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New Ceramics Building Open

By Tara Studer
Copy Editor

No more working in cramped space, no more sweating while spinning the wheel, no more walking across a dirt path to use the restroom.

The new ceramics building has opened after 10 years of lobbying by students and professors.

Senior ceramics major Pat Lusher said, "It's a lot more space, and we actually have a bathroom here."

"Just having a building instead

of three run down trailers is great. It's a better facility. We have more kilns and more space to put our stuff."

It is still a long way from the center of campus, but to the students who use the building it is nothing new.

Classes used to be taught in old run down trailers by the department of public safety building, but this semester the new building opened on Campbell Dr. near the dorms.

"The location doesn't really effect me that much because the other one was out of the way too," Megan Schwartz, senior fine art photography major, said. "People who went to the ceramics building are used to kind of going out of their way to get here."

Shelley Smith, senior psychology and art major, said, "I kind of like that it is not right on campus. As long as you don't have a class before or after it's not a problem. Parking is not a hassle, and traffic is not near as bad because you can go up the back way. If I don't have to go to the bookstore I am never on campus."

Steven Finkle, sculpture professor, said, "The new building is much better, you can't compare the two. It should have a great impact on teaching and student work in a positive direction."

Schwartz said the building has to be so far away from campus is for safety reasons.

"It kind of has to be a little out of the way in case there was ever a big fire. The kilns get incredibly hot," she said.

Finkle said, "The new building is a great addition to the department. The old trailers were trash, they were condemned four years ago."

The old trailers were run down, and did not offer proper ventilation. Lusher said, "The ventilation in here is a lot better. We had none over at the trailers, we'd open the windows, that was our ventilation."

"Here we actually have filter ventilation systems, so we won't inhale so much clay dust."

The students get to interact more with each other now that there are actual classrooms. Smith said, "One of the cool things is that we can have four classes going on at the same time. The other classes can come over and see what we are doing. It's nice because we can share, and there's a lot more communication going on between the teachers and the students."

The new building has new equipment. They bought more kilns, pottery wheels and added more shelving space. There is a faculty office, studio space, a glaze room for ceramics, and a metal and wood studio for sculpture.

Schwartz said, "One of things that is really nice is having sculpture and ceramics together. Because a lot of time we are wanting the same tools, and instead of walking half way across campus to get it, it's all in one place."

A major benefit for having a building versus the trailers is for security, Smith said. "It didn't happen often, but you always worry about things getting stolen. It's good to know there is a lock and a key, and all your stuff is locked up," she said.

"The space is pretty well fit here, it's a pretty small building, but it is laid out really nice," Smith said.



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TAKING A SPIN: Shelley Smith, senior psychology major, is spinning the pottery wheel in the new ceramics building.



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CLAY-MAZING! Pat Lusher, senior ceramic major, looks on while Megan Schwartz, senior fine art photography major, spins the wheel in one of the new ceramics classrooms.

Honors Student Holds Card Drive In Memory of Son

By Margie Wise
Co-Features Editor

Sophomore psychology student, Theresa Davis, should have been attending her son's high school graduation this spring. Instead she's holding a holiday card contest in his memory.

Travis Scott Davis died in a car accident Jan. 3, 1992. All the proceeds from the contest will go to the Travis Scott Davis Art Scholarship Fund for Boone County High school students, Davis said.

Davis and her three children had been visiting family in Michigan, and were on the way home to Hebron, Ky., when they hit a patch of black ice, and skidded off the road. Her daughters Nichole, 15, now a Conner High School student, and Heather, 13, a student at Conner Middle School, sustained minor injuries. Davis herself broke her back and neck in the accident. Travis was sleeping on the back floor, and was thrown out of the minivan on impact.

"I had always been against letting my children lie down in the back seat and sleep during long trips," said Davis. She said she and her husband had a running disagreement as to whether the children should sleep on the floor during long trips, and Davis had always felt uncomfortable with the concept.

The idea for the card contest came while the family was in Midland, Mich., that Christmas. Davis said. Travis was impressed by the Dow Corning Holiday Card Contest because he had designed the family greeting card a few months before. Travis also had drawn the winning design

for the D.A.R.E. posters in the Boone County area.

Davis said she went home with the intention of starting a card contest in her own community. However, it was not until last year that she could really begin to think about starting the whole process.

Senior honor student, Tricia Dorman, said "Theresa is an very spiritual person. She's a Buddhist. I think her religious views put everything in perspective... Words are kind of inadequate considering what she's had to go through."

Boone County area high school students will submit card designs by Oct. 27. The cards will be divided into two categories: the religious theme cards, and seasonal cards. The best card in each category will be chosen by Nov. 10, Davis said.

Davis said she hopes for approximately 300 entries, and has heard that the contest is a requirement for some area high schools. The cards will be on display at the Florence main library starting Nov. 21.

Davis is president of the NKU Honors Club, and she maintains a 3.0 grade point average.

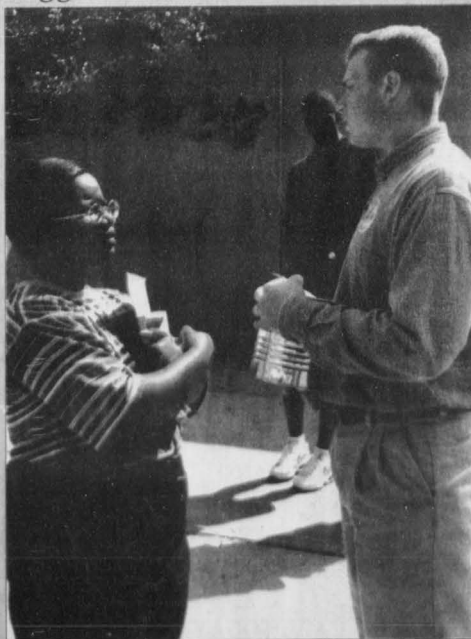
Belle Zembrod, secretary for the honors program, said, "Theresa is very interested in what she does, and always has a lot of energy to get things done. She is highly interested in what she's learning."

