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## Flyin' High



Diana Schlake/The Northernner

**POLITICIANS A PLENTY:** Friday, Republican Senator Mitch McConnell parked his helicopter on the Northern Kentucky University's soccer field. McConnell, accompanied by Dick Roeding, was on an eight-stop, helicopter tour of the state of Kentucky. He campaigned in the University Center speaking to faculty, students and staff. Wednesday, Democratic Kentucky politicians were seen about campus as well. State Senator Joe Meyer made his way about NKU, along with Bob Hoffman, Sandy Eastman, Denny Bowman and Jeffrey Withrow. NKU's Young Democrats held an open forum on the UC plaza then had an informal Meet the Candidates' gathering after the forum.

## Student Services Offers Support

By Colin Copes  
Staff Writer

Disabled students attending Northern Kentucky University have a multitude of services available to them through the Office of Disability Services.

The program provides services such as: disability verification, individual counseling and advising, advance priority registration, disability education, interpreter service, reader recruitment and test proctoring.

"When you talk about disabilities it's not just people in wheelchairs," Dale Adams said. Adams, who is coordinator for students with disabilities, said the majority of student disabilities are psychological impairments and substance abuse. Other disabilities include learning disabilities, cancer and AIDS.

Adams said that while students with disabilities are always entering and leaving the university, there are about 385 diagnosed disabled students currently at NKU.

According to new guidelines under the Americans with Disabilities Act, about one in five NKU student would qualify as having a disability. Many of them do not recognize their condition.

"Northern has met the needs of a lot of students with disabilities," Adams said. A full-time staff and faculty, as well as a program able to work

serve students.

Jay Fields is a secondary education major graduating in the spring. Fields, who has fought his way back from debilitating injury as well as having dyslexia, has found a lot of support in the Students with Disabilities program. "When I came into the program I had a seventh grade reading level," Fields said.

Fields has had to study and read twice as much as the average student and has benefited from the peer mentoring, tutoring and computer training.

"I wouldn't be getting a degree if it wasn't for the Student Support Services," he said.

Fields plans to start a teaching career in Northern Kentucky after graduation and feels there are some areas that could be improved upon.

"Handicapped parking is a problem. A lot of students with disabilities are unable to walk and are forced to travel long distances across campus," he said.

Another problem for physically disabled students is malfunctioning equipment.

"The doors are nice as long as they are operable," Joe Gebelt said.

Gebelt, a sophomore majoring in information systems, has muscular dystrophy which confines him to a wheelchair. Gebelt also lives in the residence

halls and feels that the newer apartments are not as accessible to disabled students as they could be.

"They need to get help from someone with a disability when planning (for the dorms)."

Aside from operational problems, Gebelt is pleased with the shuttle service he utilizes when it snows, as well as the computer lab provided just for disabled students. "Having a disability makes you realize how much you need your friends," Gebelt said.

The Office of Disability Services is located in REP 219, the phone number is 572-5180.

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-Jay Fields

## Japanese Students Using NKU As College-Prep Tool

By Chris Specht  
Features Editor

Seventeen-year-old Ryoiko Nakamizo has lived in Northern Kentucky for 11 years.

She said she moved here when her father, who works for Mazak, was transferred to the company's Florence office.

Every Saturday, Nakamizo comes to Northern Kentucky University to prepare for college in Japan.

Nakamizo is one of about 275 students who attend the Japanese Language School of Greater Cincinnati.

The school operates out of an office in the Business, Education, and Psychology building and uses BEP's classrooms for its students.

Its primary purpose is to prepare children of transferred Japanese workers for college in their native country.

"The main reason we are teaching is to give them proper guidance when they go back to Japan," Principal Chikashi Fukui said.

The school teaches subjects not taught in American schools, like Japanese language and Japanese social studies, he said.

"Giving the students proper guidance includes guiding them to schools over there," Fukui said.

Communications Professor Yasuo Kuwahara teaches grades 10 through 12 at the Japanese school.

"Most of the students go back to Japan when their fathers are transferred," Kuwahara said.

"Some of them go back home after the ninth grade and go to high school there."

"Some of them stay here," she said.

The college entrance system in Japan is much different than it is here.

"Each school in Japan has an entrance exam, which is pass or fail," Kuwahara said.

Students get one chance to pass each entrance exam for each college every year, she said.



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**STARING EARLY:** Children of Japanese dissent attend classes held on the campus of NKU.

It is also more difficult to transfer from one college to another in Japan, Kuwahara said.

The school started 20 years ago in Mt. Auburn, she said, and held classes at the University of Cincinnati.

As the school grew, Kuwahara said, it found that "UC was" the best environment for kids because of a variety of reasons.

Miki Klembara, director of international programs at NKU, said that when he heard the school was looking for more space he invited its principal to check out NKU.

"They were looking for space," he said. "I brought them here."

Klembara said Principal Fukui and the school board are very pleased to be here.

"They like the relative safety, the abundance of space, and the ease of travel, Klembara said.

The location is important, he said, because some parents come as far as Georgetown, Ky., which is more than an hour away.

Klembara said the new Toyota facility in Erlanger has brought about 65 new students to the school.

The school also benefits NKU.

Nearly 265 people who live in the dorms were surveyed to see if they also feel there is a problem. The survey revealed that 250 people feel something needs to be done about this issue.

A statement about the crosswalk situation was to take place on Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Representatives of Residential Life were going to walk other students across the crosswalk with flashlights when their 9 p.m. classes

let out. It was advised by Fred Otto, director of Public Safety, not to do it as a student organization in case of injury.

"I felt this was not a safe thing for the students to do, because they have not been formally trained in directing traffic," Otto said.

Otto added, "We have been working with traffic engineering people to solve this problem. We are looking at putting in grids to

slow cars down and in the future, some type of traffic control device."

In the meantime, DPS has been giving warnings to drivers who are exceeding the speed limit as well as issuing citations to serious violators.

Other student organizations have also gotten involved in the effort to combat this safety issue. SGA has tried to help

*"We want to see a three-way stop sign at the crosswalk by Norse Commons to slow people down."*

-Chris Boggs

Residential Life get the stop signs placed.

Travis Turner, executive vice-president of public relations for SGA, said, "We have two committees working to help Residential Life get the stop signs."

We have even written a letter to Fred Otto to help the effort. "Although all people are not pleased with the effort that has been made, there is a consensus that something needs to be done."

## Delta Talk Heats Up

By Diana Schlake  
Editor in Chief

By early in the 1997 calendar year, Delta may be operational in the University Center. Interim President Jack Moreland has been authorized by Northern Kentucky University's Board of Regents to negotiate a deal with Delta, bringing speculation to a close on whether or not Delta will operate on campus.

"This is a big 'if,' but President Moreland is negotiating with a Delta representative," said Norleen Pomerantz, acting assistant vice president for student affairs.

One stipulation to the negotiations is that suitable recreation to replace the game room space occupied by Delta should be provided. Moreland has asked Student Government President Chris Saunders for ideas for relocation.

"I think Moreland is trying to talk to students and figure out where we want to have something like this," Saunders said. "Right now, it is probably hard to pre-determine where the game room will probably be, if Delta comes."

Representatives from SGA have met with Pomerantz and Ernest Britton, executive assistant to student activities to give suggestions and ideas for relocation.

"We brainstormed," said Travis Turner, SGA's vice president of public relations. "We haven't come up with anything concrete, but we came up with a lot of interesting ideas."

Turner said one consideration thrown into the pool of ideas is dividing the game room into three mini-game room locations: Norse Hall, Albright Health Center and UC.

"Ping-pong is as much a sport as it is a recreation, Pomerantz said. "It can go into Albright."

Pomerantz said any idea will be considered; student input is most important at this stage of planning.

"I think the game room downstairs never worked because it was too far away from the students," said Bryan Servizio, student government's government affairs chair. "Bringing up in the TV lounge [UC], and more students will have more access and want to hang around."

## HIV: A Disease For All

### Campus Testing Allows Students The Opportunity To Find out Whether Or Not They Have the AIDS

By Jillian St. Charles  
News Editor

The Northern Kentucky health center offers free, confidential HIV testing every other Tuesday.

Registered nurses from the Kenton County Board of Health draw blood from students for testing and return with results two weeks later.

Students wishing to be tested come in to the health center and take a number off the counter, no appointments are required or accepted.

The nurse will take the students back one at a time to ask them some questions before doing the blood draw.

Nurse Kim Hennigan said students are given the option of doing the testing anonymously, which means they are assigned a number and give their names to no one.

Hennigan said the nurses prefer students to do the test confidentially instead.

The difference is that when being tested confidentially students give their names to the nurse that interviews them.

That information will not be given to anyone at NKU or made a part of the student's medical records.

The reason getting a name is desirable, Hennigan said, is that many people never return for their results.

If a test comes back positive

but the person does not return for his or her results the board of health can try to find the student. "We would hunt you down," Hennigan said.

Board of health workers will also offer to call any past sexual contacts to let them know they may have been exposed to HIV.

The nurse will also jot down a

general physical description of the student, noting things such as sex and approximate age.

"You must pick up your own results," Hennigan said. Occasionally someone will send a friend, but results can only be given to the individual.

The nurse will also ask the person to rate his or her risk factor. It is the people that feel their risk is very low, Hennigan said, that concern her.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), AIDS is now the leading cause of death for all people 25-44 years old, the first disease to ever surpass accidents in this age range.

Leif Mitchell, gay youth educator with Aids Volunteers of Cincinnati (AVOC), points out that this means most people are now being infected late in high school or in college.

Once the blood is drawn, it is marked with a number that coincides with one given to the student.

The blood then goes to an outside lab where it is tested.

First the ELISA test is run, Hennigan said, which is less definitive but also less expensive.

The ELISA does not give false negatives but can sometimes register a false positive.

If the blood tests positive, the ELISA is administered again. If this is also positive the lab will do the Western Blot test which will confirm the results.

Nurse Karen Garner said it never gets easier to give a positive test result.

"It's very emotional. They cry, I cry, everybody cries," she said. There is, however, hope, Garner said.

"The threat of death from AIDS is not what it used to be," she said. There are now drugs to manage the virus.

She said HIV is not a death sentence any more. There are drugs now that can enable HIV-positive people to live indefinitely, Garner said.

"Your life might not be the same life you perceived it would be," she said. Garner compared the life of someone living with HIV to that of a transplant recipient.

"You may be in and out of the hospital, get sick easier. You will have to take drugs," she said.

Access to these drugs, counseling and other support services is available through several agencies.

The Kenton County Board of Health will work with NKU students that tested positive to get them everything they need, Hennigan said.

AVOC also offers a spectrum of services: legal advice, counseling, referrals and educational material.

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-Karen Garner

## Construction Outside NKU Could Be Coming To A Close

By Max Patten  
Assistant News Editor

Northern Kentucky University students can expect traffic to ease up as the complicated construction job that has made leaving NKU more complicated draws to an end.

The construction on Route 27 has been one of the most involved projects ever undertaken by the State Highway Department in some years, said Charles Meyers of the State Highway Department.

It involved over 1.8 miles of roadway, stretching from I-471 in Cold Spring to East Alexandria Pike. Much of the work was total reconstruction, and involved changing the alignment of water lines, gas lines and sewer lines.

Because of its complexity, the job was carefully sequenced into many phases and sub phases, which broke the work into multi-

ple order dependent tasks.

Care had to be taken to ensure that the over 100 streets and entrances be maintained for traffic.

Bidding for the construction began on June 24, 1994. A bid was accepted in August and construction, whose total cost is over 9.35 million dollars, began on September 2, 1994.

The department usually offers a way that the construction can offer a better way to do things.

On the Rt. 27 project, the construction company can still make suggestions, but because of the complexity of the job the highway department's original plan would be more closely followed.

The project is a two year working day project, meaning that a project that is worked on Monday through Friday, from start to finish, will take about two years to complete.

