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Workers attempt to unionize

By Jason Dobbins
Page Designer

Food service provider Sodexo-Marriott is allegedly preventing lunchroom workers at Northern Kentucky University from forming a union.

The Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union and NKU's Students Together Against Racism student organization are petitioning and distributing pamphlets around campus.

Sodexo manages the Norse Commons Cafeteria and both cafeterias in the University Center. H.E.R.E. is also preparing to file an unfair labor practice charge against Sodexo for harassing employees who have tried to support a union, said Ryan Nissim-

Sabat, H.E.R.E.'s organizer.

Management has allegedly threatened them with possible termination if they attempted to organize, said Alex Jarman, a freshman and a member of S.T.A.R. "That is illegal," said Nissim-Sabat. "Workers have a right to organize and companies are not allowed to threaten their employees."

Sodexo-Marriott is the largest food service provider in North America. It is the subsidiary of Sodexo Alliance, servicing more than 900 colleges and universities in North America.

If NKU's cafeteria workers can form a union, Sabat said, they could then create a contract that lays out all the working conditions and all the ground rules including wages.

Without that, it's all based upon the managers' discretion, he said.

"They got a system of favoritism, where, it really doesn't matter how hard you work," Sabat said. "The manager is going to award the favorites."

Jarman has spoken with at least two cafeteria workers and said a female worker described what seems to be a sexist pay rate distribution.

"She's making \$5.95 an hour and they hired in male workers at \$7 an hour," Jarman said. "There's been documentation where they have promised people 'Will hire you in at \$6 an hour.' But then, it shows up on their paychecks, \$5.50. And they have to fight tooth and nail just to get that extra 50 cents."

Sabat said Sodexo's health cov-

erage is too expensive for the workers to purchase. With a union, they could negotiate a lower rate, something that's more affordable for themselves and their children.

Across the Ohio River, Sabat said working conditions at University of Cincinnati are much better for caterers primarily because they have a union and a good contract.

"It's not like whatever management says goes," Sabat said. "If management comes and harasses someone, they can file a grievance and have a fair hearing, something that NKU workers can't have."

Thomas Butcher, a freshman, is sympathetic towards the workers' situation; however, he's not satisfied with Norse Commons' meal selection.

"The overall variety is not very

good at all. You either have pizza, or you have a hamburger, or you have some kind of meat; sometimes meat I would call it. Sometimes they call it pork, sometimes they call it beef, but who knows really?"

U.C. is catered by ARAMARK, a smaller food service and management business that caters for 375 educational facilities in the United States and abroad.

S.T.A.R. is also attempting to gather the support of other student organizations, Jarman said. "It doesn't seem right if it's just S.T.A.R. talking about this," he said. "It needs to be a whole campus thing because the lunch rooms concern everybody."

The public relations person for Sodexo, Leslie Abma, was unavailable for comment.



Stacey Sutton/The Northerner
Students eat in Norse Commons cafeteria Thursday. Workers there are attempting to unionize.

Campus calendar

Nov. 14-27

Nov. 14, 10 a.m. - NLS FSLC Service Leadership Fair

Clothes wanted

Nov. 5 - 30, Zeta Phi Beta Clothing Drive. Drop off locations: Student Government Association (University Center, 2nd floor), Kentucky Hall Lobby and Norse Commons Lobby.

Deal with dirt

Nov. 14, Wednesday, 12:05 - 12:50 p.m. Kristin Yount, sociology department faculty member, will present, "Dealing with the Dirty Dirt: Research on Contaminated Property," in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room of the University Center. Bring your lunch.

Let's talk about sex

Nov. 14, Wednesday - 7:30 - 9 p.m. University Center Ballroom. Daniel Newman, a health educator, will talk about sexually-transmitted disease prevention. Sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha, open to all NKU students. Refreshments provided.

Camp Dennison talk

Nov. 15, Thursday, 3 p.m. "Camp Dennison: Civil War Museum and Memories." Landrum Academic Center, room 506, with refreshments follow. Call (859) 572-5461.

Get your grub on

Nov. 15, 6 - 9 p.m. African American Student Affairs "Soul Food Fest" Part I, Baptist Student Center. Bring a covered dish. Sign up in University Center student lounge or on room 352 on the doors.

Dance all night

Nov. 16, Friday, 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. Sept. 11 Fund/Alpha Phi Omega dance, UC Ballroom. Admission is \$3. E-mail: Johnson@nku.edu.

Cuomo-Keborn talk

Nov. 27, Tuesday, 7 p.m. "Governing in America: A New Vision." Featuring Mario Cuomo and Alan Keyes with Nick Chorney, in Regents Hall. Tickets: \$15 for NKU alumni, faculty and staff; \$5 for NKU students; \$20 for the general public. Call (859) 572-5370.

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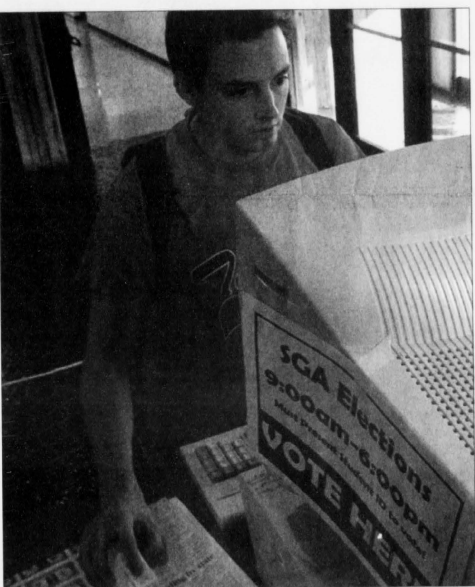
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SGA the results are in



Michael Monks casts his votes for SGA representatives Friday in the University Center plaza-level lobby.

Final tally

Senate

Chris Pace159
Cheri Taylor149
Jenny Rasp148
Regina F. Nelson147
Abby Bentley145
Laura Fischer139
Mia Connor134
Eric Fegan132
Jamie Solomon124
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BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Norse Hoops

The basketball season

started last Saturday with

the Norse battling against

UC. See Page 3 for a

preview of upcoming games,

the season's new players

and the men's and women's

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Adult learners promised more attention

By Susan Bartels
News Editor

The call is going out to the community — Northern Kentucky University is adult-learner friendly. Figures from the NKU office of institutional research Web site show the number of adult learners at the university has dropped by 13 percent from Fall 1997 to Fall 2000.

Adult learners, otherwise known as non-traditional students, accounted for 49 percent of the total enrollment numbers in 1997. Fall 2000 figures show the number at 36 percent.

NKU has put services in place to reverse that trend said Dr. Greg Stewart, associate vice president for enrollment management. "We knew we weren't doing what we should be doing for the adult learners."

Last year, the office of adult

Enrollment office puts call out to community

learners evening and weekend services was established to deal with the specific issues faced by non-traditional students.

Alicia Revely, assistant director of the office, said the biggest challenge right now is to let people know they are there. "The more we get the word out, the more people are going to use the office," Revely said.

Nationally, an adult learner is defined as a person 25 years old or over. This year, the university dropped the adult learner age to 21 for those coming into the university for the first time.

Stewart said the definition of an adult learner has more to do with the responsibilities the person has and less to do with age.

"People who have to worry about

a lot more than themselves," said Stewart.

Additional responsibilities can include a spouse, children and a full time job.

"We make recommendations about the services, the degrees and the programs we offer at night and on weekends regardless of the age of the students," Revely said.

