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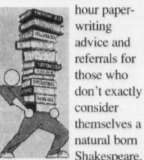
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Students angered by dry campus policy

By Dan Mecher
News Editor

Washington State University students began to hurl beer bottles at police officers when a policy to prohibit alcohol consumption on the campus was enforced.

According to Alan Marlatt, director of the University of Washington's Addictive Behaviors Research Center, such a case suggests that a zero tolerance approach may not be the best way to reduce heavy drinking among

college students.

In a presentation at Greaves Hall last Wednesday, Marlatt discussed the alternatives to just saying no.

"The other option is to start teaching students to drink in a safer way," he said to the students and faculty who gathered for the seminar. "If you still choose to drink, do it in a way that reduces the harmful consequences."

Marlatt also said that problems can arise when universities overestimate the drinking numbers. "If students think that the norm on

their campus is to binge drink, there is some evidence to suggest that student drinking rates would go up," he said.

He suggested that, by avoiding the exaggeration of drinking problems at colleges and by providing accurate information, a decrease in drunkenness might be seen.

Marlatt defined binge drinking as consuming five or more alcoholic beverages in a row for men, and at least four drinks for women. According to results from an anonymous questionnaire admin-

istered to sorority and fraternity members, binge drinking habits result in high-risk situations.

The responses showed that 45 percent had been involved in fights, and 36 percent said they had experienced blackouts, or loss of memory after heavy consumption. A third of the subjects also admitted to driving after having four or more drinks. In contrast to these numbers, Marlatt said, only 16 percent considered themselves to be problem drinkers.

"This is an interesting issue," he

said. "The statement of identifying yourself as a problem drinker, at least for some people, seems to be a kind of barrier keeping them from looking at what is going on."

Much of what Marlatt had to say was based on his research at U of W, which was published in a 1998 edition of the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology. In the spring of 1990, he began a study of applicants to the university who were still in high school. An initial screening

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The champs



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Above: The championship team from the Campus Recreation co-rec flag football competitive division "Wild Ones" beat the combined team of Delta Zeta and Alpha Tau Omega by the score of 27-8.

Below: The team "Last Place" from Chase Law School beat the BSU team 32-23 in overtime to win the championship.



Fraternities want to get canned

By Maureen Jacob
Features Editor

They are sixteen strong and collecting. Collecting cans that is. And this holiday season they are challenging Northern Kentucky University students to help them meet their goals of getting "canned."

For the first time in NKU's history, Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma, are coming together in efforts to demonstrate their community service.

The fraternities will be hosting a canned food drive starting Nov. 7. The drive is planned to run through the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. The food is being collected for impoverished families that rely on the Brighton Center, a homeless shelter in Newport.

"There is always a need for food. Canned food is an easy way for college students to contribute to the community. A canned food item is not too much to ask," said Quentin Williams, vice president of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Williams said the goal of both fraternities is to collect 400 cans from the NKU campus and in return the fraternities will commit themselves to cleaning up the entire Highland Heights campus of its garbage. "This way we are addressing two community services - one for the Brighton Center and one for the NKU student community," said Williams.

Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma's main goal, according to Williams, is to show that there is unity between the two fraternities and that they are eager to support the Northern Kentucky community. "We are all about scholarship and leadership-both internally within our brotherhood, and externally in the community."

For further information about the canned food drive contact Quentin Williams at 859-572-7772.

Students and faculty sweat it out down by the Lake

By Hleviani Baloyi
Managing Editor

Sweat fell from the bodies of students and faculty as they emerged from the steaming lodge set up by Lake Superior. Chief Sam Musqua, an Ojibwe (Native American Tribe), came to Northern Kentucky University, Nov. 1st to kick off American Indian Heritage month. He brought with him a sweat lodge which is a Native American ritual for cleansing the soul and teaching leadership. Musqua said, the sweat lodge originates out of different tribes and each sweat lodge represents that tribe's culture. "No

tribe has specific rites to the sweat lodge. All tribes were given pipes, sweat grass, sage and medicines to conduct the sweat," he said.

The sweat lodge is constructed similar to a camping tent, however, it does not serve the same purpose. Musqua said that the sweat lodge is symbolic of the womb of Mother Earth. "There are nine poles to a lodge that represent nine months that a woman is pregnant," he said. The poles represent nine basic teachings in life and the first four are symbolic of the four stages of life, the next four are love, respect, understanding and truth. The last pole is significant because it represents a child. Musqua said, "When you go into a

lodge, it gives you re-birth and this ceremony is a spiritual cleansing, just like when Catholics go to confessional."

According to Musqua the lodge represents four races of man and everyone is equal. The lodge teaches you to think in a circle rather than a square which is associated with European culture. "All races are on a clan system which teaches respect, but some races have forgotten their teachings; for example, Europeans have square books, square thinking and square words," he said.

Musqua spoke in three classes about the history of the sweat lodge and the experience.

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Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
Lisa Lipps (left) talks with her friends as they prepare to cleanse their spirits in the Ojibwe sweat lodge.

Hoxworth plans blood drive

By Amanda Thompson
Staff Writer

Give Blood and Save lives!!!! Northern Kentucky University in conjunction with the Hoxworth Blood Center and University of Cincinnati Medical Center will be conducting a blood drive Wednesday November 8. The blood drive will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the NKU University Center Ballroom.

The donation process takes approximately 45 minutes. Beginning with a mini-physical exam where donors will be asked to answer various health history questions and ending with the free cookies and juice to boost blood sugar levels. Donors are asked to be in good physical health, at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 100 pounds.

The Hoxworth Blood center is approximately 500 units low at this time, so every bit helps. One donor has the potential to save up to four patients.

To make an appointment or receive more information, please contact the Activities Programming Board at 572-6514.



Alan Marlatt speaks to faculty and students about college students' drinking habits.

Dan Mechet/The Northerner

BINGE DRINKING

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took place to determine each student's drinking habits, and was followed by 40 minute individual sessions conducted by young graduate students.

"The whole approach was not to confront the students who are having problems, but rather expressing empathy," Marlatt said. "We try to get them to set realistic goals of moderation." Follow-up screenings taken one and two years later showed strong reductions in drinking rates of the subjects exposed to the 40 minute

intervention. Fewer cases of problems related with drinking, such as blackouts, were also a result.

The government has been doing its part to keep high-risk behavior to a minimum, Marlatt said. His continuing research has been sponsored by The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Early in the presentation, Marlatt asked the audience how many people abstain from alcohol completely. Almost a third of those present raised their hands.

freshman Amber Jackson, 19, was one of them.

"I don't like the taste of alcohol," she said. She added that she doesn't like the way people look when they get drunk. "They act stupid."

In regard to whether NKU drinking rates would be affected by a more lenient policy, Marlatt said the answer is unclear. "We have no research comparing wet and dry campuses," he said. "So this is an open question."

employee (PPE). The PPE said that when an electric car driven by the food worker struck a different parked car, the parked car ran into him. The victim said the driver did not stop to see if he was all right, even when he began yelling angrily. The PPE said that, when the driver eventually came back, he told him he shouldn't have to apologize because of the way he was being treated, i.e. being yelled at, being called a "chickenshit" by the PPE. According to the PPE, no charges will be pressed. He just wanted an apology. A description of the driver was given to the officer, who went to the University Center to talk to him.

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did his job to be best of his ability.

In the Student Life Office, the administrative assistant found pornographic material downloaded in the computer. She advised that many people had access to the computer, so she was not sure who had done this. The material could not be verified when it was downloaded because the information was erased.

A hit and run incident occurred on Nov. 1, involving a food service worker and a Physical Plant

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SGA Candidate Profiles

Senate Candidates for Spring 2001

Amber Hardesty

Age: 19
Freshman
Undeclared
Goal if elected: "I hope to help on different committees and on student relations by getting students to stay on campus."
Fav color: Pink
Fav 80's artist: Wham!

Tim Furlong

Age: 18
Freshman
Computer Science/Math
Goal if elected: "I want to get a feel for what it's like to be in student government."
Fav 80's artist: Twisted Sister

Vernon Taylor

Age: 21
Sophomore
Business Management
Goal if elected: "I want to promote students' interests as best I can. I just want to make a difference."
Fav 80's artist: "I don't know if I listened to music back then."

Trinity Hodge

Age: 23
Sophomore
Secondary Education Social Studies
Goal if elected: "As a non-traditional student, I want to see non-traditional students represented in student government."
Fav 80's artist: Tears for Fears

Eric Sarber

Age: 21
Sophomore
Justice
Goal if elected: "I want to learn more about what goes on at the school and get involved."
Fav 80's artist: "I don't know what I listened to back then!"

Leslie Dorris

Age: 19
Sophomore
Speech Communication
Goal if elected: "Students will voice individual concerns in class to me and I want to continue to be a voice for them in student government."
Fav 80's artist: New Kids on the Block

Maryann Huhn

Age: 19
Sophomore
Undeclared
Goal if elected: "I will try to get more people involved on campus and get their voices heard."
Fav 80's artist: Cindy Lauper

Danielle Brinker

Age: 21
Junior
Political Science/Journalism
Goal if elected: "Basically, I want to get an idea of what the student body wants." Brinker hopes to focus on parking and advising issues.
Fav 80's artist: Bon Jovi

Kristina Dillard

Age: 20
Junior
Elementary Education
Goal if elected: "I want to participate in decisions that affect the university and students."
Fav 80's artist: New Kids on the Block

Melissa Miller

Age: 19
Freshman
Nursing
Goal if elected: "I want to make a difference."
Fav 80's artist: "I wasn't big on music then."

Brandi Buchenau

Age: 19
Freshman
Political Science
Goal if elected: "I would like for senators to be seen on cam-

pus more often. If people have a problem, they would know who to go to."

Fav 80's artist: Bon Jovi

Fungjai Mugwaga

Age: 18
Freshman
Pre-Medical
Goal if elected: "I would like to see chief executives stick to their oaths and job descriptions."

Fav 80's artist: Diana Ross

Travis French

Age: 20
Junior
Speech Communication
Goal if elected: "I want more representation of the students, and I would like to push more for the student union and work with team 2002."
Fav 80's artist: Young MC

Theresa Geisen

Age: 35
Senior
History/Criminal Justice
Goal if elected: "I hope to represent a more diverse group of people in student government."
Fav 80's band: none in particular

Burhan Mohamedali

could not be reached for comment

Judicial Council Candidates

Michael Huber

Age: 19
Sophomore
Radio/Television
Goal if elected: "I want to be a good student representative and see growth issues like a new stadium for basketball and the beautification of the campus addressed."
Fav 80's band: Aerosmith

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Campaign coverage questioned

The *Northerner's* lack of impartiality and compelling original insight while covering the 2000 election was disconcerting, even by the standards of our campus's less than mediocre college newspapers; and, I use the term "newspaper" lightly.

Beyond a feigned attempt to appear unbiased by including a small Associated Press article about the Democrat's negative ads, not one legitimate, intelligent conservative viewpoint was expressed in *The Northerner's* coverage. Instead, the students of NKU suffered through intelligence-insulting, liberal blather passed off as journalism. In fact, if *The Northerner* were one's only source for political coverage, one might assume that the two major party candidates for President were Al Gore and Ralph Nader.

The most uninspiring features were the Political Editorial/Opinion pieces that displayed either truth-bending bias or general ignorance and a discouraging lack of understanding.

One such piece by Mr. Caddell conveniently misrepresented the events leading to our state's Senate President David Williams' accusation that Gov. Patton was a "mouthy drunk." In fact, it was Gov. Patton who sat first hit below the belt when he slanderously accused Senator Williams of being a liar, and only then, in retaliation, did our Senate's President claim that Patton had been inebriated during the meeting at which Senator Williams is accused of making a promise that he supposedly

broke.

I'm not pardoning either man's actions, but let's make clear that it was our Governor, a Democrat, who was desperate to take attention away from the issues and introduced the mud-slinging into our usually civil state elections, and Senator Williams only responded in defense to present the reality of the situation.

Another piece by Mr. Zubaty about the second Presidential debate declared that neither major party candidate for President wished to limit the foreign scope of our military when Bush had expressed that exact view during the debate Zubaty referenced; and another by the same author about health care was just silly in its selfishness and impracticality. Despite what Mr. Zubaty may desire, the rest of America shouldn't have to pay for his high school sports injuries; but, the opinion represented the general tone in most of *The Northerner's* coverage. What will the government give me? The enduring question uttered in the minds of entitlement-hungry liberals who are for a President that will wipe their nose when they're sick and take them by the hand and lead them through life. I'm proud to say that I don't share the implicit view of *The Northerner's* and neither does a large segment of NKU's student population.

As students of higher learning, we're smart, truth-hungry people, and *The Northerner* has done us all a disservice with bias coverage that borders on unethical journalism.

Chad Williams
Senior
Philosophy Major

Letter to the Editor

Opposing conservative views not forthcoming

By Forrester Berkshire
Editor in Chief

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

In response to Mr. Williams' above letter to the editor, it seems as though Williams attempted to cherry-pick our editorials in an attempt to twist our statements around to make it easier to ridicule us. The beauty of the situation is that these are our OPINIONS, take them for what they are.

It was assumed this would be clearly evident by the "Political Opinion/Editorial" in 18 point bold lettering inserted into these articles. The charge of this being a "feigned attempt to appear unbiased" and unethical is a clear indicator of a complete ignorance of journalism and ethics in general.

If Mr. Williams had taken the time to actual-

ly investigate the charges he makes, our record would more than stand for itself. An accurate count of the NEWS stories we ran shows five stories that could be construed as favorable to both Bush and Gore each, two articles for the Green party, one for Independents, and eight articles of a completely non-partisan nature focusing on the campaign.

It is also difficult to see how Williams could say NKU students would have difficulty in knowing who is running besides Gore and Nader, since Bush was pictured four times, Gore twice, and Nader twice.

From this record, it seems as if the coverage

was quite balanced, one of the tenets of ethics in journalism.

As for the lack of "one legitimate, intelligent conservative viewpoint," we are in agreement. There was none, since none were forthcoming. It is a shame that Mr. Williams did not see fit to submit anything, instead waiting until it was too late and then taking the role of the critic.

Not one political editorial was rejected. *The Northerner* accepted any writer that was willing to express their view, regardless of their beliefs or party affiliations.

We at *The Northerner* welcome opposing viewpoints. Us both being liberal-leaning does not mean we would not welcome thoughts from the right. It would be a refreshing change.

As to the specific points Williams attacks, it seems he had a difficult time interpreting what we actually attempted to convey in those columns. First of all, no suggestion was made whatsoever that America should pay for any high school sports injuries. The point that was actually made is the fact that health care is not affordable in America for the average Joe. Ergo, those high school sports injuries have to

What happens to the other one?



