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## Service promotes a safe campus free from rape

Melissa Lauer  
Editor

An escort service to walk students to their cars late at night will be started by Student Government to help prevent rape on campus.

Northern Kentucky University has been lucky. Not one substantiated rape has occurred on this campus, said Lt. Don Mckenzie who has been with the DEpartment of Public Safety for 10 years.

"We have a good track record in that respect," he said. "There has been some rape causes reported, but they ended up being unfounded."

Student Government wants to keep that track record going and help to prevent rape from happening at NKU.

"We haven't had any incidents yet on campus, but other campuses have, and it spreads," said James George, Chairperson for the escort service. "We're trying to prevent it from every happening."

In an anonymous survey conducted by Beth Perkins, instructor of Philosophy and Women's studies at NKU, in 1983 showed that out of approximately the 4000 students who responded, 20 percent of the women said they had been coerced into having sexual.

Five percent said they had been raped, and 80 percent reported being a victim of some type of sexual violence.

Perkins said that these statistics are very alarming. She said that a big

problem women have is that they are hesitant to call coerced intercourse rape.

"Woman have the wrong attitude about the problem," Perkins said. "But the problem is that they don't see that they have the right to say 'no'."

Perkins said that women feel pressured by the climate of a date into responding to social pressures.

NKU can't insultate itself from the problem, she said explaining rape is a crime of violence, not sex. NKU needs this type of service.

The service should begin operating by the end of September or the beginning of October, said SG President Scott Kappas.

They have already received approval from Dean Lamb and John Conger.

"We've got DPS supporting us with this too," said George.

DPS can't do this all by themselves. DPS does about 10 escorts per month.

"They don't have the time to do it," said Kappas.

SG's services will be helping DPS do the job.

But George warns that they don't want to be abused.

"We don't want to be a help service - like carrying people's books to their cars," he said.

SG will be looking for volunteers to lend a hand.

"We're encouraging females to be escorts because a lot of girls feel more comfortable with other girls," said George.

DPS will help by offering to train the volunteers, said George.

And by training, the volunteers aren't going to learn just self-defense. They'll learn how to be careful and prepared.

"They (volunteers) are just a psychological assistant," George said.

The volunteers will serve more as a buddy instead of a bodyguard.

George said the service isn't like the military and no type of weapon will be used.

"The service will be operated by students, run by students, but it's not a police force," said George. "We don't want to see anyone get hurt."

SG will be accepting applications for volunteers, but they're going to be very selective, said George.

The chance can't be taken that an escort might take advantage of the situation and rape a student, he said.

So SG will ask for references and run checks.

Kappas said that he hopes SG will be able to pay the volunteers for their service

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Causing a commotion on campus in the war against drugs - Unknown protester. Photo by Scott Rigney.

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## Drug victory will take time

HOLLY JO KOONS  
MANAGING EDITOR

President George Bush called for approximately \$8 billion in federal spending to help win the fight against drugs.

During his first nationally broadcast speech, Bush said, "Victory over drugs is our cause." However, Bush went on to say, "Victory will take hard work and time."

Bush continued by saying that although it will take almost \$8 billion in federal spending to initiate his national strategy proposal against drugs, taxes will not have to be raised, or we will not have to add to our national debt. How Bush proposes to pay for his strategy was not disclosed.

Concerning his national strategy, Bush stated that this is the first time in our history that we have created a comprehensive strategy for the war on drugs.

Bush declared that no single policy will cut it. He said that the only way we are going to win the fight against drugs is "neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block, and child by child."

"We have to stand united," said Bush. "It must begin at home. Parents and families must... example by leading a drug-free life."

Bush said that the statistics on drugs is frightening. Although casual drug use has declined from 23 million Americans in 1985 to 14.5 million in 1988 (over a 37 percent decrease), frequent cocaine use has doubled from five percent in 1985 to ten percent in 1988.

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## SG's '89 Book Exchange is the most successful yet

MICHELLE DEELEY  
STAFF WRITER

As one of the many services provided for students, Student Government held its annual Student Book Exchange (SBX) August 28 through September 5 in the UC Ballroom.

According to SG President Scott Kappas, an estimated 3,500 students used the book exchange and brought roughly \$17,000 worth of business.

"This was the most successful Student Government Book Exchange I've witnessed," said Kappas. "We have not had any complaints."

The main reason for the successful SBX is due to new techniques implemented this year. A security check point was added, students went through more processing stages, and printed instructions were available.

SG work schedules were sent to members weeks before the SBX for the first time. This insured there would be enough workers at all times.

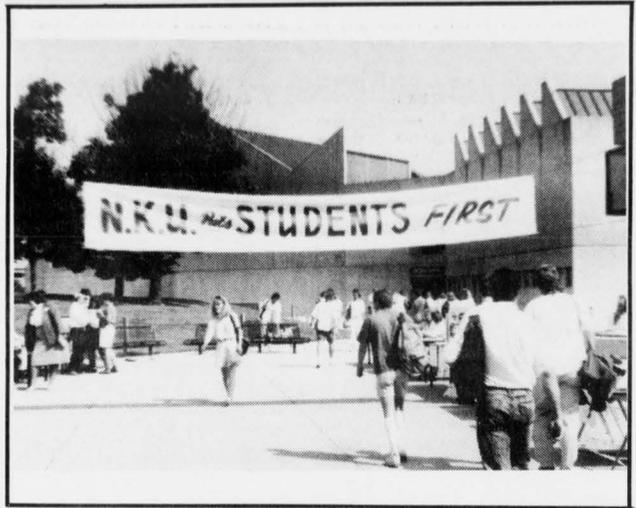
"I was extremely impressed with the dedication of SG members," added Kappas. "Everyone showed up for their shift and let me know in advance if there was a conflict with their schedules."

SG offers the SBX as a service to students. SG has no intention to make money. All money made goes toward SG's scholarship fund. Any left over books will be sold to a book buyer and money not picked up will also go toward scholarships.

SBX is an alternative to selling books back to bookstores. Students price their books and other students then have the opportunity to buy these books, usually much cheaper than bookstore prices. The student that sells the book receives the profit.

This event began five years ago on one table in the lobby of UC. Since then it has grown tremendously and moved to the ballroom two years ago.

SG will sponsor another SBX at the beginning of the spring semester.



Gathering on the plaza, NKU's departments provide information to students. Photo by Scott Rigney.

## Band plays swinging show all the way from New York

Melissa Lauer  
Editor

Band on Thursday, Sept. 7.