According to Revely, one of the major problems adult learners face is figuring out how to start the process of coming into the university. They often wait until the last minute to register due to family issues and miss the transition classes offered prior to the beginning of each semester.

Other issues adult learners face are access to the admissions office, library and cafeteria as well as

child care. Evening and weekend hours have been established in the admissions office and library to better serve the students.

The week of Nov. 5 was designated non-traditional student week. Revely held a session for students to come in and discuss problems. Also talked about at the session was the need to form a student committee powerful enough to effect change when needed.

To better serve the learners, the number of weekend and evening classes grew, and classes are now offered at 11 off-campus sites. In the Spring 2002 semester, NKU will offer its first undergraduate accelerated program called the bachelor of organizational studies or BOS.

The program is open to students

with 60 or more hours of approved college semester credits and a grade of C or better. It is open to part or full time students and can be completed in four semesters or less by the full timers.

Revely said she believes the down turn in the economy will impact the number of adult learners NKU serves. "I definitely think that we're going to see more students, adult students, coming in because of this shifting," she said.

For that reason, Revely is putting together a program with the career development center to deal with that type of transition.

For further information on any of the adult learner programs call (859) 572-6496 or visit the Web site at www.nku.edu/~adultlearner.

Visit The Northerner online at <http://www.thenortherner.com>

NEWS

Freshman may have to live on campus

Proposal aimed at boosting retention, Votruba says

By Scott Wartman
Executive Editor

By the fall of 2003, a proposed freshmen housing policy seeks to require freshmen students whose home is outside commuting distance of Northern Kentucky University to live on campus.

With this policy, the administration hopes to boost retention, said President James Votruba. Votruba asserted that students who live on campus have a greater chance of staying at NKU than those who don't.

"They are more likely to stay if they are on campus because they will connect easier with students and organizations," Votruba said. "Off-campus students are more isolated."

The policy, however, won't affect most freshmen, said Kent Kelso, dean of students. The proposal contains criteria a student must meet to be required to live on campus. According to a draft of the housing policy, a student will be exempted from the policy if he or she:

- Lives outside one of the 20 counties that surround NKU in a 50-mile radius.

- Is 21 years of age by Sept. 1 of the upcoming Fall semester.
- Is married, divorced or widowed.
- Is a parent with custodial-care responsibilities
- Served in the armed forces for at least six months
- Is a part-time student with less than 12 credit hours
- Is one of NKU's remote campus-

ed. Had this policy been implemented for the Fall 2001 semester, 183 students would have been affected by the policy, Kelso said. Of the 183 students, all but 17 already lived on campus.

The plan, which is scheduled to be implemented in the Fall of 2003, will be complemented by the opening of a new residence hall containing 350 to 400 beds, increasing the number of dorm and out-of-state students.

"We will become less regional than we are now," Kelso said. "Students who are too far to commute need to live on campus, where the retention is much better."

Not all freshmen who live outside commuting distance will be required to live in the dorms. Those who still don't want to live on cam-

pus can fill out a waiver to be permitted to live off campus. A freshman can get exempted by providing evidence of a financial or family circumstance that proves the student can't live on campus, said Kelso.

Kelso and Vice President of Student Affairs Mark Shanley presented the proposal before the Student Government Association on Nov. 5 where it was approved by a 26-2 vote. Chris Pace, one of the SGA senators to vote against the policy, said he felt it was taking a right away from students.

"I think it is not a bad policy on its most basic level," Pace said. "Right now, however, every student has a choice of where to live and I want to protect that right."

While it is restricting the choice of some students, Dr. Gregory Stewart, associate vice president of enrollment management, said, "Right now, however, every student has a choice of where to live and I want to protect that right."

"College is a new experience," Stewart said. "Shouldn't there be some assistance from the university in terms of providing direction, providing guidance about what the best way to move into this environment?"

The freshmen residence proposal will be put up for approval by the Board of Regents on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Hoxworth blood drive today in UC 108

By Karen Andrew
Copy Editor

Once again, a local organization is looking for blood from the Northern Kentucky University community. The Office of Student Life will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, Nov. 14 in the University Center, room 108.

With the holiday season just around the corner, more blood donations are needed, said Molly S. Hainrhar, consultant of donor recruitment and development of the Hoxworth Blood Center. She said traditionally during the holidays, the amount of donors declines and there is always an increase in the need for blood.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, there was a huge outpouring of support from the community to donate blood to the victims, she said. Because so much blood was donated nationally, much of the local donations stayed in the

Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky area and benefited local hospitals. As a result, Hoxworth added new groups and first time donors.

"Due to so much support, our calendar is booked up to March or April. It's very unusual," said Hainrhar.

"It definitely made people aware that they can help someone in the community, they can donate blood."

She said the center is now seeing a decline in people coming out to donate. The donations from NKU's blood drive will help even though the holiday season has not yet begun, she said.

"We can actually store blood for 42 days," explained Hainrhar. "We supply blood to 25 hospitals in southeast Indiana, Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. Depending on the needs of the hospital, the blood is used in surgeries and for trauma, cancer and burn patients."

Some requirements for donors are that all donors must furnish positive identification, be at least 17 years of age, weigh the minimum of 100 pounds and eat a good meal within four hours before donating.

For any questions concerning medications, immunizations or other medical concerns, call the Hoxworth's Nursing department at (513) 558-1304 or 1-800-265-1515.

To donate blood, the Student Life office is taking appointments at 572-6514. Time slots are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2:15 to 4 p.m.

Julie Bridwell, student life secretary, said so far there have not been many sign-ups, but she expects there will be an increase as the blood drive date nears.

"People can walk in if there are open time slots," said Bridwell. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to donate.

Correction

The Campus Calendar in the Nov. 7 issue of *The Northerner* incorrectly read that the Northern Kentucky University pep band would perform at SGA's Veteran's Day celebration on Nov. 9. The NKU pep band was not scheduled for that event.

Employment Opportunities at Family Nurturing Center

Kids on the Block Assistant: Part-time: 24 hours/week during school year. Perform puppet shows for child abuse awareness program. Memorize and perform scripts, maneuver large puppets, assist with data collection, proper care of puppets, and other office duties. Education: High School diploma or GED. Knowledge of child abuse issues, comfort with public speaking. Ability to work with young children and maneuver large puppets mandatory. Will consider creating two 12hr/wk positions. Pay Range: \$7-\$8.50/hour. EOE

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DPS Reports

NOV 8 2001-Thursday-03:44am

Location: DORMS/COMMONWEALTH/RIVER/THIRD FLOOR - COMPLAINT RECEIVED
Male subject requested DPS respond, to the listed location, reference a problem with his roommate. Upon arrival, Officers located the complainant who stated that his roommate had his hand down my pants. Officers notified the Residential Life Hall Director, who responded to the location. The complainant stated that he was not returning to that room. The complainant was advised that he could file sexual abuse charges against the roommate, however, complainant stated that he did not want to go to court over the incident. The Residential Life Hall Director relocated the complainant to another room. Since no criminal charges were being pursued, the incident would be referred to Residential Life and the Dean of Student's Office to address. The incident remains open and under investigation.

NOV 8 2001-Thursday-12:41am

Location: PARKING LOT N - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A FORGED INSTRUMENT-3rd Degree
A 1997 Ford Truck (Black) was located with a forged NKU Student Parking Permit. The vehicle owner was located and questioned. The permit was confiscated and placed into evidence. The subject was issued a Kentucky State Citation for Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument-3rd Degree and received a date to appear in Campbell County District Court. The incident remains open and under investigation.