Regarding what she hopes NKU students would take from her experience, Davis said, "During the winter I see the kids speeding down 275 on the way to school and it really scares me."



Theresa Davis

Beggin' For Bucks



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Greg Mecher, Student Government Association's vice president for external affairs, accepts a donation from Michelle Peterson for the Student United Way Campaign last Tuesday.

Open Forum

A Visions, Values, and Voices conversation session between President James Votruba, administration and students is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 29, in the University Center theater at noon. If you would like to attend, please call the office of the president at 572-5123.

System To Shut Down

By Kevin Goheen
News Editor

The new student information system, designed to eventually help bring all of Northern Kentucky University's administrative processes up-to-date with the needs of current and future users, will be shut down from Oct. 3 at 5 p.m. through 8:15 a.m. on Oct. 15.

The shutdown is necessary so the conversion of old records, going back to the fall semester of 1992, can take place.

The primary impact on students during this downtime will be the lack of availability of transcripts, according to a memorandum sent out by Bill Reed, director of the SIS Implementation Project.

The memo reported that other remaining records will be converted on weekends and holidays, with completion projected for the end of December.

The SIS is under the control of NKU's Information Systems Enhancement project (NISE). The project team was founded in 1993 in an effort to review existing financial and human resource systems and determine if these systems were meeting the needs of the university.

The project team has coordinated with Academic Computing since its inception in an effort to assure the university of proper information systems planning.

Eventually, the project will work on the accessibility of the new system. A manner of achieving access via the world-wide web and voice response will be the last goal of the project.

The project team is made up of Dave Emery, Regina Ford-Fowler, George Goedel, Gary Graff, Kay Hammack, Linda Marquis, Jackie Marshall, Bob Neumann, Debbie Powlett, Bill Reed, Elaine Shafer, Bob Sprague, Jay Stevens, Larry Terrell, Steven Weiss and Meg Winchell.

* Editors Note: Information for this story was obtained in a memo from Bill Reed and on NISE's home page.

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Students Learn How To Stop Date Rape



TALKING ABOUT: Joyce Cochran, intern in the Women's Center from Ft. Wright, talks about date rape prevention during one of the many events held to inform students about date rape and how to prevent it.

By Jill Schlarman
Staff Writer

For the past couple of weeks flyers have lined the hallways of campus buildings with statistics of an issue many agree is important: date rape.

Last week, Northern Kentucky University's Women's Center sponsored Date Rape Prevention Week, with a variety of events created to inform students about this issue.

Women's Center coordinator Katherine Meyer said it is important to get information out to students as soon as possible because they are at most risk from date rape in the first eight weeks of the semester.

The program was started in 1988, attempting to fill the need for this information. It has changed each year to adapt to the various problems students face each year.

A table was set up in the University Center lobby, making available informational pamphlets which listed facts, figures, and steps to be taken if you become

a rape victim.

According to one of the pamphlets, "Rape 101", there are four steps to take in case you become a victim of rape.

First, get to a place you feel safe in. Then get immediate medical attention from either a hospital or a program such as the Women's Crisis Center. Third, seek counseling. Finally, the rape needs to be reported.

A presentation entitled "Best and Worst Dates," enlisted audience participation to demonstrate possible positive and negative date scenarios. It also allowed for different feelings concerning date rape to be explained by participants.

"This program is meant to increase communication about the subject, and help clarify some of the confusion about date rape," Meyer said.

The play "Soul Searchers," attempted to evaluate different emotions a rape victim might go through when dealing with the crime. The play was written by Susan Garee and directed by Angel Wuellner, both students at NKU. The performers were also all NKU students.

Sara Maxey and Amanda Monynhan were two of those performers.

"For me, it was an incredible experience. I feel like a stronger person because of it," said Maxey.

Monynhan agreed, saying she now knows there is support for victims. "We know we can fight this."

Ann Richards, of the Health, Counseling, and Testing Department, facilitates a discussion about the play afterwards.

The discussion dealt with not only prevention measures, but punishments for rapists and the problems associated with prosecuting them. Problems such as getting victims to testify.

"The play was a work of art that represents something true and something real," Richards said.

On Friday, the final day of Date Rape Prevention Week, a male and female dialogue on stereotyping took place. Meyer said it was important both men and women are involved in discussions like this. The more information both genders know about the prevention of, and what to do in case of rape, the better, she said.

3-V's Important To All of Us

Just My Thoughts

By Kevin
Goheen
News
Editor



This past Tuesday, the first of President James Votruba's "Visions, Values and Voices" meetings between the "3-V" committee, as I'll call them, and Northern Kentucky University students took place.

For those of you who may not know, the 3-V's are concentrating their efforts in the months of September and October in an attempt to shape the foundation of the president's five-year plan for NKU.

Previous meetings have been held throughout the Northern Kentucky region in an attempt to ascertain thoughts, ideas, and input into the future direction of NKU from faculty, staff, and the surrounding community.

Unfortunately, the first student meeting took place after this edition of *The Northerner* was put to press. But next Monday, Sept. 29, another 3-V/student forum is taking place in the University Center Theater at noon.

Now is our time to speak up. As students, we have been given an opportunity by the committee to play a role in deciding where this university is headed.

It is our responsibility to take

it seriously.

The president is looking for answers to four main questions: 1) What are NKU's most important issues and opportunities? 2) What are the school's most important assets and strengths? 3) What core values should come to define NKU in the coming century? and 4) What characteristics should represent NKU's unique identity?

For the president, the future of NKU seems to be summed up in this statement from his State of the University address:

"For Northern Kentucky University to achieve its full promise, I believe that we must be what I refer to as value-based and vision-driven."

Why should students care about what direction NKU is going in, when many of us (myself included) aren't going to be here in the near future?

Because we will all be connected to NKU after we have left here.

We will all benefit from being part of a university which decided not to stand pat, but rather took some initiative in striving to meet the growing needs of its students and region.

Some will continue to live in this area, doing business and building families. Some will move off to other parts of the country or world and do the same.

The resources available from a modern metropolitan university, up-to-date with the changing world, will better enable all of us to reach our goals in the future.