The concert was sponsored by the Activities Program Board, and it was free.

But still only about 30 people were lucky enough to enjoy the great entertainment this band provided.

Ain't that a shame.

APB goes to a lot of trouble and takes a lot of time to bring entertainment to the students at NKU.

This time, with New York City Swing, they out did themselves.

For those of you who didn't go, you really missed a good show.

The group, formed six years ago, has gone from a 17 piece orchestra to the current eight member swing band.

New York City Swing has played at

universities all over the country.

And they have won the NACC's Campus Entertainment Awards for contemporary music in 1987 and 1988. In 1989, they were nominated for two more CEAs and they recently showcased the 75th anniversary convention for The Association of College Unions International in Columbus, Ohio.

Next time, don't miss the show. Check out *The Northerner* Calendar of Events to see what's going on this week.

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Swinging with the music, it's the New York City Swing Band.

## DRUGS from front page

In efforts to fight against these statistics, Bush, with the help of others, has put together a four-major-element plan. The four elements are as follows:

1) Enforce law (by doubling the assistance in fighting drugs and by enforcing the law with swift and certain punishment on those caught and prosecuted). "If someone is convicted, they will do time," stated Bush.

2) Go to source (beyond our own borders by offering aid to Columbia, Bolivia and Peru). "The rules have changed. We will help when anyone asks for our help," said Bush.

3) Drug treatment (expand treatment

systems to help both the young people and our adults to stop being enticed by drugs).

4) Prevention

Bush's national strategy is being proposed to help win the national fight against drugs. Bush stated, "Drugs are zapping our strength as a nation." He said drugs are wrong and dangerous and the availability of them to school children is certainly an outrage.

Bush said that his major goal is to decrease the use of drugs by 10 percent by next year. He believes that if his national strategy is put into practice, this goal is well within our reach.

## Presidential Ambassadors are heading to East Ca.

**KELLI MCCARTHY**  
STAFF WRITER

Few students are aware of a group on campus known as the Presidential Ambassadors. This group is composed of fifteen NKU students who must not only maintain a 3.0 grade point average, but must submit an application and go through an interview.

The Presidential Ambassadors were formed four years ago by Pam Taylor, the Director of Student Activities, and Michael Berry, the Director of Education Talent Search. The group was formed due to the need for students to give tours

for new student admission and to act as hosts and hostesses for on and off campus functions.

These students are involved in many leadership and social aspects of campus life. They assist in receptions, lunches and dinners given at the home of NKU President Leon Boothe. The Ambassadors are funded by NKU Alumni and hold events such as the November Phone-a-thon in which they receive pledges from Alumni.

They participate in NKU's Homecoming in the fall and many other events and receptions throughout the year.

## Continuing Education classes offer more than the 3 R's

**BARB BOLENDER**  
NEWS EDITOR

Courses ranging from country crafts to primitive camping and from beginner's clogging to attending a Russian dinner are just a few of the Continuing Education courses to be offered this fall at Northern Kentucky University.

This is the 10th year for the program, which is offered by NKU's Office of Community Education and Service and comprises more than 50 offerings in the areas of professional development, office skills, international languages, fitness and recreation, financial planning, business and arts and crafts.

Specific courses include scuba diving, making a baking, executive dining etiquette, assertiveness training, photography, quilting, and word processing just to name a few.

In addition, the "Travelearn" and

"Taste International" series are being offered. "Travelearn" combines a vacation with learning with trips planned to Nepal, Kenya, Morocco, the Galapagos Islands and Egypt. The "Taste International" series incorporates international cuisine and cultural programming. Participants receive recipes and an explanation of the dishes before dinner. After dinner, the culture and customs of the countries are discussed and a slide show is presented.

Registration is ongoing and will continue until the day before classes begin, with some courses beginning as soon as September 18. Taught at several sites, the classes are short-term, special interest courses of four to 10 weeks in duration. The classes meet once or twice a week, mostly during evening hours.

For more information or a brochure, call 572-5583.

Seven of the Presidential Ambassadors will be going to East Carolina University from September 14 - 17 for a Student Alumni Association Foundation National Convention, where they will join other universities in learning more about student leadership and excellence.

If anyone is interested in using Presidential Ambassadors for campus public functions, contact Carol Dupee at 572-5709

## 19 WAYS TO AVOID RAPE

1. Don't ever Hitchhike.
2. Trust your instincts when you sense danger.
3. Walk briskly and look alert.
4. Do avoid dangerous places.
5. Do lock your apartment and dormitory doors.
6. Close your blinds and shades at night.
7. Be aware of your environment.
8. Keep one hand free when walking.
9. Lock your car doors.
10. Think through what action you would take if confronted by a rapist.
11. Do not open doors to strangers.
12. Keep emergency numbers near the phone.
13. Do not walk alone at night.
14. Know the locations of public telephones on routes to and from class.
15. Know how to use nonconventional weapons.
16. Vary routes on campus.
17. Attend a rape prevention seminar.
18. Take a self-defense course.
19. Carry an alarm device.

## If Attacked:

Despite all precautions, should you be faced with a rapist, you still have such options as:

1. Distracting him; rapists often follow the same pattern and disrupting his script might give you time to escape.

2. Women have been known to dissuade a potential rapist by screaming, claiming to have VD or cancer, reciting nursery rhymes or scriptures.

3. The choice of whether or not to physically resist can only be made by you. If the rapist is armed, your options are limited; there is no way to predict his actions.

4. If your choice is to resist physically, take advantage of "weapons" you may have: keys, finger nail file, hair spray, comb, etc.

## IF Raped:

If you are actually raped, there are still things you can do to help yourself.

1. Try to keep a cool head.
2. Notice everything you can about the rapist; his speech, his hair, his clothes, any scars, the direction he takes when leaving, etc.
3. Try to determine his height in comparison to a door.
4. If you are raped someplace other than your home (a car, a strange apartment) remember everything you can about the setting. Try to leave some small personal item such as a button, earring, lipstick - anything which can be traced to you.
5. Immediately call the police, and be willing to prosecute.
6. Preserve all physical evidence carefully. Do not bathe or wash clothing. Do not touch any object handled by your attacker.

Information provided by Crime Check - Kentucky State Police.



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## To park, or not to park?

This week we turn our attention to the "fine" parking available here at NKU.

We realize that you are just trying to make the situation more feasible, but more has to be done. This is especially true in the morning. We appreciate what has been done, but it's not enough.

The gravel-filled lots give the campus a fresh look, but we're just waiting for Fred Flintstone to drive by on a dinosaur.

