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## NKU steps up effort to increase Black staff

by Tom Groeschel  
Northerner News Editor

Not enough Blacks are being hired in the state university system, according to a recent Kentucky Human Rights Commission (HRC) report. And NKU has one of the worst records in this area, the study showed.

In an effort to correct this, Dr. A. D. Albright, NKU president, said the university has stepped up its recruiting of black staff for the past year in a voluntary affirmative action program.

A policy statement and plan for affirmative action was drawn up in

December, 1977 and approved by the NKU Board of Regents. Billie Say was approved as Affirmative Action Coordinator, and is in charge of making contacts on campus and in the community concerning the hiring of minorities.

The HRC report said in part that "Black representation [at NKU] was 1.1 percent among tenured faculty and 1.0 among non-tenured faculty for 1977. While this is a slight improvement over 1975 when no Blacks were employed as tenured faculty and one black male was employed among non-tenured faculty, the pattern of tokenism found in all state universities except Kentucky

State is repeated."

Say pointed out that several steps have and will be taken to hire qualified minority applicants for faculty and staff positions.

NKU's 13-member Affirmative Action Committee is chaired by Dr. James Ramage. It includes two black students, one black faculty and one black staff member. Various faculty and staff fill the remaining positions. All were appointed by Albright.

"We have come up with a plan that outlines our goals and timetable for the next three years," said Say. "We have met with all the department chairmen and told them of their responsibilities in hiring minorities," she added.

Details of the goals and timetable will be known after an Aug. 31 Affirmative Action Committee meeting.

How does NKU stack up against other schools? The HRC staff report said that no Blacks held executive positions in 1975 or 1977 at either Morehead or NKU, and that Murray and Eastern each had but one.

"Totalling all universities together hides the fact that Black representation increased at Kentucky State and declined at the remaining schools," the HRC reported. Of the 83 black non-faculty professionals in the state university system, 32 are employed at Kentucky State. The greatest number of black university employees throughout the state hold service-maintenance jobs.

"We are doing as well as most of the other schools," remarked Say. "We hope to do a lot better in the future. The whole

thing involves qualifications. In most cases these days where the qualifications are fairly equal, the minority will be hired."

More will be known following the Aug. 31 meeting, but Say is optimistic about the future hiring of minorities at NKU.

Albright shared Say's optimism. "We have voluntarily stepped up our recruiting of Blacks for staff positions," he said. "We advertise nationally for these jobs."

Albright pointed out that NKU does not have a large population of black students, and the same is true with local high schools. "We don't have as many black students per total population of the Northern Kentucky area," he said.

Some Black leadership members of Northern Kentucky were on campus last Tuesday discussing these and other matters.

"The Black leaders offer their ideas to us while they are here," said Albright. "Activities such as this are beneficial to the affirmative action program."

Could the HRC take action against a school if it did not hire enough minority staff members?

"It would all depend on whether we had met our goals or not," said Albright. "Our ability to recruit depends on the type of position open, as the availability for varying positions is not uniform. It's not an easy situation and there are many factors involved, but we're doing all we can to solve these problems."

## Council launches search for Provost replacement

by Cyndi Anderson  
Northerner Features Editor

The search is on for a new provost at NKU, and the appointment of a six-member search committee will be the first step toward filling the vacant position.

The committee will be comprised of two general faculty members, one faculty member of Chase College of Law, one department chairperson, one member of Student Government, and one general academic administrator, according to Dr. Gene Scholes, executive assistant to the President and chairman of the committee.

This committee will be responsible for screening all applicants, which is to be completed by October, Scholes said.

NKU has been without a provost since June 30, when Dr. Janet Travis resigned to become president of Mansfield State College in Pennsylvania.

The qualifications for this senior-level administrative position include an earned doctorate as well as experience in administration. The new provost will be

responsible for administering academic programs for the university.

Advertising in search of applicants for this position has just begun, Scholes said.

Until a provost is appointed, the Academic Coordinating Council is responsible for administering academic programs for the university, said Scholes, who is also chairman of the Council.

The Council is comprised of five deans: Dr. Lyle Gray, dean of Basic Disciplines; Dr. Arthur Kaplan, dean of Human Development Services; Dr. Aaron Miller, dean of Experimental and Interdisciplinary Programs; Dr. Ralph Pearson, dean of Community Research and Services; and Mr. Glenn Wells, interim dean of Chase. Also included in the Council is Associate Provost of Graduate Studies, Dr. Michael Adams.

The deadline for applications for provost is Oct. 1, Scholes said.

The appointment of a provost is to be finalized by Nov. 16, with employment to begin at a date mutually satisfactory to the appointee and the university, Scholes explained.



### Up, Up and Away!

Bill Parsons, *Northerner* graphics editor, captured this rare view of NKU's Music Fest '79 celebration Saturday during his escapades aboard the Owl Network balloon.

What began as an experiment in aerial photography ended in a cross-country car chase by loyal staff members to a landing site adjacent to Licking Pike.

The Owl Network balloon was one of three participants in the hot air balloon show that took off from the Intramural Field late Saturday afternoon.

# Last minute walk-in tops registration prediction

by Vicky Helbich  
Special Assignments Editor

Registration ended Wednesday with enrollment up 11 percent, according to Phyllis Harper, acting Registrar. This marked an unexpected eight percent increase in enrollment figures.

The report indicated 6500 undergraduates, 450 graduates and 500 law students are now registered as full-time students.

"We were expecting a good enrollment," said Harper. "Next to the national average, I'm sure this is probably high."

According to James Alford, acting director for Educational Services, enrollment figures began to climb about the time of walk-in registration.

"Pre-registration threw us off. It was up only one percent. The people all came at walk-in," he said.

Alford explained the reason for the delay in registration was probably due to students "wanting to hold on to their money longer."

He said there are several reasons for the increased amount of students. "We offer a number of courses and have expanded hours."

He added the low tuition cost of the university had a definite impact on the increase.

