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Bad weather, good day

By Jason Crisler
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 11, 1999 a new chapter was written in Northern Kentucky University's history.

The chill in the air and dark sky couldn't ruin the day for President James C. Votruba. "It may be overcast and it may be cold, but there's not been a better day at Northern Kentucky University in a long time," he said.

On this date at about 3:30 p.m. the groundbreaking for the new Natural Science Building took place.

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton arrived by helicopter, which landed on NKU's soccer field.

Patton, Votruba and various administrators from Biological Science, Chemistry, Physics and Geology each dug shovel-fuls of dirt from

the ground with gold-colored shovels.

Votruba spoke about Patton, who made the construction of the new Natural Science Building possible by giving NKU 38 million. "There is no governor in this country who has done more to advance post-secondary education than Paul Patton," he said.

Patton said the new Natural Science Building coincided with his higher education agenda.

"This is totally in-line with what we expect NKU to produce as a part of a comprehensive and integrated post-secondary education system serving all of Kentucky," he said.

Patton said why NKU was the recipient of the money needed to build the new Natural Science Building.

"Northern had been overlooked for so many years and had not had the capital investment that it really needed because of its tremendous



Ground was broke for the new Natural Science Building by NKU President James C. Votruba and Governor Paul Patton. The building will integrate the sciences.



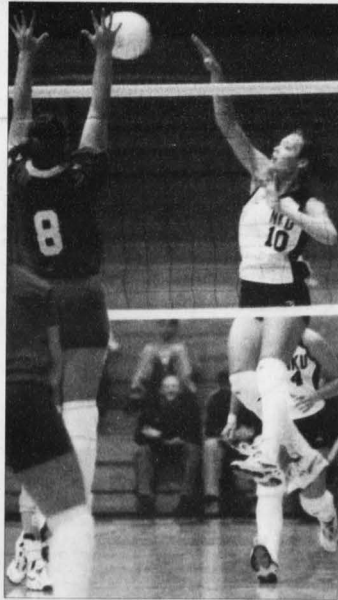
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Winning women

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

It was a big weekend for two NKU women's teams. SOCCER: The Norse won the regionals of the NCAA Division II tournament, and will compete for spot in the Elite Eight this week.

VOLLEYBALL: The Norse earned the number one seed after winning the Great Lakes Valley Conference Saturday, and will be hosting the NCAA Division II Tournament at Regents Hall, Saturday, Nov. 20 at noon the 30-1 Norse will take on number four Ferris State (26-7).



High school key to college retention

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

By Katie Kerth
Business Manager

President James C. Votruba said that retention is a goal of the Invest in Success initiative and the real impact on retention will be in two to three years.

There are several factors that contribute to retention, including faculty and high school preparation.

Janis Cassiere, professor in the Department of Arts and Sciences, said that some incoming freshmen are underprepared.

"We have many who are underprepared. It's a serious problem," she said.

Cassiere said that the high school and the individual student are important factors in looking at high school preparation. She said that it depends on what the high school offers and how well the student responds to those offerings.

Alisha Andrews, currently a student at Beechwood High School, will be coming to NKU for her post-secondary education. Her mother, Sally Andrews, feels Beechwood has prepared her daughter adequately for college.

"I feel she has had some good classes and some good teachers. I don't feel that I can complain," Sally Andrews said.

Sophomore Danielle Sallcamp said that the University 101 classes were beneficial to her

success at Northern Kentucky University. She said that not only did she learn about campus life, but she also benefited from speakers who told the class about their preference regarding professors in certain subjects.

Dylan Stevens, a freshman finance major, said he felt he was prepared for college. He said he still finds his University 101 class beneficial, because he has learned better study habits.

"I was prepared but I think it better prepared me," Stevens said.

Dennis O'Keefe, a political science professor, said that preparation is the problem to students failing.

"They do not prepare for class," he said.

O'Keefe said that the syllabus states the chapter he plans to cover.

He also said that he maintains office hours and is available during those times to help students.

According to a report by the Office of Institutional Research, 16.4 percent of students who took 100 level English courses in the spring semester of 1998 failed.

Danny Miller, chair of the Literature and Language Department, said that part time faculty teaches English 101.

"Most of the freshman composition courses are taught by part time faculty," he said.

Miller believes that they teach these classes at an appropriate level.

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Construction will cause drive changes

By Jason Crisler
Staff Reporter

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

With the groundbreaking of the new Natural Science Building under way, Northern Kentucky University will undergo growth and changes.

Mary Paula Schuh, director of Campus Planning said there is a chance both University and Nunn Drives will be closed from Nov. 23-28 when there are no classes for Thanksgiving break. Schuh said that NKU has asked Monarch Construction Company to delay closing Nunn Drive until Thanksgiving.

"Our priority is not to have them closed during classes," Schuh said.

President James C. Votruba responded to questions raised about both University and Nunn Drives being closed at the same time during classes. "I was told by vice-president [of administrative affairs] Mike Baker that Nunn Drive will not be closed until University Drive is open," Votruba said.

Schuh said that NKU will keep the students informed.

"We will let people know," she said.

Endeavor Construction Company, who is working on the parking garage, said that on Nov. 29, the Monday after Thanksgiving break, University Drive will be open. They said that the garage won't be completed at that time but that University Drive will be safe for students and vehicles to use.

Sophomore Zach Wilkins said he is concerned about parking and traffic. "I think it's going to cause some problems," he said. "There was a slight problem before, but now it's going to be twice as bad."

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Allen Thomas said that the construction companies, Endeavor's and Monarch's, insurance companies will handle any problems.

Sgt. Thomas said that he anticipates parking and traffic problems at first. "There will be confusion at first but plenty of information will be available," he said.

Sgt. Thomas said how students could keep traffic and parking problems to a

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NKU welcomes Pratt

Chief Information Officer ready to work

By Forrest Berkshire
Special Projects Editor

On Friday, Nov. 12, the new Chief Information Officer Gary Pratt met with what he called his new "ready made family."

The reception was held in the Fine Arts Main Gallery, where faculty and staff ate hors d'oeuvres and introduced themselves.

President James Votruba introduced Pratt, and said his arrival was part of "An exciting time for [Northern Kentucky University], and an exciting time for Information Technology on our campus."

Pratt is the first Chief Information Officer on NKU's campus. He comes from Front Range Community College, Colo., where he was involved in information technology for the last five years.

Pratt's new responsibility is to take the three separate technology departments at NKU, Academic Computing, Administrative Computing and Media Services, and combine them under what he called one umbrella.

He will be responsible with coming up with a strategic plan to integrate these departments into one, in an effort to make them more efficient. He said in his short time here already he has seen problems where they overlap in their duties, which affects their efficiency.

He plans on streamlining the process, and focusing on a customer support approach.

"Our faculty, staff, and students are our customers," he said, and that is who he is here to help.

His other main focus, he said, is guiding NKU in the future of technology.

"Technology changes so quickly," he said.

He said there have been a host of technology oriented initiatives over the past few years, but there needs to be a focused plan, to keep the different departments from "stepping on each other's toes."

Pratt said he is excited about the possibilities at NKU, and he comes from a similar institution. It is a relatively young school, about 30 years old, like NKU. They enroll about 10,000-11,000 students, all of which are commuters.

He also said he is happy with the tri-state area. The biggest difference, he said, "is the greenery." He said Denver is in such an arid area that a person can see for miles. Here, he said, even when you are driving through an urban area, it doesn't seem like it because of all the trees.



President James C. Votruba shakes hands with Gary Pratt, the new Chief Information Officer of Northern Kentucky University. Pratt came from Colorado to join the NKU family.

Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

D.P.S. REPORTS

An officer responded to a medical call at the University Center. The subject, who was at a dance at Regent's Hall the previous evening, was conscious when the officer arrived. The subject said he passed out in the cafeteria and felt sick when he awoke. He asked for assistance from a kitchen employee, stating he believed he might have alcohol poisoning. The Cold Springs Life Squad was called and they transported the subject to St. Luke Hospital East.

Two vehicles were dam-

aged in Lot A due in part to illegal parking. One car was backing out of a parking space and struck a stationary vehicle that was parked outside the double lines that delineate the end of the parking area. Both vehicles sustained minor damage.

The DPS dispatcher received a notifying signal of an activated fire alarm on the fourth floor of the Landrum Academic Center. The area of the alarm was comprised of classrooms.

Two DPS officers and a power plant specialist responded to the alarm location, checked the entire floor and found nothing amiss. The system was reset. The following afternoon the fourth floor alarm went off again. Officers and power plant personnel responded a second time. A cause could not be determined for the recurring alarm, although Power Plant employees had been working on the sprinkler system the previous day. It was decided Physical Plant personnel would examine the system.

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minimal. "People are really going to have to pay attention," he said. "Just be patient and be careful."

Sgt. Thomas said that DPS will be around to help with any problems. "We're going to be out as much as possible," he said.

Patty Hayden, director of residential life and housing services said that she is always concerned for the safety of the students and everyone involved.

But she said that she hasn't received enough information on the placement of the fences around the Natural Science Building construction site.

"I need more information," she said.

Sgt. Thomas said that the school is not going to take down any of the street lights and that the site will be fenced in.

Sgt. Thomas said that the students should be completely safe unless someone "sticks their butt" where they aren't allowed.



Rick Amburgey/The Northerner

Governor Paul Patton was on campus last Thursday for the groundbreaking for the new Natural Science Building.

Senior Leah Chesnut said she is concerned with the safety of the students. "The workers have safety equipment and we don't," she said.

Schuh said that she doesn't anticipate any safety problems but if they arise, they will be taken

Research says PEP helpful

By Shelly Conrad
Staff Reporter

To drink, or not to drink is a decision that many college students are faced with through out their entire college experience. The Northern Kentucky University's Peer Education Program (PEP), has qualified PEP leaders to help students with these decisions.

According to research, peer education is the most effective method of prevention education for high school and college students and that is why PEP was established here at NKU.

Some students feel more comfortable talking to people their own age rather than adults.

"Being a Peer Educator gives you a chance to speak to your peers about things adults may not want to talk about," said PEP member Talia Frye. You can speak casually about issues that greatly affect students and taking responsibility for their actions.

In order to become a Peer Educator, you must first complete the application found in the University Center, room 366, and successfully complete Health 599 - Special Topics in Peer Education Leadership said Coordinator of Peers Educating Peers. After completing the course, students are then interviewed by Coordinator of Health Counseling and Testing Cheryl Fitzpatrick and then ten members who have successfully completed Health 599 are selected.

Health 599 is designed to enhance students knowledge and skills in public speaking, group facilitation, alcohol and other drug prevention strategies, sexually transmitted diseases and date rape prevention.

After students become a PEP leader, they are required to do classroom presentations in local northern Kentucky high schools, as well as classes here at NKU to discuss topics such as binge drinking, and the effects of alcohol and sexuality.

PEP members are college students who show leadership qualities and who want to make a difference said Fitzpatrick.

Senior PEP member, Jitana Benton said "I like going into classrooms and interacting with students because I think a peer educator makes a positive impact on the lives that we touch."

Students are encouraged to fill out an application to become a peer educator said Fitzpatrick.

"I believe young people have a powerful voice and people listen to them she said. Too often young adults are not given credit for the positive influences they have over their peer group, she said, and PEP allows our student leaders to have a voice here on campus and even an impact on our campus environment.

PEP is having an open house on Friday, Nov. 19 in the UC theatre and any student interested in becoming a PEP leader should attend or contact, Cheryl Fitzpatrick at 572-6374.

Roundtable discusses issues

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

One focal point of the Presidential Roundtable, which was held Nov. 9, was the new University Center.

Student Government Association President Chris Boggs said the new University Center, which is not currently on the campus plan, probably won't happen for at least five years.

The need for the new University Center apparently arose from the growing student body of NKU. Boggs said the current University Center "was built to function for about 5,000 students."

Boggs said that money was set aside from student fees in 1992 to go toward a new University Center.

According to the Feb. 5, 1992 issue of *The Northerner*, the original plan allocated \$20 from each student's fees each semester to be put in the fund for the expansion of the present University Center.

The new University Center is planned to accommodate for student groups. The major issue concerning the current University Center is rooms size and availability.

Another issue discussed at the roundtable was retention.

"We have a severe problem with retention," Elizabeth Spencer, executive vice president of SGA, said.

On Nov. 8, SGA passed a proposal for a two-day break in the middle of the fall semester with a unanimous vote.

Karn Clark, SGA vice president of public relations, said that 11 out of 19 benchmark institutions currently have a fall break.

Other ideas to help improve retention include the possibility of a later withdrawal date. Clark said four benchmark institutions, including NKU, have an October withdrawal date. Other schools have a later date for withdrawal. Clark said the University of Cincinnati allows stu-

dents to drop a class until the day of exams.

Clark also believes involvement in student activities has a lot to do with retention.

"They are starting to notice retention among students that are involved is a lot higher than students who just work and go to school," she said.

One thing that indicates this is true is because many first and second year students who withdraw do so within the first six weeks of the semester.

The purpose the roundtable was to determine what the concerns of the students are.

"I am going to try my hardest what students want is at the forefront," Clark said.

Students who have complaints or concerns can voice the at the SGA-sponsored "Gripe Days," which are held every other Wednesday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Boggs said that each gripe is investigated by SGA.

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Student wants NKU success

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Phillip Solomon's editorial "Signs don't contain a successful message." I want to shed some light on the subject for Phillip, and any other student who does not understand the campaign that the university is involved in with the "success" signs.

I really do not think that the university is trying to tell us "give us all of your hard earned dollars" in order to get a great education, but it is not possible to get a degree no matter what that degree may be without shelling out some cash, it is just not possible.

The surrounding universities are a far cry more expensive than Northern Kentucky University is, and I am sure no one can dispute that. NKU is not trying to convey that "all" successful people graduated from college, but what would the sense be in telling a story about Jim from Elmhurst who never went to school, but is a successful dairy farmer? The university is trying to show us what can happen "with" an education,

because that is the business that they are in, they are not in the business of seeking out successful individuals who did not attend college, that would just not make any sense.

The line concerning "only NKU graduates," I feel the reason for that is pretty self-explanatory. NKU is advertising itself, and letting the students who pay their hard earned dollars to NKU know that alumni of this college thrive successfully in the community. If the university was to place billboards around that the chief operating officer of Procter and Gamble graduated from Miami in Ohio, why would I as a student care about what someone else is doing who graduated from another college that I am not attending?

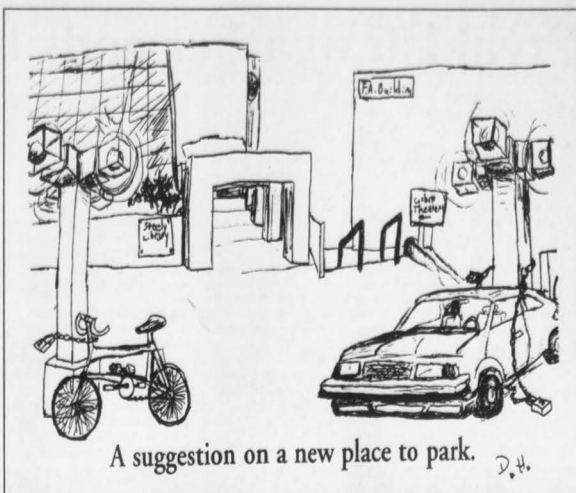
The point that is brought up about why does NKU only advertise those graduates from NKU who are still here in the tri-state are successful. If they were to tell us that Joe Smith class of '79 is the president of a Bank in Houston, Texas, how is that

going to encourage me to take the knowledge I have learned and put it back in the community I grew up in? Most likely no one at NKU will know who Joe Smith class of '79 is, but I am sure that the people on the billboards at least some of them most of us have heard of, and they are making our community better.

I know there are people who want to get out of the Cincinnati area, and that is fine, but when they leave and do or do not succeed 300 miles away, how many students of NKU five, or 10 years from then will know that person, and identify with that person as an NKU graduate who still thrives in the tri-state?

As for your last point about a football team or a marching band, I would like those things as well, but I also want the university to use my dollars, to improve the classes, and programs here as well as strive to always hire the best professors to educate us. Football teams are a good thing, but I do not pay for a football team, I pay for a degree.

Thadd M. Scott



A suggestion on a new place to park.

Activism should be a student right

Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Hey you! Yeah, you standing over there! What are you doing with those campaign flyers? Don't you know that you can't hand those out here? This is a college!

You wouldn't expect to hear these words spoken at a college campus, but if you go to Arkansas, you might. Last week, the University of Arkansas won the distinction of being named the Freedom Forum's "First Amendment Outrage of the Week" for its policy of banning political activity on campus. (freedomforum.org). The university's policy is that political groups are not allowed to distribute literature or sign up new members anywhere on campus. Likewise, student groups are not allowed to take stances on political candidates. Through this policy, the University of Arkansas has put a muzzle on free speech at their campus, which not only violates students' constitutional rights, but also limits students' potential for learning.

Taking away a student's right to free expression and then asking him to present unique ideas is like asking someone to drive a car while he's tied up and blindfolded in the backseat. In both situations you take away the

tools necessary to perform the task at hand. Academic work requires that students express themselves in new and creative ways, which can't be achieved if their outlets for expression are restricted.

Imagine trying to write a paper about a book if you weren't allowed to read it; you probably wouldn't have much to say, and what you would say more than likely wouldn't be very good. The same logic applies here - how can students learn about the political process if they are not allowed to participate in it?

The University of Arkansas' website asks, ironically, "Did you know that more than 70 percent of what you will learn during college results from your involvement with out-of-class experiences?" For many - especially those studying government, political thought and philosophy - discussion of and involvement in political activity is just as important to their educational experience as classroom work. By denying students their right to engage in these activities, the University of Arkansas is taking away from their scholastic experience.

But more importantly, the university is in violation of students' rights as citizens. Free speech is not a privilege that can be given and taken away as some governing body sees fit; it is a basic right guaranteed to all citizens

by the Constitution. The campus of the University of Arkansas is a public space, and is no different than any other public space or building, be it a county courthouse or the White House. Just as we would not stand for laws and regulations that deny people the right to assemble and to speak their minds in those places, it is inexcusable that such measures have been enacted at a public university. Universities should be in the business of actively encouraging free speech and activism, not discouraging it. Additionally, nearly all college students are of legal voting age and, as such, have a responsibility to keep themselves informed about political issues and candidates. How are students supposed to make informed decisions on Election Day if they have not been exposed to the candidates and the issues prior to that time? Once again, universities should be in a position of promoting thoughtful citizenship through examination of candidates and issues, and should not hinder students from doing so.

What kind of citizens will University of Arkansas graduates be if they are unaware of politics, or even worse, apathetic towards it? Will they be prepared to step into leadership roles in the state and federal government, or the private sec-

tor? Will they become vocal proponents for change, or will their thoughts and views pass silently by? This policy not only has potentially dire consequences for the state of Arkansas, but it is also harmful to the nation as a whole. Any limitation of free speech puts us on dangerous ground, for once we begin to limit and take away specific rights, particularly the right to free speech, the flood gates open for more wide-sweeping denials of rights. Making the leap from limiting solely political speech to limiting other types of speech, especially unpopular speech, is not a difficult one, once the precedent has been set.

If we as a society value free expression, then every viewpoint, no matter how offensive, misguided or fallacious, needs to be protected. The health of our society depends on that. Once a group begins distinguishing between what is an acceptable expression and what is an unacceptable one - as indeed the University of Arkansas is doing - we come one perilous step closer to the slippery slope that leads to conformity and intolerance.

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Vets need rewards

Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

(U-WIRE) SALT LAKE CITY — Chase Nielson's plane was shot down over the Pacific Ocean. He was eventually captured by soldiers in the Japanese army and put into prison. There, he was tortured and starved and sentenced to death. Fortunately, the death sentence was reduced to life imprisonment, though being placed in solitary confinement for 31 months in a Japanese prison cell no bigger than a standard bathroom could not have seemed much better.