Originally Rt. 27 had been four 10-foot long lanes. After construction, Rt. 27 will have four 12-foot long lanes and a center lane for both sides of traffic.

The sidewalks on either side of the route will also be wider than they were previously.

NKU has no involvement with the planning of the State Highway Department, said Mary Paula Schuh, Director of campus planning.

The traffic created by NKU's fall semester students was considered before construction near the school entrance was started, said Mr. Meyers.

Both the State Highway department and Lawrence construction company had wanted to start construction earlier than it was.

"Had it not been for the wet spring weather, we would have started sooner," said Mr. Meyers.



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The Northerner

**DAMN, THAT TRAFFIC JAM:** Route 27, just outside NKU's campus has been causing traffic jams since the road first was torn up a year ago.

## DPS



## Reports

**October 24** While on Patrol and issuing University Parking citations in lots, Unit 105 found a vehicle with an altered temporary parking permit. The vehicle was parked in lot C, a faculty/staff lot. The officer observed that the temporary permit originally issued for "student" status had been altered in an attempt for it to reflect "staff" status. Unit 105 observed that the "student" block of the permit had been previously punched with a hole-punch when the permit was issued to the user. As of this date, an attempt was made to restore the "student" block and to re-punch the "staff" block.

**October 25** A call was made to DPS to report that a subject was laying on the rest room floor unconscious and unresponsive. A public safety officer was dispatched and upon arrival attempted to get the victim to respond to verbal commands. No response was made to the verbal commands by the subject. Stimulus was then applied by the officer, also with no response. Vital signs were obtained and the subject was then transported to St. Luke east by medical units.

**October 27** While on foot patrol a public safety officer could see through the open window of an above room numerous beer cans and bottle. The front door was also open. No one appeared to be inside. The officer entered the room, with an R.A. who was passing by, and they found approximately 50 empty cans and bottle of beer and an unopened bottle of wine. A female inside was too intoxicated to speak. Her friends had just brought her back from a Greek Formal as they entered the room.

Unit 105 and 112 were dispatched to the intramural fields adjacent to lot Q in reference to a subject with a bee sting. Upon arrival the officers met with the subject, who was sitting on a chair applying ice to his mouth. Subject was alert and able to speak. The subject stated that he had picked up a popicle and put it into his mouth and did not realize the insect was on it.

## News Team Best In KY

By Jillian St. Charles  
News Editor

Northern Kentucky University's public radio station, WKNU, news department won two first place awards and seven honorable mentions from the Kentucky Associated Press on Oct. 21.

One of the first place awards went to Maryanne Zeleznik as best small market radio reporter.

She won for several stories she submitted for consideration.

The other first place went to Jay Hanselman for public service reporting.

Hanselman did a piece on organ donation in April, which is Organ Donation Awareness Month.

Hanselman said this is the third or fourth year in a row WKNU has won Kentucky Associated Press Awards.

## Veterans Day Celebration

**What?** Flag raising celebration

**When?** November 11, 1996

**Where?** Front of Nunn Hall at the flag pole

**What Time?** Starts at 11 a.m.

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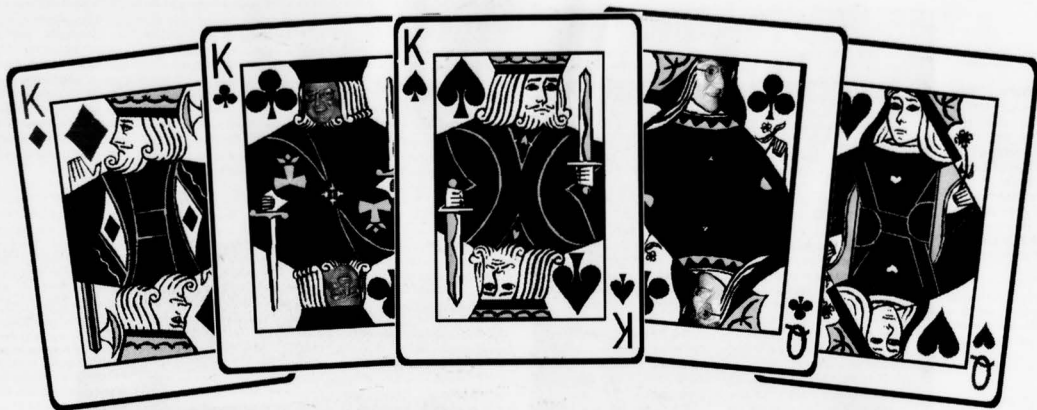
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# Hoops Preview

## The Norse: Playing With A Full House



### Norse Men Want It All This Season

By John Kirtley  
Assistant Sports Editor

It's been a little more than seven months since the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team came within one game of winning NKU's first national championship in any sport. Beginning Friday at the National Tip-Off Classic in Richmond, Va. the Norse will begin to try and clear the final hurdle.

"Our goal ultimately is to win the national championship," NKU men's basketball head coach Ken Shields said.

The 1996-'97 edition of the Norse returns five players who started 11 or more games last season and three transfers to form a roster good enough for numerous national publications to select NKU as a consensus top five Division II pick.

NKU's frontcourt returns two seniors with Shannon Minor, last season's top-assist man at 5.4 per game, and Paul Claxton, who was No. 1 in Division II with a 92.6 free throw percentage and led the Great Lakes Valley Conference in three-point field goal percentage at 53.5.

Also playing guard for the Norse will be the Listerman brothers. Junior Andy (6.6 points per game, 3.2 rebounds per game) and sophomore Andy (3.4 ppg, team-second best 2.7 apg) entered the starting line-up after game No. 11 last season and NKU won 17 of its last 21 contests.

University of Southeastern Louisiana junior transfer Demond Lane is the fifth guard but could make a significant contribution as he becomes acclimated to NKU's system, according to Shields.

"Right now we're looking at a five-man rotation on the perimeter...taking into consideration injuries and

taking into consideration who's got the better hand that night," Shields said.

Freshman Mitch Perdrix, a redshirt walk-on last year, and freshman LaSalle High School (Oh.) recruit Craig Conley round out the Norse's backcourt.

Shields says NKU's go-to-guy in the frontcourt will once again be senior forward and All-GLVC 1st team selection LaRon Moore. Moore, the Norse's team leader in scoring (17.7 ppg) and rebounding (7.3 ppg), has started every game in his Norse career and improved over the off-season.

"In the preseason I feel like LaRon (Moore) has stepped up to another level," Shields said. "He's had some awfully good days and I'm looking for a big year out of him."

Shields says 6-foot 7-inch, 235 lb. junior Manatee Junior College (Fla.) transfer Cliff Clinton will start at center for the Norse but the No. 1 inside replacement is a toss-up between 6-foot 6-inch, 235 lb. sophomore Eastern Kentucky University transfer Todd Clark, 6-foot 11-inch sophomore Mike Vieth, and 6-foot 7-inch, 230 lb. junior John Gibson.

"I think they're all ready to play. I'm just going to be interested to see how they respond in the real setting," Shields said. "How they play in the real games will establish how much they play. They'll play themselves in to minutes or out of minutes."

Sophomore forward and Boone County High School graduate Jason James returns in the frontcourt along with freshman walk-on Adam Saner who Shields says will be a redshirt.

As much of last season's 25-7, Great Lakes Region championship team remains, the Norse must replace the leadership of seniors Reggie Talbert, Chuck Perry

and Andre McClendon, and mix up some chemistry much like NKU possessed last season to be successful again.

"We're concerned about replacing the leadership Talbert, Perry and McClendon brought to us. It looks like we'll be alright but we won't know until we get into it," Shields said. "A big thing in the end is the chemistry of the people. Last year the roll acceptance became such a positive and it'll take some time to get that back."

When the Great Lakes Region begins in March NKU may be the No. 1 ranked team in the nation or the No. 1 seeded team in the Great Lakes region, but what they won't be is untested.

The National Tip-Off Classic this weekend includes 1996 Elite Eight participants California State University-Bakersfield and Virginia Union College. In December, NKU travels to California University (Pa.), bounced by Division II defending champion Ft. Hays St. in the Elite Eight last season, to play in a weekend tournament. These games are in addition to the GLVC schedule which Shields says is no cake walk.

"Our conference truly has three or four of the top 10 teams in the region," Shields said. "It'll be very competitive, believe me. And typically you'll see some night where the 10th, 11th or 12th rated team will beat the 1st, 2nd or 3rd rated team in our conference."

As far NKU being the 1997 national champion, Shields thinks it's a toss-up.

"You can take the top four teams in the nation, put them in a bag and shake 'em up and you could come out with anything," Shields said.

The Norse make their home debut in the John L. Griffin Lions Club Classic Nov. 21 versus Ashland College at 7:45 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

### Team To Rely On

### Experience, Not Rank

By Becky Bergman  
Staff Writer

For the Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball team the preseason is a time of preparation and anticipation.

Last year the women's basketball team finished with a record of 18-9. This season they are ranked third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference behind the University of Southern Indiana and Bellarmine College.

Coach Nancy Winstel has been the women's head coach for 13 years. She said that the team finished strong last season, and if it is able to pick up where it left off the team should have a very good season.

She said, "The key to a successful season is to stay healthy and focused. Good health we can only hope for, it is the focused part that we have control over."

According to Coach Winstel, experience is an advantage that the team has over last year. Even though the team is still relatively young, she feels that the experience of last year will benefit in the coming season.

Alison McCarthy, who is in her third year of playing basketball for NKU, agrees the experience in starting positions and backup positions will make the team well-rounded.

She feels the team has put much emphasis on defensive preparation, which will be a strength in the long run.

Coach Winstel also said being ranked third shows the players how the other coaches in the conference view them. She sees it as motivation to reach the team's goals and a reason to over-achieve in hopes of a conference championship.

Dana Morningstar, one of the team's senior captains, has high expectations of this coming season. She feels that the team has a good shot of competing and has the ability to be number one.

"In our conference, anyone can win. It doesn't matter what ranking the team is," Morningstar said.

The team's first game is Friday, Nov. 22 at Oakland University.

It is expected to be a very competitive game because this team went to the NCAA championship last year.

What is to be expected of the women's team this season can best be summed up by third year player Christie Schmeing.

She said, "We are a very strong contender that is going to come out fighting strong!"

### Winning Is Not Everything To Coaches

By Diana Schlake  
Editor in Chief

Winning may be everything, but according to Northern Kentucky University's two head basketball coaches, it is definitely not the only thing.

Academics takes a high priority. Both Shields and Winstel make it very clear to their players that there is a time for playing basketball and a time for studying. When the team travels, the bus ride becomes study time, and the players are expected to use their time wisely.

"Sometimes it is hard to study on the bus because it is so crowded," Winstel said. "But if the trip takes

five hours, they can either sleep for those five or they can use two to study. It comes down to time management."

Shields agrees. "In general, students who are good students, they're going to take care of business for sure. They have enough pro-active ability and awareness and expertise that they are able to handle the road trips," Shields said. "We have periods of time where they are expected to study; part of it is on the bus and part of it is in the hotel."

Keeping up a GPA can be difficult, especially when the team travels as often as they do and when they are forced to miss classes.

"We do have some players who are in the middle of the road and they do

lose some things," he said. "But the bottom line is they are very conscientious students...they take care of business and the ones that need help, well you have to try to get them help."

That help is in the form of the players who do exceptionally well in school.

"We are very fortunate in that the three starters on the team are all academic," Shields said. "Those three being Kevin and Andy Listerman and Paul Claxton."

Shields said the team has the better academically inclined students do tutorial work with the ones who are in need or who really struggle.

"Kevin and Andy, they are like 4.0 students, so a lot of times we'll go to

them," Minor said. "And if the guys are younger, I might have already had the class so they come to me. Some of us have the same classes, so we have study groups to go over things."

The women's team goes in a different direction.