However, limited facilities are now beginning to pose a problem. "Most peo-

ple want to go from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. And then there is the student who wants to go from 6-9 p.m. Very few want to go from 1-4 p.m." According to Alford, the students' wishes to schedule classes at certain times is resulting in overcrowded classrooms. Alford said the administration was able to open the overflow section to accommodate the extra students. "Future overcrowding would depend on the scheduling of classes."

No exact figures have been released yet, but Alford estimated the business department will have the sharpest rise in enrollment. "The business field is definitely our biggest problem," he said.

Projected figures show the flow of students will taper off in the next couple of years. The university is expecting an addition of about 200 students for the 1980-81 year. Studies show enrollment at Northern will probably reach 10,000 and then stabilize.

Alford points to the decline in the high school population as the reason.

"There aren't as many high school seniors. What we are attracting now is the non-traditional age student," he said. "This is the student who has been out of school for about eight to ten years."

Final enrollment figures will be released next week. Departmental enrollment figures are to be released in September when studies are complete.



## Finder's, keepers.....

The St. Clement's Mime company played an impromptu game of seek and find on the plaza Saturday. The troupe performed on-stage and roamed the campus at large as part of NKU's Music Fest celebration. (Bey Vates photo)

Got a complaint? Frustrated? Don't know where to turn? No problem is too big for Editor's Rapline. 292-5260.

## News capsule

### Computer Scholarship means tuition and cash

International Computer Programs, Inc. (ICP) has announced the second annual ICP Scholarship. The scholarship, to be awarded for the 1980-81 school year, is designed to be an investment in the future of the information processing industry.

To qualify for the ICP Scholarship, applicants must be enrolled in a computer science or computer technology program as either a sophomore or a junior. The scholarship will consist of one-year's tuition plus education expenses up to a maximum of \$5000 at the United States college or university of the winner's choice.

The ICP Scholarship Committee will base their selection on: the student's cumulative grade point average in his or her field of study, and overall grade point average; need for financial aid; participation in data processing-related activities; school activities and leadership roles; DP-related and non-DP-related accomplishments and awards. The final test for the ICP Scholarship finalists will be an essay.

Applications will be available

through the data processing and financial aid departments of all United States colleges and universities. The deadline for filing scholarship applications is Oct. 15. For further information, contact Carol Stumpf, Corporate Communications Assistant, INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER PROGRAMS, INC., Indianapolis, Ind., 46240, or call (317) 844-7461, or (800) 428-2329.

### Co-op jobs

The Cooperative Educative Education Program has current and anticipated openings available for students in the following areas: Accounting positions in "Big 8" firms and smaller local firms; research positions in marketing companies and at local banks and savings and loan companies in the greater Cincinnati area; positions in non-profit organizations such as The Museum of Natural History; managerial positions in restaurant chains; data processing; positions for biology and chemistry majors in federal and state health organizations and chemical companies; public work in the Northern Ken-

tucky Convention and Visitors' Bureau and the Kenton County Mapping Association; clerical positions; and opportunities for those with skills in drafting and electronics.

Participants in the program earn an hourly wage of \$3.50 to \$4. The student who already holds a job in his or her academic field can earn credit without changing the position or being replaced.

For additional information, contact Mary Graber or Jerri Thomas, Science Building, rooms 232 and 236, or call 292-5680.

### Student teachers

Students planning to student teach during the spring semester must attend one of the following meetings:

Tuesday, Sept. 4—12:05-1 p.m., Nunn 318.

Wednesday, Sept. 5—8-9 a.m., Nunn 318.

Thursday, Sept. 6—3:30-4:30 p.m., Nunn 318.



## GEM WISE

### GEM OF THE SUN

Early inhabitants of St. John's Island called it the "gem of the sun." As such it was considered a talisman against nightmares, fears of darkness, evil spirits and enchantment. Peridot, the birthstone for August, is this magic gemstone.

St. John, an island off the southern tip of Egypt, was first worked for peridot as early as 1500 B.C. At that time, the place was known as "The Island of Serpents" because it was infested with poisonous snakes. An Egyptian king decided to have the snakes destroyed to facilitate prospecting for peridot. The stone's yellowish-green color was supposedly rendered invisible by sunlight. Therefore, workers marked the sites at night and returned the next day to dig up the material. St. John is still the major source of peridot.

Peridot is one of the few gemstones which occurs in only one color. This particular stone occurs only in green. Of course, the shades of green do vary. The top grade is a medium to dark, slightly yellowish-green stone. Very light colored material is called chrysoite. Dark yellow-green to brownish-green material is known as olive.

Peridot is a very affordable gemstone with a rather stable price. Although larger peridots may cost several hundred dollars, you can still get some sun in your life for under \$100. As American Gem Society jewelers, we at Cleves and Lonnemann are qualified to guide you in purchasing the finest quality possible for the price you wish to pay.

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## Battlestar Galatica!

Joe Hoffer demonstrates model spaceship, complete with lights, that is part of the NKU Art Council student art exhibit now on display in the University Center second floor lounge. (Bill Parsons photo)

## Debtors get grades but cannot register

by Bev Yates  
Northerner Managing Editor

NKU students with outstanding fines will now get grade reports in the mail, but still cannot register, according to Phyllis Harper, acting Registrar.

The policy was changed "in an effort to be fair," Harper said. "Otherwise how can he [a student] know whether or not he wants to come back?"

Otherwise, the university withholding policy remains unchanged. A student who has not paid all fees and library or parking fines has access to personal records, but cannot have a copy of transcripts made. Also, he is not permitted to register.

"It's an accepted policy among universities," Harper explained. "To my knowledge it is traditional. There's no law to that effect."

But, she said, the procedure is legal, according to the Chase College of Law interpretation of the Buckley Amendment, which guarantees citizens access to records kept about them, and the right to question that information.

"We don't try to put the student to great difficulty; we try to resolve the problem. Over 99 1/4 percent go resolve the problem and come back," Harper said.

Harper said letters are mailed to students from the individual departments, such as the library, Department of Public Safety, prior to registration to students who have outstanding fees or fines.

There are currently 580 outstanding parking citations, and 502 students with unpaid library fines. These lists include students who have graduated or dropped out.