Nielson did not know who was winning the war. He could not celebrate the United States' storm of the beach at Normandy. He could not speak to anyone. Almost three years after seeing the prison door slam shut, it opened for the first time. An American soldier walked in. The war was over.

He celebrates now. As should we all. A giant flag draped above the stage in the A. Ray Olpin Union hung in the background as Utah veterans, many dressed in combat attire, were able to share their stories.

Most had heroic tales about the bravery they showed in World War II, and all the hardships that confronted the United States soldiers.

Many of these men were like Nielson, prisoners of war. Others shared horrific stories of when they were wounded in action, or discussed instances when they showed incredible bravery to save the lives of others.

The University of Utah provides an incredible service when it honors our veterans, but it is one that should be shared by more than those who fought the good fight. Students should take advantage of the celebration; unfortunately, this was not the case Thursday.

Just walking through the union Thursday, one could feel the pride felt by the veterans being honored. Many of them are withered by time, weak with age, but still managed to hold their head high during the celebration.

These soldiers are very proud, and rightfully so. Most college students have never seen war, other than in picture books and news magazines, and the only way to understand what really went on is to speak firsthand to the men who were there. History books can tell a story, but they can't paint pictures.

Veterans can. U-WIRE is a cooperative news wire service where different university newspapers across the United States can share each other's work.

NORTH POLL

Do you think DPS does a good job?

Jessielee Whitson
Theatre
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"I think they are a waste of money because they've never done anything to help me, and I don't know anyone who's had a positive experience with them."



Abigail Barnes
Graphic Design
Highland Heights

"I've never really seen any security on campus, even late at night."



Jeff Murray
History
Florence

"If I'm running late, they'll call and check on buses for me. Yeah, I'd say they do a great job."



Jason Gillispie
Graphic Design
Florence

"Yeah, considering they're pretty effective with their parking tickets and crime seems pretty under control here."



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Freakish weather ends by Thanksgiving

By Jeffrey B. Williams
Features Editor

Sophomore biology student Alicia Blaker stood Nov. 12, talking with friends on the Norse Commons.

She had her arms wrapped around herself in a warming hug. She was wearing a loose knitted sweater.

She said, "I wore shorts the other day. Now I'm cold because this sweater is too thin and has too many holes in it."

Northern Kentucky University

and the surrounding areas have enjoyed unseasonably warm weather this year. It is the middle of November. Some leaves hang stubbornly to the trees and students and staff have only recently brought out their light, winter wear. But colder weather is coming and the NKU community is getting ready for it.

According to the Farmers Almanac, students should anticipate snow during the Thanksgiving break and slightly warmer weather with rain into the Christmas season. The weather

forecast for Region Seven, of which the university is a part, from November through January will be milder and slightly drier than normal with below normal snowfall.

According to Steve Buresh, Channel 12 Weather Center meteorologist, the current weather trend is unusual.

Buresh said, "There is really nothing to explain this one except that it is a freak of nature. It's certainly not El Nino."

Buresh said contrary to popular belief, El Nino would cause winter weather to be colder and not warmer.

El Nino is an irregular weather pattern that comes and stays for unpredictable periods of time causing "fire and rain and feast and famine" around the globe, according to Christina Johnson on her Internet web site "El Nino.com."

Junior industrial labor relations major Jacquelyn Foote said she is always cold but she is ready for the winter weather. She said the recent cold weather didn't bother her because she was dressed for it. "It has to be 80 degrees before I'm warm anyway," she said.

Regardless of the colder meteorological forecast, some NKU students say they have enjoyed the



Two geese fish at Lake Inferior on the Northern Kentucky University campus.

weather and have carried outdoor activities further than normal into the season.

Chris Boggs, who wore shorts Nov. 12, said he usually puts his mountain bike away by the second week of October.

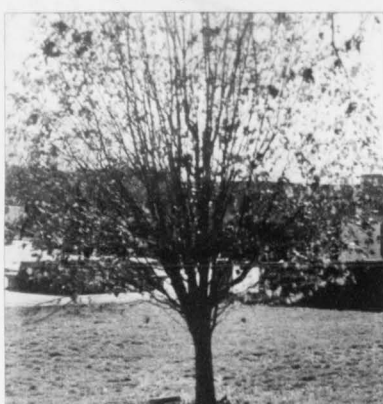
"I've been riding, mountain biking, like crazy," he said. Monique Young, a sophomore accounting major, said her schedule prevented her from enjoying the unseasonable warmth but getting to and from her activities has

been more pleasant.

"I go to class from nine to 12 and I work 12 to five," she said. "I stay inside when it's cold and I use the little tunnels."

She said she also wears as many clothes as possible when it's cold.

See a complete outlook for the Thanksgiving and winter breaks, along with some late fall photos, on the back page.



Phillip Solomon/The Northerner

A lone tree on the lawn in front of Nunn Hall retains some of its leaves in the first weeks of November.

Pets too need aid

By Katie Kerth
Business Manager

A sharp gasp, a sudden yelp, and then your dog is suddenly weeping for its life. What do you do?

Pet First Aid was held on Nov. 6 in the Albright Health Center gymnasium room. Allen Hermann of the American Red Cross brought his dog C.B. to demonstrate the aid of animals in need. Topics included CPR, muzzles, bleeding, burns, seizures and rescue breathing.

"TLC is everything," said Hermann. "There is a bonding between and dog that overcomes everything."

Hermann gave a few tips to help your pet in a crisis situation, such as putting a dog's nail in a bar of soap when you cut the nail too short. Another tip is to feed your dogs and cats cooked carrots and a sliver of an apple as a snack.

Guests who attended the presentation varied from children to

adults. Guest Terri Bonar, 12, bought a bulletproof vest for the New Port Police Dog. "I love animals and I figured if people should have it, dogs could too."

During the flood in Falmouth, Carletta Chaney, who also attended, would gather stranded animals and nurture them back to health.

Hermann shared his stories with the group and listened as the group shared their stories about



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"Pet First Aid" was the text used to teach the course at NKU. It's a "comprehensive index to allow you to quickly understand how to help your injured pet."

Pet First Aid. For more information, call the local American Red Cross.

Critic likes what he sees through the eyes of Malkovich

By Phillip Solomon
Photo Editor

If I had to think of two words to describe the "Being John Malkovich" story, I would choose warped and random.

John Cusak and Cameron Diaz lead this unlikely cast through a mind boggling, eerie and black look at what life would be like if we could randomly enter the mind of, you guessed it, John Malkovich.

Cusak is a passionate puppeteer down on his luck, and stuck in a marriage that lacks imagination. He molds his puppets to resemble the life he years for but just can't seem to find. Diaz plays Malkovich's wife. She is a woman obsessed with animals and solving the mystery of her pet chimp's depression. At his wife's urging, Cusak's character accepts a job as a speed filer with a company on the seventh and a half story floor of a Manhattan skyscraper. The seventh and a half

story floor is enough to make the movie worth seeing: The floor was designed especially for midgets at the turn of the 20th century and the ceiling stands right at five feet high. The dynamics of the office employees trying to maneuver around was positively strange but most hilarious.

One day at work Cusak drops a file behind a heavy filing cabinet. He pushes the cabinet back, and there it is: a miniature door that serves as a portal to the mind of real life film star, John Malkovich. Yes, I know, it was completely random, but in keeping with the theme of the movie, it somehow seemed natural. As soon as he enters the portal, all the adventures begin and chaos erupts.

Diaz gives an amazing performance as a woman searching for identity and stands alone as the one character with issues that

really aren't all that funny. She is strong, and all the emotions she conveys are believable. Cusak and Malkovich also follow up with strong performances, and keep us gasping with shock.

But enough about the cast. The movie's strongest points are its cinematography, its special effects, and the writing, but most of all the shock value.

"Being John Malkovich" is a film that is obviously around for the sole purpose of raising eyebrows; it works. The film attempts to deliver a bevy of different messages; it delivers. The movie is a very creative, provocative piece of work. I didn't like a lot of the happenings in the movie, but I can't punish the film because a lot of it made me feel weirded out.

It seemed to do everything it set out to do, and it created a lot of controversy. For that, I give this film a perfect four stars.

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Joan of Arc film portrays a lamb

By Jeffrey B. William
Features Editor

The movie "The Messenger" previewed at the Showcase Cinemas in Springdale Nov. 9...well almost.

The movie is about Joan of Arc, who was burned at the stake in May 1431. When I went to Springdale to see the film, a towering blaze, surrounded by three fire trucks, burned in the parking lot.

I thought someone had taken the gist of the film a bit too seriously but I found out later the cinema's transformer had caught fire.

I didn't get to see the movie Tuesday, but the transformer fire

was a good show. The Owens Group, promoters of the movie, rescheduled it for the following evening.

So, the movie "The Messenger" previewed at the Showcase Cinemas in Norwood Nov. 10.

The movie is about Joan of Arc, who was burned at the stake after she led a French army to defeat the English at Orleans and gained a crown for her king.

The drama unfolds during the Hundred Years War. According to a Columbia House press release, King Henry V of England and King Charles VI both died in 1422 and the English declared Henry VI, a mere child, king of both countries.

King Charles VII (John Malkovich) of France proclaimed himself heir to the French throne and the grisly war began. But Charles VII could not take the throne until his coronation at the city Rheims which was under English control.

According to the release, "Only one thing could save France from its darkest period...a miracle."

Enter Joan of Arc (Milla Jovovich) and her growing conscience (Dustin Hoffman).

According to the release, Joan, who spent most of her childhood kneeling in prayer, started hearing the voice of the conscience when she was 13 years old.

"The voice told me I must depart and go to France. And the voice said I would raise the siege of Orleans," said Joan.

Joan of Arc raised the siege of Orleans when she was 17 years old. But she wanted to continue the battle until all the English were beaten out of France or her voices told her to stop.

Meanwhile, Charles VII decided that his crown was victory enough and he wanted her to go back to the country village from which she came.

Charles VII betrayed Joan of Arc after she was captured. She was tried as a sorceress and a heretic by the Catholic Church and burned at the stake at the age of 18.

Twenty-five years after her murder, Pope Calixtus III decreed her innocent of all charges and glorified her.

The story of Joan of Arc is a great one but this rendition left me a bit confused.

Director Luc Besson, also the director of "The Fifth Element," took a different track than the plot I had expected for the film.



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Desmond Harrington, far right and Tchecky Karyo play their roles with precision in "The Messenger." Here, they show outrage at Joan of Arc for going into battle without careful planning.

The result was not entirely displeasing.

The upside of this movie is the plot. The battles Joan fought were a small portion of her mystique. A young girl from a small town in France was led by voices from heaven to fight briefly.

She was betrayed, jailed, murdered, then forgiven and canonized. Her inner turmoil and the demons that drove her were aspects I had not thought of.

They were wonderfully portrayed in this film and I left the theater with a new perspective of the legendary character. It was

Hoffman as the conscience who carried the day.

But I expected a strong-willed Joan of Arc who, having received her instructions from God, was confident in her quest and able to convince an army of hand-to-hand combat soldiers to follow her.

This film portrays Joan of Arc as a neurotic creature, unnerved at the site of battle carnage as if she had no idea what the result of a battle with axe and mace would be like.

The battle scenes were appropriately gory but clumped together and out of place in the movie.

Some of the weaponry was unusual which added spice to the film.

According to the release, Jovovich, who also played in the "Fifth Element," describes herself as an artist and Joan of Arc as "a little girl who went through a lot." Jovovich played the part as a terrified, neurotic, little girl and not as the battle-worm, she-bear one would expect of Joan of Arc.

She was not convincing. I anticipated Zena, Warrior Princess and got a doe frozen in my headlights instead.

I give this movie two stars out of four.



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Milla Jovovich as Joan of Arc talking to her conscience (Dustin Hoffman) in the best part of the film.

Ani DiFranco debuts 'To The Teeth'

By Melissa Riggs
Assistant Features Editor

Ani DiFranco's new CD, "To the Teeth," is a self-evaluation of her life. It exhibits her views and abilities as a performer and songwriter.

Ani has released 13 self-produced solo albums. Her music reflects much of her background. A native of Buffalo, N.Y., her music interest was sparked after her exposure to dance and painting. DiFranco's music experiences began as a child when folk singers making their way across the Northeast would stay with her family.

Ani began writing songs at the age of 15 and by the age of 20 she had over 100 compositions from which to choose when producing her first self-titled debut album.

"To the Teeth" is DiFranco's third album of the year and

includes 13 new songs which are quite personalized to DiFranco. During the first four tracks, DiFranco becomes a one-girl band while playing electric and acoustic guitars, brass, drums, piano, organ, even megaphone and banjo.

Her songs speak of freedom, love, respect and strength to name a few. DiFranco agrees that this album reflects something different than the others considering the amount of different studio settings that she recorded in. She has set up



her own home studios. The Congress House in Austin and Kingsway in New Orleans.

The song for which the CD is named, "To the Teeth," was written in the wake of the Littleton, Colo. shootings. DiFranco had a hard time rehearsing it for two weeks because it was so emotion-

al for her. DiFranco describes it as "a constructive use of rage" for her.

Later in the CD, DiFranco captures both soft and chaotic sounds, showing off her extreme vocal ability. In one song, "Going Once," the piece takes on a slight jazz resemblance and swaying rhythm to it. The song which follows, "Hello Birmingham," is a reflection of DiFranco's surroundings in Buffalo which is very free and wanders quite frequently.

DiFranco herself has wandered quite a bit as well, performing all over the world countless times to larger audiences each time she returns.

Clearly, this CD is not for every music fan, but it might be worth your time. DiFranco has become quite an experienced vocalist in her 29 years of existence which has helped every one of her 14 CD's.

She truly reflects a changing world and everything that exists within it.



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Ani DiFranco uses modern events, like the Colorado shootings, when she writes her music

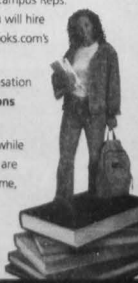
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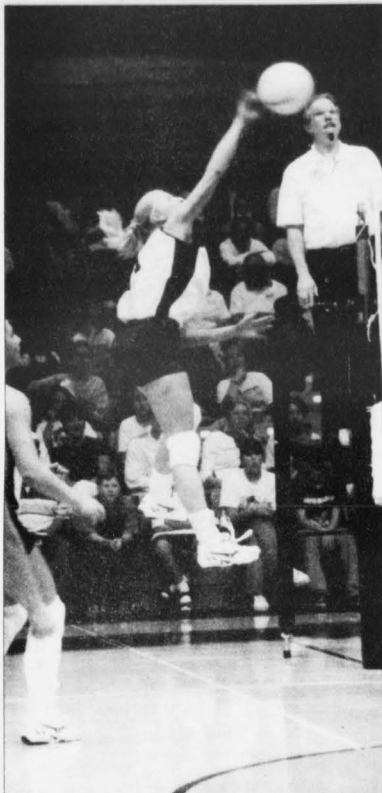
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Norse volleyball team captures third straight GLVC title



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HIGHER AND HIGHER: Jenny Jeremiah elevates her game to help the Norse on the road to the NCAA Championship.

By Tim Banks
Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University volleyball team captured its third consecutive GLVC conference championship last weekend at Regents Hall.

The nationally third ranked Norse extended their 32 game home-court winning streak by defeating Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne 15-13, 15-8, 15-2.

NKU was led by sophomore outside hitter Bethany Gastright with 16 kills and 10 digs.

Senior outside hitter Jenny Jeremiah chipped in with 12 kills and 15 digs. "We started out a bit slow, but we stayed focused on winning the match," Jeremiah said.

Home-court advantage was a factor for the Norse in the tournament. "Anyone playing at home has a definite advantage over the opponent in any sport," said Coach Mary Bierman.

Early in the match on Saturday IPFW seemed to be matching NKU well. "They were double teaming (Jessica) Burker up the middle so we brought in (sophomore) Julie Hathorn to compensate," said Bierman.

Bierman's strategy worked because NKU cruised through the last two games to win the match 3-0.

"We had to get into a rhythm, adjust to how the other team was playing," said Bierman.

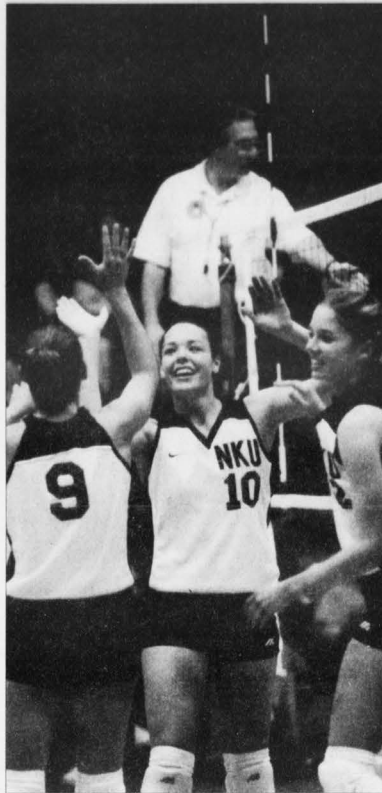
"Good teams adjust their strategy, they went to a double team so we added a body in the middle. We used Julie's speed to our advantage," said Bierman.

The tournament win translates into the Norse being seeded number one and hosting the first round of the NCAA tournament this Saturday.

"I never really doubted us winning (the GLVC tournament), now we have to focus on the regional and NCAA," said Jeremiah.

Women's Volleyball National Poll

TEAM	PTS	PREVIOUS
1. BYU-Hawaii	621	1
2. Hawaii-Pacific	601	2
3. Northern Kentucky	566	3
4. West Texas A&M	552	4
5. North Dakota State	531	5
6. Nebraska-Omaha	491	6
7. Northern Colorado	470	7
8. Augustana College	447	8
9. University of Tampa	442	9
10. Nebraska-Kearney	393	11
11. South Dakota State	335	12
11. Barry	335	13
13. Cal St. Bakersfield	325	10
14. Regis	299	14
15. Rockhurst	280	16
16. Minnesota-Duluth	253	17-tie
17. Northern Michigan	201	15
18. Grand Canyon	183	22
19. North Alabama	150	17-tie
20. Central Missouri St.	125	21
21. Cal St. Los Angeles	124	20
22. Florida Southern	94	19
23. Western State	88	24
24. North Florida	761	23
25. Alabama-Huntsville	44	NR



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CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES: Bethany Gastright and the rest of the NKU volleyball team congratulate each other after a win.

Women's soccer advances in NCAA

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northern Kentucky University women's soccer team played host to the first round of the NCAA Division II Tournament this past Saturday. They beat North Dakota State 1-0 to improve to 21-2 on the season.

One of the keys for the Norse in the game was their ability to look physical but play with their normal approach, according to senior Lisa Geiman, who scored the only goal in the game for NKU. "We are very aggressive. We attack very well. We are strong on the ball," she said. "It makes people think that we are physical."

In order for NKU to win, they had to stop the Bison's Nicole Vanden Bos, who led the team with 15 goals. According to two NKU's soccer players, they knew how to control her in the game. "We marked her

tightly," said sophomore Eva Broeg. "We wouldn't let her turn."

Junior Jennifer Wilhelm said, "We knew she was a top scorer. We were confident we could shut her down."

The Norse have been successful all season, and according to Coach Bob Sheehan the team has done a great job in all aspects of the game. "We have worked really hard. I am pleased with our effort," he said. "We try to do the things we have done in practice. We are more balanced in our scoring, which was a concern to us early in the year. We need to continue to do that to be successful."

NKU was playing in their first ever NCAA Tournament game and according to Wilhelm and Broeg, the home-field advantage was helpful for the team. "We are used to playing on this field," she said.

Broeg said, "It is a much quicker game. It's where we do conditioning a lot."