Life-size heads of presidential candidates Republican George W. Bush, left, and Democrat Al Gore, sculpted in clay by artists at Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in London, are displayed before an American flag on Oct. 31, 2000, in London. Regardless of which candidate wins the U.S. presidency, Tussaud's artists have prepared heads of both candidates. When the winner is known his clay likeness will immediately be used as a mold for a wax figure that will be displayed in the Tussaud's museum on Times Square in New York City in time for the inauguration January 2001. The clay head of the loser will be consigned to the studio's "recycling bin." (AP Photo/HO, Tussaud's)

Response to Letter

be painfully endured because of the fact that even with health care coverage by an employer, most plans still do not cover enough of the cost of basic medical care for an average person to be able to pay for the deductible. Using ad hominem attacks to attempt to refute the argument by calling it silly and impractical doesn't change the fact that health care in this country is unaffordable, unless you're wealthy.

Generally when conservatives can't come up with a legitimate, intelligently thought out alternative to an expressed viewpoint, the personal attacks start to fly. Please Mr. Williams, come up with a "practical" alternative to the viewpoint expressed, rather than simply bashing it because you don't agree with it.

Secondly, regarding the comment by Williams on the foreign policy question, no reference in our editorial was made to actually limiting the scope of foreign involvement. The only statement posed was that the U.S. only seems to get involved in peace-keeping opera-

tions when it either involves protecting foreign oil supplies or if it involves white people. The question we posed is this: Why is the situation in the Balkans any different from that in Rwanda?

Our position was that both candidates supported U.S. inaction in the Rwanda conflict because they accurately represent American sentiment in that Americans do not care what goes on in Africa, because it is simply black people killing black people, much like what goes on in our inner-cities. Bush himself stated that Africa would not be one of his top priorities in the debates.

So thanks for bashing us. Normally we wouldn't even bother to reprint something such as Williams'; not because it doesn't fall in line with our political leanings, but because he offers no real intelligently thought out arguments—only personal attacks on the paper and our editorial staff. If you think you can do a better job, Mr. Williams, welcome to the staff.

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S.T.A.R.--What we're about

Two thousand years ago a star led the three wise men to baby Jesus. Today, a considerable amount of wise young men and women are being led to S.T.A.R., aka, Students Together Against Racism. As a student organization here at NKU, we do our part to combat racism both on campus and in the community. Taking on this monumental challenge, we have agreed upon focusing our goal to challenging the institutional structures that allow racism to continue, rather than emphasizing the change of personal views on racial issues in the minds of individuals.

An example of a way we have worked together with others to create a more free and just environment occurred recently as we held a Race Dialogue at the BSU. There, we had an open discussion with both students and teachers alike to address race problems in and out of the classroom. As a result, we have formed several new committees that will work to implement numerous improvements here at Northern, such as proposals to incorporate more diverse classes in our curriculum.

As a way to broaden our understanding of how certain institutions contribute to maintaining racism in

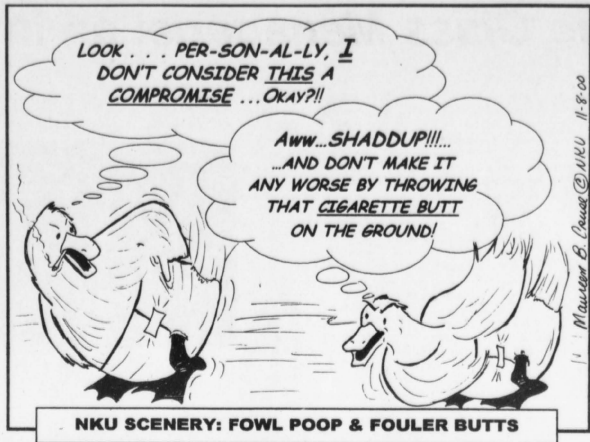
our country, there has been an expansion of our group into the formation of a separate yet similar organization known as Leadership Development Training. Every Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m., we come together and discuss in further detail the questions behind how and why racism still engulfs our nation.

However, we don't simply limit our activities to just talking about these problems. We also involve ourselves in numerous events to further what we have learned. One endeavor we will engage in is towards the end of the month in Fort Benning, Ga. There, we will join thousands of others to protest the continuation of a government program known as School of the Americas (SOA), which trains Latino soldiers for combat in Latin America. As a result of this infamous army school, there have been many young men and women who have been tortured and eventually put to death as a result of following orders of this government-sanctioned group.

Fighting injustices such as this, and coming together weekly to discuss different ways that racism corrupts our society, and finding appropriate methods to use in our

constant struggle to end it's abomination is what we intend to accomplish here at S.T.A.R. To further this goal, we ask for assistance from any and every one that would be interested in helping us make improvements in the quality of life for the many people who have suffered needlessly from the irrational policies that are still practiced even now, as we begin to enter the 21st century.

By Tom Fontova



Sacrificing biodiversity for poop-free shoes

To Whom it may concern (which is every single person on this campus),

I am writing this letter out of concern and general awareness for the people of Northern Kentucky University. I believe it was a couple of weeks back when the *Northerner* published an article on smoking outside the buildings here on campus and what a detriment it was to students' and faculty's health and well being. It also pointed out the adverse effect it had on the "beauty" of this campus, stating that the cigarette butts were littering our university and making us look bad. While I do not dispute the latter, seeing as how I am a good smoker who puts the butts where they belong, I would like hard proof on the former, because I feel there is a much larger risk to our health than no one will discuss: that's right, Goose Poo.

It is an adventure, some morn-

ings, for those of us who trek from the front parking lots to go to the Fine Arts building, Steely Library, Administration Center the list goes on. Why? As I stated before, goose poo is littering our campus at an exponential rate. These buzzards give the call, "Pilot to bombardier!" and instantly we have an obstacle course on our hands. Some of our environmentalist friends might say, "Oh well, it's just feces, we'll just dodge it! Our Birkenstocks are dirty anyway!" Reality it's just as dangerous as secondhand smoke, if not more.

Let's think about it folks. Where have these been eaten? What have they been eating? All sorts of bacteria are living in feces, that's why we call it waste. That why we flush our commodes and send it away. But, to quote a recent movie, "geese don't have opposable thumbs! They can't flush a toilet!" And the goose poos ends up in our laps, as well as in our own Lake Inferior. I'm sure you've

seen how great that looks lately. They are polluting our area and something must be done.

So this newly formed environmental group (or so I believe, I honestly hadn't heard of them until this article) would like for us to clean up our act. They have taken steps towards doing just that, cleaning up butts to preserve our "oh so beautiful concrete campus." I would like to issue a challenge to this group, whose names escapes me because it was that memorable, to find a pleasant solution to eradicating this real threat to our health. Yes, the ducks and geese are fun to watch, yes, they are cross-breeding and creating their own biome, yes, they add a more colorful touch to this 'university, I'm not denying that. But do not deny the hazard that they create!

Michael

D. Hall II
Theater student



NORTH POLL

What do you think of the new online registration?

Steve Lewis
Marketing
Cincinnati
"I don't like it because it's too impersonal and you don't get the assistance from a counselor that you need."



Heather Harrington
Accounting
Bellevue
"I think it's good because it's more efficient to go online so you can do it at your own convenience and you don't have to wait in line."



Trip Barringer
Graphic Design
Highland Heights

"I think it's a great idea because it's more efficient for students to register online."



Jenny Davis
Art
Wulson
"I think it sucks because what would happen if the computers crashed? Plus anyone can find out your Social Security number and your date of birth and get into the system."



Micah Preston
Pre-Engineering
Ft. Thomas
"I think it's a really good thing because it's easier and faster."



Katie Herschede
Political Science and Business Management
Ft. Thomas
"I think for the most part online scheduling is a great idea. It was fast and easy and I hope that everyone likes this way better so they don't have to wait in line forever."

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The Glass Menagerie: an intimate experience

By Jenny Piemen
Staff Writer

Northern Kentucky University's production of "The Glass Menagerie" opened to a full house Thursday evening in the Black Box theatre. The play, set in 1945 St. Louis, explores the complexities of the Wingfield family and their struggles since abandonment by the father. Amanda Wingfield struggles along with her children Tom and Laura to find happiness.

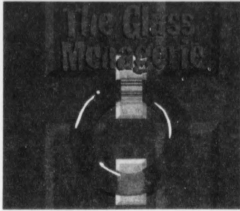
Theatregoers were greeted by the intimate apartment setting of the Wingfield family, consisting of the living and dining areas. The dimmed lighting gave a feeling of nostalgia indicating well that the story is a memory of the narrator who is also the son, Tom. The narrator appears between scenes to guide the audience in a blunt and matter of fact way through the story.

This dark tale of pain and disappointment is performed well by the actors who bring humor and playfulness to the story. The attention to set detail is refreshing as well with the worn wallpaper on the walls and the 1940's style of decor. Especially enjoyable was the use

of lighting and jazz music and melancholy piano sonatas to gracefully change scenes.

Professor Sandra Forman plays Amanda who is a mother constantly worrying and scheming for her children's future, lest they end up like her - alone. Amanda's husband left her and her two children and consequently she never quite recovered from this disappointment. Amanda often reminisces of the past when she was a flirtatious southern belle with many gentleman callers. She is unconsciously an overbearing nag to her children.

Michael D. Hall II plays Tom who is Amanda's son. Describing his character, Hall said that, "[Tom] is constantly possessed by a need to escape. He feels trapped. He wants to get away." On



stage the audience senses the annoyance of Tom at his mother's constant badgering. He works hard at a local factory to support his mother and sister, yet is accused of selfishness and self-indulgence.

Megan Hamilton plays Laura, who is Amanda's daughter and Tom's sister. She is an innocent, good-natured girl with a slightly crippled leg. "Laura is incredibly shy. She is very caring and she loves her family very, very much. She does have a limp, which also causes her to be incredibly timid around people," Hamilton said of her character. Laura, throughout the play, is conscious not to disappoint her mother, even it means lying. She can't show it to the outside world." Laura is a lonely character who finds refuge in her father's jazz

records and her glass collection consisting of a menagerie of glass figurines, hence a glass menagerie.

One of the central themes of the play is Amanda's insistence on finding a gentleman caller for Laura so that she might marry and have a life of her own. Seth Hendrix plays Jim O'Connor, who happens to be Laura's gentleman caller for an evening. Jim has the exact opposite personality of Laura and they complement each other well. He is a very confident person with a lot of self-esteem and plans and goals for himself, whereas Laura has what Jim calls an "inferiority complex."

"The Glass Menagerie" showcases some of NKU's finest theatrical talent in the intimate atmosphere of the Black Box theatre where the audience is right up-on the stage. When asked whether working in the Black Box was comfortable as opposed to the Corbett theatre, Hall said that he preferred it because, "It is so intimate and you can get away with a lot more...[and] I have no fear of people." Hamilton also agreed that she felt very comfortable in the Black Box, having similar acting experiences under her belt.

Campus Calendar

Nov. 1-30

• Zeta Phi Beta's 2nd annual clothing drive. Drop off at AASA office, UC 352. Ky hall or Norse Commons hall.

Thursday, Nov. 9:

• Graduate Open House
5-7:30 p.m. UC Ballroom
• S.T.A.R.-Student Race Dialogue follow-up. Discussion with administrators. 7-9 p.m. Norse Commons Room 117.
• Kaffeeklatsch. German coffee hour. 2 p.m. Landrum 531.

Friday, Nov. 10:

• International Student Union. 1 p.m. UC second floor lobby.

Nov. 8-10:

• First annual non-traditional student week. Sponsored by the Office of Adult Learners, Evening/Weekend Services. 3-7 p.m. UC lobby.

This is a list of some of the events happening on campus in the next week or so. If I have left anything or anyone off, please e-mail me at kleeemier@nku.edu, and I will update my list. Also, check the Student Life 2000-2001 Calendar for student organization meeting times.

A murder mystery at Sharon Woods ... kinda

By Scott Wartman
Staff Writer

The crisp October air swirled around me and my breath billowed out like a ghostly apparition as I ran frantically through the forest. I knew each breath could be my last. I heard people behind me succumbing to death with screams of alarm.

"I need to find it before the same fate befalls me!" I panted to myself.

I finally came to a tree with a crude plastic dummy lashed to it. I nervously grabbed at a piece of paper on the dummy's lap, and with much joy, I found what I was looking for!! On the Post-It note was the letter C.

The above story was my experi-

ence at Murder Mystery Night at the Heritage Village in Sharon Woods. This story is way more exciting than the actual event.

What was billed as a murder mystery, where participants would have to solve a "whodunit," turned out to be nothing more than a scavenger hunt for Post-It notes in cold weather.

Rather than having to use wits to solve this "mystery," one simply had to find eight random letters of the alphabet dispersed through out the old village in the park. Each participant had a combination of eight letters written on a sticker that was put on his/her back. Then, whoever's combination of letters matched those found on Post-It notes in the park was the "murder victim." The object was to find this

person and "murder" them by turning them in to the moderators of the event.

Well, I don't know about you, but searching for Post-It notes in a dark woods on a cold night isn't my idea of suspense.

There was some good aspects of the game, however. This was to avoid being "killed" by guys in costumes who would jump out of the woods. It added a little uncertainty to an otherwise mundane scavenger hunt.

The whole event kicked off with the two hosts, one was a man dressed in a top hat, tuxedo and white face paint and the other a woman in a rat or cat mask, addressing the crowd of 75 people by going over the rules and cracking jokes.

The people were then led through Heritage Village and noticed the village was littered with bits of paper and Post-It notes, eight of which contained the letters everyone sought. The other Post-It notes told the people to either "Keep looking," "Go to Hell," or some other delicious bon mot.

Within an hour's time, I had two frozen hands and seven of the eight letters, thanks to the help of my fellow *Northerner* reporters who were with me. In the end, only one person guessed the "murder victim" and they received \$500 in cash and prizes.

The evening, however, wasn't a bust. Everyone else received a consolation prize of graham crackers in the shape of Sesame Street characters and they tasted pretty good.

Pete's Poetry Corner

What have I to offer?

Whilst strolling down the street one day
My empty head turned
from the animalistic, mainly pursuits
of beer and sports.
A sharp turn of my head, a litting voice echoed
and there you were.
Bright, brilliant, radiant
your voice and beauty meshed.
A perfect distraction.
The perfect distraction
to drag me away from the otherwise
meaningless repetition of suds and ball.
To say this is tough,
given the great import
these activities bring to my life.
They all fade far from the proverbial
radar screen, far out of mind and sight
when I'm with you.
The world seems farther away
regular concerns an afterthought
when I'm with you.
Lo, this time we spend

while fleeting
is eternal
when I'm with you.
What might this simple hillbilly do
to carry the candle of the moment
to grand fruition.
My desire is happiness, contentment.
As I've aged, I've come to realize
that creature comforts are insignificant at best.
I realize this now
though the realization was long to manifest.
The greatest gift a man can give
is consolation and comfort.
Reassurance that despite the travails
despite what may seem insufferable at the time
it makes no real difference in the grand scheme.
Because the true joy
in this life
comes from the look in your eyes
when I get that reassurance
from your sparkle
that I have said the right thing.