Something can be said for the dedicated public safety officers who wave us all by during the morning rush hours.

But even more can be said for those students who get up before the moon has set the night before to be at school early enough to only wait in traffic for 45 minutes just to get a parking space. Then, of course, we can't forget the long, 10-mile trek from our cars to our classes.

Okay, we know that we're complaining (sticking up for what we paid \$20 for), but we do have some suggestions.

1) Instead of Lot A, Lot B, Lot C, etc, how about Quick-Draw-McGraw, row one through five; Astro, row six through 10; and Dino, row 11 through 15.

2) Rest areas complete with water dispensers, food, physicians, oxygen tanks, etc.

3) Mile indicators to keep track of how far you've gone and how far you've still got to go (six more miles to Landrum).

Maybe we should even bid a new event - the park decathlon. The event will start with finding parking space somewhere in Campbell County, trekking through the underbrush, crossing the street without becoming a road-kill, and clocking in on time for class before the instructor closes the door on your foot.

So we're stretching the truth a little (all right, so a lot). After generations of listening to our forefathers, I guess their traditions have rubbed off on us a little. We've been hearing the old stories about having to walk eight miles to school (uphill both ways) in the dead of winter with ragged clothes and, of course, barefooted for so long that we've become cynical too.

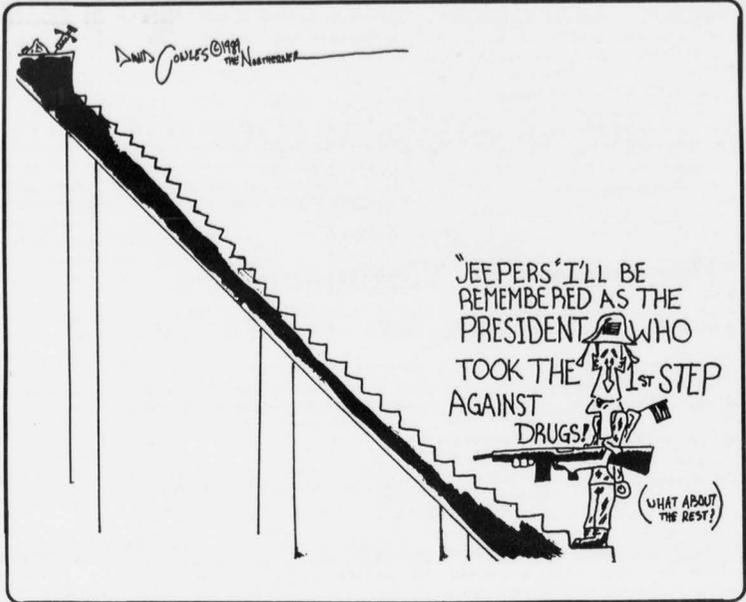
## Letters to the Editor

All letters must be typed or clearly printed and limited to 200 words or less. Letters are due in **The Northerner** Thursday for publication on Tuesday.

Each letter must include the author's name and phone number. We can under special circumstances protect the author's anonymity.

Each letter will be printed verbatim. However, the editorial staff reserves the right to edit objectionable material.

**The Northerner** reserves the right not to publish any letter if the above criteria are not met.



## Football at NKU?

"If Thomas More can start a football program, then why doesn't NKU have one, too?"

No sooner had Thomas More announced that it will begin a Division III football program in 1990, the old question was raised again: Should Northern implement its own football program?

### DON OWEN

In my meaningless opinion, the answer is NO. The only people who seem to be advocating football at NKU at this time usually fall into one of two categories: 1) Those who must keep up with the Thomas Mores of the world and 2) Those who don't understand the enormous costs to start a football team.

It's not that I'm against football at NKU, but only under the right circumstances. At the present time, there are more negatives than positives in regards to implementing a football program.

First of all, who wants Northern to be like Thomas More? Granted, TMC has a fine academic reputation and well-deserved at that. But when it comes to intercollegiate athletics, Thomas More is Pee-wee Herman in a weight-lifting contest...more comedy than competition.

You might not be aware of this, but the annual TMC/NKU basketball game is in danger of being canceled after this year. Yes, we can all learn something about good sportsmanship and how to be gracious in defeat from TMC head basketball coach Jim Connor. After absorbing a 122-82 clock-cleaning at the hands of the Norsemen last year, Connor called for an end to the series because NKU gives athletic

scholarships and TMC doesn't. Super. Northern doesn't need TMC on its basketball schedule, just like it does not need football simply because the Edgewood school is implementing it.

The obvious reason NKU doesn't need football at this time is money, or rather the lack of it. Presently, Northern is having difficulty paying its faculty competitive salaries with other schools, and as a result, many are fleeing NKU for greener pastures. Flat-out, NKU has better things to do with its money than start a football team. Would you like a list of things needed to have a team? Try this:

1) A stadium ... Not a soccer field.  
2) Football equipment ... It won't be two-hand tag.

3) Coach's salary ... more costs.  
4) More dorm space.

5) Community and fan support ... Where has it been for basketball? And don't try and say football is a more popular sport, especially in this state.

If NKU wants to give additional athletic scholarships, then don't start a football program; give them to the soccer and volleyball teams. Both of these programs have few, if any, full-scholarship athletes, yet both are coached by two class individuals in Paul Rockwood and Mary Biermann. These two coaches are as valuable of resources as NKU has, and both programs would benefit greatly with full-ride scholarships. I realize neither sport is a big revenue producer, but is that what college athletics were intended to be?

And who's to say football at Northern would be a revenue producer, either?

# Reader's Views

## Reader says wipe out illiteracy

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in light of the recent campaign to eradicate illiteracy. One of the main gripes I have with the present form of schooling is its assumption that in order to teach you must present the information as nothing more than dead facts.

Thomas Edison was frequently asked about our system of education. He replied, "Our system is a relic of past ages. It consists of parrot-like repetitions. It is a dull study of twenty-six hieroglyphics."

Since high school, and my main gripe is with the high schools, although some of the problems I speak of are also in the colleges, I have been unable to deal with any piece of information in any creative way.

Math for me was very hard. I had a difficult time seeing how one math problem or equation related to another. I

could never put logical facts together in a meaningful way and see how they interrelated. The grade schools teach a method of reading called "Look-say." This method shows a child a letter and the child repeats the letter in parrot-like fashion after the teacher. This method of teaching does not provide the student with a basic understanding of the symbols used in reading and writing. The result of this program has led to increasing illiteracy in the United States, many experts now believe.

