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Campus plans for new computers

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University has come up with a replacement plan for old computers on campus.

The plan, according to NKU Chief Information Officer of Information Technology Gary Pratt, is to replace 20 percent of the computers every year and to never have computers more than four years old on campus.

"We have tons of computers that are four to six years old," Pratt said. "Those computers are limited in what they do. We want to refresh our technology and stay on the leading edge." Over the Christmas break, the plan went into effect as the university received 295 brand-new computers. The new computers, which are composed of Dell's and Macintoshes, are spread out all across campus in numerous NKU students' labs and faculty offices, according to Bert

Brown, NKU Associate Director of Information Tech and Computer Systems.

Some of the places where they are located are the communications lab, Math lab, the technology lab, the Applied Science & Technology lab and Steely Library. Also, the Psychology, Biology and Chemistry departments received a few of the computers.

"We made a campus wide sweep of the office computers and labs and broke down the age of the machines," Brown said. "We made a spreadsheet of the different ages and years. Information Technology gave us the recommendation of what should be replaced."

Pratt said that the university also did this because they wanted to replace the old obsolete equipment. "It's not doing service to the community or the students. We used our budget release for the replacement plan.

It funded the student and faculty plan."

NKU was able to get all those computers because the university took out the money from the student technology fee. Four years ago that was not possible, Pratt said. "When we first instituted the student technology fee, half of the computers were with that purchase. We took a loan out."

"We have a replacement cycle now," he said. "We made a major purchase and we can keep the new computers all at times."

This new plan should continue to work for years to come. There is already talk of another replacement plan for the next school year, Brown said. "In April or May, we are going to gear up our budget and look at the spreadsheets. Our next replacement plan will be in the summer. That will be in place for the fall semester."

JAN 7 - 10:54pm

Location: DORMS-WOOD-CREST WILLOW - THIRD FLOOR - ASSAULT FOURTH DEGREE

Two females were fighting inside their dorm room. One of them suffered some minor injuries.

JAN 9 - 1:33pm

Location: PARKING LOT K - AUTO ACCIDENT

A hit-and-run: A male subject reported that his vehicle was parked in Lot K and was struck by an unknown vehicle that left the scene. The situation is under investigation.

JAN 10 - 11:05am

Location: BEP BUILDING-SECOND FLOOR-MEDICAL RESPONSE

A female subject fell while approaching the elevator. She

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complained of shoulder pain and was treated by the university nurse. A friend then transported her to the hospital.

JAN 11 - 1:04pm

Location: DORMS - NORSE HALL - THEFT BY DECEPTION

A male complainant reported that an unknown subject has used his checking account number to subscribe to several different pornographic Web sites. The matter is still under investigation.

JAN 11 - 8:32pm

Location: DORMS - NORSE

HALL - HARASSMENT

A female reported that she received obscene and harassing phone calls in her dorm room from an unknown male subject from an unknown off-campus location.

JAN 13 - 1:43am

Location: NORSE HALL-FIRST FLOOR-ALCOHOL RELATED INCIDENT

A residential life assistant requested a DPS officer to respond to an alcohol-related incident. Several bottles of beer and a bottle of liquor were discovered. Residents were advised of state laws and university policies. Alcohol was disposed of by the Residential Life assistant. The incident was turned over to Residential Life for possible disciplinary action.

NKU students get an education overseas

By Karen Andrew
Staff Writer

NKU student David Arnold poses for his picture beneath the spreading branches of a pine tree high above the Bavarian fair-tale castle Schlos Neuschwanstein.

"This could be you next year!" shouts the photo's caption.

This enticement is followed by general information for a study abroad program. Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals. One of the contacts at the bottom of the poster is Ms. Anne Perry.

Surrounded by colorful brochures, posters, and artifacts from other countries, Perry, the Study Abroad coordinator, assists visitors in the Office of International Programs, BEP 301. She can produce information for any international study program with which

NKU is associated. These programs vary from two weeks to a year's duration and provide opportunities for study, travel, work-study and internships in a variety of countries. Locations include England, Denmark, France, Germany and Austria, Italy and Greece, Spain, Australia, New Zealand, Barbados, Costa Rica, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico, China and Japan.

Financial assistance information is also offered. Perry said the most frequently asked questions by students to the office concern financing the trips.

"They want to know how much it costs and how to get financial aid," said Perry.

Dr. Michael Klembara, director of the Office of International Programs, explained that financial aid is available to everyone who qualifies to participate in the programs.

"It is not a guarantee for everyone," Dr. Klembara noted. "But we pride ourselves as an institution which tries to meet the needs of its students. 40 percent or more use financial aid."

Other concerns for studying abroad include the safety of students. International events concerning American students occasionally pop up in the news. For example, a Sept. 3 *Cincinnati Enquirer* article detailed such dangerous situations as the warning of an expected missile threat by a passing war at University of Michigan archaeology students participated in a dig near the Israel-Lebanon border last summer. An Antioch College student, Emily Howell and her companion, a former Antioch College student, Emily Eagen, were abducted and later murdered while participating in an "unsupervised overseas program" in a Latin American country.

Klembara explained that NKU students' safety was addressed long before these recent events hit the news.

"We try to think through what could happen," he said. "I'm being careful where I send (students) as well as being careful with the organizations."

Steps taken to ensure students' safety include a heavier orientation so that the students understand the situations. Additionally, interviews conducted by faculty members determine if the students are good candidates. Certain programs, such as the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) and the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIIS), send on-site directors to the countries where Americans study and NKU faculty members accompany students for certain Study Abroad opportunities.

Klembara added, "Some people

might think we're too conservative. (The programs) are somewhat controlled situations - that is our strength."

He noted that most of the safety and health concerns involve lost or stolen passports and broken bones. Medications can be a problem in some countries too. An NKU student in Japan was detained by customs for hours because he possessed the over-the-counter (in the U.S.) medication, Sudafed.

"Sudafed is considered a narcotic and a prescription drug in Japan," explained Klembara.

He advised that students should always carry a written statement from their physicians for any medication before traveling abroad. Safety and health issues and information are detailed on the Office of International Programs Web page, which can be accessed from NKU's website: www.nku.edu. Subjects

include CDC health information and US State Department travel warnings.

The Web page also details all of the international study programs with which NKU is affiliated. They include the Academic Exchange Programs, Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST), Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA), and Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIIS).

A final program, NKU Latin America Awareness Group Alternative Spring Break, provides NKU students with the opportunity for "volunteer service work in the city and countryside" as well as tourist activities in Mexico City, Mexico. Students live with host families. Depending upon the results of fundraising and subsidies, it is estimated that the trip will cost

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In the name of love

Staff Editorial
Iowa State Daily (Iowa State U.)

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa — "Now, I say to you today my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'" — Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to achieving equality for all people in the United States.

He was a champion of peace and justice.

He encouraged people to solve problems without resorting to violence.

On Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we honor his contributions to the world.

"The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers," he said.

He promoted fraternity among races and encouraged people to accept others and their differences.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools," he said.

Everyone can take inspiration from King's message of love and peace.

When he said, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy," he spoke to the true nature of human beings and challenged us all to be more than we are.

