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Snapshot:

NEWS

'SUPERLIBRARY': W. Frank Steely Library jumped on the "Information Superhighway," with added computerized services. Databases are available to help students find facts on a plethora of topics. The library also allows students to get on the Internet through one of its computers. **Page 2.**

FEATURES

HONK IF...: Stickers on cars can promote musical groups, radio stations, political ideologies or humorous phrases. **Page 7.**

PLAY ON: Next school year, Northern Kentucky University will have a course for students who played instruments in high school. It will give students who are not music majors the opportunity to play in a band while picking up one hour of elective credit. Students involved will play concert-style music. It will be open to NKU faculty and staff as well as students. **Page 7.**

SPORTS

GERMAN IMPORT: John Toben has his soccer team off to its best start in NKU history. **Page 4.**

FAB 5: Step aside Chris Weber, Jalen Rose, Ray Jackson, Jimmy King and Juwan Howard. Here comes Andrea Thompson, Angie Freeman, Kim Jones, Molly Donovan and Suzanne Elder. NKU's volleyball team has this formidable recruiting class. **Page 4.**

RUN AT RECORD: After scoring a goal against University of Alabama-Huntsville, Northern Kentucky University forward Chad Scott is two goals away from setting the school's career scoring record. Todd Gruenwald holds the record with 40.

RUN AT RECORD II: Kerry Lewin, NKU senior volleyball player, stands 13 services away from the college division II record of 465. The current record is held by Irene Arguelles, who played at Colorado from 1988-91.

Flashback

Sept. 23, 1992



In an award winning *Northernner* story by News Editor Tina Short the ceramics trailers in parking lot G were deemed "environmental and health hazards." The trailers have not yet been replaced or torn down and are still in use by students and faculty. NKU plans to build a new building to house the ceramics program that will cost \$1.5 million. NKU kicked off its capital campaign program with a base goal of \$10 million expected to be reached by Nov. 1995. The campaign - entitled "Embrace Opportunity" has raised an amount of \$9,796,299.

Enhanced
ACT Scores
are down at
NKU

	1993	1994
English	19.7	19.3
Mathematics	18.7	18.6
Reading	20.5	20.4
Science	19.9	19.7
Composite	19.8	19.6

Source: Office of Admissions

Diana Schlake
News Editor

Teachers and professors have been asked to monitor their classes for potential dropouts.

Starting this semester, attendance needs to be taken each class so the professor can tell exactly what date a person unofficially dropped out of class.

"An unofficial withdrawal is when someone quits attending classes but does not offi-

cially drop the class," said Larry Terrell, the Registrar.

The reason behind this new procedure is money, or the possible loss of money should the new policy of monitoring classes not be implemented.

"The federal government created new regulations that say we have to ID an unofficial withdrawal date," said Norleen Pomerantz, the interim vice president for student affairs.

According to the new U.S. Department of Education regulations, participating Title IV

financial aid institutions are required to monitor student attendance for the purpose of determining a withdrawal date in cases of unofficial withdrawals.

Failure to comply with this regulation could risk losing all federal financial aid.

NKU is a Title IV school, and the students rely heavily on the financial aid they receive.

Robert Sprague, the director of financial aid, said forty-five percent of the students at NKU receive some form of financial aid.

There are institutions that abuse financial

aid, Pomerantz said. Some places recruit students just to get the financial aid money, and they don't worry if the student goes to class or not, she said.

"It's a perennial problem across the country," she said. "We don't have it here. But in case we are audited, we have to have proof that we have followed the regulations."

Starting this semester, professors need to

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New Standards Lead Teachers To Certification

By Sean Townsley
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University staff members discussed new teacher standards for certification last Wednesday when a presentation was given in the faculty dining room.

Education department presenters Marjorie Artzer, Lynne Smith and Constance Widmer laid out an eight-step program that teachers must follow before they can be certified in Kentucky.

The plan involves moving the conceptual level of learning to earlier grades so that students can understand why they are learning certain things in class, Artzer said.

"Teachers need to retool their teaching skills," said Jeffrey Williams.

In the first three steps of the plan teachers must design and plan instruction, create and maintain learning climates, and implement and manage instruction.

In the fourth step teachers must assess and communicate learning results, not just with students, but with parents and faculty, Artzer said.

Teachers reflect on and evaluate teaching and learning situations in the fifth step.

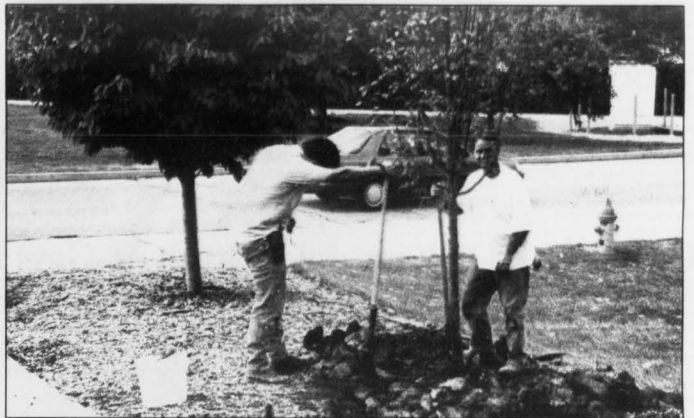
The sixth step has been a weak area for teachers, the presenters said. It involves collaborating with colleagues, parents and other agencies to support learning programs.

Step seven is started at NKU. It states that new teachers must engage in professional development.

The last step of the new standards involves knowledge of content. The teacher must demonstrate sufficient academic knowl-

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Diggin' In The Dirt



Members of the NKU horticultural department, Ron Young (left) and Bill Payne (right) dig in to plant a Tschonosky Crabapple tree by Nunn drive, across from the University Center last Wednesday.

False Warnings Reason For Alarm

By Gina Holt
Staff Writer

know of all of the false alarms since DPS does not always call them.

However, he does not feel that many of the false alarms the department is aware of are due to someone maliciously pulling the alarm.

There are a number of reasons an alarm may go off. The alarm could be faulty, there could be a power surge, or since the alarms are so sensitive, someone could be smoking too close to it, Rust said.

When an alarm is deliberately pulled it is usually over a domestic matter, he said. There have been incidents where a woman student

pulled an alarm at the dorms expecting to see her boyfriend come running out of the room with another woman and visa versa.

Cold Springs Fire Department is always called immediately if the alarm is coming from the dorms or a building that is in the process of being renovated, Rust said.

They should be called every time a fire alarm sounds because if it was a real fire, they may not get there in time, he said. Once DPS arrives to the building and finds the fire, they have to call Cold Springs fire department. It will take the fire department another three to five minutes to arrive at

the scene. By that time, the fire may have spread, which could make the situation worse.