"We have 'study table' two days for two hours in the library," Winstel said.

"First year players must come no matter what," she said, but those with a 2.8 or higher don't have to be there, but on occasion do show up to study, especially during midterm and finals.

It is not always about studying, but missed classes can add up and become a problem. Both Shields and



# 1995-'96: A Look Back On The Cinderella Season

By John Kirtley  
Assistant Sports Editor

As the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team prepares for a season in which it, according to numerous national publications, is a contender for the Division II national championship, examining last season's run for a national championship may give a better understanding as to how the Norse thrusted themselves into the national spotlight.

Through the first 11 games of the 1995-'96 season, NKU compiled an 8-3 overall record and a 2-2 Great Lakes Valley Conference slate. The second GLVC loss came to a University

of Southern Indiana squad whose only previous home loss was to

*"We were a big happy family. It was almost like a fraternity. Everybody was a brother and everybody was included. It was just a whole lot of fun."*

-Andy Listerman

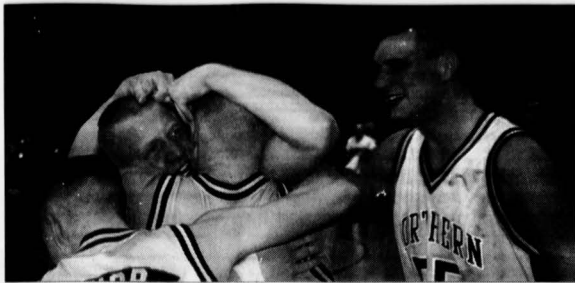
NKU a year previous. USI, in front of 3,000 fans at home, bludgeoned the Norse in a 99-66 blow-out.

"I think the definitive turning point of last season was on Jan. 5

when we were beat convincingly by Southern Indiana. We were humbled," Shields said. "I think after that game, we knew at that point in time, the only way we could get to a high level was to come together in every way. We did that the next game in Edwardsville."

The following game at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Shields sent junior point-guard Shannon Minor and senior forward Andre McClendon to the bench in favor of freshman guard Kevin Listerman and brother sophomore guard Andy Listerman.

"When I made the decision to implement the Listermans in the starting line-up, Shannon Minor and Andre McClendon were willing, for the good of the team, to



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

**BROTHERLY LOVE:** Andy and Kevin Listerman embrace with teammates Shannon Minor and John Gibson after NKU's win over Cal-State Bakersfield in last year's Elite Eight Tournament.

come to the bench. We started to feel our roles and for the first time we felt like when we went to the bench we were a better team," Shields said.

The decision proved profitable for the Norse, as they ripped off seven of their next eight games and racked up a 6-1 conference mark during the stretch. "I think the move strengthened our defense and we were a more defense-oriented team," Andy Listerman said. "When we brought a Shannon [Minor] and Andre [McClendon] off the bench we could wear the other team down because they weren't as deep as we were. That allowed Shannon and Andre to maybe score a little bit easier too."

On Feb. 3, NKU dropped the rematch at home to USI 103-102 in double-overtime. The Norse led on two with seconds to go but lost on a buzzer-beating three-pointer. Shields believes the loss, although

crushing at the moment, was the final confidence hurdle propelling NKU to a national title chase.

"We had the disappointment of letting one get away here against Southern Indiana but we already knew that night we were good enough," Shields said. "They might've won the game but we knew that we were going to be the better team and the better team didn't win that night."

The Norse hit one final snag, losing at Kentucky Wesleyan College the last game of the regular season to finish at 21-6 overall and 15-5 in the GLVC, but still garnished a No. 2 seed in the Great Lakes Regional.

NKU proceeded to beat Northern State University (S.D.) before Shields' USI prophecy rang true in a 99-87 win over the Screaming Eagles to win the Great Lakes Regional.

The Norse succumbed to undefeated FIU, Hays St. University (Kan.) in the national championship

after last-second victories in the national quarter- and semi-finals versus California St. University at Bakersfield and Virginia Union College, respectively.

Minor said losing the national championship after coming so close to winning one can be a huge let down knowing they have to start all over again, but the effort last season was worthwhile.

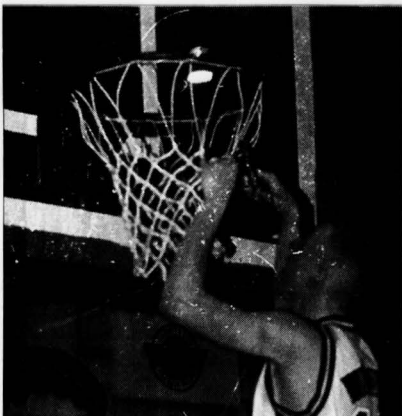
"We've been down in recent years and for the university and community to experience something like this was really special for us," Minor said. "Our goal this year is to win the national championship and going in we think we can do it."

Kevin Listerman echoed his teammate's remarks and chatted up NKU's Elite Eight success to chemistry.

"We were a big happy family," Listerman said. "It was almost like a fraternity. Everybody was a brother and everybody was included. It was just a whole lot of fun."

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**CUT IT DOWN:** NKU senior Shannon Minor cuts down the net after NKU's win over Southern Indiana in last year's Great Lakes Region Final. The Norse are hoping to cut down the net in Louisville this year as the NCAA Division II National Champions.



## Shields' Vision Wasn't Of No Look Variety

### And One: NKU's Merchandising Off-Campus

By: Kevin Goheen  
Staff Writer

Following a 25-4 season in 1994-95, many wondered if the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team was another version of Drexel's Midnight Runners... a "one hit wonder" never to be heard from again.

But last year's 25-7 record, including a tough 70-63 loss to Fort Hays State in the national title game, has put NKU solidly on the NCAA Division II charts.

"What it has done is given us both visibility and credibility," head coach Ken Shields said.

Shields is entering his ninth season at the helm of the Norse. He remembers the turning point for his program. "When [Paul] Claxton, [Shannon] Minor, and [LaRon] Moore came in as freshmen (1993), and I saw them with [Reggie] Talbert, [Andre] McClendon, and [Shaft] Stevenson, I knew we had something special."

Shield's vision became reality on the basketball floor after a hard fought win at perennial power Southern Indiana on December 10, 1994. "We beat them on their own floor. I knew then we had arrived."

Even though they lost, because last year's championship game was televised nationally by CBS, not only did the men's team benefit but the entire athletic program did as well.

"It has lented instant credibility to all of our athletic programs," athletic director Jane Meier said. "A couple of years ago nobody wanted to wear the university's logo out. Now people have more of a sense of pride in the institution."

Meier added that through a new agreement with a licensing company, NKU clothing will soon be available in stores outside of the immediate campus area.

The team's past success has students on campus excited about the start of the season. "It used to be all UK around this area," said Ryan Doerman, a freshman from Crescent Springs. "Now you're starting to see and hear more about NKU."

Another student, Christie Good, has a little Norse fan ready for the season: "I'm going to dress my one year old boy up in NKU stuff and bring him to the games." Senior guard Shannon Minor has been a part of the program's transformation. The team went 12-14 his freshmen season. "I noticed a sense of urgency to win that first year," he said. "In my sopho-

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-Jane Meier

more year we started to bond. Now we know what it takes to win."

Coach Shields credits the efforts of assistant coach Dave Bezold with much of the team's success as well. "Coach Bezold's presence and time commitment have been big factors. There are so many things to be done, and one person can't possibly do it all," he said.

Bezold actively recruited newcomer Cliff Clinton. Clinton is a junior college transfer from Manatee Community College in Florida. The exposure of the championship game helped in the recruiting of Clinton. "When coach Bezold called Cliff, he knew who we were and what NKU basketball was about," said Shields.

NKU's success also gives the many talented Greater Cincinnati area high school players another option when choosing a college. Shields admits every player dreams of playing for a Division I program. "But now if a player decides he's going to play Division II ball, he has to think to himself this is a great place to play."

Not everything has changed during Shields' tenure. As Minor pointed out, his coaching style and an ever present smile still remain undeterred by all of the success.

## Four Picks To Add To The Norse's Roll This Season

By Tim Johnson  
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team has added four new players for the 1996-97 season.

The first player is Todd Clark. Clark is a sophomore who transferred from Division I Eastern Kentucky University. He is 6'6" and weighs 235.

Last year at EKU, Clark averaged 3.2 points and grabbed 1.8 rebounds per contest in the 12 games he played.

"Todd has a lot of ability," NKU head coach Ken Shields said. "We will play Todd in the post-position. He needs to work on how to channel everything in the proper direction."

The next player is Cliff Clinton.

Clinton is a junior who transferred from Manatee (Fla.) Community College. He is 6'7" and weighs 235.

At Manatee, he averaged 20 points, four blocked shots and nine rebounds during the 1995-96 season. Clinton was also named All-Suncoast Conference as a freshman and as a sophomore.

"Cliff is a tremendous scorer, rebounder and a solid defender," Shields said. "Cliff runs the floor well for a big man. His outlet passes for fast breaks, are the best I've seen. Cliff is probably the best center ever to play at NKU."

The third player is Demond Lane. Lane is a senior who was a redshirt last year. Lane is 6'2" and weighs 180.

Lane is a transfer from Sullivan Junior College and Southeastern

Louisiana. He led Sullivan to a 31-7 record and was named honorable mention junior-college All-America.

"Demond is a great perimeter shooter," Shields said. "We are working him at the point-guard position and both wings. Demond can shoot from the outside, without question."

The fourth player is Craig Conley. Conley is a freshman who will be a probable redshirt this season. Conley is 6'1" and weighs 175.

Conley led LaSalle High School to the Division I State Championship in Ohio last season. He averaged 19 points per game his senior year.

"Craig is a good outside shooter," Shields said. "He has outstanding vision on the floor."



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**FRESH FACES:** Craig Conley, Cliff Clinton, Todd Clark and Demond Lane look to make an impact in their first seasons with the NKU men's basketball team.



# NKU's Guards Mix Depth And Experience

By John Kirtley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Last season's Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team won 17 of its last 21 games after head coach Ken Shields inserted guards Kevin Listerman and brother Andy Listerman in the starting line-up with guard Paul Cluxton and sent guard Shannon Minor to the bench.

The Norse added another guard this season in University of Southeastern Louisiana transfer Demond Lane and although Shields says Lane is a welcome addition, it provides for a possible playing-time dilemma in NKU's backcourt.

"One of my major concerns is how we're going to keep everybody happy with the amount of people we have," Shields said. "With four guys in the backcourt they'll play 30 minutes per game; throw a fifth guy in there and now it's down to an average of about 26. I like for my key guys to play 28 minutes."

The combination of the



Listerman, Cluxton and Minor managed 11 rebounds per game between them. The 6-foot 1-inch Henry Clay High School (Ky.) graduate Lane thinks he will equal into the backcourt equation by improving on that number.

"We really didn't have a rebounding guard last year except Andy Listerman so this year I'll probably try and rebound a little more," Lane said. "I'm going to try and do some slashing and cutting to try and get to the basket;

athletic things."

Sophomore Kevin Listerman said the rotation should start with his brother and Cluxton in the starting line-up because of Minor's and Lane's offensive abilities, but does not believe the

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**GUARDING THE HOME FRONT:** Kevin Listerman, Andy Listerman, Shannon Minor, Demond Lane and Paul Cluxton look to be one of the best backcourts in the nation this year. All were starters at some point last season, save for Demond Lane who is in his first year with the Norse.

guards that are willing to accept their roles and do whatever it takes to win."

Minor, NKU's third-leading scorer last season, said he's unaffected coming off the bench for his senior season and thinks a five-guard rotation helps the Norse.

"You've also got to take into consideration fouls and injuries. People get banged up everyday and may not be able to perform up to what they're supposed too," Minor said. "It helps to know going into the season that you're going to have that amount of depth in the backcourt."