## Campus takes front seat in carpooling

NKU students and faculty may soon have an alternative to over-crowded parking lots if a proposed carpool project gets the go-ahead.

The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce pilot project is one of several to be funded throughout the state by the Kentucky Department of Transportation, according to Jim Ward, project coordinator for the Chamber.

NKU has been chosen as one of the

target locations in Northern Kentucky, along with St. Elizabeth Hospital South, Booth Hospital in Florence, and seven firms in the Florence Industrial Park.

Carol Lainhart, Department of Public Safety, will serve as campus coordinator for the project.

Northern has a particular need, Ward said, because of the lack of available parking space.

"There are now over 6,000 cars

registered with the Department of Public Safety, but only 1900 spaces. Those are for students. There are 850 registered faculty and staff, but only 357 spaces," he explained.

The plan is still in the formative stage, Ward said. So far, about 800 forms have been distributed among faculty and staff, and "should be getting back about now," he explained.

"Then they will be run through computers and the print-out list will be used to match up people who can share rides," he continued.

Ward said Student Government has volunteered to determine student need,

including who is willing to participate in a carpool program and where they live.

There are "difficulties", Ward said, with developing a program at Northern.

"Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes and Tuesday-Thursday classes are completely different in terms of time and number of students," he explained.

"Also, 65 to 70 percent all have part time jobs and therefore don't go back to their homes after classes," Ward said.

## The NKU Bookstore

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## Viewpoint

## Woodstock lesson strong - ten years later

It seems almost eons since a small farm in upstate New York was invaded by masses of individuals searching for "peace, love, and music."

This month marks the 10th anniversary of the Woodstock Music and Arts Fair and, although most college students today were only mere pubescents at its conception, the results of the experiments are etched in the back of their memory along with tied T-shirts and "dropping out."

The festival lasted only three days, but the sociological implications echoed around the world by the several-hundred thousand people on Yasger's farm, were to say the least, immense.

After all, New York's third largest city had been constructed in less than a month, with a town center consisting of a primitive wooden stage and speakers blaring the news of the day . . . music.

The drawing card of Woodstock may have been music, but forget what you have heard on the radio or seen on TV. The motivating force behind the convergence at Bethel wasn't rock-n-roll, but one of more import—the participation in a phenomenalistic happening.

It doesn't really matter if rock-n-roll music dies and all of its contributors end up as decadent theme song writers for "Welcome Back Kotter."

Most of the people at the Woodstock festival weren't even hippies, but were students like yourself, many even joining to promote society in disdained professional capacities such as doctors, lawyers, journalists and yes, even NKU college professors.

What the students of 1979 should remember is that Woodstock was the ultimate experience as a revolutionary (used in the sociological sense) cultural exchange.

At no time in history have so many people joined in an unannounced goal of shared experience.

Unfortunately, the future shock caused by such an event only managed to thrust society into deeper paranoia surrounding spontaneous movements. A recent attempt to rekindle the torch of self-being by holding an anniversary Woodstock celebration met with an emphatic "NO" from the powers that be, killing the project.

However, the true test of Woodstock's relevance remains at the forefront of today's college communi-

ty. College students throughout America can wipe out stagnation by revitalizing the humanistic beliefs of a decade ago.

Nobody has to dust off their old love beads or bring back the peace sign. The key to opening your mind to other values (a basic premise of college life) is participation.

Last week's Music Fest, sponsored by Student Government, had the potential to break down many of the communication barriers that exist at a commuter college. But with a liberal estimate of only a couple of thousand students participating in the festivities, the fair lost much of its effectiveness.

The music was there, the arts were there, the sun was out, but the students didn't bother to show up.

Let's face it gang. You blew it! We can't blame the administration anymore. If students want to

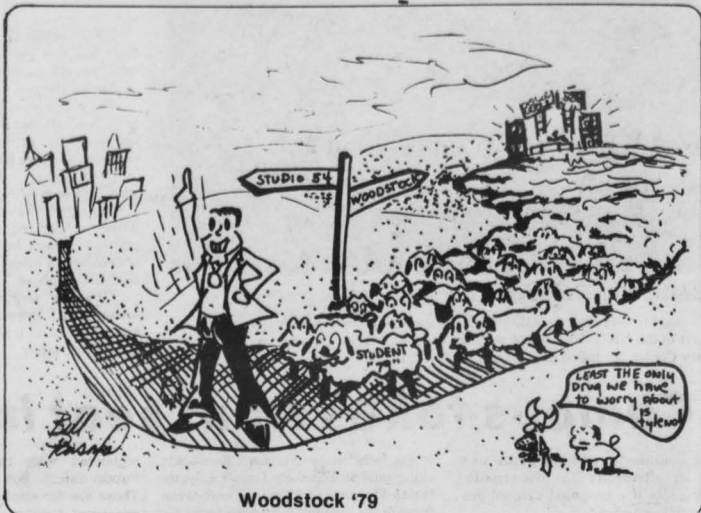
control their own destinies, they have to get involved.

The old excuse that "nothing is happening" at Northern is, to put it bluntly, pure garbage. There are countless campus organizations that could use your input, along with film and coffeehouse committees. If you would like to see something go on at Northern, tell somebody. If they don't listen, start a petition and send it to The Northerner.

We all have the responsibility to get out and do it. Of course, it isn't easy, but in the long run it beats inconsequential belly-aching.

In a short time college life will seem like a hazy dream and, when faced with the realization of living permanently in the "real world," you will come back, begging for Music Fest, 1989.

—Corky Johnson



Woodstock '79

## Editor's Rapline

**WE ARE BACK!** To the expected displeasure of the administration, Editor's Rapline, the student consumer column with punch, is ready to go to the trenches for you.

The Editor's Rapline (formerly Reporter's Rapline), to refresh your memory, totes the banner for student rights. The Rapline deals with student problems and questions of concern.

From printing names of professors who do not hand out syllabi to helping students get a fair shake with their grades, The Rapline finds the answers.

If you have a problem, big or small, call the Rapline, 292-5260. It could change your entire perspective.