They don't care if they have to make 15 runs a day to NKU because one of these times (DPS) is going to think someone is crying wolf and there really is going to be a serious fire, Rust said.

It is not the fire department's policy not to be called right away, but that of DPS, he said.

Robert Bolce, associate director of Physical Plant, said fire alarms and sprinklers are checked by the state on a regular basis, and if one is faulty or falsely sounds, physical plant repairs it immediately.

Nontraditional Routes Pay For Student Educations

By Gabrielle Dion
Features Editor

While many Northern Kentucky University students pay for school by flipping burgers or sitting behind desks, a few students obtain their tuition money by letting their artistic talents guide them.

Two students, Ben Walz and Kevan Brown, have been raising their tuition money in interesting ways.

Walz, a sophomore, raises some of his tuition money by doing what he calls "a solo acoustic classic rock performance" in bars and nightclubs and at parties.

Walz has been getting paid for playing guitar and singing since he was just out of high school. He plays at least once a weekend at places such as the Strauss House in Covington, The Pub in Ft. Thomas, and Millers Fill-In in Bellevue.

Walz said about his music, that it's a good release for when he's mad at something and when he has something important to say it gives him a medium through which to express himself, he said.

Walz's musical influences range from James Taylor to the Doors. He plays everything from the Eagles to the Violent Femmes.

His music is easy to listen to, not like having to scream over a band, he said.

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-Ben Walz, on the music that he plays

music," he said. "It's a more relaxed atmosphere."

Walz said he can make more in one week performing than he can make in two weeks at his regular job.

The best aspect of playing at parties and bars is meeting people, Walz said. He gets lots of compliments, which is a big ego-boost but the key is not letting it get to his head, he said.

Brown, Walz's friend, also gets tuition money by doing something he enjoys.

Brown has been directing children's theater at a camp in the Catskill Mountains in New York for the past two summers. The position stems from his extensive playwriting and directing experience at St. Joseph Drama Club in Cold Spring.

He also performed in the NKU production of "Anything Goes."

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STRINGING FOR HIS SUPPER: NKU sophomore Ben Walz plays guitar at local night clubs in the Cincinnati area to help pay his tuition bills.

WITHDRAW: Process Has Financial Aid Implications

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keep track of their students, noting if there are any who haven't shown up in a certain length of time. Professors need to be able to show the exact date the student stopped coming to class. The unofficial withdrawal will be checked to see if that student unofficially withdrew from just one class or the entire schedule.
This new procedure is to ensure that financial aid is not being taken advantage

of by students dropping classes after they cash the financial aid check. If it becomes a problem, the Department of Education could eliminate financial aid at NKU and that could hinder enrollment.
There are two different ways a student can withdraw or drop classes. According to the registration office, a student can sign a drop slip and drop the class by the drop date, or the student can officially withdraw before

midterms and receive a 'W.' Faculty can administratively withdraw a student who has not attended the class in the first three weeks of the semester.
"Sometimes a student doesn't understand they have to withdraw from the class," Pomerantz said. "They just don't go to class, thinking that will automatically drop it. We've alerted faculty to the change in procedure. We'll see how it goes."

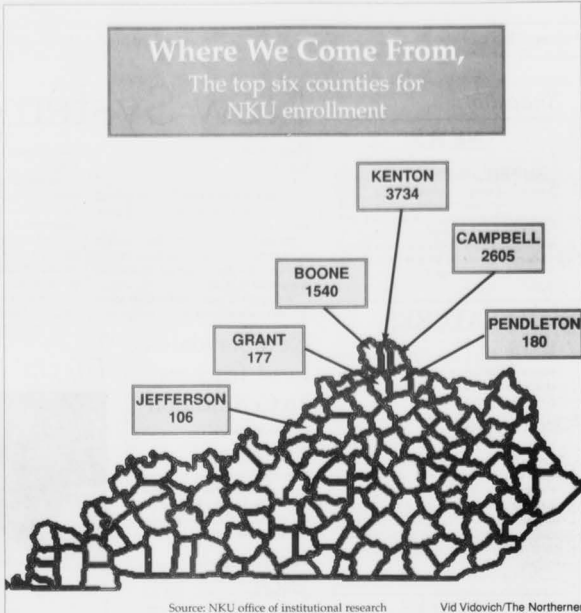
Library Technology Forges Ahead; Now Provides More Than Books

By Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

Technology at the W. Frank Steely Library at Northern Kentucky University is moving quickly towards the 21st century.
The library has computers available with databases set up for students to find articles on virtually any subject. Students also have access to the Internet.
"If you have a NKU VAX account, you can surf the Internet," said Jack O'Gorman, NKU's electronic services reference librarian.
There is access to local information in the library without the Internet.
With a VAX account, a student can use the Internet on one terminal in the

library, or there are several available in the computer lab.
O'Gorman is currently working to implement Netscape, an Internet browser, in the library. With Netscape a student can search the Worldwide Web.
The library has a device called Ariel. It is a scanner that electronically reads a text and sends it to other universities, O'Gorman said.
By the same token, Ariel can also receive texts from other universities, but it is not yet ready for use in the library.
The technology is constantly being updated in the library.
"It's an ongoing thing," O'Gorman said.
The need for continuously updating

technology at the university was stressed by NKU President Leon Boothe in his State of the University Address.
"Any faculty, staff or student sitting at a computer can, through technology, communicate with people, for example in Australia," he said.
Boothe's message was clear: NKU needs to keep up with technology in order to survive.
O'Gorman agreed, saying students need to know this and if they don't learn it here someone else will teach them.
Students can use the technology that is available during library hours. Those who need help can get it from O'Gorman or any of the reference librarians on duty.



University Of Kentucky Student Gets Good Seat In Washington

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — University of Kentucky student Alison Crabtree came to Carbondale to bond President Clinton's car about funding for higher education. She had ample opportunity.
By the luck of the name-card draw, Crabtree found herself sitting next to the president Monday.
The UK senior, who is majoring in political science, said her message was well

received.
"He said he will veto anything that cuts education too severely," Crabtree said.
Clinton met with 10 students from around the nation at Southern Illinois University to discuss possible cuts in financial aid before addressing the student body on the same topic.
The president and 46 other top administration officials are making political appear-

ances around the country this week to try to bolster Clinton's education message in a blitz dubbed "back-to-school week."
Crabtree was chosen for the round table at SIU because of her involvement in the National Association of Students for Higher Education and her work against a largely Republican effort to limit funding for higher education.
Crabtree said she went to Monday's con-

ference prepared to try to persuade Clinton to divide student aid loans between two methods: directly to the student and through banks. That way neither method becomes the only federal loan option available to students, she said. The president already espoused her position, she said. Clinton told her that dividing up the financial aid resources between both creates healthy competition that benefits students, she said.

"He said he will veto anything that cuts education too severely."

— Alison Crabtree said.



