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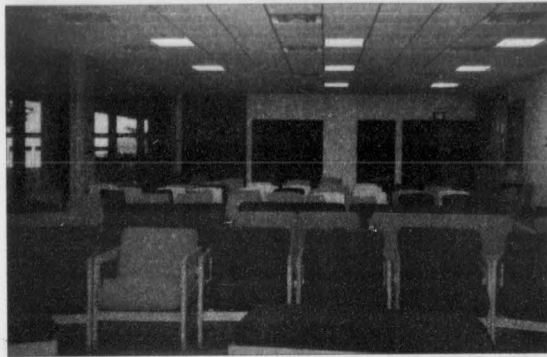
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# The NORTHERNER

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## DPS-Student Forum A No-Show

### Two Days And No Meeting: DPS Stood Up By Students



WHERE IS EVERYONE?: The Department of Public Safety wanted to hold two meetings last week in the University Center TV Lounge, but no students showed.

By Kevin Gohene  
News Editor

What was supposed to be a two-day open forum between students and Department of Public Safety officials turned into a one hour gathering of a few Student Government representatives and Fred Otto, head of DPS.

Jennifer Schmidt, the Student Government Association senator who organized the forum said she was disappointed by the low turnout of students.

"I always hear students complaining about DPS, yet when there was a chance for them to speak up, no one came."

"I don't know if students didn't want to bother to ask them questions or they just didn't care," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said she thinks that the forum set up might have been intimidating for students, and that some other type of event between students and DPS would work better. Her committee is currently considering a "Back the Blue" type of event where DPS officers go out and talk to students about their concerns.

Many times DPS officers can be

seen as the bad guy, said Otto. So he encourages them to become more a part of the university.

Being more visible, friendly, and empathetic to the university community and its concerns are a few of the ways officers can alleviate any negative images students may have of them, said Otto.

Otto said he relishes the opportunity to speak with students.

"They're one of our clientele. Without the students and the university we aren't needed," he said. "I get to hear things from a different perspective."

Though many of the issues discussed at the forum concerned traffic and parking, Otto said the dorms are a high priority for DPS.

"This is where the high-risk incidents tend to occur," he said, referring to problems such as illegal drugs and alcohol.

Even though the dorms are where the bigger problems occur, Otto said most of those problems aren't caused by students. It is usually an outsider.

"We have a very responsible student body here. The university community (faculty, staff, and students) keep large problems from developing," he said.

## Early Childcare Director Issues Resignation

By Kevin Gohene  
News Editor

The Early Childhood Development Center is looking for a new director. Karen Schmidt, the previous director, has resigned to take another job opportunity.

The Center is an on-campus daycare facility for students, faculty, and staff of Northern Kentucky University.

Ernest Britton, executive director of student development, said a search committee has been formed in hopes of naming a new director by mid-November.

The committee consists of Britton, Dr. Margaret Cantrell, Dr. Norlene Pomerantz, Dr. Darrell Garber, Mary Chestnut, and Mike xxxxxx. Chestnut and xxxxxx have children attending the Center.

A meeting held last Tuesday focused on naming the committee and addressing any concerns parents might have about the change.

The biggest concern they had, Britton said, was the upkeep of the quality of care their children currently receive.

He said he felt most parents left the meeting confident no loss of quality would occur.

Britton also indicated several qualified applications had already been received and he is confident the goal of naming a new director by mid-November can be attained.

## Services Available From Crunch Time To Career Time

By Becky Bergman  
Co-Features Editor

Being a student is much like a full time job. Students are often on campus Monday through Friday, working long hard hours. Some students are working on campus until 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. There's not even guaranteed a lunch break, nor is there overtime pay. With all this stress, it is nice to know that Northern Kentucky University offers a little help and relief!

NKU offers a number of staff members and services to aid students' homework struggles and plans for the future. Some of these services include Library Assistance, Computer and Math Labs, Career Planning, and Learning Assistance with a Writing Lab.

With mid-terms coming up it is helpful to know a quiet place where you can both "crum" and do research. Wanda Durham, the Evening Supervisor of the Circulation Department at Steely Library, said that there is always a reference librarian and some kind of help available during library hours.

Durham said that there are many resources that a student can use that aid students on how to use the library to their full advantage. A guided audio tour with a map is available at the reference desk, as well as classes on library instruction that are available to anyone who calls, according to Durham.

Danny Hamon, marketing major, says he finds using the library useful for studying because he lives off campus.

He said, "It is much more convenient to stay at school and study in the library, than to drive back and forth."

Developmental reading and writing courses and academic tutoring are a few of the activities offered in Business Education and Psychology Building room 230.

Paul Ellis, Director of the Learning Assistance Program, said that he encourages all students to test out the writing center at least once.

Ellis said that in his department there are 15-20 writing tutors, and 50

100 academic tutors available to help students.

"We help students with the entire writing process from the very start of the paper to revising. The most significant difference can be made when students come for help in the early stages of writing, instead of waiting until the day before a paper is due," Ellis said.

Ever find yourself stuck on that one problem in math and you can't quite figure it out? There is a math lab located at Applied Science and Technology room 344. This lab specializes in remedial math courses such as 095, 097 and 099. Tutors are available for those who need help.

NKU not only offers aid to students in school taking classes, but through Career Development, the university offers students a chance to plan their careers for after graduation. This is also offered to alumni.

Martha Malloy, Director of Career Development, said that the career planning option is a process that everyone should go through.

It also helps you find a job to fit your interests and major, Malloy said.

Last year, Career Development referred over 5,000 students to employers. Forty percent of these students found employment through these services.

Career Development also assists students with

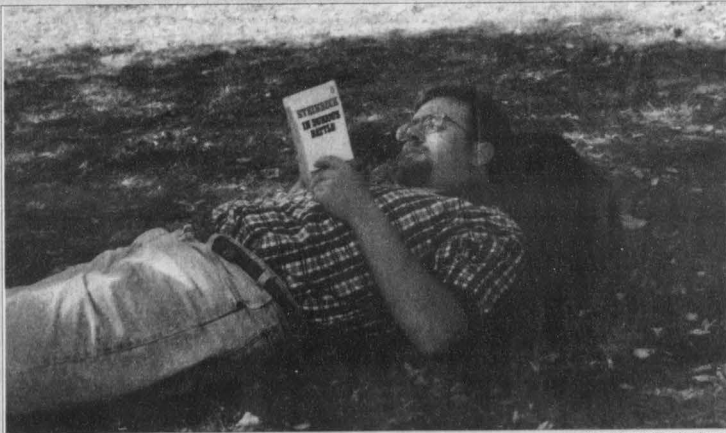
co-op programs so they can work off campus.