"I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant."

Take time Monday to remember his legacy.

HEA 101 Parking Lot Walking for Fitness and Endurance (3.0 3) Four-year course. Entails walking great distances from student's personal vehicle to classroom. As course and endurance advances, student will be required to park further and further from the buildings on campus. Final exam will consist of parking personal vehicle in the uppermost branches of a designated tree in rural Campbell County (location and species of tree will not be disclosed prior to exam date); the student will be required to shimmy down the bee-hive infested tree trunk with 600+ pounds of textbooks strapped to their back; then proceed to dodge traffic on the interstate, all the while withstanding heat and/or bitter cold in such a manner as to allow for punctual arrival at a class that has just been cancelled. Prerequisite: Valid Parking Pass. Presently several hundred students are active in **Pre-Parking Lot Walking for Fitness and Endurance**, which is a non-credit course apparently required by some students at NKU.



New Suggested Course for NKU Students
HEALTH 101 - PARKING LOT WALKING for PHYSICAL FITNESS and ENDURANCE

War on drugs filled with losing battles

By Kevin Considine
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(U-WIRE) NASHVILLE, Tenn.
The Drug War is failing.

Or maybe more correctly, the so-called drug war has been a failure for almost a decade now. A struggle begotten of the best intentions for our society and its future has resulted in havoc wreaked upon that same society. It was such a great idea in theory, yet so much added suffering has resulted, including unjust and untimely deaths and violence on every level and every side.

Mandatory minimum sentencing for nonviolent drug offenders bore a multitude of unjust prison sentences and helped create a callous, inhumane system. The same is true for the treatment of drug enforcement officials, who assume unduly high risks with their jobs. So what has been the purpose of it all? And why do our top officials still pretend that this "war" can be won?

Before, and if these questions can

be answered, a distinction must be made. At its very core, drug abuse is not a government issue. It is not a cut-and-dry moral issue either.

Rather, it is a human issue and should be treated as such. Chronic drug abusers are not criminals, and thus should not be thrown in jail for a decade at a time.

Drug abusers are not faceless, soulless devils who have no other wants than the downfall of society. You cannot lock them in prison for years at a time and expect them to re-emerge clean, sober and ready to take their preordained role in society.

Unfortunately, there are no easy answers to this question. Simple answers to infinitely complex problems only exist in bad action movies. When we have the courage to face reality, we then realize the total complexity of American drug culture. More police, more guns, more prisons, more arrests... just throw money at it, and it will go away, right?

They all seem like good solutions, but in the back of your mind, you

know that these are only minor reliefs to a malignant tumor.

Prevention and treatment are always the best plans. If we put more money in these proven methods, we can influence and mend individuals and communities. Our community outreach programs, churches, schools and other resources can be utilized along with government programs to accomplish such a feat. But unless the drug education programs are willing to be honest in such an endeavor and show all aspects of drug abuse, both good and bad, then we run the risk of creating an even stronger taboo for the nation's youth. Just such those 21 years and older if drinking is as exciting as when they were underage, and thus prohibited to drink. Just say no, right? This aspect should have been understood before stiff legislation was enacted. Human nature should have been accounted for.

But more importantly, if America's drug users are not mindless, faceless, soulless nightwalkers, who are they? They are our mothers and fathers,

aunts and uncles, cousins, brothers and sisters. They are our friends, colleagues, professors and coworkers. Just about every person has had some sort of experience, personal or peripheral, with illegal drug abuse. Everyone knows someone who was touched, controlled, or ultimately destroyed by drug abuse. We know and care about these people because they are us. To paraphrase Michael Douglas' character from the movie *Traffic*: How can we fight a war against the enemy, when the enemy can be found in our families? This constitutes a human issue, not one of criminality and statistics.

Chronic drug abusers partake in drugs over time for a reason. The reasons vary. Maybe it's to escape; maybe to relax; maybe it's to fill a void; maybe it's the only means of happiness (albeit temporary and drug-wise) that a person may have. This is the root of the problem. The truth is, an individual has no right to scathingly criticize another's choices in life, without understanding the cir-

cumstances and background of that person's situation. Everyone's life and decisions are unique, which adds to the confusion.

But really, it is this concept so much different than the rest of the population's actions? Every day, people use work, drink, study, athletics, music and countless other constructive pursuits for similar reasons. The difference is obvious, but the needs are the same. If one wants to root the weed, dig here. Dig in the hearts of people, because drug addiction is not arbitrary. It is an issue that could affect any person, because at one time everyone has needed to relax, everyone has considered a quick fix, and everyone has considered looking toward substances to offset emotions.

Finally, we must see this issue from all levels and perspectives — such as drug enforcement, drug demand, crackhouses, suburban dealers, drug supply, cartels, distributors, needs, a quick fix, prolonged addiction, consequences, destruction, murder, life, opportunity, business, fami-

lies, friends, relatives.

This is a rough sketch, but clearly illustrates the complexity of the issue. The totality is too intricate for this simple column, yet the truth can be found therein. The drug war is a civil war, and has ripped apart the fabric of a nation. It failed before it began because of one hard fact: it is impossible to win. It is a part of society, like it or not. So let us take heed, and discuss other options. We must debate new directions and admit the inevitable presence of drugs within society. Consider more prevention, education and treatment.

Consider the lives of those involved, is it really worth dying for? Consider legalization, consider business, consider each and every possibility that can be dreamed of, but discuss options and alternatives. Something must be changed. We must critically analyze and rethink in order to progress. In this situation, stagnation equals total loss.

NORTH POLL

Do you think your classes will be harder this semester than last? Why?

Mike Bramley
Finance
Petersburg



"This semester will be harder because I'm turned out on school and I just want to get out."

Brooke Parish
Photography
Florence



"Last semester was harder because I took 18 hours and then had my portfolio review."

Matt Bevard
Art
Florence



"I don't know because I haven't had enough of this semester to make an adequate decision yet."

Connie Hietzer
Art
Burlington



"I'm transferring from Antioch College to here so it will be a little different. I'm not sure if it will be harder or not."

Jeremy Townsend
Art
Florence



"This semester is harder because I am taking 18 credit hours instead of 15 and there is more homework."

Karen Ziegler
Photography
Highland Heights



"Last semester was more difficult because I was stressed out. This semester I am more focused."

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Ashcroft defenders criticize Democrats

By CHRISTOPHER NEWTON
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WASHINGTON (AP). Defenders of Attorney General-designate John Ashcroft are questioning the motives of Democrats criticizing a 1999 speech in which Ashcroft proclaimed to college students, "we have no king but Jesus."

Ashcroft, whose remarks came as he was awarded an honorary degree by Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., has come under criticism from liberal organizations, which say his conservative ideology might interfere with the attorney general's duties to enforce civil rights and other federal protections.

Also at issue is Ashcroft's decision to speak at the conservative Christian university. School leaders have labeled the Roman Catholic Church a "Satanic cult." Until recently, the university had banned interracial dating.

On CNN's "Larry King Live" program Friday, university President Bob Jones III defended Ashcroft's words and denounced Democrats for waging an unfair attack.