Resources such as qualified faculty and staff, continually working to produce better students.

Like modern research facilities, now being lobbied for by the president and his staff to the legislature in Frankfort, which will enable new information and discoveries to be developed, not only for this region, but for the world as well.

This university is continually growing and expanding. The lure of a young metropolitan university in a vibrant community such as Cincinnati gives NKU a great asset in recruiting and retaining students.

But a university is more than just its location. I should know, since I graduated from Bowling Green State University in upstate Ohio.

The programs offered, the ability of the school to produce quality students who will in turn produce quality work in their future lives, these are the important issues to focus on when attempting to build a 21st century university.

These issues must first have a solid foundation to be built upon. The work being done by the 3-V's is vital to President Votruba's plan of building NKU into the 21st century university he envisions it to be. A university centered on learning.

That's why NKU students should care.

Students interested in attending Monday's meeting can call the Office of the President at 572-5123 and confirm their attendance.

More information about future 3-V meetings can be found on the NKU home page or on President Votruba's web page at <http://www.nku.edu/visions>.

DPS



Caught

A DPS officer reported a car turning from Johns Hill Rd. onto Nunn Dr., which appeared to have lost control momentarily and leave to the right and then pull back to the left sharply. When stopped, the officer observed the rear seat passenger bend down toward the floor appearing to conceal something. The officer reported that when he approached the car, he discovered a case of Milwaukee Beer, a six pack of Budweiser and two 22-ounce beers on the floor in the rear seat. All three people in the car were under 21. According to the report, the driver of the car was arrested for careless driving, possession of alcohol by a minor, driving while under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a fictitious operators license.

Reckless Driving

A driver of a car, which was parked in Lot K near residential life, was caught squealing his tires and doing donuts. The driver was causing the car to create a large amount of smoke and was near other vehicles, the report said. There was also a passenger in the car. The driver was cited for reckless driving and improper start from a parked position. However, according to the report, a mistake was made by the officer, and the citation was voided.



Reptile Complaint

On Sept. 15, DPS was called to the Norse Commons Cafeteria in reference to a call they received about a snake in the kitchen area, the report said. The snake was captured; so don't worry.

Dog Complaint

A DPS officer was dispatched to Norse Commons. When the officer arrived he was contacted by the assistant dorm director, and she said that a student had been locked out of his room. According to the report, a vicious dog was inside the apartment, and they were not able to secure the windows and check the room. The dog was taken to the Campbell County Animal Shelter.

Racing Vehicle

Two DPS officers on the plaza heard and observed a car accelerate rapidly and increasing revolutions per minute (RPM) to a rate that caused loud engine noises similar to a racing vehicle. The officer reported the area was congested with pedestrians and vehicles. The driver was given a careless driving citation.

Professor Assaulted

On Sept. 17 a DPS officer responded to a call about a student who had allegedly assaulted a professor. According to the report, the officer

Reports



went to the Landrum building and interviewed the student and the professor wrote a report.

Graffiti, Yuck!

A custodian in the Stealy Library called DPS to report graffiti in the men's room on the second floor. According to the report, someone wrote a solicitation for sex on the wall of the first stall. The graffiti was cleaned off the wall with a cleaner. There is no suspect at this time.

Arrested

A DPS officer observed a driver disregard a stop sign at the Johns Hill Rd. and University Dr. intersection. The car was stopped on University Dr. at Kenton Dr., and the driver could not produce an insurance card, the officer reported. The driver's status came back suspended, the report said. The person was arrested and the car was searched. According to the report, a substance was found in the ash tray and a metal container behind the passenger seat. Both contained a green leafy substance and seeds the officer believed to be marijuana. The person was arrested for driving with a suspended operators license. Additional charges were disregarding a stop sign, no insurance and possession of marijuana.

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Forget About Football, Volleyball Is Upon Us

Cole's Pit

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

It's time to put up or shut up, Northern Kentucky University.

For over a year now, I've listened to 100 different people give 100 different reasons why NKU should have a football program.

Among the most common was that it would give something for this otherwise dull campus to do on Saturday afternoons.

On Saturday, the NKU volleyball

team, currently ranked 20th in the nation, plays GLVC foe Missouri-St. Louis at 2 p.m.

I'm challenging everyone that claimed they would bleed pigskin black and gold to go watch your Norse.

Busy Saturday?

Go on Wednesday to watch NKU play Mount St. Joseph then. Or go on Friday to the Quincy match. Next Tuesday, NKU hosts Bellarmine.

Those (including myself) that oppose a football program argue that if nobody goes to watch NKU baseball, soccer or volleyball, why would they come to watch football?

Here's your chance, NKU students. Now you can prove

yourself. Now you can show the doubters that you support NKU athletics.

And what better way to prove it? You don't have to sit through three hours of a football butt-whipping that sees Thomas More College stomped NKU 63-3.

All you have to do is drive (or walk) over to Regents Hall and

Norse Volleyball

Wednesday --
NKU vs. Mount St. Joseph
at Regents Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday --
NKU vs. Quincy
at Regents Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday --
NKU vs. Missouri-St. Louis
at Regents Hall, 2 p.m.

Tuesday (Sept. 30) --
NKU vs. Georgetown
at Georgetown, Ky., 7 p.m.

watch your nationally-ranked NCAA volleyball team dish out some punishment.

I'll bet you don't go. (And yes, I'm speaking to you.) You'll find some excuse.

I know what you're thinking. NKU is a Division II school—you're right. And that, for

obvious reasons, is somewhat less appealing than watching Division I sports.

You chose, for whatever reasons, to attend NKU however. This is, whether you like it or not, your school. You go to NKU, not UC or UK. This athletics department belongs to you. These are your athletics.

And, in the case of the volleyball team, your athletes are part of the 20th best team in the nation.

And still you won't go. You'll have a test Monday, a television to watch or a paper to write.

If you can't get excited about watching a nationally ranked volleyball team spank its conference rivals, then how could you possibly

pack a stadium to watch a pathetic football team get spanked by non-conference opponents.

So if you want to sit at home and watch TV, go ahead. I can't stop you. I can't make you support the Norse.