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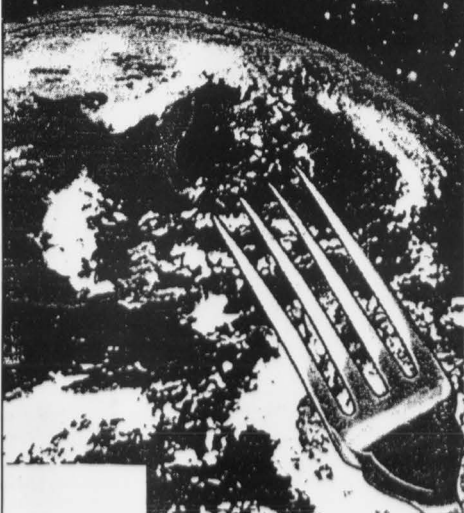
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Athletes Abuse, Nobody Cares

To all the men out there, it's OK to beat your wife or girlfriend. Go ahead, give her a nice, firm backhand across the jaw, right now.

It is just another installment in the continuing deterioration of American society, a society dominated by the so-called sports celebrity.

Doesn't it seem peculiar how these so-called celebrities' actions aren't criticized? It is as if they live in a world ordinary Americans do not.

Now, all that matters is wins and losses.

The Cincinnati Bengals' Dan "Big Daddy" Wilkinson allegedly punched his pregnant girlfriend. In the stomach. A 300 plus pound professional football player hitting his wife and unborn child. He never denied it.

Wilkinson said he and his girlfriend loved each other. They had been through a lot and were working out their problems. They just want to put the situation behind them and get on with their lives.

It may make headlines now, but when he takes the field on any given Sunday and sacks the quarterback or makes the big play, do you think the 50,000 fans in the stadium will think of it?

All will be forgiven. All hail "Big Daddy" will be the cry.

During an argument with his wife, Atlanta Braves manager Bobby Cox "pushed" his wife away as he said. A "push" that left a bruise. He was convicted of domestic violence.

Cox said he and his wife loved each other. They had been through a lot and were working out their problems. They just want to put the situation behind them and get on with their lives.

What happens when the Braves win the World Series?

"Thank you Bobby," Atlanta will say. Thank you for your leadership and pride you've instilled in this great city through your expert judgment.

Lawrence Phillips, a tailback for Nebraska University and possibly the best player in college football, allegedly shoved his girlfriend down a flight of steps. At first head coach Tom Osborne kicked him off the team, then he said he may reconsider.

Osborne was right. How can Phillips win the Heisman trophy and lead the Huskers to another national championship if he's not carrying the pigskin in Lincoln?

Don't expect capital punishment unless your idea of capital punishment is a lecture and a slap on the wrist.

Nebraska demolished Arizona State 77-28 last weekend. When the opponent is Oklahoma in late November, with a trip to the Orange Bowl and national championship on the line, Nebraska fans will have amnesia - quick to forget the pain Phillips caused his ex-girlfriend when he leads them to the promised land.

O.J. Simpson... there's not enough room on this page for O.J. Simpson.

Mike Tyson went to prison a rapist. He came out to a parade in his honor. The boxing world salivated for the return of Iron Mike to the ring.

Warren Moon choked his wife one night. The son of the Minnesota Vikings quarterback had to call 911.

100 touchdowns and 50 Super Bowl rings couldn't rectify his appalling act.

His coach, Dennis Green, recently settled out of court with a woman who accused him of gross sexual harassment. In Moon's case, Green said you scratch my abusive back (give me victories), and I'll scratch yours.

Now, all that matters is wins and losses.

Moon said he and his wife loved each other. They had been through a lot and were working out their problems. They just want to put the situation behind them and get on with their lives.

The fact that they say this over and over is not their fault. It's society's fault. Why does society turn the other cheek and take it in stride? How can athletic accomplishments make these acts oblivious to the fans. Where is the line that separates the fan from the human being?

Heroes and role models shouldn't be measured by performance alone. Society needs to open its eyes and minds a little wider.

Wilkinson, Cox, Phillips, Moon, Simpson and Tyson breathe the same air and walk the same streets other humans do. They're not fictional characters although to many, that is what they appear to be.

Every time they or others in the athletic arena commit a wrong, all should not be forgiven so hastily. For when that happens, their vile, ever apparent visible actions speak into the public psyche as acceptable.

What can be done? Absolutely nothing. America will always have its sports heroes and accept them regardless of character flaws. As long as our athletes bring us the prizes, we continue to overlook their dangerous, destructive tendencies.

This is just one of the signs that America's priorities are in need of reorganization.

Morality's mortality rate is ascending daily.



Reader No Generation Xer; Stereotype Offends

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to explain my thoughts and feelings about being called a member of "Generation X." Although technically by definition I have the dubious distinction of belonging to this "group" (I was born in '67), I do not think, feel, or act, like the highly over-generalized stereotype of a "baby buster." To me, grunge is something you get when you don't bathe for a couple of days. I can relate a lot more to the likes of Alex P. Keaton than I ever did the fallen

idol Kurt Cobain (sarcasm intended). I have been extremely happily married for six years and have two daughters that I adore. My wife also bucks the trend.

I am surprised and amazed at how little we have learned from history. Stereotypes and over-generalization are one of the most dangerous facets of our society. (Hey, anybody out there remember racism or homophobia?)

In terms of the dilemma with which "Generation Xer's" find themselves (that is as unsuspected and often-cursed slackers) I believe

it has much to do with their upbringing.

Not to be overly stereotypical or generalized myself, but I think some of those wild kids of the sixties did a pretty lousy job being parents and sent mixed messages which ended up disillusioning and damaging their children. They traded in their VW Beetles for Chrysler mini-vans, their sit-ins for power lunches, and their "pot" for Prozac. They shipped their children off to day care for someone else to raise. They turned their motto "Make love, not war" into "Make money, not relationships."

The generation that reinvented rebellion then has the nerve to turn with disgust and disdain at their own children and blame them for being confused, misguided and not overly ambitious. It isn't hard to figure out. I am sure I speak for many people through these words. I would really love to hear from them through *The Northerner*. Thanks for giving students a forum to speak what's on our minds and in our hearts.

Sincerely,
Lon Anderson

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President Urging Students To Give

Dear Students,

During the weeks of September 27 through October 20, a fellow student will ask you to give to the United Way. This year's theme is "Making A Difference Every Day. Give To The United Way." I encourage each of you to be generous in making a positive difference in our community.

I appreciate the wonderful contribution that the Student Government Association made through their Second Annual United Way Golf Outing. This year's golf outing, at A.J. Jolly Golf Course, was another success that raised \$500 for the United Way. Gifts such as these enable the United Way to provide a variety of services to the community through programs for children, families, the elderly and the disabled.