"The raucous and radical left... which by no means do I think is in the mainstream of society or political thought... makes a lot of noise, does a lot of self-serving fund-raising by this

kind of thing," Jones said. "But I don't believe they represent middle America; mom and pop, and kids in homes."

Daniel Evans, a Republican political analyst in Washington, said Democrats had gone too far in questioning Ashcroft's personal convictions.

"This is pure, unrestrained intolerance," Evans said. "Democrats are coming close to suggesting that John Ashcroft does not have the right to believe what he wants to believe in his personal life. That is outrageous."

In the speech, which was aired on CNN during the interview, Ashcroft said America is "unique among the nations" because it "recognized the source of our character as being goodly and eternal, not being civic and temporal."

The text of the speech was widely publicized Friday, but Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, had said he wanted to see a videotape of the speech.

After viewing it Friday night, Leahy said the appearance raises doubts about Ashcroft's nomination.

"Bob Jones University has become a symbol of divisiveness and intolerance in our society, especially during the recent presidential cam-

paign," he said. "The committee will want to explore whether Senator Ashcroft's views have changed since he proudly accepted the university's honorary degree."

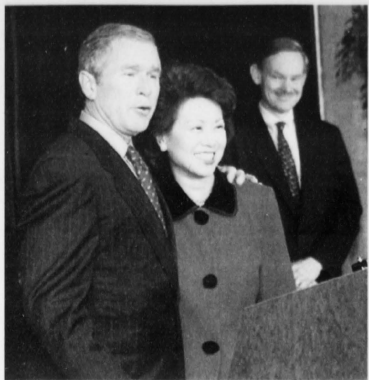
The Anti-Defamation League and Americans United for Separation of Church and State also criticized Ashcroft's words.

"We call on Senator Ashcroft to assure the American people that his personal religious beliefs will not dictate how he will carry out his duties as attorney general," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL, a Jewish organization. Earlier this week, Foxman had praised Ashcroft as "fair" and "just."

Other groups did not think the speech was out of line.

Abraham Hooper, a spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, said the speech was clearly not related to how Ashcroft will conduct the office of the attorney general.

"This appears to be an expression of his personal religious beliefs," Hooper said. "When he is in office, he will govern with an understanding of the pluralistic nature of the society. We don't expect someone to give up their identity."



AP Photo
President-elect Bush hugs his new Labor Secretary nominee Elaine Chao in Washington, Thursday, Jan 11, 2001.

Taiwan is modern but retains old world charm

(U. Utah)
By Alex Lee
Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — I think of the English-speaking world in three regions — North America, Britain and Australia. Similarly, I think of the Chinese-speaking world in three regions — China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

At one end is China, rich in history, moving slowly in a rural society, mysterious after years of communism. At the other end is Hong Kong, which is laissez-faire economically. It's concrete and vertical, westernized after years of British rule.

Somewhere in the middle is Taiwan. It is what Hong Kong might be if it had more land, and what China might be if it had a modern infrastructure and more advanced technology.

Taiwan is cosmopolitan in its capital, Taipei. The dramatic rocky cliffs of the east coast drop straight into the sea. And giving the country a sense of history, many ancient temples dot its landscape.

My first day in Taipei was Christmas Eve, which seems to be just another day off for the predominantly Buddhist population. People took the kids to the park, went shopping with their spouses, and had dinner in town. Groups of senior citizens practiced tai chi at the parks and squares. Many Taiwanese had left town for the weekend, and the streets were quiet during the day.

Later that night, though, the city came alive. All the stores and restaurants were opened, and the streets were filled with people, cars and scooters. Nancy, a University of Utah graduate who grew up in Taiwan, was my hostess for the first half of the trip. She wanted to take to a bar on Christmas Eve. All the clubs raised the cover fee that night

to more than 400 New Taiwanese dollars (NT) — one U.S. dollar is equal to about NT\$32.

Our group decided to attend a free rock concert in Chiang Kai Shek square instead. A-mei, a female rock singer of Taiwanese aboriginal descent, was the main draw. "She is the most popular singer in Taiwan," Nancy said.

The next destination was Kao Hsiung, Nancy's hometown near the southern end of Taiwan. Although I had read that it is Taiwan's second-largest city and heavily industrialized, Nancy said "it is known for its warm and friendly people."

As in most countries outside the United States, trains and buses connect the cities in Taiwan. In addition, domestic flights in Taiwan have become so competitively priced that air travel is rapidly gaining popularity. The 40-minute flight from Kao Hsiung was inexpensive and convenient. Without planning when to leave Taipei, we bought our tickets right before departure.

We spent the time in Kao Hsiung with Nancy's childhood friends, Amanda, Sennyuan, Vincent, Moritz, Kevin and Erick.

Most young Taiwanese have English names, which they select as teenagers. The names are convenient for e-mails and meeting foreigners, said Nancy, who is named after Nancy Reagan. Vincent named himself after Vincent Van Gogh, his favorite painter. Moritz is the name of a German professor.

Although their English was less than fluent, they were very willing to use it with me. We spent the next few days touring the countryside outside Kao Hsiung, and I picked their brains about Taiwan.

All of Nancy's friends are not keen for promising careers, but they are not satisfied with Taiwan's conditions and are pessimistic about its future.

"Too small, too many people, too many cars," Kevin said of his homeland. Unemployment is high, too. Taiwan has lost many manufacturing jobs to China, which has become the source of cheap labor in the world market.

China is also a constant political threat to Taiwan. China demands reunification, while most Taiwanese are adamant about remaining an independent country.

"Taiwan does not want to be a second Hong Kong," said Erick, referring to Hong Kong's reunification with China in 1997. The group also agreed that the Taiwanese leadership is ineffective. "They fight all the time," Sennyuan said.

As in other Chinese cultures, the Taiwanese value education highly. Although admission to universities in Taiwan is difficult, it is estimated that more than 70 percent of recent high school graduates in Taiwan will eventually earn college degrees.

Taiwanese who have the means usually will study abroad. The arduous preparation for the college entrance exam is one reason they favor foreign universities, which usually require only a TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Some Taiwanese said they wanted to experience another culture. Some said Western universities are more related and foster creativity. Some claimed that Taiwanese employers favor those with western diplomas.

After a farewell dinner, the group disbanded and each one headed back to his or her life. Nancy had family matters in Taipei and would return to the United States in a few days.

Daisy was my hostess for the second half of the trip. She graduated from Utah State University and works in Taipei. Daisy advised that we would travel to her hometown, Tainan, before the New Year's Day weekend because traffic and avail-

ability of train tickets might be a problem.

The weekend there consists of just Saturday night and Sunday for most Taiwanese, because they work six days per week for a total of 48 hours. However, talk of shorter workweeks has surfaced recently because of western influences and high unemployment.

Once in Taipei, the excitement began; our primary mode of transportation was the scooter. China has the most bicycles in the world. Hong Kong has one of the best mass-transportation systems in the world. But in Taiwan, the scooter is king. There are cops on scooters, grandmas on scooters, fleets of Domino's Pizza deliverers on scooters. Entire families ride on one scooter, with Dad driving, Mom in the back and the kids on the floor.