All I can do is tell you where and when they'll be playing, and wait to be disappointed at the incredibly low number of students that attend.

Do your homework, watch your television and write your paper. Don't go.

But the next time I hear someone talk about how great a football program would be at NKU, I'll look them dead in the eyes and, without hesitation, tell them to shut the hell up.

Norse Soccer Young Team Hopes To Take Next Step-- NCAA Tournament

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

John Toebben says his NKU men's soccer team is much better than the GLVC preseason polls indicated.

His Norse were picked fifth by conference coaches before the season. Following a 1-1-1 start, Toebben said he was satisfied with his team's performance.

"They've played well enough to be 3-0," Toebben said before Saturday's victory over Bellarmine College. "But that's one of the things with a young club, they sometimes get the opportunities and don't finish it."

"So at this point in the season, we're happy with that," he said.

Last season, the Norse began the season 8-0-1, only to lose four of their next six and finish fifth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

That team was led by J.T. Roberts, who was drafted professionally following last season, and Marty Tucker. Roberts has

returned to help coach the team this year.

Roberts led the team with 11 goals and 12 assists last season. Tucker finished with 11 goals and six assists.

Without Roberts and Tucker, scoring could become a key concern for the Norse.

NKU will look to senior midfielder Steve

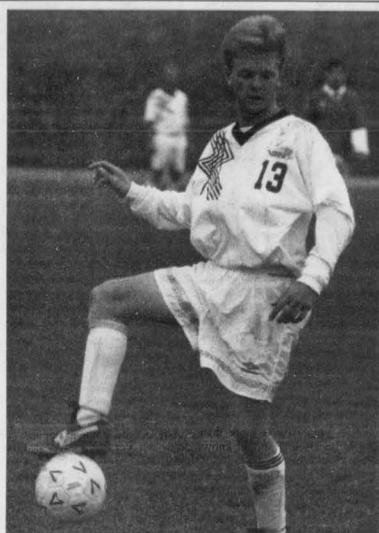
Bornhoffer for leadership. Bornhoffer finished last season with 11 goals and three assists. Until Saturday, he had not scored a point this season.

Against GLVC foe Bellarmine, however, Bornhoffer scored two goals in the Norse's 3-1 victory.

"Steve has been so consistent for the last three years, and I don't see why it would be any different this season," Toebben said.

"At this point, I think he may be trying to do a little too much. Once he gets settled in with the younger guys, Steve will be fine," he said.

Sophomore fullback Sam Renck has been NKU's biggest scoring



BORN TO BE WILD: Senior midfielder Steve Bornhoffer, following a slow start, erupted with two goals on Saturday.

threat so far this season. Renck has three goals. In the first victory for the Norse, a 2-0 win over Davis & Elkins (W. Va.), Renck scored two goals.

Renck is one of 10 sophomores on the team this season. There are eight freshmen, two juniors and five seniors.

"We have a lot of young talent out here, it's just getting them to click," Toebben said.

Toebben, in his eighth season as head coach of the Norse, said that he expects a lot out of his newcomers.

Jeff McCurry/The Northerner

"Adam Gregory is doing a nice job. Brad Trauth is doing an excellent job for us at midfield...Pat Tully is playing well...and Eric Borg, I think, is going to be a super player," Toebben said.

Defensively, NKU has much of last season's backfield returning.

"Our defense is pretty much in tact from last year, our back three," Toebben said, referring to sophomore Joe Resing and seniors John Sander and Mike McDonald.

Norse assistant coach Ryan Schaeffer credits McDonald for NKU's success.

1997 NKU Men's Soccer

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	Sept. 26	at SIU-Edwardsville*	7 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 27	at Southern Indiana*	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 4	LEWIS*	2 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 5	WISCONSIN PARKSIDE*	2 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 11	at Indianapolis*	1:30 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 12	at Saint Joseph's*	noon
Sat.	Oct. 18	QUINCY*	2 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 19	MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS*	2 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 22	CHARLESTON (W. VA.)	4 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 25	vs. Alderson-Broadus	noon
Sun.	Oct. 26	at West Virginia Wesleyan	2 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 1	KENTUCKY WESLEYAN*	2 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 2	at IPFW*	2 p.m.

* GLVC Match
HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

"Mike's an intense player. If Mike's in the game, we're going to win," Schaeffer said. "I think Mike is probably the best defender in the conference."

"You know, they always put it in about who scores the goals, but Mike is a hell of a defender," Schaeffer said.

McDonald was forced to sit out NKU's first home game on Sunday. He received a red card on Saturday. NCAA rules state that if a player receives a red card, they are automatically suspended for the next game. Also, if McDonald receives another red card this season, he will be forced to sit out two games.

In a double overtime thriller,

NKU lost 1-0 to Mercyhurst College.

"The match, which ended less than a minute into the second overtime, featured nine yellow cards and two ejections."

The Norse next play on Friday at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

NKU plays at Southern Indiana on Saturday. NKU is 1-0 in GLVC games, and faces the bulk of its conference schedule over the next three weeks.

NKU's next home game is Saturday, Oct. 4, against Lewis at 2 p.m. The Rangers of Wisconsin-Parkside will play NKU in Highland Heights the following day.

"You know, they always put it in about who scores the goals, but Mike (McDonald) is a hell of a defender."

-Ryan Schaeffer

Norse Ranked No. 20

By Pat McEntee
Managing Editor

Losing generally spells doom for the 25th ranked team in the nation. Usually that means the end of a team's stay in the Top 25.

For the NKU volleyball team, it meant a move up to 20th.

How could that happen?

Well, the loss was at the hands of No. 11 Northwood. The loss was also in five games with the final game decided by a score of 16-14.

"We showed we can play with a top-level team," head coach Mary Biernmann said.

This season's schedule was designed to get recognition, Biernmann said. The Norse play six Top 25 teams. They are 2-1 in matches against Top 25 opponents so far, and later in the season play No. 2 Northern Michigan, Great Lakes Valley Conference rival

IPFW (No. 24) and No. 16 New Haven.