"This is a student's opportunity to receive wages, college credit, and a chance to 'audition.' By audition I mean to see if the job is a good match with their talents and interests," said Malloy.

Malloy also added that a big part of career planning is done through self assessment and individual counseling. She encourages all students freshman or seniors, even alumni, to check out this free service.

"Right now the job market for students is a pretty bright picture judging by the level of activity in the office," she added.

## Takin' It Easy



GETTING COMFY: Greg Stautberg, undeclared from Cincinnati, decides to lay in the shade to read his book. This October's extremely mild temperatures have offered students an opportunity to enjoy the campus before the cold weather sets in.

## "The Lost Cause" A Lost Cause?

This article is the second of a series that will analyze the state of campus media including WRFN, WNTV, The Lost Cause Review, WNTV, The Lost Cause Review, Cameo and The Licking River Review.

By Gabrielle Dion  
Editor In Chief

Northern Kentucky University's underground newspaper is trying to come up for air.

Journalism student Chris Specht and graphic design student Michael Hammonds will be co-editing "The Lost Cause" alternative press this year with some university assistance.

In addition to the two new editors, TLC has a new staff, a new adviser, a new office, and an \$800 budget cut.

The Student Incidental Fee

Board decided to cut the budget because TLC is required to put out two issues a year, and there are only records of two issues printed since 1995. TLC was allocated \$3,000, but was reduced to \$2,200 and only one issue is required a year.

Pam Taylor is Student Incidental Fee Board chair that helped make the decision to cut the budget. "There was serious consideration to pull back funding," she said.

She said that in the past the staff of TLC had the talent to put out their issues, but lacked leadership and organizational skills and were not able to get the required two issues out.

Hammonds sees the budget cut as a drawback right now. "It will be a test to use the budget and be able to get out two issues," he said. He is currently working on printing

the first issue, which is scheduled to come out in November. Hammonds said that in past years, former editor Dan Jasper had TLC printed off campus.

Hammonds wants to get the first issue printed on campus to save money, but sees the decision as symbolically backwards—the alternative press is being printed by the university.

"We can't put out our message if the university controls what we do," he said.

Despite what Specht calls TLC's "history of not coming out when it should," he is optimistic about his new position.

"We can do whatever we want. It does take some pressure off us, that the past issues have come so few and far between," he said. He said that the library only has three issues of TLC on file. "It's hard to

tell how many they actually printed. I guess it adds to the mystique."

The staff is currently in the process of writing and editing the first issue. Wanda Crawford from the Learning Assistance Center, the new adviser to TLC, said that she is also very optimistic the new TLC staff.

"It's exciting to see this much interest in it," she said. "I think it's important for any college to have an alternative newspaper. I think it's particularly important at NKU because NKU is not a real activist campus," she said.

Of the new budget restrictions, she said that the problems could develop once they get into printing the fall issue.

"It's important that the university continues to make a commitment to its existence," she said.

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# NKU Staff Recognized During Awards Lunch

By Kevin Goheen  
News Editor

Last Friday, Northern Kentucky University held its 1997 Staff Awards Luncheon to give special recognition to university workers.

"This is a special day to celebrate and say thank you for making this a special university," said President James Votruba.

Janet Neltner, Charlene Schweitzer, and Jane Schwlerjohann received the Regents Distinguished Services award this year.

The award is bestowed upon staff employees who have made exemplary contributions to the growth, image, or efficient operations of NKU.

The top recognition of NKU staff from the administration, the Distinguished Service Award has been given since 1980.

Special recognition was given to Jack Geiger and Leroy Lauer, both of the physical plant, and Rebecca Myers, from the office of the budget, for 25 years of service.

Twenty year service recognition was given to: Royleen Seibert, main library; Mary Ryan, office of the vice president of academic affairs; Nancy Utz, accounting and budgetary control; Diane Hunley, personnel services; James Benson, Jeff Martz, and Robert Riffe, physical plant; and Kathryn Dawn and Richard Haegerle of printing services.

Staff members with five, ten, and 15 years of service, as well as staff who took no sick leave from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997, were also recognized for their service to NKU.

Votruba said, in his opening remarks, he was amazed and pleased at the loyalty, commitment, and love he has witnessed the staff exude in his tenure as president.



Photo Courtesy of NKU Media Relations

AND THE WINNERS ARE: Charlene Schweitzer, Jane Schwlerjohann and Janet Neltner show off their Distinguished Service Awards.

# NKU's President Looking Forward To The Future

By Margie Wise  
Co-Features Editor

"If I have to make a choice, I'd say my core values say academics," said Northern Kentucky University President James Votruba at his Vision, Values, and Voices meeting Wed. Oct. 8.

The meeting took place in Norse Commons, and included such issues as academic funding, athletic funding, school pride, residence hall expansion, the first-semester NKU experience, and campus diversity.

"I think the meetings are important mostly for people to talk to each other, and realize we want the same thing. The faculty, staff, and administrators are very involved," said Kim Vance, an NKU alumna and director of the residence halls.

President Votruba said NKU needs to market itself in the community. It needs to emphasize its strengths, one of which, he said, is its size. The small size of NKU allows for a more "student centered and user-friendly" university.

President Votruba said that small classrooms were a trade off for major money. For bigger schools like the University of Cincinnati or the University of Kentucky, he said the large, auditorium classrooms are "cash cows" for those universities.

Because of this trade off, President Votruba said, an emphasis needs to be placed on the students as the most important part of NKU. The students are the customers, and every decision should be based on the impact it will have on the students.