Daisy was fearless carrying me around on her 50cc, single-seated Yamaha. Other scooter riders and car drivers seemed equally bold, and were irreverent of sensible driving tactics. Death seemed to be at every corner. Daisy tried to calm my fears. "Don't worry — I'd kill myself before I'd kill you!"

During my short stay in Taiwan, I had already witnessed one accident involving a car and a scooter. The scooter rider had to be carried off in a stretcher and ambulance. I was also involved in an accident when a bus I was riding in rear-ended a taxi. The bus driver and the taxi driver argued for more than 20 minutes. The situation was eventually settled when the taxi driver accepted NT\$3,000 from the bus driver.

We spent a day visiting temples and street markets. As in street markets in Hong Kong and China, one can get cheap clothes, a pet and the latest electronic gadgets. I was surprised, however, not to see counterfeit products, which are ubiquitous in Hong Kong and China. The food

is also typical of Chinese street vendors — every part of every animal, rice and noodle dishes, steamed rolls and dumplings. One dish I had not seen before was blood rice — a rice cake made of rice and duck blood.

Tired of the city, we hooked up with Yvonne. She works as a tour guide and speaks English fluently. I wanted to visit the cliffs of the east coast. She said I would have to risk my life because the recent earthquakes had made the cliffs very unstable. She took us to the wetlands to see the endangered black-faced spoonbill. The nearby fields were filled with evaporation ponds used to harvest salt. Yvonne said a new airport may be built in this area, so the wetlands will probably be gone soon.

Daisy and Yvonne met each other in church shortly after they joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as teenagers.

"I was rebellious and wanted to commit to something," said Yvonne, who is from a well-to-do family and has studied in France. Daisy joined "mainly because the church members were nice to me."

Yvonne suggested that I visit Kenting, Taiwan's first national park. Kenting is the Taiwanese version of the French Riviera. The Taiwanese come here for the sun and the water. I saw more foreigners here than anywhere else in Kenting.

While traveling to Kenting, we met Janine and Orrin, two Canadians from Manitoba. They tagged along with us to use Daisy as an interpreter.

English-teaching has become a popular way for foreigners to visit Taiwan and make a little money. "(The money) is more than I need to live off," said Janine, who teaches at Miss Chien's private elementary school. She makes approximately \$18 (U.S.) an hour and pays little

taxes. The Taiwanese income tax rate is 6 percent. Janine said she pays 20 percent until she has worked for six months in Taiwan. Fortunately, Janine's employer lowers her stated income to lighten the tax burden on her.

Kenting National Park is lined with sandy beaches and covered with rolling hills for forests. We rented scooters and covered most of the sights in one day. Orrin and I did not have Taiwanese licenses, but the rental agency did not bother to check.

After a seafood feast, we took a shared taxi back to the city because the train does not reach Kenting. As usual, the driver drove like a maniac. His teeth were brown from chewing betel nuts, but he loved flashing that grin.

On the outskirts of every town in Taiwan, young, pretty, skimpy clad, leggy women sit inside 10 foot by 10-foot transparent booths along the road. Cars stop by, the women get out of the booths and greet them with a smile, and transactions are made. What seem to be drive-in brothels are actually parlors for one of Taiwan's biggest cash crops: betel nuts.

The betel nut is the Taiwanese equivalent of chewing tobacco; it's strong and addictive. It makes the user salivate and spit excessively. One can always spot betel nut users. They aren't self-conscious about their badly stained teeth.

We transferred to a bullet train when we reached the city. The sun was setting as we sped through miles of rice paddies. It was time to go back to Taipei and return to the States.

Having previously visited China and Hong Kong, I have now gained a greater appreciation of all three Chinese-speaking cultures. I hope to return.

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NKU Hall of Fame ceremony to have a little flair

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The 3rd annual Northern Kentucky University Hall of Fame induction banquet will take place on Feb. 21 at Regents Hall at 8 p.m. The main speaker at the event will be former University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Royal basketball legend Oscar Robertson.

"We have had an induction ceremony every other year for the last four years in a quiet way and within our own organization," NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier said. "We want to be more traditional. We want to have a prominent speaker."

Meier said that they want to live up to the induction ceremony this year. "We want the induction to be fun. We want it to be a social event. We found a good speaker in the community."

There will be six people inducted in

the NKU Hall of Fame this year. Three of the inductees are former basketball players. "Basketball is a visible sport here," Meier said. "We have had some great athletes over the years."

One of those basketball players is Melissa Wood-Fleming who played on the NKU women's basketball team from 1983-87. She currently ranks No. 7 all-time in NKU women's basketball history in scoring with 1,393 points and is among the top 10 all-time with 348 assists and a 740 free throw percentage. "She is a phenomenal athlete. She was a good student and a very good leader," Meier said. "She could really jump. She had no problem running as an athlete."

Wood-Fleming also is known for playing on the program's first ever NCAA Division II Final Four in 1987.

Brenda Ryan is another one of the

inductees she played softball and basketball at NKU from 1978-82. As a slow-pitch softball player, Ryan had a batting average of .735, hit 12 home runs and drove in 42 runs during her senior year at NKU. She also led her club to a 31-5 record and the AIAW Southern Regional championship. "She was the best slow-pitch softball player," Meier said. "She could field and handle the ball well. She played third base, shortstop, pitcher, outfield, you name it."

Ryan played basketball as well. She made the starting lineup as a walk-on and didn't look back, scoring 1,252 points in her career (13th all-time). Ryan is also 4th all-time as an NKU basketball player with 416 assists. "She is an all-around athlete. She likes to play," Meier said.

The only soccer inductee, the first one ever, this year is Kevin Cieply, who played on the NKU men's soccer

team from 1981-84. Cieply was named McDonald's All-American in 1983 and earned third-team NAIA All-American honors in 1984. He also was named All-Region twice in his career and was the top defensive player during his tenure with the Norse. "He was a talented man," Meier said.

One of the most prominent inductees to the Hall of Fame would be Roger Klein, who was the NKU men's and women's tennis head coach from 1975-87. As the men's coach, Klein had a 114-102 record and led his team to two NAIA District 32 titles and one GLVC championship, the first ever for a men's program, in 1986. Klein was named GLVC Coach of the Year that season. "He has always been a winner in tennis," Meier said. "He had great success at Bellevue High School. In 1975, Lennie Davis hired him. He turned

things around quickly."

Klein also compiled a 72-63 record as the NKU women's tennis coach. "He has done so much for the game of tennis," Meier said.

The other two inductees in this year's Hall of Fame class are Derek Fields and Gary Flowerdew.

Fields played basketball at NKU from 1985-89. He ranks No. 5 all-time in NKU scoring with 1,664 points and was named GLVC Player of the Year in 1989 when he scored an NKU record 664 points. Also, that year, Fields was named NCAA Division II third-team All-American and NABC Great Lakes All-Region. "He was the first men's basketball player to be named GLVC Player of the Year," Meier said. "He was very outstanding. He was a leader for that team."

Flowerdew played NKU baseball from 1985-88. He currently ranks No.