By Peter W. Zubaty

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Women's soccer pulls off three-peat

This Week in
NKU Sports

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The NKU women's soccer won its third straight GLVC Championship at home Sunday. The Norse accomplished the feat by defeating the University of Missouri-St. Louis by a score of 4-1.

Junior Lori Kevill and sophomore Molly Eagan each scored for NKU in the first half to stake a 2-0 half-time lead.

The second half was more of the same. The Norse scored two more goals by junior Betsy Moore and freshman Adrienne Cavender in the half as UMSL only had three shots on goal in the game.

NKU won the game and the tournament at the Town and Country Sports Complex. "We are glad we got to host. We have wanted to all season long," junior Tricia Ruark said. "We are only a fourth year program. This is our first year since the beginning."

The Norse started the weekend playing Indianapolis in the semifinals. NKU won the game easily, 6-0, as the team scored five goals in the first half of the game.

Eagan scored two goals in the game, both in the first half, and had three goals during the tournament. "It's really good," she said. "I come off the bench and give some

depth. I contribute as much as I can."

Moore and Kevill also scored goals in the game for the Norse. They each scored two goals during the GLVC Tournament.

Juniors Jeanina Martin and Amanda Trout scored the other two goals in the game for NKU, and junior Lauren Piening and freshman Megan Zalla combined for the shutout at goalkeeper.

"This was a good confidence booster. It was something to get the ball rolling," Eagan said. "We communicated a lot better. It was exciting."

The offensive and defensive abilities of the team was very balanced in both games of the GLVC Tournament for the Norse. NKU coach Bob Sheehan said, "Our defenders have always been good. Our outside defenders played well. Molly Eagan scored three goals for us. Betsy Moore played well. Her burst of speed is back."

Ruark said the team has been sluggish offensively lately, but the last two games were anything but that. "It has been great that we can actually score goals," she said. "We have been struggling."

The Norse, ranked first in the Central Region, will now host the regionals of the NCAA Division II tournament this weekend. "We have to take it one game at a time," Ruark said. "We have to work hard."



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

The NKU women's soccer team worked hard to earn its third straight GLVC title.

The Northerner Athletes of the Week



Photos by Rachel Dietz

Left: Molly Eagan
Eagan scored three goals in the GLVC Tournament, including two in the semifinals, for the NKU women's soccer team.



Right: Bethany Gastright
Gastright powered her way to 30 kills in the NKU volleyball's five set loss to St. Joseph's College Friday.

Clark to play on men's basketball team

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The return of NKU basketball also brings back a familiar name. Todd Clark, who played on the last men's basketball team that went to the NCAA Championship game in 1997, is back for his senior year for the Norse.

Because of his past experience, Clark will be an asset to the basketball program, NKU Athletic Director Jane Meier said. "He has experience in the GLVC, regionals and the National Championship," she said. "He is in

very good physical shape."

NKU coach Ken Shields said Clark's overall play was one of the reasons the team did so well in the past. "In the 96-97 season, he was instrumental in getting us to the NCAA Tournament," Shields said. "He was one of the top seven players. He played well for us. He is a very talented player."

After a two-year layoff, Clark said he feels great to have the chance to play this season. "I was offered a second chance. I took advantage of it," he said. "I'm really thankful."

Clark's presence on the court will

help make the team more balanced, Shields said. "Last year, we didn't rebound well enough. We were thin," he said. "With Todd's and Carl's (Mitchell) presence, we will be a better rebounding team."

Clark has also been working out, which will help his game out a lot, he said. "I am in better shape than I've ever been," he said. "I will contribute a lot. I will score inside so that my all-around game is good. I will do whatever the coach asks of me."

"I am happy for the young man," Shields said. "If he has the right attitude, we will be a more quality team."

NKU men's soccer ends season with losing record

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

With two goals coming in the last five minutes by Wisconsin-Parkside, the Rangers defeated the NKU mens soccer team 2-0 in the first round of the GLVC Tournament Wednesday afternoon in Kenosha, Wis.

The Rangers came into the game with a 15-4 record and ranked No. 23 nationally in the Division II poll.

The game was dominated by tremendous defense by both

teams until the Rangers were able to sneak out two goals at the end of squeak by the Norse.

The Norse weren't able to muster any rally as Ranger goalie Tom Peer recorded a shutout with only four saves. Offensively the Norse weren't able to build any kind of rally as the Ranger defense, many times during the match was up to the challenge.

The Norse ended the tournament as the No. 5 seed and ends the season with a 7-12 record.

See Men's Soccer, Page 8

By Rick Amburgey
Special Projects Editor

Defense was the key to Northern Kentucky University's win over University of Indianapolis at Regents Hall Oct. 31.

This Halloween game marked the last game home game of regular season play. The game was also significant because it was the last home game of Coach Mary Biermann's career, marking her 281st win.

One of the strongest players offensively and defensively was Julie Hathorn.

Hathorn was NKU's most consistent server during this game. She served eight consecutive points in the first game, which took NKU from a two-point

deficit to a six-point lead.

Again in the second game, Hathorn served four consecutive points to increase NKU's lead to six.

The second game was a pure defensive battle. NKU's front line during the second game consisted of Hathorn, Denise Barhorst and newcomer Camilla Welter. Even with these three players playing well defensively, the second game was a roller coaster ride up until the very end.

Two freshmen, Welter and Sara Taylor, shined and showed much potential for the upcoming seasons.

Welter, who measures in at 5-foot-11, is strong defensively. She is very aggressive and enthusiastic while playing, and equally as

enthusiastic while on the sidelines.

Although Welter did not see a lot of play time during the Oct. 31 game, she made the best of the minutes she was in the game. Her determination, skill, and team spirit helped contribute to the team's victory over Indianapolis.

Taylor proved to be strongest at serving. She served the balls that gave NKU the winning point in both the second and third game.

Even though Taylor is one of the shortest players on the team at 5-foot-8, she is definitely emerging as an asset to NKU volleyball. In addition to winning the game, Oct. 31 was Senior Night, honoring Jessica Buraker and Bobbi Casey. Buraker holds NKU's all-time record for hits.

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Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Business matters should be taken seriously. You may feel like blowing off responsibilities, but now is not the time.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You've been waiting for answers on a project, and the news will be good. It is never easy for a Gemini to be patient, but it is worth it this time.

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
A love relationship may have been under a huge strain. Keep the lines of communication open. Money matters are the root of many troubles.

Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
Set personal and professional goals for yourself and be proud of your many accomplishments. You've worked hard and deserve some time off.

Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
An upcoming challenge will have you temporarily stymied. Try thinking outside the box for a solution to your difficulties.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Someone in a position of authority is taking a closer look at you than you may realize. Stay on your toes and be observant.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
Keep your options open when it comes to relationships and career choices. You never know when the opportunity of a lifetime may arrive.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
Be kind, even when you feel like punching people out. They can't help being ignorant. Smile to your self and know there is intelligent life out there.

Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
You are right back in the rut you worked so hard to get out of a few months ago. Try new activities and hang out with a different crowd.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Your body needs to rest and recuperate from the many stressful situations you've found yourself in. It's the only body you have, so be good to it.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
Stop making excuses and putting off what needs to be done. You'll feel so much better once it is all finished.

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SWEAT LODGE

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Students and faculty were given an opportunity to actually go through a sweat lodge. Three sessions were held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon for groups of 10 to 20 people. Elea Mihou, a senior Anthropology and International Studies major, said the sweat was a good spiritual experience and it helps you get in touch with yourself. The actual ceremony lasted 20 minutes and the students were given 10 minutes for a break before returning to the heat. Mihou said the lodge could seat 20 people comfortably and the men had to sit in a circle, in front of the women. She

added that they were asked to remove all jewelry and women had to wear shirts around their waists and men had to take off their shirts.

According to Musqua, the women represent the circle of life in the sweat lodge. "In Ojibwe tribe we believe all things came from women, but children, men and elders are represented in this circle of life as well."

Musqua said the ceremony begins with an explanation of the structure of the lodge. In the center of the lodge is a pit for hot stones are placed and water is thrown on the stones after Chief

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MEN'S SOCCER

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With a young team this year, the Norse struggled a little out of the gate. However, the Norse had some good moments as it played very well toward the end of the season, qualifying for the GLVC Tournament.

A highlight for the Norse was a dramatic come from behind win over St. Joseph College two weeks ago at Town and Country Sports Complex.

The Norse scored two goals in the final minutes by Sophomore Tony Becker and Junior Jeff Anderson to win the game.

With leaders like Becker and Anderson as well as Junior Sweeper Kevin Crane returning for the 2001 season, the Norse looks to improve on its seven win season.

Musqua says a chant in his native tongue. This marks the beginning of the purification process and Musqua sings in his native tongue and plays a drum. According to Mihou, another chant is said and more water is thrown on the stones and the sweat continues. The students emerged from inside of lodge dripping in sweat. Mihou said, "The heat does not cause hallucinations, but physically and spiritually purifies you. The Office of Affirmative Action and Multicultural Affairs organized the sweat lodge. The event is affiliated with the Peoples' Institute for Survival and Beyond, which

has come to NKU to hold workshops on undoing racism. Musqua travels with at least two women and one man around the country to conduct these sweat lodges. He has taught a group in Brooklyn, N.Y. to construct the lodge and hold ceremonies and will be traveling to Puerto Rico to teach another group. Musqua said he enjoyed his visit to NKU and he would like to come back and conduct another sweat lodge. "I think the students learned a lot and even though some couldn't handle it or didn't want to handle it, I feel I taught them a lot in a short period of time."

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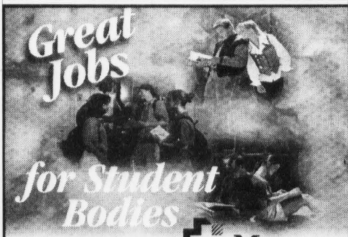
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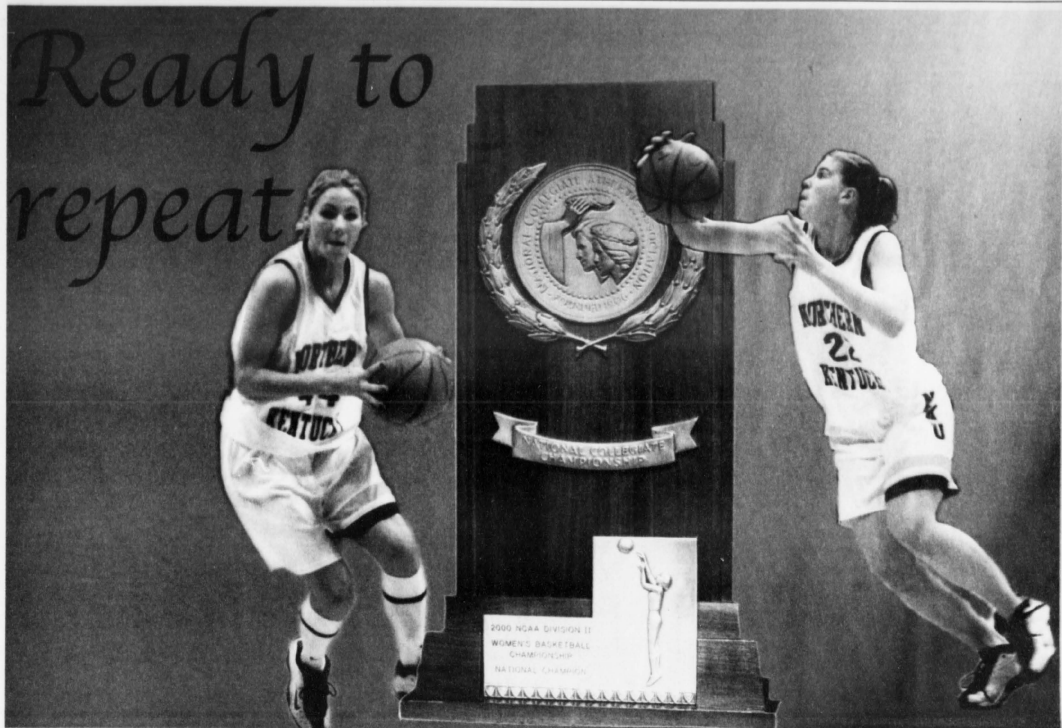
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Norse women loaded with height and depth

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

As the NKU women's basketball team enter into the 2000-01 season, there are still thoughts buzzing around regarding last year's championship run.

The women's team won the school's first ever NCAA Division II National Championship. This year, the Norse have a good chance at making another run at the crown.

NKU is ranked number one nationally, and it has all five of its starters returning from last year's team. The Norse return a total of nine players. The Norse women also add a Division I college transfer and two freshman to bolster the lineup with size and depth.

Here's a deeper look at what the Norse will look like for the players and its respective positions on the team.

CENTERS: The Norse had a lot of height on the team last year and have added even more in the off season. Junior Dana Schubeler transferred here from Butler University. She is the tallest player on the team at 6-foot-3 and will be a force on the inside for the team. Schubeler averaged 2.2 points a game and 2.1 rebounds a game last year.

Senior Julie Cowens returns for her second year on the women's team. She made 54 percent of her shots and averaged 5.8 points a game last season. Cowens will use her height and her shooting abilities to be a consistent player for the Norse.

Sophomore Kristin Polosky was a huge

lift to the team last season. She averaged 4.8 points a game as a freshman. Also, freshman Emily Phillips brings size and scoring to the ballclub. She finished her high school career at Bishop Brossart with 543 points (24th all-time) and 566 rebounds.

FORWARDS: NKU returns its top front court player in junior Michelle Cottrell. Cottrell's presence and overall play helped lead the women's team to the National Championship, which earned her Most Outstanding Player of the Elite Eight. She was first on the team in field goal percent age (56 percent) and scoring average (17.3 points a game). Cottrell was also a strong rebounder with 339 total last season.

Senior Jessica Jensen is tall at 6-foot for her position on the team, but she uses that

to her advantage against her opponents. Her strong presence produced 119 rebounds, with average of 3.6 a game.

Sophomore Amy Mobley showed leadership and clutch play in the Elite Eight last year. She scored 286 points, 8.4 a game, as a freshman and also had 227 rebounds and a team-high 39 blocks.

GUARDS: On the backcourt, senior Michele Tuchfarber will call the plays out and will set the tone for the rest of the team. She was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Elite Eight last season, she was second on the team with 437 points, an average of 13.2 a game.