The Norse prepared for this tournament game just like any other normal game they have played all season, according to Sheehan. "We pretty much did that," he said. "We talked about the key players such as the strikers and the goalie. We didn't do anything out of the ordinary in practice."

The atmosphere and the excitement of the NCAA Tournament is a good feeling because of all the soccer players out there who are cheering for NKU, said Sheehan. "It is really exciting. We have a lot of participants in soccer in the Northern Kentucky-Cincinnati area community," he said. "We have a lot of support. I am really pleased with that."

NKU next plays in the second round of the NCAA Tournament this weekend against either Ashland or Mercyhurst at the Town and County Sports Complex in Wilder, Ky. They hadn't decided which team yet at press deadline.



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SCORE ONE FOR ALL OF US: Senior forward Lisa Geiman scored the only goal in NKU's 1-0 victory over North Dakota State last weekend.

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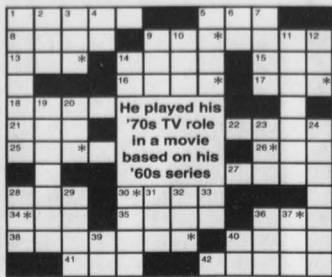
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1. Setting for Payne
5. Word with drops or wax
9. Hale or Arkin
9. Role on Promised Land
13. And Slacey (95-97)
14. The World According to
15. Project for Soupy Sales
16. Series for a former All in the Family actor
17. Big Family (1986-87)
18. Falls behind
21. Big bird
22. Role on Barney Miller
24. The Martha Show (55-56)
26. Bas Black Sheep (76-78)
27. Fisher and Grant
28. Farrah Fawcett's age
30. See 36 across
34. The ... 78 Hurt
35. Semiprecious stone
36. Wordsworth work
38. With 30 Across, closing song on a "76-77 variety series (4)
40. You've Got ... 1998
41. Tom Hanks film
42. South-of-the-border article
42. Family Matters role

DOWN

1. Evan of It's Like, You Know
2. Grand-Opny connector
3. Lincoln's youngest
4. Suffix for hard or length
5. Cable network letters

6. First word in a soap opera title
7. ... 84 Emilio Estevez film
9. Zodiac animal
10. Ending for press or text
11. Wagner, for one
12. Marvin
14. Setting for Designing Women: abbr.
19. ... Grace '95 Patty Duke series
20. Smart
23. PC maker
24. Wally Cleaver's companion
28. Accessory for Mr. Ho
29. Singer Billy
30. The ... Are Back (94-95)
31. Char's year
32. Steve Young's alma mater, familiarity
33. Ira, to Cybill
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37. ... Laughing; '80 Robby Benson film
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SUCCESS: freshmen are key

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"In lower level courses that are general studies courses everyone has to take you expect some people to be uninterested and fail," Miller said.

Miller believes that faculty are very willing to help students. "I think faculty go out of their way to help students that fail usually do so because they stop attending class," Miller said.

Votruba said that the number of University 101 classes have been increased and more freshman advisers have been hired due to the Invest for Success program.

"I think [University] 101 is a powerful vehicle for improving retention," Votruba said.

Votruba also believes it is very beneficial for full time professors to teach freshmen level classes.

"I believe we need to increase the number of full time faculty teaching at the freshman level," Votruba said.

Dan Curtain, chair of the math department, said that half to three-fourths of the professors that teach freshman and sophomore-level courses are tenured.

"We consider it important for tenured professors to teach all levels especially freshman level," Curtin said.

Another program that is designed to help students succeed is learning communities. Learning communities incorporates making student connections at NKU. It is small groups of first-semester

freshmen who take the same classes together.

Kara Clark, SGA vice president of public relations, said at the Presidential Roundtable last Tuesday that students who are involved in student activities are more likely to continue going to school.

Sophomore Nicki Marksberry found her home in the Honors program. She said the honors program isn't just an academic one.

"There is a lot to do inside the honors program itself. With the opening of the Honor's House, there's even more to do," she said.

Marksberry said the group of over 300 are more than peers, they are like one big family.

"Everyone is willing to help out whether it's getting the web and letting someone else type a paper to being supportive on a personal level," Marksberry said.

She said academics are very important and a student must maintain a 3.25 GPA to stay in the program. Also, individuals in the honors program are required to write a senior thesis.

Marksberry feels she has received positive academic reinforcement by being part of the organization.

"I am a first semester sophomore, and I know what my senior thesis is going to be," she said.

Votruba said the "real impact on retention is going to be two to three years."

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Your sense of humor proves just the medicine for a dull gathering. There's nothing wrong with being silly now and then.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Your positive spirit helps a friend get through a troubling time. It is important to remember that what you put out in the world comes back to you.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Don't be shy about asking a friend for a little help. Your person who comes into your life may surprise you.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)

Whenever possible, try to get out and enjoy the fresh air. A short walk around the block can stimulate creativity.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)

If you've been feeling down lately, it may be a sign of illness. Make sure you get regular check-ups and eat a healthy diet.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)

A friend may ask for advice about a relationship, but what he really wants is for you to listen. Take money matters seriously.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

You don't want to seem overly anxious in the workplace. This is one of those times when patience is a virtue.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)

Get creative in the kitchen. You might surprise yourself with what you are able to do. Share your burdens with loved ones. It will lighten the load.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)

It is important to make the extra effort where business is concerned. You may be forced to work with someone you don't like.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

It is important to keep a positive attitude even when nothing seems to go your way. Keep your chin up; good times are around the corner.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The betrayal of a family member who may not have been honest with you will hurt. You may need some time apart.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

If you feel as if you're in a rut, it may be time to shake things up a bit. Look into joining a club or group that sparks your interest.

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Fall Foliage

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Despite this summer's drought, fall colors still bloomed at Northern Kentucky University and the tri-state area. November brought viewers more pleasure than normal. Leaves that usually fall by the month were still hanging on.

According to the website sliveh.lis.wic.edu, there are many myths and folklore theorizing the fall leaf phenomenon. One Native American legend is that in autumn the Great Bear constellation (Big Dipper) was killed and the blood dripped down to the earth, making the leaves red. When the meat was cooking, fat dripped down and made the other leaves yellow.

The actual reason for the color change is the shortening of the day, which forces trees to stop the production of chlorophyll and absorb it through its trunk and eventually roots. The existing yellow hues in the leaves are now visible because of the lack of chlorophyll.

Precipitation and sunny fall days with cool nights contribute to the vibrance of fall foliage.

To get more interesting facts about which species of trees change to what colors, check out the website.



Winter at a Glance



November

Average Temp. 47

Precipitation 1.5"

WHAT TO EXPECT

1-10 Sunny, pleasant

11-15 Showers, warm

16-21 Colder, showers, flurries

22-24 Rain east, snow west

25-30 Cold, flurries



December

Average Temp. 39

Precipitation 4"

WHAT TO EXPECT

1-2 Seasonable, showers, flurries

13-17 Much colder, snow showers

18-21 Some sun, milder

22-24 Rainy warm

25-31 Mild, rain



January

Average Temp. 24

Precipitation 1.5"

WHAT TO EXPECT

1-4 Colder

5-10 Cold, occasional snow

11-14 Cold, flurries

15-26 Cold, snow showers

27-31 Rain south, snow north



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The Norse men's basketball team has reloaded and is ready for this year's march to the championship. Read about a few of the key players that make up this year's team. Pages 2 and 3

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Preseason favorites

Both teams voted No. 1 in GLVC

By Tim Banks
Sports Editor

As the first tipoff for the new basketball season approaches, visions of a national championship are creeping into the thoughts of NKU hoops fans.

For the first time in school history both programs have been voted number one in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and are both nationally ranked number five.

Both teams have reloaded since last year, returning key components and bringing in fresh talent. Here's a closer look at what the teams will look like this season, team by team, position by position.

The Norse men welcome the new season by returning eight players from last year's squad. Two transfers and five freshmen enter the fray to provide the Norse with tremendous depth and talent at every position.

GUARDS: The frontcourt for the Norse is deepest it has been in years. The return of senior Kevin Listerman from a redshirt season bolsters and already tested group. Listerman was named to the second team all GLVC two years ago. He averaged 8.7 points a game and led the team in both steals (72) and assists (157) in 1997-98. Coach Ken Shields said of Listerman that he gives NKU a lot of experience, and that he would step up and "bring great intensity at the point guard position."

Also back with the Norse this year is junior Craig Conley, a second team all GLVC selection last season. The 76.4 percent free throw shooter averaged 15.7 points a game last season, and led NKU with 107 assists.

"Craig Conley improved improved a great deal last season, and he had an outstanding year," said coach Shields.

Helping in the backcourt will be 6'3" Brian Lashon who made 83 of 178 three-point attempts last season.

Sophomore Brian Schaefer and senior Mitch Perdrix will also receive playing time at the guard positions.

Freshmen John West and Brenden Stowers round out the guard positions, both of whom could vie for significant playing time should the situation present itself.

FORWARDS: The Norse enter the 1999-2000 season with a revamped front court. NKU brought in transfer Billy Brewster, from Cisco Texas Junior College, and 6'10" freshman Jesse Rupe.

The 6'7" Brewster redshirted last season, but averaged 27 points and 14 rebounds two years ago.

"Billy is the type of player who does it all on the court. He will help bring us points and rebounds in the paint," Shields said.

For the first time in school history both programs have been voted number one in the GLVC and are both nationally ranked number five.

6'10" freshman Jesse Rupe has great athletic ability, and can play both center and forward.

Along with the new faces, the Norse return last year's GLVC Freshman of the Year Craig Sanders. The 6'3" sophomore, who plays both guard and forward, averaged 16.6 points a game last year.

"Craig is an outstanding shooter," said Shields. "He can shoot from the perimeter or go inside, he is very versatile."

The Norse also return senior forward Scott Marston, who sat out last season after undergoing elbow surgery. Marston, 6'6" is a prolific three point shooter, making 50 of 111 attempts two years ago.

"It's great have him (Marston) back, he's a tremendous three point shooter

CENTERS: NKU has high hopes for transfer Zach Wieber. The 6'9" center averaged 11 points two years ago at Ashland University.

"Zach will have an immediate impact for us," said Shields. "We expect him to fill the middle and put up some big number in the paint."

Helping Rupe up the middle will be junior

A d a m Norwell. The 6'6" forward/center averaged 12.3 points a game last season, and led the teams in rebounds, averaging 7.8 a game.

Shields said that Norwell showed a lot of improvement last season, and he will be an outstanding inside player.

The Lady Norse basketball team finished last year with a school record 30 wins, and made to the NCAA Division II final four. Unlike the men, the Norse women don't have the luxury of returning eight players familiar with the system.

NKU lost six players from last year's final four team, including starters Katie Kelsey, Shannon Roddy and center Suzie Smith.

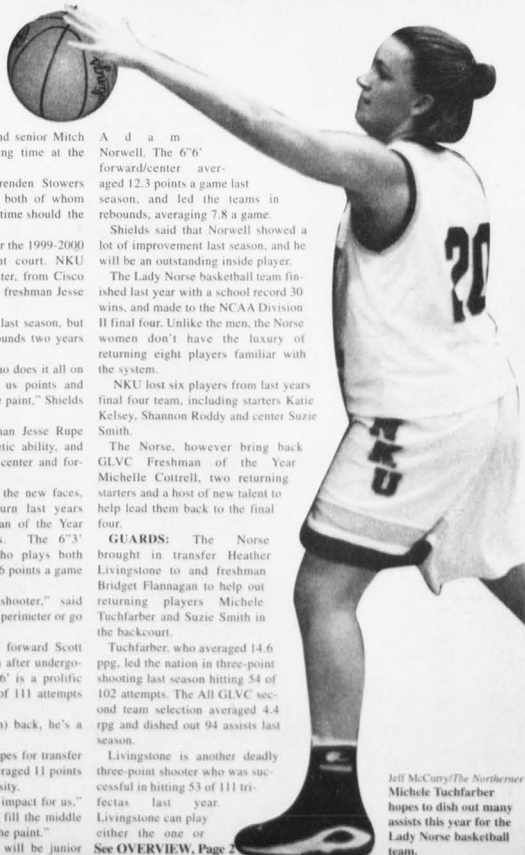
The Norse, however bring back GLVC Freshman of the Year Michelle Cottrell, two returning starters and a host of new talent to help lead them back to the final four.

GUARDS: The Norse brought in transfer Heather Livingstone to and freshman Bridget Flannagan to help out returning players Michele Tuchfarber and Suzie Smith in the backcourt.

Tuchfarber, who averaged 14.6 ppg, led the nation in three-point shooting last season hitting 54 of 102 attempts. The All GLVC second team selection averaged 4.4 rpg and dished out 94 assists last season.

Livingstone is another deadly three-point shooter who was successful in hitting 53 of 111 tri-fectas last year. Livingstone can play either the one or

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Jill McCutty/The Northerner
Michele Tuchfarber hopes to dish out many assists this year for the Lady Norse basketball team.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Ken Shields and his recruiting staff brought in transfer Billy Brewster this year and recruit from years past Adam Norwell.

Home grown results

By Tim Banks
Sports Editor

College sports coaches can't enjoy the luxury of coaching a player for the duration of their career. Unlike professionals, college athletes don't have the choice to remain with one team. After their four years of eligibility runs out, coaches are faced with the dilemma of filling that roster spot. This is why college coaches recruit.

Northern Kentucky University lies in a hotbed of highly regarded basketball programs. Division I powerhouses like the University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky and Xavier University are all within a 300 mile radius.

Last year's Division II national champion, Kentucky Wesleyan, is right down Interstate 71, and NKU has been to the championship game twice in the last four years.

With abundant opportunities surrounding local high school recruits, NKU must work to find the players who are willing to play Division II basketball in an area largely dominated by Division I.

Since the beginning of Coach Ken Shields' 12-year tenure at NKU he has been able to provide the Norse with competitive teams in the GLVC.

Over the last three years Shields has brought in two former GLVC Freshmen of the Year award winners in Craig Sanders and Brian Lawhon. Key players such as Adam Norwell and Kevin

Listerman were both recruited by Shields.

"We start in Northern Kentucky and then branch out into Cincinnati and Indiana, going to a lot of high schools scouting perspective players," said Shields.

To further help their recruiting, NKU holds a basketball camp once a year in which several area teams come in and play. "It gives us a great opportunity to go out and view a lot of personnel," said Shields.

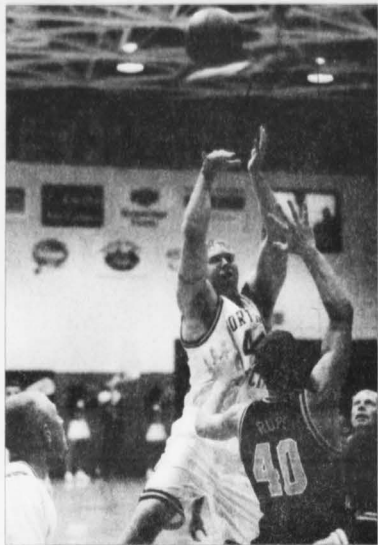
Shields also said that the coaches visit all the major basketball camps in the area and around the country. "We get a lot of phone calls from players, coaches and parents and we respond to each one. You never know when a call will be the one."

This year Shields and his staff brought in forward transfers Billy Brewster and Zach Wieber and freshman Jesse Rupe to shore up the inside game of the Norse. "Wieber and Brewster will have an immediate impact for us this year, they will really complement the outside game," Shields said.

The Norse are set for this year and next, they will be losing only Listerman and Marston, but Shields knows he must look to the future.

"We will be losing a significant number of players in a couple of years, we will have to have a really good [recruiting] class."

Until that time, the team Coach Shields has put together this year will provide NKU with plenty of excitement.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

Recruiters hope Zach Wieber and Jesse Rupe will shore up the inside game of the Norse this year.

New faces create combination

Veteran players and new players make a winning ball club

By Rick Amburgey
News Editor

NKU basketball coach Ken Shields is beginning his 36th year of coaching with hopes of clinching the national title.

He believes that the new players and the veteran players are a winning combination.

Shields said that four double-figure scorers returned this year.

"If you take the fresh faces and take the returners, you've got a pretty good ball club," Shields said.

Two of the fresh faces that will be on the starting line-up are Zach Wieber and Billy Brewster.

Wieber is a junior transfer student from Bowling Green. However, he said that he didn't play at Bowling Green.

Wieber did, however, play at

Ashland College his freshman year, where he averaged 14 points and eight rebounds per game.

Wieber said that one of the reasons he chose to attend NKU was the basketball team.

"They were a really good team. I got along well with the coaches and players," Wieber said.

Wieber said that he likes the structured atmosphere that the practices provide because it helps the team work on the weaknesses. Wieber said the teams' biggest weakness is defense.

"Our focus is on defense. Our games are going to be won and lost on defense," Wieber said.

Shields agrees that defense is vital to success on the team.

"They have to focus and concentrate defensively. They miss their assignments," Shields said.

Defense is even more important

because this year's team does not include a shot blocker.

Shields believes that a shot blocker is not essential to a winning team, but is very helpful.

"It's helpful because that person's presence is in the back of all the opponent's minds," Shields said.

Shields said that the fresh faces bring a lot of good shooting experience to the team.

"This team has more good shooters. We're deep this year," Shields said.

Another fresh, yet familiar, face on the team this year is Kevin Listerman.

Listerman, who redshirted last year and led the team to the 1996-97 championships, returns as a point guard.

In addition to playing basketball, Listerman is student teaching this

semester at Holy Cross High School.

Shields said the team has so many good players this year, it isn't certain who will get the most game time.

"Whoever is playing well will play the most minutes. It's not who starts, it's who finishes the game," Shields said.

Shields is hoping that the team will start the season strong.

"I am a great believer if you have a good beginning, you are in the position to have a good season. It's important the come out of the gate well and build as we go," Shields said.

Shields is not counting his chickens before they hatch, but he thinks this year's team has a chance at winning the national title.

"This year's team is a bonafide contender," Shields said.



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Senior Kevin Listerman returns to the team this year after redshirting last season as a point guard.

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two guard position and provides much needed depth for the Norse. Flannagan, the 5'10" guard from Cincinnati, can play shooting guard and provide depth at the small forward position.

FORWARD: The frontcourt should still be solid even after the departure of starter Shannon Roddy. All GLVC sophomore Michelle Cottrell, who averaged 18.1 ppg and 9.1 rpg last season while shooting 60.8 percent from the field, could contend for All-American honors this season.

"If she keeps it up, she is going to be one of the best players to ever put on an NKU uniform," said head coach Nancy Winstel.

Joining Cottrell in the frontcourt will be junior Jessica Jensen. The 6 foot forward emerged as one of the teams top defenders last season after filling in for an injured Shannon Smith last season.

New faces at the forward position include freshmen Kristin Polosky, who Winstel said NKU was very lucky to get, and Amy Mobley. The 6'1" Polosky can play center or power forward and the 5'11" Mobley is versatile enough to play inside or outside.

CENTER: Junior Julie Cowens, who sat as a redshirt last season, will be a factor in the Norse's inside game. The 6 foot center spent the two previous years playing for Urbana [Ohio] University. Polosky will also receive playing time at the center position.

Overall both the Norse teams look ready to defending their pre-season ranking. With good chemistry between the returning players and the new faces, each of these teams should be capable of reaching the goals they have set. The GLVC has been warned, the Norse are ready to play.

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Jeff McCurry/The Northern
Junior forward Billy Brewster shoots to score during an NKU exhibition game this year.

Brewster starts

By Katie Kerth
Business Manager

He's running, he's jumping and he's scoring.

Billy Brewster came to NKU because he said NKU had a good chance of winning the championship. Brewster is a native of Galveston, Tex. "When I was young, I lived in a bad neighborhood," he said, "basketball is the only way I saw myself getting out of a bad neighborhood and starting a good life."

"Brewster is very talented, six foot seven, leaps very well, quick and runs the floor very well," said

Coach Ken Shields. He is starting as a power forward this season Shields said.

