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Continued from Page 10 NCAA picking on him and his pro-gram, and Brown interjected his thoughts throughout the hearing.

At one point, Brown held up the 7-page NCAA manual and said: "We've got to burn that big heavy book.

Now college coaches are burning books. I guess that ensures that they don't have to be troubled with the prospect of reading them.

The AP story reported that Brown cited one case in which an LSU athlete dying of cancer asked that his three closest friends from the team come to see him at a dinner in his honor

The NCAA, Brown said, told him that paying for the players to visit their friend would be a violation. Brown ignored the advice. "I felt like a thief in the night,"

said Brown, who explained that he handed the three players brown enve-

lopes containing air fare. According to the NCAA's extra benefit rule, no student athlete is to have access to things, like free airline tickets, that the general student body doesn't have access to.

Hopefully, Brown bought tickets for LSU's other 32,000 students.

Not to be outdone, Tarkanian told a story of a young assistant coach who was fired because he drove an athlete to night classes so the player could get his grades up. "He should have been applauded,"

Tarkanian said.

It's hard to imagine why a student athlete signs up for a class if he or she has no way of getting there, then has to call a coach at the last second to bum a ride.

And "trying to get his grades up?" That kind of suggests the athlete had to be forced to go to class by his assistant coach escort, doesn't it?

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Tarkanian and Brown, in their deceitful, belligerent attitudes and behavior illustrate clearly one point: NCAA investigators wouldn't have to be the storm troopers they often are if the world wasn't filled with Tarkanians and Browns.

If coaches would stop working against the NCAA and start working with it, by conducting their own thorough in-house investigations — not bogus ones in which a few token violations are disclosed to cover up the biggies - and actually requiring their athletes to attend class, the rules might be relaxed.

Every year, college administrators and coaches travel to the annual NCAA convention and bicker about rules. They then pass bylaws that will serve

for days of debate the next year, wasting millions of dollars in the process. It could all be solved by hiring coaches who give a damn about their athletes, on and off the court or field. Tarkanian and Brown are two

coaches who don't give a damn. If they did, the schools wouldn't be in

trouble And Tark wouldn't be leaving.

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Sports

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The Huskers signed four junior college players from the West Coast, including pitcher Jason Beauchamp, a right-handed pitcher from Ameri-can River Junior College in Califor-nia. Beauchamp was drafted by the Texas Rangers two years ago out of high school, and posted a 1.39 earned run average last season in 117 innings pitched.

Two of last year's seniors, Brian McArn and Brian Arntzen, also played for two years at American River before transferring to Nebraska.

Troy Brohawn, an outfielder from Dorchester High School in Woolford, Md., hit .487 last season and struck out just twice all season. Brohawn played outfield for the Olympic Fes-

tival East Team last summer, and helped lead the Cuban Junior Na-tional Olympic Team to the bronze medal in the summer of 1990.

Other 1991 spring signers include Chris Bailey, a third baseman from Edmonds Community College in Washington; James Garcia, a junior outfielder from San Bernadino Val-ley College in California and Mark agmoen, an outfielder from Yakima Valley College in Seattle.

Besides Benjamin, four other players signed with Nebraska in the fall, making it 12 recruits in all for the Huskers this season. Last year, Ne-braska finished sixth in the Big Eight with an 11-13 conference mark and posted a 39-22 record overall.

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Continued from Page 10 to have Jennings with her.

"I think it's an advantage to have Karen with me, because we have played together before. It will make that adjustment a little bit easier," she said.

That adjustment — playing with a group of players who have never played together - is complicated by the fact that they will play for a new coach. Jennings said she is excited about

getting another coach's perspective. The coach for the North squad is University of Georgia head coach Andy Landers.

'Getting coached by someone different, you can fix things that may not get noticed, or you just didn't have enough time to work on during the season," she said.

Both players agreed the experi-ence will help them improve as indi-vidual players and will help the Huskers.

"The more experience you have playing with these type of players the better," Jennings said. "Meggan and I want Nebraska to be a top-10 team, and this can either the same top-10 team. and this can give us a better idea of what we need to do."

Yedsena said she also is excited about the festival.

"It will definitely help to improve my game," she said. "And it will allow for Karen and I to see just where we stand outside the Big Eight."

The festival also doubles as a stepping stone to the Olympic games. A

selection committee will take the 12 said she also hopes to have a position best players to compete for the Junior National Team in a tournament in

Mexico. Last season, Jennings was an al-ternate on the team, and she said she hopes to play well enough to secure a spot on this year's team. Yedsena

on the team.

'If I play with confidence and don't et intimidated, then I have a chance, edsena said.

Practice for the games begins on July 9th and continues with two practices a day until competition begins.