## NOT IN SESSION

The Rapline has been told of at least two schedule changes inside the art department that left several students a little peeved.

It appears the class schedule listed a Drawing II class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. But students arriving last Friday were angered to find the class was rescheduled sans the Friday night time slot. On top of that, the instructor was changed from Kevin Booher to Mike Skop.

No letters were sent out notifying students of the changes.

For students pre-registering, the drop-add line



—Corky

Johnson

would be their only recourse if they didn't like the new situation.

All departments making changes should make a serious attempt to contact students regarding the changes, either through a letter, and/or at walk-in registration.

## LAKE INFERIOR TO REMAIN INFERIOR?

After relieving several tips from campus environmentalists that one of Northern's few landmarks (of course it's man-made), Lake Inferior, was secretly being scheduled for annihilation, the Rapline set out to find some answers.

According to Gary Eith, administrative assistant to Vice-President John DeMarcus, the lake will remain in its present state, at least until funds

become available to expand it.

Eith said the tentative plans for the lake call for it to be expanded, along with an amphitheater to be constructed on its south side.

"We would like for it to be the focal point of the campus," Eith said. But first, Eith says, the "sludge" which has been deposited in the lake must be cleaned out.

Eith admits that construction equipment has in the past been cleaned in lake, but "we have to put a stop to that."

Plans do not call for putting concrete walkways next to the lake, as was feared by environmentalists.

The hitch in the whole project is funds. Before any changes at all will be seen at the lake, funds must first be slated for the project. And Eith says that the lake is a "low" priority compared to academic considerations.

Another hold-up in lake development will be the completion of all construction near the site, such as the addition to the Fine Arts Building. Eith would not make an attempt to estimate when lake improvements will begin.

The Rapline will watch with interest (if we are not dead from old age) further Lake Inferior discussion. All students, environmentalists and SG members are urged to send letters, lobby or otherwise show support to revitalize the lake.



## THE MUCKRACKER FILE:

MR. SG. President my NAME is Muck Racker Reporter For the 'Daily DeFunct'. I have been sent here to Florida to ask you about your Accomplishments this summer.

Good question, First I have sent post cards to the Board of Regents and A.D.!

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What About Helping the staff with Music Fest

Music Fest? .... OH YEA... I consulted with the team on the phone yesterday. ....



## Opposite views

# Faculty debates use of student rights

I knew it was going too far when I found myself putting waist and hip measurements on the syllabus. One would, after all, not want to mislead students about a faculty member's plumpness, or intended plumpness for the semester.

That faculty members ought to teach at some point during the semester we may assert with some confidence. But that students have rights in this regard, which are to be enforced with due procedure, does not follow.

It used to be that faculty members, like most human beings outside of Procter and Gamble, were allowed eccentricities. Some wore ropes for belts, some wore jeans, some were so gauche as to wear ties and address students as 'mister' or 'miss.' Some gave out syllabi, some gave headaches, some gave out diseases. Some had a sense of humor, some had a sense of the macabre, some had a sense of doom.

Now everyone has syllabi, and is required to expound the whole of a course within the first five days—or else. Or else students will drop out, or appeal grades, or write nasty letters to The Northerner. Gone are the days when a faculty member might let a course develop with the semester, dallying at parts which went well, throwing in new parts when old ones died. Deciding that a class which is in danger of becoming comatose needs a test late in the semester is verboten.

One of the reasons why your friendly neighborhood Kroger has everything prepackaged, sterile and entombed in plastic is because consumers demand it. They have a right to the ingredients, and a right to fresh-looking meat and fruit.

Dr. Ken  
Beirne

Assistant  
professor of  
political science



They get dyes in the meat and fruit, so that everything will look palatable.

The student as consumer will have the same effect. The lawyers will neuter us all. All the economics professors who might now be sued for having taught that you cannot have inflation and recession at the same time, may now take a vow of silence. All must be packaged, in clear plastic, so that the students may decide how appealing everything is, or when finished, whether it was palatable.

In the 1960s people fought when the police were brought on campus, since it was a violation of the free atmosphere of the university. In the 1970s, the lawyers have replaced the police, but they have been welcomed. The effect is the same.

Education is not consumable, is not subject to rights. To think requires risk, including the risk of being abused. Socrates only guaranteed confusion, not success. To insist on the homogenized following of procedure does not guarantee success, or education. But it does jeopardize the free experimentation of the mind.

—Ken Beirne

—Dr. Michael  
Ryan

Assistant  
professor of  
history



Another glorious semester has commenced in the concrete-covered halls of that bastion of intellectual endeavor known as NKU. And, as usual, the term has opened on the uplifting note of doom, despair, and Cassandra-like prophecies proclaiming that we shall all spend the year in Federal District Court.

Upon whom do we faculty members blame most of these problems? Students, of course. We are no longer legally permitted to flog, dismember, mislead, or generally abuse the motley rabble. Now that the Bill of Rights has infiltrated the sacred precinct of the classroom, our feudal privilege to hang the peasants whenever we deem it necessary has been thoroughly undermined.

The student-as-consumer movement, like all such trends, can engender excesses. It really is not necessary for me to inform the students in a syllabus what color underwear I shall sport on October 24th. But such absurdities are essentially irrelevant. Whether we like it or not, the age of student rights has dawned and we must all live with that reality.

It seems paradoxical to me that we members of the faculty should assail the legal rights of students, while at the same time asserting our own prerogatives with growing stridency. The faculty manual detailing our legal rights runs to 71 pages; the Code of Student Rights is a mere 20 pages long.

All subordinate groups require protection against capricious punishment from superiors. Faculty needs protection from administrators and students deserve the same protection from arbitrary faculty.

At least theoretically in this academic community we are all involved in the dispassionate, collective pursuit of knowledge. Surely in such a joint quest, Constitutional rights cannot be the lonely preserve on only that select medieval guild whose members happen to possess terminal academic degrees.