The traditional synthesized phonics provides oral and visual learning of the sounds and letters of the alphabet. From this process evolves a fundamental understanding of the "spoken word" thereby laying a solid foundation for true literacy.

But if you listen to the head educators, all we need is more money. Even English and writing conforms to a rigid system of

regimented write-by-the-numbers. Make a five hundred word essay, three paragraphs on a given subject, three lines on so and so. Why not leave it to the imagination of the individual? I like to believe we should treat people like they are human, and humans don't need to be spoon fed information like feeding a child.

Teach practical applications for the information taught. Let's tell kids it's all right to write as many pages as they like, instead of iron clad rules on how far any given subject can be taken. I find it hard to write an imaginative letter due to the limited style of teaching writing skills taught in "I feel like I have to finish before I get to a 100 words or more" public schools. If we are going to spend millions

on education, let's do it right the first time.

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## Campus Corner

Attention: Faculty and staff...

We want to hear from you for our new column, Campus Corner.

What do we want you to write about? Well -- anything!

How about what you did over summer vacation?

Seriously, we just want to hear from you on subjects that hold your interest, your area of expertise or something about Northern -- Anything at all.

Well, almost anything.

Please be courteous, humane, and sincere, if you know what we mean.

So, how about it?

Give us a call at The Northerner (572-5260) or send us your column.

But send it soon while supplies last or we'll have to track you down. No money back guarantees.

## Mr. President, drugs not biggest problem

Mari Beth Lienhardt  
Staff Writer

Dear President Reag-er, Bush,

I missed your prime time show last week, having forgotten to set my VCR. But I did catch you on the late news and in the morning paper.

I'm sorry I missed it because it was clearly the most dramatic thing since *thirtysomething* came along. You must have spent hours rehearsing those theatrics in front of the Oval Office mirror. And of course, I never expected you to declare a "war on drugs." It was a really innovative step by your administration, right there behind being known as the "anti-flag burning president."

So you're going to spend nearly \$8 billion this year to wipe out "the gravest domestic threat facing our nation today," to wage your "war."

Well, I'm not buying it. The idea that drugs are our *worst* problem, that is. And I don't believe that anyone with a heart, or a brain, for that matter, could buy it either.

Let me point out some things I think you discounted when you made your list of "gravest threats."

-There are an estimated 3 million homeless people sleeping in our streets, parks, subways. Not just crazies and bag ladies, but families unable to pay rent, eating in soup kitchens, covering themselves with cardboard boxes and castoffs. Do you remember the homeless? They were the big media cause not too long ago.

-The people not yet homeless will be soon enough, if you have your way with the minimum wage crisis. The minimum wage has not been increased since before I started working almost a decade ago (can I really be that old?). Yet you stood firm not to increase it proportionally to the inflation rate of the last 10 years, effectively making any new wage *actual less dollars* than the \$3.35 an hour was in 1980. Consider this in light of the fact over 3.2 million people in the United States earn minimum or below. Read my lips--"Where do the homeless come from?"

-People, all kinds, are dying of AIDS

every day. No amount of education is going to reduce the death toll in the next few years, because the incubation period of the disease can take up to six years. In 1988 there were over 27,000 AIDS cases and almost 10,000 deaths. How many people have these victims infected? How many innocent victims does AIDS have to claim before research and treatment get nearly 8 billion federal dollars? Babies are contracting it prenatally, heterosexuals are getting it in blood transfusions and in their sexual contact. And I must repeat, for everyone's sake, that *no mosquito has ever caused a case of AIDS*. Remember that. AIDS is a cold, cruel disease soon to reach epidemic proportions, worse than any cancer. It is a living death for its victims.

Despite *glasnost*, despite of SALT II, despite of Geneva and Reykjavik, there are nuclear weapons around the world pointed at us, at our children, at our future. This is the "gravest threat." Oh sure, you and your die-hard defense budget paddlers tell us that we are not assured of devastation and destruction, only that we have the ability to defend

ourselves in the event of a first strike from an enemy. Like they never, ever, not in a thousand years, instigate a first strike. Tell that to Harry Truman.

The above figures were reported by your federal agencies. I didn't bother to locate an estimate of "drug abusers" (or users, which is the same thing to you) because I believe the criteria are probably too narrow. I'm sure that estimate includes one-time marijuana smokers, but not coffee drinkers, tobacco smokers or valium-popping housewives.

The next time the media report that 3000 or so percent of the population say that drugs are our worst problem, I can only hope that the better-educated, better informed, *widely read* people will read those percentages for what they really are--the results of media overkill and the power of suggestion. I guarantee I can find such a poll proclaiming the homeless our worst problem. But it will be dated last year.

Sincerely,  
A Concerned Citizen

## Sea of Love isn't just a Cops-N-Robbers film

JEFFREY S. BOHR  
FEATURES EDITOR

*Sea of Love*, Al Pacino's first film since 1985's *Revolution*, is not your run-of-the-mill cop movie. Set in Manhattan, *Sea* also stars John Goodman (*Roseanne*, *Raising Arizona*) and Ellen Barkin (*The Big Easy*, *Eddie and the Cruisers*).

Pacino plays Frank Keller, a twenty-year veteran of the New York City Police Department. Keller has earned the right to retire, but stays with the force out of love and duty. Keller is called to investigate a murder, and formulates his theory on the killer's identity and motive. At a police banquet, Keller meets a cop from Queens, played by John Goodman. I didn't remember his name and people were in my way during the credits so I missed it then also. However, I think that it was Joe. Anyway, Joe tells Frank that he heard about the murder case in Manhattan, and that he has been investigating a similar murder. Both victims were men—Don Juan types—found face down and nude in bed, with bullets through their heads. Frank and Joe's theory—a woman scorned.

From this point the movie chronicles Frank and Joe's unorthodox attempts to find the murderer. Their sleuthing technique brings humor to the otherwise dramatic and suspenseful plot.

Enter the beautiful and sultry Helen Cruger, played to a tee by Ellen Barkin. Helen is a prime suspect in the murder cases, but Frank, still recovering from a 3 year-old divorce, falls head-over-heels in

lust with the woman. This liaison proves once again that sometimes the wisest choice may not be the right choice to make. In other words, sometimes you should throw your cares to the wind and just have a good time.