1 in NKU baseball history with 263 hits and 165 runs scored. Flowerdew is No. 2 career-wise with a .405 batting average and is No. 3 with 123 runs batted in. He also had a .464 batting average, which is tied for first all-time in Norse history, in 1987. "He was such an offensive player. He was very good in the field," Meier said.

With many talented athletes being inducted and a well-known speaker at the helm, the NKU Hall of Fame ceremony looks to be one of the best ever, according to Meier. "We had 130 people in the past. We hope for higher than that, around 200, this year. We have a great committee. It is going to be a fun evening."

If interested in attending the banquet, the cost is \$25 per person and \$40 per person if going to the private reception in the University Center right before the program. For more information, call (859) 572-6632.

Replacing a legend: NKU searches for a volleyball coach for 2001

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

The task of replacing a legend is never an easy thing to do. For NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier, it is exactly what she is forced to do.

Meier is in the process of narrowing the list of candidates down for the head volleyball coach.

The job came open when former head coach Mary Biermann retired at the end of the season.

Biermann spent 12 years at NKU compiling a record of 286-106. She has also qualified her teams for four consecutive NCAA Division II tournaments.

Last season, Biermann guided her team to its first NCAA Division II Final Four in school history.

In the past four years, Biermann's teams have compiled a 118-19 record. She was selected GLVC coach of the year five times during her career with the Norse.

Meier said she feels it will be a tough task replacing Biermann.

"Her programs have been very good for a number of years. Her teams were always physically and

mentally ready to play everyday."

It has been business as usual for the Norse program since Biermann's departure.

The team has landed one commitment from a high school senior for next year and is very close to landing another commitment.

"We are fortunate to have assistant coach Carlos Chia, who has been actively recruiting for us," said Meier.

Meier couldn't comment on whether or not Chia was a candidate for the head coaching job.

Senior Bobbi Casey said she feels they need to bring in somebody that knows the program and the system.

"They need to find someone who can fit into our style of play, the fast moving pace."

In any search, you have to have qualities you look for in a person. One major quality that Meier wants is the ability to keep the tradition going.

"We need to find a coach who has experience in coaching volleyball. We need a coach who demonstrates the ability to run a success-

ful program at any level."

Another quality Biermann was known for was the ability to emphasize education.

"The coaching staff has emphasized academics in the volleyball program for several years. They have a 3.34 grade point average currently and have had 3.0 average or higher the last four years," said Meier.

Senior Jessica Brunker said she agrees with teammates about the search for the new coach.

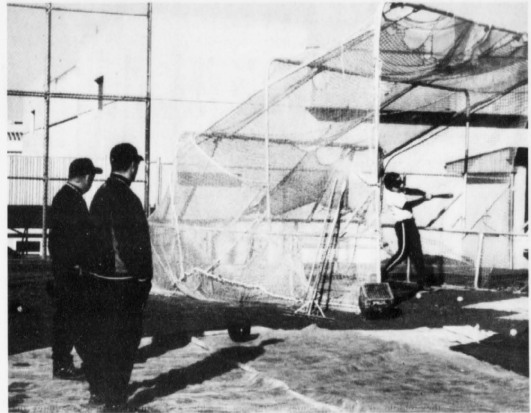
"I hope they find someone who coaches the fast-paced game. I hope they find a person who cares about the players on and off the court."

Meier said she knows the transition into a new coach will be a little strange.

"Many are one of the most professional staff members I have ever worked with. She did a excellent job in her work."

The search committee will narrow the list of candidates to three later this week.

Meier said she wants to have a coach in place by late February.



Dan Mecher/The Northerner

NKU basketball coaches Todd Asalon (left) and Bill Black (right) look on as their team practices in preparation for the upcoming season.

This Week in NKU Sports: On the Road with the basketball teams

NKU women continue domination against GLVC teams

The NKU women's basketball team continued its dominance over its Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents with wins over Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne and Saint Joseph's College this past week.

With the two wins, the Norse are now 51-4 over its last 55 games against conference foes.

The Norse beat IPFW by a score of 80-65 Thursday. NKU led by 16 at halftime and never looked back in the victory.

NKU junior Michelle Cottrell scored 14 points and had 11 rebounds as she moved to No. 6 all-time in scoring in NKU women's basketball history.

The Norse were also led by sophomore Amy Mobley who came away with 16 points and seven rebounds in the team's win. Sophomore Bridget Flanagan and senior Julie Crowens each contributed 14 points apiece in the game.

IPFW had two players in double figures. Jamie Holdeman had 24 points, and Trish Fleming scored 20 points for

the Mastodons.

In the game against St. Joseph's Saturday, the No. 5 Division II nationally-ranked Norse took care of St. Joseph's by a score of 82-61.

Cottrell again had a double-double with 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Norse. Flanagan had another big game, in place of injured guard Michele Tuchfarber, by scoring 11 points for NKU in the game.

Heather Allen scored 18 points and had eight rebounds to lead the way for St. Joseph's.

The Norse improved to 11-1 overall and 6-1 in the conference after its two road wins.

NKU men lose for the second time in last three games

The NKU men's basketball bounced back from its loss to Southern Indiana with a big win against IPFW Thursday but suffered its second loss in its last three games against St. Joseph's Saturday.

The week started out good as the Norse defeated IPFW 84-77 in come-from-behind fashion. IPFW led by four points, 44-40, at halftime. NKU,

however, came back and took the lead with three minutes to go in the game and went on to finish with the win.

Norse junior Craig Sanders was the main man for his team as he scored 28 points, including 19 of them in the second half. Sanders shot 9 for 12 from the field and 4 for 6 from the three-point line.

NKU junior Carl Mitchell also had 12 points and six rebounds, and senior Todd Clark ended up with 11 points in the win. IPFW was led by Brad Noll, who scored 24 points, and Matt Shepherd, who came up with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

The Norse ended the week with a surprising 83-79 road loss to St. Joseph's.

Martin Smith scored 13 points, including 10 in the second half, to help in leading 10 to the upset of NKU.

Sanders was the leader for the Norse with 22 points in the loss. Also, Mitchell scored 19 points and Clark added 18 points and six rebounds for NKU.

St. Joseph's improved to 8-8 on the year after the four-point victory.

The 5th ranked Norse are now 14-2 overall and 5-2 in the GLVC.

Upcoming Games (home games in bold)

Men's Basketball
Thu., Jan. 18
Sat., Jan. 20

Bellarmine
Kentucky Wesleyan

7:45 p.m.
3:15 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Thu., Jan. 18
Sat., Jan. 20

Bellarmine
Kentucky Wesleyan

5:30 p.m.
1 p.m.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Forrest Berkshire
Left: Todd Clark
Clark has one of the big men for the NKU men's basketball team this season. He recently scored 11 points against IPFW Thursday.



Right: Bridget Flanagan
Flanagan has played well in the starting lineup for the women's basketball team scoring 14 and 11 points respectively this past week.

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Disc jockey Niki Dakota in her familiar spot behind the mic for WNKU

WNKU stands on its own

By James Proffitt
Assistant Features Editor

Good morning NKU!!