Brewster came from a Cisco Jr. College in Texas. "I knew I didn't have the hours and grades to play in Division I, so I changed to Division II," he said.

Brewster is in his third year of eligibility. Shields said Brewster sat out a season to academically get ahead, but he is now ready to play.

Shields described Brewster as a gentleman and a classy guy.

After graduation, Brewster wants to play overseas ball. "It doesn't matter where," he said, "just overseas."

Listerman returns

Staff Report

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team takes the floor. Head coach Ken Shields tells the players to do a shooting drill. As the players take layups and jump shots Shields looks on stoically.

As the drill ends, one voice rises above the rest, like a great Norse battle cry, berating the team for sluggish play and lack of effort. The team huddles around this solitary voice. "If you don't want to play hard, then go to the locker room!" The voice is Kevin Listerman's, senior point guard of the Norse.

"Kevin Listerman is the most outstanding leader I've ever associated with," Shields said. "The team respects him so much because of the effort he puts through every day."

Junior center Zach Wieber said, "Kevin is definitely the motivator and emotional leader of this team."

This will be Listerman's last season wearing the gold and black uniforms of the NKU men's basketball team. When Listerman walks off the court at Regents Hall for the last time he will leave behind memories and accomplishments, on and off the court.

Listerman was a part of what Shields called "the greatest play I've ever been a part of." The play Shields was speaking of was in the 1996 Elite Eight against Cal State Bakersfield, when Listerman, with six seconds to play, off a missed Cal-State shot, went virtually the length of the court and made a bounce pass to brother Andy Listerman for the game winning basket.

Listerman is already NKU's all time leader in steals, with 229 and he still has the entire 1999-2000 season left to go.

The last season Listerman played, in 1997-98, he averaged 8.7 points, 5.2 assists and 2.4 steals per game.

Shields said Listerman aspires to be a coach. "He's going to be a tremendous coach. He is a coach on the floor," he said.

Listerman is a biology major and has maintained a 3.9 GPA by prioritizing, he said. "Basketball and grades are the two most important things to

me," he said. "A lot of times I don't go out so I can concentrate on school work."

Listerman currently teaches biology at Holy Cross high school in a student teaching program.

Listerman is still active at his high school alma mater, Covington Catholic, where, in his senior year he averaged 11 points a game and led the team to a 25-5 record. The four years Listerman played on the team the Colonels rolled to a 110-24 record. He set the single-season record for steals his senior year with 124 and is the all time career leader in steals and assists at Covington Catholic.

"I was the head coach when [Listerman] was in high school. We watched him play and we all wanted him in the program," Shields said. "He played with absolute intensity. He brought that intensity to our NKU program."

Listerman has been a part of Covington Catholics Christian Awakening Program for the past three years, his father Mike Listerman said. The Christian Awakening Program organizes retreats for Covington Catholic seniors who wish to participate, Mr. Listerman said.

Mr. Listerman also said that Listerman is currently the national chairman of the Student Advisory Committee for the NCAA. The NCAA developed the SAC so college athletes can state their views and opinions to the NCAA ruling body.

Shields said Listerman is the No. 1 spokesman for all Division II athletics. "I've never seen a student athlete who's been involved in so many campus-wide activities—and state-wide and community-wide and NCAA-wide. He's been able to do them without a lot of fanfare," Shields said. "He's very modest about it."

Listerman's mother, Jean Listerman, said that Listerman uses basketball as a vehicle for him to reach other people.

Listerman's position on SAC has allowed him to travel across the country to, among others, Orlando, Atlanta and Kansas City representing all Division II schools, Mr. Listerman said.

Listerman's position on SAC was one of the three reasons he chose to



Jeff McCurry/The Northern
Senior point guard Kevin Listerman drives the lane at the Skyline Chili Meet the Norse Night a few weeks ago.

redshirt last season, Mr. Listerman said. "It was a three pronged reason."

As the national chairman of SAC, Listerman felt he could do a better job if he wasn't concentrating on basketball last season.

Mr. Listerman said his son's second reason for sitting out was that he wanted desperately to play for a National Title and knew this years team would do it. For Listerman, "it was like climbing Mount Everest and almost getting to the top and then turning around," Mr. Listerman said. "You want to climb it again."

Listerman helped to take the Norse to back to back NCAA Division II finals appearances, and would like to make a third trip this year. "Our goal is and always will be winning the National Title," Listerman said.

Mr. Listerman said, "If Kevin sets a goal, he works at it until he's got it mastered."

Mr. Listerman said another reason his son redshirted last year was to catch up on classes he needed to grad-

uate. "He took about 35 to 37 hours last year," Mr. Listerman said. Listerman wouldn't have been able to do that if he had played basketball, he said.

Mrs. Listerman said that her and her husband have always taught Listerman that it's "not talking the talk, it's walking the walk."

Mr. Listerman said that his son came to him last year for advice on whether he should redshirt or not. "Whenever you're on the floor, I'm going to be on the stands," he said.

Listerman said, "It was difficult to sit out because the team struggled."

According to Mrs. Listerman, her son did enough watching as a child. She said that as children, Andy and Kevin Listerman would sit outside on the steps of their house and pretend that they were watching sporting events. Their heads would move back and forth, following the imaginary action unfolding before them, she said. This season, Listerman will be in the action again.

1999-00 Men's Basketball Games

Nov. 19	THOMAS MOORE*	7:45p.m.
Nov. 20	TBA	TBA
Nov. 23	SHAWNEE STATE	7:45p.m.
Nov. 27	OLIVET NAZARENE	2:15p.m.
Dec. 2	at Lewis	8:30p.m.
Dec. 4	at UW-Parkside	4p.m.
Dec. 7	at Indianapolis	7:30p.m.
Dec. 18	vs. Emporia State**	TBA
Dec. 19	TBA**	TBA
Dec. 20	TBA**	TBA
Dec. 23	vs. Mount Olive***	6p.m.
Dec. 30	TBA***	TBA
Jan. 6	at Ky. Wesleyan	8:30p.m.
Jan. 8	BELLARIMINE	3:15p.m.
Jan. 13	QUINCY	7:45p.m.
Jan. 15	UM-ST. LOUIS	3:15p.m.
Jan. 20	at IPFW	7:30p.m.
Jan. 22	at Saint Joseph's	8:30p.m.
Jan. 27	SOUTHERN INDIANA	7:45p.m.
Jan. 29	SIU EDWARDSVILLE	3:15p.m.
Feb. 3	UW-PARKSIDE	7:45p.m.
Feb. 5	LEWIS	3:15p.m.
Feb. 10	at UM-St. Louis	8:30p.m.
Feb. 12	at Quincy	4:30p.m.
Feb. 17	INDIANAPOLIS	7:45p.m.
Feb. 19	SAINT JOSEPH'S	7:45p.m.
Feb. 21	IPFW	7:45p.m.
Feb. 24	at SIU Edwardsville	8:30p.m.
Feb. 26	at Southern Indiana	8:30p.m.
Mar. 1-4	at GLVC Tournament	TBA

* John L. Griffin/Lions Club Classic
** San Juan Shootout
*** California (Pa.) Tournament



Jeff McCurry/The Northern
Junior center Zach Wieber brings height to NKU.

Size does matter

By Dan Sullivan
staff reporter

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team will be bigger this year.

To be exact, it will be 6 feet 9 inches taller and weigh 245 more pounds with the acquisition of junior transfer Zach Wieber.

"We were definitely lacking in size last year," Wieber said. "Hopefully I'll make up for that."

Wieber honed his skills at Newark High in Newark, Ohio, where he was district player of the year as a senior in 1996.

That year Wieber led his team in points per game, rebounds per game, free throw percentage, and field goal percentage.

He averaged 21 points and 12 rebounds per game that season.

Wieber did not play last year because of NCAA regulations that state that a player must sit out a year after transferring to a new school before playing sports.

Despite the fact that Wieber has yet to play a game for NKU, his role on the team seems to already be established as a key player in the low post, according to both men's basketball coach Ken Shields and senior point guard Kevin Listerman.

Shields said, "Games are won and lost in the trenches. He'll be the main guy down there."

Listerman said, "Zach provides us with an offensive presence in the middle."

He is an extremely hard worker and will do an outstanding job down low for us."

Wieber said that he transferred to NKU from Bowling Green due to a

coaching change. He and the new coach did not see eye to eye, Wieber said.

However, at NKU, Wieber said that he got along with coach Shields and the rest of the players right away.

He has continued his academic prowess as well as NKU, holding down a 3.8 GPA as a communications major.

"I'm just one of those kids who has a good memory," Wieber said.

This year the NKU men's team should at least win the conference, according to Wieber.

"As soon as all of the players get on the same page, there isn't a team in the conference who can run with us," Wieber said.

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Men's GLVC Outlook

Bellarmine College Knights



Location: Louisville, Ky.
Enrollment: 2,300
Head Coach: Charlie Just (10-18, 1 year; 309-123, overall)
Last Season: 10-18 (7-15 GLVC)
Home Court: Knights Hall (3,000)
Returning Players: 7
Strengths: Rebounding, depth at guard positions
Weaknesses: Free throw shooting

Analysis: After enduring a 10-18 season a year ago, coach Charlie Just welcomes six newcomers to the lineup in an attempt to shake things up. The Knights will rely on a talented backcourt, led by senior Brad Bixler and junior Ron Brooks, their leading scorer last year. Senior center Andy Swan will anchor the middle after leading the Knights in rebounding last season. Factor in sophomore guard Jared McCurry and Louisville transfer Steve Peterson and the Knights could run with anyone this season. Close losses could become wins if Bellarmine improves on its 65 percent free throw percentage, worst in the GLVC last year.

They'll win big if... The guards are as good as advertised and Swan turns in a monster season under the boards.

Could be a long year if... The newcomers take most of the season to adjust, as last season's team. With only two seniors, the Knights could be a year away.

Bellarmine Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
24	Brad Bixler	Sr.	G	5-11
22	Andy Swan	Sr.	C	6-8
00	Oloyede Olumide	Jr.	F-C	6-9
11	Steve Peterson	Jr.	G	6-1
12	Ron Brooks	Jr.	G	6-3
31	Karl Eagleman	Jr.	C	6-8
14	Jeff Thomas	Jr.	F	6-5
15	Nayland English	So.	G	6-3
30	Landon Swan	So.	C-F	6-7
20	Jarod McCurry	So.	G	6-3
32	Adam Etienne	Fr.	F	6-7
25	Curt Grimes	Fr.	F	6-7
10	Brad Ayer	Fr.	G	6-2

University of Indianapolis Greyhounds



Location: Indianapolis, Ind.
Enrollment: 4,000
Head Coach: Todd Sturgeon (31-23, 2 years)
Last Season: 17-10 (15-7 GLVC)
Home Court: Nicoson Hall (4,000)
Returning Players: 8
Strengths: Rebounding, Foster
Weaknesses: Rebounding, point guard, injury bug

Analysis: Few GLVC teams were hit as hard by injuries as the Greyhounds were last year. Indianapolis redshirted three players because of injuries and the lack of depth caught up with them in the postseason. The Greyhounds have a true scoring threat in guard Andy Foster, who finished third in the conference in scoring with 17.4 ppg. The key for Indianapolis is how quickly it can replace Chuck Gilbert and point guard Chad Peckinpugh. Having eight returning players on the roster should solve that problem. It would also be a good idea to improve the rebounding; the 'Hounds were out rebounded by an average of nearly three per game last season.

They'll win big if... Foster continues to produce and the team finds a way to avoid the injury bug, which has hit hard in recent seasons.

Could be a long year if... Foster falters and the team battles injuries, or the worst case scenario—Foster battles injuries and the team falters.

Indianapolis Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
42	Kevin Skurka	Sr.	C	6-8
11	Chris Martin	Sr.	F	6-4
30	Bart Holubar	Sr.	F	6-6
5	Kevin Brown	Sr.	G	6-3
14	Quincy Davidson	Jr.	G	6-3
34	Andy Foster	Jr.	G	6-4
45	Chris DesJean	Jr.	F	6-6
12	Antwun Freeman	Jr.	G	6-0
20	Rob Kent	So.	G	6-0
51	Ryan Hupfer	So.	F	6-7
33	Grant Peters	So.	G	6-1
10	Jamarr Gaines	Fr.	G	5-11
40	Derrick Miller	Fr.	C	6-8

Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne Mastodons



Location: Fort Wayne, Ind.
Enrollment: 12,000
Head Coach: Doug Noll (1st season; 131-108 overall)
Last Season: 10-17 (7-15 GLVC)
Home Court: Gates Sports Center (2,700)
Returning Players: 3
Strengths: Experienced guards
Weaknesses: starting from scratch

Analysis: It's out with the old and in with the new this year at IPFW. Old coach John Williams is out and new coach Doug Noll is in. Noll, who won an NAIA national championship earlier this decade at Grace College, walks into a rebuilding project of epic proportions. The Mastodons will sorely miss the scoring of Adam Moore this year, but will have returning scorer Steve Griffin (16.1 ppg) around to pick up the slack. IPFW also returns senior guard Randy Spicer who ranked in the GLVC top ten in steals and assists. Division I transfers Benji Gibbs and Nick Wise, coupled with six freshmen will lay the foundation for the program's future.

They'll win big if... The Mastodons can find some offense after holding opponents to 72 ppg last season, fourth best in the GLVC.

Could be a long year if... Rebuilding years are usually long. Don't judge the Mastodons until Noll's recruits learn the system, which could take 2-3 years.

IPFW Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
33	Aaron Ishman	Sr.	F-C	6-6
30	Randy Spicer	Sr.	G	6-1
32	Steve Griffin	Sr.	G	6-3
10	Michael Akanni	Sr.	F	6-5
21	Benji Gibbs	Sr.	G	6-2
44	Dave Mesberger	Sr.	C	6-10
34	Nick Oyler	Jr.	F	6-9
42	Nick Wise	So.	F	6-5
4	Deangelo Woodall	Fr.	G	6-1
5	Scepter Brownlee	Fr.	G	6-1
20	Joey Johnson	Fr.	G	6-1
24	Brad Noll	Fr.	G	6-0
40	Dwight Crow	Fr.	F	6-5
50	Derek Wetzel	Fr.	C	6-7

Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers



Location: Owensboro, Ky.
Enrollment: 800
Head Coach: Ray Harper (86-13, 3 years)
Last Season: 35-2 (20-2 GLVC)
Home Court: Sportscenter (5,450)
Returning Players: 5
Strengths: Rebounding, size, championship experience
Weaknesses: Almost entirely different team, perimeter scoring

Analysis: The basketball team at Kentucky Wesleyan doesn't rebuild, it reloads. After coasting to a 35-2 record and the school's seventh national championship, the Panthers must replace their starting lineup, which included National Player of the Year Antonio Garcia and All-GLVC selection Dana Williams. Super subs Leroy John and Gino Bartalone move into the starting lineup, which also gets a boost from 6-10 Albert Richardson, a transfer from St. John's. The talent is there for another run, but is the chemistry right?

They'll win big if... Bartalone and John can shoulder the load of being starters after being "sparkplugs" off the bench. As long as Harper is at Wesleyan, they will win big, but will this year be 'championship big'?

Could be a long year if... The freshmen and JUCO transfers fail to provide adequate depth off the bench.

KWC Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
--	Albert Richardson	Sr.	C	6-9
42	Leroy John	Sr.	C	6-8
3	Anwar Perry	Jr.	G	5-10
4	Gino Bartalone	Jr.	G	5-11
11	Rush Witt	Jr.	G	5-11
44	Jason Indestad	Jr.	F	6-6
--	Lorico Duncan	Jr.	G	6-2
--	Chris Thomas	Jr.	F	6-9
--	Alfonzo Williams	Jr.	G	6-2
35	Travis Powell	So.	G	6-1
--	Bruce Thomas	Fr.	F	6-6
--	Tanner Turley	Fr.	G	6-0
--	Bobby Zuerner	Fr.	G	6-2

Lewis University Flyers



Location: Romeoville, Ill.
Enrollment: 4,100
Head Coach: Jim Whitesell (176-148, 12 years)
Last Season: 21-8 (17-5 GLVC)
Home Court: Neil Carey Arena (855)
Returning Players: 5
Strengths: experienced guards, team defense
Weaknesses: no inside presence, inconsistent perimeter game

Analysis: The Flyers have qualified for the NCAA tournament for the past two seasons, but a third trip could be difficult without All-America Milosh Pujic. Lewis returns four starters, led by seniors Josh Virostko and Jeremy Warner. The Flyers have one of the top point guards in the conference in Jonah Batambuze, who had the second-best assist-to-turnover ratio in the GLVC. A solid recruiting class, led by 6-7 forward Tarric Monroe and 6-10 center Jon Jones could determine whether an NCAA bid is won or lost.

They'll win big if... Pujic's supporting cast steps up on the shadows and carries the load while the new recruits find their niche.

Could be a long year if... Pujic's 20 points per game are too much to replace.

Lewis Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
33	Jeremy Wilson	Sr.	G	6-3
20	Jeremy Warner	Sr.	F/C	6-8
24	Jamaal Vargas	Sr.	G	5-10
--	Tarric Monroe	Sr.	F	6-7
12	Jonah Batambuze	Jr.	G	5-9
22	Josh Virostko	Jr.	G	6-0
--	Jon Jones	Jr.	C	6-10
--	Everett Stubblefield	Jr.	G	5-9
--	Gibran Carter	Fr.	G	6-1
--	Brennan Callahan	Fr.	F	6-7
--	Demetrius Hunter	Fr.	G	6-3
--	Harley Piercy	Fr.	G/F	6-5
--	Branko Miskovic	Fr.	F/C	6-8

University of Missouri-St. Louis Rivermen



Location: St. Louis, Mo.
Enrollment: 15,000
Head Coach: Mark Bernsen (first year, 235-106 overall)
Last Season: 7-19 (5-17 GLVC)
Home Court: Mark Twain Building (4,736)
Returning Players: 3
Strengths: depth at guard position, enthusiasm
Weaknesses: too many new faces, size

Analysis: Mark Bernsen takes over the coaching reigns for a Missouri-St. Louis program that limped to a 7-19 finish a year ago. Bernsen, led by Southwest Missouri State, has added a bumper crop of transfers, led by Anthony Love and Luke Harms, to go with three returning starters from last season. The Rivermen will rely on guards Greg Ross and Michael Coleman to jump-start the offense. The duo combined for more than 24 ppg last season. UMSL could show marked improvement if it could buy a win at home — the team is 8-16 at home over the past two seasons.

They'll win big if... Coleman returns quickly from a knee injury that shelved him for the second half of last season. With so many new faces, the Rivermen could have trouble until Bernsen finds the right combination.
Could be a long year if... Much like IPFW, the Rivermen are rebuilding. Unlike the Mastodons, Bernsen has adopted the "win now" philosophy with JUCO recruits and transfers. That should lead to improvement over last season.

UMSL Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
22	Kechan Johnson	Sr.	F	6-6
42	Terence Herbert	Sr.	C	6-8
3	Michael Coleman	Jr.	F	6-6
10	Anthony Love	Jr.	G	5-10
11	Michael Hamilton	Jr.	G	6-0
14	Greg Ross	Jr.	G	6-0
24	Shawn Massa	Jr.	G	6-1
32	Brian Markus	Jr.	G/F	6-4
40	Luke Harms	Jr.	F	6-7
44	Scott Kassel	Jr.	C	6-8
33	Jim Schelich	So.	F	6-4

Men's GLVC Outlook

Northern Kentucky University Norse



Location: Highland Heights, Ky.
Enrollment: 11,912
Head Coach: Ken Shields (193-127, 11 years)
Last Season: 16-12 (12-10 GLVC)
Home Court: Regents Hall (2,000)
Returning Players: 8
Strengths: depth, shooters, size, athleticism
Weaknesses: long layoffs for key contributors, shifting roles

Analysis: What a difference a year makes. For Northern Kentucky last season, the team overcame the lack of size and topped its way to a 16-12 record. This year, the Norse will rely on returning starters Craig Conley and Brian Lawhon to provide depth with the return of senior Kevin Listerman, who redshirted last year. Transfers Zach Wieber and Billy Brewster will add size and athleticism that the team sorely missed at times last season. From top to bottom, this could be the most talented team Ken Shields has had in his 11 years in Highland Heights. Where else could the reigning GLVC Freshman of the Year find himself coming off the bench?