Such student litigation has resulted not from malevolence on the part of students, but from clear incompetence or dereliction, on the part of a few faculty members. Instructors need not fear the lengthening shadow of the court if courses are conducted in a professional and humane manner. A syllabus, which can be intentionally flexible, is a protective shield for student and faculty alike. The student is not apprehensive that a massive research paper may suddenly be assigned in the fourteenth week of the semester and the faculty member can at least prove that he showed up once to present the syllabus.

The major objective of a university should be to encourage free expression and mental experimentation. Student rights in no way fetter the instructor unduly and merely help to assure a campus atmosphere conducive to intellectual speculation. After all, we faculty members presumably are here for the benefit of the student body. I doubt very much that the Commonwealth of Kentucky would financially endow my erudite three-volume study of the history of syphilis in 17th century Warwickshire if I did not also occasionally wander in to give the students their money's worth.

—Mike Ryan

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Profile:

# Free expression brings writer full circle

by Corky Johnson  
Northerner Editor

Usually, interviewing a fellow writer, especially one packing a national reputation under his engraved belt, is like kissing your dream girl through a barbed-wire meshed screen.

Quite simply, like the preceding analogy, it stinks!

The heart begins to pump at a rate equal to the drive needed for operation of the Alaskan pipeline, and single handedly you have raised the premium on Ban roll-on stocks 100 per cent.

But something undefineable about visiting English professor Ed McClanahan, one of the godfathers of "new" journalism, sets you immediately at ease.

It could be his congenial smile, an unmistakable Southern twang, or knowing that an award-winning author for Stanford University and Playboy magazine is a fellow Northern Kentuckian.

McClanahan, 46, father of five, has lived—in mild terms—a full and liberating life. Breaking through the stigmatism of the archetypal Kentucky boy, McClanahan has gone full circle. He left the area after graduating from Maysville High, wove his way into prestigious writing and teaching circles, and finally retraced his roots to Kentucky.

This fall, McClanahan hopes to share

his vast adventures with the students at Northern.

"It's hard to be a Kentucky writer. We're all taught to talk like a bunch of — Cincinnatians," McClanahan muses.

In fact, McClanahan remembers, his Kentucky heritage has actually helped him in his travels.

"People didn't look down on me because I was a hillbilly. They were interested in my experience."

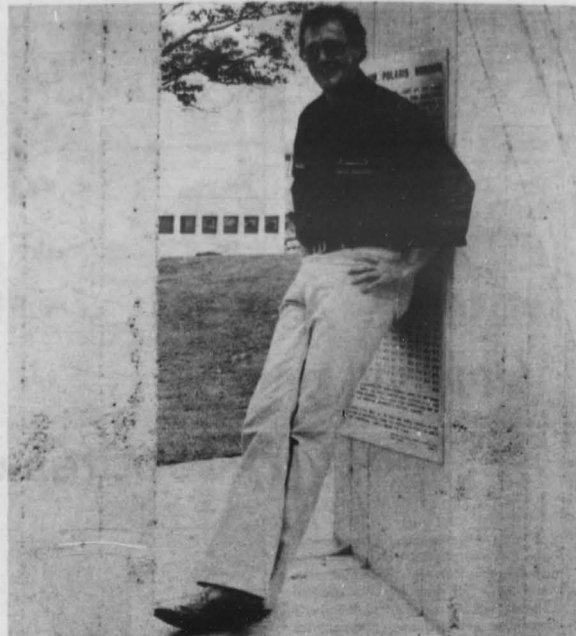
Growing up in the small Bracken County town of Brooksville, McClanahan came to an early revelation about his forthcoming craft.

Denying any desire to be a policeman, he said, "Somehow or another I always knew I wanted to be a writer."

After an unsuccessful attempt at developing a novel in the fourth grade, McClanahan got his feet wet in high school as a reporter for the Maysville Independent daily newspaper.

"As a child, the idea of being a journalist really appealed to me. I would watch these old movies of Alan Ladd banging away at a typewriter. But I wound up just hating it," he professes, with more than a slight bite in his voice.

However, McClanahan's brief career in journalism spawned a creative urge that saw him through four years at Miami University, (Ohio) and later a Masters Degree from the University of



Visiting professor Ed McClanahan adds color to NKU's concrete jungle with tales of acid tests and Ohio honky-tonks. He is currently teaching two writing classes, one in fiction writing and another in new journalism. (Corky Johnson photo)

Kentucky.

"In the beginning I was barely a 'C' student, but I got to be a better student as time went on. That is to say, a better bull—," he maintains with typical candor. "But you have to know how to read to know how to write."

It wasn't until he landed a teaching job at Oregon State University in 1959 that McClanahan began to have serious notions of writing professionally.

"I had to learn grammar because I was teaching 120 freshmen. I had always just been able to write sentences that suited me."

At about this time, the country was thrust into the turbulent 60's and McClanahan, who had just received a writing fellowship to Stanford, was plopped into the center of action.

"The fellowship came about because I submitted a rough draft of my novel, A Hell Of A Note, about a 237 pound, 6 foot 5 kid from Newport who gets adopted by a small town basketball coach, for obvious reasons."

The novel was never finished, postponed indefinitely for the more intellectual enterprises of protesting the war and tuning-in at One Flew Over The Cuckoos Nest author Ken Kesey's infamous "acid test" parties. Kesey's flight to Mexico to avoid apprehension by the FBI became the basis, on prompting by McClanahan, for Tom Wolfe's bible of "new" journalism, The Electric

Kool-Aid Acid Test."

Working on the Free You magazine, along with his contacts at Kesey's, McClanahan developed his own style of free-expression journalism.

"There was an audience out there which basically shared my beliefs in liberal and radical politics. A lot of us thought we were inventing a new language," he relates.

Laced with encounters from rock-n-roll heavies like the Grateful Dead, to close calls with red-necks in Ohio honky-tonks, McClanahan lays down on paper what he feels about human attitudes.

Articles with a humanistic quotient won McClanahan Playboy Best Contributor awards in 1972 and 1974.

One of his better known pieces, Highway 52 Revisited, which was dubbed from a Bob Dylan song, talks to our obligation to share different views.