If you have never participated in the United Way before, I encourage you to consider making 1995 the year you



Leon Boothe

begin to support this community-wide effort. Please join us and know the joy that only giving can bring. I would also like to welcome you

to the NKU United Way Kick-off Continental Breakfast in the University Center Plaza scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Booker T. Washington once said, "If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else." I have found this to be true in my own life, so I heartily endorse the 1995 United Way Campaign.

Leon E. Boothe
President

Correction

On the front page last week *The Northerner* misidentified the group of students as preparing for the play "Scalpinno" inside the photo captions.

North Poll

Sheila Day/The Northerner

Were You Satisfied With The Availability Of Classes This Semester?



Tony Casnellie

Freshman

Undeclared

"I was in the first group to select classes so I didn't have any trouble at all."



Tracy Harney

Freshman

Undeclared

"I was very satisfied with my classes and their availability."



Tony Burchell

Freshman

Undeclared

"I was able to get into all of the classes I wanted, but I did have to take an evening class."



Aaron Neace

Freshman

Undeclared

"I got all of the classes I needed with no trouble."



Jamie Carter

Freshman

Undeclared

"I wasn't able to get the classes I wanted because I waited until the last minute."



Tracey Sharp

Freshman

Computer Graphics

"I got all of my classes with no trouble, but I registered as early as possible so that helped a lot."

Soccer Coach Constructs Powerhouse

By Greg Weber
Staff Writer

When you think of your great coaches in Kentucky, you think of Rick Pitino or Denny Crum, but did you ever stop to think that one of the best coaches might be coaching at Northern Kentucky University.

John Toebeben is entering his sixth full season as head coach of the men's soccer team. During these seasons the Norse have enjoyed not only winning seasons but GLVC Championships, appearances in the finals of the conference tournament, and GLVC Coach of the Year honors twice for Toebeben.

He has earned the respect of his players by demanding hard work and discipline.

Freshman goalkeeper Jens Schneider says what sets Toebeben apart from other coaches is his dedication and ability to get the best players from around the area.

"Other schools tend to go out of state or out of the country for their players, where as Toebeben acquires the best players from the tri-state area, with the exception of me being from Germany," Schneider says.

A great coach is usually defined by the number of national championships or Super Bowl wins and often overshadows the work the coach has done off the field for both players and the community.

Toebeben could be considered a pioneer in Northern Kentucky for his dedication and his knowledge of soccer.

After arriving from Germany in 1960 to the Park Hills area he quickly began gaining support for local soccer teams. He focused his attention early on to the youth programs in the area. Toebeben was the founder of the soccer team at Covington Catholic and later on to Covington Latin. After he got the youth programs off the ground, Toebeben focused his attention on to the college level.

In 1986, he started the first soccer program at Thomas Moore College, earning coach of the year honors during his four year reign.

Fed up with the treatment of the soccer program, Toebeben decided to answer an add in the paper for a head soccer coach at NKU. This has turned out to be a very successful partnership, with NKU's soccer team racking up a 62-34-6 record since he arrived in 1990 and a GLVC Championship last season.

This year the hopes are high again and the Norse are off to a good start at 3-0-1. They are entering shooting for the conference championship even though being picked fourth in a preseason poll, Toebeben said. He also adds that this team is playing very well and it helps that there is a lot of depth.

When not coaching, Toebeben spends his time with his wife of 30 years.

He is a self-employed construction worker and is not to surprise he is again building for the future of soccer. Only this time Toebeben is not building a program, he is actually building an indoor soccer facility for youth programs in Park Hills.

"You get used to winning, you expect to win, and you start to find ways to win, and that's the kind of attitude we want here."

- head coach, Mary Biemann



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

JUST CLOWNING: Suzanne Elder is in the middle. At left Molly Donovan carries Angie Freeman. Kim Jones rides piggyback atop Andrea Thompson.

NKU'S OWN FAB 5

These Fabulous Freshmen All Played In State Championship Games And Are Part Of What Might Be The Best Recruiting Class In NKU Volleyball History

By John Kirtley
Staff Writer

After compiling a 30-3 record and a Great Lakes Valley Conference championship last season, you probably would think that this year's Northern Kentucky University women's volleyball team would have a tough time matching last season's success.

But under the tutelage of seven-year head coach Mary Biemann, the Norse have reloaded with what could be the most highly touted freshmen recruiting class in NKU history.

This year's "Fab 5" freshmen recruits include four state champions and a state runner-up. Middle hitter Andrea Thompson and outside hitter Angie Freeman led Lakota High School to the Ohio Division 1 state championship last year as seniors, while Notre Dame Academy graduates Kim Jones and Molly Donovan won the Kentucky state championship.

Hitter, Suzanne Elder of Mercy Academy, was the runner-up to Donovan and Jones in the Kentucky state finals.

Biemann's championship-rich class will secure the future of the NKU Women's volleyball program, which has produced 76 vic-

tories under Biemann the past three seasons.

"It definitely helps to have that kind of experience when a player comes to the college level," Biemann said. "It gives you that winning attitude. You get used to winning, you expect to win, and you start to find ways to win, and that's the kind of attitude we want here."

Biemann has wasted no time in the development of her freshmen, and she is starting to gain returns on her investment. Donovan is currently the starting setter and leads the Norse with 209 assists and is second in service aces, 16, and digs, 62. Donovan has showed that she may well be the heir apparent to 1994 GLVC Player of the Year and potential All-American candidate Kerry Lewin. She has had a very smooth transition from high school volleyball to college volleyball, and believes that the faster pace suits her more.

"I like the fast pace level in college because I am more used to it," said the Amateur Athletic Union women's volleyball participant. "A.A.U. is really close to college level, so the transition has been pretty easy."

Elder has become one of the Norse most deadly servers, recording nine aces in seven

contests so far this year. Elder is also catching Biemann's eye on defense, ranking fourth on the team with just under two digs per match.

"Suzanne Elder is our serving specialist," Biemann said. "She is one of the team leaders in aces and is a fine defensive player."

Biemann is grooming Andrea Thompson to be a very good college middle hitter, but admits that the transition from high school middle hitter to college middle hitter is very difficult. Despite that, Biemann likes the way Thompson has been coming along.

"To make the transition to playing middle at the college level is the toughest to do," Biemann explained. "She's doing a fine job so far. She's learning a lot and has improved a lot since the beginning of the season."

Out of all five of these splendid freshmen volleyball players, Kim Jones could possibly hold the most potential. She is fifth on the squad, averaging 1.7 digs per match and like her cohort Donovan, has played in every match this year. She showed some flashes of what kind of player she could be in NKU's 3-0 victory over Ashland on Sept. 3.

"Kim has two senior outside hitters ahead of her, but she did a very good job on the outside against Ashland," said Biemann.

"She's going to be a super, super player."

