams said he and Adams envisioned a more personal and interactive program.

Adams left NKU and is now a professor at Macon State College in Ga. Adams said over the past year he has been able to "build the software" for creating "web-enhanced" courses with full support of [Macon State].

Adams said he didn't think his and Gams plans would have worked even if he hadn't left.

"I found it rather stifling trying to get technological things done with the head-butting going on between Administrative Computing and

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Before and after...



Chris Heydari/The Northerner

This werewolf has his make-up put on and when ready scares patrons of the USS Nightmare on the Covington Landing. More Halloween insight on pages 4 and 5.

STD's on the rise, testing advised

By Teresa Geoplinger
Staff Reporter

This 1998 study researched by the Northern Kentucky Independent Health Department shows that 722 men and women from the ages 15-24 contracted an Sexually Transmitted Disease. In 1997 the total number from the same ages was 464. Boone County, Campbell County, Grant County and Kenton County are the areas involved in the study.

Shirley Fledderjohn, R. N. of Northern Kentucky University's Health Department suggests getting screened before having an intimate relationship with anyone. "STD's have an incubation period, meaning they do not show up right away," says Fledderjohn.

Some STD's like herpes can lay

dormant for two days up to two weeks. Others such as genital warts do not show up for one to three months.

"Screening is very important because any STD can lead to fatal diseases such as Cervical Cancer and pelvic inflammatory disease. STD's can also cause sterility," says Fledderjohn.

There is no medication that will prevent STD's. According to Fledderjohn there are ways to help prevent them other than abstinence, such as, safe sex by using condoms. NKU's Health Department does provide condoms with spermicide.

A female with chlamydia who chose to remain anonymous said, "STD's can happen to anyone."

She did not know she had the disease until her doctor diagnosed her with pelvic inflammatory disease.

"I had no symptoms, such as, discharge, bleeding from my vagina between periods, or pain when I went to the bathroom [urinated]," she said. "I woke up with a terrible pain in my lower abdomen and went to the doctor."

Symptoms for chlamydia in men are watery, white or yellow drip from the penis, burning or pain when urinating and excessive irritation.

Having pelvic inflammatory disease can cause sterility, but she says she has no regrets because she trusted and cared for him. "He didn't give it [chlamydia] to me on purpose. He is a carrier and did not know it," she said.

Men can also become sterile, as well as, have excessive scrotal swelling.

The female grew up with the man

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The online study hall was originally designed to be interactive but recently some of the attributes of the program have been crashing.

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DIALOGUE: Students speak out on issues

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come from working class backgrounds and sometimes segregated urban schools, he said, and may not be as equipped academically and socially to succeed in this environment. There is not always enough black faculty in various departments that can be a source of encouragement to these students."

STAR Vice President Aaron Carter is a transfer student from Clark-Atlanta, a predominantly black university, and he can relate to not having enough faculty of his own race to identify with.

"While I attended Clark, I just felt more comfortable with how I related with faculty and staff as a student than the feelings I get being at NKU. If there were more African American professors then the climate would be more comfortable."

Another issue that was brought up by Leah Ann Schroeder, from the Residential Hall Association was the problem of segregation.

She pointed out that Residential Hall Association tries to purposely put students of different races together as roommates to eliminate students segregating.

Dr. Washington does not view students of the same race sticking together as a problem. "The problem is the way people see this, said Dr. Washington especially when those individuals are particularly the only one or two students in their classes of that race. They are interacting with students of another race most of the time and during relaxation

they hook up with one another."

Senior Crystal Collins does not have a problem with being roommates with people of other races but feels students should have a choice.

"I had two different incidents of dealing with non-African American roommates. The first time, my roommate's parents were not too fond of black people. I walked into the room and her father said to me, 'You're not her roommate are you?' I felt like crap and I immediately got a room change. Now I feel to prevent someone else from getting their feelings crushed because of their color, it should be asked if you prefer a certain roommate. However, it is good to have roommates from another ethnicity. My current roommate is from Munich, Germany. I thank God she is not racist and she is wonderful. Not knowing the ethnic background of a roommate could be like pouring gasoline into a fire."

After the panel presented they're topics, the floor had a chance to interact with the panelists. Another major discussion was the stereotypical views of minority organizations on campus.

Lillian Theta Sorority Incorporated, wanted to make aware that just because a particular event is sponsored by a minority organization, that it does not mean that white students cannot attend, says that all people on campus are welcome.

The president of the Black Women's Organization took a stand on that issue and

said that every time "black" is mentioned in association with an organization, white people feel excluded and that is not true, she said.

After interaction with the panelist, students and faculty who attended the dialogue, broke into small groups according to the color of their agenda sheet.

Those small group facilitators were Crystal Collins, Angela Johnson, Imani Baloyi, Margie Wise, Mandy Bley, and Joseph Brown.

Each small group discussed further in depth the issues brought up by the panelists, and then brought all of their ideas together in a large group feedback session which concluded the dialogue.

Several students who attended the dialogue were not just there because they were in an organization who helped sponsor this event, but were there to show support. Senior Joseph Brown who is a white student says, "I honestly believe in the empowerment of minorities on this campus, this is the only way to convince the white majority that they must treat all people equally."

Some students did not just see it as a black and white issue, but as a multicultural issues as well.

Robyn Granger, who is a senior who represents



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Small group discussions were one component of the Student Dialogue on Race held at the BSU Oct. 20. The groups discussed topics such as institutionalized racism and the perceptions of international students. The group pictured was led by STAR secretary Margie Wise.

the Student Anthropology Association said. "Anthropology is supposed to help with human differences she said, like in understanding and in teaching culture. I am also here to support the international students as a friend."

Director of the office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs, Cheryl Nunez said, "I think the first step to repairing the racial divide is to begin to talk about and acknowledge the multiple perspectives on the topic. It is my hope, though that this is only the beginning what will come out of the dialogue will be suggestions which lead to action plans to build a truly inclusive campus

community."

To conclude the dialogue, a list of ideas was formed as potential future dialogue discussions in hopes to come up with solutions. Those ideas included:

- minority student retention goals
- international student orientation on race
- ways of combating racism
- faculty diversity
- initiative for organizations who are predominantly white to recruit more students of other races

The major goal of the dialogue was to get students to make an overall commitment to continue the dialogue on race.

