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NKU extends winter break

School gets an extra week off

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Northern Kentucky University students, faculty and staff will have a little more time to recover after New Year's. The school has extended this year's winter break by a week.

The extra week will allow construction crews more time to complete the campus' 10,000-seat Bank of Kentucky Center. NKU's spring graduation is scheduled to take place in the arena May 10.

The move also will avoid a scheduling conflict with Kentucky Derby weekend. NKU usually holds graduation either Friday or Saturday the first weekend in May.

"We wanted to allow state dignitaries the option to attend this event without having to choose one over the other," said Zebulun R. Davenport, NKU's interim vice president of student affairs.

"The other reason is, as a state official, our president has had to miss important events associated with this occasion," Davenport said. "Moving commencement off of Derby Day will provide him with the option of attending such events."

Davenport said the schedule change was announced in May, so it shouldn't affect anyone's plans.

Senior Kelly Sirk, student government association vice president, doesn't mind the longer break.

"I just spoke with some of my student government associates and none of them heard anything negative," Sirk said. "Students are very excited to have a month off of school."

"I actually do not mind the extension," Sirk said. "I am happy to have a longer break, as I am sure a lot of students are. Also, if it is just a little more time they need to finish the center, I would gladly wait because I am very excited to be the first class to graduate in it."

Final exams ended Dec. 14. Classes resume Jan. 14.

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