"He got different types of people, and hit on different areas. I think all of his speeches were very helpful. I feel he'll take what we are saying, and use this to put forth a better university," said Heidi Prunson, a sophomore mental health and human services major.

"I have never been at a university that has faculty so committed to students," President Votruba said.

# ASK Conference At NKU

By Jill Schlarmann  
Staff Reporter

The annual meeting of Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky (ASK) was held at Northern Kentucky University Oct. 10 and 11.

This conference gave students and faculty the opportunity to present papers dealing with various issues from anthropology and sociology, as well as competing with participants from other colleges.

Sessions covered a variety of topics from "Race, Gender, and the Media" to "Studies in Kentucky Archeology."

Stephen Richards, an NKU professor who teaches a class called Criminology and Corrections, presented a research paper dealing with prisoners receiving

college educations while in prison.

He did extensive research interviewing federal prisoners at Lexington Medical Center and in this paper he was able to discuss an issue he feels strongly about.

"Education is the number one way to rehabilitate prisoners," according to Richards.

Rodney Jackson, a junior presenting in the "Crime, Criminology, and Corrections" session, also has a personal connection to his topic. Jackson, a veteran police officer, presented information on the correlation between race and arrest.

"My hope is that people will take this information to heart," Jackson said. "Now I look at things in a different perspective."

Prince Brown is another member of NKU faculty who is participating in the ASK conference. His photo essay, an

overview of historical development in South America, was presented.

"I'm not sure how much people know about South America. Some will be surprised, and for others it will be additional information on the situation," Brown said.

This was his first ASK conference for Brown and he enjoyed visiting with educators from across the United States.

Mary Carol Hopkins, a professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Philosophy, is the 1997 ASK president. She organized the conference which is rarely held at NKU.

"Setting up was a lot of work," Hopkins said. But she would consider the conference a success if it created new visions for sociology and anthropology in the future.

# Way To Speak

From Staff Reports

The Northern Kentucky University Speech Team placed second in a recent competition at West Virginia Wesleyan College. The team totaled 41 points, losing to Shepard College by a single point.

NKU team members placed in the top six in seven out of nine categories contested.

Team members winning first place awards were: Jill Grimm in After Dinner Speaking, and John Nelson and Jessica Rohrkasse in Dramatic Duo Interpretation.

Sarah Kyle took second place awards in Poetry and Dramatic Interpretation, a third place in Prose and teamed up with Grimm to place second in the Dramatic Duo Interpretation category.

Grimm also won a second place in Impromptu Speaking.

Rohrkasse finished fourth in Informative Speaking, while Nelson had two sixth place finishes, one in Dramatic Interpretation and teaming with Michelle French in Dramatic Duo Interpretation.

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# Reports

## Another Bomb Threat

According to the report, on Oct. 9, an officer was dispatched to the Covington Campus in reference to a bomb threat. When he arrived the officer talked to the Director of Region Four Service Center, and she stated that one of the teachers attending the conference found a bomb threat on her chair when she returned from lunch. DPS got a statement from the director and a roster sign-in sheet.

## Alcohol and Noise

During a routine patrol in Norse Hall, a DPS officer heard loud noises coming from a room. When the officer walked by the room, the door was open and several people were inside. According to the report, the officer noticed beer bottles and cans all over the apartment. In the

refrigerator, the officer reported, there were seven Bud Light beer bottles. He made the people dump out their beers and told them the rules and regulations for possession of alcohol on campus. This was their second offense.

## Arrest

A DPS officer noticed a light blue Honda Prelude driving from Lot Q to Campbell Drive without his headlights on. According to the report an arrest was made for reckless driving, assault in the third, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, DUI second offense, attempting to elude, possession of a fake drivers license and driving without lights on.

## Littering, Yuck!

Two DPS officers witnessed a person throwing a styrofoam cooler from his car in Lot "Q."

According to the report, he admitted to throwing the cooler on the ground and had decided to leave it lay on the ground. The officers informed him that he would be charged with criminal littering. The person consented to a search of the bookbag which he was carrying, the officers reportedly found alcoholic beverages. The person was charged with criminal littering and the alcohol was confiscated.

## Mail Problems

A student complained he had not been receiving his mail, and that other students mail has been misdelivered to his mailbox. The student felt that possibly the person assigned to place the mail in the mailboxes was unintentionally misdirecting his mail, the report said. The report was forwarded to Residential Life.

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## Desert Storm Veteran At NKU

By Kelly Suzina  
Staff Reporter

Thomas P. Bain, 25, is more than just a student at Northern Kentucky University—he's also a war veteran.

Bain, who was in active service for two years and the reserves for four years, said, "I think everybody should go into the military for two years."

Bain spent six months in Arabia during Operation Desert Storm and he feels that the time he spent there changed him as a person and helped make him a better student.

He is senior at NKU and is a

marketing major. As a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he says, "I think it's great. Since this is a commuter college you won't meet anybody unless you're in some kind of student organization."

Chris Saunders, fraternity brother, said, "Bain manages his time well, and with all his different activities it's unbelievable. I think he's a very dedicated student."

Saunders feels Bain helped his future tremendously by being in the military.

Bain feels that the military has given him a better perspective and a mellow temper. He said, "I

just kinda blow things off cause it could be worse. You could be sitting in 110 degree heat."

Mike Stieglmeyer, fraternity brother, said Bain is practical and has a lot of common sense.

"He thinks before he acts. He also treats people with a lot of respect," Stieglmeyer said.

Bain feels that the military has helped him to be able to talk to people. "Of all my friends, if I need advice I ask him," Stieglmeyer



IN THE ARMY THEN: Thomas Bain poses for a picture while in Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, 1991.

said.

Bain feels that if he had not been in the military he probably would have failed out of school. "That's one of the reasons I went into the military. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do."

Bain graduated from East Central High School in 1990. He joined the army in July and went through basic training and advance training before they sent him to Germany Dec. 5.

Bain said that he was in basic training when he first heard about something breaking out in Kuwait, but he did not know he was going there until he got to Germany.

Once he got there, he was there for the duration of the war. "The worst thing about being over there was not knowing when you'll come home," Bain said.