An officer was dispatched to the Kentucky Hall's bathrooms where, upon arrival, it was discovered someone defecated and dispersed human excrement all over one of the stalls. The officer concluded the suspect locked the door and climbed over the top, leaving the human excrement locked inside. The officer also noticed someone took a piece of gum and pasted a sarcastic poem on the front of the door. The custodial staff was contacted to rid the bathroom of the excrements.

D.P.S. was dispatched to BEP because of a reported missing computer. Upon

D.P.S. REPORTS

arrival, the officer said the professor who reported the theft stated he left his new Macintosh computer on his desk when he left the evening before. When he entered his office the following morning, he said the computer was missing. The computer was delivered two days before. The officer determined there were no damages or marks that would suggest a break in. The professor said he had locked

his office door before leaving the night before.

An officer was dispatched to a student dorm room. A woman said she had received many harassing phone calls from an anonymous person. While the officer was there investigating the situation, another call from the suspect was answered. The woman picked up the phone and said this person was saying harassing remarks to her again. The officer asked to speak to the suspect. The suspect began saying harassing remarks to the officer. The officer then identified himself. The suspect immediately hung up the phone.

More parking coming soon

By Susan Schumacher
Staff Reporter

A landfill site at Northern Kentucky University will soon become a new parking lot behind lot M. said Ron Young, Superintendent of Grounds and Transport Services.

Young said the goal for completion of the new parking lot is spring 1999 and will provide about 200 additional parking spaces.

Ira Brock, said the project was started in December of 1998 and the project is being delayed because the blueprints are not completed.

"The weather will also be considered as to when the project will be finished," Brock said.

Young said a storm drain had to be installed and it will be a gravel lot. "The lot is over 85,000 cubic yards of fill," said Young. The fill was from the new stadium currently being built in Cincinnati,

Ohio.

Jason Largent, an undeclared freshman, said parking is a problem at NKU and thinks a new parking lot will help.

"My first class is at 11 a.m. and I spend about 10-15 minutes looking for a parking space. I leave early and sometimes I am still late for class," Largent said.

Young said, so far the project has cost around \$100,000 just for the fill and it is unsure how much the total project will cost.

Regents winners Schneider, Mulkey, Nutini receive awards for their efforts

By Dan Sullivan
Staff reporter

The Regents Distinguished Service Awards were presented at a staff appreciation banquet on Oct. 15.

Diana Schneider, Betty Mulkey, and Michael Nutini each received a plaque and \$1000.

Mulkey said that receiving the award was a very emotional experience, and the nomination letters from students were especially touching.

One student said of Mulkey, "She is not only a great friend and adviser to students, she is also guardian of the values of college life and the image of the university."

"It brought tears to my eyes," Mulkey said. "It makes you feel good about what you do."

Schneider agreed, "To see the nomination forms with the encouraging words and support from your colleagues is rejuvenating."

Although this award goes to an individual, earning it requires a team effort, said Mulkey.

"We don't do anything alone," Mulkey said. "I owe a lot of thanks to a lot of people who have helped."

Schneider won in the Office/Clerical category. She is the primary organizer of the Faculty/Staff Follies, Chili Fest, and the Holiday Dance, all of which raise funds for the Northern Kentucky University Benevolent Association. Schneider also participates in and promotes the Annual Women's Athletics Walk, coordinates the Recreation Department's Brighton Center Christmas Project, and assists the Wellness Coordinator with the Health Issues Day. She is an administrative secretary and has been at NKU for 10 years.

Mulkey won the award in the Professional category. During her 10 years at NKU she has worked to grow the Greek organizations on campus, and she has also

helped establish several new honor societies. Many of Mulkey's nomination letters mentioned her great enthusiasm and encouragement. A group of students wrote that Mulkey is human and loving to student's emotional needs. They described that quality as a key asset.

Nutini won in the Service-Maintenance-Skilled/Crafts-Technical/Scientific category. He began at NKU as an officer and later was promoted to sergeant. He has been with NKU for six years, and he has literally been a life-saver.

In 1997 he was awarded a medal of commendation for saving the life of a seizure victim, and he has been involved in other life-saving incidents during his career. Nutini has never had a sick day during his time at NKU. One of Nutini's nomination letters stated "He is always pleasant and absolutely committed to the students. Our residential students all know him by name."

ATTENTION Writers & Artists

The Licking River Review, NKU's nationally acclaimed journal of literature and art is currently accepting submissions of poetry, fiction, short drama and art for its 1999-2000 issue.

Please limit submissions to: 5 poems (75 lines), 1 short story (500-6200 words) or 1 one-act play (20 pages). Artwork should reproduce well in black and white in a vertical format and be submitted by slide or good quality photo.

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By Anna Weaver
Editor in Chief

Virtual shopping, virtual romances, virtual universities. Cybersex, cyberbating, cyberdating.

Pretty soon we're going to be cybersleeping in our virtual beds and e-mailing our synthesized coffee to ourselves.

It's no doubt that the Internet is taking over as the number one way to communicate and do business.

To people who aren't comfortable with the cyberworld yet, it can be pretty intimidating.

But for those of us who have learned to surf along on the information super highway, life can be pretty convenient on the web.

For communications outlets, the Internet has become the next frontier in getting news out to people. Not having a website is almost like not having a telephone these days. It's just a must-have resource.

For newspapers, the Internet has opened up a great opportunity for readers to interact with the media.

For example, our very own *Northerner* has embarked where no *Northerner* has been before; to dot com status.

Although this is still in the works, the current www.nku.edu/~northerner will soon become www.thenortherner.com. I'm pretty

excited about this.

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But even with the endless online possibilities, nothing will ever replace the traditional newspaper completely.

After all, what else would keep your hair dry on a rainy day?



The artist of "The Box" (the lovely piece of art which resides in the middle of campus) speaks on his behalf.

No respect for article

Dear Editor,

I am writing concerning the article written in Oct. 13 issue of the *Northerner* entitled "Re-s-p-e-c-t to show you what you mean to me."

First off I do want to start by agreeing in your view that the stereotype of men being "jerks" and other derogatory terms has been labeled by society. That view is evident everywhere, even in the media.

