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DPS cracks down on parking problems

by Gary Webb

The recent rise in the number of parking violations at NKU has prompted a crackdown by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

DPS officer Joey "Hips" Giovanni told *The Northerner* that "Students seem to have gone berserk. They're parking cars all over the place. We spent all that money putting up new signs for them and they are just disregarding the hell out of them."

DPS has been ticketing cars regularly since Monday but officer Giovanni reported that he finds many of these tickets torn into little pieces and scattered about the parking lots. Giovanni puts this down to the fact that DPS is not allowed to wear sawed-off shotguns on campus.

"Hey, look," Giovanni said, "if I handed your ticket to you on the end of a chopped Winchester 12-gauge, you'd think twice about ripping up that ticket, wouldn't you now? These puny .38's don't scare anybody."

To remedy this situation, NKU has given DPS authorization to strip illegally parked cars. "That

includes wheels, tires, engine parts I may need, tape decks, radios and anything else we like," gloated Giovanni. Instead of being ticketed, the students will be allowed to buy

the parts back from DPS at regular retail prices within 48 hours.

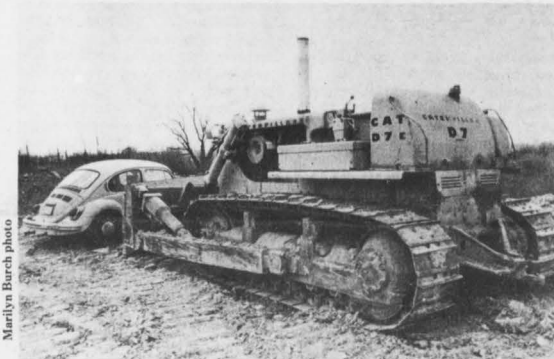
"What a scam!" Giovanni giggled. "I can't wait to find a student's van in the faculty lot!"

Should the student not pay for the parts taken, DPS officers will be allowed to fence them or keep the parts they like.

Second offenders will not only have their cars stripped again, but under the new parking policy, DPS will be authorized to break into their residences and confiscate any Japanese components in the offender's stereo system. Giovanni, a former Covington burglar, was instrumental in getting this portion of the policy passed. "I'm the best B&E man in the business," he boasted. "I can steal stereo components while the dude's still listening to it." DPS was hesitant about inserting this clause into the parking policy because most of their officers are former counterfeiters and professional witnesses but with the acquisition of Giovanni, DPS felt they had the manpower needed to accomplish this.

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No Bull

DPS obviously is very serious about cleaning up NKU's parking problem. It was discovered that it would be cheaper to buy this new equipment than to build new parking lots. As of April 1, all excess vehicles will be pushed in Lake Inferior. See DPS story for more parking info.

VD epidemic spreads

by Peg Moertl

"There is a direct correlation between the increase in reported cases of venereal disease and the number of students who migrated south over spring break."

So reports northern Kentucky health clinic director Dr. Orvin Poppadopoulos, who said the surge of 940 local youths since last Friday seeking help at his clinic prompted him to check with operators of other centers in the NK/Greater Cincinnati area. Those persons, he said, also reported overwhelming numbers of new VD cases.

One local health official, whom Poppadopoulos refused to name, said about 39% of those being treated now for gonorrhea at her clinic received care last spring for the same ailment.

Another administrator, said Poppadopoulos, reported that "the increase in caseloads has come to be expected around this time each year in the area clinics heavily-frequented by students."

Is the situation dangerous at the Poppadopoulos clinic? "Well," she said, "penicillin resources are getting scarce and the extra 'safety margin' dose we generally give to patients has been cut to the minimum amount necessary to cure an ordinary case."

"Moreover," he added, "if the influx of new cases continues at the present rate, we'll be forced to call in federal health authorities to aid an epidemic situation."

Poppadopoulos also reported he heard that word of the current crisis had reached the ears of a prominent local county prosecutor who was threatening legal action against the cities of Ft. Lauderdale and Daytona Beach, and/or the state of Florida. The litigation would be based on what the health director said the prosecutor called "the maintenance of a situation in which immoral activity and illegal sexual behavior are encouraged and exploited."

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Fancy Fencework

NKU student Shana Link exhibits the graceful form that vaulted her to first place in last week's Kentucky Intercollegiate Invitational Fencing Tournament. Good job. Congrats, Shana.