Senior Heather Livingstone will continue to make contributions in her second year on the Norse women's team. She was third on the team last season with 383 points, 11.3 a

game. Livingstone was hot at the three-point line, making 48 percent (60 for 124).

Sophomores Bridget Flanagan and junior Suzie Smith will both be helpful in crucial situations for NKU. Flanagan shot 54 percent (40 for 74) at the three-point line and averaged 5.8 points a game last season. Smith contributed 47 assists and averaged 4.0 points a game.

Incoming freshman Mia Bradford is a talented player who will make her presence known when given the chance. As a senior at Notre Dame Academy last season, she averaged 14.3 points a game and 10.8 rebounds a game.

With plenty of talent coming back and more added, the Norse look prepped and ready to make another run at the championship this season.

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Twice would be nice: With 9 players returning to last season's National Champions the women's basketball team looks toward a repeat. Find out more about Julie Cowens, Amy Mobley, Bridget Flanagan and Jessica Jensen. See pages 2 and 3

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And the challengers are: Take a look at what teams in the GLVC have done in the offseason to prepare for the Norse in 2000

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The Northerner taps Winstel's wisdom

The NKU women's basketball team comes off a year in which it won the school's first-ever NCAA Division II National Championship. The team returns all five of its starters from last season in its attempt to repeat as champions.

The Northerner's Sports Editor, Bruce A. Reller, Jr., sat down with NKU women's head coach Nancy Winstel to talk about the upcoming season for the Norse.

Bruce Reller: After coming off a championship season, how do you get the team focused and ready for the upcoming season?

Nancy Winstel: My job is to try to focus on practice. This is the same plan for Nov. 17, our first game. Everything we do in the regular season gets us into the tournament.

BR: Can you explain to me more about the newcomers on the team this season?

NW: Dana Schubeler is transfer from Butler University. She is orig-

inally from Elizabethtown, Kentucky. She is a 6-foot-3 point player, who will add strength and size to the post game. She is a team-oriented player and is willing to work hard. We feel fortunate to get her on the team. Mia Bradford is a freshman from Notre Dame Academy. She is an outstanding athlete. Her basketball skills have to catch up to her athleticism. That is a typical freshman adjustment. She has the potential to do well. She may be one of the best athletes on the team. Emily Phillips is a freshman from Bishop Brossart. She is a hard worker and wants to get better. She could be a real factor for us. Both of our freshmen have talent and will continue to learn the system. They will be doing everything they are needed to do.

BR: You have four seniors (Michele Tuchfarber, Heather Livingstone, Jessica Jensen and Julie Cowens) on this year's team. How will they provide leadership to the rest of the team?

NW: It is natural process for them. All four have some familiarity with leadership. Tuchfarber is the captain. It is spread out nice with the

four players. They were in a leadership situation last year, because we were so young. They feel very comfortable. It's just a period of adjustment for them.

BR: You have a lot of height on this year's ballclub. How much of an asset is that for the team?

NW: Size is only an advantage if you make it one. Suzie and Heather are mighty but we are a tad small nationally. 6-footers do things out on the floor. Post players have speed and can run the floor. Our real challenges are catching up. We were a little small in the National Tournament. The addition of Schubeler and the two freshmen helps.

BR: Do you feel Michelle Cottrell and Tuchfarber are still the leaders on the team?

NW: The four seniors show leadership, including Cott on the court. Cott leads by example by the way she carries herself on the court. Her competitiveness takes over. Her game leadership picked up last season. She is not a vocal person, but Cott's presence definitely makes her a leader. You have to give cred-

it to Julie, Heather and Jensen. We take pride in our seniors. We give leadership to the team. We have so many weapons. It takes the pressure off them too.

BR: You were ranked first in the conference in scoring offense and second in defense last season. Even with that, what do you feel the team still needs to work on offensively and defensively?

NW: We didn't run off our offense at times. We can be so much better. We need to set better screens and get more fast breaks. We can get so much better with improvement. Defensively, there are a few things to get us to work on.

BR: Do you feel your team needs to work on its rebounding for a better mindset this season?

NW: We need to be more aggressive on the boards. We were caught not bouncing out on the court. It could have been youth. Coaching goals are to have better rebounding teams. We were not seen as that. We were accessible to be beaten on any given night. All five games, we were down at halftime in the NCAA Tournament. We didn't



strike fear in any of our opponents. The coach is there to remind you on a regular basis. You need to work in practice for when games come around.

BR: What are some of the teams you will have to watch out for in the GLVC this season?

NW: We are everybody's biggest game of the year. We have to do what we need to do. If not, we can be beaten by anybody. Edwardsville has everyone back. They were tough last year. Southern Indiana

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Jenson makes the Norse machine go

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

Despite her height, 6-foot senior center Jessica Jenson didn't start her Northern Kentucky University career as the person to look up to. She got her start as the sixth man off the bench for the NKU women's basketball team. Her big break came in her sophomore year when Shannon Smith, a senior at the time, was out of action because of an ankle injury.

Jenson was then handed the starting role, and she has made the most out of it. "She has had a great career," coach Nancy Winstel said. "She is the framework of the team."

Being the main defensive threat on the team, Jenson has worked hard to be the best she can be in that aspect of the game. "It is my main goal every game," she said. "I am more well-rounded."

Jenson is one of four seniors on the team this season. She feels she can use that to her advantage in being a leader toward the other players on the team. "It gives me seniority. I have experience that the other girls can look up to me," she said. "It is what you look for in a leader on the basketball court."

Senior teammate Michele Tuchfarber, who has played with Jenson all four years on the women's basketball team, agrees that Jenson is a role model. "She is understanding. She is not vocal," Tuchfarber said. "She says what is on her mind. That comes with leadership and construction."

That can be said for all the seniors on the team, Jenson said. "We have to set an example for the rest of the team," she said. "We have to be leaders."

With her height, Jenson has the ability to be intense against her opponents. "She does well running the floor," said NKU coach Nancy Winstel. "She makes things happen."

Jenson said it is always harder for her opponents to shoot over her because of her height. "Other teams have to adjust to my height," she said. "I am quicker, which is better than most people my height."

Winstel is a defensive-oriented coach and says she feels Jenson makes her team's defense just that much better. "She can play the post or the

perimeter," Winstel said. "She has great energy from playing defense." "We depend on her a whole lot on defense," Tuchfarber said. "She is a well-deserved player."

Jenson said she feels that it is what she does best on the team but can add more to her game. "Defensively, I become a quick and agile athlete," Jenson said. "I want to be a more of an offensive threat."

Her offensive game is a big help to the basketball team and is appreciated, Tuchfarber said. "Her points help us out in the games," Tuchfarber said. "She is not credited as much for her points."

Winstel said that when Jenson has a chance to score on the offensive end, she raises the level of intensity. "She hits the shots she is supposed to hit," Winstel said. "She is a versatile player."

With all the things Jenson has accomplished throughout her years on the basketball team, she said she hopes the team gets back to the heights they reached last year. "Our team standpoint is to get back to the Elite Eight and get to the finals again," she said. "It's going to be more difficult this year, but we have a good chance of getting there."

Jenson said she feels the two new freshmen, Emily Phillips and Mia Bradford, and the junior transfer, Dana Schubeler, will help the team do well again. "They will help with the versatility of the team," she said. "We have added athleticism this year."

Even though she has had to concentrate on certain aspects of her game, Jenson said she has had fun doing it and she has enjoyed the time she has spent on the basketball team. "I have enjoyed the friendships I've developed with my teammates, evolving and growing up with them," she said. "My key achievement or goal was the National Championship."

Winstel said it has been a pleasure working with a player like Jenson, because she has played a lot and knows how the system works on the team. "She knows what's going on, on the court," Winstel said. "We won't appreciate it until she is gone."

Sports Editor foresees NKU women's season



By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

There are many people who feel they can predict the winners and losers of the season.

Sometimes they're wrong and sometimes they're right. Well, I want to be one of those people who is right with my predictions of how the NKU women's basketball team will do this year.

Now, I'm no expert or anything like that, but I feel my predictions will be mostly accurate and will be followed through according to plan.

This is hard to do because of what the basketball team accomplished last year. Yes, they won the National Championship.

Here is what I foresee for the Norse this season:

Newcomer Dana Schubeler will be a major impact on the team this year. At center, she will startle her opponents by forcing her way inside in position for rebounds and scoring baskets.

Of course, junior forward Michelle Cottrell will be clutch for the Norse. She will continue to lead the team in scoring and will be a force on both ends of the

floor. Look for another Player of the Year honor for this talented athlete.

As one of four seniors on the squad, guard Michele Tuchfarber will be a leader toward the rest of the team. She will call plays and will be the go-to player, especially down the stretch of the game.

Heather Livingstone, another senior, is one of the quickest players on the team. Her job will be to get past her opponents and get an open shot. She will also lead the team in three-point percentage this year.

Other players on the NKU women's basketball team who will emerge as impact players on the court are sophomore forward Amy Mobley and senior centers Jessica Jenson and Julie Cowens. Mobley was a key performer during the last part of last season, especially during the NCAA Tournament. She will continue to bolster the lineup with her strong presence on the court.

Jenson has been a huge contributor to the Norse since her sophomore year. She will come in off the bench and will lend a helpful hand right off the bat. As a senior, she will also show her leadership in directing the team to victory.

Cowens will use the inside game to do most of her work. If

she is able to score points when she has the opportunity, she will get a lot more playing time.

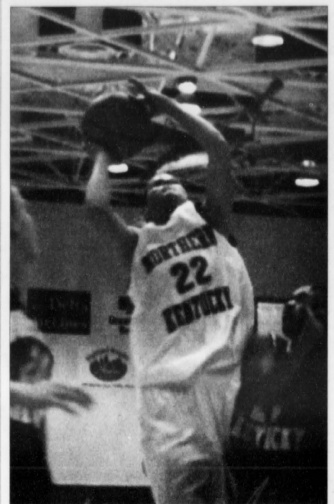
Also, junior Suzie Smith and sophomores Bridget Flanagan and Kristin Polosky will get plenty of playing time and should be contributors on the offensive end of the court.

Freshman Mia Bradford and Emily Phillips will see some action this season and could be a factor in key situations when given the chance.

Overall, the Norse should have another great shot at winning the NCAA Division II National Championship. If they don't, they will come awfully close. Coach Nancy Winstel is one of those coaches who doesn't lose very often, and I feel that won't happen very much this season.

NKU will win 30 games for the third straight season, will win the GLVC Tournament and get to the NCAA Final Four. Even though it is too early to assure my predictions, I feel that I know what I am doing in making them.

I like to make predictions, and I like to be right. Hopefully, the Norse will help make that possible this season.



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Junior Michelle Cottrell could contend for National Player of the Year honors this season.

Schubeler adds inside force

By Peter W. Zubaty
Executive Editor

One of the newest faces on the NKU women's front line belongs to junior Dana Schubeler.

Schubeler transferred to NKU from Division I Butler University, where last year she averaged 2.2 points per game and 2.1 rebounds per game.

When asked if she thought there would be a tough adjustment from D-I to D-II, Schubeler said, "as long as you're part of a successful program, it's not too bad. That's why I transferred here."

She said she hopes to be able to contribute to an already deep front line. "I just hope to be able to make a contribution, to help the team out any way I can to reach our goals. I think we're really talented, as long as we come together, we can get another national championship."

Head Coach Nancy Winstel said, "She gives more depth to a team that has pretty good size at the post. She's got



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
Dana Schubeler will add muscle to the Norse rotation.

nice touch around the basket and she can finish. She's very team-oriented and easy to coach."

Schubeler has lately been getting a workout in practice, having to battle against last year's Elite Eight Most Outstanding Player Michelle Cottrell and the plethora of offensive moves that Cottrell possesses.

Schubeler said, "I'd like to say I can make the biggest contribution on the defensive end, but I need a little work. My biggest adjustment is playing out away from the basket."

Cottrell said Schubeler's height poses some problems in their practice matchups. "I know there's someone 6-foot 3 behind me and I have to figure out a move to get around her."

Winstel said, "She needs to keep working on [her defense]. Her working against smaller, quicker players certainly helps. Her work-ethic is going to help her."

Cottrell said, "Once she gets used to playing with everyone on the team and learns her role, scoring and rebounding, she'll be a big help."

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has seven new players. They are a team to be reckoned with. Belarrhine has three seniors. They are really good and are well-coached. Indianapolis is good too. Everybody wants a feather in their cap. They are all geared up.

BR: You have accomplished a lot during your tenure as coach of the

women's basketball team. What would you still like to accomplish as a coach?

NW: The challenge is to be the best as you can be. You try to put it all together, like a jigsaw puzzle. You don't try to make fit what won't fit. What we accomplished last year, we want to try to do it again.

BR: Do you have anything else to add?

NW: I hope people come out to watch us play. We take pride in our community. They feel it is part of their championship too, and they should feel that way. We are a fun team to watch, and we play hard, regardless of what happens.

2000-01 NKU Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 17	Edinboro (Pa.)@	6p.m.
Nov. 18	Avalon Classic@	TBA
Nov. 25	Carson-Newman@	3:30p.m.
Nov. 26	Community Recorder Classic&	TBA
Nov. 30	LEWIS	5:30p.m.
Dec. 2	UW-PARKSIDE	1p.m.
Dec. 5	INDIANAPOLIS	5:30p.m.
Dec. 20	ST. FRANCIS	7p.m.
Dec. 30	FERRIS STATE	2p.m.
Jan. 4	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	5:30p.m.
Jan. 6	Southern Indiana	6:15p.m.
Jan. 11	IPFW	5:30p.m.
Jan. 13	Saint Joseph's	2p.m.
Jan. 18	BELLARMINE	5:30p.m.
Jan. 20	KY. WESLEYAN	5:30p.m.
Jan. 25	QUINCY	6:15p.m.
Jan. 27	Missouri-St. Louis	2p.m.
Feb. 1	UW-Parkside	TBA
Feb. 3	Lewis	2p.m.
Feb. 8	SAINT JOSEPH'S	5:30p.m.
Feb. 10	IPFW	2p.m.
Feb. 13	Indianapolis	5:30p.m.
Feb. 15	Ky. Wesleyan	6:15p.m.
Feb. 17	Bellarmine	5:45p.m.
Feb. 22	MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS	5:30p.m.
Feb. 24	QUINCY	1p.m.
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Mobley muscles through the GLVC

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

The willingness to work hard and compete all the time made Amy Mobley one of the clutch players down the stretch for the NKU women's basketball team in the NCAA Tournament. She acted as though senior even though she was only a freshman. "She did really good the last couple of games," sophomore Bridget Flanagan said. "She was enthusiastic."

This is one reason Mobley, a 5-foot-11-inch sophomore forward, got so much playing time as a freshman. With her strong build and her fierce competitiveness, she was second on the team in rebounding last year. "Using my strength is important," she said. "I box out, and I am quick off my feet. I anticipate things. I know where to go."