WNKU, a professionally-run radio station located on the campus of Northern Kentucky University, has managed to establish itself as one of the most respected radio stations in the area, despite not having Robin Williams as one of its on-air disc jockeys.

David Arnold, general manager for WNKU, describes it as "a professionally-run non-commercial radio station which is licensed to NKU." Arnold said that WNKU is not a student-run station, like NKU's temporarily closed WRFN; but said that the station is pleased that so many students and faculty listen to the station.

"We're more of an outreach

effort of the university," Arnold said. "We're part of the University Advancement, which is one of the four major divisions of the university." WNKU has been quite successful in its outreach efforts.

On average, WNKU reaches 25,000 to 30,000 listeners a week. It has also received numerous awards and recognitions.

According to Arnold, the station has two main aspects to it: music and news. The mix has proven irresistible to some listeners, as is evident by WNKU's critical success. The station was voted best local radio station in *Cincinnati* magazine (1997), *CityBeat* (1997), and *Everybody's News* (1995-96). The station also possesses a reputable standing, as it has received two awards on the national level (for Best Newcast in 1999, and Best Hard Feature in

1994), 49 awards on the state level (14 of which have been in the last two years), and 29 awards on the local level simply for its news.

However, news isn't the only thing that makes listeners tune in. WNKU has also developed a loyal following for its musical play. Program director Grady Kirkpatrick says that musically, WNKU is a Triple A station. In Kirkpatrick's words, Triple A music can be described as "adult album alternative." The station's musical credibility has landed it a weekly spot in the *Cincinnati's CityBeat* magazine. Among the artists featured in this weeks Top 25 are U2, Joan Osborne, The Wallflowers, and Paul Simon. Arnold says the station's music targets a 35-49-year-old audience.

Go ahead and dance a little

By Hlevani Baloyi
Managing Editor

Lights, camera, dance! The energetic hip-hop movements from the movie "Save the Last Dance" will make you want to get up and dance. The film is captivating and socially challenging in that it explores complex social values through a romantic tale between two people from different ethnic backgrounds.

The film stars Julia Stiles, who plays Sara, a white, suburban girl who moves to Chicago's inner city after her mother's death to live with her father. She enrolls at a predominantly African-American high school, where she is exposed to a different cultural and artistic way of life. She manages to overcome the racial tension and develops a friendship with Chenille (Kerry Washington), an African-American teenage mother. Through the friendship Sara is introduced to Chenille's brother Derek (Sean Patrick

Thomas), an intelligent African-American boy who aspires to go to college.

The movie depicts how hip-hop culture is a growing phenomenon and the local nightclub. Steps is the place to show off your dance moves. However, Sara's expertise in classical ballet does not quite fit in with this scene.

Derek takes it upon himself to show Sara how hip-hop is an innovative art form that inspires African-Americans to relieve the tension they face living under bad conditions in the inner city.

The friendship between Sara and Derek develops into a relationship and they begin to break down the color barrier that was not allowing them to express their true feelings for one another.

The film introduces a sensitive element for African-American women where they feel threatened that white women are taking all the good black men. Sara gets into a fight with Nikki (Bianca Lawson), Derek's ex-girlfriend who is

jealous of the relationship she has developed with Derek.

The movie brings two people mentally and culturally from different backgrounds together to embrace one another and help each get through emotionally hard times. Derek's childhood friend Malakai (Fredro Starr) has resorted to a life of drugs and crime and Derek feels responsible for him getting in trouble with the law.

The bond Derek shares with Malakai will be tested when Derek compromises his loyalty to his friend. He must choose to help Malakai retaliate against a rival gang or support Sara during her ballet audition.

This movie tackles a lot of social issues that are not usually addressed in movies geared toward teenagers. The film explores interracial relationships and

incorporates hip-hop culture, which is being embraced by all ethnic groups. This movie will leave you laughing, crying and more aware of American social

issues. "Save the Last Dance" will make you groove to your feet and is a must-see thriller!



Sean Patrick Thomas and Julia Stiles in the movie "Save the Last Dance."

Photo contributed

Montreal:

Where
night
blends
into day

By Billy Sprankles
Staff Writer

Prostitution is legal, gambling is legal, beautiful French women flourish by the thousands, bars serve alcohol until 3:30 a.m., clubs stay open until 10:30 a.m. (and they're packed!), and the American dollar is worth 50 cents more in Montreal, Canada.

Over Christmas break, two of my friends and I were supposed to go to Toronto, but our flight was canceled. Aiming to make our weekend vacation as long as pos-

sible, we decided to freeline through the situation and take an open flight to Montreal.

NKU student John Ruebel, who fortunately traveled with me to Montreal, said "I never thought I would admit this, but Montreal may possibly be better than sex."

With the exception of New York City, the people in Montreal argue that they have the most culturally-diverse city in all of North or South America. During our three-day stay, we took an exceptionally well-rounded tour of the city and Montreal definitely accommo-

dates everyone. On the interior of a beautiful skyline, a seven-mile strip, St. Catherine Street, plays the most integral part of the city. Authentic French restaurants, coffee shops, upscale clothing stores, extravagant hotels, music warehouses, concert halls, strip clubs, fitness centers, and thousands of the friendliest people from everywhere imaginable fill the streets.

In regards to night life, Montreal offers outlets for all types and ages of people. The city publishes a magazine called *Nightlife* that lists every club, cafe, bar, dance hall, concert, or any other type of event going on during the late hours. The magazine lists over 400 nightlife spots from reggae, jazz, blues, R&B, techno, trip-hop, hip-hop, rock, alternative, pop and even country!

While in Montreal, I had the wonderful experience of visiting an after-hours club called Sona.

The club in Montreal claim that Club Sona is rated the fourth best club in the world.

Club Sona is basically two clubs in one: the best techno club in town is upstairs, and the basement hosts the best hip-hop club in Montreal, perhaps in the world.

Club Sona is a millennium version of Studio 54, the club that everyone's parents wanted to go to in the '70s. The club entrance is located on the side of a warehouse in a dark alley. Instead of forming a single file line to get in, club-goers stand in front of a large, arching metal gate through which bouncers allow people in based on how cool they look.

The techno club inside of Sona has an excellent VIP room (which I had the privilege of enjoying) that overlooks the entire club. The best techno DJs from around the world, such as Timo Maas, come to spin at Sona.

The hip-hop room in Sona is perhaps the most authentic hip-hop club I have ever visited. Canada's best DJs switch on and off the turntables every few hours. The hip-hop room stays packed until 10:30 in the morning, and the most remarkable aspect is that everyone dances and the same song is never repeated. Rumor has it that Eminem, Method Man and Memphis Bleek make frequent appearances.

I have been to Atlanta, Los Angeles, Phoenix and Florida and I have lived in Chicago, Hawaii and Montreal surpasses all of these locations in every category possible, especially nightlife, with the exception of warm weather. However, the cold weather is quite easy to ignore with so many wonderful places to go.

The city also publishes a Web site about night life in Montreal at www.nightlifemontreal.com.



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NKU's own olympic hopeful

By Cheryl Ritchie
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University might have the next 2006 Olympics gold medalist attending this spring semester.