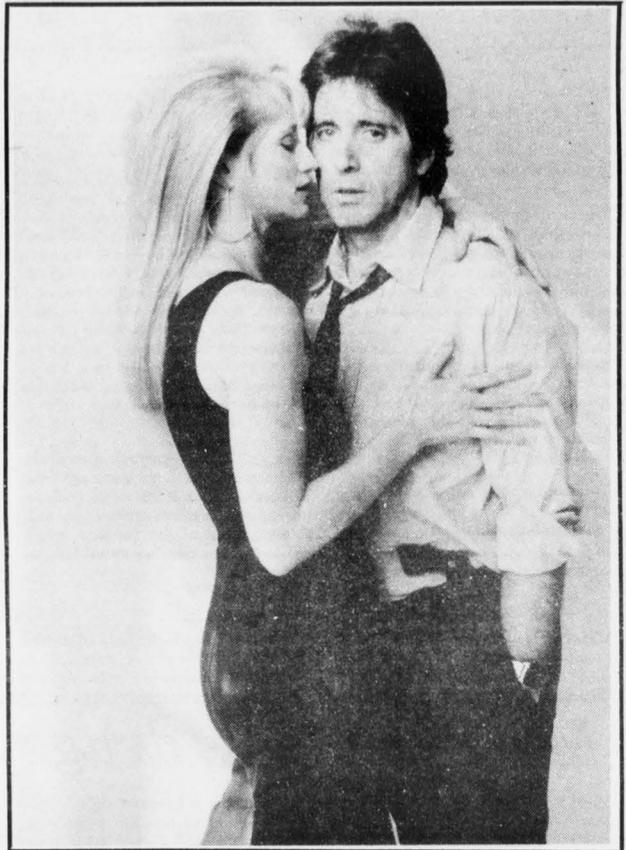
At this point, any more of the film should be seen to be fully understood and experienced by you, the money-paying audience member. *Sea of Love* is not going to win any major awards, but it is an entertaining way to spend the early part of a late evening. It ran exactly 2 hours, including the credits. I recommend staying to the very end to hear Tom Waits' mellow rendition of the classic title song.

For a cop movie, this film has all the required elements: suspense, humor, a little action, surprise, sex and affection, and also manages to end gracefully, with the required twist of a good ending. Pacino and Goodman portray cops that are more than just New York's finest, they are also good men. Barkin not only looks and sounds great, but provides an excellent character for the plot to revolve around.

*Sea of Love* is a Universal Studios release, and is rated R. Directed by Harold Becker (*Vision Quest*, *Taps*, *The Onion Field*), the film opens at Showcase Cinemas on Friday, September 15.

**Ratings:** (on a 4.0 scale)

• as a cop movie	2.9
• action	2.2
• humor	2.9
• suspense	3.2
• sex and affection	3.2
<b>Overall Rating:</b>	<b>2.88</b>



Al Pacino and Ellen Barkin star in the erotic cop thriller *Sea of Love*, directed by Harold Becker. *Sea of Love*, a Universal Studios release. Opens at Showcase Cinemas this Friday, September 15. Photo: Universal Studios.

## Media director full of energy

LISA KIDWELL  
STAFF WRITER

Ron Hoffman is a whirlwind of energy!

As the new Director of Media Services at NKU, his enthusiasm is unmistakable as he talks about the many services his department can offer to both faculty and students.

*Beginning a new year, Ron Hoffman, director of Media Services, has many ideas.*  
Photo by Scott Rigney.

Media Services has on-hand various types of television production and audio-visual equipment, and a full-service production staff to bring it all together with professional flair.

"This is available at no charge to faculty and students who use our services for class related projects," said Hoffman.

Although teachers have been taking advantage of these services for use in classroom instruction, Hoffman hopes that more teachers will begin encouraging their students to use the equipment as well.

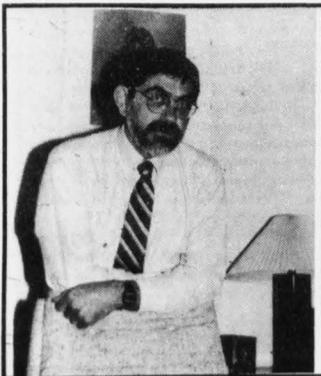
Hoffman says he feels strongly that

"NKU's first priority should be the students," which is why he would like to see more students benefiting from Media Services.

He added that many times students become involved in classroom projects that would be ideal for utilizing audio-visual equipment like slide-tape presentations or video documentaries, but they seldom take advantage of it.

Videotaping of historical events and the recording of oral histories, which have become very popular recently, are two areas he would like to see more student involvement.

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# Coach excited over having own team

MICHELLE DEELEY  
STAFF WRITER

Durrell Hamm has been appointed the 1989-1990 speech coach after former coach Steve Brooks accepted a position at Baker University in Kansas.

Hamm, a native of Bracken County, received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications with an emphasis in speech and theater at Morehead State University. He also obtained a Master of Arts in Communication at Morehead.

While completing his undergraduate work, Hamm was an active member of Morehead's speech team. After graduating, he served as assistant coach for two years, including instructing the team that place 12th in the U.S. last year.

"NKU is giving me the opportunity to have my own Speech team for the first time," explained Hamm. "I'm excited by the challenge of trying to build on an already established program."

Among his plans are to build the team from five to seven strong members, arouse interest in students, get members to try several new events, and implement Pi Kappa Delta, an honorary forensic fraternity, on campus.

Another of his projects this spring will be to allow a speech team member to receive college credit for helping coach local high school teams.

An immediate goal is to have students do well at the first tournament, Otterbein Invitational in Wlotewille, Ohio on October 14. He would like to see each member qualify in an event, but added that would depend on how hard the students are willing to work.

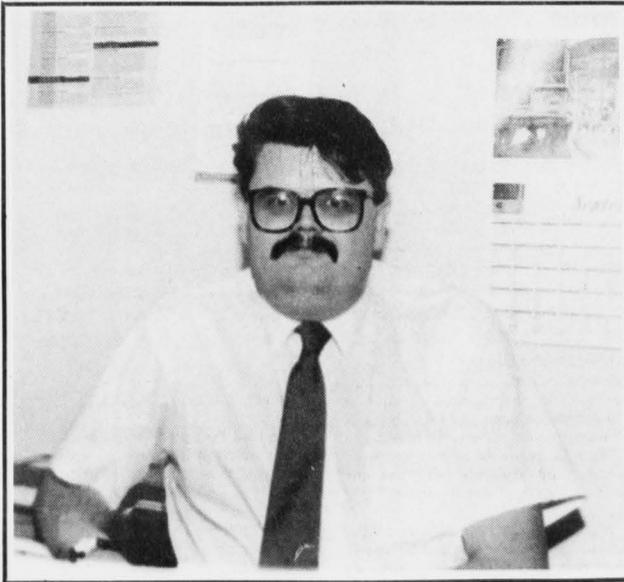
"My philosophy of coaching is that students should enjoy themselves. It is the experience that counts, it's invaluable. Competing should be fun, exciting, and a good way to meet new people," said Hamm.