NOV 7 2001-Wednesday-02:44pm

Location: NORSE COMMONS - RESIDENTIAL LIFE OFFICE - SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE/LETTER

Residential Life Employee reported that a suspicious letter that was found in their mailbox. Upon arrival, DPS Officer spoke to the complainant who stated that the letter had no return address, scribbled writing and torn corners. There was no powder or residue on the letter. The NKU Environmental Safety Officer was also present at the scene. The ESO and DPS Officer opened the letter and discovered that the letter contained an application for University Housing Professional reference Form For Staff Applicants. Another Residential Life Officer employee stated that he was expecting the receipt of this form. The scene was then determined to be safe. The case is considered closed.

NOV 6 2001-Tuesday-04:52pm

Location: REAR OF PARKING LOT L - FIRE
Several calls were received by DPS in reference to heavy smoke coming from the listed location. Upon arrival, Officer noticed flames approximately 1-1.5 feet high coming from the NKU Grounds Services Control Burn Site. The Central Campbell County Fire Department responded and extinguished the flames. The Fire Department requested that the Grounds Services Department respond and improve the safety perimeter around the burn site. The Fire Department also stated that the area would continue to smolder for approximately 1-2 weeks. Grounds Services employees responded and did improve the safety perimeter. University Department's that could be effected by the continued smoldering at the area were advised. The Fire Department cleared the scene at 7:10pm, Grounds Services cleared at 8:22pm. A copy of this report was forwarded to the NKU Physical Plant Department.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



FLANAGAN

Seniors bring talent, drive the floor

By Jerry Perry
Northern Contributor

"To be the best team we're capable of being" — that is the goal that Coach Nancy Winstel put in front of her team to start the 2001-02 season of women's basketball at Northern Kentucky University. Three seniors will lead this year's Norse women into competition, all bringing unique characteristics and abilities to the team. Of those seniors, none will lead perhaps more than Michelle Cottrell, the lone returning starter from a 2000-2001 team that finished with an impressive 25-5 record.

"She's special," said Winstel. "In my time here at NKU, I've never had a player with her heart. She's a big game player and will do whatever it takes to win. She just refuses to lose."

The 5-foot-11 Cottrell has achieved nearly every goal that a player could in her tenure at NKU. She won a national championship in 2000, she was twice selected as a Kodak All-American and was named the Division II Bulletin Player of the Year in 2000-2001. So what is left for the forward from Florence, Ky., to accomplish? Just ask her, there's plenty.

"I'd like for us to get back to the Elite 8, and then see what happens from there," said Cottrell. The four-year starter also has at least one personal accomplishment she would like to carry out before her time with the Norse women is through.

"There is a scoring record that I would like to try to accomplish," she said.

The record Cottrell speaks of is the all-time leading scorer at NKU. She needs only 174 points to break the record, and for a player that averaged over 17 points a game last year, it seems only a matter of when, not if.

The personal accolades for Cottrell are well-deserved according to her teammates and coaching staff.

"Michelle comes ready to practice every day," Winstel said. "She leads by example. She's an excellent student, humble and team-oriented."

When asked what words described Cottrell on the floor, teammate Dana Schubeler chose adjectives like "powerful and intense" but described Cottrell off-the-court Schubeler chose words like "sincere, trustworthy and friend."

While Cottrell is classified as the Norse women's strongest leader, perhaps her most vocal leader is teammate Suzie Smith. The 6-foot-3 senior played with both Michelle Cottrell and Suzie Smith on the Kentucky High School All-Star team after their senior years in 1998.

"Getting to play more with my former teammates is a personal highlight for me," said Schubeler. Winstel expects that if Schubeler produces consistently, she will create real size and match-up problems for opposing teams.

"Dana's got a nice 15-foot jump shot," Winstel said. "She's a very versatile player who can shoot from anywhere." "Dana's a good post-up player," added Cottrell.

Cottrell said she just hopes that she can become an inside contributor to the team and help contribute to the reach their goals, they have to work hard, play as a team and stay together as a team hasn't just set goals for the team; she's set some record-breaking goals for herself. According to the women's basketball Web site Cottrell has scored 1,710 points since her freshman year. She just needs 174 points to break the all-time scoring record.

She doesn't want to just break it though; she has her eyes set on 2,000 points. With an average of 17.4 points last season and about 26 regular season games on the 2001-2002 schedule, she could score about 452 points in her last senior year, putting herself well above the 2,000 points mark.

"Every game, I'm just going to go

"We want to go undefeated at home. We also want to win our tournament, become Great Lakes Valley Conference champions and make it to the Elite 8."

— Dana Schubeler

team's success. "I want to be the best that I can, and I want the team to be the best team that we can," she explained. "That means playing at a high standard all the time."

Besides being the best team is capable of being, Schubeler adds that there are other goals the team wants to accomplish throughout the year.

"We want to go undefeated at home," she said. "We also want to win our tournament (the Community Recorder Classic), become Great Lakes Valley Conference champions and make it to the Elite 8."

As great teams go, most every one has three elements that come together to make it a special team: a big game player, a vocal leader, and a surprise player that takes opposing teams by surprise. This year's big surprise for the NKU women's team may be starting point-guard Suzie Smith.

The 5 foot 6 floor player will finally get to take the reins for the Norse women after playing behind a pair of good guards the last few years.

"Suzie has been a solid role player for us in the past, but this year we need her senior leadership," Winstel said. "I think she's really starting to embrace that role."

Smith, a former high school teammate of Cottrell's, is described as quick in control and an excellent passer by her teammates and will need to be all those things in order for the Norse offense to keep running smoothly. After averaging over 4 points and 1.5 assists a game last year, Smith's numbers will undoubtedly rise with this experienced and versatile lineup.

"We've played together for six years," said Cottrell. "Of all the players on the team, I think she knows the most about me and I think I know the most about her."

Smith, by all accounts, is just important to the team off the court as she is on the court.

"Suzie's great. She's dependable, a leader and a friend," said Schubeler.

Winstel added, "Suzie's a very smart girl. She's a computer science major who's very strong academically, and she's courteous to everybody around her."

Three seniors, each with their own senior story, each with a common goal for this 2001-02 season: To be the best team that they are capable of being.

Cottrell says she's ready to lead team

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team has been to two NCAA Division II Final Fours over the last three years, and they won their first National Championship two years ago. With all the team's success, there has been one consistent player who has helped lead the Norse to the top of the elite. Her name is Michelle Cottrell.

The 5'11" forward is in her senior year on the NKU squad and is ready to take on a leadership role this season, especially with four players gone from last season's team: Michele Tuchfarber, Jessica Jensen, Heather Livingstone and Julie Cowens.

"We lost our captains. I want to take their spot and be more vocal and be a better leader," Cottrell said. NKU Head Coach Nancy Winstel feels the same way about Cottrell and said she leads by example.

"She's been more vocal over the years. By example, she is the best to lead," Winstel said. "She doesn't have a 'rah-rah' personality, but she is a real role model."

Cottrell doesn't have to try to be a leader; her statistics speak for themselves. Last season, she averaged 17.4 points and 8.1 rebounds per game and was named the 2000-01 Division II Bulletin National Player of the Year.

"She's accomplished a lot. She has perfect work ethic," Winstel said. "She has great power and strength; she's a finisher." Cottrell said she just tries to go out and do the best that she can every time out. "I want to improve my skills to make us a better team," she said. "I want to help make us the best we can be."

Winstel added, "She gives me all she can. That's all you can ask of a player. She's giving it 100 percent out there. It's nice when your best players work harder than anyone on the team."

Cottrell, however, said she doesn't feel that the game should only fall in her hands.