Jonathan Hayward, 16, transferred this semester to NKU from Duke University. Hayward's last accomplishment as a competitive skater was December 2000, in Westminster, Colorado, at the 2001 Junior National Championships.

When his partner Samantha Skavdahl, 11, and he won second place in Intermediate Pairs. Before he reached Nationals he was in the Eastern Great Lakes Regional in Ann Arbor, Mich. This is where Hayward won first place in Intermediate Men Free Skating Championships in Amherst, N.Y., where they received a bronze medal

for placing third. This medal put the teens among the top skaters in the U.S.

"It's been a long journey," Hayward said.

Hayward's mother, Marianne McMillian, said this dream started at the age three. He was watching the Winter Olympics on television and saw Brian Boitano skate. Then he turned to us and said, "I'm going to do that some day." I'm going to win a gold medal." McMillian said that Hayward got his first pair of skates in his sixth birthday and a set of lessons to go with them.

Hayward won more than 60 awards and 80 percent were first-place finishes his first two years of competitive skating. Currently he was received about 90 different medals and 13 trophies.

"It's something I enjoy doing. It's something that God gave me a talent

for and I'm not about to waste it," Hayward said.

Hayward has had a tremendous time continuing his dream. His family has went through financial troubles and some medical conditions on the way. His mother Marianne and his brother Ryan have both stuck by him with loving support. McMillian ran the extra miles for her son to be able to express his talent. She is not the only one who thinks he is talented.

McMillian said that the gold-medalist of 1984 and the four-time world champion, Scott Hamilton, said, "keep that kid on the ice he has the potential to be better than I am."

Hayward is with the United States Figure Skating Association and is shooting for the Olympics and then Worlds.

You cannot keep this kid off the ice.



Photo contributed

Jonathan Hayward is a gold medal hopeful for the 2006 Winter Olympics. Here Hayward is performing with his partner, Samantha Skavdahl, at the Junior National Championships

In the year 2000 ... and one

By Jeanie Fortune
Lead Psychic Consultant

"What does the coming year hold for me, Jeanie Fortune: Psychic Extraordinaire?"

If I've heard this question once, I've heard it 13 times a day since the year began. That is not surprising though, considering this question is on everyone's mind. Trust me, I know.

I remember when I first became a psychic, I was in college at the time, working on my degree in psychology. Things were going great until the second semester of my freshman year. It was at that time that I had a particularly tough teacher named Norman Jones. I had never before, not have I since, met a man who took such pleasure in failing students. He was an older gentleman with three children who also taught at the university. Everyone named Jones at that school had a bad reputation, because all of the Jones' had a huge Jones for making class as difficult as possible. It was toward the end of the semester, in Norman Jones' class, when I had my first psychic vision. It was after I received my fourth consecutive 'F'

when I heard a voice from within tell me I would not pass that class.

I dropped the course that very day, and decided to focus my energies on becoming a psychic.

Through the years my talent developed, and I phoned a friend at *The Northerner* office (the distribution manager) to ask if I could share some of my visions with you, for only I know what your future holds. He arranged everything, which now allows me, Jeanie Fortune: Psychic Extraordinaire, to reveal these things to you.

Prediction 1: Elvis sportings! To the surprise of many (mostly non-psychics), Elvis Presley will be spotted in many different spots throughout the country. There will be many Elvis impostors running around, but don't be fooled. The real Elvis is living in seclusion, and he comes to me, Jeanie Fortune: Psychic Extraordinaire, for all the hunka-hunka-burnin' news on his upcoming year.

Prediction 2: Oscar Awards news!!! Tom Hanks will stun the world when he receives a nomination for Best Actor. Hanks, who is best known for 'The Man With One Red

Shoe' and 'Bosom Buddies,' will finally break down the barriers of "comedy actor" with a serious role in a well-written drama. Past failed attempts to do so, including 'Forrest Gump,' 'Philadelphia,' and 'Castaway,' will quickly be erased from our memories.

Prediction 3: Musical act Prish will embark on a tour.

Prediction 4: Major hairstyle news! The 'Rachel' cut wowed audiences everywhere when 'Friends' was new the the airwaves, and it seemed like you couldn't turn to the left without hearing somebody mention it. While 'Friends' remains a popular show, and the cut continues to be stylish, new fashions in hair design are on the horizon. People, longing for the days when TV still produced respectable shows, will get a bit nostalgic for the days of compelling plots and five-star actors. Due to this, the 'Slater' (seen on NBC's 'Saved By the Bell') will be worn by celebrities everywhere.

Some of these may seem a tad outlandish, but mark my words, the psychic knows and sees all. Good luck to all of you, and I'll be seeing you soon.

Trust me, I know.

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some stupid drunk who cannot get the point
I loathe the people and all my surroundings
yet I can't bring myself to leave this joint

And yet I sit here choking down another
an ice cold beer to help me ease the pain
of life and all the bad cards that it's dealt me
my fragile mind cannot withstand the strain

These broken-down old losers got me thinking
that maybe there's a better life than this
and still I'm on this barstool just a drinkin'

reminiscing o'er the love that I miss

These wasted days and nights without your presence

I'm shaking like a leaf since you been gone
although I loathe these drunks with whom I'm surrounded

I'm one of them and their stories wrote this song

Chorus:

All these drinks they drive me to drinking
They keep me on my toes most of the day
They remind me of how much that I miss you
And remind me of the words that I should say

By Peter W. Zubaty

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

No matter how persuasive they may be, don't let their offers move your decisions for you. Trust your self enough to know what is right.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Your questions about a financial problem will soon be resolved, but it may not be the ending you expected. Keep an open mind.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Life may throw you a few curves, but you can take what is coming your way. Have no doubt; in the end you will be victorious.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Your propensity for putting off the inevitable is wearing on the nerves of those around you. Keep your end of the bargain.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

Past mistakes no longer matter. Learn to move on. Carving around all that guilt only keeps you from what you must do.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

It is possible you are making things more stressful than need be? Work toward simplifying your life as much as possible.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Is it possible you are making things more stressful than need be? Work toward simplifying your life as much as possible.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Those closest to you may be worried about you but are afraid to say anything. Let them know you are doing well and that everything will work out.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

Something unusual happens that makes you wonder if you are headed down the right path. Follow your instincts.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

Things didn't go as you had planned. That is no reason to throw a temper tantrum. You'll have a chance to do things your way soon.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

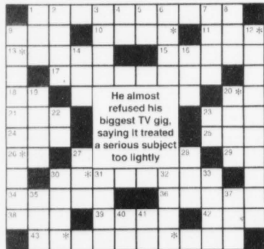
Start the new year with a new diet and exercise plan. You will find it much easier to stick with the program this time around.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

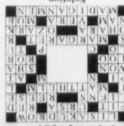
Power struggles in the workplace have you wondering if it is time to seek new employment. It wouldn't hurt to check your options.