"The moral is we have to know one another better, get over these stereotypes and find out who we are," McClanahan philosophizes.

You have to wonder: if the motion of the 60's hadn't ceased, would McClanahan have returned to his native state?

As he jokes, "I participated in the anti-war movement and even got tear gassed—that persuaded me not to participate in the anti-war movement."

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# What's where & when

## Monday, Sept. 3

The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra with special guest Bob McGrath of "Sesame Street" will perform a family-style concert in Riverfront Coliseum at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 and are available at the Coliseum Box Office, all Shillito's stores, and the lobby of the Enquirer Building. The concert tops off the day-long entertainment at RIVERFEST '79, the arts, crafts, entertainment and food festival at Yeatman's Cove Park and the Serpentine Wall for the benefit of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. For more information, contact Linda Parker at 621-1919.

## Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9

A special festival will celebrate the formal dedication of Northern Kentucky's 30 block Main Strasse district. Gov. Julian M. Carroll will perform the dedication ceremony. The Edgar Bergen memorabilia collection will also be on display during the festival. The hours of the celebration will be from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday. Contact J. Reginald Smith for additional information at 341-3882.

The Cincinnati Art Museum will sponsor "The Big Sale"—described as "the largest garage sale imaginable"—at Cincinnati Convention Center. Doors are open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 on Saturday for



Charlie McCarthy and friends will be on hand in Covington Saturday, September 8, to welcome Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll to the dedication of the Maine Strasse Bell tower. The entire Edgar Bergen Memorabilia collection will be on public display.

cash and carry shopping. Fresh stocks will be added on Sunday, when hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Tuesday, Sept. 4

Hot Java—The Coffeehouse That Cooks—is looking for student involvement for the production of shows throughout the following year.

An introductory meeting will be held at noon in Cafe C in the University Center.

The committee, sponsored by the University Center Board, will be self-contained, handling completely the bookings, publicity, set-up, box office and finances.

Volunteers are needed in all areas. For more information, call Greg Hatfield, Coffeehouse Coordinator, at 292-5146.

## Wednesday, Sept. 5

The NKU Philosophy Club will hold its first meeting at 2:15 p.m. in Landrum 229. The agenda includes election of officers and a filmstrip entitled "Pragmatism, the Philosophical Basis for the American Lifestyle."

Today is the application deadline for a new state government scholarship program in computer science and electronic data processing. Applications for the program, which begins this fall, are available in the Financial Aid office of Ron Simpson, or call 292-5143.

## Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13-15

Golden Girls, NKU's drill team, will hold tryouts in the University Center ballroom, from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday. For information or application, contact Glena Malloy, 4th floor Landrum, at 292-5461.

## Tuesday and Thursday, Sept. 18 and 20

Randal Horn, UC graduate and NKU alumnus, will conduct a workshop on effective methods of graduate school application from noon to 1 p.m. in Science 421. Topics include grade requirement exams (GRE), work preparation, the application process and writing personal statements.

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# Hear Here: Radio industry is music wasteland

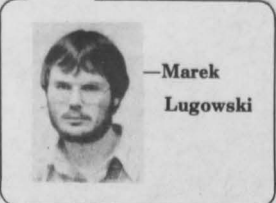
Why did you slap on that WEBN sticker? Is it because you appreciate their music? You do, eh? Do you want to know what WEBN thinks of you? My pleasure: you are a Joe Shmoe, an idiot. You will not welcome interesting, uncanny music; therefore, it is being withheld from you, like tax money.

You have a very short attention span, Joe, and you like your music short, sweet and simple. You can digest only downest-to-earth rock 'n' roll or a chance ballad. You like it served every few hours. Moreover, you *insist* on it, requesting it over and over again.

Joe Shmoe, here's a spoonful of The Cars. There . . . Here, Joe, a little warmed-over Cheap Trick, some stale Led Zeppelin. Like it? Good. Now wait a second, Joe, so that Pete can tell you all about waterbeds. We're back, Joe, with some Van Halen and Supertramp.

We know you like it, Joe. You eat it up every hour, week after week . . .

Dear friends: things are ridiculous. Just as record prices ascend heights unknown (\$8.98 list for LP), just as the record pressing quality amazingly approaches Edison's historic "Mary Had a Little Lamb," just as the masses go ape over disco, well, just then WEBN and WSAI clash in a ratings war which threatens to make Q102 appear progressive. I mean, soon all three will have

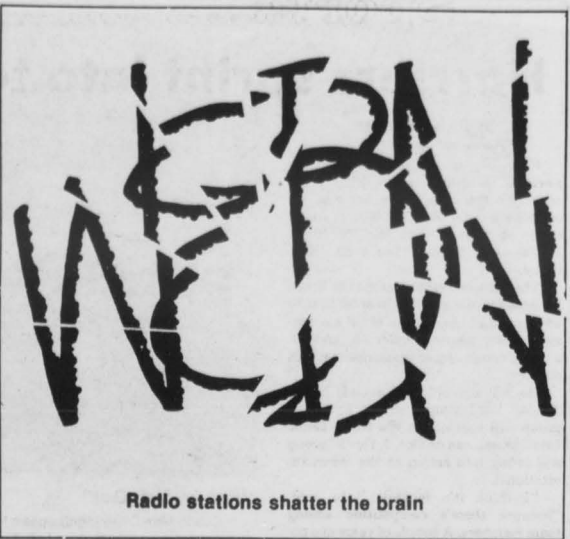


—Marek  
Lugowski

identical playlists, except that 'EBN and 'SAI will exclude the BeeGees for fear of alienating the "Disco Sucks" crowd.

All these things add up to this: you are being cut off from music worthy of your time and money. The outrageously high record prices discourage all record-buying and virtually prohibit experimentation—the price of a mistake is just too steep.

For one thing, it is unheard of to return a record because you "don't like it." For another, record stores are about the only places of business where the customer has no idea what he is buying, and pays with a 100 percent certainty that he will not see his money back, regardless of lack of satisfaction. So much for their confidence in their product.