"I feel like we've got the team that can go the distance," Biernmann said, "and I wanted to make sure that the schedule would test us and give us the opportunity to show ourselves."

Senior Becki Fisher said that NKU's tough competition is part of the payoff of being so successful in the past. The Norse were 30-3 in each of her freshman and sophomore seasons, and ended 28-7 last year.

"A lot of people didn't want to play us," Fisher said of the top ranked teams in past years.

Biernmann also said that if the Norse continue to play the way they are now, they will make the NCAA Tournament. "We've got the schedule, we just have to play it and win it, and we'll go," she said. Biernmann pointed out that NKU's two losses this season came while playing its second match of the day.

One of the biggest obstacles for the Norse this season, according to Fisher, will be staying focused on every match.

The team goals are to win the GLVC, host the GLVC Tournament and go to the NCAA Tournament.

NKU News'n Notes

By Bruce Reller

Women's Cross Country

NKU finished sixth overall at the Wright State Invitational on Friday. The Norse finished with a score of 154.

Tabatha Smith finished the race 18th in the individual standings. She recorded a time of 20 minutes, 57 seconds. Tricia Miller finished in 29th place with a time of 21:49. Taryn Pence finished 35th with a time of 22:20 and Kelly Kneuev finished 43rd with a time of 22:55.

The Norse next run on Saturday at the Berea Invitational at 10 a.m.

Men's Cross Country

NKU finished fifth overall at the Wright State Invitational. The Norse finished with a score of 124.

Dan Foltz finished the race in 20th place in the individual standings with a time of 28:56.

Nick Kleiner finished 21st with a time of 28:58 and Joey Zeiner finished 32nd with a final time of 30:05.

D.J. Carter finished 35th with a time of 30:34 and 41-year-old Jeff Smith finished 36th with a time of 30:46.

Women's Soccer

The Norse lost to Bellarmine College 3-2 on Saturday at Bellarmine. On Sunday, NKU fell to 2-4 on the season with a 3-1 loss to Mercyhurst College at home.

Freshman forward Brittany Evans scored NKU's only goal. The game was tied at one when Mercyhurst scored on a penalty kick.

Volleyball

The Norse 20 Norse defeated GLVC rival Southern Indiana 15-5, 15-11, 15-6.

The Norse are now 12-2 overall this season and 5-0 in GLVC play.

Women's Tennis

NKU fell to St. Joseph 7-2 on Saturday. The Norse received victories from Leah Hanna in singles and the doubles team of Hanna and Nikki Thompson.

The team of Hanna and Thompson is 6-0 on the season.

The Norse play three home GLVC matches this weekend against Kentucky Wesleyan, Southern Indiana and IPFW.

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Dispelling The Tattoo Myth Once And For All

By Rex Points II
Staff Reporter

Doctors, lawyers, college students and even undertakers get tattoos, said Skin Art tattoo artist, Tony Honaker. With more people getting tattoos there are things to consider, such as possible health risks, and falling into the tattoo stereotype.

Health issues, as well as the perception that tattoos hurt, are the most common fears among those wanting to get tattoos, Honaker said. "There are no health risks as long as sterilization is performed on the equipment," he said.

At Skin Art, as well as other local tattoo parlors, all the equipment is sterilized in house and the customer is shown this before tattooing begins. The customer is shown how the packaging the needles are contained in changes color when it has been properly sterilized. As far as the inks, there are little to no dangers, Honaker said. "The inks are all organic. The only chemical in them is alcohol," he said.

"When I got my tattoo I was well informed of possible health risks," Shannon Snyder, senior social work major, said. The tattoo artist explained the sterilization process

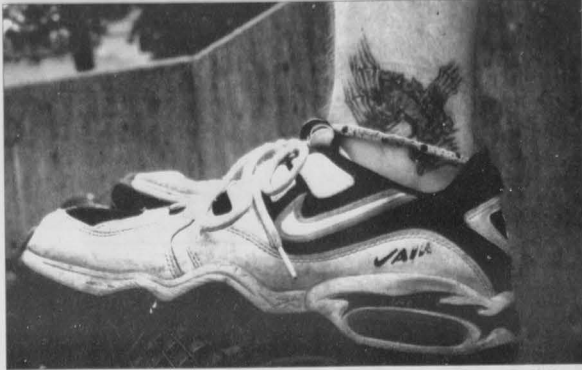
and showed me how to tell the needles were sterile, she said. "These artists are very careful and clean about what they do, and that puts your mind at ease about the risks," Snyder said.

Honaker has been tattooing for the past three years and to his knowledge there have been only three reported cases of AIDS transmission due to tattooing. These were reported from jails where the needles are used over and over again without sterilization, he said. "AIDS is not an issue any longer with today's sterilization techniques," Honaker said.

According to Honaker the only real health worry when tattooing is hepatitis. "The only preventative measures to ensure that this disease is not a factor, is to be serious when sterilizing and remain clean throughout the day's business," Honaker said.

Another fear among people is the pain. People have no idea what it feels like, but once they have got a tattoo 9 out of 10 people say it doesn't hurt as bad as they initially thought, Honaker said. This is why Honaker believes tattoos are so addictive.

"Tattoos are not as bad as they seem," said Snyder. "It just feel like



Anna Weaver/The Northern
A PERMANENT PAL: Lou Frommeyer, undeclared from Cold Springs, shows off one of his tattoos, a tree frog, on his left ankle.

scratching a sunburn." Because the pain is not what she expected Snyder thinks in the future she may expand on her current tattoo, a cat face, or get another.

"I don't have a tattoo, and I never

will. It just seems to painful," Jessica Goswick, junior human services major, said. She believes that tattoos are on a rise in popularity but they're not for her. The fear of the pain overwhelms her desires to

possibly get one, she said.

Tattoos are definitely on a rise in popularity, said Honaker. Of his business 75% are college age students, 60% women and 40% men.

"I got my tattoo when I was

18-years-old as a personal freedom of expression, and one of my friends was getting one. We got them together," Snyder said.