She is a team player and likes to share the responsibilities, Winstel explained.

"Individually, she's a team player," Winstel said. "She raises our

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— Michelle Cottrell

level of play. She's a special player." Cottrell complimented Winstel on the way she coached her over her career.

"From day one, she has had confidence in me. She expects a lot out of me," Cottrell said. "She's let me handle responsibilities since I was a freshman. She has taught me a lot about the game of basketball."

Coach Winstel has had a special relationship with Cottrell since she put on an NKU uniform. Winstel said that it's such a blessing to have her on the team.

"I appreciate watching her every day. I appreciate having her every day in practice; she's been more than expected," Winstel said. "I thank God she came to Northern; she's been something good."

Winstel has high remarks for all three of her seniors on this year's team. "Suzie Smith is more vocal than team," Winstel said. "She's been very vocal," she said.

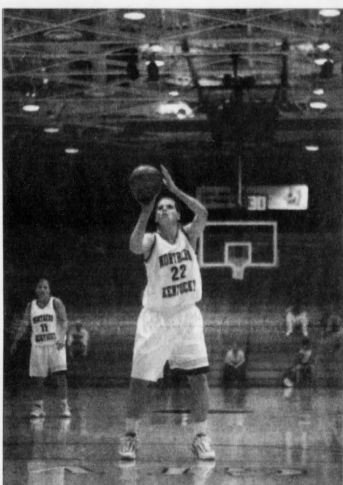
Cottrell is, however, the player who stands out. She was named the preseason Division II Bulletin Player of the Year.

"I don't like to be voted. It puts pressure on myself," she said. "I like being the underdog. Now I'm supposed to be on the top at the beginning."

Winstel said that it was an honor for Cottrell to receive the award but it is a better honor that she has been ranked high since she stepped on the court.

"We've been in the national picture ever since Cottrell's been in a uniform, but she's not the only important one. Basketball is a team sport."

Cottrell has a lot of goals that she has set for this season, such as breaking the NKU scoring and rebounding records (174 points



Cottrell takes aim.

away from NKU scoring record) and play better defense. She also wants the team to do well again this year too.

"We want to win the conference and get back to the Elite Eight. It's the greatest feeling to play the last game you possibly can and end it with a win," she said.

In order to do that, the Norse have to get around the fact that they are kind of youthful (two freshmen and three sophomores).

"They're doing a good job. They want to play; they're working hard in practice," said Cottrell. "Once they know the program, they'll be fine."

That example can be set in stone for the rest of the ball club.

"If you do your job, everything will work out okay. Pressure is self-imposed," Winstel explained. "You just have to go out and play. That's why you play the game, for the challenges ahead."

Winstel said this year's team has a lot of work to get to last year's team.

"Last year, we had such a dynamic

team, shooters and post players," she added. "This year, we have kids that are trying to get to that point. Our confidence is high, and they're finding their way."

When the other team double or triple team's her, she's made them pay. When she's on one, they can't stop her. I like our chances," added Winstel.

"I'd follow Cottrell anywhere, if you're smart," Winstel said. "I'm glad she's on my side."

And that usually means the winning side for Cottrell.

Winstel went on to say that people don't appreciate sometimes that Cottrell is a two-time All-American. She's a marvelous player, according to Winstel.

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"I'd follow Cottrell anywhere, if you're smart," Winstel said. "I'm glad she's on my side."

And that usually means the winning side for Cottrell.

defense," Winstel said. "Teams are probably going to pack it up against Cottrell, so we will have to shoot the ball well from outside."

Cottrell hopes the team will be able to win conference and the conference title. To win conference, they need the best record out of other Great Lakes Valley Conference teams during regular season, Cottrell said. Winning the conference title means winning at the conference tournament.

To achieve these goals, the Norse have to become a team on and off the court, Cottrell said.

"Last year we had a lot of conflicts and it spilled onto the floor," Cottrell said. "This year, we're more united."

Winstel also said if they want to

Loss of last season's key players a hurdle for NKU women

By Elaine Koenig
Northern Contributor

A tough task awaits the 2001 women's basketball team in filling the basketball shoes of last year's four senior starters.

Those starters, Michelle Tuchfarber, Heather Livingstone, Julie Cowens and Jessica Jensen left two starting guard positions, a starting forward position and a starting center position empty.

Senior Michelle Cottrell is the Norse's only returning starter, but Coach Nancy Winstel isn't concerned about her new lineup.

"Even though we only have one starter from last year, we do have experienced players ready to assume these roles," Winstel said.

Cottrell averaged 17.4 points and 8 rebounds last year, leading the team in both.

"I just want to lead by example this year," Cottrell said. "Coming out as a starter, I want to get the team off to a good start."

Senior guard Suzie Smith will be a key player the Norse look to this year.

"Suzie's been waiting to take on the guard position," Winstel said. "It's her senior year and she's been working hard."

Junior guard Bridget Flanagan will be another key guard.

"Bridget's worked hard this summer," Cottrell said. "She got on a basketball league and came to every open gym this summer. She's really working hard to take on a new role."

Mandy Sterling, a transfer from Barry University, will add more depth to the guard position.

Two freshmen, forward Connie Myers and guard Elizabeth Burrows, should also help the Norse on the court.

Burrows, from Eastern Brown, lead her team to the Ohio Division III state finals.

"We did lose two very good players in the backcourt, and it is going to be interesting to see how everything develops," Winstel said.

The Norse will also be working on their outside game this season.

"We are constantly striving to improve as a team, particularly on

reach their goals, they have to work hard, play as a team and stay together as a team hasn't just set goals for the team; she's set some record-breaking goals for herself.

According to the women's basketball Web site Cottrell has scored 1,710 points since her freshman year. She just needs 174 points to break the all-time scoring record.

She doesn't want to just break it though; she has her eyes set on 2,000 points. With an average of 17.4 points last season and about 26 regular season games on the 2001-2002 schedule, she could score about 452 points in her last senior year, putting herself well above the 2,000 points mark.

"Every game, I'm just going to go

out there and do my best," she said. "Whatever happens happens."

The women's basketball season starts at home Nov. 20 at 7:30 p.m. against Georgetown College. Their schedule won't start to get too hectic until after semester.

"Second semester, it gets crazy with missing school for road trips," Cottrell said. "That's when we really start playing Conference teams."

By spring semester, the Norse should be ready and comfortable in their new roles and as a team. But for now, Cottrell said she is eager to get started.

"I'm looking forward to starting games and seeing what we're capable of doing," she said.

MALES BASKETBALL

Stowers eager to prove team critics wrong

By Elias Hajjar
Sports Editor

Many experts are overlooking the Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team in the upcoming season, but Brenden Stowers and company look to get their attention.

Stowers, a 6-foot-2 junior guard from Covington, is a player on the rise for the Norse. His unselfish role on the team last year helped the Norse finish with a record of 27-7 overall and 15-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Stowers started eight games last season and averaged just over eight points per game. However, he expects to be a regular starter this season and help lead the team to a winning record.

Stowers will also have to help standout seniors Craig Sanders and Carl Mitchell mold the newcomers on the team.

"It is the job of me, Mitchell and Sanders to mold them into the players that they can be and help them fit in," said Stowers.

With 10 newcomers this year, seven being freshmen, one can imagine the transition the Norse had to endure at the start of practices. "In the beginning there was a little struggle with chemistry, getting the team together," Stowers said. "There were a few little fights, little arguments here and there in practice, but over the last week or so we've really come together."

An important addition to the team is freshman guard Jordan Stowers, Brenden's younger brother and best friend.