His duties go beyond those at NKU. One of these obligations is being Co-director of Kentucky High School Speech League's (KHSSL) Northern Kentucky Region. This position is shared with NKU assistant coach and speech professor, Karen Slawter.

"I make myself available to local high schools to assist in anyway in developing a speech team and coaching," Hamm commented.

Presently, they are working on a KHSSL Northern Kentucky high school workshop to be held on September 30 at NKU.

When not involved in speech-related activities, his time is spent going to the theater and reading. Currently, he is reading religious books and especially enjoys those dealing with the Old Testament.



Challenging the speech team this year is the new speech coach, Durrell Hamm. Photo by Scott Rigney.

## Northern Sights and Sounds

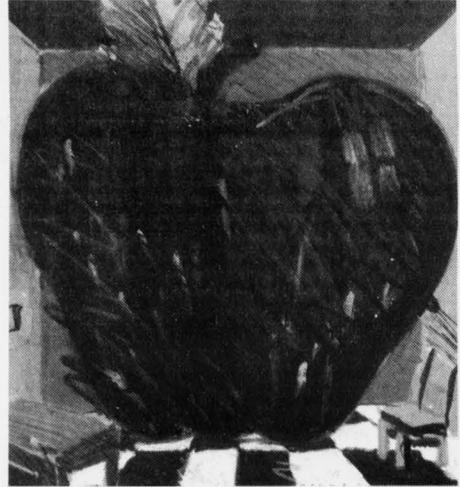
CLARENCE "WOODY" WOODS  
NKU AUDIO ENGINEER

CD continued from last week

The qualities which make one digital design better than another are not simple to evaluate. As compact disc technology is relatively new, we are still finding out some of the reasons for sonic differences, especially in the digital portions of the machines. Two of the new buzz terms in digital have potential value. Both *optical coupling* and *digital-direct* shorten the signal path to provide cleaner sound. Nakamichi, for example uses optical coupling in some of their players to shorten the analog signal path. Luxman uses it to allow them to put the digital-analog converters in the preamplifiers.

Recent research has uncovered potential problems at the heart of the digital section of CD players, the digital analog converter, or DAC. The DAC is the device which converts binary numbers back to music, so you can imagine how critical this stage is. In a

16-bit PCM (pulse code modulation) code, the first bit is referred to as the MSB (most significant bit). If the DAC is not calibrated accurately (and some cannot be calibrated at all!), gross errors in decoding occur at low levels. Signals which should measure 90 decibels, or db (a unit of measuring dynamic range in audio) can be off as much as 20 db, thus affecting dynamic range to easily audible proportions. Some of the better manufacturers include trim pots or adjusting screws on their DACs. Usually this adjustment is done by a technician familiar with that brand. As with any relatively new technology which has just joined the mainstream, we have the quality conscious company at one end of the spectrum and the crank-'em-out guys at the other end. Unlike five years ago, we know many of the reasons CD players sound different. Today, there are more excellent sounding players available than ever before thanks to the continued demands of consumers for better machines and the eager response of manufacturers to design and build them.



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## BSU recruits for more membership

MARLENE KINMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Free food—that's what was dished out at the Baptist Student Union at noon on Wednesday, September 7.

More than 40 students attended the chili and cake luncheon which was part of the organization's promotion to recruit new members.

According to BSU president, Amy Cade, students can have lunch at the BSU (514 Johns Hill Road, across from the ball field) every Wednesday at noon. The cost is \$1. The Lunch Encounter, as BSU members call it, is open to both members and non-members.

"You don't have to be Baptist to come," Miss Cade said. "It doesn't matter who you are, you are accepted at the BSU." According to Miss Cade, the 40 students currently active in the organization include not only Baptists but also members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic faiths.

Miss Cade said that the BSU is a Christian organization that provides a support group for college students and a place for them to get together. The BSU house is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and students can go there to relax a few minutes between classes. "Although NKU has a reputation as a commuter school where students don't get to know one another, I've made friends for a lifetime here at the BSU," she said.

Beside the Wednesday Lunch Encounters, the BSU also has Together in Fellowship meetings each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The program usually includes discussion of and speakers on topics of current social issues.

For those who like to sing, the BSU is beginning a choir which will rehearse on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Miss Cade hopes the choir will be ready to tour during Spring Break. Some BSU members serve on revival teams or on a drama team.

The BSU also provides opportunities for involvement in community service. Members spent Sunday afternoon, August 20, carrying luggage and boxes as they helped students move into the dorms. "Some people couldn't understand why we wouldn't take money for it," Miss Cade said.

During Spring Break, 1989, BSU members conducted beach ministries and mall ministries on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Miss Cade said the service project she remembers most vividly is of "a Christmas spent in Chicago working with the homeless." She said BSU members did crafts and clowning projects with children, worked in a clothing shelter, and helped feed over 200 homeless a "Monday night meal."



# CALENDAR

## 14

Thursday

- Northern on the Nightside Coffee offers free donuts, coffee and a chance to mingle. It will be held in BEP and LA at 7 p.m. Sponsored by APB.

## 15

Friday

- Last entry date for men's Saturday Flag Football. Sign up at Albright Health Center. Play begins the following Saturday (23).

## 16

Saturday

- Men's Softball league play begins over at campus recreation fields behind the dorms.

## 17

Sunday

- The Bengals play the Pittsburgh Steelers in a AFC Central Division Clash.

# OF EVENTS



## 18

Monday

- Enjoy lunch at the University cafeteria with their new expanded lunch hours. Now, they are open till 1:30 p.m. Plenty of good food to choose from.

## 19

Tuesday

- APB presents another Northern on the Nightside Coffee at 7 p.m. in BEP and LA. Free coffee, donuts, and a chance to socialize.

## 20

Wednesday

- Last date to have your books picked up for contributions for Lalinks Fourth Annual book sale. For more info call Dr. Danny Miller at 572-5619.

## 21

Thursday

- The Residual American College Test will be administered at 4:30 p.m. Place of testing to be announced.  
- Spanish Conversation Hour will be held every Thursday in LA 531 at 1:40 p.m. It's sponsored by the Lit. and Language Dept.  
- Melissa's Birthday. She'll take just about any kind of gift.