Radio stations shatter the brain

Next, should you manage to grab a disc with music to your liking, there is still no cause for celebration. More often than not these days, one discovers that wow, pops, clicks, and other assorted blemishes compete successfully for your attention.

If such is the case, don't just sit there in front of your innocent stereo, clenching teeth, fists, and any other clenched bits. Go forth and make a scene. Tell whoever is paid to stand you

that you just WON'T take a crummy copy. Return and return if need be, but PLEASE, for everyone's sake, don't let the bloody record companies get away with another lemon!

In the weeks to come, if you stay with this column, you will read about recordings par excellence (some released in '79)—music that some 'EBN, 'SAI DJs play . . . in their own homes! Meanwhile, scrape off that sticker. Unless, of course, you really are a Joe Shmoe.



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# Sports

## Harriers sprint into toughest season ever

by Rick Dammert

Northerner Sports Editor

Knee-deep in runners, and with an awesome schedule before him, cross country coach Mike Daley has mapped out his plans for the 1979 season, which opens on Sept. 1 with the Joe Binks 10,000-meter Race in Louisville, Kentucky.

The veteran mentor intends to break his squad into two teams in order to take advantage of the talents of all his runners. Daley plans to enter 'A' and 'B' squads, consisting of seven men each, in six races.

He will also split the squads on occasion. For instance, on Oct. 5, the 'A' group will compete in the Notre Dame Invitational, and on Oct. 6, the 'B' group will swing into action at the Berea Invitational.

"I think it's fantastic," he said, "because there's competition among team members. A couple of years ago only seven guys went out for the team. They figured 'why work?' because they knew they had it made."

Now, the presence of 16 runners battling for positions on the 'A' squad has Daley smiling.

A tentative arrangement of the top seven runners on both the 'A' and 'B' squads was determined by an inter-squad run during the NKU Music Fest on Saturday, August 25.

John Lott, who won the race, and is a bonified All-American candidate, is the No. 1 runner this year.



### "Ready, Set, Go!"

Coach Mike Daley (right) signals for his cross country runners to begin their first annual inter-squad meet. John Lott, first man out of the pack, won the race held during NKU's Music Fest. (Rick Dammert, photo)

Sophomore Tom Ashe, who did not race because of tonsillitis, should stick close to the heels of Lott. Chris Wolfer, a freshman from Elder High School, will run No. 3. Veteran senior Joe Lunn, No. 2 in 78, looks like the No. 4 man, according to Daley.

Four freshmen—Gary Sebastian, Chris Vincent, Steve Kruse and Craig

Kerl—hold down the next four positions respectively.

Kerl, by virtue of his qualifying finish, is the No. 1 man on the 'B' squad. Behind him are sophomore Dave Plasters, junior Dan Niemer, sophomore Tom Moore, and senior Mike Bankemper respectively. Jim Phillips, a junior walk-on, holds down the No. 6 slot.

The three unranked runners were omitted from Daley's list for various reasons. Veteran Stan Turner may come back to the team, but his situation is up in the air momentarily. Freshman Tim Schlotman from Covington Catholic High School is out with a broken bone. Another walk-on, Jim Smith, a native of Florida did not participate in the inter-squad race and Daley is not sure of his talents yet.

Daley's smile induced by the abundance of talent on his team is partially erased when he speaks of his grueling schedule.

"It's the hardest schedule we've ever faced," he explained. "Against this type of competition, you can't feel confident that you're going to have a winning season."

Thus, Daley noted, his goal is to go over the .500 mark for the fourth time in this, his fourth season at NKU.

"The Joe Binks Race is one of the top 10 to 15 road races in the country," said Daley. "The Notre Dame Invitational, which has a field of over 60 teams, would put our regional meet to shame."

"Our schedule is very tough, but it will provide a lot of good experience for a lot of good freshmen," he reasoned.

"Our depth can keep us respectable in case of injury," he explained. And with the numerous recruits and underclassmen he has to work with, he indicated he'll have a strong program next year despite the graduation of Lott and Lunn.

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## We're Not Number One For Nothing.

# Northern '78-79 'sports' review

by Rick Dammert  
*Northerner Sports Editor*

The 1978-79 school season was banner year for NKU sports. Nine teams (two basketball, two tennis, volleyball, golf, baseball, cross country, and softball) weathered their schedules with fair to excellent success.

The abolition of the men's wrestling team, the volleyball squad's state championship and the first-year women's softball team's Kentucky Women's Intercollegiate Conference (KWIC) Championship, headlined the sport's scene.

The only dark spot on Northern's sports program last season was a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) inquiry into the illegal use of campus phones by student-athletes. But after a thorough investigation by the university, the matter was cleared up.

In the fall, all three of Northern's active teams fought their way to winning seasons.

**CROSS COUNTRY**—Veteran coach Mike Daley led his young squad to a 34-18 mark and in the process received a national ranking among Division II schools for the second straight year.

Competing in the Great Lakes Region, the strongest in the nation for Division II cross country, the Norsemen were rated as high as 12th nationally.

**TENNIS**—The Norsewomen, another fountain of youth, guided by coach Roger Klein, ran off a streak of six straight victories at mid-season on their way to a 9-8 slate.

Junior Annette Fischer commanded the best personal record on the club with an 11-6 mark. However, it was the spirited play of three freshmen—No. 1 Pam Reeves, No. 3 Joni Pille, and No. 6 Lori Brandewie—that helped the women wind up over the .500 mark.

**VOLLEYBALL**—The women finished their regular season with a 31-13-2 record, a feather in anyone's cap, but it was their post-season play that brought them to the center of attention.

After rolling over the University of Kentucky (UK) to win the state championship, the Norsewomen took second seat, ironically enough, to the Lady Kats in the regional competition.

Their second-place finish was good enough to earn them a berth in the national championships in Birmingham, Alabama. They dropped five straight matches to some of the toughest competition across the country, and finished out the 78 season with a 40-21-2 mark.

**WRESTLING**—Before their season ever got under way, the wrestling team was demoted from a 'team' to a 'club' status. Only a short time before the decision, veteran coach Jack Turner resigned because of difficulties he had faced when two of his recruits were denied housing on campus.