Minor's theory holds true so far. As of Oct. 28, junior Andy Listerman missed 10 consecutive practices because of a groin injury.

"If everybody's healthy we're going to have a five-man rotation. But let's face it; the four guys who've proven themselves are going to be an integral part of it," Shields said. "I wouldn't say Demond's looking outside in, but he doesn't know the system. The other four know the system A to Z."

plethora of guards will impede the Norse.

"It's an absolute blessing if we come with the right kind of mindset and understand our roles. It'll make us that much better," Listerman said. "We've got five

## ACADEMIC: Players

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Winstel say it is the responsibility of the students to let the professors know well in advance when they will be gone and to find out what they will miss.

"We try and let our teachers know when we are leaving," said Shannon Minor, a point guard on the men's basketball team.

"We'll try and go to a class if it is offered on a different day. We'll give them notes tell them we are going and they'll tell us what we'll be missing. If there is a test, we try and take it before we go," she said.

Todd Clark, a forward, said he makes sure everyone knows he is leaving and takes all his studying 'equipment' with him on the bus. "I bring the right pencils, pens, and books so I can study on the bus," he said.

According to Minor, studying on the road isn't all that bad.

"When were on the road it is a lot easier to do work because there is less attention on us," he said.

A new era has begun, Shields said, because of the high ranking his team has received.

For the first time in Shields' eight years, the team will be traveling two times before the semester is over. In the past, they've never had a road trip until the second semester.

"The second semester gets a little more hairy academically because the majority of the schedule is in the second semester," he said.

Both teams will miss some classes and according to Shields, "It takes a bit of understand of the professors because we are representing Northern Kentucky University."

For example, last year's men's team played in front of 34 million people on national television.

"What that means, as far as visibility, hopefully they are empathetic with everything you are doing," he said. "And in general, the vast majority of professors are patient and empathetic and very cooperative."

Academic probation is what happens to those players who unsuccessfully keep their grades up. They are suspended for one semester.

"The players make it up in Summer classes," Shields said. "If it happens after the first semester, then they aren't allowed to play the second semester."

Every student athlete has a chance to rectify their situation. "We stay with them as far as their scholarship," he said.

"But then if it happens the next semester-they're gone. That's the end of it."

## NKU To Face Nation's Best In National Tipoff Classic

By Gabrielle Dion  
Production Editor

In this season's debut this weekend, the Norse men's basketball team could meet two of last year's Elite Eight foes.

In last year's Elite Eight round of the NCAA tournament, NKU defeated Virginia Union by two points and California State-Bakersfield by one point.

The National Tip-Off Classic begins Friday in Richmond, Va. Eight of the toughest teams, including NKU, Cal. State-Bakersfield and Virginia Union, will gather for the first set of NCAA games played in America this season, head coach Ken Shields said.

The eight teams playing in the tournament are all national championship-caliber teams, said senior forward LaRon Moore.

One of the biggest factors the team is concerned about for the tournament is the chemistry of the new team. Although the team is comprised mostly of veterans, they lost Andre McClendon, Chuck Perry and Reggie Talbert last season. The loss leaves questions as to how the team will compensate and where the replacements will come from, Shields said.

Also, the three new players, Todd Clark, Cliff Clinton and Demond Lane, have only had three weeks of

practice to gel with the rest of the team.

"If we can get everybody on the same page, and get our chemistry, we can make a run at it," said senior guard Shannon Minor.

The tournament will be a starting point for the team and will work from it, the players said.

Clark, a sophomore forward transfer from Eastern Kentucky University, said this tournament will be a learning experience for the team as a whole.

"It'll be a real good test to see where we are right now," he said.

Clark said that this is a good time to have the tournament, before the seasons gets under way.

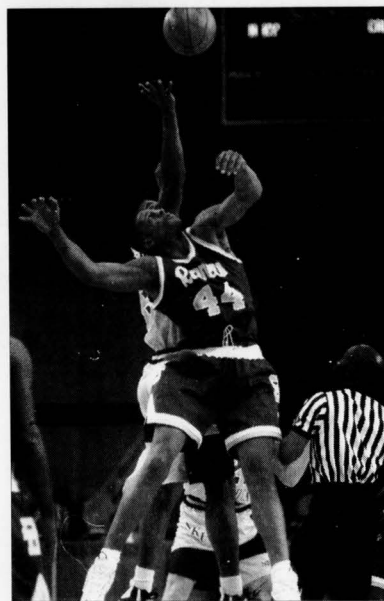
The team can learn the styles and skill levels of their toughest competitors before they meet them later in the season. "When we meet them later, we'll know what to do," he said.

Shields said the tournament is big for the team's public exposure and an opportunity for more national recognition.

"The magnitude of this tournament is wonderful as far as visibility is concerned," Shields said.

But Shields emphasized that the outcome of this tournament does not determine the rest of the season.

"It's still early—if we fail it's not fatal; if we're successful it's not final," he said.



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**STRONG FORCE:** NKU could face Kebu Stewart from Cal-State Bakersfield for a rematch in this weekend's tournament.

## Drivin' For Moore

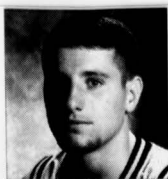


**OUTTA MY WAY:** Senior LaRon Moore clears a path to the basket in NKU's game against Athletics in Action on Saturday night at Regents Hall. Moore has been tabbed as a pre-season All American by several magazines.

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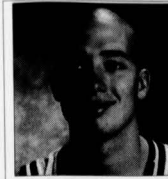
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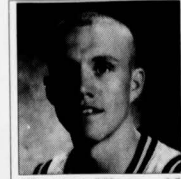
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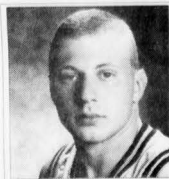
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Lexington, Ky.



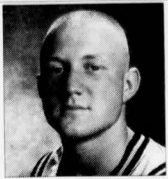
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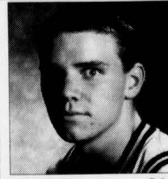
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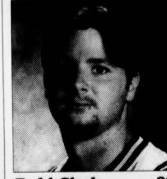
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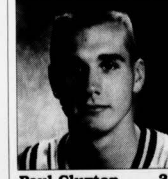
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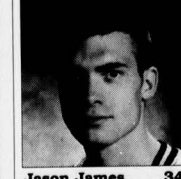
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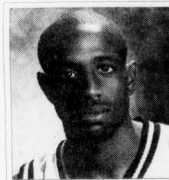
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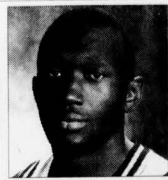
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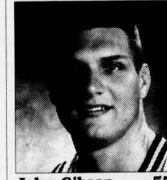
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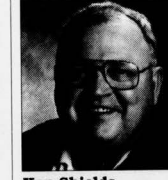
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Northern Nash H.S.  
Bradenton, Fla.



**Mike Vieth** 50  
Sophomore, Center  
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St. Henry H.S.  
Florence, Ky.



**John Gibson** 55  
Junior, Center/Forward  
6-7, 230  
Simon Kenton H.S.  
Independence, Ky.



**Ken Shields**  
Head Coach



**Heyu** 91  
Mascot

## Transfer Players Add Spark Big Shoes To Fill After Senior Exodus

By Glen Robinson  
Managing Editor

With the approach of the new season, the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team was lacking a strong inside presence due to the loss of Reggie Talbert, Andre McClendon and Chuck Perry.

That was until head coach Ken Shields managed to add junior center Cliff Clinton and sophomore forward Todd Clark. Both are student athletes who have transferred from other schools.

Clinton said that he hopes the added presence of Clark and himself inside will allow for open shots on the perimeter. Also they hope to provide better rebounding and defense.

The addition of these two players plus guard Demond Lane, shows that the Norse are like many of the Division I schools that are increasingly relying more on junior college transfers in recent years.

An example of a team almost completely built of transfers would be 1991 National Champions University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Both Clinton and Lane are junior college transfers.

Clark is a Division I transfer from Eastern Kentucky University's men's program.

Lane, a native of Lexington, Ky., transferred from Southeastern Louisiana University. He transferred to NKU to be a little closer to home. A large factor in him coming to NKU's program, was he knows some past and present players who participated in NKU athletics.

"I knew Laron, Reggie Talbert (from last year's team) and Shaft Stevenson (who was on NKU's team two years ago)," Lane said.

He hopes to contribute an all around game to the team.

"Whatever the team is lacking that night, I can pull it out the bag," Lane said. He feels that this is something he is capable of doing no matter what the team needs for him to contribute to the team.

Clinton wanted to be on a team that

cares about winning and losing.

The loss of the players from last year at the center position will allow for him to play a lot, which Clinton also said was a major factor in transferring here.

Clark evaluated the situation very carefully as did Clinton and Lane, but Clark's move was a little more complicated because he had to decide if he wanted to leave a Division I program to participate in a Division II program at NKU.

He looked at the success of the team last year and saw the advantages of being at home. He grew up in this area and graduated from Holy Cross High School.

He appreciates seeing people that he knows from high school and growing up in this area.

"I also like the fact that the university has fairly new facilities," Clark said. "I also appreciate the fact that the coaches and the people at the university seem to be pretty supportive of athletics."

NKU's women's team doesn't have any players on this year's team who have transferred from either a Division I program or a junior college.

"The women's team has had some transfers from Division I programs in the past," head coach Nancy Winstel said.

She said that she would like to have some transfers for next season. The process of getting a transfer at the Division I level is different from the process at the Division II level, Winstel said.

In Division II, there is what is called a one-time transfer. If a player were to transfer from a Division I program to a Division II program, the player is eligible to play right away. A junior college transfer is also eligible to play right away. The transfer doesn't have to graduate from the junior college.

If the junior college player was to transfer to a Division I program, the player will not be eligible to play right away. He or she will have to sit out (a scholarship). Another requirement the player would have to meet is that he or she would have to graduate from junior college in order to transfer.

The regulations in recruiting transfers to a program is a little restrictive.

"If I received a call from a player who was involved in another program who expressed interest in our program, I could say nothing to them except for them to send their release form. It would be a violation to lure a player away from another program at that point," Winstel said.

Winstel said that a major factor in players coming to NKU, as a transfer or as freshmen, is the school's size and location. NKU is not too big and it is located near a metropolitan area. Cincinnati's size is also an integral part because it's a decent size city but not huge. Cincinnati's crime rate is not as bad as some major cities, she also added.

Lane's first impression of NKU was that the school was too far off in the woods.

Lane said that he likes it though because it's a nice campus and you can tell the people who are outsiders.

"If an outsider comes on campus, you know who belongs and who doesn't," Lane said.

Shields went recruiting transfers because of the inherent advantages in recruiting transfers.

Shields said in his opinion of recruiting transfers, "We felt that we were looking for someone who could play right away. It helps in the area of maturity."

"Transfers are farther along physically and mentally than freshmen," he also added.

Shields said "It was a necessity [to recruit transfers for this year's team] to contend for a conference title and a national championship."

The addition of these three players to the core that they already had on NKU's men's basketball team has earned them a number one ranking in *Street & Smith's* Basketball magazine.

While the men are garnering all of the national attention, the women are ranked third in their conference.

NKU's women's team might have the same chances if they had received some Division I, Division II, or junior college

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Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 8-10	National Tipoff Classic	
Nov. 21-23	John L. Griffin/ Lions Club Classic	
Monday, Nov. 25	at Florida Southern	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 27	at Tampa	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 3	Indiana-Southeast	7:45 p.m.
Dec. 6-7	at California (Pa.) Tournament	
Thursday, Dec. 19	Lewis*	7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21	Wisconsin-Parkside*	3:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 2	at Kentucky Wesleyan*	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 4	at Bellarmine*	8 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 9	at Indianapolis*	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 11	Quincy *	3:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 16	at IPFW*	8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 18	at St. Joseph's*	4 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23	Southern Indiana*	7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25	SIU-Edwardsville	3:15 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 30	at Wisconsin-Parkside*	8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1	at Lewis*	4 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6	Bellarmine	7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	Kentucky Wesleyan	7:45 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 13	Indianapolis*	7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 15	at Missouri-St. Louis*	9 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 20	Saint Joseph's*	7:45 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 22	IPFW*	3:15 p.m.
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Saturday, March 1	at Southern Indiana	8:30 p.m.