They'll win big if... Shields played attention to Kentucky Wesleyan last season. Ray Harper took a ridiculously talented team with high expectations and led the expected -- won a national championship. This season, anything less than an NCAA championship would probably be viewed as a failure.
Could be a long year if... There are too many egos and not enough basketball.

NKU Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
11	Mitch Perdrix	Sr.	F	6-4
22	Kevin Listerman	Sr.	G	5-10
43	Scott Marston	Sr.	F	6-6
12	Brian Lawhon	Jr.	G	6-2
5	Craig Conley	Jr.	G	6-0
42	Adam Norwell	Jr.	F	6-6
44	Zach Wieber	Jr.	F	6-8
34	Billy Brewster	Jr.	F/C	6-7
33	Craig Sanders	So.	G	6-3
21	Ryan Schaefer	So.	G	6-1
--	Jesse Rupe	Fr.	F/C	6-9
--	Brenden Stowers	Fr.	G	6-2
--	John West	Fr.	G	5-9
--	Josh Murphy	Fr.	G	6-4

Quincy University Hawks



Location: Quincy, Ill.
Enrollment: 1,200
Head Coach: Steve Hawkins (127-95, 8 years)
Last Season: 12-15 (10-12 GLVC)
Home Court: Memorial Gymnasium
Returning Players: 7
Strengths: quickness, shooters, experience
Weaknesses: size

Analysis: After slipping to a 12-15 mark a year ago, Quincy hopes to return to the upper echelon of the GLVC. While the Hawks lost their top two scorers from last season, Steve Hawkins' balanced offense guarantees that everyone will get minutes -- and points. The guard-heavy team will rely on senior Tyreese Stewart and junior Lampton Johnson to score often. Size could be a problem, with only one experienced player taller than 6-7. Look for the Hawks to compensate for that with some running and gunning.

They'll win big if... Hawkins' guard-happy offense lights up the scoreboard and the interior defense slows people down just enough to pull out the 90-89 squeakers. Eight returning players should at least guarantee the Hawks a winning record.

Could be a long year if... Senior center Franchot Pratt gets into foul trouble often. Behind him, it gets pretty thin.

Quincy Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
12	Greg Fearday	Sr.	G	6-3
20	Tyreese Stewart	Sr.	G	6-1
32	Mike Posey	Sr.	G	6-3
33	Franchot Pratt	Sr.	F/C	6-8
--	Sherrod Dent	Sr.	F	6-4
11	Lampton Johnson	Jr.	G	6-1
--	Kareem Cain	Jr.	F	6-5
--	Ryan Eklund	Jr.	G	6-5
21	Marcel Wilson	So.	F	6-7
24	Joel Peterson	So.	F	6-6
14	Tony Certa	So.	G	6-1
--	Justin Beach	So.	F	6-6
50	Brian McNeil	Fr.	C	6-9

St. Joseph's College Pumas



Location: Rensselaer, In.
Enrollment: 1,000
Head Coach: Dave Balza (9-17, 1 year)
Last Season: 9-17 (8-14 GLVC)
Home Court: Alumni Fieldhouse (2,500)
Returning Players: 10
Strengths: experience, solid forwards
Weaknesses: inconsistent guards, size

Analysis: If there is strength in numbers, this could be the year for Dave Balza and St. Joseph's. The Pumas return 10 players from last season, more than any team in the GLVC. Leading scorers Greg Taylor, Brandon Yates and Brent Mason provide a solid nucleus to build around. Size could be a problem, with center Luis Soltero the only player taller than 6-7. The Pumas could be one of the most improved teams in the conference this season.

They'll win big if... Taylor, Yates and Mason get some help from an experienced supporting cast. The Pumas are a center away from being a GLVC contender. Can Balza find the missing piece before a talented class is wasted?

Could be a long year if... The team averages 22 turnovers a game again this season. That total was by far the most in the GLVC.

St. Joseph's Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
21	Greg Taylor	Sr.	G	6-1
33	Jason Hallenbeck	Sr.	F	6-6
15	Matt Metzger	Sr.	G	5-10
3	Luis Soltero	Sr.	F/C	6-9
32	Brandon Yates	Jr.	F	6-5
30	Andy Anasinski	Jr.	F/C	6-4
34	Rory Johnson	Jr.	C/F	6-6
4	Romano Dees	Jr.	F/C	6-6
5	Brent Mason	So.	G/F	6-5
10	Jason Smith	So.	G	5-10
40	Jermaine Crosby	Fr.	F	6-7
11	Hodges Smith	Fr.	G	6-0

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Cougars



Location: Edwardsville, Ill.
Enrollment: 11,500
Head Coach: Jack Margenthaler (310-297, 23 years)
Last Season: 13-14 (12-10 GLVC)
Home Court: Vandalabene Center (4,000)
Returning Players: 8
Strengths: size, quickness
Weaknesses: shooting, turnovers

Analysis: After an uncharacteristic season at SIUE that included a 13-14 finish, hopes are high in Edwardsville this season. The Cougars return three of their top four scorers from last season in Antonio McKenzie, Travis Wallbaum and Ty Moss. Throw in a pair of Valparaiso transfers (Ryan Sexson and Marty Perry) with 6-6 JUCO transfer Dion Perkins and the Cougars are thinking of challenging for the GLVC title. After a slow start last year, SIUE finished its season in the tournament.

They'll win big if... The transfers mesh with the returnees and Margenthaler gets production out of the middle, something that has been missing in recent years. You heard it here first -- SIUE will be in the NCAA tournament.

Could be a long year if... The newcomers cause more headaches for the coaching staff than for opponents.

SIUE Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
5	James Minshall	Sr.	G	5-11
42	Travis Wallbaum	Sr.	C	6-7
15	Antonio McKinzie	Sr.	F	6-4
22	Ryan Cross	Sr.	G	6-0
32	Ryan Groves	Sr.	F	6-5
50	Dion Perkins	Jr.	F/C	6-6
43	Nick Hartwig	Jr.	F	6-6
33	Derek Cowan	So.	F	6-5
40	Ty Moss	So.	G	5-11
44	Zach Lee	So.	F	6-7
34	Ryan Sexson	So.	G	6-3
35	Marty Perry	So.	F	6-10
12	Luke Humphrey	Fr.	G	6-2
20	Wes Pickering	Fr.	G	6-2

University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles



Location: Evansville, In.
Enrollment: 8,300
Head Coach: Bruce Pearl (180-36, 7 years)
Last Season: 26-6 (18-4 GLVC)
Home Court: PAC Arena (3,300)
Returning Players: 7
Strengths: solid inside game, Pearl
Weaknesses: seven newcomers, replacing top two scorers

Analysis: Does it really matter who puts on the uniform at Southern Indiana for Bruce Pearl? Any other team in America that graduates five players wouldn't be considered a favorite on their block, much less in their conference. Instead, the Screaming Eagles will build around a solid inside game that features Kimon Green and Habib Ademi. Guard Ryan Kelley returns after averaging more than 10 ppg last season. Pearl upgraded the other guard position by signing Darrick Lyons, who averaged more than 27 ppg last season at, appropriately, Georgia Perimeter College. With a 180-36 record in seven seasons, why is this guy still at Southern Indiana?

They'll win big if... They will. Trust me. No "if" needed. Next...

Could be a long year if... The Screaming Eagles keep losing to Kentucky Wesleyan. Even the great ones have a nemesis. Besides, what else is there to keep the talk shows in Evansville alive in January?

Southern Indiana Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
33	Ryan Kelley	Sr.	G	6-3
32	Kevin Herdes	Sr.	G	6-2
22	Josh Kain	Sr.	G	6-2
11	Brandon Hughes	Sr.	G	6-2
3	Habib Ademi	Sr.	F	6-9
31	Rod Berry	Jr.	F	6-5
54	Kimon Green	Jr.	F/C	6-7
--	Corey Brunson	Jr.	G	6-1
23	Darrick Lyons	Jr.	G/F	6-4
5	Drake Roberts	Jr.	G	6-2
44	Shirica Shy	Jr.	F	6-7
14	Matt Carter	So.	F	6-2
4	Dan Luse	So.	F	6-5
10	Kent Stackhouse	So.	G	6-3
15	Diondre Givens	Fr.	F	6-5
34	Billy Harris	Fr.	G/F	6-4

University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers



Location: Kenosha, Wis.
Enrollment: 5,000
Head Coach: Jeff Rutter (26-53, 3 years)
Last Season: 24-1 (21-21 GLVC)
Home Court: Sports/Activities Center (2,100)
Returning Players: 9
Strengths: experience, solid backcourt
Weaknesses: confidence, inside scoring, no home advantage

Analysis: It's not often that a team has a chance to double its win total from the previous season within the first three weeks of the season, but Parkside could do just that. Granted, the Rangers went only 2-24 last season, but with an influx of newcomers and a strong returning nucleus, a major jump in the GLVC standings is not out of the question. If the Rangers could only find a way to win at home. They were 1-13 at home last year with the only win coming against NKU. That win probably allowed coach Jeff Rutter to stick around to see year three of his rebuilding program.

They'll win big if... Maybe not win 'big', but improvement is almost guaranteed. With Parkside's recent luck, 'big' means 'out of the GLVC cellar. You have to learn to walk before you can run.

Could be a long year if... It's hard to imagine anything being longer than the 2-24 debacle Rutter oversaw last season.

Wisconsin-Parkside Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
3	Tory Smith	Sr.	G	6-2
33	Willie Robinson	Sr.	C	6-8
40	Denad Merkovich	Sr.	C	6-9
54	Dion Mallory	Sr.	C	6-6
11	Brian Coffman	Jr.	F	6-5
13	Nick Newbauer	Jr.	F	6-0
20	Tom Bellino	Jr.	G	6-0
31	Matt Kleinfeldt	Jr.	F	6-6
45	Zach Robertson	Jr.	F	6-8
12	Marion Grice	So.	G	6-0
14	Kevin Carp	So.	G	6-1
21	Scott Meerstein	So.	F	6-6
34	Nick Knuth	So.	F	6-6
23	Quincey Moman	Fr.	G/F	6-5
25	Steve Maday	Fr.	G	6-5
35	Brian Maastricht	Fr.	G/F	6-5



5 Craig Conley
Junior
6' Guard

At NKU: Conley begins his fourth year at NKU...excellent quickness and good shooter...is capable of penetrating or hitting the three-pointer...will contend for All-GLVC honors again this season.
1998-99: Played in 27 games and started 23...averaged 15.7 points and 5.3 rebounds...named second team All-GLVC...led NKU with 107 assists and 55 steals...dished out an NKU record-tying 13 assists against Quincy.
1997-98: Played in 30 games and started four times...averaged 9.4 points and was No. 2 on the team with 68 assists...made 34 of 93 three-point attempts.



10 John West
Freshman
5'9" Guard

At NKU: West enters his first season with the Norse...good outside shooter and ballhandler...will add depth to the NKU backcourt this season.
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1999 graduate of Baileyville High School...averaged 13.6 points and 7.1 assists his senior year...scored 1,017 career points and added 598 career assists...which is a school record...also had a school-record 240 steals during his career...earned first team All-Coal Field Conference his final three years...named first team All-State in West Virginia...coached by Jesse Lester.



11 Mitch Perdrix
Senior
6'4" Guard

At NKU: Perdrix begins his fifth year at NKU...made team as a walk-on...good shooter and hard worker...can play guard or forward...sat out as a redshirt in 1995-96.
1998-99: Saw action in 22 games...averaged 20 points and 12 rebounds...led a career high with 13 points against Indiana More...also grabbed a career-best seven rebounds against Thomas More.
1997-98: Played in 11 games...averaged 1.4 points and 0.6 rebounds...also had four steals.
1996-97: Saw action in 18 games...and started once...averaged 1.9 points...scored a career-high 13 points against Indiana-Southeast.



12 Brian Lawhon
Junior
6'3" Guard

At NKU: Lawhon starts his third season at NKU...outstanding shooter from the outside who led NKU in three-point shooting the past two years...will be a key in the Norse backcourt.
1998-99: Started all 25 games...averaged 12.7 points and 3.4 rebounds...made a school-record 11 three-pointers against Kentucky State on Dec. 22...scored a career-high 33 points in that same game...led NKU in free throw shooting at 82%...made 83 of 178 three-pointers last season.
1997-98: Saw action in 30 games and started 23 times...named GLVC Freshman of the Year after averaging 11.3 points...hit a team-leading 70 three-pointers and made 87.3 percent of his free throws...also had 25 steals and 30 assists.



21 Brian Schaefer
Sophomore
6'1" Guard

At NKU: Schaefer begins his second year with NKU...could contend for playing time in the backcourt this season...excellent free throw shooter and ballhandler.
1998-99: Saw action in 26 games and started seven times...averaged 4.5 points and 1.3 rebounds...shot .800 from the free throw line...also dished out 43 assists and had 11 steals.



22 Kevin Listerman
Senior
5'11" Guard

At NKU: Listerman enters his fifth year at NKU...great competitor and clutch shooter...dished out last season...NKU's all-time career leader in steals (229)...will challenge for All-GLVC honors this season.
1997-98: Started all 30 games...averaged 8.7 points and had 72 steals...led NKU with 151 assists...named second team All-GLVC.
1996-97: Started all 35 games...averaged 5.7 points and a team-leading 2.6 steals...set an NKU single-season record with 90 steals...ranked No. 2 in the GLVC in steals (2.6 spg).
1995-96: Saw action in 30 games and started 20...averaged 3.4 points and 2.6 assists...was named to the Great Lakes Regional All-Tournament Team after recording 10 assists versus Southern Indiana...led the GLVC in steals (2.2 per game)...dished out 85 assists.



24 Brenden Stowers
Freshman
6'2" Guard

At NKU: Stowers starts his first year at NKU...outstanding scorer with good outside shot...will compete for playing time as a freshman.
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1999 graduate of Simon Kenton High School...averaged 14.6 points and 4.5 assists per game as a senior...named to the All-Ninth Region Team...coached by Dan Trame and Scott Humphrey.



33 Craig Sanders
Sophomore
6'3" Guard

At NKU: Sanders begins his third year at NKU...sat out as a redshirt two years ago...outstanding perimeter player with excellent range...also goes to the basket very well...will challenge for All-GLVC honors again this season.
1998-99: Started all 28 games...averaged a team-leading 16.6 points and 3.4 rebounds...named GLVC Freshman of the Year...earned second team All-GLVC honors...made 78 out of 200 three-point attempts...shot .810 from the free throw line...scored a career-high 31 points against Central State.



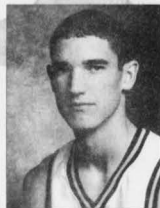
34 Billy Brewster
Junior
6'7" Forward

At NKU: Brewster enters his first season with the Norse...excellent scorer and rebounder...great leaper who runs the floor well...sat out as a redshirt last season...a transfer from Cisco (Texas) Junior College.
AT CISCO: Played two seasons at Cisco (Texas) Junior College and averaged 27 points and 14 rebounds his second year...earned All-Region honors.
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1996 graduate of Galveston Ball High School...averaged 14 points and eight rebounds per contest as a senior...led team to a 26-6 record...earned All-District and All-Northern Conference honors.



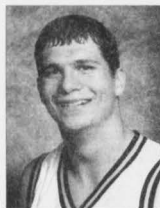
35 Josh Murphy
Freshman
6'4" Guard

At NKU: Murphy enters his first year with NKU...good scorer and All-around athlete...made the team as a walk-on...will provide depth this season.
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1999 graduate of Mercer County High School...averaged 14 points and eight rebounds last season...led Mercer County in rebounding as a senior...coached by Brian Pendygriff.



40 Jesse Rupe
Freshman
6'10" Center

At NKU: Rupe begins his first season with the Norse...outstanding post player who runs the floor well...should compete for significant playing time this season.
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1998 graduate of Mayssville (Ohio) High School...averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds as a senior...earned four letters in both football and basketball...coached by Chad Coconis.



42 Adam Norwell
Junior
6'6" Forward

At NKU: Norwell starts his third year with the Norse...strong rebounder and aggressive inside player...will be a key inside player again this year.
1998-99: Saw action in 25 games and started 21...averaged 12.3 points and a team-leading 7.8 rebounds...led the team in field goal percentage at .585...recorded eight double-doubles.
1997-98: Played in 22 games and started three times...averaged 12.2 points and 2.3 rebounds...shot 61.3 percent from the field...pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds against Wisconsin-Parkside...scored 10 points in his first career game against Arkansas Tech.



43 Scott Marston
Senior
6'6" Forward

At NKU: Marston enters his third year at NKU...sat out as a redshirt last season after undergoing elbow surgery...excellent outside shooter and strong inside performer...a transfer from Division I Virginia Commonwealth University.
1997-98: Played in 19 games and started 17 times...averaged 10.9 points per game until suffering a season-ending elbow injury...made 50 of 111 three-point attempts...also averaged 3.6 rebounds per game.



44 Zach Wieber
Junior
6'9" Center

At NKU: Wieber begins his second year at NKU...strong post player who rebounded last season...transferred from Ashland University and Bowling Green State University.
AT ASHLAND: Averaged 11 points per game as a freshman in 1996-97...also averaged six rebounds per contest.
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1996 graduate of Newark High School...averaged 21 points and 12 rebounds per game...lettered three times and was a member of the National Honor Society.



32 Brad Hoffman
Freshman
6'6" Forward

At NKU: Hoffman begins his first season with the Norse...excellent inside player with good outside shot...will probably sit out as a redshirt this season.
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1999 graduate of LaSalle High School...averaged 14 points and seven rebounds as a senior...earned second team All-Greater Catholic League honors as a junior and senior...coached by Dan Fleming.

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11 Heather Livingstone
Junior
5'4" Guard

AT NKU: Livingstone enters her first season with the Norse...outstanding three-point shooter and all-around guard...a transfer from Winona (Minn.) State University...could start in the backcourt this season.

AT WINONA STATE: Played two seasons at Winona State...averaged 13 points and dished out 103 assists in 1998-99...ranked No. 4 nationally in NCAA Division II in three-point shooting last season at .477 (53 of 111)...also made 88.3 percent of her free throws.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 1997 graduate of Winneconne High School...named All-East Central Conference four years...scored 1,686



31 Julie Cowens
Junior
6' Center

AT NKU: Cowens begins her first season with NKU...good inside former who could see significant playing time this season...a transfer from Urbana (Ohio) University.

AT URBANA: Played two seasons and was Urbana's leading scorer and rebounder...earned most valuable player honors at three tournaments.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 1996 graduate of Strongsville (Ohio) High School...earned Pioneer Conference most valuable player honors as a senior...also lettered in cross country and track...coached by Bill Cash.



15 Suzie Smith
Sophomore
5'6" Guard

AT NKU: Smith begins her second year at NKU...excellent point guard and defender...a member of the 1999 NKU/Star Bank All-Academic Team...could start at the point this season.

1998-99: Played in 32 games and started 31...averaged 1.7 points and 1.0 rebounds...shot .727 from the free throw line...had 15 assists and six steals...scored a career-high 12 points against Ashland.



32 Amy Mobley
Freshman
5'11" Forward

AT NKU: Mobley begins her first season with the Norse...excellent scorer and all-around basketball player...should challenge for playing time as a freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 1999 graduate of Harrison High School...averaged 16.5 points, 8.6 rebounds and 5.2 assists per game as a senior...earned Queen City Conference Player of the Year honors as a junior...named QCC co-Player of the Year as a senior...scored 1,105 career points at Harrison...coached by Kathy Swint.