However, there is a major conflict in your article that I strongly disagree with and believe that most guys on campus believe the same way. In the last paragraph you stated, "Maybe I am just old-fashioned, or just a die-hard romantic, but I can't believe that I am the only guy that still respects women." My friend, you are not the only guy left on campus that still respects women. Believe it or not there are number of guys which still do respect women a great deal. To utterly come out and say that you

are the only guy that still respects the women on campus is totally bogus and disrespectful in it's own right.

You also said in your article that you do not use pick-up lines. In my view that whole last paragraph and most of the last sentences recalled was nothing but half a page of a pick-up lines. If you read the article you will notice in the 19th paragraph of the article you said you were happy that men shared your concern by attending the Women's Center, yet still in the last paragraph you had the audacity to say you are the only guy left on campus that still respects women.

I write this not defending only myself but for the other guys on campus I know that make many sacrifices for the women they are dating to show them the respect that they deserve. To come out and say that you are the only guy left is completely uncalled for and definitely needs to be revoked.

Joshua "Andy" McComas

Assistance denied to offenders

Montana Kaimin (U. Montana)

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. — Imagine a party at a local campus to celebrate good SAT scores with your high school friends.

A patrol car pulls up and you are busted for 12 pack and a couple of joints on the picnic table. You can kiss your plan to attend college that fall goodbye thanks to the Higher Education Act passed last spring. (Can you believe the name of the act?)

Federal Financial Aid will be denied one year for one offense, two years for two offenses and indefinitely for three or more busts.

While the law itself is deplorable, I was especially ashamed of the support expressed for it by UM staff in the Sept. 14 headline article in the Kaimin. As a grateful recipient of Federal

money for college, I certainly understand why the Financial Aid and faculty members quoted in the article may have been reluctant to bite the hand that feeds them. Never the less, the law is harmful and hypocritical.

What can we possibly gain by denying someone convicted of drug possession or sales an education?

In my opinion the pursuit of a degree demonstrates a desire to become a contributing member of society. Would not drug dealing, which often leads to incarceration, be an all-too-likely fate of those rejected by the authorities? Which type of education is more cost effective and beneficial, that received in educational or penal institutions?

The same people rejected by our government for smoking a joint at age 17 may well be on legally prescribed mood-altering pharmaceu-

tical drugs. I know students on Ritalin, Valium, Zoloft, Prozac, Prednisone and other mood altering and potentially dangerous and addictive drugs.

I would be surprised in none of the UM staff quoted in the article has never tried drugs classified as illegal. Oliver North and the Iran-Contra affair revealed that our government has traded drugs for hostages and guns to further our foreign policy goals.

I expect that future generations will be able to look back on our war on drugs and wonder how we could have avoided addressing the underlying reasons for drug abuse for so long while financial empires directed our national policies.

A less optimistic prediction, articulated by writer and consciousness explorer Aldus Huxley, is of law-abiding populace mediated into submission by the cor-

porate/Federal state.

The same Kaimin article also highlighted the misguided priorities of Campus Security by its arrest of 64 students for drug violations last year, the majority involving marijuana.

Such a charge would put a degree out of reach for me. Those students with means, such as those that George W. Bush enjoyed, would be free to continue on. You don't have to be in the School of Law to lose a discrimination suit here.

Like most people, I prefer to get high on life without the aid of mood altering substances. Fighting injustice is a rush. Go for it.

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NORTH POLL

What are you going to be for Halloween?

Patricia Record

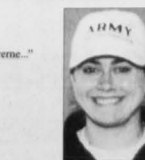
Biology
Alexandria
"I'm going to be a clown, because that's what I want to be when I grow up!"

Prince Ellis

Finance
Ghana, West Africa
"This Halloween, I'm going to party! I might even go trick-or-treating. [If I go] I'll dress up as 'Spiderman.'"

Jaime Cooke

Communications
Amelia, Ohio
"I'm going to be Laverne..."



Tony Hiser

Theatre
Cincinnati
"Well, I haven't decided yet, but it will probably be pretty lame!"

Jonathan Hart

Theatre/Art
Frankfurt
"I'm going to be a belly dancer, because I enjoy my stomach!"

Jessica Steckmiester

Nursing
Long Island, N.Y.
"...and I'm going to be Shirley!"

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National Coming Out Day was Oct. 11.

"The Grey Ghost" Story materializes after 10 years

By Carrie Eppler
Assistant News Editor

This time of year there's a lot of talk about ghosts. But the ghost being talked about at Northern Kentucky University is the Gray Ghost.

Regents Professor of History Dr. James A. Ramage's new book, "Gray Ghost: The Life of Col. John Singleton Mosby," has hit the shelves. The book explores the life of John Singleton Mosby, who was a colonel in the Confederate Army, and nicknamed for his ability to sneak behind enemy lines undetected.

Research for the book took 10 years and covered more than six states. "The main challenge was to stay with it. To think that I'm not near the end and I've worked on it eight years and I still have no telling how much longer to go," said Ramage. "I never did get discouraged because I knew I had a lot of information and it would be exciting when it was complete."

The book is filled with anecdotes that show Mosby's character and personality. Ramage tells the legend of how Mosby was able to fool the Union army. "He would go behind the lines at night disguised as a farmer or beggar. One night he went into Washington dressed as a Union officer and had dinner with a real Union officer. The Union man asked Mosby to spend the night with him in his room and Mosby accepted. The next morning he rose at dawn and left a note on the bureau, 'thank you for the hospitality, you

just spent the night with Mosby," said Ramage.

Legends in the North described Mosby as a fearsome character. "In reality Mosby was a small man, 5 feet 8 inches tall, thin with light brown hair," said Ramage. "But in legend in the North he was reported to be over 6 feet tall and huge. With a black beard, black eyes and black hair with two revolvers in his belt and waving a saber. After the war in the North, mothers threatened their children with the words 'hush child, Mosby will get you,'" said Ramage.

Dr. Ramage is busy with the popularity of his new book. "Gray Ghost" has sold out of its first printing of 3,000 copies with a second printing in progress. He was recently seen on C-SPAN 2's "Book TV," and has been traveling to several book fairs and book signings.

"I'm very honored when someone wants my signature," said Ramage. Gray Ghost was chosen as the alternate selection of the History Book Club. William C. Davis said in his book review, "Mosby may still remain the Gray Ghost in myth and memory, but Ramage's biography puts flesh and bones on the spirit, giving tangible and comprehensible form to a little man who cast a giant shadow." Ramage also wrote an article on Mosby in the national magazine "North & South."