Despite this, Mobley isn't satisfied. "She is trying to get better every day," NKU Coach Nancy Winstel said. "She tries to stay consistent. Mobley's rebounding skills make

her one of the most versatile players on the court, Winstel said. "Her strength and power helps her out a lot. She doesn't get pushed around much. She puts her body on people, and it makes her an even better rebounder."

She works hard every game so that she can play every game, Winstel said. "She doesn't like to sit on the bench. She doesn't want to be left out."

Mobley fit right in with the team as a freshman, which helped her blend into the system quickly. "I came in as a freshman and met some people I knew," she said. "The upperclassmen were nice. From the beginning, it's been great. I felt like I was here forever."

Mobley, however, hasn't done it all alone. She has had the help of her teammates in getting to their achievements last year. "Teamwork is the main part of our game," she said. "With it, we wouldn't have won the National Championship. We work well together. All the points are spread out."

Mobley's relationship with her other teammates is what makes teamwork a success, she said. "Everyone gets along. We are there for each other. If we have a conflict, it's solved right away. We usually don't have any. We play basketball, that's all."

Flanagan, who has played Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) ball with Mobley since her junior year in high school and has been best friends with her since then, agrees. "She pushes everyone to do their best. She does it in a positive way," Flanagan said. "If they (the players) are having a bad practice, she tells them where to go; she helps them out."

Mobley is a very vocal person, which is one of the reasons she gets along with everybody so well, Flanagan said. "By attitude, she encourages teammates what they're supposed to be. She pushes me to do my best. She communicates real well."

Mobley credits Winstel's coaching for developing her basketball skills.

"She is never down on us. She is a positive person," Mobley said.

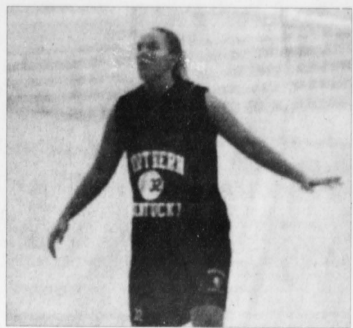
Because of Winstel's coaching, Mobley has become a player who can play many positions inside and outside and at the perimeter. "She can make key plays at key times," Winstel said.

Even though basketball takes up a lot of her time, Mobley has other hobbies too. "I like to rollerblade and go to the park to ride my bike," she said.

She said it is hard to do that, because she is living at school. "I eat breakfast to make it through the day," Mobley said. "I go to class until one. I go to practice for a couple of hours. I lift weights three days a week."

Mobley also works hard off the court on her studies. "I go to study tables," she said. "I am usually at my room by 5:30, and I study."

No matter what, Mobley loves the game of basketball. "We want to play as well as we can. We want to try our best," she said. "Also, we don't want to base our season on last year's season. This is a new season."



Amy Mobley will try to prove the success she had as a freshman was no fluke with an even better season this year.

Cowens brings whole new level to her game

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

With basketball being in her blood, senior forward Julie Cowens said coming to Northern Kentucky University would cause many people to think about the past.

Cowens is the niece of former Boston Celtic and Newport (Ky.) Central Catholic H.S. star Dave Cowens. Talking about Julie, Dave says: "She's a player that loves the game. She is a good player with strong offensive moves and a good rebounder. She has a love for basketball and works really hard at it."

When asked about the season overall for Julie, Dave says, "With everyone coming back down there, she should have a great season for herself and the team."

NKU Head Coach Nancy Winstel said she really thinks that Julie has earned respect for herself on the court. "When Julie first came to NKU, the fact that her last name was very popular in this area put a little pressure on her. Now, Julie has earned the respect for herself because of her play on the court."

Cowens came to NKU from Urbana College in 1998, when she played for two

years. Cowens said it was easy making the choice to transfer. "NKU was my first choice. I have

family nearby and it's close to where they could see me play," she said.

"They have always been there for me. They have supported me in everything I do. With playing close now at NKU, they are always at my games supporting me," said Cowens.

Cowens said she feels very good about her decision to play for Winstel and the leadership skills she provides. "She is a great coach. stretch. 'Julie improved on a regular basis.



Julie Cowens (31) cleans the glass for the shot.

She helped me improve my skills over the better. Off the court, coach is always there for you, no matter what the situation is."

Cowens said she felt satisfied in her decision after winning the National Championship last year. "It was great. It was an exciting time for the team when we won."

Cowens was a sneaky scorer down the stretch last year for the Norse. Many defenses concentrated on senior guard Michele Tuchfarber and junior forward Michelle Cottrell. Cowens was able to hit some big shots down the stretch to help the team.

Winstel said she felt Cowens was a very important part of last year's team and success down the stretch. "Julie improved on a regular basis.

She focused more on her defense and rebounding while her offense also improved late in the season."

Last year the Norse had many players who could score. Because of that, Julie was the fifth leading scorer on the team with a 7.8 average. Cowens said she really isn't worried about scoring and where she plays. "I don't think scoring is the most important thing. Everyone will play this year and everyone will score in certain situations."

Winstel said she feels like Cowens has a special quality that many coaches dream their players have. "Julie understands the team unit and cares more about winning than individual success."

With all the success this team had last year with scoring, Winstel calls Cowens the secret weapon of this year's team. "With the success Tuchfarber and Cottrell had last year, Julie will have many good opportunities to score."

"Defenses are going to try to attack everybody on the floor for us this year because of our success last year. We all have to be ready to play every night," said Cowens.

Cowens enters the 2000-01 season in a different situation. She is now a senior and

will be in charge of pushing her team to work hard and give the newcomers some direction, compared to last year when she could just relax and be a role player.

"I want to help the newcomers mesh, to be as good as the team was last year."

Cowens comes into this pre-season with the opportunity to play all three post positions. She could be more suited at the forward spot if she continues to develop her outside shot. Her rebounding improvement has made her a premier inside player in the GLVC conference.

Outside of basketball, Cowens enjoys watching movies and working with kids in a school setting. She loves to spend quality time with friends and teammates as well.

After college, Cowens plans on using her Human Services and Mental Health Degree to land a job. She will also go back to school to receive her masters as an art therapist.

She said she feels her experience at NKU has been rewarding in all areas of her life. "On the court, I have had great experiences meeting new people and spending time with my teammates. Off the court, I have enjoyed campus life. The faculty and staff have been really good to me."

Three new faces for the champs

By Laura Parsons
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University Women's Basketball team acquired three solid players to play on this season's defending championship team. Mia Bradford, Emily Phillips and Dana Schubeler joined this year's team at guard and center, respectively.

Bradford, the only new guard, is a freshman from Covington's Notre Dame Academy. The team won its District Finals in 1999, a feat Notre Dame had not accomplished in ten years. Bradford also set a school scoring record for points scored in a single game at 36.

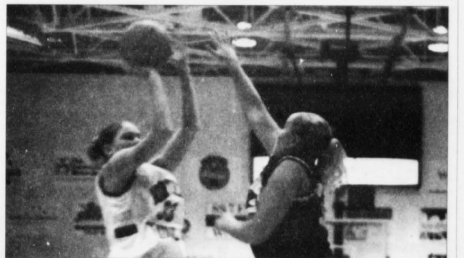
Phillips, also a freshman, played center at Bishop Brossart High School in Alexandria. Phillips ranks number 24 of all point scorers at Bishop Brossart with 543 total points.

Schubeler is returning home to Kentucky after playing two seasons at Division I Butler University in Indiana. Schubeler hails from Elizabethtown and is a 1998 graduate of Elizabethtown High School. The 1998 season proved successful for Schubeler and the Panthers, while Schubeler received Honorable

Mention All-State honors and led the Panthers to the State Championship.

While at Butler, she averaged 2.2 points and 2.1 rebounds per game. Schubeler also racked up honors on the Kentucky All-Star Team and the Gatorade Player of the Year for Kentucky in 1998.

Coach Nancy Winstel expects good things from the new players. "We chose to recruit these players because we think they fit well into our program," she said. "We are very team-oriented and they have great chemistry with the returning players on the team."



Sophomore Bridget Flanagan might play a major role this season as the Norse gun for a second National Championship.

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Women's GLVC at a Glance

Northern Kentucky University NORSE



Location: Highland Heights, Ky.

Head Coach: Nancy Winstel (362-120, 17 years)

Last Season: 32-2 (19-1 GLVC)

Homecourt: Regents Hall (2,000)

Returning Players: 9

Key Losses: None

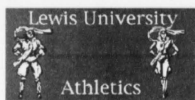
GLVC Titles: 5

Overview: Coach Nancy Winstel brings back every major contributor from last season's National Champion. Not only does NKU have the best post player in the nation in Cottrell three-point threat Tuchfarber back, but sophomores Polosky, Flanagan and Mobley are even better.

Might make it to March if... There is no night. Barring injuries to any major players, the Norse will contend for the title again.

Will look forward to the off season if... A major injury occurs.

Lewis University FLYERS



Location: Romeoville, Ill.

Head Coach: Brian Michalak (99-91, 7 years)

Last Season: 17-10 (14-6 GLVC)

Homecourt: Neil Carey Arena (855)

Returning Players: Unavailable

Key Losses: Kellie Harmas and Carey Jewell

GLVC Titles: 2

Overview: Carey Jewell and Kellie Harmas were one of the best one-two punches in the GLVC and their scoring will be missed. Look for a down season in Romeoville.

Might make it to March if... Lewis can find replacements for their big guns. Don't bet on it. Look for a 15 or 14 win season

Will look forward to the off season if... They will. After two straight 17 win seasons, this team is on the downswing.

Quincy University HAWKS



Location: Quincy, Ill.

Head Coach: Larry Just (11-67, 3 years)

Last Season: 6-20 (2-18 GLVC)

Homecourt: Memorial Stadium

Returning Players: 9

Key Losses: None

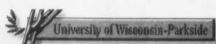
GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: With the four top scorers from last season all returning look for the Hawks to get revenge on some teams this year. They have a lot of let winners returning. They won't lose by 13 points a game this season like last. They'll be better. Look for about 12-15 wins.

Might make it to March if... They aren't ready yet. If Just can have another good recruiting season they may be a great team in the future.

Will look forward to the off season if... They will, but be improved.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside RANGERS



Location: Kenosha, Wis.

Head Coach: Paulette Stein (276-306, 22 years)

Last Season: 9-17 (5-15 GLVC)

Homecourt: Sports/Activities Center (2,100)

Returning Players: Unavailable

Key Losses: None

GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: Senior Haley Meyer needs to put up better than 10 points a game for the Rangers to improve on last season. Look for them to be sitting home come March with Quincy, St. Joseph's and Kentucky Wesleyan.

Might make it to March if... A few players come out of nowhere and put up big numbers. But I doubt it.

Will look forward to the off season if... The returnees don't get better. Much better.

Bellarmine College KNIGHTS



Location: Louisville, Ky.

Head Coach: David Smith (365-134, 18 years)

Last Season: 18-10 (12-8 GLVC)

Homecourt: Knights Hall (3,000)

Returning Players: Unavailable

Key Losses: Betsy Young

GLVC Titles: 4

Overview: Coach Smith lost guard Betsy Young, the team's third leading scorer but center Steph Hutchcraft and guard Rachel Young are back. Hutchcraft was the team's leading scorer (14.4 pts.) a year ago and Young was an All-GLVC honorable mention. They'll need them to be even better.

Might make it to March if... Any of the other players can step up and help this up-and-coming team get over the hump and make a serious run.

Will look forward to the off season if... Young and Hutchcraft have no help.

Kentucky Wesleyan College PANTHERS



Location: Owensboro, Ky.

Head Coach: Tandy Bradford (first season)

Last Season: 12-14 (9-11 GLVC)

Homecourt: Sportscenter (5,450)

Returning Players: 6

Key Losses: Rae Keith

GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: New coach Tandy Bradford entering her first season, and it won't be a pretty one. Wesleyan lost it's best player in Kieth. Crystal Martin is a solid post player but sophomore Kanni Vial will have to grow up quick for the Panthers to improve on last season.

Might make it to March if... Unless some of Wesleyan's eight freshmen and Juco transfers has a good season, they won't.

Will look forward to the off season if... The new faces don't produce.

St. Joseph's College PUMAS



Location: Rensselaer, Ind.

Head Coach: Lynn Plett (83-80, 6 years)

Last Season: 6-20 (4-16 GLVC)

Homecourt: Alumni Fieldhouse (2,500)

Returning Players: 6

Key Losses: Angie Hupfer and Tamara Bumpers

GLVC Titles: 5

Overview: It is possible to be worse than 6-20? Yes, if you're the Pumas. They may have 6 returning players but Plett lost Bumpers and Hupfer. Hupfer led the GLVC in scoring and was second in rebounds. Sorry St. Joseph, three wins, tops.

Might make it to March if... Very funny.

Will look forward to the off season if... The other 11 teams in the GLVC show up.

University of Southern Indiana SCREAMING EAGLES



Location: Evansville, Ind.

Head Coach: Rick Stein (15-12, 1 year)

Last Season: 15-12 (10-10 GLVC)

Homecourt: PAC (3,300)

Returning Players: 5

Key Losses: Mindy Gingerich

GLVC Titles: 3

Overview: Junior Casey Hughes will have a good season and Senior Nathalie Gieser could have a big season as well. Sophomore point guard Bethany Miller will be Gingerich's replacement and maybe upgrade. A 20 win season isn't impossible but I'll bet on 17 or 18.

Might make it to March if... Any new players have a good season. If so they might cause trouble in the GLVC Tournament.

Will look forward to the off season if... Bethany Miller struggles at the point.

University of Indianapolis GREYHOUNDS



Location: Indianapolis, Ind.

Head Coach: Teri Moren (first season)

Last Season: 17-12 (9-11 GLVC)

Homecourt: Nicsson Hall (4,000)

Returning Players: 12

Key Losses: Rana Glenn

GLVC Titles: 1

Overview: The Greyhounds had the third best offense in the GLVC last season but only the ninth best defense. This needs to improve if it wants to build on last year's mediocre season. All-GLVC second teamer Elizabeth Ramsey is in her senior year and will want a tournament bid bad.

Might make it to March if... Coach Moren can get her team to play defense.

Will look forward to the off season if... They try to outscore teams again.

Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne MASTODONS



Location: Fort Wayne, Ind.

Head Coach: Carl Smesko (13-14, 1 year)

Last Season: 13-14 (9-11 GLVC)

Homecourt: Gates Sports Center (2,700)

Returning Players: 5

Key Losses: Kara Moore

GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: Look for the Mastodons to improve on last season's record. While only bringing back five players, two are GLVC Newcomer of the year Trish Flemming and the GLVC's third leading scorer, senior Jamie Bolderman. They combined to average more than 33 points a game.