"We had the chance to play with each other in high school which was a great experience for me, and now I get to play with him again at the



Stowers

college level, and it's great," said Brenden. "He's a guy everyone likes being around and playing with, because he makes it fun."

Jordan should see some valuable time at point guard. Taking some of the load off Brenden he will be expected to complement the play of Mitchell and Sanders. Brenden Stowers played the two-guard position his junior and senior year in high school. However, during his first two years at NKU he has been asked to play four different positions for the Norse.

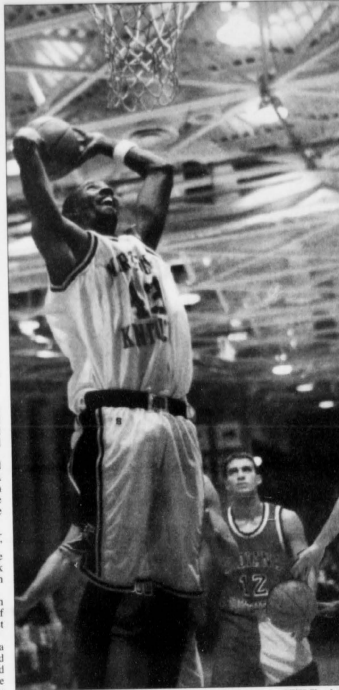
"I'll play whatever position coach Shields wants me to play," said Stowers. "If coach tells me to hand out water on the sidelines, I'll hand out water on the sidelines."

The Norse are currently ranked No. 25 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll, and only No. 4 in the GLVC, but Stowers believes the team should be ranked higher in the conference.

"Being ranked No. 4 in the conference is definitely a knock on us," said Stowers. "I think we should be at least No. 2, until we can knock off the defending national champion Kentucky Wesleyan."

Knocking off Kentucky Wesleyan is something the Norse must do if they plan on winning their first national title in school history.

"I feel we are going to have a good, successful season," said Stowers. "Our goal for the year and every year is to win all our home games, win the conference regular season and the conference tournament, then move on and win the national championship."



NKU file photos

Carl Mitchell, above, and Craig Sanders, right, are expected to lead the Norse to the NCAA's.

Young talent ready for action

By Bruce A. Reller, Jr.
Staff Writer

The Northern Kentucky University men's basketball team aims for a second shot at the NCAA Division II Tournament. The Norse made it deep into the NCAA Division II Tournament last year, losing 58-56 to eventual National Champion Kentucky Wesleyan College.

"In that tournament, on the floor (at Ky. Wesleyan), that was one of the courageous efforts I've experienced in my 38 years of coaching," head coach Ken Shields said.

The Norse lost starters Craig Conley, Adam Norwell, Brian Lawhorn and Todd Clark.

"You have to give credit to those guys in last year's tournament. Losing those guys is a big loss," Shields said.

Despite the loss of players and the inexperience and youth this season, Shields, feels there is plenty of talent on the squad.

Senior guard Craig Sanders returns after leading the team with 17.6 points per game and earning first team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors last season. Sanders will be expected to be one of the leaders on the hall club.

"Sanders is the all-time leading scorer (at NKU)," Shields said. "He will provide leadership. He will be something special."

Senior forward/guard Carl Mitchell averaged 12.3 points per game and had a team leading 6.1 rebounds per game last season. "He was a part-time starter last year. He will have to step up to another level," Shields said. "He will show leadership at point guard. His position dictates it."

Also, junior point guard Brenden Stowers averaged 8.2 ppg and contributed 76 assists last season.

"Stowers had a very solid season and played well in the NCAA Tournament," Shields said. "He is an all-purpose perimeter player."

The Norse have four red-shirted players from last season: Bobby St-Pierre, Jesse Rupe, Darnell Fields, Mike Kelsey and Sean Rowland all will provide depth for the Norse.

Junior Josh Murphy will see time at the four position.

The Norse have seven freshmen on the team this year. Shields feels his team can play through it. "Inexperience is something to overcome. Our freshman will be factors down the line," he said.

However, Jordan Stowers could be one the freshmen who gets involved early, playing mostly at point guard.

The other freshmen on the team are Elder graduates, both red-shirts last season, Brian Carpenter, a walk-on from Lexington Bryan Station, Andrew Vach, Chris Thompson and Jamie Medved, both from Scott High School.

"Kelsey had a great summer. He is a very good shooter. Rowland is an all-purpose perimeter player," Shields said. "Both players come from one of the toughest conferences in the GCL."

NKU is going to need to have to take advantage of its talent when it plays its conference opponents this season. The GLVC is loaded with high quality teams from top to bottom, including No. 1 ranked Kentucky Wesleyan and top 10 team Southern Indiana.

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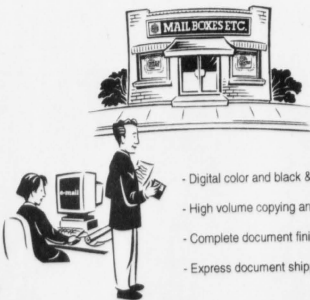
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2001-02 NKU Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Player	CL	POS	HGT	WGT	High School
5	J. Stowers	FR	G	6-1	170	Sioux Kenton
10	J. Medved	FR	F	6-4	185	Scott
11	M. Kelsey	FR	G	6-1	170	Elder
12	C. Thompson	FR	G	6-4	175	Scott
15	A. Vieth	FR	F	6-5	190	St. Henry
21	D. Fields	JR	F	6-8	185	Ill./Zion-Benton
22	B. St-Pierre	JR	G	6-5	190	Fla./Forest Hill
24	B. Stowers	JR	G	6-2	160	Simon Kenton
30	S. Rowland	FR	G	6-3	175	Elder
32	B. Carpenter	FR	G	6-0	175	Ky./Bryan Station
33	Craig Sanders	SR	GF	6-3	185	McNicholas
35	Josh Murphy	JR	GF	6-4	190	Ky./Mercer Co.
40	Jesse Rupe	SO	C	6-10	220	Ohio/Maysville
44	C. Mitchell	SR	F	6-9	205	Ala./Dothan
54	D. Miller	JR	F	6-5	190	Ky./Manual

Head Coach: Ken Shields
Assistant Coaches: Dave Bezdol, Pat Ryan, Kevin Listerman, Donnie McFarland



2001-02 NKU Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 16	vs. Ferris State	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Nov. 17	TBA	HOME	T B A
Nov. 21	THOMAS MORE	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Nov. 24	at Lewis	Romeoville, Ill.	4:15 p.m.
Nov. 26	at UW-Parkside	Kenosha, Wis.	8:45 p.m.
Nov. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Dec. 6	KY. WESLEYAN	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Dec. 8	S. INDIANA	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Pfeiffer (N.C.)	Misenheimer, N.C.	2 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Wingate (N.C.)	Wingate, N.C.	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	IND.-SOUTHEAST	HOME	3:15 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Quincy	Quincy, Ill.	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	at SIU Edwardsville	Edwardsville, Ill.	4:15 p.m.
Jan. 10	UW-PARKSIDE	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Jan. 12	SAINT JOSEPH'S	HOME	3:15 p.m.
Jan. 19	BELLARMIN	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Southern Indiana	Evansville, Ind.	8:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Missouri-St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.	4:15 p.m.
Jan. 31	SIU Edwardsville	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Saint Joseph's	HOME	3:15 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Indianapolis	Rensselaer, Ind.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Bellarmine	Louisville	8 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Ky. Wesleyan	Owensboro, Ky.	8:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Feb. 23	QUINCY	HOME	3:15 p.m.
Feb. 28	at GLVC Tournament	Evansville, Ind.	T B A
March 1	at GLVC Tournament	Evansville, Ind.	T B A
March 2	at GLVC Tournament	Evansville, Ind.	T B A