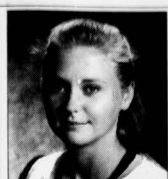
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## '96-'97 Women's Basketball Schedule

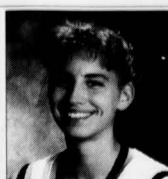
Date	Opponent	Time
Friday, Nov. 22	at Oakland (Mich.)	8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23	v.s. Lake Superior State(Oakland)	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Thomas More	7:45 p.m.
Dec. 6-7	Perkins NKU Classic	
Monday, Dec. 16	Lewis*	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 19	Lewis*	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 21	Wisconsin-Parkside*	1 p.m.
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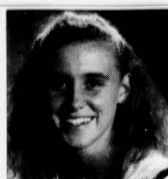
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5-6  
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Independence, Ky.



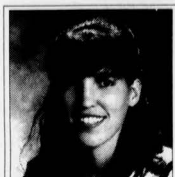
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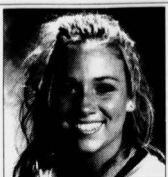
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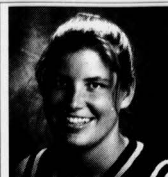
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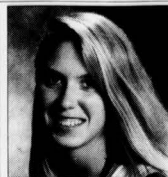
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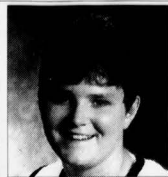
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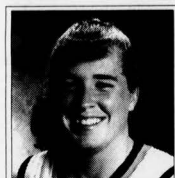
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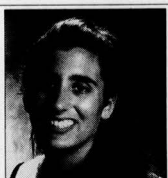
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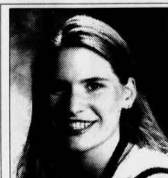
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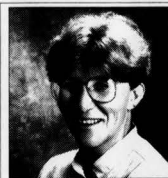
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**Nancy Winstel**  
Head Coach

## NKU Women Hope To Pick Up Where They Left Off

By John Kirtley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Last year's Northern Kentucky University women's basketball roster had six new players on it, including five freshman. Of those freshman, at least one of them started a game for head coach Nancy Winstel.

NKU's 6-7 start and 3-4 record out of the gates in the Great Lakes Valley Conference may have been a sign of inexperience but the Norse finished the season on a 12-2 streak to finish 18-9, overall. A streak Winstel and her players hope continues as they prepare to take the next step into the NCAA Division II national tournament. "I think our team has grown up since last year," senior forward Regina Webb said. "Everybody seems to be on the same level and the same page and we're all working toward the same goal which is to get in the tournament."

After a road trip to the University of Southern Indiana, a game NKU lost by seven, the Norse traveled to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and came home with a 67-65 win, the first of the season for NKU on the road. "The thing about the Southern Indiana game was that we weren't satisfied that we could just play with them. After we lost, even though we played well, we were upset because we felt we could've won that game," Winstel said. "Going into Edwardsville we were in a mind set that we were going to beat them, and we did in a close game. We sort of started to figure it all out and come together as a team."

The win proved to be a turning point in the season and following a setback to Bellarmine College

following the SIUE win, the Norse ripped off 11 wins in 12 tries. NKU placed fourth in the GLVC at 14-6 after a backluster start in conference play.

"We had six new people last year and they have to learn the coach's system and it takes a semester, or so, to get into it," Webb said. "And once you get in the swing of things, people just started clicking from then on."

The five freshman now have a year's experience under their collective belts and expectations are running high for the now seasoned squad.

"We don't have to learn everything from scratch this year. The six new people from last year now have experience and we don't have to start from ground-zero with the basics," senior Dana Morningstar said. "We should be able to win the conference and now we're going to have to go out and do it."

Winstel said the Norse are ahead of last season's schedule on paper and in practice but thinks the loss of the departed Stephanie Jordan and Shawna Daly will challenge NKU.

"You just don't lose two seniors that did for us what Stephanie (Jordan) and Shawna (Daly) did for us and pick up where you left off," Winstel said. "Everybody's role has changed. Dana (Morningstar) and Regina (Webb) are now senior captains and it's their turn to be a leader. Our sophomores are no longer the freshman that everybody says 'you've got a lot of potential.' Now they're going to say 'how good are you?'"

The Norse begin their run for an NCAA tournament berth Nov. 22 at Oakland College (Mich.).

## Young, New Players Start Out Strong

### Sophomore Point Guard Katie Kelsey Quickly Emerges As A Team Leader

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

Although she's only a sophomore, Katie Kelsey is being counted on to be a leader for the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team.

Leadership is part of the description for a point guard.

Kelsey runs the offense.

She said her job as point guard is to get the team into the offense, and to get the ball to the open person.

Head coach Nancy Winstel likened her to the quarterback on a football team.

"If things aren't going right, usually the coach goes to the point guard and says, 'fix it,'" Winstel said. "They're the coach on the floor."

"Katie likes that challenge, I think," she said.

Kelsey's brother, Pat, is a point guard for the Xavier University men's basketball team.

She said her family background in basketball is what got her interested in the sport. She started playing organized basketball in fifth grade.

In high school, Kelsey played on the varsity team at Roger Bacon in Cincinnati all four years. In her junior year, the Spartans made it to the Ohio Division II state championship game, only to lose at the buzzer.

Her senior season provided Kelsey's most memorable moment playing basketball, when her team won the state championship that had eluded them a season before.

Kelsey said she hopes she can replace that, as her greatest moment, with the Norse.

Because her high school coach Tom Singleton was so demanding, Kelsey said she didn't find it too difficult to make the transition to college last year.

The biggest difference is the competition, Kelsey said.

"In college, you have to be ready to play every game," she said.

Her freshman season at NKU saw Kelsey emerge quickly as the starting point guard. She played in 25 of NKU's 27 games last season (She missed two due to injury), and started in 22 games.

Kelsey averaged 7.7 points per game and a 3.8 assist per game in her freshman season.

"Katie's probably a better shooter than any of us know," Winstel said. "In high school, her role was not to shoot the ball."

"When we recruited Katie, there were things that we hoped that she would do for us when she came in," Winstel said, "and she's been everything we hoped she would be."

She said the biggest difference between her game this year as opposed to last, is her confidence.

"My confidence level is higher this year," she said. "I need to be a leader on the court."

This year, Kelsey said she would like to improve her numbers all the way around. On offense she wants to score more and get more assists. On defense she wants to record more steals.

"I'd like to see her really strive to be one of the top 10 foul shooters in the country, because I think she can do it," Winstel said.

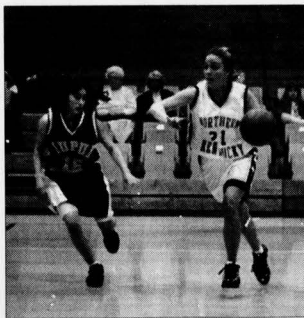
Kelsey describes herself as energetic, determined and competitive. "I hate to lose," she said.

Winstel agreed saying she was hard-nosed, mentally tough and a winner. She added that Kelsey is a team oriented player who gets respect from her teammates and her opponents.

"She's the type of person that people want to be around," Winstel said.

"She'll just keep getting better, because she'll work at it," Winstel said. "When you go into war, you want Kelsey on your team."

When she graduates from NKU, Kelsey said she wants to take what she has learned on the basketball court and apply it to her life.



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**POINTING THE WAY:** Though she is only a sophomore, point guard Katie Kelsey is being counted on to be a leader for this year's team.

### Coach Has High Hopes For Newcomer Guards

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

Karla Wenzlick is the lone freshman on the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team this season, but she is not the only newcomer.

Cara Fasig, a junior at NKU, decided to try out for the Norse as a walk on.

Wenzlick, a guard, comes from Cloverdale, Ohio, near Lima. She was the Division IV player of the year in her senior year at Ottoville High School. She was also named first team All-State last season. She led her team to the Ohio state semifinals last season.

She averaged 22.3 points per game and 6.1 assists per game. She finished her career at

She is primarily a shooting guard, but can play point guard as well, head coach Nancy Winstel said.

"She is very versatile," Winstel said.

"I do believe that before the year is over with—somewhere in this year—Karla's going to make me play her."

Fasig, also a guard, went to Simon Kenton High School where she lettered in basketball, cross country, track and volleyball.



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**LISTEN UP:** Last year's five freshman have a year's experience under their belts so Coach Nancy Winstel hopes to have fewer of these huds-



# NKU Women Hope To Go Back To The Future

## Norse Hope To Celebrate 10th Anniversary Of Final Four Team With A Return Trip To The Big Dance

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

It has been ten years since the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team went to the Final Four of the NCAA Division II tournament.

They are hoping to celebrate the 10th anniversary with a return trip this year.

The Norse of 1986-'87 posted a 25-5 record. After a somewhat rocky, but still respectable start of 10-4, they hit their stride winning their next 15 games before falling to eventual national champion New Haven in the national semifinals.

Head coach Nancy Winstel was in her fourth season coaching the Norse that year. The seniors on the team were her first recruiting class.

"We had great leadership in Melissa Wood, Lori Tyler and Amy Falk," Winstel said.

"The best memory I have of that team," she said, "is that they were truly united."

During the streak of 15 consecutive wins, that started in January, the team had a high confidence level, Winstel said.

"We knew we were going to win," she said.

The loss to New Haven in the semifinals went right down to the wire. The Norse lost 77-74 in overtime.

Winstel said if they could go back and play the game again, NKU would win.

"Someday, hopefully we'll get back there," Winstel said. "It's just something that, once you get there, your constant goal is to get back."

Winstel compared the '86-'87 team to the '96-'97 team.

She said this year's team is similar to the Final Four team of 10 years ago in its work ethic, focus and teamwork. However, she added that this team is younger than the '86-'87 team.

"That team had a lot more experience," she said.

Another similarity between the two teams is there were two excellent recruiting classes. The '86-'87 had five seniors that were brought in together. This team has five talented sophomores that were recruited last year.

Winstel said this team is a better offensive team than the '86-'87 team.

"We were not a great offensive team, I thought we were a great defensive team," Winstel said of her Final Four team.

The key for the Norse this season if they are to equal or surpass the '86-'87 team's achievement is staying healthy, Winstel said.

"I think you have to have a little luck," she added.

Another key, she stressed, is mental toughness. The Norse have to be ready to play all the time.

"If you're not the aggressor, you're going to get eaten alive," she said. "If you're playing Southern Indiana, and you're not ready to play, you're going to lose by 40."

Winstel said the Norse need to pick up where they left off last season when they finished the season by winning 12 out of their last 14 games.

Sophomore point guard Katie Kelsey said she thinks the Norse will do that. She said they are about three weeks ahead of where they were last year at this time.

"We're getting into our offense" she said.

The Norse will have versatility and depth this season, Winstel said.

"We can go big, we can go small, and we can go fast."

The Norse have little pressure on them this year. They are ranked third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, so they are not expected to win it. Bellarmine and Southern Indiana are.

The only pressure, Winstel said, is the pressure they put on themselves.

The Norse have put pressure on themselves. "We have a group of young ladies who want to win, and they're willing to work," she said.

"Our No. 1 goal is to win the GLVC and go on to the post-season," Kelsey said.

"I think this team would be disappointed if that didn't happen," Winstel said.

"I think we all believe we can do it," Kelsey said. In order to do it, she said, they have to stay together and work together.