The professor did not always have the

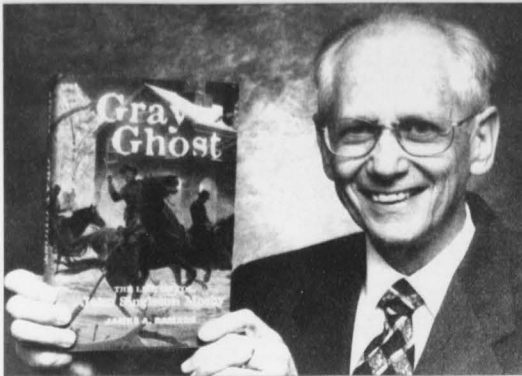


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Northern Kentucky University professor James Ramage proudly displays his book about Confederate army spy John Singleton Mosby, the Gray Ghost.

enthusiasm for history that he has now. "I hated it [history] in high school. I hated it with a passion," said Ramage.

He actually didn't discover his appreciation of history until he joined the Airforce at the age of 18. At 19, he was stationed in

Okinawa, Japan, operating a radio on the ground. "I had extra time, so I went to the little base library and learned, to my total surprise, that I enjoyed reading Civil War books," said Ramage. "I decided to make my hobby my career." Unlike his passion for his

story, the professor knew by seventh grade that he would be a teacher.

Since Ramage was raised on a farm, he always assumed that he would be an agriculture teacher. When he discovered his love of history his plans changed. He received his bachelor's degree in history at Murray State University and finished his Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Ramage has been a professor at NKU for 28 years.

He began working as Dr. Steely's assistant before joining the faculty full time.

With the success of his book Ramage still manages to find time to be the faculty adviser for the award winning Alpha Beta Phi, the history honor society on campus. "I am very proud of the students and their accomplishments," said Ramage.

In addition to the chapter being honored, Ramage also received the best faculty adviser award. The members of Alpha Beta Phi appreciate all the time and effort he gives to their organization.

"He hasn't slowed down," said Brian Puddy, the organization's president.

"He does a phenomenal job. Most advisors are low key but he's not afraid to do the work. He makes my job a lot easier."

Even though Dr. Ramage has a busy schedule, the history club is important to him and he still has time for his students.

Area colleges haunted

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

Most college students have a great deal of school spirit, but some remain faithful to their alma mater even after they are deceased.

Many schools in Ohio and Kentucky have reported "ghostly" or "haunted" behavior on their campuses.

Faculty and staff at Northern Kentucky University have reported for several years that strange things happen late at night in Landrum Academic Center.

Dr. Charlotte Neely, professor of anthropology, said she has witnessed some rather "spooky" behavior while working late at night.

"Elevators open and shut, although no one is there," Neely said.

There have also been reports that doors in Nunn Hall opened by themselves late at night.

Robert Thompson, self-proclaimed psychic and psychometrist, said that there are a lot of Indian spirits in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area.

Chris Woodyard, author of the Haunted Ohio book series, also said there are lots of Indian spirits in the area. Woodyard said she has seen hundreds of ghosts.

"Every single college seems to have a story about a student who was disappointed in love and hung themselves," she said.

She said the accounts she has made

in her books are about actual ghosts. In many of the cases, she has gone to the college and seen the ghost herself.

According to Steve Boone, assistant professor of theatre at Bowling Green State University, Alice is the name of a ghost in the university's theatre department.

"Sometimes they reserve a seat for the ghost and sometimes they see her," he said.

Boone said people in the department seem to believe if they don't invite Alice she will cause something to go wrong with the production.

Woodyard said she was an actress that was killed during a performance or was killed when she came back to receive an award.

Woodyard said she was in the theatre on one occasion when "Alice" struck and made the computer system crash suddenly. According to Woodyard, they had forgotten to invite Alice.

She said that Alice isn't the only ghost that lurks around Bowling Green's campus.

Woodyard said there was a student who wanted to pledge in a sorority and she was killed by a train before she was able to pledge.

According to Woodyard's book, Haunted Ohio, "In every house composite photo, a blank spot is left, labeled Amanda. Amanda was inadvertently left out of the 1986-87 composite; that photo routinely falls off the wall."

Woodyard said ghosts hang around

for different reasons. She said one of the most common reasons someone returns as a ghost is they died suddenly or violently, or if they have unfinished business to do.

"And sometimes they don't know they are dead," Woodyard said. Pennsylvania psychic, Kayrol Kirkpatrick said ghosts often are not at peace because they have left something unsaid or undone.

Woodyard said that contrary to what movies portray, ghosts are usually not bad, but there can be exceptions to the rule.

"If you were a good person, you will probably be a good ghost. If you were bad, death isn't going to improve you any," Woodyard said.

C. Millburn a student at Western Kentucky University said that while watching the scene with the comet in the movie "Mommie Dearest," she heard a voice telling her to clean the bathroom with Comet cleaner.

"I was tired, but I did that very thing, from the ceiling to the ground floor tile," Millburn said.

She said there were rumors the apartment had not been used for a long time.

"Months later, I found out a person had committed suicide in that bathroom," Millburn said.

Woodyard said ghosts of students who have committed suicide are common. "They get to the other side and realize they have made a terrible mistake. They aren't ready to go," she said.

USS Nightmare a scream

By Chris Heydari
Staff reporter

It's back!

The terror, the nightmares, the chills, along with all of its characters are at the Covington Landing once again to scare you out of your clothes. The USS Nightmare is back for its final season of this millennium and scary as ever. From Jason and his vampires to the clowns you are guaranteed to scream and run. If you are lucky enough to get to the end, waiting for you is a man wielding a chainsaw. Be careful or he might just get you!

If you are claustrophobic or have a heart condition this is not for you. There is a surprise waiting at every corner. There are strobe lights and extremely loud sound effects that carry throughout the boat.

It is the boat's graphic and vivid nature that has had its crew and customers coming back year after year. This is the first year for some of the actors, but the third or fourth year for other actors. Last year the USS Nightmare was one of the highest rated haunted houses in the Tri-state



Chris Heydari/The Northerner

Two torturers ready themselves to decapitate a Dallas Cowboys' fan while a vampire spectator awaits.

area according to local TV stations and City Beat Magazine.