Bain's hometown newspaper wrote an article about him after he had been in the war for a month or two. "It pretty much told a story about all my high

school accomplishments and stuff," Bain said. He said he read that article many times while he was in the war because it made him feel good.

That article was not the only mail he got while there. Bain said, "I got the most mail of my whole battalion. I averaged about 25 letters and a couple packages every day."

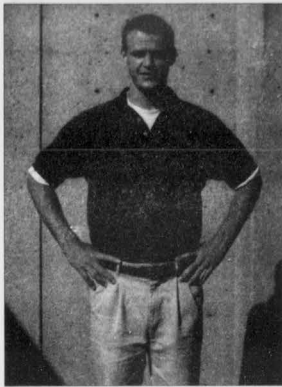
In the last days that they were there, Bain and some others worked for about 40 hours straight in order for them to go home sooner.

"Working little eight hour shifts seems kinda short when you have to go about 40 or 45 hours without sleep," Bain said.

Bain came home on May 11, 1991 after being there for six months.

"All around he's a great guy. I'm glad to know him," Stieglmeyer said.

Saunders said, "He's a person who would do anything for anybody."



Anna Weaver/The Northern

BACK IN SCHOOL: Thomas Bain is now a senior at NKU, 1997.

## Meditation A Relaxing Alternative

By Margie Wise  
Co-Features Editor

Jill Hagen, Northern Kentucky University counselor, will be teaching two classes on relaxation techniques.

One will be on Oct. 20 and another on Nov. 3. Additionally, there will be a class on energy medicine by Jackie Grant on Oct. 27.

"It just feels good to make other people feel good," Hagen said.

She said the art of meditation has been used for over a thousand years, and

accepted in some societies.

Dear Alice, a Columbia University advice columnist, said in response to a letter on the internet.

"As acceptance of complementary medicine increases by leaps and bounds in the West, more and more universities, hospitals, health clubs, adult education programs, and corporations are offering meditation classes. Meditation is a 2000-year old technique that originated in the far east as a means of communicating with one's spiritual and religious gods."

Stephanie Varney, Junior psychology major, said, "I would take the class. Meditation is a great healing agent. It's good

for the mind, body, and soul."

Hagen will be teaching different types of meditation. The techniques she will be using will

include guided imagery, which Hagen describes as a "mini vacation for the mind", and some traditional yoga stretching and focusing exercises.

"I think our society's pace is so fast it kind of goes against the grain to take time out just to breathe," Hagen said.

Hagen said the idea came about when some of the Nurses at the NKU health office mentioned a need for faculty to de-stress.

Hagen was asked because she

has practiced self-hypnosis and yoga since she was seventeen. She said she also worked at a Biofeedback clinic. At the clinic

Hagen helped people control and monitor their breathing and heart rates.

Sue Roth, wellness coordinator, said over half of today's illness' are a result of stress. People's lives today are full of distraction.

"We don't allow ourselves quiet time every day," Roth said.

She added it is important for students not only to know about meditation techniques, but also to practice them. The students need to be more in tune with their bodies and how stress affects them physically, Roth said.

"I think our society's pace is so fast it kind of goes against the grain to take time out just to breathe."

-Jill Hagen



Jill Hagen

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October 16

- NKU Black and Gold spirit rally  
- Noon to 1 p.m. on UC plaza
- PBL Meeting  
- 3:30 p.m. BEP 314
- "Thank God It's Almost Friday"  
- CSF 7:30 p.m.  
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- "The Sparks" Concert  
- 8 pm at BSU

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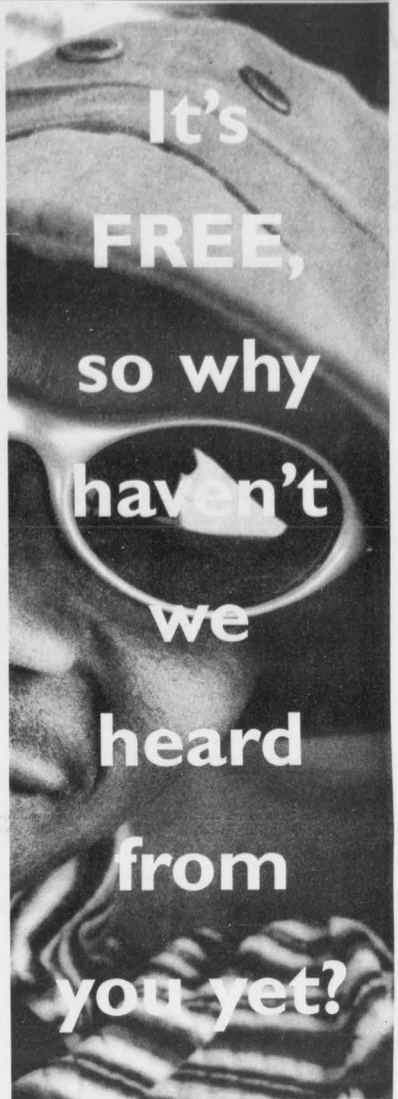
- Line Dancing Fall Fellowship  
- 7 p.m. at BSU

### October 20

- International Studies meeting  
- 12 p.m. UC 303
- "Education For Freedom" Lecture  
- 7 p.m. UC Theatre

### October 21

- Women in Communications meeting  
- 12:15 p.m. LA 108
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# College Students Bowl Alleys A Good Alternative For Many

By Rex Points II  
Staff Reporter

It's the weekend and what is there to do?

You could always go to a nightclub or a movie. However there is an alternative to these places, bowling.

Area bowling lanes are trying a new format to appeal to college age people.

This new format goes by many names like Rock-n-Bowl at Southern Lanes in Alexandria and Cosmic Bowling at La-Ru lanes in Highland Heights.

These bowling times give the bowler a night club atmosphere without the extreme loud music and crowds, said Rick Ryan of Southern Lanes. "Music of all types is played and lighting effects enhance the effect of a night club." We even operate on the same times as the night clubs.

Midnight bowling usually starts at 12 a.m. and ends between 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. depending on the bowling alley.