At Skin Art, the designs range from the most popular, a small gecko, to the oddest, an alien lava lamp. "The most popular style still tend to be the tribal art, but Japan Animation and New School, such as Elmo and Weeble Wobbles, are on the rise," Honaker said.

"The only difference between a tattooed person and a person without a tattoo is that a tattooed person doesn't care if you have a tattoo," Honaker said.

This seems to be true. "I used to think that people with tattoos were into gangs or drugs, but since many of my friends have been getting tattoos my views have changed," Goswick said. It is easy to put a stereotype on people with something different about them if you don't understand them, Goswick said.

"Just because I have a tattoo doesn't make me a bad person. It just makes me different," Snyder said. I don't judge those without them so why should I be judged for having a tattoo she added. "Tattoos do not define a person, a person defines themselves," Snyder said.

Student Art On Display

By Margie Wise
Co-Features Editor

Potential students will be introduced to Northern Kentucky University's artistic talent because the admissions office is the first stop along their college career. As students go to enroll or register for their classes this year, they will pass student artwork along the way.

Student art exposure in the administration building increased this past summer.

Victoria Schwartz, admissions counselor, said she talked to David Knight, director of the Art Gallery, for permission to see the artwork submitted for the spring show.

Students submitted their art to the show, and the best were chosen to hang in the admissions office of the administrative building.

"I have always been involved with the arts, and I felt the administrative building needed more current and attractive art on the wall than previously existed," Schwartz said.

Schwartz said, since the admissions office is where the tours for prospective students are conducted, it seemed a logical place to display the artwork.



Dave Capano/The Northern
Life's Journey II: Laurie Carmack's, sophomore graphic design major, art is on display in the Lucas Administrative Center.

She said, not only is it a good position to show off talent, it has also given the admissions staff a more attractive workplace.

Knight said, the pieces are on loan for a year, which gives people a chance to view the students' work.

chosen because it represents her feelings over the loss of a close friend.

Schwartz said the admissions office plans to do this every year, and she hopes this will encourage the other buildings on campus to do so as well.

Calendar of Campus Events

- September 25** Reproductive Health Clinic
• Student Health Office room 300
- September 30** Out-F.R.O.N.T. Meeting
• 4 to 6 p.m. in University Center room 8
- October 6** African American Recruitment Team meeting
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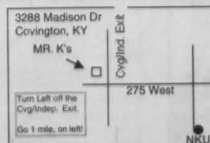
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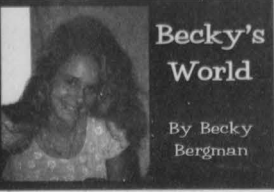
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How we dress represents who we are. So...

What's Your Style?

Becky's World

By Becky Bergman



What are you wearing today? Perhaps you have on your favorite jeans, the ones that have all the holes in just the right places.

Or maybe you decided to get a little dressed up and come to school in a brightly colored dress or a conservative suit.

Perhaps your having a bad hair day so you just threw on your baseball cap and sweats. Whatever you decided to wear is a reflection of you, but did you realize that fashion is something that has evolved for thousands of years into the outfit you chose this morning.

Even great philosophers have tried to put the importance of fashion into perspective. According to Shakespeare it is, "As good to be out of the world, as out of fashion."

Even famous author Mark Twain once said, "Clothes make the man."

In all cultures dress provides a mean of decoration and beautification. Primitive man decorated himself with colored clay and inserted jewelry in his nose, ears, and

lips. The urge to beautify himself and his family led man to search for furs and fibers all over the

"Casual Comfort."

Eric Higgins
Sociology Major



"I like to go out on a limb and create my own style."
Julie Schmidt
Undeclared Major



"I like jeans that are not too baggy, but breathable."
Jennifer Brinker
Graphic Design Major

world. This can be compared to individuals today. We dress ourselves in our own appealing way.

We still pierce our body parts, wear jewelry, and search for clothes we like. Fortunately we don't have to go all over the world, but just to the local shopping mall.

There are many meanings associated by the way we choose to dress. Beside the fact we do it for appearance, we also do it for protection. Dress protects the body from the hot sun, wind, as well as the winter cold. Hats are considered fashionable, but they were first developed for protection from the sun on our face, or the cold nipping at our ears. Sunglasses are "cool" but their real purpose is to prevent irreversible sun damage to the eye.

Michael Jordan says, "It's the shoes," but in actuality shoes were not designed to make us jump higher. They were designed to protect our feet from disease and the environment. Our fashion also represents our status or prestige.

"I like to dress casual because I hate to iron."
Cherokee Hall
Anthropology Major



"I like to dress not too scummy, nut not too dressy either. I dress up on test days because I feel like I'll do better. It's a mental thing."

Theresa Hayden
Anne Roenker
Elementary Education Major

Have you ever met a person for the first time and thought he was "some-

body" just because of the way that he is dressed. Through fashion men and woman try to achieve their goal of social appeal and rank. Examples of this in today's society are expensive names brands such as P O L O , T o m m y H i l f i g e r ,

Gap, Guess and Calvin Klein. Is the quality of the clothes better? Maybe, but the price is for the name.

Dress fulfills peoples need to have a feeling of belonging someplace somewhere. Fashion is based on two opposing tendencies of human life. Our need to conform to a group, and our need to express ourselves as individuals.

Some people choose to dress outlandish to gain attention. Others dress conservatively as to avoid unwanted attention. The clothes you wear also reflect the role you play in society. Police officers take pride in their uniform because it

gives them a sense of identity.

Fashion can sometimes be described as unreasonable. For example, the buttons on the sleeves of mens' jackets have no useful purpose. This practice originated when Napoleon was angered by watching his soldiers wipe their noses on their sleeves. He had buttons sewn on the sleeves of his men, and that effectively stopped the habit.

Fashion, in some cases, can even be hazardous. In 1974 a number of Boston physicians reported on the "Long-Scarf Syndrome" caused by long free flowing scarves wrapped

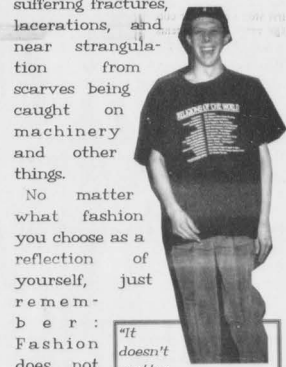
around the neck. They cited two cases of young girls suffering fractures, lacerations, and near strangulation from scarves being caught on machinery and other things.