TV-CHALLENGE



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. Friends actress (2)
 3. Asymptote
 10. Word with Major or Minor
 11. Barber's Corner (49-58)
 13. Claims against property
 15. One who portrays an angel
 17. 1975-76 detective series (2)
 18. Magnum, for one
 20. The Movies (1982-90)
 21. Get the catch on, obviously
 23. NI NI (1977-81)
 24. Dollar amount of the first question on Jeopardy! show
 25. Laura Petrie's man
 26. Oliver's initials
 27. Night for The Greens
 28. Diana Show: abbot
 30. Role on Becker
 31. 1987-88 Fox Morka series
 36. Jubilee: 55-60
 37. country music series
 38. On's destination in the 60s, for short
 39. Role on Alice
 40. Howard, for one
 41. Series for Roy Dotrice (2)
- DOWN
1. Garret McKinney's age
 2. Object
 3. Fiat: nation
 4. Keane's monogram
 5. The Few of... (1981-82)
 6. Truth or... (1981)
 7. City in Utah
 8. Musical Montgomery
 9. Caroline's portrayer (2)



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DHEA

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By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Use of DHEA is popular among college-age students because manufacturers claim it helps build muscle and add weight loss. Other claims made by manufacturers of DHEA include combating aging.

DHEA is sold supplement and available at most stores that sell dietary supplements including Kroger, according to Debra Pearce, faculty member of the Biology department and coordinator of NKU's experiment or the effects of DHEA.

Pearce said there is no evidence to show that DHEA can produce the results it claims.

"They've never done the experiments to prove it," she said. In 1998 alone, there were 43 adverse events were reported with the FDA, according to the article "The Potential Effect of the Food Supplement, DHEA, on Female Fertility," by NKU alum Teresa Burchio.

Burchio's article also states that the NCAA has banned use of DHEA and some manufacturers are currently putting warnings for women of reproductive age on their products.

Burchio's article states that the FDA banned over-the-counter sale of DHEA in 1985 and DHEA was available over-the-counter again until it was reclassified as a food supplement in 1994.

Since DHEA is a food supplement, approval of the Food and Drug Administration is not required, according to the 1994 Dietary Supplements Health and Education Act.

According to Pearce, DHEA is a hormone produced by the adrenal gland and is a precursor to testosterone.

"That's why you have this hormone that is for sale over the counter," Pearce said.

the lowest recommended dose. She said some of the rats conceived when they were mated. She said some of the experimental rats did not have any pups (offspring).

Overall, the average litter size of the control rats is 13, while the average litter size for the rats on DHEA levels two times the lowest recommended dose was only five pups.

Pearce said they encountered another problem: an 80 percent death rate of the pups of mothers who used DHEA. She said most of these deaths occurred within the first two weeks.

Pearce said these results do not indicate the same would happen in humans.

"You can't say that it won't affect humans in this way," she said.

Pearce said NKU does not have the capabilities or licensing necessary to test on primates and humans.

Pearce said they repeated the experiment using the lowest recommended dose and said DHEA at that dose did not affect fertility.

"We are mating them to see if exposure to DHEA will effect their reproductive capabilities," she said.

Pearce said the current "Rat Pak" consists of seniors David Mann, Adam Reddin, Alyssa Spokes and Dana Sturgeon.

Mann said he wanted to work on this project because the subject interests him.

Both Mann and Reddin say they have learned much from Pearce.

"She's an all-around great teacher," Mann said.

CINSAM

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According to Schmidt, approximately eight research agendas and six outreach projects to the community comprise a typical yearly schedule. He described outreach to include educational programs offered to high schools and elementary schools, as well as programs for the local public.

In CINSAM's third year of existence, the program is still in its infancy, according to Coordinator II Karen Ware.

"We'd like to have more contacts in the business community where students can utilize what they have

learned here," she said.

Following up on Ware's comments, Schmidt said CINSAM's goal is for all science and mathematics students to be involved in some type of "real-world problem solving experience" while attending NKU. "We have only just begun to arrange externship opportunities for students," he added.

CINSAM is still working to develop new projects, Schmidt said. He recommended that interested students speak with their professors in science and math to get involved.

STUDY ABROAD

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between \$400 and \$600. Interested students are advised to contact Professor Steven Wilkinson, Math and Computer Science Department, 572-575 or Anne Perry at 572-6908.

Immediate attention to deadlines is required of students interested in any of these international programs.

"We have deadlines coming up in February and March," said Perry.

And why should students want to study abroad?

"It helps us better appreciate ourselves and the area we're in," explained Klenhara. "Everyone comes in contact with international business." He used the everyday activity of buying gasoline from such international companies as Shell Oil as a good example.

"(The) Internationals have found us - we need to know," he added. "We need to go overseas to see how they do their business."

"I would recommend studying abroad as a way to truly grow as an educator," said Dr. Deborah Doty of the NKU education department.

"The overseas experience truly helps one see things from a new perspective and broadens your horizons. Seeing how another country educates their children helps us to examine more closely what we do."

Doty and Rhyne Smith will accompany NKU students to Liverpool, England for a six-week undergraduate elementary education program. Students will spend time in seminars and observation and teaching in the British Primary Schools. Doty explained that she participated in a similar program at Ball State University.

"It was one of the most valuable and enjoyable experiences of my educational career. I feel I am a better instructor and person because of my experiences while in England."

Another advantage to studying abroad was revealed by Dr. Christine Stiegler of the department of technology.

"Even if students do not plan to work outside the U.S., this experience looks good on their resumes because we work/live in a global economy and in a very diverse workforce here in the U.S.," said Stiegler.

Stiegler will travel to London, England with NKU students in the summer to participate in a Business Communication course. She taught a similar course a couple of years ago.

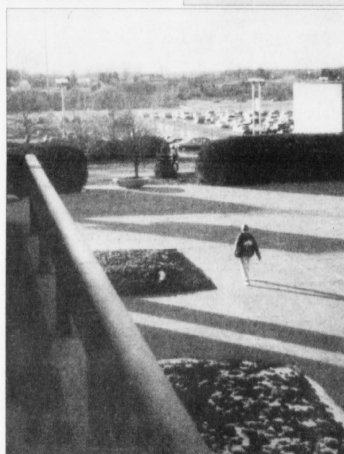
"We had field trips to Dell Computers, IBM, Oxford, England, and to historical sites in London," explained Stiegler. "Some students talked with business people in London about work opportunities outside the US and desired applicant qualifications."

In addition to career advantages, studying abroad provides the first-hand experience of being there. Remember the 1997 film, "Good Will Hunting"? Dr. Shawn McGuire (portrayed by Robin Williams) renewed Will Hunting (played by Matt Damon), who seemingly thinks he knows everything there is to know by reading books.

"If I asked you about art, you'd probably give me the skinny on art book written," said McGuire. "Michelangelo, you know a lot about him."

McGuire then admonishes, "I bet you can't tell me what it smells like in the Sistine Chapel. You've never actually stood there and looked up at that beautiful ceiling. Seen that?"

Perry reflects a similar philosophy. Studying abroad "is something you can't read about in a book - it makes you experience it."



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Contrary to popular belief, life does exist on campus on the weekends. These shots, taken at about 4:30 p.m. on Friday, show small signs of activity as the campus is bathed in shadows.



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