20 Michele Tuchfarber
Junior
5'8" Guard

AT NKU: Tuchfarber begins her third year at NKU...outstanding three-point shooter who led the nation in that category last season...will challenge for All-GLVC honors again this season.

1998-99: Played in 32 games and started 31...averaged 14.6 points and 4.4 rebounds...led the NCAA Division II in three-point shooting at .529...named second team All-GLVC...voted most outstanding player of the NCAA Great Lakes Regional.

1997-98: Played in 28 games and started 26...ranked No. 3 on the team in scoring at 11.5 points per game...averaged 5.0 rebounds per game...also dished out 73 assists and led NKU with 57 steals.



33 Bridget Flanagan
Freshman
5'10" Guard

AT NKU: Flanagan begins her first year at NKU...outstanding shooter who can play guard or forward...could contend for playing time this season.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 1999 graduate of Mother of Mercy High School...earned All-GOCL honors as a junior and senior...earned honorable mention All-State accolades as a senior...coached by Mary Jo Huismann.



21 Rebecca Bell
Freshman
5'8" Guard

AT NKU: Bell starts her first season with the Norse...good athlete who made the team as a walk-on...will provide depth this season.

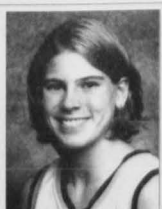
HIGH SCHOOL: A 1998 graduate of Simon Kenton High School...led the team in assists for two seasons...also led the Pioneers in three-point shooting...coached by William Bromback.



34 Kristin Polosky
Freshman
6'1" Center

AT NKU: Polosky enters her first season with the Norse...outstanding post player and inside scorer...should contend for significant playing time as a freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: A 1999 graduate of Mapletown High School...scored 1,570 career points and grabbed 1,020 rebounds...named team most valuable player...lettered four years in basketball and four years in softball...coached by Joe Spiker.



22 Michelle Cottrell
Sophomore
5'11" Forward

AT NKU: Cottrell enters her second year with the Norse...outstanding inside scorer and rebounder...one of the GLVC's top players...will challenge for All-America honors this season.

1998-99: Started all 33 games...averaged a team-leading 18.1 points and 9.1 rebounds...scored 598 points...the second-highest total in NKU history...earned first team All-GLVC honors...named GLVC Freshman of the Year...earned second team All-Great Lakes Region honors...named most outstanding player of the GLVC Tournament...recorded 14 double-doubles...hit the winning shot at the buzzer against Michigan Tech in the Great Lakes Region championship...led the GLVC in field goal percentage at .608.



44 Jessica Jensen
Junior
6' Forward

AT NKU: Jensen enters her third year with the Norse...played outstanding basketball late last season as a starter and reserve...good shooter and inside scorer...will be a major factor again this season.

1998-99: Played in 33 games and started 11...averaged 6.3 points and 3.2 rebounds...started seven games late in the year and NKU was 7-0...scored a career-high 16 points against Kentucky Wesleyan in the GLVC Tournament.

1997-98: Saw action in 21 games and started twice...averaged 3 points and 2.4 rebounds...hit .917 from the free-throw line.

Women's GLVC Outlook

Bellarmine College Knights



Location: Louisville, Ky.

Enrollment: 2,300

Head Coach: David Smith (347-124, 17 years)

Last Season: 21-9 (17-5 GLVC)

Home Court: Knights Hall (3,000)

Returning Players: 8

Strengths: scoring, experience, defense

Weaknesses: free throw shooting

Analysis: Coach David Smith returns eight players from last season's team that advanced to the NCAA tournament. The Knights will rely on a sticky defense that held opponents to 37 percent shooting last year, best in the GLVC. On offense, Bellarmine will count on the solid inside tandem of Stephanie Hutchcraft and Lori Ann Gonzalez for scoring and rebounding. The backcourt will be bolstered by the addition of Louisville transfer Rachel Young. This team took NKU to the wire before falling in the finals of the GLVC tournament last year. They could go even further this season.

They'll win big if... Smith gets the production he needs from the backcourt so defenses will not collapse on Hutchcraft and Gonzalez. Smith finished second in the GLVC in his first season; could he possibly finish first in his second season? It seems very likely.

Could be a long year if... The Knights are content to rest on their laurels of last year and take victories for granted.

Bellarmine Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
24	Betsy Young	Sr.	G	5-7
44	Lori Ann Gonzalez	Sr.	C	6-1
42	Stephanie Hutchcraft Jr.	F	F	6-0
40	Jackie Holland	Jr.	F	5-11
30	Ryan Danner	Jr.	F	5-10
34	Rachel Phelps	Jr.	F	5-9
21	Rachel Young	Jr.	G	5-8
15	Rachel Beasley	So.	F	5-10
32	Cindy Lea Gonzalez	So.	F	6-1
11	Michea Embry	So.	G	5-6
22	Laura Voegelé	So.	G	5-9
12	Nickie Randall	Fr.	G	5-5
33	Audrey Cannon	Fr.	F	5-11

University of Indianapolis Greyhounds



Location: Indianapolis, Ind.

Enrollment: 4,000

Head Coach: Lisa Hicks (159-137, 11 years)

Last Season: 7-20 (3-19 GLVC)

Home Court: Nicsson Hall (4,000)

Returning Players: 10

Strengths: size, quickness, experience

Weaknesses: perimeter shooting, defense

Analysis: Coach Lisa Hicks returns 10 players from last year's edition that finished 7-20. Offense should not be a problem, considering the Greyhounds return All-Great Lakes Region selection Elizabeth Ramsey. Ramsey was one of two GLVC women to average a double-double last season (St. Joseph's Angie Huffer was the other) with 21 points and 10 rebounds per game. Ramsey can't do it alone, however. If the Greyhounds are to improve, they must shoot better than 29 percent from behind the arc. Indianapolis also must find someone other than Ramsey to rebound; the 'Hounds were outrebounded by an average of nearly three per game.

They'll win big if... Lauren Vyborny recovers in time to provide an inside complement to Ramsey. Vyborny averaged more than 10 rpg last season before suffering a season-ending injury.

Could be a long year if... The Greyhounds continue to shoot 62 percent from the free throw line. That mark was the worst in the GLVC.

Indianapolis Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
33	Angi DeWitt	Sr.	G	5-7
12	Rana Glenn	Sr.	F	5-9
22	Kendall Virgin	Sr.	G	5-7
34	Ali Oberle	Jr.	G	5-10
52	Elizabeth Ramsey	Jr.	F	6-1
20	Laura Schmalstieg	Jr.	G	5-6
42	Andrea Shafer	Jr.	F	5-10
54	Anne Frantz	So.	C	6-5
4	Summer Stout	So.	G	5-2
50	Lauren Vyborny	So.	C	6-2
24	Allison Sturtevant	So.	F	6-0
10	Angel Hall	Fr.	G/F	5-11
43	Emily Hammes	Fr.	F	6-0
32	Abby Luttrell	Fr.	F	5-8
5	Amber Roby	Fr.	G	5-7

Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne Mastodons



Location: Fort Wayne, Ind.

Enrollment: 12,000

Head Coach: Carl Smesko (first season)

Last Season: 2-24 (2-20 GLVC)

Home Court: Gates Sports Center (2,700)

Returning Players: 6

Strengths: rebounding

Weaknesses: size, youth, ballhandling

Analysis: New coach Carl Smesko takes over a Mastodon program that finished with only two wins last season. On the bright side, Smesko inherits seven returning players, led by Laura Douglas, the team's second leading rebounder last season. Smesko will also rely on two double-digit scorers (Christy McMillen and Kara Moore) to provide stability to a young team that features eight freshmen. The Mastodons should be better this season, but how much better remains to be seen.

They'll win big if... The 'Dons will not win big this year, or probably even next. If even half of Smesko's eight new recruits pan out, however, IPFW could be a sleeper in the GLVC in the coming seasons.

Could be a long year if... Smesko doesn't get the scoring or leadership from his underclassmen. There is tremendous pressure on them to produce and if they fail, the team could come apart.

IPFW Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
42	Mandy Loveless	Jr.	F/C	6-2
--	Denise Walker	Jr.	F/G	5-10
--	Jamie Holderman	Jr.	G	5-10
25	Laura Douglas	So.	G/F	5-9
15	Christy McMillin	So.	G	5-7
12	Kara Moore	So.	G	5-4
30	Tiffany Thomas	So.	G	6-0
--	Jennifer Miller	Fr.	C	5-8
--	Shanie Smith	Fr.	C	5-8
--	Trish Fleming	Fr.	F	5-10
--	Amy Gerald	Fr.	G	5-10
--	Amy Meyer	Fr.	G	5-10
--	Devon Crouse	Fr.	G	5-6
--	Teeara Dудley	Fr.	F	5-10
--	Angela Coleman	Fr.	F	5-9

Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers



Location: Owensboro, Ky.

Enrollment: 800

Head Coach: Scott Lewis (36-19, 2 years)

Last Season: 15-12 (11-11 GLVC)

Home Court: Sportscenter (5,450)

Returning Players: 6

Strengths: perimeter scoring, defense,

Weaknesses: few returning scorers

Analysis: After the recent success of the Kentucky Wesleyan men's program, the Panther women are itching for success as well. The Panthers finished 15-12 and qualified for the GLVC tournament last season. Although coach Scott Lewis must replace leading scorers Angie Johnson and LaDrina Sanders, he does welcome back Kara Meyer, who averaged 8 ppg last season. The success of this program could be determined by the progress of Division I transfers Rae Keith (Kentucky) and Kelly Waters (Wright State).

They'll win big if... Guard Stephanie Jarvis can continue to shoot 40 percent from three-point range, something she did a year ago. If the Panthers can hold opponents to 72.9 ppg again, they should be a shoo-in for another GLVC tournament appearance.

Could be a long year if... No one steps up to replace the nearly 34 ppg that departed with Johnson and Sanders.

KWC Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
33	Tamara Zaborac	Sr.	C	5-11
12	Stephanie Jarvis	Jr.	G	5-5
--	Rae Keith	Jr.	G	5-7
--	Crystal Martin	Jr.	C	6-1
--	Kelly Martin	Jr.	F	5-11
22	Megan Lewis	So.	G	5-8
40	Kara Meyer	So.	F	5-9
20	Mary Beth Wolf	So.	G	5-8
35	Allison Estes	So.	F	5-10
--	Jean Boshart	Fr.	G	5-9
--	Kami Vaal	Fr.	F	5-11
--	Leslie Warren	Fr.	G	5-9

Lewis University Flyers



Location: Romeoville, Ill.

Enrollment: 4,000

Head Coach: Brian Michalak (82-81, 6 years)

Last Season: 17-10 (14-8 GLVC)

Home Court: Neil Carey Arena (855)

Returning Players: 8

Strengths: rebounding, ball handling, defense

Weaknesses: size

Analysis: Last season, the Flyers rode the talents of a young team to a 17-10 record and a spot in the GLVC tournament. With another year of experience, coach Brian Michalak hopes his team can compete in the upper echelon of the conference this season. Lewis returns its top two scorers, Carey Jewell and Kellie Harnas, as well as much of the rebounding that allowed them to pull down more than 41 per game last year. The Flyers also hope to hold opponents to the 65.3 ppg clip of a season ago.

They'll win big if... Jewell and Harnas continue to find the mark from downtown and get some help inside. With no player taller than 6-1, the Flyers could find the going difficult against bigger teams in the conference.

Could be a long year if... The Flyers don't get off to a good start. With a game at Division I Western Illinois and later at Northern Michigan, that quick start remains unlikely.

Lewis Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
23	Nora Hogueisson	Sr.	F	5-10
31	Kellie Harnas	Sr.	G	5-5
32	Ryann Heap	Sr.	G	5-8
3	Jenny Bourn	Sr.	G	5-9
21	Carey Jewell	Sr.	G	5-4
00	Jill Karwoski	Jr.	G/F	5-8
10	Andrea Gunnell	Jr.	G	5-7
41	Erin Watterson	Jr.	F	5-9
51	Kim Mackinson	Jr.	C	6-1
44	Joy Rauch	So.	F	6-1
24	Trisha Jakel	Fr.	C	6-1
--	Faith Smith	Fr.	F	5-9
--	Kari Wong	Fr.	G	5-4
--	LaToya Molton	Fr.	F	5-10

University of Missouri-St. Louis Riverwomen



Location: St. Louis, Mo.

Enrollment: 15,000

Head Coach: Shelly Ethridge (29-25, 2 years)

Last Season: 15-13 (13-9 GLVC)

Home Court: Mark Twain Building (4,736)

Returning Players: 5

Strengths: rebounding, perimeter scoring, experience

Weaknesses: defense

Analysis: Coach Shelly Ethridge returns six of the top seven scorers from last season's team that finished with a 15-13 record, including an upset of NKU. The strength of the team lies with guard Amanda Wetzel, who finished with 62 three-pointers last year. The inside will be anchored by Tawanda Daniel, who averaged 12.4 ppg last year. The Riverwomen's 36 percent shooting from three-point range and 43 rebounds per game ranked near the top of the conference. UMSL's schedule looks favorable, with a six-game homestand from Dec. 2 to Jan. 6 deciding the team's future.

They'll win big if... The Riverwomen continue to shoot the lights out from the outside and get some help for Daniel inside. A talented recruiting class made up of two JUCO stars and a St. Louis high school standout could be just what the doctor ordered.

Could be a long year if... UMSL continues its trend of good game-bad game. Only a five game winning streak saved the season last year.

UMSL Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
00	Jennifer Littleton	Sr.	C	6-4
11	Amanda Wentzel	Sr.	G	5-7
12	Trisha Ackerman	Sr.	G	5-11
14	Pauline Harris	Sr.	F	5-11
15	Sara Mauck	Sr.	G	5-6
22	Tawanda Daniel	Sr.	G	5-8
44	Lindsay Brefeld	Jr.	G	5-8
50	Keely Klaas	Jr.	F	5-11
52	Susan Emmet	Jr.	F	6-1
24	Tanisha Albert	Jr.	G	5-7
54	Lynette Wellen	So.	F	5-11
34	Jackie Taylor	Fr.	G	5-11

Women's GLVC Outlook

Northern Kentucky University Norse



Location: Highland Heights, Ky.
Enrollment: 11,912
Head Coach: Nancy Winstel (330-118, 16 years)
Last Season: 30-3 (20-2 GLVC)
Home Court: Regents Hall (2,000)
Returning Players: 4
Strengths: inside-outside combo, championship experience
Weaknesses: depth

Analysis: What can Nancy Winstel's Norse do for an encore? Last season, NKU managed its best record in school history (30-3) and capped last season in the Division II Final Four in Pine Bluff, Ark. The Norse must replace five departed seniors, but a talented core of underclassmen returns, led by GLVC Freshman of the Year Michelle Cottrell and junior Michele Tuchfarber, who led the NCAA in 3 point field goal percentage. Joining them this year are a three-member freshman class and junior Heather Livingston, a transfer from Winona State. The pieces are in place for another NCAA tournament run.

They'll win big if... The Norse find a replacement for point guard Katie Kelsey, who left as the school's all-time assists leader. Cottrell can dominate, but who's going to get her the ball?

Could be a long year if... The team manages to get into foul trouble with any frequency. Since only six players have college experience, depth could be a problem.

NKU Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
31	Julie Cowens	Jr.	F/C	6-0
20	Michele Tuchfarber	Jr.	G	5-8
44	Jessica Jensen	Jr.	F	6-0
11	Heather Livingstone	Jr.	G	5-4
22	Michelle Cottrell	So.	F	5-11
15	Suzie Smith	So.	G	5-6
32	Amy Mobley	Fr.	F	5-11
33	Bridget Flanagan	Fr.	G/F	5-10
34	Kristen Polosky	Fr.	C	6-1
21	Rebecca Bell	Fr.	G	5-8

Quincy University Lady Hawks



Location: Quincy, Ill.
Enrollment: 1,200
Head Coach: Larry Just (5-47, 2 years)
Last Season: 5-21 (4-18 GLVC)
Home Court: Memorial Gymnasium
Returning Players: 6
Strengths: experience, rebounding
Weaknesses: losing attitude, size

Analysis: Give coach Larry Just credit. In two previous seasons at Quincy, his teams have a gone a combined 5-47. The Lady Hawks could be primed for a grand turnaround this season, however, as Just returns seven of his top eight players from last season. A pair of double digit scorers return (Colleen Sexton and Kelley Storm), as well as a bulk of the rebounding that allowed Quincy to grab more than 38 per game last season. With only two seniors on the roster, the future looks bright.

They'll win big if... The young lineup can progress at their current rate. If that happens, a trip to the GLVC tournament would not be out of the question. Quincy could be a couple years away from being a serious contender, however.

Could be a long year if... The team gets off to a slow start. The Hawks won five games last year, but only two after the Christmas. Chances for GLVC wins are few and far between this season.

Quincy Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
4	Laura Jenkins	Sr.	G	5-5
--	Diana Cox	Sr.	F/C	5-10
24	Katie McAlinden	Jr.	G/F	5-10
44	Colleen Sexton	Jr.	F/C	6-0
--	Amy Makarewicz	Jr.	F	5-10
23	Kim Newman	So.	F	5-11
12	Heather Hall	So.	G	5-7
34	Kim Nagel	So.	F/C	6-0
25	Kelly Storm	So.	G/F	5-9
42	Kristin Traub	So.	F/C	5-11
--	Tiffany Keiver	Fr.	G	5-8
--	Jill Unnerstall	Fr.	F	5-10
--	Sarah Briggs	Fr.	F	5-10

St. Joseph's College Lady Pumas



Location: Rensselaer, Ind.
Enrollment: 1,000
Head Coach: Lynn Plett (77-60, 5 years)
Last Season: 15-12 (12-10 GLVC)
Home Court: Alumni Fieldhouse (2,500)
Returning Players: 9
Strengths: Hupfer, Hupfer and Hupfer
Weaknesses: playing down to the level of their competition

Analysis: On the surface, there appears to be few weaknesses in a Lady Puma team that finished 15-12 a year ago. It all starts with All-America forward Angie Hupfer, who averaged a double-double last season while leading the nation in scoring (30.6 ppg, 11.8 rpg). She will be joined by All-GLVC performer Tamara Bumpers. With four starters returning, St. Joseph's could be the dark horse for the GLVC championship this season.

They'll win big if... They can avoid playing down to the level of their competition. The Pumas seemed to play well against the good teams and flat against the bad teams.

Could be a long year if... Anything happens to Hupfer. Thirty points and 11 rebounds per game can't be replaced.

St. Joseph's Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
22	Angie Hupfer	Sr.	F	5-11
25	Tamara Bumpers	Sr.	F	5-9
21	Dawn Harvey	Sr.	G	5-7
11	Monica Claridge	Sr.	G/F	5-9
50	Jill Masters	Sr.	C	6-1
33	Teri Forsyth	Sr.	G	5-8
15	Laura Mullikin	Jr.	G	5-7
32	Shanay Jackson	So.	C	6-2
10	Kori Rentas	So.	G	5-4
24	Karin Morrisroe	So.	G	5-7
--	Bethany Lahrmann	So.	F	5-9
--	Jennifer Semmerio	Fr.	G	5-7
--	Whitney Avery	Fr.	G	5-9
--	Akyla Catlin	Fr.	C	6-2
--	Sarah Ratzlaff	Fr.	F	5-10

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Cougars



Location: Edwardsville, Ill.
Enrollment: 11,500
Head Coach: Wendy Hedberg (313-237, 19 years)
Last Season: 19-9 (16-6 GLVC)
Home Court: Vadalabene Center (4,000)
Returning Players: 8
Strengths: solid backcourt, interior defense
Weaknesses: inexperience opposite Clark

Analysis: SIUE is coming off a 19-9 season that saw it make the NCAA tournament. Anything less than a return trip this year would seem disappointing. The Cougars have one of the GLVC's finest players in junior Misti Clark. While SIUE must replace All-GLVC player and leading scorer Kim Lowe, a strong recruiting class should help offset her loss somewhat. The Cougars will be in the thick of the conference race this season.