Might make it to March if... This season's recruiting class can produce like last season's.

Will look forward to the off season if... None of Smesko's recruits pan out.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville COUGARS



Location: Edwardsville, Ill.

Head Coach: Wendy Hedberg (331-246, 20 years)

Last Season: 18-9 (13-7 GLVC)

Homecourt: Vadalabene Center (4,000)

Returning Players: 10

Key Losses: None

GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: Look for the Cougars to give NKU a run for their money. Senior Missi Clark is the second best player in the league, only because she isn't a dominating rebounder. Did I mention she averaged 21 points a game?

Might make it to March if... The only if is: if NKU falls SIUE will win the GLVC. All five starters are back and more experienced.

Will look forward to the off season if... SIUE's team defense falters. They

University of Missouri-St. Louis RIVERWOMEN



Location: St. Louis, Mo.

Head Coach: Shelly Etheridge (48-36, 3 years)

Last Season: 19-11 (14-6 GLVC)

Homecourt: Mark Twain Building (4,736)

Returning Players: 3

Key Losses: Tawanda Daniel, Amanda Wentzel and Sara Mauck

GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: St. Louis has seen better days. Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Need I go on? No team was his harder, in the GLVC, by graduation than UMSL. They lost their three top scorers from last year. Their tank may not be empty but they need some unproven players to step up.

Might make it to March if... They had some talent buried on their bench and the eight new players contribute right away.

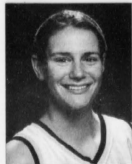
Will look forward to the off season if... UMSL didn't reload.

20 Michele Tuchfarber
Senior
5'8" Guard



At NKU: This will be Tuchfarber's fourth season...outstanding all-around player...deadly three-point shooter...excellent rebounding guard...made 48 of 106 three-pointers last season.
1999-00: Averaged 13.2 points a game...named most outstanding player of the GLVC Conference Tournament...named to the Elite Eight All-Tournament Team.
1998-99: Named second team All-GLVC...Voted the NCAA Great Lakes Regional's most outstanding player.
1997-98: Averaged 11.5 points and 5 rebounds a game.

31 Julie Cowens
Senior
6'0" Forward/Center



At NKU: Cowens begins her second season at NKU...solid post player...might give the Norse 10 points and 6 rebounds a game this year...transferred from Urbana (Ohio) University.
1999-00: Averaged 7.8 and 3.3 rebounds a game...scored in double figures 12 times...had 19 points in the Final Four.
At Urbana: Was the school's leading scorer and rebounder...earned MVP honors in three tournaments.

22 Michelle Cottrell
Junior
5'11" Forward



At NKU: This will be Cottrell's third season at NKU...might be the best post player in the nation...earned Kodak All-America honors last season...could end the season as the NCAA Div. II National Player of the Year.
1999-00: Averaged 17.3 points and 9.4 rebounds a game...scored 23 points and 19 rebounds in the National Championship Game...named GLVC co-Player of the year...named Great Lakes Region Tournament most outstanding player...first sophomore in NKU women's history to score 1,000 career points.
1998-99: Averaged 18.1 points and 9.1 rebounds...first team All-GLVC...GLVC Freshman of the year...second team All Great Lakes Region...GLVC Tournament's most outstanding player.

25 Dana Schubeler
Junior
6'3" Center



At NKU: Schubeler begins her first season at NKU...excellent inside scorer and rebounder...should take some of the inside pressure off Cottrell...transferred from Div. I Butler University.
At Butler: Averaged 2.2 points and 2.1 rebounds last season.

32 Amy Mobley
Sophomore
5'11" Forward



At NKU: Mobley is entering her second season...one of the more versatile players on the squad...can shoot from the outside, go inside, put the ball on the floor and defend...awesome shot-blocker...look for Mobley's numbers to get better every season...might be a star in the making.
1999-00: Averaged 8.4 points and 6.7 rebounds...led the Norse with 39 blocked shots...also added 77 assists and 35 steals.

30 Mia Bradford
Freshman
5'6" Guard



At NKU: Bradford enters her first year at NKU...good scorer...outstanding rebounder for a 5'6" guard, averaged more than 10 a game in high school at Notre Dame Academy.
High School: Graduated from Notre Dame Academy...averaged 14.3 points and 10.8 rebounds...scored 36 against Bishop Brossart

44 Jessica Jensen
Senior
6'0" Forward



At NKU: Jensen is entering her fourth season with the Norse...good defender and rebounder...excels as a role player.
1999-00: Averaged 4.5 points and 3.6 rebounds a game...was the team's defensive stopper.
1998-99: Averaged 6.3 points and 3.2 rebounds a game...scored a career-high 16 points against Kentucky Wesleyan in the GLVC Tournament.
1997-1998: Averaged 3.4 points and 2.4 rebounds...shot more than 91 percent from the free throw line.

11 Heather Livingstone
Senior
5'4" Guard



At NKU: Livingstone enters her second season with the Norse...great three-point shooter...very quick...amazing passer...good hands defensively...transferred from Winona (Minn.) State University.
1999-00: Averaged 11.3 points a contest...led GLVC in three-point shooting...led team in assists...had 52 steals...scored in double figures 22 times.
At Winona: Averaged 13 points a game her last season there and dished out 103 assists.

15 Suzie Smith
Junior
5'6" Guard



At NKU: Smith begins her third season with the Norse...great defender and passer...member of the 2000 NKU/Sun Bank All-Academic Team and Academic All-GLVC Team.
1999-00: Averaged 4 points a game and had 47 assists and 19 steals scored career-highs in points, 13, and rebounds, 5, against Kentucky State.
1998-99: Averaged 1.7 points and 1 rebound...had 15 assists and six steals.

33 Bridget Flanagan
Sophomore
5'10" Guard/Forward



At NKU: This will be Flanagan's second season at NKU...one of the best outside shooters on the team...can play inside or out.
1999-00: Averaged 5.8 points and 1.4 rebounds a game...made 40 three-pointers in just 74 attempts...dished out 30 assists and had 32 steals.

34 Kristen Polosky
Sophomore
6'1" Center



At NKU: This will be Polosky's second season at NKU...good athletic inside scorer...can shoot the three...if Polosky gets physically stronger, look out.
1999-00: Averaged 4.8 points and 2.7 rebounds...had 10 steals against Union (KY)...scored 10 points in the Final Four.

42 Emily Phillips
Freshman
6'1" Center



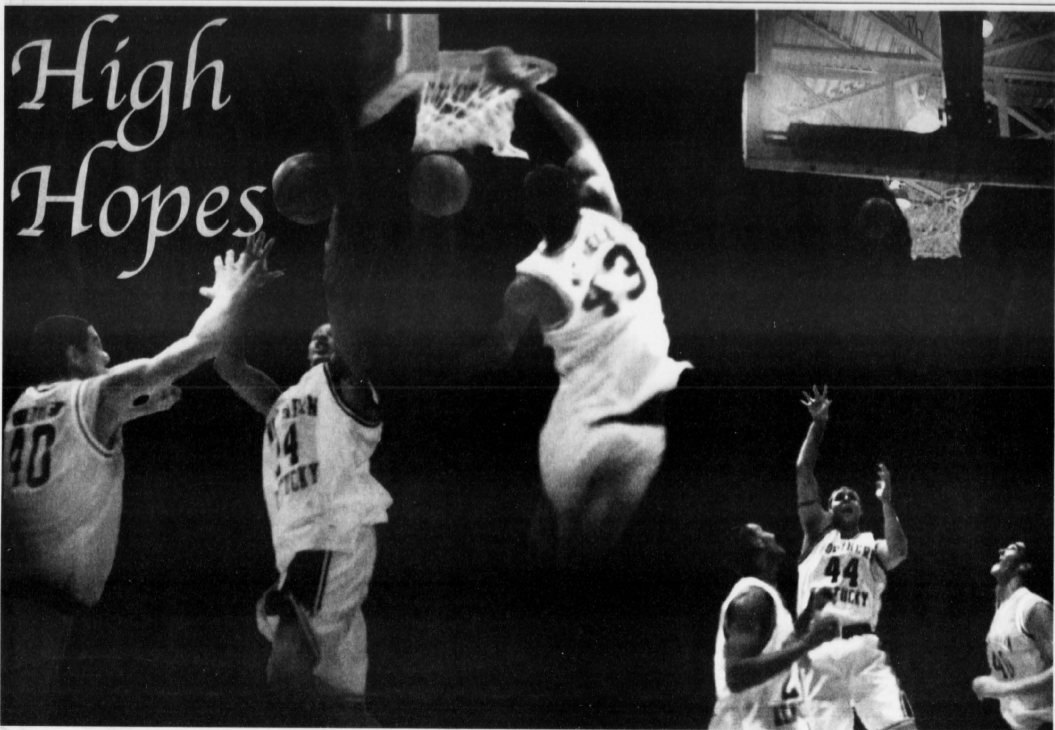
At NKU: Phillips begins her first year at NKU...good post player...will add depth to the frontcourt this season.
High School: Graduated from Bishop Brossart High School...scored 543 career points, 24th best all-time at Bishop Brossart, and grabbed 566 rebounds.

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Senior-heavy Norse ready to ball

By Jason R. Crisler
Production Manager

With six seniors on this season's men's basketball team, the team will be nothing if not experienced.

NKU is ranked third in the Great Lakes Valley Conference preseason poll and has added six new faces to last season's team which advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

With the addition of five new players who will play this season,

the Norse have even more talent and depth at every position.

GUARDS: NKU welcomes back backcourt mainstays seniors Craig Conley and Brian Lawhon. Both averaged more than ten points a game and can stretch defenses with their outside shooting.

Lawhon is especially dangerous from three-point range. He nailed 44.7 percent of his threes last season.

Conley causes matchup problems as well because he is just as likely to

drive to the basket as shoot from the outside.

Up-and-coming star point guard Brenden Stowers might start most of the games at the point guard position, head men's basketball coach Ken Shields said.

Freshmen Sean Rowland and Mike Kelsey, both from Elder High School, will add depth to a position that also includes junior Brian Schaeffer and sophomore Josh Murphy.

Forwards: Junior Craig Sanders

is one of the best small forwards in the GLVC. He led the team in scoring last season with a 12 points per game average. He might be the best small forward in the GLVC.

Newcomer Jeff McKinley, a senior who transferred from the University of Louisville, adds versatility to the position. At 6-foot-6-inches, 235 pounds, he can play power forward.

Senior Adam Norwell, at 6-foot-6-inches, is a natural power forward, and with the depth NKU has at cen-

ter he shouldn't have to log many minutes at the pivot.

Because of his athleticism and outside shooting he can also play the small forward position.

Junior Carl Mitchell is the tallest forward of the bunch (6-foot-9-inches) but because of his athleticism and shooting range he'll play the forward position most of the time.

Center: The center position for the Norse is the deepest it's been in years. They have four quality centers who could start for most teams

in the GLVC.

Senior Zach Wieber is coming off his first season with the Norse and is a big body under the basket who can score and rebound.

Senior Todd Clark is back after a two-year layoff and will contribute right away.

Like Wieber, Clark can push guys around under the basket and has a nice touch around the basket.

Mitchell and Norwell are also available and can fill the position well.

Coach Shields' final answer

As I walk through Regents Hall, my eye travels to the women's National Championship banner hanging from the rafters. Can the men get one too?

Northern Kentucky University's head men's basketball coach Ken Shields has led two previous Norse teams to the National Championship game, only to fall short in both. Will this year's squad be the one to get Shields and the school the title? This is just one of the questions that I hoped to have answered as I sat down with Shields to hopefully figure it all out.

Jason Crisler: Would you rather start the season No. 1 in the GLVC, or is it easier to not have that expectation or does it matter? (NKU's men's team is ranked third in the preseason GLVC poll)

Ken Shields: It really doesn't matter to me where you start. Last year we were one (ranked No. 1 in the preseason GLVC poll) by maybe a hair to start it. This year we're obviously three, we didn't get a first place vote but I think that everybody recognizes the tremendous tradition of both (Kentucky) Wesleyan and Southern Indiana. We're ranked as high as sixth in the nation yet we're ranked behind two of our adversaries in the GLVC. I'm happy where we are.

JC: Do you mold your players into your offensive and defensive strategies or do you design your strategies every year around the abilities of your players?

KS: Well, you know, there is a little bit of both sides to that. One thing is we try to recruit play-

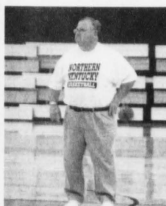
ers that can fit into the general system that we have defensively and offensively and yet, I think, every year you make adjustments, some of them more subtle than others, to try to incorporate the best attributes of each player and collectively what they're going to do. We take a look at the players as it relates to our system and we do make some adjustments with the system. There is a basic style and procedure that every coach has and every system has but there are adjustments to be made.

JC: Explain what style of offense Norse fans can expect this season.

KS: I think it's going to be a fast-breaking type of offense that will look to run with the ball, they're going to look for some transition, early offensive opportunities. I think that you're going to also see them in the half court set, which has been characteristic of my style to operate out of several different sets and run certain plays out of each set. The plays are sometimes the same but the set on the floor is different, which does cause problems.

JC: There is no doubt this team will shoot well; will this team have enough inside presence to have balance?

KS: I think it is going to be a more balanced team. Last year, in all truthfulness, inside (Adam



Norwell had some big ball games for us and Zach (Wieber) had a few pretty big ones but we didn't rebound the ball as well as we need to. This team, I think, with Norwell and Wieber being stronger and a year more experienced, and of course the fact that Carl Mitchell, who's just a tremendous rebounder, is here and Jeff McKinley, I think you're going to see us rebound the ball better this year than we did last year.

JC: You lost three major contributors from last year's team, Billy Brewster, Kevin Listerman and Scott Marston. Are the new players going to fill their roles or do something the others couldn't?

KS: With losing Kevin Listerman we lost an unbelievable player as far as defense is concerned and leadership. In Marston we lost a great shooter, only a prolific shooter and Billy Brewster, who you know, he played his role. He wasn't as big a factor as maybe I thought he'd be. So we lost people, but we added Carl Mitchell, who is truly an outstanding player who can play both on the perimeter and inside. I think he has the capacity, if things go right, to be All-Conference and possibly be considered, in his career, for All-American.

JC: Who is the most improved player from last year's team?

KS: Based on what I've seen so far, I think Brendan Stowers has been the one that looks to me like he's graduated up to another level. I thought he did well for us last year. He was very instrumental in some of our key wins. I think from last year and this he probably would be the one that is considered the most improved.

JC: What newcomer this season will have the biggest impact?

KS: Carl Mitchell will have the biggest impact. Bobby St. Preux, we're not certain whether he'll redshirt or not. He'll like to redshirt. We'll make that decision as we go.