## The Menus play to a different beat of music

TAMI CORNELIUS  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

The summer of '89 brought hot changes to the classic rock band The Menus. They have a new set, new members, and a new attitude.

Bassist Patrick 'Re Run' Linville and keyboardist Jim Oswig are the new members. Together with singer Tim Goldringer, drummer Brandon Ryan, and guitarist Jim Doyle's they created new attitudes.

"Jim and Re Run have given us new life," said Doyle of the changes. "We're out of our rut."

Gone are the days of Evelyn (the mankin head) and the Grab Bag (Menu's version of Name that Tune). She got run over by a van and Tim gave the bag away as 'the best gift ever'. Now they are doing TV theme songs from the Peanuts and Green Acres. It's hilariously entertaining.

The new energy is most apparent in their expanded repertoire. Captain (Grand Funk) and Brandy (The Looking Glass) are two of the additions to the standard cover songs, like Pinball Wizard and Hanky Panky.

Their chemistry is working. Their stage show is unique and electrifying. Stop by and see a performance. It's easy to become a Menu's fan. All you need to do is stop by Hot Shots in Clifton on Thursday nights after 10:00 p.m. and pick up their monthly schedule. Fold it back and forth in one inch strips, bend one end up and wave it in the air. You're now a fan.

# • Sports •

September 13, 1989

## Messmer sets pace for Norse

**DON OWEN**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Today's college athlete endures enough pressure without the distractions of a coaching change to further complicate matters. But can you imagine having three coaches during a college career?

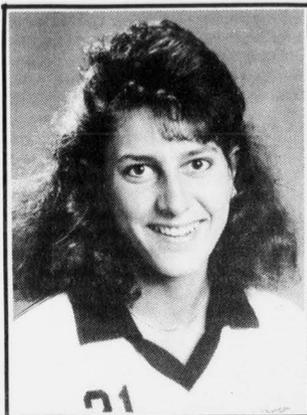
Molly Messmer, a senior setter on this year's Lady Norse volleyball squad, has seen Jane Meier, Velma Lehman and now, Mary Biermann lead the NKU program. She is more than qualified to speak about the transitions that go with having three coaches in a four-year span.

"It's been difficult because each one has been different," Messmer said about adjusting to a new coach. "You get used to one person and then you have to switch to someone else, and each one has their own philosophy."

Fortunately, Messmer will spend her final year of eligibility under the tutelage of Biermann, a very successful coach at Mount St. Joseph before taking the Northern job. She likes the new coach already.

"She's a lot like Jane Meier," Messmer said of Biermann. "She teaches the basics and explains everything really well. She's hard on us, which is good. We'll go far with her as coach."

Biermann is looking for Messmer to provide leadership for a young Lady Norse team. "Molly is our team captain and most experienced player," she said. "



Above: Molly Messmer NKU senior.

Her experience and maturity will be a stabilizing factor for this team."

The 5-8 senior from Newport Central Catholic garnered first-team ALL-GLVC honors during 1988, posting 996 assists, 229 digs, 112 kills and 72 service aces. Messmer was a catalyst during a mid-season surge that saw NKU win 11 of 12 matches last season and she feels optimistic about 1989.

"I think we'll do well," Messmer said. "We have two new middle hitters who are improving, and we still have outside hitters, who I'll be using a lot, that are real strong."

"Toward the end of the season, I think we'll have a very strong team."

Messmer leaves no doubt as to who she enjoys competing against. "I love to beat the Division I schools," she said, noting that NKU has defeated Xavier, Dayton and Wright State during her career. "I like the big competition games--especially IP-Ft. Wayne."

And it was IP-Ft. Wayne that brought the 1988 season to a disappointing end for NKU. Twice during the regular season, the Lady Norse defeated the Lady Dons, only to have IP-Ft. Wayne gain revenge in the GLVC tournament. "It was a disappointment," Messmer said of the loss to IP-Ft. Wayne. "They were ready to beat us."

Despite the coaching merry-go-round she has had to endure during her four years at NKU, Messmer, who also considered Xavier and Thomas More, said she has no regrets and that it has been fun. After graduation, she intends to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher.

For the present, followers of the NKU volleyball program are hoping Molly can continue to "Messmer-ize" opposing teams in the GLVC.

## Tennis team rebuilds for '89 season

**HEATH NORTHCUTT**  
STAFF WRITER

The 1989 season looks to be a rebuilding year for the Lady Norse tennis team. Coach Dwight Levi returns only two players, and has added five freshmen who have yet to prove their talents. To say this team is young is an understatement.

Junior Susan Frommeyer leads the way as the player with the most varsity experience. Last year Frommeyer was 8-12 in singles play, and 8-9 in doubles action. The other returning veteran is junior Julie Goodridge, who won four matches last season.

The five newcomers will be expected to step in and help right away. They are Jamie Branham, Kara Maynet, Lisa Munson, Denise Hopkins, and Amy Helton.

If the Lady Norse are to improve on last year's fifth place conference finish, the returning players will have to play well, and the newcomers will have to learn to play at the collegiate level. When tournament time rolls around, we'll see just how they've adjusted.

## Jammers recruit former Norse star Fields

**CHAD WILMER**  
STAFF WRITER

Derek Fields, last year's GLVC player of the year and Division II All-American, was drafted by the San Jose Jammers of the Continental Basketball Association. The former Norse star will report to the Jammers camp in California in early October.

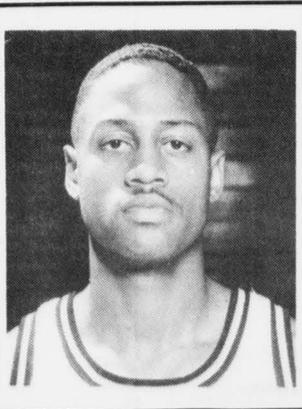
Last season, Fields became NKU's fourth all-time leading scorer while averaging a league leading 23.7 points per game. Derek also set a school record with 154 assists in a single season and thus became Northern's all-time assist leader with 398.

The Jammers are an expansion team and are located about 100 miles south of San Francisco by the bay. They used their

seventh pick in the draft on Fields, who could wind up being the club's starting point guard. At only 6-1, Fields is not limited in his ability to run, pass or shoot, but his best asset to the Jammers could be his leadership and his ability in transition to pull up and hit the jumper.

With professional basketball becoming more popular and widespread, there is a need for expansion both in the CBA and in the NBA. This year two new teams hit the hardwood in the NBA; the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Orlando Magic. The CBA has been busy as well this past summer, bringing in a couple new expansion franchises. Another of interest and closer to home is the Columbus Horizon.