However, the show went on. Assistant baseball coach Bill Wyrick took over the wrestling club and led the men through the 78 season. Because of their 'club' status, the squad had to make a new and unofficial schedule. Everyone who had originally intended to wrestle for NKU, except one recruit from Cleveland, completed the season.

While the tennis, volleyball, and cross country teams were concluding their respective schedules, the men's and women's basketball squads were

gearing up for action.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**—It was a long, frustrating season for Mote Hils and his Norsemen. The team suffered its first losing record (13-14) in four years. Ineligibility and injuries played havoc on the individual members of the squad.

The season's only bright spot was the lifting of probation off of veteran coach Hils. He had been slapped with the probation one year before due to an altercation between he and Athletic Director Lonnie Davis during a post-season bus trip.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**—Led by a working blend of experienced upperclassmen and a host of impressive freshmen, the women marched to a 25-10 overall record and a strong showing in two post-season tournaments.

In the state championships, coach Marilyn Moore's troops finished second to arch-rival Morehead. In the National Women's Invitational Tournament (NWIT), Northern settled for fourth place.

The most notable losses via graduation are Monica Pellman and Peggy Vincent, both Women's Basketball League (WBL) draftees.

As the spring semester moved into full swing and the weather cleared for outdoor activities, four more of Northern's teams blossomed.

**SOFTBALL**—The first-year women's softball team, led by the dangerous bats of basketball refugees Brenda Ryan, Monica Pellman, Livey Birkenhauer, and Diane Redmond, pounded their opposition throughout the season.

In the course of winning 16 games against one defeat, coach Schepher made her mark in the state tournament again when her squad won the KWIC Championship.

**GOLF**—Like the men's basketball team, the golfers found themselves in the midst of a losing season for the first time in four years.

In their nine-tournament season, the Norsemen notched a 42-45 record. A 22nd place finish in the Jacksonville (Fla.) Invitational doomed the team. Discounting that tournament, the men would have held a final mark of 40-24.

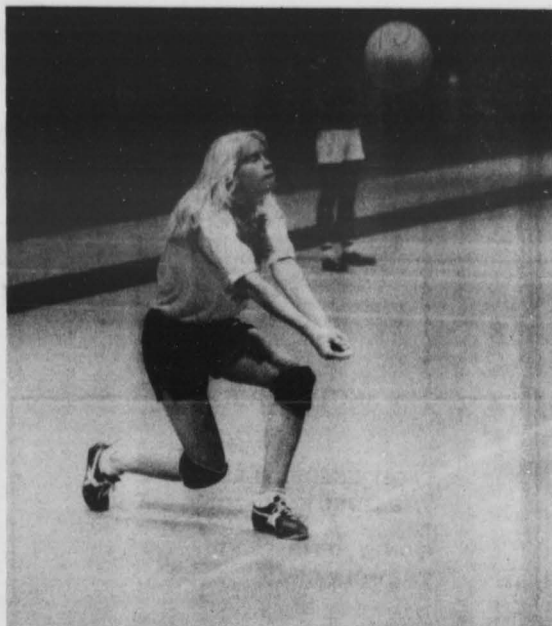
**TENNIS**—Coach Klein's squad pulled out their last four matches of the season to claim a 13-7 slate. After No. 1 singles player Steve Zaeh was benched with an injury early in the season, each of the remaining players were forced to move up a slot and freshmen Eric Engelhard was given the chance to play No. 6.

Chris Fuentes, No. 2, finished the 79 campaign with a 19-3 singles mark. Dan Coleman, who had been strewn into the No. 1 position, fared admirably with a 12-10 record.

**BASEBALL**—The Norsemen culminated a brilliant 33-11 season by sweeping their way through the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Tournament in Louisville.

After winning the regional tournament, coach Bill Aker led his team to the NCAA Division II (National) Tournament in Springfield, Ill. The men suffered two straight defeats in the double-elimination tournament and bowed out with a final overall mark of 36-13.

During the course of the regular schedule, NKU swept a doubleheader from Xavier University to give Aker his 200th career victory.



Amy Kopp, a sophomore spiker for coach Jane Schper's volleyball team, prepares to return a shot in a recent practice. (Frank Lang, photo)

## JOCK SHORTS

Irish tennis sensation Joanne O'Halloran is the prize catch of NKU's veteran tennis coach Roger Klein's recruiting drive.

O'Halloran, ranked among the top ten in the 18-under bracket in Ireland, joins Lori Lindeman from Erlanger-Lloyd High School and Mary Sweeney from Our Lady of Providence as the newest Norsewomen.

The left-handed Dublin product is expected to play either No. 1 or No. 2 singles for the squad this season, according to Klein.

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NKU's highest student athletic honor, the Special Merit Award, was presented to volleyball player Julie Thoman at the spring sports banquet last May.

Both male and female athletes were eligible for the award. Thoman won the honor for not only being a fine athlete, but for being totally involved with the school and its entire program.

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The formation of an NKU soccer club is in the process and anyone interested in trying out for the squad is invited to attend an organizational meeting on Friday, August 31, in Room 203 of the University Center or a practice that evening at 5:00 on the intramural field.

Joe Ruh, campus photographer, and Paul Teggart, NKU's Employment Compensation Supervisor, are working on the formation of the club and will serve as coaches.

If you would like to play, but can not attend the meeting or practice, call Public Relations at 292-5585 and leave your name and phone number.

Listed below are a number of activities offered by the Campus Recreation Department during the early part of the fall semester. Each activity is accompanied with an entry deadline date.

**Men's Softball League**—Entry deadline is Tuesday Sept. 4. Play begins on Saturday, Sept. 8.

**Women's Softball League**—Entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 5. Play begins on Tuesday Sept. 11.

**Men's and Women's Tennis Single's Tournaments**—Entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 5. Play begins on Monday, Sept. 10.

**Faculty/Staff Men's and Women's Single's Tennis Tournaments**—Entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 5. Play begins on Monday, Sept. 10.

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