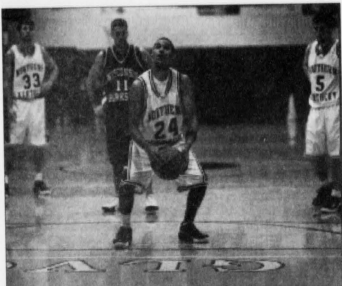
2001-02 NKU Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Player	Position	Class	Height	Hometown
10	J. Brock	Forward	Sophomore	5-11	Rising Sun, Ind.
15	S. Smith	Guard	Senior	5-6	Florence, Ky.
20	E. Burrows	Guard	Freshman	5-9	Russellville, Ohio
21	C. Myers	Forward	Freshman	5-10	Columbia City, Ind.
22	M. Cottrell	Forward	Senior	5-11	Florence, Ky.
25	D. Schubert	Center	Senior	6-3	Elizabethtown, Ky.
30	M. Sterling	Guard	Sophomore	5-9	Ashtland, Ky.
32	A. Mobley	Forward	Junior	5-11	Harrison, Ohio
33	B. Flanagan	Guard	Junior	5-10	Cincinnati, Ohio
34	K. Polosky	Forward	Junior	6-1	Bobtown, Pa.
42	E. Phillips	Center	Sophomore	6-1	Alexandria, Ky.

Head Coach: Nancy Windel
Assistant Coaches: Brian Neal, Jeff Hans

2001-02 NKU Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 20	GEORGETOWN	HOME	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	at Lewis	Romeoville, Ill.	2 p.m.
Nov. 26	at UW-Parkside	Kenosha, Wis.	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 1	SALEM INTL.	HOME	2 p.m.
Dec. 6	WESLEYAN	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	SOUTHERN INDIANA	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	UA-HUNTSVILLE	HOME	7:45 p.m.
Dec. 21	TBA	HOME	T B A
Dec. 29	at Ferris State	Big Rapids, Mich.	1 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Quincy	Quincy, Ill.	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 5	at SIU Edwardsville	Edwardsville, Ill.	2 p.m.
Jan. 10	UW-PARKSIDE	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	SAINT JOSEPH'S	HOME	1 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Kentucky State	Frankfort	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	BELLARMIN	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Southern Indiana	Evansville, Ind.	6:15 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Missouri-St. Louis	St. Louis, Mo.	2 p.m.
Jan. 31	SIU Edwardsville	HOME	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	LEWIS	HOME	1 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Saint Joseph's	Rensselaer, Ind.	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Indianapolis	Indianapolis, Ind.	5:30 p.m.
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Norse win first-round NCAA Tournament game vs. Ashland

By Shelly Kunz
Staff writer

The lady Norse once again seek no mercy on their opponents, beating Ashland University Eagles with a 4-0 shutout Wednesday, Nov. 7 on Ashland's home turf.

Ashland took a beating from the Norse who came out determined to prove they indeed are the number one team in the nation.

Despite NKU's third seed in the tournament, they played with the heart of a number one team.

The Norse evened it out scoring two goals in each half. Senior, Betsy Moore, contributed two more goals off

of direct kicks. One of Moore's goals was unassisted while the other assisted by senior, Tricia Ruark.

Moore, a great contributor to the Norse's scoring this season was also named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year last week.

Moore has a total of 15 goals for the Norse so far this season and 17 assists. Norse coach, Bob Sheehan said, "We think the world of her. She's great on the dribble, and she can take people on. We have some other flank people who can get out and run too."

Moore gave the Eagles fits all day.

Even when she didn't score, her speed and ball-handling ability broke down the Ashland defense.

Ruark, comments on teammate Moore, "Betsy is one of those talent given players with the ability to run the flank with speed and she has helped the team in many close games this season. We expect that out of her."

The Norse did not let down in the second half either. Coming off of a half time score of 2-0, the Norse came out and added two more.

One of the second half goals was scored off a corner kick from Ruark to Norse defender Bessie Black.

Also contributing was junior midfielder, Hope Bushelman, scoring her third goal of the season for the Norse. This was a hole just to deep for Ashland to dig out of. "When we scored to make it 3-0, that out us over the top," said Moore.

It is never easy coming from behind, even for Ashland who had the upper hand with the number two seed going into the match.

NKU never gave AS much space to work with. When the Eagles did get an opportunity, it presented no problem for the Norse defense who played straight-up hard defense and turned them away.

NKU handed once undefeated Ashland their first loss of the season.

The lady Norse advance to the second round of the NCAA tournament in Erie Pennsylvania to meet top-seeded Mercyhurst College.

Mercyhurst is the only team giving the Norse and trouble this season when they play Mercyhurst Lakers.

Mercyhurst previously beat NKU 1-0 two weeks ago, Oct. 28 in regular season play.

These two teams face each other in the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive season.

In last year's playoffs, the Norse downed the Lakers on the way to the NCAA championship game.

The Norse unexpectedly had to play on the road for two playoff games due to taking the lower seed. It looks like they have put that behind them. Moore said, "It was a big disappointment after we found out, we had to pick it up."

Also commenting on the lower seed for the tournament mid-fielder, Kendra Zinser said, "It was definitely unexpected since we were ranked number one nationally for much of the season. It was good for us as a team though because it motivated us more."

NKU Men's Cross Country Results:

Kevin Alessandro, 34:59; 69. Doug Fulmer, 35:19; 78. Kevin Arnold, 35:30; 85. Brian Alessandro, 35:40; 89. Ryan Carskadon, 35:47; 93. Pat Sullivan, 35:50; 95. Joe Beck, 37:55; 122.

NKU Women's Cross Country Results:

Elaine Koenig, 23:35; 32. Lissa Faulkner, 24:31; 59. Erin Engel, 24:36; 62. Lori Goetz, 25:21; 88. Emily Sand, 25:29; 90. Crystal Brefeld, 25:34; 92. Kristen Rose, 26:50; 116.

Athlete of the week

By Elias Hajjar/Sports Editor

Cammi Welter



Photo by Stacey Sutton/Photo Editor

Northern Kentucky University's Cammi Welter, a sophomore from Cincinnati, is *The Northerner* Athlete of the Week.

Welter has helped guide the Norse volleyball team to a 24-4 overall record and a perfect 14-0 Great Lakes Valley Conference record.

Her 16 kills, 16 digs and 538 hitting percentage helped the Norse defeat the University of Southern Indiana, 30-16, 30-25, 30-25, on Nov. 2.

"She has steadily become better at 'reading the hitter,'" said coach Carlos Chia.

"The results are evident in her performance in the last couple of weeks."

Welter also had 16 kills and 14 digs in the win over the University of Wisconsin-

Parkside, 30-18, 30-14, 28-30, 30-22, back on Oct. 26, and was recently named GLVC Athlete of the Week.

"Throughout our long season there are a lot of unsung heroes," said Chia.

"Cammi is one of the many that just goes unnoticed among the recipients of such honor.

We hope that many more on the team get recognized for their accomplishments on the court but for now, we are very proud of her."

The volleyball team is currently ranked No. 15 nationally in the NCAA Division II poll, but looks to finish the year No. 1 and national champions.

Koenig breaks school record at CC tourney

By Sarah Black
Contributor

On Nov. 3, the Northern Kentucky University men's and women's cross country teams competed at the NCAA Regionals in Kenosha, Wis.