In fact, Fields may not be the only



former Norsemen in the CBA this year. Ex-teammate Patrick Holt has a tryout with the Columbus Horizon in early October, and his chances of making the squad look promising.

One thing is for sure, the two will be sorely missed from NKU's team this year as the Norse look to rebuild after losing five starters.

Left: Derek Fields, 1988 GLVC player of the year.

## Golf team birdies into 1989 season

HEATH NORTHCUTT  
STAFF WRITER

The NKU men's golf team swings into action on Monday, September 11, as they travel to the Hoosier state to take part in the University of Indianapolis' Invitational Tournament.

Coach Jack Merz, who is entering his tenth season with the Norsemen, returns six players from last year's squad. Those players include: juniors Mike Adriatico, Neil Robinson, Radford Cox, and sophomores Tony Tolin, Deron Norman, and Chris Broering.

All of these returning players must contribute, if the Norsemen are to improve on last year's seventh place GLVC tournament finish.

## New coordinator

NORTHERN STAFF REPORT

Women's Basketball Assistant Flora Fields has been named Facilities/Equipment Coordinator for the NKU athletic department.

Fields, who will continue her duties with the Lady Norse women's basketball team, will be responsible for coordinating facility usage and equipment needs for NKU's 11-sport athletic program.

A native of Foster, Fields has been assistant coach at NKU since 1987. Prior to that, she was Thomas More's basketball coach from 1983-87. She graduated from Northern in 1982 and recently completed her master's degree in education from the university.

## Kenton County Roll out the barrels Zinzinnati plants a living effort

JENNIFER HOLLORAN  
STAFF WRITER

Kenton county kicked off its Memorial Tree-Planting program Thursday, Sept. 7, as part of its Sesquicentennial (150th) Birthday Celebration.

As part of the kickoff for the program, the 150th birthday committee raffled off one of the many trees to be planted in various Kenton County public areas.

The raffle was held at the Business Showcase sponsored by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, where 180 businesses exhibited their services and products at the Drawbridge Inn, Aug. 24.

The winner was Roger J. Neiser, Alexandria, Vice President with Sive Associates, a Cincinnati advertising agency.

Within the last 15 years, a significant number of trees have suffered from disease and environmental stress. The birthday committee developed the Tree-Planting program in order to remedy their severe foresting problem.

This unique program will not only give the community a chance to participate in the reforesting of Kenton County but also a chance to leave behind a living reminder in the community.

The purchaser of the tree will have the opportunity to dedicate it with a commemorative plaque and also choose the site in which it will be planted.

The committee has aimed its appeal not only to families and individuals but to local businesses and industries.

For more information about the Tree-Planting program or the birthday celebration, contact the Birthday Office at 491-1990.

JENNIFER HOLLORAN  
STAFF WRITER

It's time to roll out the barrels and have lots of fun as Cincinnati kicks off its annual German Festival this weekend on Fountain Square.

It's that time of year again, Oktoberfest '89. As Covington's Main Strasse Oktoberfest ends, Cincinnati's is just beginning where over 20,000 people are expected to crowd the Square and celebrate not only their German heritage but everybody's favorite pastime - food.

There will be over 80 food and beverage booths with some of the fair to include sauerkraut balls, German egg

rolls, strudel, flying pigtails and sausages. Attractions include the Pre-Oktoberfest Parade and tapping of the first keg, Friday, Sept. 15 at noon.

Continuous entertainment is scheduled at seven different sites throughout the festival.

And on Saturday and Sunday, entertainment will be provided for the kids.

Once again, Oktoberfest Zinzinnati '89, Sept. 16 (11 a.m. to 11 p.m.) and 17 (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.), Downtown Cincinnati on Fountain Square.

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- B. Calvary
- C. Eastern Ky.
- D. Cumberland

2. Which of the following is NKU's all-time blocked shots leader for the women?

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- C. Janet Brungs
- D. Pam King

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**HOFFMAN** from page 6

"It takes as much work to plan and produce a film as it does to write a paper," Hoffman said, "and if done right, the student could really benefit from the experience."

Also he said the finished work could benefit other students who might view

the project.

Another goal Hoffman is adamant about is utilizing the media equipment for the promotion of NKU. The equipment in Media Services, he said, can be used in many ways toward the enhancement of the university's image to the public.

A native of Detroit, Hoffman spent the past nine years working in Media Services at the College of Education at Kansas State University.

He joined the NKU staff in August to take advantage of opportunities he said he feels a newer school can offer, such as enthusiasm and willingness to try new ideas.

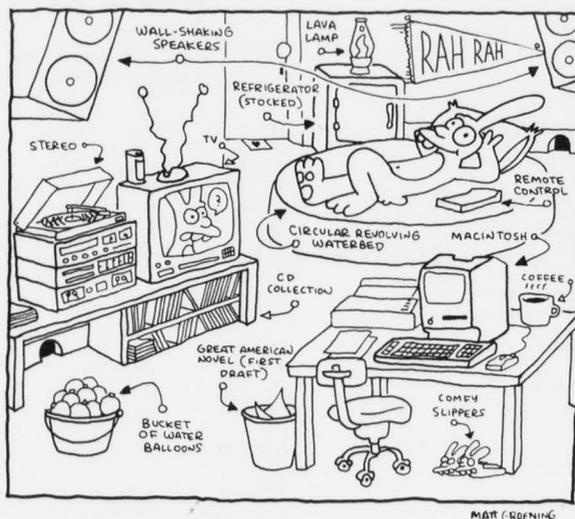
Hoffman has plenty of those, and he is

excited about sharing them with faculty and students working on various media projects.

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Melissa Lauer contributed to this story.

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and time. Or at least, he said he wants to provide food and drink for them to have during the shifts.

"SG is refining and resetting our goals to serve the students more instead of being a self service organization," said Kappas.

DPS will be supporting the escort service in any type of situation, said George, and if SG is not there the call will be transferred to DPS.

Student Government's phone number is 572-5149 and the Department of Public Safety's number is 572-5500.

Approximately 6000 campus rapes occur each year. That's about two rapes per college in the country. And only 10 percent are reported to the authorities.

One in four women will be assaulted at least once in their life time, and one in seven males will be assaulted.

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Let's keep NKU's track record going. The information for this story was provided by NKU's Women's Center and by Carol Pritchard's pamphlet, *Avoiding Rape On and Off Campus*.

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