No matter what fashion you choose as a reflection of yourself, just remember: Fashion does not define who you are. Your style, which you draw from fashion, is what best reflects your own look and identity.

"It doesn't matter what I wear to school. I've never really given my outfit much thought."
Brian Sheppard
Theatre Major

"I like to wear what's laying in my clean pile on the floor."
Scott Coleman
History/Philosophy Major

"I like jeans that are not too baggy, but breathable."
Jennifer Brinker
Graphic Design Major



HEY U.

By Justin Lynch



Motivation

Apathy. That's often the topic of conversation when you get campus leaders together. They gripe and moan about it, but they have the right. They work so hard to better this university, to make it all that it can be. But they have to beg for whatever help they can get. These leaders can't do it all themselves, but you can't blame them for trying.

Apathy. No one wants to get involved. People go to class and go straight home. What kind of university education is that? Why bother coming to a university if you're not going to participate in it? Why not just get a degree over the computer?

And, for those of you who think student organizations are extra-curricular and somehow not important, you're wrong. Practical experience is the best way to succeed in your career. Every amateur DJ should be dying to work at WRFN. News anchors in waiting ought to be knocking down the doors at WNTV. And don't the future politicians really have an obligation to hold a position on student government?

The anti-social people are really not the problem, though. It's all those people who hang out doing nothing in between their classes that are so annoying to the campus leaders. If you are one of these people, you have to realize why the campus leaders resent you. You get all the advantages of NKU without doing any of the work. You get all the free campus publications, you get to listen to WRFN, you get to watch WNTV and you get your voice heard in SGA, just to name a few. All for just attending this university. Isn't that a bit selfish? You've got this great university and you contribute nothing to it except for tuition and one less chair to sit in? That's real apathy.

Let's just take the example of what one student organization can do for a person. WRFN campus radio has cranked out greatness in the past few years. Former DJ Adam Campbell learned what he knows at the station during his NKU days and is now a DJ on WINK 94.1 FM. He's not the only one. Jimmy the Weasel, Jeff Naegel and Shaggy from 107.1 Channel Z and WEBN got their start at WRFN.

There's got to be a long line of prospective DJ's knocking on WRFN's door, right? Nope. Chris Beiting and Nathan Summers will tell you they run the station all by themselves because no one else is interested. They have given their all just to give you a little music. But they can't do it alone.

WRFN is going down the tubes quickly, partly because they don't have a dedicated staff. They are having to fight to stay alive right now. They don't have advertising, they don't have money. They don't have money, they can't run the station properly. They don't have anyone who wants to help them out. It's a shame to watch the dwindling staff fight this battle on their own. It's unfortunate to see a campus organization, that has produced such great talent, dying. And so, the apathetic people will watch WRFN slowly fade. The music will get softer and softer until one day someone will wonder where the music went.

WRFN is not going to be here in a few years. Neither are any other student organizations if people don't start to get involved. It's happening at WRFN right now, and sadly, several other organizations as well. The campus leaders are all spent—they would give more time and effort if they had it. The fate of campus groups rely on incoming freshmen and you, the apathetic people.

If you don't take too well to the insults and guilt trips, maybe common sense will do the trick. Becoming a member of a group can help shape you as a person and give you endless opportunities that you would have never had. Student organizations help you to learn skills of motivation, dedication and teamwork while building confidence. Plus, they're fun!

So, if you're just sitting around taking up space, maybe you ought to get up, get motivated and get involved. The Student Life office on the ground floor of the University Center is a good place to start. It's the least you can do to give back to a university which gives so much to you already. Besides, it just might change your life.



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Lou Frommeyer
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Kim Fox
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"Two dimensional visual studies with Professor Clements. It's really interesting."



Brian Bertsch
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"Developmental Psychology. I think it's because of the teacher, Dr. Thomas is pretty cool."

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•Musicfest is on the way and arrives on campus Oct. 1.

•Friday Oct. 24 join in on all the fun at the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Be sure to mark your calendars. APB would like to remind you that anyone and everyone is invited to our events. We want everyone to have a good time, come join us!

APB wants to know, what you the students, want to see on campus this year. Would you like to see a major musical event with a big name act, for

example Radiohead? Or maybe you've always wanted to see Jim Bruer become "Goat-boy" live. Maybe you'd enjoy sumo-wrestling during Homecoming Week. Who knows? We won't unless you tell us what you want to see!

We would like to remind you that we are still open to new members. If you're interested in joining us, please feel free to pick up an application. If you have an idea about how to make your college years more enjoyable, we want to know. You can e-mail us at apb@nku.edu or stop by University Center room 10 in the Student Life Office. If you surf the web, make sure to stop by <http://www.nku.edu/apb/> to see our new web page.

Elizabeth Spencer
Anissa Daniels

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Update & Meeting Notes



By
Chris Saunders

SGA
President

Student Government is off to a wonderful start as many senators are very motivated to get much accomplished this year.

The past week was Date Rape Awareness Week. Many of the forums and information tables that were set up in the UC lobby were sponsored by SGA. The involvement of all other organizations was GREATLY appreciated.

In case students haven't noticed, there is a board hanging over the UC plaza which shows how much money has been raised for United Way. Our goal is \$3000.

Student Government would like to invite freshmen and all others who are interested to come to the SGA office in UC 208 to fill out applications for appointment to the senate to make sure your voice is being heard. Also, **DON'T FORGET...** the SGA agenda is posted on the door well in advance for anyone who would like to speak on the issues that will be discussed at the upcoming meeting. We encourage anyone who has a concern or issue to sign up and bring your concern before the senate. This week on the agenda we plan to make appointments of committee chairs and also

review proper SGA recommendation procedures. We had many senator concerns and issues that are projects we plan to investigate more in the upcoming semester. Some of these include: campus safety, handicapped parking, and better campus lighting. We are also planning to work in collaboration with DPS to improve relations with students. If anyone would like to speak on any of these issues or others, again, we can not stress enough to come sign up on the office door.