This atmosphere seems to appeal to the college age crowds. "I like to go to midnight bowling

because it a great alternative to the bar scene," said Shelly Roberts, sophomore elementary education major. "It does get crowded but in a bowling alley you have your lane that is your domain and that relieves some of the congestion of the crowd. Unlike in a bar," Roberts says that another reason she likes the midnight bowling is that bars can

Ru, are \$2.50 per game and \$1 rental for shoes. Rock-n-Bowl, at Southern Lanes, is \$8.00 for all you can bowl and that also includes shoe rental. "You can go and spend hours at a bowling lane with your friends and spend less than \$10. Most places have games for less than \$3.00, and three games, which is the usual number of games played, takes

about two to three hours," Roberts said.

Bowling may be a good alternative to the bar scene because of price and crowds but it is also a good alternative because of its fun, said Crystal Cain, junior social work major. "I can go with my boyfriend and we have lots of fun. Even though we're not real good at it we still have fun. For us and most of our friends it not a competitive activity but rather a social gathering," Cain said.

Bowling is not just for the college age crowd, said Glenn Schmidt of La-Ru lanes. "It's an activity that the whole family can

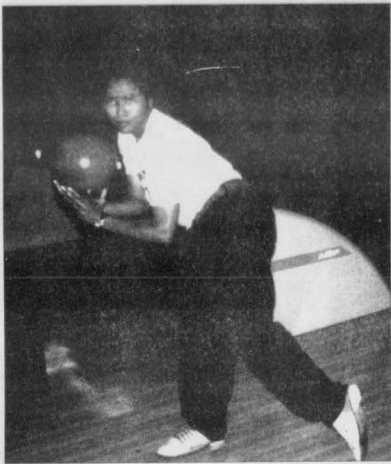


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**STRIKE:** BWO Member Angel Chichester demonstrates to her teammates how to bowl.

become very expensive to go to with cover charges between five to ten dollars.

Bowling is comparative in price to nightclubs and movies also. Prices for Cosmic bowling, at La-

enjoy together."

The next time you wondering what to do on a weekend, bowl a game or two and see if you agree that it is a good alternative to the bar scene. "If people would just



Photo Supplied by the Black Womens' Organization

**GIRLS' NIGHT OUT:** Black Women's Organization members partied together at their "Bowling Night" on Saturday.

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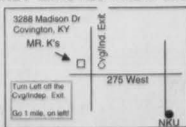
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# Norse Suffer Two Key Losses...Still Win

## No. 21 Norse Lose Thompson and Donovan to Injuries

By Chris Cole  
Sports Editor

All season, NKU volleyball coach Mary Biermann has stressed how important it is to have depth. She has said over and over that it is the key to success.

Now, she must prove it. Friday night, during NKU's 11-15, 15-9, 15-10, 15-5 victory over Wisconsin-Parkside, junior setter Molly Donovan went down

with an ankle injury.

Early in the first game, Donovan landed incorrectly, rolling her ankle. Early indications were that she had suffered a second-degree sprain, but nothing was for certain. Donovan was scheduled to have an X-Ray done on her ankle Sunday, but could not be reached for details.

Senior Becki Fisher will start at the setter position until Donovan returns.

Fisher recorded 39 assists on Friday night and 48 on Sunday in NKU's 15-3, 15-9, 15-6 victory over Lewis University.

Last week, Biermann found out that junior middle hitter Andrea Thompson will miss at least two weeks due to a recurring shoulder injury.

Though Thompson did not trav-

el with the team over the weekend, she said her shoulder was feeling a little bit better, but "not enough."

She said the injury was probably because her muscles are sore from being overused.

Thompson said she is not sure when she can return. "I was told until at least [October] 16, but the first thing I was told was until the 10th, so I don't know if they'll keep prolonging it. I think it just depends on how much I work."

Thompson said that she plans on staying in shape by working out during practices. She said that her support comes differently now.

"On the bench, I keep the stats, watch the hitters on their team and watch the defense. I pay attention

*"My support comes differently now. On the bench...I do anything I can help do to help my team."*

-Andrea Thompson

*"Obviously, we'll miss [Andrea], but we have three other players who can do a real good job and...Jessie has played from day one."*

-Mary Biermann

"[Lack of depth] one of the main reasons that I was really not looking forward to sitting out and I kept not telling anyone that my shoulder was hurt, because I was like, 'I can't not play,'" Thompson said.

Biermann said she agrees. "Obviously, we'll miss [Andrea], but we have three other players who can do a real good job," she said.

The loss of Thompson will move freshman Jessica Buraker into the starting role and give

senior Jennifer Thomas and sophomore Candi Downs more playing time at the middle hitter position.

"Jessie has been playing a lot from the beginning. It's not like all of the sudden she got a chance to play. She's played from day one," Biermann said.

Buraker has 95 kills, 17 service aces, 94 digs, nine block solos and 36 block assists this season.

Thomas leads the team with 10 solo blocks and 40 block assists. She has also contributed 63 digs and 53 kills.

Sophomore outside hitter Jenny Jeremiah led NKU to its victories over Wisconsin-Parkside and

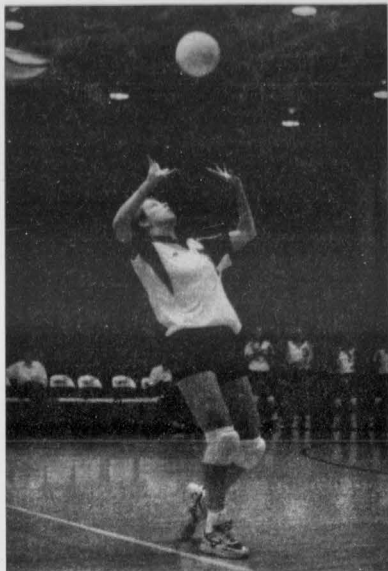
Lewis.

In the two matches, she combined for 25 kills and 41 digs. Jeremiah leads the Norse with 215 kills this season. She also

leads with 229 digs. Fellow outside hitter Jenni Long finished the weekend with 22 kills and 18 digs. Long is second on the team with 192 kills and 193 digs.

NKU is now 19-2 overall and 10-0 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The Norse have won 10 straight matches—seven of which were three-game victories. NKU has lost only 12 games all season.



Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

**DONOVAN SETS:** Just as the Norse were set to finish their season strong, they were bitten by the proverbial injury bug.

Despite its recent success, however, the team fell one spot in the USA Today NCAA Division II Volleyball Poll. NKU is now ranked No. 21 in the country.

The Norse will host the Screaming Eagles of Southern Indiana, Friday, at 7 p.m. in Regents Hall.

On Saturday, NKU hosts GLVC foe Kentucky Wesleyan at 2 p.m. NKU hopes to have Thompson

and Donovan back before its monumental trip to Kenosha, Wis., in two weeks.

On Oct. 24, the Norse will play GLIAC foes Michigan Tech and Lake Superior. The next day, NKU will face No. 1 Northern Michigan. How NKU fares during the trip could have a great impact on whether or not the Norse receive an NCAA Tournament berth.



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**BENCH SUPPORT:** Junior middle hitter Andrea Thompson watches from the bench as her Norse continue to rack up wins.

## Spirit Week or Spirit Weak?

### Cole's Pit

By Chris Cole  
Sports Editor



By Chris Cole  
Sports Editor

A few weeks ago, there was a challenge rumbled from the depths of Cole's Pit to the students of NKU. "Come out and watch your volleyball team," in a nutshell.

Honestly, I didn't expect to fill Regents Hall. I hoped, at best, to see a little difference.

Last Tuesday, when the Norse hosted the Knights of Bellarmine College, I was encouraged.

After winning the first game of the match 15-7, NKU found itself ahead in the second game, and appeared ready to cruise to another three-game victory.

The crowd actually made noise.

Feet were stomped, hands were clapped and cheers were shouted.

It was then, however, that I made a grave realization. The stopping, clapping and cheering, it became clear, was aimed at the Knights.

I began to survey those in attendance. I saw the usual faces—some members of the men's and women's basketball teams, parents and the handful of students that actually have NKU pride.

Then I saw it. Though the actual number of Bellarmine faithful that made the trek from Louisville to watch the match wasn't overwhelming, compared to the sparse Norse representation, it became a sea of red.

The Knights took the second game of the match, but to the disappointment of the Bellarmine crowd, NKU stormed back to win the third and fourth games 15-3 and 15-7, respectively.

The crowd sat in silent disappointment.

At first, I thought I'd failed. I

had stepped up to the plate (by the way, we have a baseball team playing in the spring...but you won't go see them either) to try and raise the spirit level at NKU.

After reading through old *Northerners*, however, I realized that I had not failed. For over a decade, we have been trying to get students involved. Mine wasn't the first challenge ever posed, only the latest.

In the mid 1970s, Rick Meyers, current director of media relations at NKU, suggested that bringing high school athletics to Regents Hall could help improve attendance.

In 1984, a headline in *The Northerner* read "Can GLVC cure basketball attendance blues?"

Well, those blues have been cured. Basketball attendance is no longer a big issue. People go, and that's great.

That doesn't help Fall sports. The truly sad part is that fans are missing out. The athletes have

## STAR OF THE WEEK



Name: Lindsay Smith

Sport: Women's Soccer

Accomplishment: Two goals in NKU's 7-1 victory over Indianapolis



grown used to playing for an empty gym. The volleyball team doesn't let the lack of spirit bother them.

They will continue to play hard and be successful. They will keep winning, and students will keep staying home.

Who knows, though. Wouldn't it be great if in 10 years NKU packed Regents Hall for every home volleyball match?

Maybe then we can start thinking about football.

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## Norse News'n'Notes

By Chris Cole

### Women's Soccer

The NKU women's soccer team defeated the University of Indianapolis 7-1 on Saturday. The Norse received goals from Jenny Taber, Keri Paddock, Kelly Magee, Nancy Day, Brittany Evans and two from Lindsay Smith.

Taber, Magee and Evans each recorded two assists for the Norse. Junior goalkeepers Laurie Wallace and Lisa Willenbrink combined to allow only one goal.

On Sunday, NKU lost to Saint Joseph's College to snap its three-game winning streak—the longest in school history.

The Norse fell to the Pumas of SIC 3-0.

NKU will travel to Tennessee to play Carson-Newman on Saturday.

### Golf

The NKU golf team finished seventh out of nine teams in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Men's Golf Championship last week. The Norse finished with a score of 918. Josh Tarvi finished the three-round championship No. 22 overall at 231 and Jason Weichner shot a 232, finishing 29th. Scott Stark, Chad Hall and Ryan Perry finished 32nd, 36th and 37th respectively for the Norse.

The University of Indianapolis won the championship with a team score of 859.

### Women's Tennis

The NKU women's tennis team finished seventh out of eight teams in the GLVC Women's Tennis Championships over the weekend.

After losing in the opening rounds, NKU beat Kentucky Wesleyan College 5-1 on Saturday to finish seventh in the GLVC.

The win marked the 10th career victory for NKU coach Dave Bezold.

NKU was led by Lori Brown and Jill Winters. They along with the team of Leah Hanna and Nikki Thompson, won in doubles competition against KWC.

Brown and Winters also won their singles matches. Hanna also recorded a singles victory.

Saint Joseph's College won the tournament, defeating the Greyhounds of Indianapolis 5-2 in the championship match.

The Norse finished the season 5-12.

### Women's Basketball

NKU athletic director Jane Meier announced last Thursday that Chris Gramke has been named assistant women's basketball coach.

Gramke, who will also serve as the department's facilities coordinator, spent five years as the head coach at Seton High School in Cincinnati and led the Saints to a 63-46 record. Prior to arriving at Seton, Gramke was the head coach at St. Ursula Academy and led the Bulldogs to a 45-26 record in three seasons. He was twice named GGCL Coach of the Year and led St. Ursula to sectional championships in both 1987 and 1988.

Gramke replaces Jim Wiede, who accepted an assistant coaching position at Indiana State in August.



## DPS Dissapoints

Last week the Department of Public Safety had a two day Open Forum where they invited all students and faculty members to attend. How many showed? NONE.

Let's see...twelve thousand students divided by zero...that's roughly, hmmm, zero percent.