Jones also believes that the state championship competition has helped immensely in her development as a college volleyball player.

"It helped out a lot to play at the state championship level," she explained. "We all were forced to play a lot better than what we're used to and it made me a lot better player."

Angie Freeman was slowed by sickness in the preseason, so she was a little behind schedule. As Freeman's playing time has increased, so has her performance, and Biemann will utilize Freeman off the bench. "Angie is setting a little for us and playing some back row... We're happy where she is, and her role this year will be as a back-up setter."

With the departure of Lewin and fellow senior Colleen Kaufman after this season, the development of this year's freshmen class is imperative if NKU is to continue its reign as GLVC champions next season.

With championship experience already under their belts, you can bet that this year's "Fab 5" will help NKU remain a top the GLVC for a long time to come. That is, at least, for the next four years.

Tennis Saturday: Roller Rolls Before The Rain Begins

By Glen Robinson
Staff Writer

On a cold, breezy day Alison Roller, the senior leader of the Northern Kentucky University women's tennis team, set the example for her teammates but they couldn't give her any help.

Roller was the only player of the Norse's top three to win in her match in the singles.

Roller's opponent, Amy Mullner of the Lewis Flyers, Romeoville, Illinois, forced her to a tie break in the first set. Roller had to come back from 4-5 in the second set to take the match 2-0.

Mullner forced Roller into a serve and volley game. Roller showed what

everyone on the team already knew - she was the Norse's best player. She hit the line shots, passing shots, and lobs when it seemed nearly impossible to get them in play. She hit them for winners.

Angie Geraci, the Norse's second rated player, started quickly against the Flyers' Cyndy Monalo. She took the first set 6-2. She lost the next two sets and the match 1-2.

The Flyers' Candy Egan won her match against the Norse's Natalie Giuggio in a game of unforced errors. Giuggio dominated the second set early, 5-2. Then Egan rallied and took the next five sets and the match.

"Why don't I just give it to her," Giuggio said upset with herself.

The Norse paired on the first court

Geraci and Kahmann in the doubles against Lewis' Mullner and Monalo. Lewis' Mullner and Monalo led 5-4 in the first set before it was delayed by rain. The Norse ended up losing the match 8-5.

On the second court, Norse's Roller and Giuggio started off with a 3-2 lead in the first set. They lost that lead and the match 8-4.

On the third court, Joy Wagner and Andrea Lampe were the only winners in the doubles for the Norse.

The Norse played St. Joseph's Pumas, Remsalaer, Indiana next. The Norse lost 7-2 overall, 6-2 in the singles and 6-1 in the doubles.

Tracy Barton, the Norse's coach, said that they need to, "Get first serves in."



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CHASING IT: Alison Roller beat the conditions and her opponent Saturday.

Cross Country Friday:

Kruse Pleased With Individual Bests

Northern Kentucky University cross country coach Steve Kruse knew going into the Wright State Invitational Friday that his team would face an uphill battle to finish atop the team standings.

Because most of the teams NKU ran against were Division I schools, but what Kruse didn't know was three of his runners would run personal best for the 8-kilometer race.

Senior Brian Flaherty was the top NKU finisher. Flaherty finished 26th overall, but ran the best time, 26:56, in two years.

Sophomore Brad Dunlevy finished just behind Flaherty, 27:35, junior Jim Cole ran 27:48, and sophomore Nick Kleiner's 27:49

were all personal bests. "My biggest concern is even though they're running their best times, they are starting to get satisfied," Kruse said. "I don't want them to be satisfied, I want them to get even better."

Overall the men's team finished eighth. The women's team also didn't finish high amongst the bigger schools.

First year runner Alicia Hammack was the first NKU runner to finish the 5-kilometer race. Her time, 21:19, was one of her best times.

Senior Bridget Bailey finished just behind Hammack.

And Let The Conference Games Begin

By Pat McEntee
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University men's soccer team is now well into what promises to be a challenging season.

Coming into this season, the team hadn't lost a Great Lakes Valley Conference game during the regular season since 1992.

It will be a big challenge to keep that streak going this season with the addition of Wisconsin-Parkside to the conference this year, NKU head coach John Toebben said. Wisconsin-Parkside is one of the top teams in the nation.

Southern Indiana is also going to be tough this year, according to Toebben. They lost to Wisconsin-Parkside in overtime earlier this season. "It's going to be a hard road to haul," Toebben said.

Toebben expects Southern Indiana, Wisconsin-Parkside, and

Lewis to be the biggest rivals of the Norse this year. Lewis defeated NKU 3-1 in overtime during the GLVC tournament last year.

If the Norse are to win the regular season GLVC title this season they can't afford to lose more than one conference game, according to Toebben. "Every game in the conference is important," he said.

NKU plays at Wheeling Jesuit tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Norse return home this Saturday at 2 p.m. to face Indianapolis, another GLVC opponent. Although they beat Indianapolis last year, the Norse have to be ready. Toebben doesn't know a lot about this year's Indianapolis team. There are different players on each team, he said.

Sunday, the Norse face Shepherd (W.V.) at 1 p.m. Tuesday they play Lincoln Memorial at 3 p.m. Both are home games.

Fiery Kaufman Hates Losing

By Dawn Shinkle
Staff Writer

Dedication, desire, and Colleen Kaufman make Northern Kentucky University women's volleyball team a success.

Kaufman, a senior was honored All-Great Lakes Conference in her sport last season. To make All-conference, the person's performance is evaluated along with the overall progression of the team. This is determined by a GLVC coaches ballot and all statistical categories.

The 21-year-old nursing major said she plays volleyball simply because she loves the game.

She began playing volleyball in the seventh grade at her junior high school. She also played basketball in high school.

Kaufman said this year's team looks good. She said there are eight new players on the team, some of which transferred in from other universities. The team is still making some adjustments and getting used to each other. Kaufman said most of the wrinkles have been ironed out and things are coming together.

Coach Mary Biernmann agrees with the overall outlook of the team. She said it is a young team this year but is confident in their abilities. Coach Biernmann said that one of Colleen's strengths is she hates to lose. "She is a fiery player," Biernmann said.

Both Kaufman and Biernmann agree that this season will be tougher than last year. The team is actually competing against higher ranked teams than they did in last year's season. This is due to the great performance and final record of 30-3.

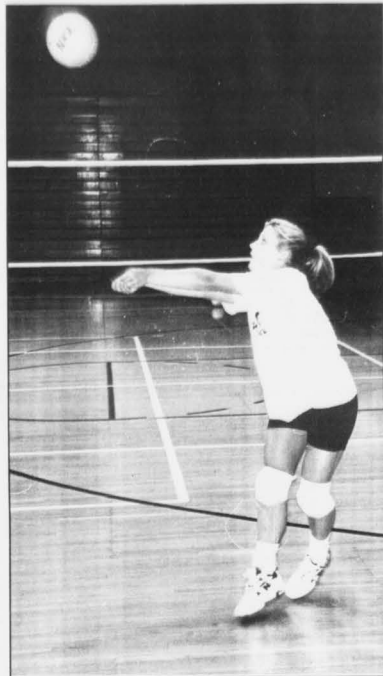
Coach Biernmann said the support of NKU may be a little ahead of other universities. She said the Norse are producing a pretty good turn out at their games.