## Reaching Out



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**COMIN' TO GET YA:** Senior Regina Webb reaches out for a loose ball in a game last season against IUPUI. Webb is one of two returning seniors.

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Thur., Feb. 27	NKU vs. SIU-Edwardsville*	6:10 pm
Sat., March 1	NKU vs. Southern Indiana*	6:10 pm

\* Denotes GLVC Men's-Women's Doubleheader

## Morningstar Balances Teaching, Basketball

Leading Scorer Returns Despite Thoughts To The Contrary Last Season

By John Kirtley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Northern Kentucky University senior women's basketball player Dana Morningstar led the Norse in scoring last season and was named All-Great Lakes Valley Conference 2nd team.

This season she is one of two returning seniors head coach Nancy Winstel said she'll be counting on to lead a young team with five sophomores dotting the roster.

But torn between college athletics and a college degree, the 1996-'97 version of the Norse almost went on without Morningstar.

"I really wanted to do a good job student teaching because that's my job and that's what I wanted to do the rest of my life," Morningstar said. "I was concerned about my energy level and the time I'd have to do basketball and student teaching."

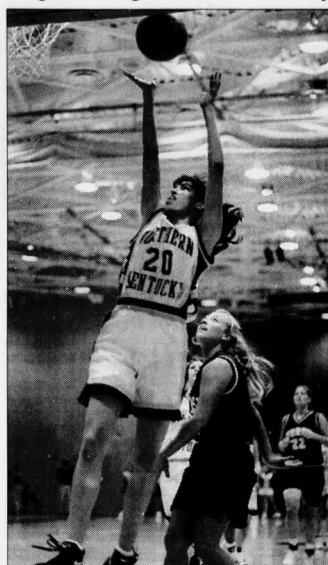
She will graduate in December with secondary education and mathematics degrees. At the conclusion of last season had to decide if she could balance the schedule of a student athlete with the schedule of a student teacher. A position Morningstar says is vital to the success or failure of landing a teaching job.

Morningstar said she waited until last season was over to decide whether to come back for her senior season, but ultimately the thought of missing out on the final chapter of her basketball story pushed her to stay put.

"It's one of those things where I've always played basketball and I thought that if I gave it up I would regret it and always wonder how I would've done if I had come back," Morningstar said. "My dad was always my coach and his dream was for me to play college ball. I couldn't give it up. I would've regretted it later. I know I would've."

Winstel's young team of six newcomers struggled out of the gates to a 6-7 mark last season but won 12 of its last 14 games. She thinks Morningstar has some unfinished business to attend to her senior year.

"I think Dana would like to see the fruits of the labor that went in to last year...which was her hanging in there to teach people who didn't know our system," Winstel said. "I think



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**REACH FOR THE SKY:** Senior Dana Morningstar goes for a lay-up as Sophomore Katie Kelsey looks on during the Meet the Norse Night earlier this year. Morningstar was the leading scorer on last year's 18-9 team. She decided to finish her career at NKU after considering her senior season to concentrate on her teaching career.

now she sees that we have an opportunity to be pretty good and she wants to be a part of it."

Morningstar shares her coach's optimism provided by the '95-'96 squad's late-season surge.

"I knew I was a senior and we had a lot of players returning. We're building and I wanted to be a part of that too," Morningstar said. "We should be able to win. We have the talent to go out and do that and, because I'm a senior, I hope everybody else does too."

The teacher Morningstar works with now is

flexible and allows her leeway with her basketball commitments. Winstel is conversely the same. But at 12.9 points per game and five rebounds per contest, Morningstar's teammates couldn't care less if Morningstar is running down the court with an Algebra book in her hand. "We'd struggle if she didn't come back," Morningstar's senior cohort Regina Webb said. "She's a great leader because she's been here the longest. Dana's somebody you can lean on. If we need a pick-me-up during a game, Dana's there."

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## Blood, Sweat & Tears

### Soccer Senior Tucker Leaves Heart On Field

Becky Bergman  
Staff Writer

"Soccer is 80% mental and 20% physical. One really doesn't know just how mental the game is until you actually play. The sport takes true heart," said Marty Tucker when describing his passion for soccer.

This senior soccer player at NKU has been playing since the age of six. "I began playing numerous sports at a very young age, but soccer is the one I took to," Tucker said.

Tucker played soccer for Middletown (Ohio) High School. He also participated in select soccer leagues where he competed against his now good friend and current teammate, J.T. Roberts. The two have been competing since the age of seven. Roberts feels that Tucker is a very aggressive offensive player. He said, "We have always had one thing in common, we both hate to lose!"

John Toebben, the head coach of NKU's men's soccer team, also feels that Tucker is capable of being extremely explosive on offense. He said that Tucker could be one of the best players at NKU if he focuses on the easy games as well as he does on the close, competitive games. He labeled Tucker as a "big game



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**TUG-O-WAR:** Norse senior soccer player Marty Tucker tries to get by a Davis & Elkins College defender grasping Tucker's jersey.

player" who steps up in crunch situations.

Tucker agrees that he is extremely competitive. He said, "I get really emotional. I'm not the most pleasant player on the field at times, but I'm doing what I feel it takes to win."

The highlight of Tucker's soccer career was winning the conference championship last year. He recalls how close everyone on the team has become over the past few years. "The team is a lot like our own little fraternity or group of friends. We all enjoy just hanging out," he said.

When asked who his biggest fan is, Tucker said it would have to be his father. He said that his father coached him a couple of years in high school. Although his father lives nine hours away, he's been to at least 75 percent of his son's games. Tucker says his dad still gives him advice on his play.

"He is the very first one to let me know when I'm doing bad," Tucker said.

Coach Toebben said that Tucker has a lot of talent, and that this talent is one of the many factors that has led the team to its success this season and in the past.

## NKU Soccer Team, Fans Say Goodbye to Five on Senior Day

By Diana Schlake  
Editor in Chief

Before the last home game of the season got underway, five Northern Kentucky University soccer players and their parents took the field for a little pre-game celebration.

As the crowd cheered, seniors Paul Hiltenthiel, Marty Tucker, J.T. Roberts, Shane Johnson and Kevin Dooley were honored for their contribution to the NKU soccer program.

The Norse then took the field and killed the Indiana-Purdue/Ft. Wayne Mastadons.

Tucker got the first half started with a goal with the assist from Dooley. This was Tucker's eighth goal of the year.

A Shane Johnson pass to Steve Bornhoffer scored the second Norse goal, making a total of 10 goals for Bornhoffer.

The second half showed the Mastadons coming back and scoring two goals. The scored was tied at 2-2.

Yellow was the color of the day as Tucker, Roberts, Dooley and Freshman Sam Renck were yellow



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**SENIOR SALUTE:** NKU soccer seniors, from left to right, Shane Johnson, Paul Hiltenthiel, Kevin Dooley, J.T. Roberts and Marty Tucker played their final regular season games Saturday versus the University of Indiana/Purdue-Ft. Wayne.

carded, as well as two IPFW players.

A turn-around play came with just two minutes left in the second half. An IPFW fullback stopped a shot on goal with his hand - an automatic ejection from the game. Tucker scored on the direct kick, putting the Norse up by one.

With the Mastadon's a player short and IPFW's goalie playing up to compensate for the loss of the defensive player, Tucker and company took advantage and scored the fourth and final goal.

The Norse won 4-2 improving to 13-4-1 overall and 6-3-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

## Impressive Debut



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**CLINTON ELECTED:** New Northern Kentucky University men's basketball player Cliff Clinton slams down two of his 19 points in NKU's exhibition game versus Athletics in Action Saturday at Regents Hall.

## Norse Fall In Exhibition

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

The national runner-up Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team fell to Athletics In Action 91-88 in a pre-season game at Regents Hall Saturday night.

The Norse had only one lead in the game at 3-2 after Kevin Listerman knocked down a three-pointer. After that they fell behind by as many as 14 points at 28-14, but battled back with a 14-3 run, but they could never get even.

The closest the Norse would get

was one point with 35 seconds remaining in the game, when LaRon Moore sank two free throws.

Shannon Minor's three point attempt would have tied the game, but it rimmed out at the buzzer.

Despite the loss, the Norse can be optimistic about the upcoming season. Newcomer Cliff Clinton, a junior, hit seven of his 10 field goal attempts, and five of six free throws for 19 points.

NKU's preseason All-Americans were the only other players to reach double figures.

Senior Paul Cluxton scored six-

teen of his 22 points in the second half. Senior LaRon Moore finished with 13.

Cluxton was 5-8 from the three point line.

Moore had seven rebounds to lead the Norse, while Clinton finished with six.

Senior Shannon Minor had seven assists.

Scott Stewart led AIA with 19 points, seven rebounds, five assists and two steals. All were team highs.

Michael Coleman was a perfect 7-7 from the field for AIA, including a three pointer. He finished with 15 points.

## Norse Volleyball 4-0 in Profitable Week

By Pat McEntee  
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's volleyball team escaped the Conner Convocation Center with a hard fought win in its match with Thomas More College.

The Norse defeated the Saints 13-15, 16-14, 12-15, 15-12 on Wednesday, Oct. 30, on TMC's home court. Despite the fact that NKU defeated TMC three games to one, it was really much closer than that. Each game was decided by three points or less.

"We had a tough time," NKU head coach Mary Biermann said. "Thomas More played very, very tough."

Biermann attributed the close match to the tough schedule TMC plays, and the rivalry between the two schools.

"It's a big rivalry," she said. "That makes it pretty intense."

She said NKU players have friends who play for TMC.

Biermann said the second game was the turning point in the match. The Norse had a ready lost game one and were on the brink of losing game two, down 14-12 with TMC serving for game point. After several side-outs the Norse were able to break through. They scored the final four points in the game to clinch it.

Game three saw the Norse lead almost the entire way. With a 14-11 lead it looked as if they had it

wrapped up, but TMC came back to take a 15-14 lead. NKU responded once again by scoring the final three points for the 17-15 victory.

The Norse had to play coming from behind in the fourth game as well. Down 12-6, it looked as if there would be a fifth game to decide the match.

It wasn't to be as the Norse rattled off the final nine points in the game to clinch the match.

By Tim Johnson  
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University volleyball team defeated Quincy (Ill.) University in three straight games Friday night at Regents Hall.

The first game started slow for the Norse. NKU head coach Mary Biermann repeated phrases like "be aggressive" and "attack the ball" to her players.

"We were missing too many serves," Biermann said. "There wasn't enough concentration coming from my players."

Quincy took a time-out with the Norse up, 8-3. NKU went on to win the first game, 15-5. The Norse were led by Jenny Jeremiah and Jennifer Thomas.

In the second game, NKU jumped out to a quick lead. Kim Jones led the way for the Norse with 9 kills and a service ace. The Hawks were unable to cut into the Norse lead. NKU won the second

game, 15-9.

The Hawks were late in coming out of the locker room, so they didn't get a chance to warm-up before the start of the third game.

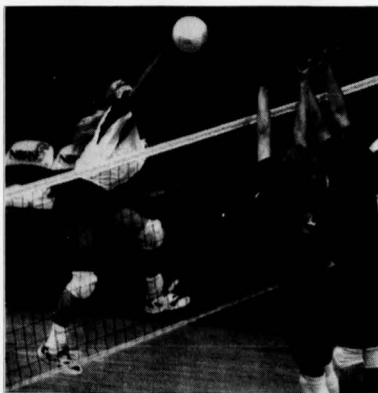
In the third game, the Hawks once again fell behind early. NKU took a time-out with a 10-5 lead. "Let's put them away here," Biermann challenged her players. The Norse went on to build a 13-10 lead before the

Hawks took a time-out. During this time-out, Biermann asked her players to "stay aggressive."

NKU went on to win, 15-10 and take the match 3-0.

Kim Jones finished with 11 kills and 2 aces and Jenny Jeremiah added 9 kills and an ace.