They'll win big if... Coach Wendy Hedberg finds a compliment to Clark. Six-foot-one transfer Sarah Cook is a nice start. A serious run at the GLVC title is not out of the question.

Could be a long year if... The Cougars slip from last year's lofty defensive levels. SIUE held opponents to 63 ppg last season, good enough for second place in the GLVC.

SIUE Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
33	Sarah Sollberger	Sr.	F	5-10
3	Misti Clark	Jr.	G	5-10
30	Erica Cory	Jr.	G	5-6
32	Crystal Gladson	Jr.	C	6-0
52	Sarah Cook	Jr.	C	6-1
23	Amanda Buldman	So.	F	5-11
22	Heather Hillebrener	So.	G	5-9
35	Jill Johnson	So.	F	5-10
25	Kristi Eller	So.	G	5-6
10	Melissa Schneider	Fr.	G	5-9
15	Sarah Schweers	Fr.	G	5-9
40	Megan Grizzle	Fr.	C	6-0
42	Liz DeShasier	Fr.	F	5-11
54	Sarah Larson	Fr.	F	5-11

University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles



Location: Evansville, Ind.
Enrollment: 8,300
Head Coach: Rick Stein (first season)
Last Season: 19-12 (16-6 GLVC)
Home Court: PAC Arena (3,300)
Returning Players: 6
Strengths: experience, backcourt, scoring, defense
Weaknesses: size, new coach

Analysis: This season marks the beginning of a new era for Southern Indiana. Chancellor Dugan, who won three GLVC titles in five years, moved on to Division I Florida Atlantic and was replaced by Rick Stein. Stein inherits much of last year's talent that helped the Screaming Eagles to a 19-12 record, including leading scorer Casey Hughes. Defense, always a trademark at USI, will be in abundance this season after the Screaming Eagles led the conference in blocked shots a year ago. The transition period to Stein's regime could determine how far the Eagles fly this season.

They'll win big if... USI finds a replacement for Adrienne Seitz, the school's all-time assist leader, at point guard. A breakout year by guard Jennifer Donner wouldn't hurt, either.

Could be a long year if... It turns out Dugan was the reason for all of Southern Indiana's success this decade.

Southern Indiana Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
20	Jennifer Donner	Sr.	G	5-7
22	Mindy Gingerich	Sr.	G/F	5-11
21	Karrie Hochgesang	Jr.	G/F	5-8
23	Natalie Glaser	Jr.	G	5-9
10	Melinda Cunningham Jr.	Jr.	F/G	5-10
44	Nicole McDaniels	Jr.	F/G	5-9
33	Shavon Sork	So.	G	5-9
12	Casey Hughes	So.	G/F	5-11
42	Michelle Irwin	So.	C	6-2
4	Bethany Miller	Fr.	G	5-8
14	Carlin Long	Fr.	G	5-7
11	Mandy Shaff	Fr.	G	5-6
25	Abby Wichman	Fr.	F	5-7

University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers



Location: Kenosha, Wis.
Enrollment: 5,000
Head Coach: Paulette Stein (266-289, 21 years)
Last Season: 5-21 (3-18 GLVC)
Home Court: Sports/Activities Center (2,100)
Returning Players: 6
Strengths: experienced backcourt, size
Weaknesses: scoring, defense, free throw shooting

Analysis: Last season, Wisconsin-Parkside endured growing pains as a young lineup fought its way to a 5-21 record. This season, coach Paulette Stein hopes the experience under fire will pay dividends in the form of more wins. The Rangers return their top two scorers, Denita Sublett and Christy Seager, as well as leading rebounder Stacie Jury. In order for the Rangers to make significant improvement, they must improve their scoring (60 ppg) and defense (77 ppg allowed). Both ranked near the bottom of the conference last season.

They'll win big if... The new tall timber inside makes immediate contributions while Sublett and Seager continue to improve with every game.

Could be a long year if... The team continues to shoot 67 percent from the free throw line. That's how close games are lost.

Wisconsin-Parkside Roster

No.	Name	Class	Pos	Ht.
40	Christie Seager	Sr.	F	5-10
25	Hajime Homar	Sr.	F	5-10
20	Haley Meyer	Jr.	G	5-6
21	Kristina Fano	Jr.	G	5-5
31	Stacie Jury	Jr.	C	6-1
34	Joy Rodefer	Jr.	F	6-0
52	Janda Schaefer	Jr.	C	6-3
11	Denita Sublett	So.	G	5-5
33	Katie Pruessing	Fr.	C	6-3
42	Nicole Brunk	Fr.	G	5-9
43	Erin Crank	Fr.	F	5-10

NKU women's basketball team reloads

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Staff Reporter

Some of the best college basketball teams don't rebuild. They reload.

In college basketball, "reloading" is the act of recruiting players who have the talent to play immediately and take over for the loss of seniors on a team. Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball team lost six players from last year's Final Four team.

Women's Head Coach Nancy Winstel recruited and signed four new players in the off-season, three freshmen and one transfer student. These four will join 6-foot junior center, Julie Cowens, who redshirted last season and walk-on Rebecca Bell, as the new players on the team.

If NKU is going to take over where they left off, some or all of the new faces might have to make contributions this year. The returning four sophomores, Michelle Cottrell and Suzie Smith and juniors Michele Tuchfarber and Jessica Jensen may not be able to do it alone.

The New Players: Cowens was a redshirt last year after transferring from Urbana University in Ohio. Cowens was Urbana University's leading scorer and rebounder, Winstel said.

Winstel said that Cowens could be one of the best low post players in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. "[Cowens] is strong and athletic," she said. "Cowens will be a great rebounder when she learns to box out."

Junior guard Heather Livingstone is a transfer from Winona State University in Wis. Last year Livingstone was fourth in the nation in three point shooting percentage. Livingstone brings outside shooting and ball handling to the team, Winstel said. The 5-foot-4-inch Livingstone and Smith will battle for the starting point guard spot but can play both guard positions.

"[Livingstone] has fit in very well," Winstel said. "She has no weaknesses except defensive intensity."

Freshman Amy Mobley is a 5-foot-11-inch forward from Harrison High School in Ohio. "Amy is very strong and works hard in practice," she said.

Freshman Bridget Flanagan is a 5-foot-10-inch guard from Mother of Mercy Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio. "Bridget is very talented and has a sweet shot," she said. "Bridget has a great basketball body," Winstel said in reference to Flanagan's long arms and athletic frame.

Freshman Kristin Polosky is a 6-foot-1-inch center from Maple Wood High School in Bobtown

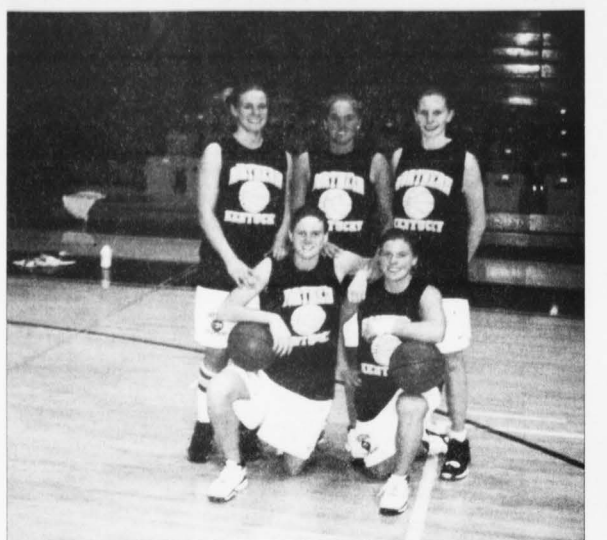
Pa.. Polosky is the only true center on the team besides Cowens. "Kristin is very talented offensively," Winstel said. Winstel said that Polosky needs to get stronger. Polosky said she picked NKU because she believed she could get some playing time right away.

Winstel said that if the new players work hard the team will be good. Tuchfarber isn't worried about so many new players causing a slow start this season. "We have enough practice time to be ready," she said. "I think we'll be ready to go." Cottrell said that the newcomers are coming along strongly.

The new players must learn Winstel's offense. "We're trying to teach the new players the system," Tuchfarber said. She said that last year the team could just run through the drills. Cottrell said that the new players don't understand all the offenses yet.

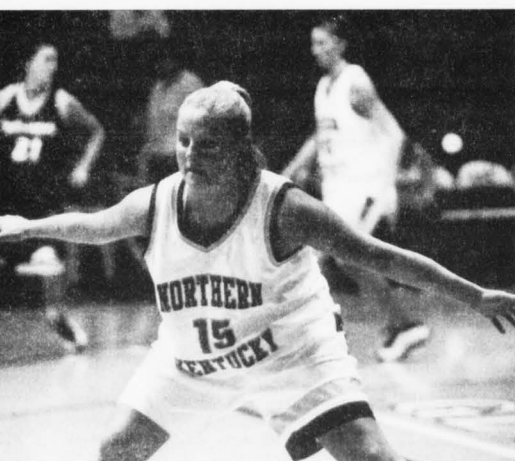
Polosky said she's excited about the season. "I have to step up and make an impact," she said. "We have a lot to live up to."

Winstel said that all of the new players, at times, have stood out. "What the team needs is consistency from them," she said. "Effort and defense should always be there." Tuchfarber said that the new player who has stood out in her mind is Livingstone. Winstel said that she thinks this year's team is more athletic.



Jason Crisler/The Northerner
The NKU women's basketball team has reloaded for the 1999-2000 season, with hopes of reaching the final four for the second consecutive year.

Sophomore plays key role for Norse this season



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
Suzie Smith will be the one dishing the rock this year for the Norse at point guard.

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

Suzie Smith is one of many players on the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team who will be a key factor for the Norse in their attempt to accomplish last season's remarkable feats. The Lady Norse won the Great Lakes Conference Tournament and the Great Lakes Regional Tournament and made it to the NCAA Division II Final Four last season.

Smith, a sophomore at NKU, is one of two point guards on the team this season. She averaged less than two points a game last season and saw limited playing time last season, because Katie Kelsey, one of six players gone from last year's team, played most of the time at the point guard position.

However, Smith is confident she can fill the role of the point guard position this year. "It's going to be hard to replace Kelsey," said Smith. "I want to run the offense for the team and set the tone on defense."

Coach Nancy Winstel said, "She has to run the offense and play solid defense. She is working on those."

Smith is a quick player and a good shooter, according to sophomore teammate Michele Cottrell. "She is a good penetrator. She can shoot the three pointer. She has quick feet and is good on

defense," said Cottrell. According to Winstel, "She's quick, she's fast, and she's a good shooter. No one will outrun Smith. She will get everyone involved in the offense."

Smith is on an NKU team that is full of young players, with no seniors, this season. They have only four returning players, three of them starters, from last season's team. There are also three freshmen and two junior college transfers on the team this season. Despite the youthfulness of this team, it is going in the right direction, according to Smith. "In the beginning, we are going to get off to a rough start, because we are young," she said. "By mid-season or late season, we will be where we want to be."

The Norse also hope to get back to the NCAA Tournament as well as the Final Four again this season, according to Smith. "I expect us to be back where we got last year," she said. "Hopefully, we can get even farther than that. We have the talent to do it. We just need to mature as a team. We need to have consistency in practice and have more intensity."

Two of the key returning players on the Norse squad are junior Michelle Tuchfarber and Cottrell. Both players earned All-GLVC honors last season. They will be the force behind NKU this season, according to Smith.

"They are the leaders on the team," she

said. "They need to be consistent scorers. They have to show the freshman what it is like to win."

However, Smith feels that the team should not rely on just one individual to come through for the Norse during every game. It is a team effort all the way for NKU in order for it to be successful this season, according to Smith. "We have to be a hard-working team. Everyone has to work 100 percent," she said. "That is a key to success."

"[Smith] is very team-oriented," said Winstel. "Her heart is tremendous."

Smith will help the offense out tremendously this season with the opportunities she gets, according to Cottrell. "She is going to set up our plays," said Cottrell. "She is going to be giving assists to people," Winstel added. "She'll have opportunities and will make the most out of it."

Smith is looking forward to playing for NKU this season and is going to be ready to go out there and get it done, according to Cottrell. "She's very excited about this year," said Cottrell. "It is going to be her time to play."

Smith is a very hard worker and does her best in school, in which she is a computer science major, and in basketball, according to Winstel. "Suzie is very focused on and off the court. She is a high achiever in school and basketball," said Winstel. "She wants to do the best she can. She works hard to achieve goals."

Transfer shows that dynamite comes in small packages

By Jason Crisler
Staff Reporter

Dynamite comes in small packages.

In a game of "Goliaths" Northern Kentucky University's "David" stands 5-foot-4-inches and uses deadly accuracy with her jump shots to slay defenders.

With quick feet and lightning hands Heather Livingstone pushes the ball upcourt ahead of the pack. Twice she completed passes, between defenders, to teammates who hadn't realized they were open yet.

Livingstone comes to NKU after two seasons with Winona State University in Wisconsin where she averaged 13 points a game and shot just under 48 percent from the three-point line, good enough for fourth in the nation. Winona State plays in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference. She made third team all conference her sophomore year.

Livingstone or "Stoney," as she is called back home her mother Sherry Livingstone said, grew up in Winneconne Wis. with her parents Mark and Sherry, older sister Brook, 23 and younger brother Nick, 18. Sherry Livingstone said that Livingstone is called "Stoney" because people always forget to pronounce the "stone" in her last name

and that she is always correcting people.

Livingstone said that while her mother was the only one in the family to play sports, they along with her grandparents, Dave and Jean Livingstone, are her biggest supporters and fans. She said they have been with her every step of the way. Jean Livingstone said she has kept scrapbooks of Livingstone's news clippings throughout her four years in high school and two years at Winona State she said she will continue to do so while Livingstone is at NKU.

Livingstone attended Winneconne high school where she is all the time leader in points scored in school history, men or women, with 1,666, her high school coach Roger Rozek said. She averaged almost 19 points, four assists, 3.5 steals and almost four rebounds per game in her high school career, he said. "She is the best player ever to come through our system," Rozek said. "She led by example and helped build our program through her success."

Livingstone said she was highly recruited coming out of high school by both Division I and II schools. Miami of Ohio, Georgetown University and the University of Evansville are a few of the Division I schools that recruited her, she said. Livingstone said she missed her



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner
NKU's 'dynamite' new guard is Winona State transfer Heather Livingstone.

chance to play Division I basketball because of her attitude toward recruiters. She said that she didn't show enough interest in them and waited too long to sign. The teams moved on and signed other players, she said.

This didn't stop Livingstone from playing college basketball, and her family talked about her determination. "She loves challenges," Sherry Livingstone said. "She will show what a Livingstone is made of." Brook Livingstone said, "Heather is dedicated and driven."

Dave Livingstone said why he thinks Livingstone is so driven. "She takes after me," he said. "She's a natural leader."

Livingstone signed with Winona State but there wasn't a big transition from high school to Winona State, she said. "At Winona I had to motivate myself." The transition from Winona State to NKU has been harder, she said. "Here, I'm being corrected," Livingstone said that head coach Nancy Winstel is one of the reasons for the differences in the two programs. "Coach is very demanding. I think that is a good thing," she said.

Livingstone said that she wanted to play for a winning team. Neither her high school team or Winona State had gone far into post-season play.

"I wanted to play on a team with a

winning tradition," she said. "I've had dreams of going to the 'big dance.'" Livingstone said she is looking forward to playing for Winstel. "Coach has proven she's going to win ball games."

Livingstone said having an opportunity to play on a traveling Amateur Athletic Union team helped her develop her game. "I was on a team of all-stars and played against all-stars," she said. "Playing against players as good or better than me made me a better player."

Livingstone said her goals for the season are to be a part of a team that goes deep into the tournament and to build a foundation for next year.

Livingstone said she hopes to make an impact on this year's team. Rozek said he thinks she will. "She is the fiercest competitor from tip-off to buzzer," he said. "She gives 100 percent."

She played shooting guard in high school and at Winona State and she has a shooters instincts and can play both guard positions. She said whether she starts or not is the coach's decision but she will be the best player she possibly can, whether she starts or comes off the bench.

Michele Tuchfarber, one of only three players in the nation to have a better three point shooting percentage

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Same name, same game, same aim, same goal

By Kelly Sudzina
Executive Editor

Elite Eight.
Both Michelles (Michelle Tuchfarber and Michelle Cottrell) on Northern Kentucky University's women's basketball team have been there before—and plan on trying to get there again this year.

"I want to prove to everyone that we can win even though we're young. I think they just voted us No. 1 because of last year," said Michelle Tuchfarber, a junior guard majoring in secondary education in English.

Last year, the women's team was just two games away from winning an NCAA championship in Pine Bluff, Ark. "As a freshman, I didn't really know what Elite Eight was," said Michelle Cottrell, sophomore physical education major and forward on the team.

"We played with a chip on our shoulders. No one thought we would win so we had a lot to prove," Tuchfarber said. "We definitely want to go back."

They will do their best to have that chance again this year. "I think we'll get close this year, but definitely [Tuchfarber's] senior year. We'll be right there, competing for a championship," Cottrell said.

"But we could do it this year too. It's so hard to tell right now because we're still just trying to figure out how everybody plays," Tuchfarber said. "We have to develop a good team chemistry. That's what we had last year."

Their friendship began during last season, and that's why they decided to be roommates this year. "We get along really well. I can't think of anyone that's more of a compatible person with me than her. We're always laughing or joking," Tuchfarber said.

They share one of the two rooms in a two-bedroom apartment on campus. They have posters of Limp Bizkit, Britney Spears, Teletubbies and flies from Have a Nice Day Cafe all over the walls. Glow in the dark stickers are sprinkled across the ceiling. "Anything to add color," they said.

They also have a black blanket over the only

window in the room so that if they come home in the afternoon and want to get some sleep, they can. "You can turn off the lights and the TV and it's like night in here," Tuchfarber said.

They both said that they sleep a lot because they are always tired. "If we're not in the gym or not in class, we're usually sleeping," they said.

"I can't imagine not being an athlete because I would have so much free time I wouldn't know what to do with myself," Tuchfarber said.

One of the other two girls in the four-person apartment is also named Michelle. "It never is that big of a problem because everyone calls us by our nicknames," Tuchfarber said. Cottrell's nickname is "Cott" and Tuchfarber's nickname of "Tuch" was given to her by former teammate Katie Cluxton.

Cluxton was a guard on last year's team, and was known as Katie Kelsey at the time. Tuchfarber was Cluxton's roommate last year and Cluxton asked her to be in her wedding this past summer. "Last year we just got really close and I asked her to be in my wedding because she's one of my best friends," Cluxton said.

Cluxton said as athletes, Tuchfarber and Cottrell know what to do on the court. "They know each other's strengths and they work together so well. They're unselfish on the court," Cluxton said. "You could give them the ball and they would always make something good happen."

Cottrell and Tuchfarber play off each other's strong points during every game. Cottrell said, "On the court I learned to pass the ball to her for a three pointer."

"And I learned that if I'm not feeling it to pound it inside," Tuchfarber responded. NKU Coach Nancy Winstel said, "They're a good one-two punch."

As a freshman last year Cottrell entered her first season already being called an excellent scorer and inside player, according to the 1998-99 NKU media guide. But learning from the other players allowed her to strengthen her game. "What made me good was coming in last year and playing with the seniors. They

taught me right off the bat," Cottrell said.

Cluxton was one of those seniors last year. "[Cottrell] just came into the program and it seemed like she'd been there for a long time," she said.