Are students to blame? Do they care about the safety of their campus? Of course they do. But maybe there is a reason that they didn't show up. Maybe they were thinking about the time last year they were given a ticket for parking the wrong direction. Maybe they know someone who was cited for driving the wrong way down a parking row.

This year I witnessed a visitor to the university receive a parking ticket in the visitor parking lot for not having a temporary parking pass. The person claimed that they were thinking of coming back to the university after taking a year off for personal reasons....

"Sorry sir, you'll still need to pay the ticket," which translates into, "I'm sorry sir, you have to learn early that going to a university means learning to get through all the confusing red tape." I'm sure coming back to this university is now at the low end of his priority list.

I know that the DPS officers are just itching to write citations this year because now they can't give out tickets for students not having "parking permits permanently affixed to rear windows" of automobiles, but come on.

I think the combination of visitor lot citations and citations issued for swerving around the speed mounds outside the dorms are setting new levels of "citation income" for the university.

Don't misunderstand. Students are to blame too.

The same students who have grudges against DPS should have shown up last week to vent their frustration. I'm constantly hearing the same people complain about DPS.

Have they ever approached Fred Otto about their complaints? Some, maybe, but not enough. How can we expect DPS to change if we don't tell them how?

Well here's some suggestions to improve the image of the Department of Public Safety:

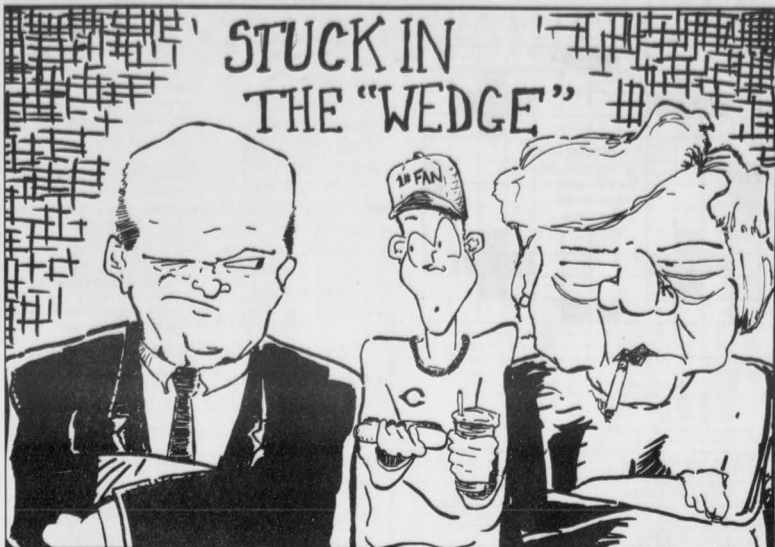
1. **Get rid of the speed bumps.** There have been so many citations issued for swerving around them that it is probably more dangerous than fast drivers. Possibly a stop sign for the dorm pedestrians would be more appropriate.

2. **Create a "level of escalation" procedure for the dorms.** Educate students on what the procedure is for issuing complaints (a. R.A. contacts offender on the phone, b. R.A. visits offender's dorm room, c. DPS is contacted.)

3. **Staff the Parking and Information Booth at the entrance to the campus.** When students are running late it is much easier to stop at the booth to get temporary parking permits if they need to. Besides, if they leave their cars to go inside a building and obtain parking permits aren't their cars illegally parked?

4. **Have regular meetings.** If that's not possible then highly promote the meetings that do occur, maybe publish an agenda, and possibly even have a speaker sign-up list similar to the Student Government Association's. Possibly if there were regular meetings people would eventually start showing up.

5. **Don't issue citations.** Okay, maybe that's going too far.



## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Update & Meeting Notes



By  
Chris  
Saunders

SGA  
President

Dear Students,

At Student Government Association, we appreciate all the hard work that our senators do. September's Senator of the Month was Melissa Ziegler. Congratulations!

SGA has been very involved with the Visions, Values and Voices meetings. In the last meeting for students in Norse Commons, we had a great response from students attending as

well as some excellent input. It is very important for President Votruba to get the student perspective on these issues. I feel that it was very informative for him to get the student input.

One of the goals of SGA this year has been to improve relations between students and the Department of Public Safety. Last week there were two DPS Forums. I would like to give a special thanks to Carla Chance, Norleen Pomerantz, Fred Otto, Dean William Lamb, and Gerald Hunter. The special activities committee and the university affairs committee worked very hard on this event.

I encourage students to look forward to an event on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from noon until 1 p.m. Ernest Britton and I are co-chairing a committee for the student event-installation. The purpose of this event is to

create a celebration for students in recognition of our new president. Our goal is for 1,000 students to attend this event. You'll be hearing more about this event in upcoming weeks.

I will be attending a meeting in Frankfurt this weekend. On Nov. 18, The Board of Student Body Presidents will be meeting to discuss issues concerning higher education. On Nov. 20, I will be presenting to the council on postsecondary education the views of all students in the region concerning tuition.

If you have an issue that you would like to see SGA working on this year, please stop by our office in UC 208 or call us at 572-5149. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Your Student Body President  
Christopher D. Saunders

## News From APB

News From APB

Activities: Programming Board would like to thank everyone who came out to support the United Way Auction that was on Oct. 2. We raised more than \$200! We still have the opportunity to raise more money for United Way. We have several items still available still for sale on Friday, Oct. 18 (University Center Ground Lobby near the bookstore) such as: videos, Halloween costumes, and more fun items.

APB has an exciting schedule in the works. One change this year is we will not be having Rocky Horror Picture Show, but we do not fret. We are having Fun Flicks where you and all of your friends can participate in making your own music video in the UC TV Lounge from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 29.

If you have any thoughts or ideas, please stop by and see us in UC room 10, or email us at apb@nku.edu.

Anissa Daniels  
Alicia Kleid

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## North Poll

### What Is Your Favorite Thing About NKU?



David Scott Morgan  
Glaska  
Theatre

"I think NKU's diversity is pretty cool. Everybody seems to get along."



Mark Padgett  
Independence  
Recreation/Fitness

"The freedom and the social scene."



Shannon Smith  
Independence  
Undeclared

"The Ducks!"