This victory brings the Norse to 22-5 overall and 10-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.



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**FLYING BULLFROG:** NKU freshman volleyball player Jenny Jeremiah spikes one home against the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

By Kevin Goheen  
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University's volleyball team got a huge win over the second place University of Missouri-St. Louis Riverwomen Saturday afternoon at Regents Hall.

After routing UMSL 15-4 in the first game, the Lady Norse finished off the match with hard fought 15-13 and 16-14 wins in games two and three.

The 3-0 win gives NKU a two game lead over UMSL in the Great Lakes Valley Conference's Green Division with three conference matches to play.

"Big win," said head coach Mary Biermann. "That's the best we've played in a while. We played real well today."

NKU won a tight 3-2 match in St. Louis earlier this year. Adjustments in personnel matchups from that match enabled the Norse to open more holes in the middle of the Riverwomen's defenses.

"We ran more middles and mixed plays up a lot more," said sophomore setter Molly Donovan. "Miriam Hall and Jen Thomas played a great game, and I think who had her best game ever was Becki Fisher."

Fisher, a junior setter and outside hitter, said she wanted to rebound from what she said was personally a bad match in Friday night's 3-0 over Quincy. "I

had so much in me, I just wanted to put them away and real quick."

Fisher credited Biermann with making the proper adjustments defensively as well. One of those adjustments came with NKU down 10-7 in the second game. Biermann called her first timeout of the game to settle her team down.

"I just told the girls to keep working hard. We gave them a lot of their points on unforced errors in the second game," she said. The timeout worked. NKU outscored UMSL 8-3 from that point to close out the game.

In the third game, NKU jumped to quick 4-0 and 6-2 leads. UMSL then went on their own six point run to take the lead 8-6. "They're a good team. Good teams can get down a little bit and come back like that," Biermann said.

NKU came back to take a 9-8 lead. The Norse had a chance to close out the match when leading 14-12, but UMSL was able to tie the game at 14.

Donovan served one ace for a 15-14 lead, and finally put the match away when UMSL couldn't handle the next point, hitting the ball into the net.

"Our blocking and back row defense were very good," Biermann said when mentioning keys to the win. "Molly did a great job of moving the ball around, distributing the sets, and keeping them off-balanced."



**BOOK OF LIFE:** Gerta Weissmann Klein signs books for students and faculty at her book signing/lecture last week.

## Speaker Talks About Her Love For Liberator And Buffalo, NY

By Vicki Hohnoth  
Staff Writer

Gerta Weissmann Klein's life in a Nazi concentration camp ended with her being liberated by the man who later became her husband.

Klein shared her story of survival as well as her love for her liberator at Northern Kentucky University's Greaves Concert Hall last week.

When Klein, then 21, was freed by American soldiers, she weighed 68 pounds and hadn't bathed in three years.

On Liberation Day, an American soldier came to liberate her. It was the best moment of her life when she realized a fellow Jew had liberated her.

This soldier, Kurt Klein, asked her to move to Buffalo, New York with him.

She said if she were asked what she thinks is the most beautiful city, her reply would be Buffalo.

Buffalo was where her healing began, she said, where bitterness became joy and death became life. Buffalo is also where

her children were born.

Klein also shared some writing advice with the audience.

She said a painter searches for the perfect color for painting a sunset, musicians search for the perfect melody and writers are searching for the words of their heart. She said just write and don't become frustrated.

While being transported from one camp to another camp in the homeland of Nazism, Klein shared the following thoughts in her book "All But My Life." Klein said a woman glared at them with hatred, "their propaganda told them the Jews were responsible for the war—so she hated us."

Kevin Kennedy, a sophomore speech communication major, is in Nancy Kersell's Ideal's in Literature class, which focuses on the Holocaust.

Kennedy said from the books, videos and poems he has been exposed to, he knew the Holocaust was bad, "but when someone is 50 feet in front of you, it makes all the difference in the world."

Kennedy said, in reference to the Holocaust, "as a result of my class I know more than I ever care to know."

For a girl who had to secretly take English lessons and fear punishment, it is ironic that Klein is now a woman whose story has won an Academy Award in America.

Kary Antholis won an Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject for "One Survivor Remembers" which focused on Klein's story.

In her book "All But My Life," Klein explained the risks she took by secretly taking English lessons from her friend Ulla.

She explained how she had to hide her English book at the bottom of a sack of potatoes. A policeman turned her sack upside down and saw the book. The policeman told her, "this is a terrible crime. It is almost espionage to learn English while we are at war with England. The punishment will be met accordingly."

Klein said the policeman let her go with a warning.

## New Film Gunning For Master Pistol Packing Juliet Doesn't Cut It

By Gabrielle Dion  
Production Editor

I think I just heard William Shakespeare roll over in his grave. Three words can describe the new Romeo and Juliet movie: Just plain weird.

The new movie, which is supposed to be Shakespeare's play set in modern times, premiered Friday at theaters.

It doesn't achieve the desired effect and ends up appearing to parody the play instead of honoring it.

The dialogue is word-for-word from the original, but the characters are living in modern day Verona Beach, which at times seem post-modern.

For instance, there are weapon check-in stations before you go in anywhere.

Everyone is packing guns—even Juliet! That's not modern, that's science fiction.

If a movie is supposed to be modern, let it be. If it's supposed to be post-modern, let it be.

But don't advertise it as modern and then throw in some post-modern here and there. That just messes with the minds of the moviegoers, and in this case disappoints.

I don't mean to insult American moviegoers, after all I am one, but people don't respond well to Shakespeare's language unless it is on a stage. It just doesn't have the same effect in film.

People go to a movie to be entertained, not to be exposed to culture. If Americans want culture, they go to a play.

There are fine actors and there are fine Shakespearean actors—there is a difference.

Some actors can play off iambic pentameter as though it were normal American English.

Claire Danes and Leonardo DiCaprio are fine actors, but their rendering of Shakespeare sounded like they were reciting "Cat in the Hat."

Another problem with the movie is that the concept was not clearly developed. I think it was a great idea to put Romeo and Juliet in modern day, but the idea fell in mid-flight. I had too many unanswered questions about the plot at the end of the movie.

For example, it was never clear exactly what the Montagues and Capulets did in this modern or post-modern society. Their respective names were at the top of skyscrapers in the city of Verona Beach, but they never attempted to explain why.

Also, there were religious symbols all over the movie. Crosses, angels, statues and icons of Mary and saints cluttered the movie. I don't know why. Shakespeare nor the play were overly religious the way this movie seemed to be.

The movie also changed most of the death scenes. Guns replaced swords, which worked in a few parts, but the most important death did not work in the movie.

Juliet takes out a revolver and puts it to her head after Romeo dies from the poison (the only death scene that they kept true to the play, probably because they couldn't figure out any other way to do it).

The next scene shows Juliet

lying dead next to Romeo with a trickle of blood on the side of her head.

Come on, a revolver does not leave a trickle. A revolver would have blown her head to pieces like a smashed pumpkin.

I guess I have to take into account that the movie was only rated PG-13.

Another part I laughed at was the final scene at Juliet's death bed. I don't know if this was meant to be funny, but surrounding her death bed there were about 80 million lit candles.

I don't understand the significance of this to the movie, but I do know it was a definite fire hazard.

There were a few amusing parts that were meant to be amusing. A good example of this is the gospel choir's rendition of "When Doves Cry" by the artist formerly known as Prince.

Overall, the new Romeo and Juliet movie was a disappointment.

If you have a deep respect for Shakespeare, you'll probably be a little hurt by how this movie seems to parody his excellent play.

So, if you have an itching to see a Shakespeare play turned into a film, don't go see this movie. Instead, I recommend renting Kenneth Branagh's "Much Ado About Nothing."

The actors are better, it's funny on purpose, and you can save a few bucks by renting instead of going to the theater.



## 'Best Of' Questionable For Van Halen CD

By Richard Richmond  
Staff Writer

One of the greatest rock bands ever is back! Or are they?

Unless you are living under a rock or just do not care, you are aware of the turbulent situation regarding Van Halen.

During the past two months, the band has gone through three lead singers, including original lead singer David Lee Roth, and found time to release their first greatest hits package, *Best of Volume 1*.

The primary excitement regarding this release is the two new tracks recorded with Roth during his two week "reunion" with the band.

Unfortunately, the hype surrounding these tracks is unfilled.

The songs, "Me Wise Magic" and "Can't Get That Stuff No More," come at the end of a seventeen song chronological history of the band.

The unfortunate part is that the songs not only seem force and contrived, but that the music is regressive and makes the band come off rather than one of rock music's most important and

talented bands.

The rest of the 17 songs offer a fair representation of the band that should satisfy the average consumer.

However, the long-time VH fan will notice that two albums, *Diver Down* and *Live: Right Here, Right Now*, have been ignored.

Also, the opening track, "Eruption," has been displaced from its proper place as the introduction to the band's first big hit, the Kink's "You Really Got Me," and placed as an autonomous opener for the album.

In addition, "You Really Got Me" is omitted from the collection.

The rest of the Roth tracks, including "Panama," "Unchained," "Hot For Teacher," and "Ain't Talkin' Bout Love," are a good representation of the band's first eight years.

The material from the Sammy Hagar era simply includes hits such as "Dreams," "Why Can't This Be Love," "When It's Love," and "Right Now," which portray the band as a pop-oriented

hit machine led by a maniacal keyboardist.

This of course is not true, but I was not consulted to pick tracks for the album.

The inclusion of the last track ever recorded with Hagar, the heavy "Human's Being" from the Twister soundtrack, does not validate his album, or make it worth owning.

All in all, Van Halen's *Best Of Volume 1* is a fair chronological representation of the band, but it is a long way from giving a true and accurate portrayal of Van Halen.

If you're in the mood to hear VH's pop hits, pick up this album and be happy.

However, if you are a die-hard fan with your own idea of what is the best of Van Halen, steer clear *Best Of...* or be unfulfilled.

Grade: C

Other Recommendations:

Van Halen: *Fair Warning* or *OU812*.

Various Artists: *Twister Original Motion Picture Soundtrack*. Comments, or to let me know what you are listening to e-mail: RICHMONDR@nku.edu.

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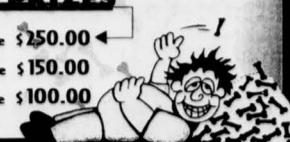
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### Thursday, November 7

\* "Mayan Voices: American Lives" discussion, 7 p.m., Landrum Academic Center. Presented by the NKU Museum of Anthropology. For more information call Dr. Charlotte Neely at X-5259.

\* Senior Show, Opening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Main Gallery, NKU Fine Arts Department.

### Sunday, November 10

\* Evening of Song and Dance, N. Martin & J. Green Directors, 8 p.m., Greaves

Concert Hall, NKU Fine Arts Center.

### Monday, November 11

\* A Public Forum, Greaves Concert Hall, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reception to follow. What is NKU doing well? What can we do better? Make recommendations.

### Wednesday, November 13

\* "Equity in Higher Education Funding: Is Kentucky Out of Step?" Bob Appleson (Planning and Assessment), 12:10 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room of the University Center.



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## Students Want Signs

There is a small controversy brewing on campus, and believe it or not, this time it has nothing to do with Interim President Jack Moreland.

It seems that there are a couple hundred students on campus who do not want to be hit by a car while crossing the streets and drives on campus.

The funny thing is that one wants to do anything about it except those who have almost been hit or those who have experienced near misses.

A committee from the Residence Hall Association conducted a survey in the beginning of the fall semester to find out what residents of NKU wanted in place of the occasional brush with an automobile outside the dorms.

The survey resulted in a landslide and a three way stop sign won. But DPS said no stop sign... nothing. Those signs that are warning drivers that pedestrians have the right-of-way do just nicely.

But thanks for conducting a survey for us. Good to see students involved on campus activities. (Okay, those weren't DPS's exact words, but the implication of the lack of response is pretty much what the survey-conductors heard.)