The women's team placed 12 out of 20, the highest a NKU team has placed at Regionals. The men, in the Great Lakes Region, placed 16 out of 20.

Elaine Koenig, in her second year with the women's team, broke the 6000-meter school record at Regionals.

The previous record, set by

Tathatha Smith in 1999, was a time of 23:37.4 and Koenig broke it with a time of 23:35.

Koenig said she was excited about the achievement because she worked hard all summer and season.

She said she was happy to finish the season with a good race.

The race was emotional for brothers Brian Alessandro and Kevin Alessandro, both seniors on the team, because it was their last race with the NKU team.

Brian Alessandro, speech communication major, said, "I am glad I was able to finish my running career with such a good group of teammates and coaches."

He added, "I will certainly miss the competition and the experiences that have helped me grow the last few years."

Kevin Alessandro, speech communication major, said, "It was really emotional to end my collegiate career but I have had a lot of fun and made a lot of really good friends."

Each of the teams sent eight runners, one being an alternate, to the race. The runners were selected based on how they had performed during the season.

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Hot stuff? No, just a security nightmare

By Jeff Miller
Northerner Contributor

Recently, I went on a little trip to New Orleans with some fellow students to go to a student media convention. The 15 of us knew that we were going to be searched at the airport, so we went two hours before our flight. Since we were in such a large group, Delta demanded to search us individually. The airport staff opened all of our bags and went through them one by one.

Now I understand that since the Sept. 11 disaster the airports have tightened security, but I am a horrible packer. When I pack a suitcase I wad everything up and stuff it in, then sit on it as I zip it up. You can almost hear the bag shush with relief when I open it and when I get to my destination. It is also, of course, a little embarrassing. When the older female security officer opened my case and held up my pair of boxer shorts that read "HOT STUFF" around the band with little jalapeno peppers placed sporadically around them, I didn't know what to say except, "Sometimes I wear those when I feel frisky." She laughed.

Opinion

and then continued to look at my sock collection for the trip.

Now the most interesting part of the new security checks is the lottery check that every flight has instituted. Security randomly chooses five lucky seat holders to get their bags checked a second time. I'm proud to say that of the three flights that my group went on, I was checked an extra five times.

Imagine you're at the airport, when you hear them saying this over the loudspeaker, "We will now be boarding for our direct flight to New Orleans. Will Passenger Miller please come up to the flight desk to check in?" When I got up there a guy said, "Passenger Miller? Come with me."

On my way to the "special" room I thought, "Maybe that woman thought my 'HOT STUFF' boxers were a security risk." The employee was very nice, and explained everything to me about the security check. I was still a little frightened to walk into the room to hear the snap of a plastic glove being slipped on. I was

relieved to find no gloves and no probing. It turns out that I was chosen by the flight's computer that randomly chooses seat numbers for people to be checked again. At the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky Airport are the nicest and most professional of the security people that I have met. The New Orleans staff is a different story.

When we left New Orleans four days later, my bag was somehow even more filled, and since things were even more wadded I could even hear it expanding. As I checked my bags in, once again I won the lottery. (Maybe I should start playing Powerball more often.) "Mr. Miller, come over here so I can see those 'HOT STUFF' boxers with the little jalapenos on them." I don't know how he knew. Of course, he could have said something entirely different. (Cajun accents are like redneck accents with flair.) I warned the man that the suitcase was packed tightly. Rather than going through the entire suitcase like the Northern Kentucky Airport did, he just went through the first two layers of clothes. I felt sorry for the guy because the first two layers were just

smelly socks and dirty boxers.

Next in New Orleans came the metal-detector people. They searched my briefcase, checked my ID, and wanded me. I thought the whole situation was over but, once again, I was called as a lottery winner. However, this time, there was no special room. The search was done behind the check-in desk. Since I work for WNTV, some of the student television station proteges wanted to capture this moment on tape. Apparently, the police did not see the humor in this. When they turned on that camera, they cried, "Security breach!"

Now these people that were making the big deal about my friends with the camera, were not making a big deal about the actual security check. They did not check my ID. They just checked the plane ticket. They did not do a thorough check off the bag. They just opened it, saw that there wasn't a bomb, and closed it. They didn't even take anything out of the bag. I could have easily slipped a pair of box cutters in there. The New Orleans Airport staff was horrible at this.

We left New Orleans and went to

Atlanta, where the extra security searches were done by random picking out of a crowd. So I didn't get picked for the lottery this time. Hey, you can't win them all. However, this was the first time I got to board the plane like everyone else. I almost stood in the wrong line, which would have sent me to Phoenix.

Now some final tips on being chosen for the extra security checks. Be happy. You won't! Remind yourself that you're special. Not everyone gets the luxury of being hassled the entire time until the plane leaves. Next, be kind. These security people hate their jobs right now. Finally, be glad that they are doing it. Even though it did become annoying to me, what seemed to be, the one millionth check on the same bag, in the end I was glad they were doing it. Let these people do their job.

This little experience has led me to some conclusions. One, no one will be able to hijack an American plane for sometime now. Two, my boxers with "HOT STUFF" written on the band and the little jalapeno peppers all over them are quite popular. You should get some.

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A reader's response to 'Sugarcoating racism'

By Chad A. Rankin
Senior philosophy/political science

The article written by Brian K. Powell achieved its stated aim—it made me look into the mirror and evaluate my beliefs. Thus I write as a response to Mr. Powell's confused sense of societal justice. First, I want to call to attention what I believe to be an essential component of a just society.

John Stewart Mill, in his classic book, "On Liberty," devoted an entire chapter to what he argued has become the cornerstone of liberal democracy:

If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind.

Alex de Tocqueville likewise warned of a similar problem, one which he coined "the tyranny of the majority." Madison and the Framers made manifest in the fabric of the Constitution the fear all liberal democracies must overcome: the fear that the caprice of the many will overwhelm the collective wisdom born of conflicting opinions. The societal diversity Mr. Powell lauds

is buttressed by the very opposite of what he argues for—the freedom to hold unpopular positions.

Secondly, I draw issue with Mr. Powell's use of the term "elitist." Recently, the term has been used erroneously by misinformed egalitarians as a catchall pejorative. The term "elite" has traditionally been used to denote someone possessing a disproportionate amount of a valued resource (e.g., education, wealth, athletic ability, etc.). In a wider sense, the consequence of elitism implies a fundamental difference among people and is therefore in direct opposition to egalitarianism.

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ism. Egalitarians argue that people are equal, not in a political or moral sense, but in every sense. The specious nature of the egalitarian argument is, I believe, the fallacy of Mr. Powell's position.

Some people and some cultures are of more value than others. One cannot hold the position that a bum on the street is as productive and valuable a person as a research scientist without risking absurdity. Likewise, one cannot reasonably think putting a bison in your nose is as worthy an achievement as sending a man to the moon. Mr. Powell—along with a frightening number of NKU professors—suffers from a neoteric ideological illusion that threatens to corrupt the very foundations of our culture. Occidental culture is founded on the value of personal achievement. Without the ability to qualify individuals on the basis of achievement, rap music produced by illiterate thugs (gangsta's I


believe they call themselves) stands as equivalent to Bach's orchestral suites. The popular caterwauls of boy bands, on this view, stand as comparable to the vocal mystory of Placido Domingo. If excellence, assiduity, and talent are not valued, then what is?