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Concerned Reader Voices Opinion

Dear Editor,

Was five minutes long enough to write your Sept. 10 "Luck Of The Draw" editorial on the hiring of President James Votruba?

Obviously not, because just like I assumed it only took you five minutes to write your editorial, you made an assumption in your editorial that each presidential candidate was only on campus for one day.

In fact, each candidate walked the halls of NKU for three consecutive days. The search committee knew it took more than one day to evaluate a candidate. That's why the candidates were here three days.

You wrote that the Presidential Search committee did their homework. Yes, the search committee did its homework, unfortunately you did not.

You based the entire editorial on the assumption that each presidential candidate visited campus for only one day. How can students of NKU count

on *The Northerner* for a trustworthy opinion in the future, when they can't trust you to check an easily verifiable fact?

Besides, anyone who believes luck was a serious factor in choosing President Votruba does not have a grasp on the process which all of the candidates had to go through.

Give Dr. Votruba some credit, the committee found out through his interactions with the university community that he is the right president for NKU.

And in response to the Sept. 17 "Mistakes, Mistakes" editorial, I believe your attitude is pompous, arrogant and naive. You wrote that it goes against everything journalists believe in to call attention to their own errors. That is wrong. Journalists are usually more than glad to alert readers to errors made. *The Northerner* needs to print a sincere apology to its readers and a retraction needs to be made concerning the above mentioned mistake.

You also wrote that accuracy must sometimes suffer because of greater priorities. Accuracy can never be compromised. If you are not sure your stories are accurate then I suggest you don't run them, write something else. It is excusable to put things like classes, family and other jobs ahead of working on the newspaper.

If then, you don't have enough time to check everything that goes in the newspaper, write fewer stories, print fewer pages. If six pages a week are all you can do accurately then do six. Don't try to do more when you know accuracy will suffer.

There is a cliché that states: "Anything worth doing at all, is worth doing right."

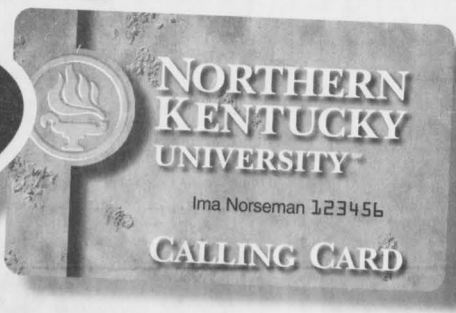
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Chris Mayhew
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ACROSS

1. Allen of Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman
5. Delany
8. The Paper... ('78-'79 and '83-'86)
10. Granny's portrayal on The Beverly Hillsbelle
12. Barber, for one
13. Rachins of L.A. Law
16. Part of the title of the Klugman-Randall series
17. Here... (1992-93)
20. Ft. plus ft. plus ft.
21. Biblical brother
23. Walker
25. '89-'90 Lifetime drama series
26. Peggy...; Aunt Rose's portrayal on The Waltons
27. Prefix for puncture or pressure
28. York Undercover
29. The Bold... (1969-73)
30. Miscellaneous
31. Initials for a popular talk show hostess
32. Lisa Rinna's Melrose Place role
35. Emilio's monogram
39. Ed Bradley's employer
41. On Me; 1989 Morgan Freeman film
42. Cable network letters
43. 1976-85 series about a widow
45. Sitcom about two new parents
46. Type of secretary: abbr.
48. Canal of song

DOWN

1. Elizabeth's portrayal on Kirk (2)
2. If... a Million; '32 Gary
3. The World Turns
4. Martin, for one

ACROSS

5. Fred, Wilma and Pebbles'
6. Setting for Evening Shade: abbr.
7. Prefix for classical or natal
8. Brotherly Love actor (2)
9. Summer of A Different World (1983-93)
11. Nelson
14. Monogram for Durocher
15. American Dreamer; '66 Janet Leigh film
18. ...; 70-'71 Burt Reynolds series
19. Theo Huxtable's portrayal
22. Suffix for allow or annoy
24. Scumful look
27. '77 Richard Harris film about a whale
31. Window's Murder, She Wrote role
34. Baldwin or Guinness
35. You, once
36. — Law (1986-94)
37. — a hero; 1987 Jeff Lester sitcom
40. Number of children on The Brady Bunch
42. Mai
44. Initials for one who said, "Make my day"
46. Alternative word

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
 If you are feeling argumentative, go for a walk and cool down a bit. You will feel different after a short time.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
 Stay focused on the task at hand. After you have accomplished your goals, make time to reward yourself for all the effort.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
 It is more important than ever to keep a positive attitude, no matter what happens. Some quick thinking helps you through a business crisis.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
 Talk frankly with a financial expert. There's a good chance you may be overlooking something. Start planning for the future.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
 A passionate love affair is on the way or you may be rekindling the fires with a former love. Don't get too carried away.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
 It's time to get healthy. Go through your pantry and refrigerator and dump all that nasty, toxic junk you've been eating.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
 Get all your facts straight and then stand back and look at things from another perspective. Your life isn't nearly as bad as you make it out to be.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
 Be confident and stand your ground for a cause you believe in. A friend will introduce you to someone new and exciting.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
 It is important to set ground rules in the household, especially where children are involved. A domestic project will be therapeutic.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
 Be brief when discussing business plans for the future. You may want to take another look at your financial records.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
 Check out some nontraditional medical practices to treat a friend or yourself. Hold off on making a major purchase at this time.

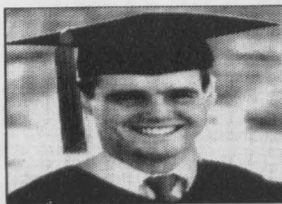


Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
 If you've been afraid of making a commitment, something will happen to change your mind. Don't take shortcuts with important financial matters.

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| Sept. 21 - Larry Hagman, Stephen King, Rob Morrow | Sept. 24 - Phil Hartman |
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