The new rankings are due out on September 26, this will be the first official ranking of the season.

Kaufman has just passed the state nursing board and is presently working on her bachelor degree at NKU. She works when needed for a home health care program, but her busy schedule with school and volleyball does not allow a lot of time for her work. She says the company is very flexible with her schedule.

Kaufman said desire, dedication and athletic ability help to make a good volleyball player. She said she has an extremely intense attitude that helps to make her a strong player.

DIGGING FOR GOLD:
Kaufman's presence on the court brings out the best of her teammates.



Jeff McCurry,
The Northerner

Tucker Reaps Benefits Of Great Coaching

By Wayne Yeager
Staff Writer

"Laid back!" That's how senior Northern Kentucky University soccer player Marty Tucker describes himself. Earning NKU/Star Bank and Great Lakes Valley All-Academic honors in his sophomore year, this former Middletown High School forward reflects upon his past and his future.

The greatest influence in Marty's life is father, Gary Tucker. "He always took time out to help me. He was always my coach," Tucker said.

Not only was Tucker's father his coach at home, but also his coach on the field. Tucker coached the Middletown soccer team during Marty's first two years of high school.

Before Tucker's junior year of high school, his father transferred. To stay at Middletown, Tucker moved in with his grandfather. "I learned to provide for myself and live on my own. I learned to grow up before I was ready."

He considers this his greatest accomplishment.

Tucker's most memorable moment as a soccer player came



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KICKIN' IT: Chris Toepfert defends senior Marty Tucker, left, during his junior year.

Middletown's soccer team made it to the Regional Tournament, where they faced and defeated the number one ranked team, Winton Woods. The following game his team lost to St. Xavier in overtime. "3,000 people showed up. The

crowd was really pumped up. It was very exciting."

Marty has been playing soccer since age five. At Middletown, he scored a school-record 59 goals during his four years. After graduating from NKU as a political science major, Marty plans to attend law school.

Athletics Schedule



	Thursday Sept. 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23	Sunday 24	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27
Volleyball			at Wisconsin - Parkside 6 p.m.	at Lewis 2 p.m.			Bellarmine 7 p.m.
Soccer	at Wheeling Jesuit 7 p.m.		Indianapolis 2 p.m.	Shepard, W.V. 1 p.m.		Lincoln Memorial 3 p.m.	
Cricket			at Hanover Invitational				
Women's Tennis	at Transylvania 3:30 p.m.		at SIU-Edwardsville 9 a.m.				
Golf						Hanover 4 p.m.	at Wright St.

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Norse Soccer Brief:

Undefeated In Six Games, Best Start In Soccer History

Northern Kentucky University's soccer team is off to the best start in their brief history. The 5-0-1 start surpasses the 5-1-0 record set in 1983.

Wins on Saturday and Sunday improved its impressive streak against Great Lakes Valley Conference competition. NKU hasn't lost to a GLVC opponent during the regular season since Oct. 24, 1992.

On Saturday, junior J. T. Roberts lead his team to a 6-2 victory over Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne by scor-

ing two goals. Also scoring goals were senior Jeff Gough, sophomore Steve Bornhorfer, senior Brian Weiler and Craig DePugh.

On Sunday, the Norse shutout Saint Joseph's, 1-0, holding the Pumas to only two shots on goal. NKU's only goal came from senior

Ryan Schaeffer on an assist from senior Chad Scott. Freshman goalkeeper Casey Seibert got his second career shutout for NKU.

NKU will play next weekend at home versus Indianapolis on Saturday and Shepard (W.V.) on Sunday.

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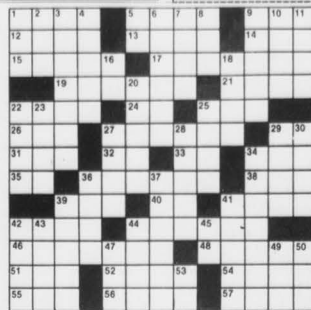
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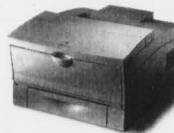
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Students Adorn Cars to Express Attitudes, Interests

By Wes Akers
Staff Writer

Two traits are important to American culture: love of the open road and freedom of speech. These beliefs are reinforced by commuters at NKU who express themselves by displaying bumper and window stickers on their vehicles.

"Interstate 75 Sucks!" is the window sticker on the car of freshmen anthropology major Mary Richardson. Jumping out of her vehicle and running to class, she yelled, "I'm late for class because of what that sticker says."

The most popular type of car stickers (aside from the parking decal) were those promoting rock groups.

Shana Barsel, a senior radio and television major, has a sticker of the local band the Bu Bu Klan on her car. "Bumper stickers are a good way to promote up and coming bands," Barsel said.

The second most popular subject of stickers were universities and colleges followed closely by radio stations.

There were several campaign stickers, sports teams, fraternities, sororities and many that can't be classified. Such unclassifiable stickers included one that read, "Heaven doesn't want me and hell is afraid I'll take over," or the one on a pick-up truck trimmed in

neon with a that read, "High-tech Red Neck."

Frank Page, a junior fine arts major, has a bumper sticker that reads "Warsteiner: Life is too short to drink cheap beer."

Page said he likes the saying, but the main purpose of the sticker is to cover up a rust spot.

The sticker of Northern Kentucky University was on more vehicles in the NKU parking lots than any other.

But stickers of The Grateful Dead were a close second. WEBN stickers were the third most popular and tied for fourth were the University of Cincinnati, the University of Kentucky and musical group Nine-Inch Nails.

The stickers that were less common were sometimes more interesting. Stickers with messages like: "Sail Naked," "Think Globally Drink Locally," "A Closed Mind Is A Wonderful Thing To Lose," "Brake For Algae," "Support Quails Unlimited," "Tobacco Paid For This Vehicle," "My Other Car Is A Broom," "Even Chaos Has A Pattern," "My Nuts Are Titanium," "Under Republicans, Man Exploits Man. Under Democrats It's Just The Opposite," "I'm Straight But Not Narrow," "Save The Planet. Kill Yourself," and "Why Can't I Be Rich Instead Of So Damn Good Looking?"

There were stickers with divine meaning: "Protected By Angels," "Jesus Have Mercy On Us," "God Loves You," and "God Is Coming And She Is Pissed."