A new addition to the show this year is the Blair Witch area. Allan Rizzo, the producer of the show said, "We hope people come and really experience what we are all about."

The USS Nightmare is owned and operated by Q102 (WKRQ) and BB Riverboats. The cost of admission is

\$10. Other forms of payment such as first borns or your left arm are also accepted at the gate.

The USS Nightmare is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. for your nail-biting and heart-dropping pleasures. The show opened Sept. 24, and continues through Oct. 31.

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- Wellness Fair: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Albright Health Center Gym

Thursday, Oct. 28:

- Women in Transition: 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. UC 232.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: 1:30 to 2:30 UC 232

Friday, Oct. 29:

- Halloween Party: 4:30 Alumni House

Monday, Nov. 1:

- Survivor's Support Group: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. UC 232
- NKU Faculty Brass Quintet: 8 p.m. Greaves Concert Hall
- Self Esteem Workshop: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 506 Johns Hill Road

Wednesday, Nov. 3:

- International Coffee Hour: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. UC Theater

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'Keltic Knot' witches dispel Halloween falsities

By Scott Wartman
Staff Reporter

Cincinnati is known for its German heritage and culture, but many don't know of its roots in witchcraft. Witches seem like a fantasy from a far off time and place. An old hag wearing black either riding a broomstick or brooding over a cauldron full of some evil brew is the common view of a witch that will adorn many houses as decoration this Halloween. There are, however, many real-life witches residing here in present day Cincinnati and they are far from evil.

"Cincinnati has one of the biggest witch populations of any city," said Dade Hamblen, a local man who dabbles in witchcraft.

Hamblen said the high number of witches in the Tri-state could have its roots in Appalachian magic which would have been practiced by some Keltic ancestors.

But before you run to the hills screaming, it is important to realize witches are not something to be feared and are nothing like Hollywood's portrayal of them.

Witchcraft is a religion based on the worship of nature. Witches celebrate the coming of the seasons. They can either be a part of a coven, which is a group of witches, or just practice by themselves.

One of the most sacred holidays for witches is Samhain, otherwise known as Halloween. Halloween is the pagan new year, but for witches Halloween is more than just candy.

"It is the time of year where the division between night and day is thinnest and it makes communication possible between the two worlds," said Mojo Brown, an ordained minister in witchcraft and a Reiki master, which is a form of healing. Brown also co-owns with his wife Cincinnati's only occult shop located in Price Hill known as the Keltic Knot.

Brown says there are many misconceptions about witchcraft and that movies such as "The Blair Witch Project" and "The Craft" have angered some witches.

"What will really make a witch angry is when you call them a Satanist," Brown said. "Witches are not evil and are not petty enough to cast a spell on people out of malice."



This does not mean witches don't use magic, but spells are a big part of witchcraft.

"Spells are not curses," said Brown. "If someone wants me to cast a love spell, it will attract that sort of energy conducive to finding love, but it can't make one specific person fall in love with you."

Brown said spells are based on karma, which is the energy surrounding a person, and that anything

a person does comes back three fold, therefore true witches only use magic for wholesome purposes.

"Einstein said that every object around us is made up of energy and witchcraft utilizes that power," said Brown. "Magic is a forgotten science."

Brown says that unlike in the movies, spells are not cast at the snap of your fingers, but rather by willing things to happen. Amazingly, a spell does not require items such as eye of newt, bat heads and other disgusting animal parts, but most do require herbs and oils and a lot of meditation.

If he was to cast a money spell, Brown said he would take a green candle and carve symbols in it that reminded him of wealth. Then he would create an altar and put items of value to him, be it plain money or

a family heirloom. Then he would put various combinations of oils and herbs on the candle and meditate by visualizing riches and success. He said a money spell can be used to get someone out of debt, but not for greed.

Brown says the techniques differ from spell to spell. Some are more complicated and have a stricter form while others, like the money spell, allow the witch to be more flexible with their routines. One thing is for sure, the Keltic Knot carries all the oils and potions you need for spells.

The best part about witchcraft, Brown said, is the freedom.

"It's all up to you, you can make it as big a part of your life as you want to. Anyone can join and there are no hang-ups about personal beliefs or backgrounds," Brown said.

To become a witch, Brown said the traditional method is to study the craft for one year and one day. Joining a coven provides support, he said, and is like a second family to the members. He also added that the more people involved in a spell, the better the magic.

Brown said witchcraft attracts a lot of women. Brown estimated

roughly nine out of 10 witches are women.

Brown said some famous people such as Madonna and Roseanne have participated in a form of Jewish mysticism known as the Kabbala and rock star Stevie Nicks is rumored to be involved in witchcraft.

"There are probably a lot more celebrities out there who haven't come out of the broom-closet yet," remarked Brown.

Halloween festivities will be held this year at the Keltic Knot for anyone interested. Oct. 30 will kick off the Pagan Canned Food Drive where there will be food and refreshments. Then, when the clock strikes midnight, a pagan ritual known as a "dumb supper" will be served. This is a way of paying homage to the dead by setting a place at the banquet table for a dearly departed loved one.

Brown is optimistic towards the future of witchcraft.

"Next year will be a good year for witches," said Brown. "I just have a feeling the new millennium will bring more acceptance toward our way of life."

Scorpio to prove mental prowess to NKU community

By Mary Ann Haverlack
Staff Reporter

Attention all Northern Kentucky University students: Guard your wayward thoughts. Don't think about how hot your roommate's boyfriend is or why your best friend's girl ought to be dating you.

Scorpio, Master of Mentalism, will be performing at Kentucky Hall on October 28, at 7 p.m. and he just might read your mind.

Scorpio, a junior RTV major at NKU, said he has been performing for more than a decade. He uses total audience participation while demonstrating feats of ESP. This will be his first performance at NKU and is being sponsored by the Activities Programming Board (APB).

Scorpio describes himself as a mentalist. He said he focuses more on the scientific aspects of mind reading than the mysticism some people associate with the art.

"It's an acquired skill, but everyone has the ability," Scorpio said in a deep, mellow voice. His words were delivered in a slow cadence, the perfect accompaniment to the mysterious air of his appearance portrays.

He is thin with black hair and penetrating eyes. The darkness of both is a stark contrast to his pale skin. He dresses from head to toe in black.