Darryl Rogers  
Hebron  
International Studies

"I like the quality education I get for the money and the ratio of students to professors."



Marcy Strauss  
Photography  
New Jersey

"My favorite thing about NKU is that I'm leaving it in May."

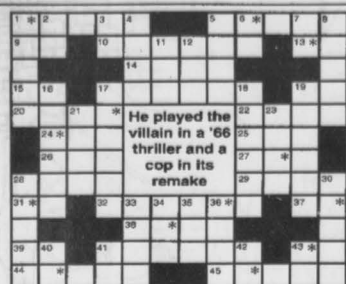


Jennifer Schmidt  
Union  
History

"I like the professors and the small classes because you get a personal relationship."

# GAB'S TV CHALLENGE

## -TV-C HALLENGE



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

- ACROSS**
- Series for Anne Groes
  - With 26 Down, '65-71 sitcom about the Douglasses (2)
  - Note on the musical scale
  - Touched by an Angel actress
  - Edith Barker, to Gloria
  - Person, place or thing
  - Captain's initials
  - John Goodman's role
  - Grand Ole Opry setting: abbr.
  - Fictional story
  - Word of agreement
  - Bye \_\_\_\_ Love: '95 Randy Quaid film
  - Ely \_\_\_\_ Vetter's cousin
  - Ending for Gerald or Max
  - Ocean: abbr.
  - Mr. Bachman
  - Wine: 1985 TV movie
  - Initials for Phyllis
  - Lincoln's portrayer
  - Hart (1979-84)
  - Harry Anderson's state of birth: abbr.
  - Win \_\_\_\_ or Draw (1967-90)
  - Series set in Chicago
  - One of the Ingalls family on Little House on the Prairie
  - Barker or Sajak, for short
  - Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman role
  - Ryan, for one
- DOWN**
- Star of The F.B.I. (1965-74)
  - Jerry Lee Lewis' state of birth: abbr.
  - Ralph Kramden's neighbor
  - Words to Nanette (2)
  - Kelly or Barry
  - Monogram for the star of Father Knows Best
  - Role in The Wizard of Oz
  - Fine position
  - Was victorious
  - Sally Field's position on her '67-70 sitcom
  - Series for Christine Baranski
  - Don Johnson's co-star
  - Everybody Loves Raymond actor
  - Holland of The Naked Truth
  - Cagney & Lacey actress
  - Bruce Lee's role on The Green Hornet ('66-67)
  - See 5 Across
  - Kelly, to Bentley, on Bachelor Farmer ('87-'92)
  - Procter star
  - Laura Petrie's husband
  - Part of Mac's name
  - Love & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman co-star
  - Monogram for Ulrich
  - Molinaro, of Happy Days
  - Initials for a co-star of The Odd Couple
  - Julia Duffy's state of birth: abbr.

### Last Week's Answers



Solution  
Shelley Winters

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Love, Christina

Jon,  
You are the sweetest man alive and I wanted to tell you how much you are loved, so I'll see you tonight, honey.  
Love, Laura

Hi Hunny!  
Happy Sweetest Day!  
Love, Me

Happy Sweetest Day (even if it is a freakin' Hallmark Holiday.) To Luzanne, Andy, April, Rita, Julie and Alice. I love you guys! Love, Margie.

I Love You both--  
Shawn and Sean!!

Joe,  
I Love You!!

Charity,  
I love you.  
Happy Sweetest Day!  
John

Delta Zeta's, We Love You All!  
Emily and Courtney

Joey Fruitcake, you're the greatest nephew anyone could ever have.  
Love ya,  
Aunt Mona

Moe,  
Dre made me do this.  
Love ya.

Ere,  
I've seen you around and think you're kind of cute. Will you be my sweetest on Sweetest Day?  
Dre

To the Northerner Staff,  
You guys Rock!!  
Love, Me

To my sweet from your sweet, you're so sweet, sweetie!

To my roommates: Holly, Jessie and Molly, I hope you all have a wonderful Sweetest Day!  
Love Ya, Margie!

Dear Jonan,  
Jane is waiting in the woodpile for you. Just make sure you can get it up!  
From, The Squad

To the Northerner Staff: You are all most definitely "The Bomb!" You are sooo money-and you don't even know it. You guys are the best! Love Ya! Margie

## HOROSCOPE

By C.C. Clark - eTVData Features Syndicate

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**Aries (March 21 - April 20)**

You learn more from a conversation with a friend than you expected. Your creative talents could supplement your income.



**Taurus (April 21 - May 20)**

Learn to appreciate the simple things in life. Share your hopes, dreams and desires with a loved one who is in need of more intimacy.



**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

Stop trying to have the last word in arguments. This is a turbulent time for you; avoid heated discussions when possible.



**Cancer (June 21 - July 20)**

You need to please is getting in the way of your desire to grow as a person. There is truth to the saying, "You can't please everyone."



**Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)**

You receive an adrenaline rush while doing something you aren't supposed to do. But it is only a temporary fix for an emotional void.



**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)**

Be honest when dealing with co-workers and bosses. They understand more than you think. If you need help with a project, ask for it.



**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)**

A difficult situation demands thought. Listen to your instincts. A lover needs your undivided attention.



**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)**

A family event will be more fun if you let yourself enjoy it. You will have a chance to reminisce about the good old days.



**Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)**

It may be difficult for you to trust someone who has disappointed you. Use your best judgment; almost everyone deserves a second chance.



**Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)**

Money is important to you, but you need the love of your family even more. Get your priorities straight once and for all.



**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**

There is someone close to you who is looking at you in a whole new light. Try to find the right balance between home and work.



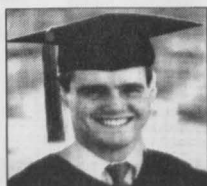
**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)**

Your body needs a break now and then from stress and worry. Learn new relaxation techniques or take a short vacation.

### Born this week:

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Oct. 13 - Marie Curie, Kelly Preston  
Oct. 14 - Greg Kinnear, Ralph Lauren  
Oct. 15 - Sarah Ferguson, Lee Iacocca  
Oct. 15 (cont.) - Penny Marshall  
Oct. 16 - Angela Lansbury, Tim Robbins  
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