There were stickers dealing with the issue of abortion: "We Vote Pro-Life," "It's A Child Not A Choice," "Keep Your Laws Off My Body," and "Against Abortion? Don't Have One."

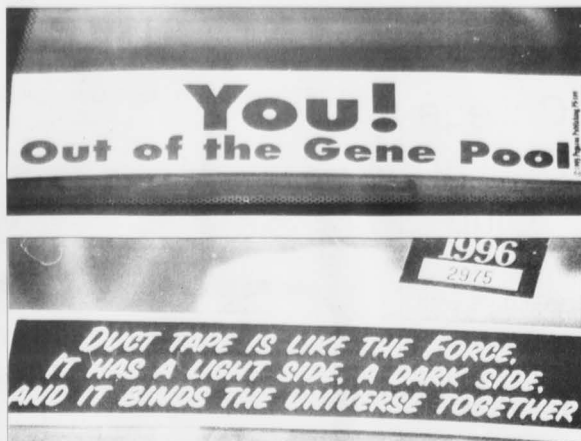
Although it is difficult to find parking spots at NKU, to avoid a possible conflict students may want to read the bumper sticker of the person next to whom they are parking. The person with the "Clinton/Gore" sticker on their car may not want to park next to the person with the sticker, "Clinton Doesn't Inhale, He Sucks!"

The person with the bumper sticker "Cut Out Dissection Teach Respect For Life" may not want to park next to the car with the "Dead Frog" sticker.

The person with the "Rude Dude" sticker on their car may not want to park next to people whose cars display the "Mean People Suck" stickers.

And nobody should park near the person whose car has a bumper sticker promoting the Hamibal Lector Dinner Theatre.

Three cars that should not be parked next to each other because reading their bumper stickers from left to right would say: "Just Do It," "Get Naked," "Love Me Love My Goats."



Heather Scheibelhut/The Northern

BUMPER STICKER MANIA: The cars of NKU commuters are decorated with different bumper stickers as a reflection of the driver's interests and attitudes. The most popular types of stickers seen in the parking lots are those promoting musical groups.

'Strained' Has Coffee House Feel Turn Around Norman's New 7 Inch Strong

By Dan Adams
Staff Writer

TURN AROUND NORMAN*** STRAINED

Emerging from the York Street Cafe comes an acoustic band which has maintained their musical integrity despite growing trends. They call themselves Turn Around Norman and their acoustic prowess and catchy rhythms have aroused a favorable response from many astute listeners.

Incidentally, the core members, Aaron Zlatkin and Justin Lynch, have been playing together for four years now, but they have shuffled around the remaining positions for just as

long. As a matter of fact, Zlatkin said that Chuck Meyer (from the reputable Borgia Popes) played bass with them for a short time; he even conjured up their name (it's a literary character, derived from a novel by Tim Robbins called "Skinny Legs and All," who stood on the corner of St. Patrick's cathedral and simply "turned around").

Turn Around Norman has recently acquired a new bassist and drummer (with whom they claim to be very pleased). These new prodigies do not, however, appear on their seven inch "Strained."

The two tracks titled "Ten Tons Wise" and "Have You Seen One?" were recorded about one year ago.

Turn Around Norman currently has a new project slated for December. In the meantime, you must appease your appetite with "Strained."

The album itself has a carefree feel to it. The upbeat strumming and nasal, coffeehouse vocals (specifically those exhibited on "Have You Seen One?") readily evoked memories of old Violent Femmes tunes. Consequently, "Have You Seen One?" was my favorite of the two. With a memorable harmonious chorus, it was an obvious choice.

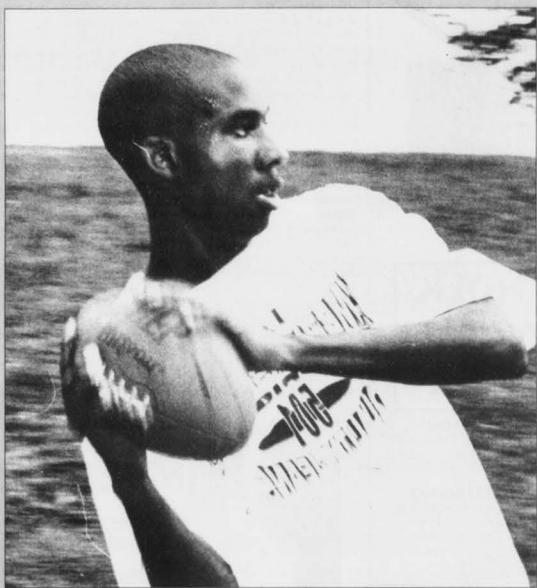
But, I'm not dismissing the other side.

"Ten Tons Wise" stood rather well on its own with strong acoustic melodies devoid of those useless drums (sarcasm, again). I could easily envision this song being played in a smoke filled room amidst several coffee-drinking freaks.

They will play at Annies on Wednesday, Sept. 20th.



Go Deep!



Heather Scheibelhut/The Northern

Freshman Scott French eyes his receiver with great concentration and prepares for a powerful throw of the pigskin in a game of football outside Commonwealth Hall.

Non-Music Major Musicians Needed

By Elizabeth Peeno
Staff Writer

Deep in the closets of Northern Kentucky University's students they are buried. They lie in attics and in basements, locked in black cases with velvety linings, beneath dust that is sometimes six-feet deep. But weep not, for soon the light will shine upon them once again.

The instruments of high school band will be reborn.

Beginning in the spring semester of 1996, a course will be offered for students who played instruments in high school, but have since given up on making music.

The course will be taught by Carol Pennington, NKU's newly appointed band director. It will give students who are not music majors the opportunity to play in a band while picking up one elective credit hour.

The University Band, which will play concert-style music, will be open to NKU faculty and staff as well as stu-

dents.

Pennington said she wants it to be a real university-wide thing so that all musicians on campus will have the opportunity to dust off that "old horn" and have some fun.

There will be open enrollment for the course, however it is not intended for beginners, and only those with at least a high school level of skill can join.

"This is a huge student population, and at least 10 percent have played in a high school band," Pennington said. "These students think, 'I'm not going to be a music major. There's no place for me to play.' Well, we're finally giving them a place."

The course has been in the university catalog for a couple of years, but has not yet been offered, Pennington said.

"No one has really pursued it," she said. "The faculty is so busy, and the courses for music majors are first priority."

Now, with Pennington in the recently created Band Director position,

things are getting organized.

Pennington envisions a relaxed environment where students could eat their lunches between pieces.

The class will be offered from noon-12:50 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the band will present two concerts -- one during this scheduled class time plus one evening concert.

Sophomore Lesley Baker said she has resurrected her clarinet a couple of times since high school.

"People probably think it would be hard to pick up their instruments again, but for me it's kind of like riding a bike -- you never really forget," she said. "I think the class sounds like fun -- a good opportunity that people ought to take advantage of."