The circumstances surrounding his birth only add to the mystique. He said

he was born at 10:26 p.m. on Oct. 31, 1976 under a full moon. It was the 56th anniversary of the death of Harry Houdini. Houdini died at 1:26 p.m.

Scorpio said he began entertaining people with magic when he was a teenager. For the past four years he has been performing mentalism, which entails no magic.

"I claim no special powers. I claim an ability," he said.

He said the ability he demonstrates is nothing more than any audience member could have with proper training.

"People are afraid of the unknown, but I love skeptics," Scorpio said. "If I weren't for skeptics, I wouldn't make any money."

Karen Chinetti, administrative assistant of Student Life, said she was present when Scorpio walked in and astounded the department with his abilities. "I volunteered to be part of the demonstration because no one else wanted to," Chinetti said. "There's a mystical quality that surrounds him. I think that frightened some people."

Scorpio asked Chinetti to write the name of someone dear to her. She chose her grandfather's second wife, Mae Blair.

"I picked her because the spelling of her name isn't common," Chinetti said.

"Scorpio had me fold the paper into a tiny square and hold it against my forehead," Chinetti said the mentalist concen-

trated for a while and told her the image was fuzzy. He asked her to print the name on another piece of paper. The request did not surprise Chinetti who admits to having "wild hand-writing." She printed her grandfather's name and repeated the procedure of folding the paper and placing it against her forehead.

According to Chinetti, Scorpio began sketching lines on a pad of paper. When he turned the pad around and showed her what he had written, Chinetti was shocked.

"Not only had he written my grandfather's name, he wrote it in the exact way I did," Chinetti said. The letters were in block writing with "Mae" written on one line and "Blair" written on the next line a little to the right.

"The whole office was aghast," Chinetti said. "It was very entertaining."

Scorpio said his main goal is to focus on performing live entertainment, preferably in Europe. He is working his way through college to have something to fall back on if that does not work.

"Europe is the place for live entertainment," Scorpio said. "I'm thinking England or France. Mentalism is very big in England. The people are more accepting of it."

Angel Chichester, director of campus traditions, is responsible for planning and publicizing annual events at NKU. She was also present for



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NKU student Scorpio will demonstrate his ESP abilities in a performance Oct. 28.

Scorpio's impromptu demonstration of his powers to member of the Student Life office.

"Weird is the only way to put it," Chichester said. "I've never been in a room with a person doing that sort of thing. You see it on television and think it's fake. You don't think that when you see it in person. It's really kind of cool."

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Jeremiah leads by example Norse Notes

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The American Volleyball Coaches Association recently named Northern Kentucky University's Jenny Jeremiah the NCAA Division II national player of the week. "She is getting the recognition she deserves," said coach Mary Biermann. "It is a well deserved honor for her. She is the best player I have ever coached."

Jeremiah is a leader and a very tough competitor, Biermann said. "She is very focused as a player," said Biermann. "She elevates her game to meet challenges. She is not just physical but mentally tough. When we were down in the game against Northern Michigan, she brought us back in the game with her play."

Jeremiah, a senior, came to NKU because she was recruited for volleyball. She wanted to play for a division II school and didn't

want to play far away from her home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jeremiah said she likes to get the team pumped up during every game, especially when the team is losing. "I like being a leader," she said. "When we're down, I try to get a kill to get the team excited."

"She leads by example with her hard work and intensity," said Biermann. "She is not agitated. She finds solutions and solves problems."

Jeremiah said that everyone of the players on the volleyball team has done their part to make this season a success. NKU is currently ranked fourth in the division II national poll and are tied for first in the region. "Without the team, we couldn't do anything," she said. "I owe my team a lot for putting us into this position."

"She is consistent and works well with the other players," said Biermann. "She is cordial, friendly, and helpful with her teammates. The personality of the team

stays level and constant. She is part of that."

Jeremiah is a Human Services major. She wants to work with kids, such as in a day care. "In the summer, I had a full-time job of baby-sitting two kids," said Jeremiah.

Since school has started up again, she has been very busy throughout the week. "I go to school and get A's and B's in my classes. I practice for three hours, which I have been doing for four years," said Jeremiah. "On the weekends, I am looking forward to a big match."

Jeremiah decided to start playing volleyball in the fifth grade. She wanted to play every sport at that time and tried everything. However, once she reached high school, she decided to play volleyball over soccer. "Since grade school, I have been doing my best. I like being on winning teams. I hate to lose."

Volleyball:



Jeff McCurdy/The Northerner
The NKU volleyball team continues to mount wins as they roll toward the NCAA's

The NKU volleyball team picked-up two more wins last weekend beating Quincy and Missouri-St. Louis on the road. The Norse also received a boost with senior defensive specialist Liz Lamping returned for limited action. The two victories improved NKU's overall record to 22-1, 11-0 in the GLVC. Senior outside hitter Jenny Jeremiah was named the GLVC Conference Player of the Week for the third time this year. Jeremiah was also named the National Division II Player of the Week. The Norse return home this week and put their 26 game home winning streak on the line against GLVC opponents Lewis and UW-Parkside. Saturday's match is the Norse Senior Day, and the team will play a conference match and then a non-conference game.

Upcoming Games:

Fri. Oct. 29 vs Lewis 7:00 pm
Sat. Oct. 30 vs UW-Parkside noon
Sat. Oct. 30 vs Saginaw Valley State

Men and Women's Cross Country:

The NKU men and women's cross country teams reached the finish line of the season with the GLVC Cross Country Championships Saturday at the St. Francis South Campus in Indianapolis. The women finished seventh out of nine teams, with sophomore Tabatha Smith finishing with the best time for the Norse, she ran 24:07.80 finishing 22nd overall.

The NKU men's team finished eighth out of nine teams, with sophomore Brian Alessando posting the best finish for NKU, with a time of 35:49.60.



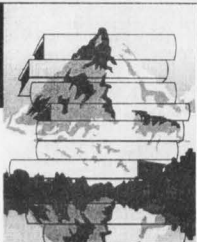
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SHEER DETERMINATION: Jeremiah's is a key leader for the Norse, and her experience helps the teams youth.

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NEVER SAY DIE: The NKU men's soccer team continues to improve with the help of a talented young nucleus and solid coaching.