I take issue in knowing that the person in Mr. Powell's class has and continues to have the opportunity to make an ass out of himself. It is the academic freedom engendered in such an open expression of opinion that I find most satisfying in the University setting. If we censor any expression of thought, we are in support of what Mr. Powell calls "mindless brainwashing." I cannot in good conscience accept any policy—including Sensitivity Training (for incoming freshmen—that stands as a de facto warning against free expression. I even support Mr. Powell's right to express his own misguided and incoherent opinions.

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Forensics frenzy

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Members win 6 at Owensboro tournament

By Robin Hampton
Staff Writer

The word "forensics" usually brings thoughts of dead bodies, surgical gloves and police tape to mind. However, Northern Kentucky University's speech team wants to change that image.

Forensics, as it relates to the speech team, is an adjective meaning relating to formal debate. And it seems that the team is quite good.

The Norators, the campus team, came home from the Oct. 20 Owensboro tournament with all six competing members earning awards.

"Our novices beat veterans," Michael Monks, president of the team, said of its newest members.

Normally, novices compete against other novices. All six winners qualified to compete in the national tournament. NKU's team participants in the Kentucky Forensics Association against 12 other colleges. One competitor in Western Kentucky University, considered the best in the state.

After the Norators' tournament at Western, Dr. Robert Jones, KFA president and communications professor, said, "We enjoyed the experience. I learned a lot."

Each team member prepares one piece at the beginning of the year to use in all tournaments, which are held on the weekends. Team members must be able to travel with the tournaments.

Jennifer Heil, novice member, said the travel is the only drawback of participating. However, she still considers it a good experience.



Photo contributed
From left to right, forensics team members Jennifer Heil, Michael Monks, Curtiss Belew, Angela Kruger, Lexie Valle, and Vince Goetz.

The team competes in individual events, which fall under two broad categories. The first category is public speaking. This includes informative, persuasive, impromptu and after-dinner speaking. Monks placed first in impromptu speaking at Owensboro. In impromptu, the contestants are given a quote and then have seven minutes to prepare and give the speech.

Curtiss Belew, a novice, placed fourth in after-dinner speaking. In this event, speakers make a serious

point using humor.

"Belew was the highest scoring novice at the tournament, earning a ninth place in the Pentathlon [5 or more events], which is a very rare accomplishment!" Jones said.

The other category is interpretative events, which includes prose, drama, and poetry. The team won four awards in this category including dramatic duo interpretation, won by Monks and Angela Kruger.

"The team has been active for almost as long as NKU has existed,"

Jones said, "and we have a room full of trophies to demonstrate our success over the years."

The Norators will host the KFA tournament in February.

"We are interested in any faculty members who would be willing to judge at the tournament or help in many other ways," Jones said.

Undergraduate students in all majors are able to join the speech team. For more information, visit the Norators' web site at www.nku.edu/~forensics.

By Dan Hengehold
Production Manager

Going out on the weekends for all night bender is one of the few things we do well in this area. But as you're waking up around the crack of noon, wanting to shove your tongue from all the cigarettes you only smoke when you're drinking, try and think back to what happened last night.

Working off and on as a bouncer for the past three years, I've seen you drunk, puking, falling down, fighting, passing yourself and kissing the ugliest person in the bar. You may not remember me, but I'll be there for you when you wake up.

I've been working at Asno's in the Mainstrasse Village for almost a year. My first experience of Covington happened during Mardi Gras. I was told it wasn't as wild as the year before, but I think people made up for it by drinking more. All the bars were packed and we had a line out the door.

For some unknown reason almost every girl in line was trying to flash their way in. It didn't matter if they were 21 or 51; they were putting them in my face. Most were nice, but there's something sick about seeing a woman your mother's age flash her drooping, weathered, "Something About Mary," tits.

Almost every night people drink so much they forget who they are. The girls turn into porn girls.

They think everyone wants to see them shake their ass and show their underdressed panties, when in reality,

the only ones watching not in disgust, are the guys who are drunker than they are. These are usually the ones I'm pulling out of the bathroom because they just couldn't wait to get naked with someone. One girl played with me not to throw them out because she just had to have this guy's member in her mouth. As long as I live, I will never figure out what compels people to do these things. Do they not think anyone is watching?

Guys are another story. They have a bad habit of turning into Superman. No one can hurt them, so when another guy bumps into them they feel the need to test their strength. It's events like this that make my job really interesting. Most people stop when told, and for those who don't, they get a VIP pass to the Police club, the only place in town open all night.

I've seen just about all I care to, but it seems like every night I see something new. Don't get me wrong, I've gotten drunk and done way too many things to keep me out of the FIA, much less political office. I am not trying to tell anyone not to go out, drink or have fun. I just want you to know that I've got a great view from the other side of the bar.

Many students claim ninjas scare them

By James Proffitt
Distribution Manager

Northern Kentucky University students have recently been expressing great fear concerning our campus. Many feel that it is only a matter of time before NKU will be attacked by angry ninjas who are bent on destroying the entire campus, and possibly those in it. This paranoia has come to be known as "ninja fear."

Senior Business Management major Nick McIver says he lives in fear of the ninjas. "I fear them all the time," he said. "Ever since they took Treasure Hunter Ninja Turtles off the air, the foot soldiers on the show have been very angry."

Drew Taylor, senior, accounting major also says he lives in constant fear of a ninja attack.

"Don't we have anything to stop them?" Taylor asked. "I've been in fear for the last four years." Junior Music major Ben Harwood Western claimed he had not yet heard the rumors, but is now worried that something could happen.

"I hadn't really thought about it before, but now I'm afraid," Western said.

Brad Treas, a senior business management major is another student who has expressed "ninja fear."

"Yes, I'm afraid, but only on Tuesdays."

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Other students have expressed some worry, but claim their "ninja fear" is under control.

"I fear them everyday of my life, but I could take them if I had to," said junior math major Ben Harwood.

Sophomore Theater major Cat Noland said her fear depends on what kind of ninjas would be doing the attacking.

"Some ninjas I'm scared of, and some I'm not," Noland said. "Plus, I'm not so much afraid of them taking over I am of them just attacking me."

Other students have ridiculed "ninja fear" on this campus as ridiculous, and that they don't have any of themselves.

Sophomore Tommy Jewell, history major was asked if he feared ninjas invading NKU. "No," he replied, "because history shows that ninjas usually attack high schools or below. They don't usually come after college campuses."

Freshmen Dallas Bolton, undecided, agrees that there is no reason to be afraid. "The only thing scary on this campus is that reject James Proffitt," Bolton said.

Senior business management major Mark Simpson said, "Samurai died off, what, about 1700 years ago? Why are they so afraid?"

For more information on the possibility of ninjas attacking our campus, go to www.secretcityofninja.com planning to attack NKU.

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3:05 - 4:30 a.m. The Animal
4:30 - 6:45 a.m. Heartbreakers
6:45 - 8:15 a.m. Final Fantasy
8:15 - 10:05 a.m. Top Gun
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Wednesday November 21
12:15 - 2:00 a.m. The Jerk
2:00 - 3:45 a.m. Bridget Jones Diary
3:45 - 6:45 a.m. Dances with Wolves
6:45 - 8:15 a.m. Top Gun
8:15 - 11:00 a.m. The Jerk
11:00 - 12:30 a.m. Smoke Signals
12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Any Given Sunday
3:00 - 5:30 p.m. Apollo 13
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. WNTV original programming
7:30 - 9:45 p.m. Annie
9:45 - 11:15 p.m. Waterbury
11:15 - 1:15 a.m. Save the Last Dance

Thursday November 22
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3:05 - 5:00 a.m. Remember the Titans
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