JC: You have all these players, are you going to have enough shots to go around?

KS: (Chuckling) To me, the key to winning, you got to have talent. You got to play good defense. This is a concern of mine. This team has to become better defensively, and leadership-wise we have a big void. As far as shots are concerned I think the key is that they need to understand to be patient and not try to do too much themselves. If they break the defense down with passing and penetration off the dribble we're going to have some good shots and we have good shooters. I really think there will be enough opportunities for all.

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MEN Veteran Leadership:

With six seniors on this season's squad look for the Norse to make a run at the GLVC Title and beyond. Read more about three seniors who have been at NKU their entire careers, junior Craig Sanders and transfers Jeff McKinley and Carl Mitchell.

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GLVC OUTLOOK

And the challengers are: Take a look at what teams in the GLVC have done in the off-season to prepare for the Norse in 2000.

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Transfer Carl Mitchell can electrify

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

It was a no-brainer for Carl Mitchell when asked why he ended up at NKU.

As many Division I and II colleges began to talk to Mitchell, there was one major factor that persuaded him to come to NKU. "I trusted coach (Ken) Shields and felt good about our relationship. He made me feel like it was home for me. I felt very comfortable with all the coaches," Mitchell said.

Mitchell played his junior college ball at Gulf Coast Junior College in Panama City, Fla.

He had a very successful season last year at the Florida school averaging 16.2 points a game and 13 rebounds.

Mitchell graduated from Dothan (Ala.) High School in 1997.

At Dothan, there is a basketball record which means a great deal to the Mitchell family.

While at Dothan, Mitchell broke the all-time blocked shots record of 146 in one season. The record was previously held by Mitchell's father. Mitchell finished his senior season with an 172 blocks.

Mitchell describes that time as a exciting



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Carl Mitchell will bring inside scoring, versatility and athleticism to the Norse this season.

time for him and the school. "It was great getting the record. I have a special attitude toward defense and blocking shots."

Mitchell will be counted on this year to play

both forward positions. Shields said he feels both positions should fit his game well in all areas. "Carl is a very athletic 6-foot-9, that is getting stronger everyday."

NKU men's basketball coach Ken Shields describes Mitchell as a special player with tremendous ability. "He is a pure basketball player that can run the floor well, score and play defense well."

Mitchell popped on to the scene in mid-season as he had to meet some academic requirements before entering school.

Shields gives credit in discovering Mitchell to his assistant coaches Dave Bezold and Donnie McFarland. "Coach Bezold discovered him in Florida last year and built a very positive relationship with him."

"Last February, McFarland spent two weekends in Florida watching Carl and built a good rapport with him," said Shields.

Mitchell will have to adapt to a new system at NKU where there are many talented players who can score.

That doesn't seem to worry Mitchell very much. "We have a good team here. We have great players that can all score. It's going to be fun."

Many athletes coming in to college set high goals for themselves. Mitchell seems to take a little different approach in terms of individual goals. "I just want to go with the flow of the season. I want to do whatever the team needs me to do to win."

In most pre-season publications, NKU men's basketball team is rated anywhere in the top ten nationally in Division II. Mitchell said he feels the team has one major goal in mind for this season. "We want a National Championship; we just need to improve and play together to reach that goal."

Senior center Zack Wieber said he feels Mitchell can be a major factor for the team. "He has athletic ability on the floor and major explosiveness that we didn't have last year."

Along with Mitchell, Wieber will be counted on to help control the boards and dominate the inside for the Norse. Wieber said he feels Mitchell's height will help the team in all areas. "He is able to guard on the floor against

smaller and quicker guys and also be able to mix it up in the paint."

In many expert's minds, Mitchell has been compared to Aaron Moore, who played at NKU from 1993-97; a very athletic player who could go inside or outside. He always improved through his senior year.

Shields would only go as far as saying Mitchell will be a very important part of this year's team. "I want Carl to step up and play well. When things are down for the team, I hope to see leadership out of him."

Shields said he feels that if he keeps working on his game, he could end up a very good basketball player as early as this year for the Norse. "He is very capable of being a great basketball player. He is a very intense person on the court. I would be real surprised if he doesn't make first team all conference this year."

Away from basketball, Mitchell really loves animals and enjoys going to the zoo. One day Mitchell would like to see his hard work pay off. "After college, I would love to play somewhere I could get paid for it."

With all the talented players on the roster, playing time will be earned by the players this year. You can expect Mitchell to be a part of that lineup when the Norse open the season.

McKinley's journey ends at Northern Kentucky University

By Jason R. Orsler
Production Manager

Jeff McKinley is a rare breed of basketball player. He can do it all.

McKinley stands 6-foot-6-inches and weighs 235 lbs. His size causes trouble for opposing guards and his shooting ability and quickness causes trouble for post players. He's "hard to guard," senior Craig Conley said.

While playing at Simon Kenton High School he played all five positions. He was called on to score, rebound, pass and start the offense at times.

McKinley said he hopes to do all those here at Northern Kentucky University.

Men's head basketball coach Ken Shields said that McKinley will be mostly, "an all purpose perimeter player." But don't be surprised if he gets time at center or power forward.

"I've played point, it's good experience playing against Conley and (Brendan) Stowers and I've played post against Zach (Wieber), (Adam) Norvell and Carl (Mitchell)."

"He's very versatile," Conley said.

Junior Craig Sanders agrees. "He can play any position."

Shields said that his ability to play multiple positions gives the Norse more options when substituting.

Shields said he loves McKinley's passing the best.

"He's a sterling passer," Shields said. "He delivers the ball so well to the open man," Shields said McKinley will be the best on the team at delivering the ball to the post.

Conley said, "He sees the floor real well."

McKinley started his college basketball career at the University of Louisville.

He said he spent four years there,

and earned his degree in Criminal Justice.

He said he sat out his first season as a redshirt. His next two seasons he played a fair amount of time but in his third year his minutes diminished.

His last season at UofL, McKinley averaged just 1.8 points a game, and played in only eight games.

"(UofL) brought in a lot of guards," he said.



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner

Transfer Jeff McKinley adds versatility and experience to the Norse offense.

McKinley left UofL for an opportunity to play more in his final season of eligibility, and it did close to home. Denny Crum, head men's basketball coach at UofL, said McKinley didn't have the foot speed to compete at the level Division I schools play at. "He wasn't quick enough to guard Division I guards."

McKinley said his experience at UofL had its good points and bad. "I

have a lot of good memories."

He said he has no regrets about going there. "I try not to regret anything in my life."

McKinley said he considered attending NKU or Kentucky Wesleyan. He chose NKU because it was closer to his family, father Leroy, mother Mary, brother Troy and sister Joy.

Family, McKinley said, has been one of the biggest influences in his life.

His father said that coming from high school, where he played every minute of every game, sitting out wasn't easy for his son.

"He never gave up," he said. "He got his degree."

Leroy McKinley said it wasn't easy watching his son sit on the bench. "Seeing your child hurt is worse than being hurt yourself," he said. But both he and his son realize there is more to life than basketball, he said.

On the court McKinley said he just wants to fit in. "I feel like I can play a lot of different positions. I'll play anywhere he

(Shields) throws me."

Crum said that Norse fans can expect to see McKinley give 100 percent and at times be outstanding.

Shields said McKinley will be a great complimentary player. He said McKinley will not try to do too much. "But if teams give him the opportunity, he will burn them."

"Jeff McKinley is going to be a big part of a lot of great things on the floor."

By Laura Parsons
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University Men's Basketball team stacked the roster again with five new players. Two true freshmen, Mike Kelsey and Sean Rowland, join three transfers, Jeff McKinley, Carl Mitchell, and Bobby St-Preux, on the 2000-01 team.

Kelsey graduated from Elder High School in Cincinnati and was named first team All-Greater Catholic League. Kelsey racked up 38 three-point shots and 15.9 points per game as a senior guard. He was also named honorable mention Southwest Ohio All-District as a junior and senior.

Rowland joins his high school teammate and fellow guard here at NKU. He also graduated from Elder High School where he averaged 7.3 points per game as a senior. Rowland ranks third all-time in assists at Elder and was

also named honorable mention Southwest Ohio All-District.

The most recognizable name on the roster is forward/guard Jeff McKinley. A Simon Kenton High School graduate in Independence, McKinley played three seasons with the University of Louisville and comes to NKU for his final season of eligibility.

Mitchell joins the team from Gulf Coast (Fla.) Community College. At Gulf Coast, Mitchell averaged 16.2 points, 13 rebounds, and 3.3

blocks at forward per game. He attended high school in Dothan, Ala., where he broke the school's all time blocked shots record, previously held by his father, of 146 in one season.

St-Preux has chosen to redshirt this season at NKU and previously played at Palm Beach (Fla.) Community College. As a guard at Palm Beach, he averaged 19 points a 6 rebounds per game.

Coach Ken Shields sees a place for each new recruit this season. "I really think there will be enough opportunities for all."



Tommy Berkshire/The Northerner
Freshman Mike Kelsey is one of five new players for the Norse.

SHIELDS: Q&A

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JC: Is there more pressure to win a National Championship now that the women have?

KS: Mmmm, not really. I don't feel any more pressure than I've ever felt. It was great that they won it. They had a wonderful team, they were well-coached, things fell right for them. I think it brought a lot of notoriety to our university. But I also think those two teams up on the wall (Shields points to team pictures of the 1996 and 1997 National Runner-ups) '96 and then again in '97 came so close that I just think we've been there, we've been around it and we hope to get a break. I don't feel pressure to win it, no.

JC: You've averaged more than 22 wins a season the past six years. Will it continue?

KS: I like to think so. I think this team's capable of 20+ wins. Once you start winning 20+ you start feeling pretty good about being in the National Tournament.

JC: Can this team go deep into March?

KS: Yes, I think they're capable. They're capable for sure to go deep into March. Again, a lot of things need to fall into place. You have to stay healthy; you got to get a break here and there. You always have to win that

one big close game. Like with our women last year. The very first game of the Great Lakes Region. They are inside the last 10 seconds and down one point. There was a shot taken (by the Norse). If (the other team) rebound the basketball we're beat in the first round. We don't even get to go to the next round much less the National Championship. All they had to do was get one rebound, but Michelle Cottrell found a way to get around somebody, get the board and stick it in. It's the type of situation where yes, you can get there, you need those things to happen in the process. You got to step up and make big plays.

2000-01 Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 10	Wayne (Neb.) State@	3:30p.m.
Nov. 11	TBA@	TBA
Nov. 12	TBA@	TBA
Nov. 17	INDIANA-SOUTHEAST&	7:45p.m.
Nov. 18	TBA&	TBA
Nov. 25	Thomas More	7:30p.m.
Nov. 30	LEWIS	7:45p.m.
Dec. 2	UW-PARKSIDE	3:15p.m.
Dec. 5	INDIANAPOLIS	7:45p.m.
Dec. 18	SHAWNEE STATE	7:45p.m.
Dec. 29	Westminster (Pa.)	6p.m.
Dec. 30	Perreco Cup	TBA
Jan. 4	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	7:45p.m.
Jan. 6	Southern Indiana	8:30p.m.
Jan. 11	IPFW	7:45p.m.
Jan. 13	Saint Joseph's	4:15p.m.
Jan. 18	BELLARMINE	7:45p.m.
Jan. 20	KY. WESLEYAN	3:15p.m.
Jan. 24	Quincy	8:30p.m.
Jan. 27	Missouri-St. Louis	4:15p.m.
Feb. 1	UW-Parkside	8:45p.m.
Feb. 3	Lewis	4:15p.m.
Feb. 8	SAINT JOSEPH'S	7:45p.m.
Feb. 10	IPFW	4:15p.m.
Feb. 13	Indianapolis	7:45p.m.
Feb. 15	Ky. Wesleyan	8:30p.m.
Feb. 17	Bellarmine	4:15p.m.
Feb. 22	MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS	7:45p.m.
Feb. 24	QUINCY	3:15p.m.
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Sanders puts GLVC in the cross-hairs

By Aaron Stamm
Staff Writer

The NKU men's basketball team has placed in the top half of the Great Lakes Valley Conference in three-point shooting the last few years. A major reason for that is the shooting of junior guard Craig Sanders.

Sanders said he feels his success in shooting the basketball comes from many long, hard workouts he has endured. "Every workout I do, I try to do full speed by shooting and working on my game."

NKU recruited Sanders out of McNicholas (OH) High School in 1997. Sanders was first-team all-state player in 1997 and received the city's most valuable player award that same year.

Sanders has been a major contributor to the Norse program since arriving on campus. He has averaged double-digit points the last two years, including 12.0 points a game in the '99-00 season.

Coach Ken Shields said he feels Sanders has a special talent that many players would love to have. "Craig has great work habits, he really concerns himself on his conditioning and being ready to play."

Sanders will be counted on to play one of the two wing spots on the floor for the Norse. He will be counted on to show major leadership toward the young guards on the roster.

Sanders faced the problem of playing defense on the perimeter when he arrived at NKU. Everybody knew he could shoot, the problem Sanders faced was being able to guard people on the wing.

According to Shields, Sanders has made a huge jump on defense and will be

counted on this year to be the player who guards the top guard on the other team.

Shields said he knows there is always room for improvement in that area for Sanders. "His defense still needs to get better. Last season his defense really got better and Craig was even considered our defensive stopper at times."



Sanders said he felt the decision to come to NKU was more tradition than anything else. "The winning tradition and the chance to play was the deciding factor."

Craig (Conley) playing in the same high school league (GCL) the year before, when he decided to come here, it got me thinking about coming."

Because of an injury prone 1997-98 season, Shields decided to redshirt Sanders for the season.

Craig had a respiratory problem his first year here. We redshirted Craig and gave him the time to grow and develop," said Shields.

When Sanders first came to NKU, the team had just finished making the two runs to the NCAA Division II National Championship game. At he gets older the team now has the talent to be able to compete at the championship level teams in the past have been able to.

The fans may see a new Craig Sanders for the season ahead. "I will do more trying to get the fans fired up and just enjoy the season."

"I have been around a while, I just want to be a player who leads by example," said Sanders.

Sanders said he feels it will be a challenging year for the Norse to get back to the NCAA Tournament.

"Besides winning our other conference games, we really have to beat the big teams such as Kentucky, Wesleyan, and Southern Indiana. We still have to continue to improve on our game everyday," said Sanders.

Sanders said he hopes the style of play attracts many Norse fans to Regents Hall. "We will play hard-nose all over the floor. We have 15 players who can play, score and attack."

Shields hasn't really set any goals for Sanders to meet this year. He just wants him to play his game. "I just want Craig to continue to be the player that has been for us for two years."

Sanders said he feels really good about the direction Shields has given him. "I had a few Division I opportunities but Shields gave me a chance to compete at the college level and also start at the college level."