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Norse men spilt pair

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University men's soccer team split a pair of Great Lakes Valley Conference games this past weekend.

They lost to Indiana of Purdue-Fort Wayne 1-0 and beat Kentucky Wesleyan 4-3 in double overtime to improve their record to 7-9-1 and 4-6-1 in the GLVC.

After losing four straight games by a score of 1-0, the Norse finally got their offense together against Kentucky Wesleyan, according to freshman Mike Poole.

"We got the ball out wide," said Poole who scored two goals in the win. "We connected on goals."

"We took some good shots," said coach John Toebben. "We scored some goals to put us on the board."

The defense of the Norse has been one of the keys to being able to compete in every game they have played in, according to Poole.

"Our defense has stopped a lot of goals," said Poole. "It is solid and tough to beat. We have an all-out hustle."

The four seniors on the team, Mike

Combs, Joe Resing, Pat Tully, and Sam Renck, have been really important for the Norse this season, according to Toebben.

"Three of them (seniors) are starters," said Toebben. "They are the backbone of the team."

With the win against Kentucky Wesleyan, NKU kept their GLVC tournament hopes alive in getting a berth into the tournament.

If the Norse make it to the GLVC tournament, they still have a few things they need to work on to go far in the tournament, according to Poole.

"We need to have good communication," said Poole. "We need to stay connected when we pass the ball."

NKU has two remaining games left on their schedule, both on the road and non-conference. They travel to Truman State on Oct. 30 and travel to Lincoln, Mo. on Oct. 31.

Two wins to close out the season would give the Norse momentum going into the GLVC tournament, which takes place Wednesday, Nov. 3.

"It is [the defense] solid and tough to beat. We have an all-out hustle"

- Mike Poole

Women's Volleyball National Poll

TEAM	PTS	PRV
1. BYU-Hawaii	619	1
2. Hawaii-Pacific	600	2
3. West Texas A&M	578	3
4. Northern Kentucky	550	4
5. North Dakota St.	520	5
6. Northern Colorado	496	7
7. Nebraska-Omaha	466	6
8. Augustana College	439	8
9. University of Tampa	418	9
10. South Dakota St.	396	10
11. Central Missouri St.	371	11
12. Regis	320	12-tie
13. CalSt. Bakersfield	310	14
13. Nebraska-Kearney	310	12-tie
15. Barry	286	15
16. Northern Michigan	245	16
17. Florida Southern	205	17
18. Rockhurst	193	18
19. Minnesota-Duluth	168	19
20. North Alabama	153	20-tie
21. Cal State LA	106	24
22. Colorado Christian	90	20-tie
23. Grand Canyon	86	23
24. Grand Valley State	54	22
25. North Florida	46	25

Offense, Defense shine in Norse wins

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team won three games this past week to improve to 16-2 on the season and 9-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They beat Bellarmine 3-0, Indiana of Purdue-Fort Wayne 11-0, and Kentucky Wesleyan 5-0.

The offensive output by the Norse this season has been the result of the team working together to score goals, according to sophomore Eva Broeg. "We have scored a lot of goals," said Broeg. "We have done a good job moving the ball to the midfield and working it around to score."

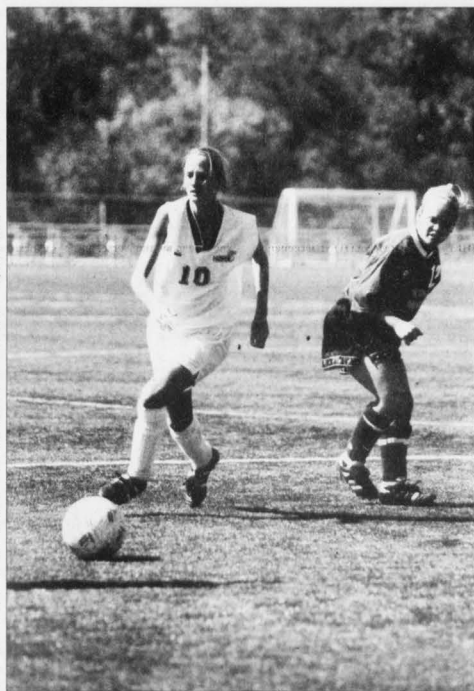
Everyone on the team has helped to contribute to the offense all season. There hasn't been just one star every game, according to NKU assistant coach Adam Meier. "That has really helped us out," said Meier. "At the beginning of the season, we relied on Betsy Moore. We didn't want to put the pressure on her, so we became more of a team. Ruark, Noakes, and other

people have been scoring for us."

The talent and hard work of Betsy Moore, who scored five goals in the three games for NKU, helped the team get into gear this season, Meier said. "She comes through in the clutch," said Meier. "She brings a good work rate to the team. It rubs off on the other players."

As the team gets ready for the GLVC tournament in a couple of weeks, there is a feeling of winning inside them, according to Broeg. "We are very well prepared," said Broeg. "We have based our season all year on making it to the GLVC tournament. I think we'll win the tournament."

NKU will have another shot at playing arch rivals Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville in the GLVC tournament. The Norse lost to both teams in the regular season for their only two losses of the season. "We are definitely going to win those games," said Broeg. "We want to get revenge on them now. Those are the games we need."



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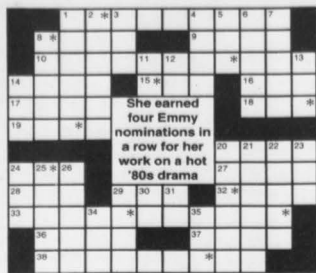
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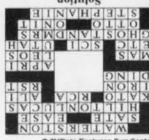
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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. Law & Order actor
 8. Fill
 9. At ... : 1983 military sitcom
 10. Lead role in a sitcom
 14. Bruce Lee's '66-'67 role
 15. The ... Victor Show (1951-53)
 16. Clay, today
 17. The ... Horse (1966-68)
 18. Encyclopedia volume, ... perhaps
 19. ... , doing, the witch is ...
 20. Frankster's day: abbr.
 21. Barker and Bell
 22. Carrillo and Carroll
 23. Common Latin abbr.
 29. The ... Fi Channel
 32. ... Blaine; 1957 Rory Calhoun film
 33. The ... Muir
 36. Mr. Preminger
 37. Step ... : hurry
 38. Jennie's portrayer on *Unhappily Ever After*
- DOWN**
1. Cater to (2)
 2. ... Last Love: '75
 3. Burt Reynolds movie
 4. Vietnamese holiday
 5. Ward
 6. Letter from Greece
 7. Patricia's family
 8. Lewis
 11. Conjunction
 12. Mayberry's location: abbr.
 13. Command to Fido
 14. The Cop and the ... (1975-76)
 20. College doors, often
 21. Dick Van Dyke's role, once
 22. Celebrity fete
 23. Suffix for boor or bull
 24. Ryan, for one
 25. One of the Three Musketeers
 26. Quantum Leap star
 29. ... the Music (1949-56)
 30. Setting for *It's Like, You Know ...*: abbr.
 31. ... the House
 34. Saul ... Marie
 35. Adams or Johnson