Last year Cottrell scored 598 points, the second-highest total in NKU history, and led the GLVC in field goal percentage at .608. She was named GLVC Freshman of the Year. She also earned first team All-GLVC honors and second team All-Great Lakes Region honors.

"She just leads so much by her presence and her actions," Winstel said. "She's the type of player you want to have on your team."

"I think a lot of people feed off of her work ethic. She's the most determined person I've ever played with," Tuchfarber said.

"She seems kind of quiet and laid back, but I don't think she is once you get to know her," Cluxton said. "She was by far the best player in the league—perhaps the nation—in Division II. But to talk to her, you wouldn't know it because she's so humble."

Cottrell said Tuchfarber's greatest strength was her ability to make a three-point shot or to penetrate if the shot wasn't open. Last year she led the NCAA Division II in three-point shooting percentage at .529. She was voted most outstanding player of the NCAA Great Lakes Regional and was named second team All-GLVC.

Tuchfarber said, "I think I have a good understanding of what I need to do to make the team successful. And that just brings along the personal success."

Tuchfarber said the the games played on the



Kelly Sudzina/The Northerner
Michelle Cottrell and Michelle Tuchfarber relax in Norse Hall apartment after studying.

road were the part that was the most fun for her. She said it also helped that they had good relations with the men's team. "When both teams are successful it make the road trips so much more fun," she said.

"[The men] are some of our biggest supporters. Last year some of them even came down to Arkansas and dressed up in wigs and painted their chests," she said.

Cottrell's family was also in Arkansas supporting her last year, and they did with all her games, she said. She has a mom, dad, brother who is a senior and sister who is in seventh grade.

Tuchfarber said her greatest influence is her parents. "My dad was my coach growing up. He coached on my grade-school teams and my [summer] teams," she said. She also has a sis-

ter who plays basketball for Mt. Notre Dame in Cincinnati.

This year, Cottrell's and Tuchfarber's families will be watching them not only be players on NKU's team, but leaders as well. Winstel said their roles have changed from last year to this year. With six seniors on the team last year, they didn't have to lead as much. But since there are no seniors on the team this year, Cottrell and Tuchfarber are in leadership positions.

"On the court they both want to win really bad," Cluxton said. "It makes the team follow their attitude."

"I get the feeling [the players] have a high regard for both Michelles. They look up to them both on and off the court," Winstel said. "They're the type of leaders you want the

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than Livingstone last season, has been impressed with her play thus far in practice. "Of the new players on this team, Heather Livingstone stands out in my mind," she said.

Winstel said that Livingstone has fit in well with the team and brings more outside shooting and ball handling to a team that last year's starting point guard Katie Kelsey, who is now Katie Cluxton after she was married over the summer.

Livingstone isn't just a straight-shooter on the court. Livingstone loves to hunt turkey and deer, Sherry Livingstone said. She was the salutatorian of her graduating class, Sherry Livingstone said. Last year while playing for Winona State she was named a part of the GTE District Five second team Livingstone said. These teams consist of players who have achieved excellency on the court and in the classroom, Don Owen, director of sports information said. Livingstone said that she has had to make sacrifices and give up free time to accomplish this.

Sherry Livingstone said that during the summer, Livingstone works at a park in Winnebago with children. "Heather has friends from little kids to senior citizens," she said. Brook Livingstone said, "My sister has a good heart."

But Brook Livingstone said that her sister wasn't always a perfect angel. "When she was a kid, Heather would pull the wings off of flies to see if they could still fly," she said.

On Dec. 4 the Lady Norse are traveling to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside to play the Rangers, only a few hours from where Livingstone grew up. Sherry Livingstone said that Livingstone's family and friends will be in attendance. "There will be screams of 'Stoney' throughout the game," she said.

1999-00 Women's Basketball Games

Nov. 27	UNION	4:30p.m.
Dec. 2	at Lewis	6:15p.m.
Dec. 4	at Wisconsin-Parkside	2p.m.
Dec. 7	at Indianapolis	5:30p.m.
Dec. 10	LANDER	7:45p.m.
Dec. 11	CONSOLATION/CHAMP.	TBA
Dec. 21	KENTUCKY STATE	7:30p.m.
Dec. 28	at Florida Southern	7:30p.m.
Dec. 30	at Tampa	5:30p.m.
Jan. 6	at Kentucky Wesleyan	6:15p.m.
Jan. 8	BELLARMINE	1p.m.
Jan. 13	QUINCY	5:30p.m.
Jan. 15	UM-ST. LOUIS	1p.m.
Jan. 20	at IPFW	5:30p.m.
Jan. 22	at Saint Joseph's	6:30p.m.
Jan. 27	S. INDIANA	5:30p.m.
Jan. 29	SUIE	1p.m.
Feb. 3	UW-PARKSIDE	5:30p.m.
Feb. 5	LEWIS	1p.m.
Feb. 10	at UM-St. Louis	6:30p.m.
Feb. 12	at Quincy	2p.m.
Feb. 15	INDIANAPOLIS	5:30p.m.
Feb. 17	SAINT JOSEPH'S	5:30p.m.
Feb. 19	IPFW	5:30p.m.
Feb. 24	at SUIE	6:30p.m.
Feb. 26	at Southern Indiana	6:15p.m.
Mar. 1-4	GLVC Tournament	TBA

The big green monster stalks NKU

By Susan Schumacher
Staff Reporter

Watch out! It's huge, it's green and it loves to hear you scream. It is Northern Kentucky University's mascot, Hey-U the dragon.

Underneath this tall and fierce looking dragon costume is freshman, Amanda Davidson. Davidson said she was asked to be the mascot by her softball coach Kathryn Bowen.

Although Davidson said so far she has only been able to be Hey-U during Meet the Norse, an introduction of all the men and women on the basketball teams, she was also the mascot at her high school, Tri-County North, her senior year.

"My favorite part about being the mascot is getting the crowd into the game and making the kids laugh," said Davidson. "My least favorite part is the costume is very hot and heavy."

Davidson said she gets excited if the crowd is into the game, because then she knows she is doing her job. When the team is losing it is her job to get the crowd back into the game said Davidson.

Alex Miller, a freshman majoring in theatre, said, "The mascot brings humor and fun to the game, and also

gets the fans pumped up, especially if we're losing."

According to Davidson, nothing embarrassing has happened at NKU while in the mascot uniform. But during her senior year in high school

as the mascot, she tripped a few times because the feet in the panther uniform were really big.

"At first no one knew who I was, but since it was a small high school it didn't take long for people to know and even then it didn't bother me because I liked to make the kids laugh," said Davidson.

Davidson said besides being the mascot and playing softball some of her hobbies include hunting and raising farm animals. She was raised on a farm and said these hobbies keep her very active.

Davidson keeps herself very busy and since she plays on the softball team for NKU, she said they are looking for someone else to split the time with her to play the mascot. "Right now there are flyers up around campus," Davidson said.

Ethan Loschiavo, a freshman majoring in anthropology, said, "Our mascot gives a feeling of school identity and helps with the morale at NKU."



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Shields reveals the basketball season's secrets

Tim Banks
Sports Editor

Coach Ken Shields has received many praises and accolades throughout out his eleven year career. He has been named the Great Lakes Regional Coach of the Year, and has led his team to the final four twice. *The Northerner's* sports editor sat down with Coach Shields to talk about this year's team and what the year will be like:

Tim Banks: Can you compare this years team with the national finalists teams of 1998 and 1997?

Ken Shields: This team is similar to those teams in many ways, they're 6'9 and 6'7 teams were a good shooting team, we had decent depth, but overall this years team is a better shooting team. In 1996 and 1997 we had a bonafide shot blocker, we don't have that this year. We have more overall depth. This team is a good team.

TB: What is the strongest attribute of this team?

KS: The depth and shooting is very good and we have greatly improved our inside game by bringing in Zach Wieber and

Billy Brewster to join Adam Norwell inside.

TB: Do you pay attention to the preseason polls?

KS: Everyone in our conference knew that we were returning four, double-figure scorers and adding a wealth a talent. People recognized that we had eight outstanding athletes returning and we are a good team. We barely beat out Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan for first-place in the preseason. I have no problem with being ranked high, it's where you want to be.

TB: Who do you see as the go-to guy this year?

KS: We have three terrific shooters in Brian Lahon, Scott Marston, and Craig Sanders. But we can go inside this year with Wieber, Norwell, and Brewster so whoever we need to step up at a particular time can.

TB: There is a good fusion of freshman and transfers this season, how much do you expect the new players to contribute?

KS: The transfers will immediately impact

us. Brewster and Wieber will receive tremendous amounts of playing time inside. We'll bring the freshmen along a little slower to give them time to adjust to the college game.

TB: Are there any games that are seen as important, or must-win games?

KS: Truthfully, the next game. The next game is always the important game. In our conference we have a lot of good teams that we can't overlook. The bottom team in a division can beat the top team of the division on any given night. Every game is important, but big games would have to be Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan.

TB: What, in your eyes, constitutes a productive season?

KS: Of course we want to win it all, the National Championship, but you have to start at the ground floor and work your way up. If we take care of the regular season, and then play the way we can in the tournaments, I would like to think we can be in the championship mix at the end of the year.

TB: What constitutes a disappointing sea-

son?
KS: If for some reason this team doesn't jell together like most of my teams had or we were to incur serious injuries that didn't allow us to play to our full potential then it may be disappointing but as long as the team gives it's all in the classroom and on the basketball court we should be successful.

TB: Why did Kevin Listerman redshirt last season?

KS: There were several reasons, one was he needed classes that were only being offered at practice times, he also understood that he would be at school another year and there was going to be a good opportunity to play this year. All of those things came into play.

TB: Do you feel the success of NKU's basketball programs can or will help propel NKU into Division I?

KS: If you are going to go Division I, your basketball programs have to be sound and solid on a regular basis. Success breeds success and there is something to be said about our programs becoming better and better each year.

Winstel supplies the Norse answers

By Bruce Reller
Assistant Sports Editor

Coach Nancy Winstel enters her 17th season at Northern Kentucky University with a young and talented women's basketball team. On this team, there are four returning players (Michelle Cottrell, Michele Tuchfarber, Jessica Jensen, Suzie Smith), two junior college transfers (Julie Cowens, Heather Livingstone), and three incoming freshman (Kristin Polosky, Amy Mobley, Bridget Flanagan).

The coach sat down with the *Northerner's* Assistant Sports Editor Bruce Reller for a question-and-answer session about the upcoming season ahead for the Lady Norse squad.

Bruce Reller: You return four players from last year's team, three of them starters, but you are still faced with a pretty young team. What are the positives and negatives of having a predominantly young team?

Nancy Winstel: Well, the positives are that you have a very enthusiastic group and eager to learn. As for the negatives, you don't know what you have until the first game. It is a process of growing up. You have to experience life to understand.

BR: How hard is it for you to replace six players that are gone from last year's squad?
NW: It is tough. Five of them played since they were freshmen without missing a beat. We are experiencing some growing pains.

BR: With players like Tuchfarber and Cottrell

returning, what do they mean for NKU? How will they be keys for the Norse?

NW: They are the foundation, the building of this team. They will be the ones who will get double-teamed the most. They are the most valuable players and the most important on this team. Their roles have changed. Instead of being young players, they are veterans, even though Cottrell is only a sophomore. They are two good players, and I wouldn't want anybody else in that position they are in.

BR: What kind of talent do the incoming transfers bring to the hallibuck?

NW: They are very talented. They have college playing experience. We have six experienced players. It takes awhile to learn system. You need to be in it day in and day out in practice. Those are the wars of practice. We need them to help us out. Those are my intentions.

BR: Where do the freshmen fit into the picture on this team?

NW: All three have the opportunity to play. Bridget Flanagan can really shoot the ball and plays good on defense. Amy Mobley is a great post player. Kristin Polosky is a center, who is very fundamentally sound. She is very valuable. She can post up and put the ball on the floor.

BR: Do you think this team will make any mistakes early on? What kind?

NW: I sure hope we don't make any mistakes, but of course we will make some. We haven't played any games yet. I will have an understanding of what goes on when we get a little bit further along. We are not a veteran of a

squad. Realistically, it is different with no seniors. Optimistically, we will be very good at some point.

BR: Being in your 17th season at NKU, have you ever been faced with a predominantly young team?

NW: I've had a team younger than this when Katie Kelsey and Julie Stanley were freshmen. We had five freshmen on that team and expectations weren't that high for us.

BR: What teams on your schedule do you need to watch out for this season?

NW: We need to watch out for everybody on our schedule. There are a lot of very experienced players in our conference. Lewis has everyone back. Southern Indiana and Bellarmine returns most of their players. Everyone will be tough in our conference. The teams in the Perkins Classic, Florida Southern, Tampa, they will all be tough. You need to respect everyone you face. Last year, we had great defense and took care of the ball. You are just not sure what you want.

BR: After a remarkable season last year, what are you plans in trying to get back to where you made it last season?

NW: We need to work hard and stay together as a team. We need to recruit good student-athletes.

BR: How do you plan on filling the point guard position, especially with the loss of Kelsey?

NW: Suzie Smith and Heather Livingstone will play point guard for us. Michele

Tuchfarber will play a little if we need her to. They will not be solid and may turn the ball over a lot, but they should fill the position very well. Kelsey owned that position.

BR: What is your philosophy on teamwork?

NW: Basketball is all about teamwork. Everything revolves around the team. The coach has to prepare them. We are all part of it. We all share our failures and our successes. We are like an extended family.

BR: Do you expect the same kind of offensive mind set that you had last season?

NW: Yes, I hope so. Our expectations don't change much. They expect a lot out of each other. They should expect a lot from me.

BR: You are real close to getting with number 400 for your collegiate basketball coaching career. How are you going feel when you finally accomplish that?

NW: As a team, we share the success with the players. I haven't made a shot. When the team wins, they should be proud of that. They deserve the credit.

BR: Are we going to expect any kind of surprises by this team this season?

NW: We are pretty athletic. Once we get it all going, we will have impressive power.



Hopefully, there won't be any major surprises. Winning the conference might be a surprise.

BR: Is there anything else that you want to add that I might have left out?

NW: I want people to come out and watch us play. I want them to know that year was not a fluke. I want them to support us and have a lot of pride. Hopefully, they will expect a lot. They need to be patient with us and we will be all right.

Trophy forseen

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Every thousand years or so there seems to be someone, somewhere who feels it is their destiny to procure the role of savior. These predictions have always garnered massive interest from the populous.

As the end of the 20th century grows near, it is time for the daydreamer to gaze into his crystal ball and reveal what this basketball season holds for our Norse men of 1999-2000.

There are many prophecies that can be made regarding the upcoming season. This modern day Nostradamus chooses to begin with the bold:

NKU will be successful in capturing their first NCAA Division II National Championship. This team without a doubt is one of the strongest ever at NKU. With the ability this team possess to go play both inside and out, the Norse are destined for the NCAA Championship. Now for somewhat less audacious crystal-gazing.

On a team so chock full-to-talent one would be remiss not to mention personal accolades. This years version of the Norse men's basketball team stars several players who are capable of putting up big time numbers.

The guard play for NKU will be phenomenal this year. The Norse are returning seniors, Kevin Listerman and Mitch Hendrix, juniors Craig Conley and Brian Lahon, and sophomore sensation Craig Sanders.

example for his backcourt mates to follow. His efforts will garner him a bevy of awards and accolades, most notably a selection to the all GLVC conference team and NKU's most valuable player. He will also lead the GLVC in assists and steals.

As for the rest of his backcourt brethren, Craig Sanders will be acknowledged for his shooting prowess by leading the GLVC in shooting percentage and junior Brian Lahon will lead the league in three point percentage.

Because NKU's inside game is just as vital to success as the outside game fans can expect major contributions from the Norse post players.

Juniors Adam Norwell, Billy Brewster, and Scott Marston will provide the inside presence for the Norse. The 6'7 Norwell is coming off a very productive season. His play this will be a major driving force for the NKU. Let it be prophesied that Norwell will be member of the all GLVC conference team, lead the Norse in rebounds and become a fan favorite as NKU makes their premonitory championship run.

The 6'7 Brewster will make this team's heralds forefront thought come to fruition, and that new face is Billy Brewster. Conference enigma this Cassandra-like seer when the ball is in the hand of number 34.

To compliment an already strong inside game two freshmen will be stuffing the middle for the Norse. 6'9



transfer Zach Wieber and 6'10" freshman Jesse Rupe will be the intimidators. While the presentiment for Wieber looks positive, the crystal ball sees incredible feats for Rupe, in the future.

Wieber will have an immediate impact on the Norse, leading the team in blocked shots and shots defended, all while leading himself on the second team all GLVC team.

The path is different for young Rupe, however. My predictive mind foretells of young man who will one day be the cornerstone of this team. Until that day the freshman will learn from Wieber and only his dedication can fulfill this prophecy.

This savior has spoken. Be it remembered when the Norse are hoisting their championship trophy and cutting down the nets that it was I who prophesied these events. If they

NKU future looks bright

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In the tradition of famous seers like Nostradamus and Joe Namath, we, the all knowing sports writers of *The Northerner*, Jason Crisler and Bruce Reller, will make our fearless and shameless predictions for the upcoming Norse Women's basketball season.

There are no guarantees in life, so it is with a shaky hand that we put our reputation and good names on the line. In the unlikely event that any of our sacred prophecies prove false when the final buzzer sounds on the women's basketball season, we will deny predicting any of it.

Since there is no "I" in team, we will begin with this upcoming season's team accomplishments.

After rolling up a 29-2 record and going down biting and clawing in the Final Four in this upcoming season, the Lady Norse will finish with 535 all-time wins since the beginning of the women's basketball program at Northern Kentucky University in 1974.

This season will be the Lady Norse's second consecutive trip to the NCAA Division II Final Four.

The Lady Norse will have two of the top five three point shooters in the nation. Junior Michele Tuchfarber led the country in three point shooting percentage and transfer Heather Livingstone was fourth while playing for Wisconsin State University in WI

last season. The Lady Norse will end the season tops in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and finish sixth in the nation.

Since there is a "me" in team, individual accomplishments must be focused on as well. While the players shy away from the spotlight, we don't. A team must have outstanding players to make their season a success.

The Lady Norse have enough individual stars to lead this team to the promised land. Head coach Nancy Winstel will win her 159th basketball game of her NKU career and end the season with 398 career wins. Winstel will be awarded her second consecutive Coach of The Year Award by the NCAA. Her coaching abilities will be put to the test if she's going to lead a team with five new players and no seniors to play as a cohesive unit.

Junior Michele Cottrell was snubbed from both the first and second All-American teams last season despite averaging 18 points and nine rebounds as a freshman on a Final Four team. She will be a first team All-American this year despite seeing double-teams all year. Cottrell will be GLVC player of the year and be a serious contender for the national player of the year.

Lake Cottrell, Tuchfarber will have her notable absence from the All-American last season. Tuchfarber is a lock for second team All-American and could push for a



first team selection after raising her scoring average for the third straight year. Tuchfarber will be a first team selection on the All-GLVC team.

Junior Julie Cowens will be the starting center and could be one of the most dominating low-post players in the GLVC.

With Tuchfarber and Cottrell being the focus of most opposing team's defenses, Livingstone, sophomore point guard Suzie Smith and junior forward Jessica Jensen will have to step up. Watch for one or all three to have big games for the Norse throughout the season.

If this year's team stumbles early, there is no reason to panic. It may take two to three games for the new players to feel comfortable playing on the same court. But the Lady Norse have the talent to finish the season like gangbusters and go deep into the NCAA tournament. We believe that while an NCAA Championship isn't impossible, this squad will be the team to beat next season.

We know that we have put lofty goals on the shoulders of this year's women's basketball team. Having said this, we believe that challenges are meant to be met and exceeded. Of course what we do know, all we have to do is sit at a computer and write what we think. GO NORSE!