Outside of basketball Sanders enjoys with the one thing he loves.

"I spend my free time lifting and working on my game. I also spend time at church also."

Sanders is majoring in Business Management and plans to experiment a little playing professional basketball in some capacity before settling down in a normal job.

Three seniors come back for one more

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Sports Editor

When it comes down to the clutch of the game, there will be three guys who will lead NKU to victory. They are seniors Craig Conley, Brian Lawhon and Adam Norwell.

These three seniors have worked hard to help out in many different ways throughout their four years on the men's basketball team.

Conley has established himself at point guard as the go-to guy. Lawhon has become a hot three-point shooter, and Norwell has done well on the boards. "They are three tough competitors," NKU coach Ken Shields said. "They know what playing hard is all about."

Conley said he feels he can be a sharp shooter when he is given the chance to score. His 371 total points and 11.2 points a game, which were both second on the team last year, would explain that. "I penetrate and open up," he said. "If they give it to me, I'll knock it down."

Conley is one of the best penetrators on the court, Shields said. "He dishes the ball and takes it to the hoop," he said. "He has a good jumper."

Lawhon was first on the team last year in three-point percentage (45 percent). "I get inside-out. If it's open inside, I get more open outside," he said.

"We look for each other. I get the ball to the shooters."

"He is one of the finest shooters," Shields said. "He is in the situation to find the open shot."

Norwell was one of the leaders on the club in rebounding and scoring last season. He feels he can still do his share of the work this year. "The point guards are the penetrators. They dribble the ball, dump me the ball and I put it in," he said. "I give it all I got. I work hard."

Shields said that Norwell is an inside force, especially being only a 6-foot-6-inch forward, for the basketball team. "He is an effective interior player. He is a tough guy," Shields said. "He has the ability to spread out in the paint. He has the niche to do that."

The three seniors are tri-captains on the basketball team this season, and say that they feel they can show their senior leadership to the rest of the team. "It's going to be a real key at both ends of the floor," Norwell said. "We know every position and all the right spots. It's a big help for the seniors."

Conley said that the leadership from the seniors will especially be helpful for the newcomers on the team. "It's a huge part. They don't know the system and the competition that well," he said. "We need to step up and pick up the tempo."

All three of the seniors, who have played all four

years together on the team, have grown as teammates on the court. Lawhon feels they are like a "tight family." "With all our wins and losses, we have gotten a lot closer," he said. "I trust them to be there with me."

Norwell said that he has enjoyed playing with both Conley and Lawhon over the years. "We are very close individually. We enjoy each other on and off the court," he said. "We play hard for each other."

"We like to have a good time," Conley added.

"Everyone is good buddies."

Conley, Lawhon and Norwell have been through a lot during their years on the Norse basketball team. They have been to the GLVC Tournament and even to the NCAA Division II Tournament. However, all three players hope and expect better things to take place this season.

"I want to win a GLVC title. We've come close a couple of years," Norwell said. "I want to win the National Championship. We have a lot of talent group-wise. We are a special team."

"My goal is to go undefeated," Conley said. "We have enough talent to beat everybody. I don't want to lose."

Shields said that the three seniors will do what it takes to succeed. "They need to continue to give us what they've given," he said. "They have the capability."



Rachel Dietz/The Northerner
Adam Norwell is one of three seniors who have played at NKU their entire careers.

Fearless Norse Predictions

By Jason R. Crider
Production Manager



As I scan over the roster for Northern Kentucky University's men's basketball team I see no reason why they cannot cut down the nets in March.

We have a Division I transfer, two Junior College players who play above the rim, five seniors, the top three scorers from last season and more shooters than the U.S. Army.

Will all of these equal a National Championship? On paper it looks like it.

But then again, the games are not played on paper. Before I can make any educated guesses as to how the 2000-01 season will turn out for the men there are four questions that must be answered.

Who is going to be the team leader now that Kevin Listerman is gone?

Someone on this team has to step up, get in guys' faces, take the charge and be a coach on the court. Generally this is the job of the point guard. Craig Conley would seem to be the obvious choice, he's a senior and knows the system, but he's

not a vocal player.

I think sophomore Brendan Stowers has to step up and be the man. He is the most improved player, head coach Ken Shields told me and probably will be the starting point guard.

Is the center position going to be a strength for the Norse this season?

Senior Zach Wieber was inconsistent last season. Now he has a year of experience under his belt.

Senior Adam Norwell has always been undersized for a center but it looks like the time in the weight room has paid off. He's stockier than last year.

Will the Norse continue to be the best three-point shooting team in the GLVC?

I see no reason why they won't be better.

The three best shooters, Conley, junior Craig Sanders and senior Brian Lawhon, are back.

Stowers could have one of the best three-point shooting percentages in the GLVC.

Juco transfers Bobby St. Preux (who might redshirt this season) and Mitchell will fit in on occasion as well.

Is there going to be enough shots for everybody?

Sanders, Lawhon and Conley all could score 15 or more a night. Each shot less and shared the ball last season. They will have to continue to do so.

Norwell and Wieber will want the ball and now Stowers, Jeff McKinley, Mitchell and Todd Clark are in the mix.

It all comes down to Stowers and McKinley.

Stowers, being the point guard, might have to sacrifice his points for the good of the team. He'll have time in his next two seasons to be the man.

McKinley might be the best passer on the team. If he uses it to get points for his teammates, maybe all will be happy.

A lot must go right for a team to win it all, but if they get leadership, inside and outside play and everyone stays unselfish the Norse will finish the season on top.



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Senior Zach Wieber looks for a shot against Cincinnati State in a scrimmage.

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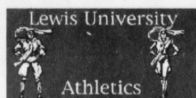
Location: Highland Heights, Ky.
Head Coach: Ken Shields (219-134, 12 years)
Last Season: 26-7 (16-4 GLVC)
Homecourt: Regents Hall (2,000)
Returning Players: 8
Key Losses: Kevin Listerman and Scott Marston
GLVC Titles: 2

Overview: Coach Shields has a lot of talent at every position. Marston's sixth man role will probably be filled by the smooth passing Jeff McKinley. That's good. This team has a ton of scorers. A trip to the Elite Eight is likely with so many returning players.

Might make it to March if... They play as a team and play good defense.

Will look forward to the offseason if... Players complain about the amount of shots and Listerman's leadership is missed more than expected.

Lewis University FLYERS



Location: Romeoville, Ill.
Head Coach: Jim Whitesell (185-156, 13 years)
Last Season: 19-8 (13-7 GLVC)
Homecourt: Neil Carey Arena (855)
Returning Players: Unavailable
Key Losses: Jeremy Warner and Tarrie Monroe
GLVC Titles: 4

Overview: Coach Whitesell has some awfully big shoes to fill with the departure of the team's two best players. The Flyers have to make up for the loss of 28 points and 19 rebounds a game by Warner and Monroe.

Might make it to March if... 6-foot-10-inch Jon Jones can average near a double-double. I doubt it. Look for the Flyers to struggle inside. Don't expect a 19 win season in 2000.

Will look forward to the offseason if... They have no inside presence.

Quincy University HAWKS



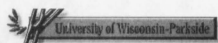
Location: Quincy, Ill.
Head Coach: Mike Foster (first season)
Last Season: 10-16 (7-13 GLVC)
Homecourt: Memorial Stadium
Returning Players: 6
Key Losses: Sherrod Dent and Tyreese Stewart
GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: Despite the losses of Dent and Stewart, the team's second and third best scorers, sophomore center Brian McNeil will pick up the slack and improve his team best 11 points per game. Look for Dent's and Stewart's output to be replaced by newcomers. I don't think there is enough here to make it into the GLVC Tournament.

Might make it to March if... McNeil has a big season.

Will look forward to the offseason if... McNeil has no help.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside RANGERS



Location: Kenosha, Wis.
Head Coach: Jeff Rutter (34-71, 4 years)
Last Season: 8-18 (4-16 GLVC)
Homecourt: Sports/Activities Center (2,100)
Returning Players: Unavailable
Key Losses: Willie Robinson
GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: Brian Coffman is the man at UWP now that second team All-GLVC center Willie Robinson is gone. I doubt he'll be important. Luckily junior Marlon Grice is back with his 5 assists a game. Expect 10 wins or less and you won't be disappointed.

Might make it to March if... The five seniors on the roster do something.

Will look forward to the offseason if... They don't win at home. They were just 4-9 last season on their court.

Bellarmine College KNIGHTS



Location: Louisville, Ky.
Head Coach: Charlie Just (23-32, 2 years)
Last Season: 13-14 (8-12 GLVC)
Homecourt: Knights Hall (3,000)
Returning Players: Unavailable
Key Losses: Brad Bixler
GLVC Titles: 1

Overview: Junior Jared McCurry is one of the GLVC's best scorers but sophomore Adam Ettine has to do more than rebound if the Knights are going to make it back to the GLVC Tournament.

Might make it to March if... Bixler's point guard spot is filled adequately.

Will look forward to the offseason if... McCurry has to carry the load all by himself.

Kentucky Wesleyan College PANTHERS



Location: Owensboro, Ky.
Head Coach: Ray Harper (117-14, 6 years)
Last Season: 31-3 (18-2, GLVC)
Homecourt: Sportscenter (5,450)
Returning Players: 8
Key Losses: Leroy John and Albert Richardson
GLVC Titles: 12

Overview: Coach Harper and his Panthers have won three straight GLVC Titles. Make it four. Winning is a habit in Owensboro and with the best scorer in the GLVC, Lorico Duncan, back and senior Gino Bartalone looking to have a break-out season, the Panthers are thinking National Title.

Might make it to March if... Duncan can keep doing what he did last season and Bartalone finally has a big year.

Will look forward to the offseason if... They suffer a major injury or two.

St. Joseph's College PUMAS



Location: Rensselaer, Ind.
Head Coach: Dave Balza (17-35, 2 years)
Last Season: 8-18 (4-16 GLVC)
Homecourt: Alumni Fieldhouse (2,500)
Returning Players: 4
Key Losses: Greg Taylor and Romano Dees
GLVC Titles: 2

Overview: Look for the Pumas to challenge Wisconsin-Parkside for the worst team in the league. Even with All-GLVC honorable mention Romano Dees St. Joe's won just 8 games. Junior Brent Mason will have to do better than that to lead this team out of the GLVC cellar.

Might make it to March if... Mason has an All-American year and another player, maybe senior Brandon Yates, has a big season.

Will look forward to the offseason if... "D" allows 86 points a game again.

University of Southern Indiana SCREAMING EAGLES



Location: Evansville, Ind.
Head Coach: Bruce Pearl (205-42, 8 years)
Last Season: 25-6 (17-3 GLVC)
Homecourt: PAC (3,300)
Returning Players: 7
Key Losses: Habib Ademi and Brandon Hughes
GLVC Titles: 7

Overview: The loss of Hughes and Ademi won't mean much to the perennial powerhouse USI. Look for senior Derrick Lyons to have a big season. Super-soph Donal Givens will get his chance to shine and might have an outside shot at All-GLVC first team. USI is loaded and ready to fly.

Might make it to March if... Lyons and Givens have All-GLVC seasons and the Screaming Eagles have enough role players to complement them.

Will look forward to the offseason if... Lyons doesn't score more.

University of Indianapolis GREYHOUNDS



Location: Indianapolis, Ind.
Head Coach: Todd Sturgeon (49-33, 3 years)
Last Season: 18-10 (13-7 GLVC)
Homecourt: Nicsson Hall (4,000)
Returning Players: 8
Key Losses: Chris Martin
GLVC Titles: 1

Overview: Coach Sturgeon has been successful in his three seasons at Indianapolis and this may be their best team yet with eight returning players, including leading scorer, senior Andy Foster. Unfortunately they aren't better than Southern Indiana, Kentucky Wesleyan or NKU.

Might make it to March if... Someone can replace the rebounding void left by Martin and his 8 boards a game.

Will look forward to the offseason if... Other teams can control the glass.

Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne MASTODONS



Location: Fort Wayne, Ind.
Head Coach: Doug Noll (11-16, 1 year)
Last Season: 11-16 (8-12 GLVC)
Homecourt: Gates Sports Center (2,700)
Returning Players: 5
Key Losses: Steve Griffin and Randy Spicer
GLVC Titles: 1

Overview: Coach Noll lost the GLVC's second best scorer, Griffin, and the team's assist leader, Spicer. Junior Nick Wise will have to play like a senior and he'll have to create his own shots more often now than Spicer isn't at the point. Look for a slight drop-off in wins.

Might make it to March if... One of their two returning guards, Brad Noll and Deangelo Woodall can run the show and Wise has an All-GLVC season.

Will look forward to the offseason if... They get good guard play.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville COUGARS



Location: Edwardsville, Ill.
Head Coach: Jack Margenthaler (319-314, 24 years)
Last Season: 9-17 (5-15 GLVC)
Homecourt: Vadalabene Center (4,000)
Returning Players: 5
Key Losses: None
GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: After two straight losing seasons the Cougars look ready to make a run at .500. Their four top scorers are back and if this year's recruiting class is even decent they could win 15 games and get in the GLVC Tournament.

Might make it to March if... Returning players improve and they get some production off the bench.

Will look forward to the offseason if... The bench doesn't produce.

University of Missouri-St. Louis RIVERMEN



Location: St. Louis, Mo.
Head Coach: Mark Barmen (12-15, 1 year)
Last Season: 12-15 (7-13 GLVC)
Homecourt: Mark Twain Building (4,736)
Returning Players: 7
Key Losses: Brian Markus and Terence Herbert
GLVC Titles: 0

Overview: Despite the loss of Markus and Herbert, with seven returning, including junior Jim Schelich (12 ppg.), UMSL might not see a considerable drop in wins. They need some people to step up though. Senior Michael Coleman might be ready for a big year.

Might make it to March if... Coleman can be a dominate post threat.

Will look forward to the offseason if... Schelich and Coleman struggle.



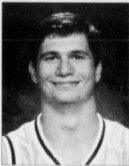
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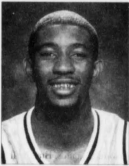
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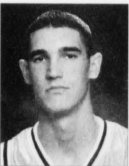
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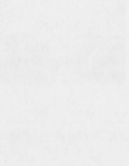
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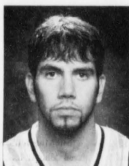
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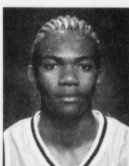
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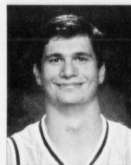
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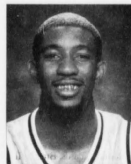
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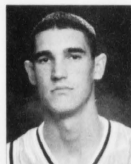
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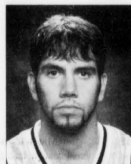
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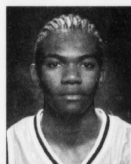
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