For information on the class contact Carol Pennington at 572-5284 or 572-6399.

By Sean Townsley
Staff Writer

"National Lampoon's Senior Trip", the newly released film showing at the Showcase cinemas, tries to follow in the footsteps of previous National Lampoon's films.

The theme of the movie is "They came, they saw, they passed out."

People who have to sit through the movie might do the same.

The senior class at Fairmont High was a largely uneducated, unintelligent bunch of misfits who believed that to be cool they had to use drugs and drink alcohol.

When the class leaders, Dags and Reggie (like Bill and Ted or Beavis and Butt-head) had a drunken party at Principal Moss' house. They got busted when Moss came home from school.

They then had to spend a Saturday in detention with the rest of the losers in the senior class.

While in detention, the no-brainer group was assigned to write a letter to the President of the United States.

Their topic was what the government should do to improve the educational system.

Miraculously, they came up with a draft that impressed the president.

The gang of misfits was then invited to Washington D.C. to meet the president, escorted

by their uptight principal and a frigid teacher, Miss Milford.

Red, the bus driver, was played by Tommy Chong of Cheech and Chong fame. True to character, he used just about any drug he could find while driving the teenagers to Washington.

His drug of choice was a horse tranquilizer, actually many, many horse tranquilizers. They were called reds, hence Chong's character was named Red because he said he was immune to the pills.

Well, one morning Red was found dead at the wheel of the bus as it traveled down the road at 55 mph. He consumed a handful of reds the night before -- go figure.

When the kids got to Washington they were forced to stay in a sleazy hotel where the only movies available were pornos.

That night the kids threw a party while Principal Moss and Miss Milford engaged in sexual intercourse.

The bunch then met the president. Their comments to the president included, "We are soiled, but it's not too late to save others."

The movie ended with the "Where are they now?" ending originated from another National Lampoon movie, "Animal House."

Unintelligent writing and poor acting accurately describe this release from New Line Cinema.

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'Senior Trip' Disappointing New National Lampoon Film Not Funny



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CAMP: Student Serves As Counselor To The Stars

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Before getting the job at the summer camp, Brown was making tuition money by bartending and through student loans.

He applied for the job through an education magazine which advertised the opening.

At the summer camp, Brown not

only pays off his tuition for the year but makes contacts with celebrities, other playwrights and successful lawyers.

Since Brown wants to someday go into sports entertainment law, the law contacts he made will be important to his future, he said.

Brown said the camp is for wealthy children, and he has had the opportunity to work with

celebrities' children. Among them were Mariah Carey's step-son and Michael Bolton's daughter, who was thrown out of the camp for smoking pot, Brown said.

He finds working at the summer camp an enjoyable way to make his tuition money, he said.

"I like theater in general," Brown said. "I've always enjoyed working with kids. I like to teach."

CERTIFY: System To Take Care Of Student Needs

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edge of certified content areas.

The new way of teaching bases what teachers have to do on what students have to know, Widmer said.

It is a performance-based, results-oriented system of teaching standards, she said.

New standards for teachers were

created because students' needs were not taken care of.


"The biggest thing we need to do is help the students see the big picture," Smith said. "We can't just teach them what to know, we have to teach them how to think."

The presenters said they would like to see combined classes where English and history could be taught

together.


Some teachers have resisted some of the new teaching methods because they were used to traditional methods, Smith said.

Teachers were successful with traditional learning when they were in school so it is hard for them to believe that the old way doesn't work with everyone, she said.




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Artist Creates Masterpieces With Classic Automobiles

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (AP) — While Northern Kentucky University hosted a gathering of Volkswagen Beetle and bus enthusiasts last week-end, one man shows his interest for cars not by waxing or restoring them.

Surface patterns, plays of light. Details such as these spark inspiration for Farmington Hills artist Tom Hale.

"Things like that stimulate me," he said.

For Hale, the surface of a car becomes a magical blending of color and reflection.

His paintings of classic automobiles takes a familiar form of transportation and give it the mood and tone of a private dream touching each individual personally.

And for Hale, the detail of communicating with people is what gives him pleasure with his art.

Hale was poster artist for this year's Concours d'Elegance, the classic car show at Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

Hale's poster conveys a sense of fantasy. The featured car, a 1930 Mercedes-Benz "Count Trossi" SSK, is shown from the rear, its wings and tail almost cloak-like, wisps of smoke trailing up from the exhaust.

Part of its shape is repeated under the vehicle like a light shadow.

The ground and trees and giant iris surrounding the car are swirls of green, yellow and violet. Meadow Brook Hall is a soft, misty structure in the background.

The scene strikes the viewer the way the elegant mansion and rolling grounds impress the visitor to Meadow Brook: The feeling is one of entering a fairy-tale world.

"(I want to) capture this surreal quality of the event. I didn't want to paint every brick on Meadow Brook."

The car is presented from the rear because of its distinction.

"I wanted the feeling that you could almost step right into the car."

Among Hale's popular works are his large, colorful paintings pairing autos and flowers. Their characteristics are seen in the Concours d'Elegance poster.

In these paintings, the automobile takes on the flowing visual

grace of the flower petals, chrome glistening on the vehicle as dew sparkles on a leaf. The car is more mystical than mechanical, its power still present but more subtle. The image is authentic in style and detail, but the surface looks almost liquid as it bears reflections taking abstract shapes.

"I've been doing automotive art a lot and I'm not as interested in painting automotive as ... the surface of painting."

"(The car is) such a powerful subject we can all relate to."

Other artists from all over the world exhibited pieces for the Concours d'Elegance.

Hale was commissioned for the Concours d'Elegance poster in December 1993.

Through someone he knew in a restoration company he was able to get permission to use the \$5 million car, owned by Ralph Lauren, as the model for his poster. He was supported in his inclination to "take a risk, try something adventuresome."

The artist photographed the car as part of his research. He made preliminary sketches on legal pads, adding notes. He wasn't going for a high level of realism.

The painting for the poster was 6 feet by 4 feet.

The annual Concourse d'Elegance, now in its 17th year, is known worldwide. "So I felt pretty good." While the commission was a little intimidating, Hale still thought, "What a wonderful assignment."

"I feel really good about it. I feel it's a good piece of art."

The work has a deeper, special meaning for Hale. It was the last painting his wife of 32 years, Micki, was involved with, offering ideas and critiques. She died in December.

"There's a lot of her in that painting."

Hale works at his home in a studio he built about four years ago. It's a warm open place filled with light, and a view of woods.

"Every day is a work day."

Hale's awards include the gold Medal of Honor, the highest award of the American Watercolor Society. He has been honored with an artist-in-residence award by the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

"I never have a problem with (inspiration for) paintings," he said. "They take me so long, weeks and months."

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