That very same committee staged a peaceful 'protest,' escorting students across the street in an effort to bring campus traffic safety to the forefront. The protesting students were going to wear borrowed fluorescent guard vests, as to be illuminated when a car approaches.

Students taking action on a cause they deeply believe in, go NKU students! This is where many people become lost.

DPS denied the request of the fluorescent vests and told the students they could not escort people across the street because someone could get hit or injured.

Hello?  
DPS, that is the whole point.

The fact that some people have almost been hit should be a clue that something constructive needs to be done. In fairness, DPS has stated over and over again that, although the three-way sign is good idea, there is no way a sign will work.

Because of the mess at 27 and back on I 275 in early morning rush hour, a sign just won't do.

Okay, so traffic is backed up... what about those people who have to dive to get out of the way of a speeding car who's driver is carelessly disregarding public policy?

Are stop signs really going to cause any more traffic than what people on campus are experiencing on a daily basis? Orange barrels and cones have become a way of life, so a stop sign will not be that much more of a burden. It is time student voices are not only heard but acted on.

Who better than the residents to know what really is needed on campus. After all, they are here a lot more than the rest of the people on campus.

The students have made their opinion heard.

DPS is citing those who are caught violating the speeding and stopping law, but shouldn't something more be done?

## Guidelines For Writing Letters To The Editor

The Northerner encourages students, faculty and staff to submit letters to the Editor and guest editorials for publication in the newspaper.

Letters must be typed or neatly printed. Letters should be no more than 350 words. Editorials should not exceed 550 words. The Northerner requests that, if possible, entries be submitted on

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## DPS Takes A Stand On The Crosswalk Controversy...



## Service Learning: A Great Idea For Northern Kentucky University

To the editor:

I would like to extend my appreciation to Editor, Diana Schlake, Features Editor, Chris Specht, and reporter Kevin Gohsen for a fine job of coverage of the NKU Service Learning Program, (Oct. 2, 1996 issue).

The article was comprehensive, well written, and timely. The following day after publication NKU hosted the first Northern Kentucky Volunteer - Service Learning Fair in the University Center, attended by many students and faculty who had read Kevin's feature.

With regard to Service Learning opportunities via NKU, I would like to urge every student to consider the value of volunteering their

time and talents on behalf of many social service agencies and local schools who need the help of our committed individuals. If you have a faculty professor who is not offering service learning as a course option for credit or who happens to be unaware of the Service Learning Program, have them contact my office for information. Better yet, come by yourself and set up your own service learning project. The reward is personal enrichment, invaluable experience, and the satisfaction of making someone else's life fuller and happier.

Edwin Barnes  
Director, Coordinator  
NKU Service Learning Program

## Is Gun Control The Answer?

To The Editor:

After reading the editorial entitled Are You Packing? from the Viewpoint section of the October 16th edition of The Northerner, I went around and asked people I knew (friends, classmates, coworkers) what they thought about human rights in general and concealed firearms in particular. I received a wide variety of answers, some of which I found quite interesting. What interested me most was a common pattern of response which I received from many of the people who were against the carrying of concealed weapons. It went something like: "I don't see any reason why anybody needs to be carrying concealed weapons around." Replies like this concern me, and it is because of this concern that I am writing this letter.

Sometimes we may find it easier to legislate certain freedoms away. Often, these are freedoms that in and of themselves are not harmful, but that lend themselves to harmful situations. The carrying of concealed firearms is one such freedom.

It would be hard to argue that the carrying of a firearm is a harmful act in and of itself (unless the gun was made out of some funky material that emitted toxic radiation or something). It would not be hard to argue that the carrying of a concealed weapon could lend itself to a harmful situation. Under the wrong circumstances it could mean the difference between life and death.

One may find himself weighing the bad with the good.  
The bad: Someone getting shot.  
The good: ... ????

The conclusion: I don't see any reason why anybody needs to be carrying concealed weapons around.

I can appreciate this sentiment. Personally I would rather people not carry concealed weapons. But the legislation of laws should be based on more than just personal preference. And it should be based on more than just convenience.

It is convenient to pass laws limiting certain citizen freedoms. The less citizens can do, the less harm they can do. They don't have any reason to be doing certain things anyway, right?

It is certainly much more convenient than addressing the real problems.

If a person, who happens to be carrying a concealed weapon, attacks somebody, even kills them, the problem is not that they were carrying a concealed weapon. It is that they attacked someone. This is an important distinction. The attacking was bad, not the carrying. Removing the gun from the equation is only treating a symptom. The cause is still there. Taking away the gun still leaves the same person.

We should go for convenience and, if the problem concerns us so much, do our part to make ourselves and our children the type of people who won't do such things.

Regardless, our freedom is too valuable to squander on laws that make non-harmful acts illegal. The lending to harm in itself is not enough. We must limit our self restrictions only to the harmful acts themselves.

Otherwise we are limiting our freedoms because we can't justify them.

And should we base the legislation of laws limiting the rights of citizens on whether or not the citizens can come up with a good excuse for exercising those rights?

Is it up to us to excuse our freedoms?  
Is there a reason one ought to justify taking a walk at night?

Is there a reason one ought to justify writing against opinions they disagree with?

What about if someone wants to go snow skiing? Should they have to defend that?

When we put it on an individual to justify their rights as a citizen, we are exercising a dangerous practice. The requirement to justify our rights as citizens limits those very rights. If we accept such a practice today, who knows when in the future the simple freedoms we take for granted will become unjustifiable. Surely our liberty is too precious to let our government legislate it away.

It was taught that the United States was founded on the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Since our constitution's drafting there have been many arguments about what it is supposed to mean and what it's authors meant it to say.

I don't claim to know what the drafters of our constitution were thinking as they put those historic lines to paper. There are numerous conflicting interpretations, and there are many people who have their own personal spin to put on things. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that we will

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get any illumination from the most reliable interpreters, the authors themselves. My personal belief is that, at their most ideal, the founders of our constitution wanted to create more than just an alternative to the tyrannical England they knew. I believe one of the most important things to them was that their new government be dynamic.

I was taught that our government was designed so that it could be changed as time (or simple faulty management) required. And that one of the most precious aspects of our government was that it could be changed. When looked at in this light, it doesn't matter what our forefathers wanted. This is our government and it is our responsibility to make it what we want. In fact, it wouldn't matter if our forefathers didn't want us to be able to change it at all. It's still up to us to decide how we are going to be governed. Whether we express our decision through participation or inaction is another question.

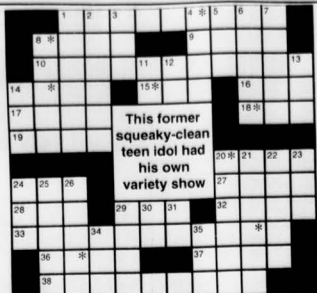
It is less who are to be governed. And although it is less convenient we must be ever vigilant and work to make sure our freedoms are not taken away. It may feel safer to live in a world where people have fewer rights and, therefore, fewer ways to hurt us. But such security is an illusion. For security based on lack of freedom is a security that can be stripped by those who do possess power. History serves as a testament to those who have sacrificed many things, even their lives, rather than have their freedom taken from them. If we wish to be able to make our society the kind that we want to live in then we must preserve our freedoms. Fortunately, many of us won't have to sacrifice our lives, but most of us will have to sacrifice a little convenience.

Is that so much to do?

Adrian Patten

## Classifieds

## Divot's TV CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. Daterline NBC anchor (2)
  2. Clipper: 1949 Roddy McDowall film
  3. Ooh... Lifetime fashion series
  4. 1967's best actor in a drama series Emmy winner (2)
  5. ...and Daughters; short-lived '91 Lucie Arnaz series
  6. Gentle... (1967-69)
  7. Lunch
  8. Call's neighbor
  9. Word in the title of Malik Yoba's series
  10. Ending for cash or front
  11. ...Sisters
  12. ...Na Na (1977-81)
  13. Rob or Child
  14. Star of The Naked Truth
  15. Word in the title of Messing's sitcom
  16. It's... Mad, Mad, Mad World; '63 Spencer Tracy film
  17. Role on Seinfeld (2)
  18. Your Vacation; 1954 Johnny Carson quiz show
  19. Actress Rochon of The Wayans Bros.
  20. 1958-63 police drama series (2)
- DOWN**
1. Tina or Ted
  2. Burdens
  3. The... Davis Show (1974-76)
  4. Star of thirtysomething
  5. Baseball's Danies
  6. Late Sherman
  7. Ralph of The Waltons (1972-81)
  8. N.W. Assey; 1992 Gregory Hines TV movie
  9. Flo's hubby; in the comic strip
  10. ...Made (1983-84)
  11. Suture
  12. ...Patrol; 1990 Martin Mull film
  13. The of the Ages: 1974 Roddy McDowall series
  14. Unattractive
  15. ...Male War Bride; 1949 Cary Grant movie
  16. ...Three Lives (1953-56)
  17. Sault... Marie
  18. Role on Wings
  19. Excellent report card
  20. Francis or Murray
  21. Nick Nolte's star of birth: abbr.
  22. Initials for the star of 1995's Women of the House
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## MISC

On Sept. 13 at 2:45, I lost my wallet in Landrum. Two honest students turned it in to the Communication Dept., but didn't leave their names. I want to commend you for your honesty. Thank You, Betty Schafstall.

## FOR SALE

Bessler 23C photo enlarger w/dicho color head, cold light, condenser, pur, stabilizer, 3 cameras, Schneider lens, plus much more. \$850 Guild J12NT 12 string acc. guitar w/hsc, mint. \$700. 491-1751.

1990 Thunderbird: Red with Black interior, v6, auto, air, all power, exc. con. \$3,900 OBO 441-7451

## TRAVEL

DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE TRAVELING OVERSEAS!

The Cooperative Center for Study Abroad is accepting applications for its Winter Break programs: London Winter (Dec. 26-Jan. 8) and Australia Winter (Dec. 26-Jan. 10). For more info contact Dr. Michael Klembars in BEP 301 (572-6512) or Dr. Jeffery Williams in Landrum 437 (572-5135).

## HOROSCOPE

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**Aries (March 21 - April 20)**  
You may want to think twice about a decision you made recently concerning finances. Check details carefully.



**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**  
There may be an opportunity to travel soon for business. The domestic side of your life may be a little rocky.



**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
You must choose your path wisely. Don't brood over your troubles; discuss them. Be strong and listen to your inner voice.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**  
Look at things as they really are. You must do what you know is right. Clear things up and have the courage to start over.



**Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**  
Leave the past behind or you will lose out on future opportunities. Don't be afraid to start new projects. Have some faith in yourself.



**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**  
There may be some new activity concerning your home environment. You will be happy about the changes coming your way.



**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**  
You may experience a sense of loss, possibly in your job or social position. There is a chance you will be traveling soon.



**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**  
Someone may approach you with a new idea or program. Be sure to speak your mind and do what is best.



**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**  
Plans may not work out quite the way you hoped. Things may not be going your way, but it will all change soon.



**Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**  
Your energy needs to be directed in a more positive way. Take another look at your goals. It's time to turn over a new leaf.



**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
Avoid disagreements if at all possible. You may feel you have been misjudged, but things may not be what they seem.



**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**  
Good things are coming your way. Reaching new heights will seem easier than ever. Worries disappear and new plans materialize.

## Born this week:

- Nov. 3 - Roseanne, Charles Bronson, Dennis Miller  
Nov. 4 - Water Crossing, Markie Post  
Nov. 5 - Bryan Adams, Tegan & Sara, Sam Sheppard, Paul Simon  
Nov. 6 - Sally Field, Ethan Hawke, Mavis Shaver  
Nov. 7 - Billy Graham  
Nov. 8 - Bonnie Raitt  
Nov. 9 - Lou Ferrigno

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