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- Aries (March 21 - April 20)**
Intellectual pursuits will prove fruitful. Study your subject carefully and try to expand your thinking outside the box.
- Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**
It is time to widen your social circle. Get yourself out of your rut and make new friends. Participate in a sport.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**
You have what it takes to be a great teacher or leader. Focus on what is most important in your life.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**
Something doesn't feel right, but it is difficult to identify. A love relationship may go through some changes in the near future.
- Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**
Things don't always go your way, but that isn't such a bad thing. Try to keep your nose out of a friend's personal life.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**
Go for a walk or take up a new sport to get rid of the blues. Time given to those who are less fortunate is appreciated.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**
Deal with domestic problems immediately, but keep a cool head. Make sure you have the facts when making a proposal or work.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**
You may have been wondering why life seems to pass you by without a second glance. Pay more attention to what is going on around you.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**
Stop running in so many different directions. Organization is the key. Find a date book and write down everything you need to get done.
- Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**
A lover wants more than you may be willing to give at this time. Let him or her know you need a few weeks to consider the situation.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
Your nerves are shot and you need a vacation. A weekend away will recharge your batteries and give you a new lease on life.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**
Someone may try to convince you to do something risky. Use your judgment. Don't fall for smooth-talking salespeople.

Born this week:

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| Oct. 24 - Kevin Kline | Oct. 27 - John Cleese |
| Oct. 25 - Marion Ross | Oct. 28 - Dennis Franz |
| Oct. 26 - Hillary Rodham Clinton | Oct. 29 - Richard Dreyfuss |
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STD: Tri-state involved in study

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that carries the disease and has trusting friendship between their intimate relationship.

"My views on sex have not changed since getting an STD. However, I use condoms when ever I am sexually active," she said. "I can't tend to preach to my brother about having safe sex. I tell him to look what happened to me."

Although she does not blame him for what happened she wishes he would have taken some responsibility for what happened. "He was offended that I believed my doctor over him," she said. "I hope he has realized that he must take responsibility before he gives it to someone else."

"My future is up in the air as far as having children. I won't know if I can get pregnant until I try," she said. "Also, I will have to have surgery in the future to remove the scar tissue caused by the pelvic inflammatory disease"

When asked what advice she

would give other people she said, "For God's sakes have safe sex, condoms may not be the most comfortable things, but it is better than the pain I went through."

Fledderjohn wants students to be aware that birth control pills do not protect against diseases.

Visit NKU's Health Department at the University Center room 300 Monday - Friday from 8:15a.m. - 4:30p.m.

"The health department screens for any STD including HIV. A student's visit and results are strictly confidential," says Fledderjohn. There is no charge.

"If a student does not want to come to the Health Department on campus they can go to Kenton County Health Department," explains Fledderjohn.

The STD clinic in Kenton County is open Monday - Friday by appointment only. Tell them you are a NKU student and they will discount the price.

STUDY HALL: online backslide

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Academic Computing," he said.

Both Gams and Adams said they are disappointed in what has become of their project, they hoped would be a major addition to learning at NKU.

Michael Thomson, director of Academic Computing, said that Academic Computing has done the best they could with the program.

"The scripts written by Dave and Rudy are not Y2K compatible," Thomson said. "Sophia failed the Y2K testing and in our attempts to upgrade the program some options were lost."

If Academic Computing had not tried to upgrade the program would have been lost on Jan. 1, 1999, he said. Academic Computing has hired a consultant, Joe Kuth, to fix the Sophia program and get it running again. Kuth has Sophia working at his home and he hopes to have it running at NKU again soon.

Thomson said Academic Computing has been looking at options other than Sophia that would allow professors to have class web pages. The Kentucky State Government recently signed a contract with Colligis, a company that offers Eduprise. Eduprise is a web package that allows schools to do the same as Gams and Adams hoped Sophia would do for NKU.

The state government has asked schools in the Commonwealth to use Eduprise, Thomson said.

This would allow all Kentucky colleges and universities to have the same look to their own online study halls. Thomson said this would be to the advantage of transfer students and students taking summer classes at other schools.

NKU has already begun using Eduprise and many professors have taken advantage of it, Thomson said. Pat Moynahan, chairperson of

the Journalism Department and Don Kelm, chairperson of the Art Department are just two of the 38 professors who are using Eduprise this semester.

However, Gams said if NKU were to cultivate and implement Sophia it would be cheaper to the school than Eduprise and have the same results; Thomson said it costs NKU \$30,000 for 50 courses with Eduprise, Thomson said. Sophia would be a cheaper option, but NKU would have to maintain and upgrade it.

"Eduprise will do the work for you," he said. It's an issue of cost versus ease of use. He wants to use the program that is best for the school.

"If the faculty likes it, I'm not going to get rid of it," he said.

Thomson said he doesn't plan on getting rid of Eduprise or Sophia.

"Sophia is a good tool for teachers just starting out online," he said. He said Eduprise is more powerful and will allow the school to do more than Sophia.

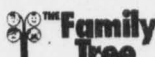
Thomson said things have changed since Adams was at NKU.

"If Dave were here today he'd be able to do what he has done at Macon State," he said. NKU has hired a chief information officer to be in charge of Academic and Administrative Computing next semester, Thomson said.

Gams said he believes Sophia could be a better product.

"In the long-run Sophia will be cheaper and better," Gams said. This is why he was disappointed he did not receive communication from Academic Computing about what had befallen Sophia. He said he would have liked to know.

"My interest is the future of the university and where we're spending our money," Gams said



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