

# Graduate astrologer 'sees future' in her career

By Deb Palmer

What does a 25-year-old university graduate do with a degree in drama?

Susan Guthrie became a full-time astrologer.

A 1973 UNL graduate, Guthrie said she became a full-time astrologer last July when she quit her job as an underwriter for an insurance company. And she said she will keep it up "as long as I can support

myself."

"Business is starting to pick up," she said.

Guthrie said she counsels three to four people a week and usually one or two of these are university students. She recently placed her first newspaper advertisement but most of her clients are advised by friends to see her, she said.

Before meeting with a client, Guthrie

said, she asks for the client's time and place of birth. These are used to draw up a natal chart, which describes a person's basic personality, and a progression chart, which indicates "influences coming into your life, whether they be stressful or harmonious," Guthrie explained.

Free will not negated

The progression chart shows when these kinds of events will take place, although this "doesn't negate free will," Guthrie said.

"This doesn't mean you can't prepare for it (a stressful situation)." With planning, one can overcome the stress, especially if one is aware of its approach, she said.

After studying the natal and progression charts for about two hours, Guthrie said, she meets with the client.

She said she explores the client's personality as much as he or she will allow.

"Some are real hesitant, while others are more curious," she said.

"Surprisingly enough, most people want to find out about themselves and talk about problems they are dealing with now," not with what the future holds, Guthrie said. She attributed this to the age group she counsels most often—persons in their early twenties.

The meeting usually lasts from one and a half to two and a half hours, Guthrie said, depending upon "how open the client is." Clients are able to come back and ask questions at any time free of charge, she said.

Guthrie said she charges \$15, which includes the dialogue, natal and progression charts, plus any additional questions the client may have later. Another progression chart costs \$5.

Comparison charts

Guthrie said she also has done compari-

son charts, which show "how well another person relates to you, whether it is a love relationship or a business relationship."

Although she has been a professional astrologer for only about a year and a half, Guthrie said she has been interested in astrology for about five years.

"I started reading about it (astrology) because I didn't believe in it," she explained. "But the more I read, the more strongly I believed in it."

By astrologically counseling her family and friends, Guthrie said, she gained confidence through experience. At the urging of friends who said she was "pretty reliable," Guthrie decided to try to make a living as an astrologer.

"She (Guthrie) definitely knows what she's doing—it's obvious," said client Charly Miller, a 19-year-old, UNL theatre major. Miller said she is now a "believer in astrology and Susan's ability."

'It was unbelievable'

"It was unbelievable what she could tell me about myself," Miller explained. "She told me things I had known—I hadn't voiced them, but I inherently knew them."

Bob Dale, a 21-year-old UNL sociology major, said Guthrie told him, while discussing his progression chart last August, that "good, permanent things would happen" the first two weeks in September.

Dale said "good, permanent" things have happened—the band he plays in has contracted with a recording studio and he met a girl he said he "fell madly in love with."

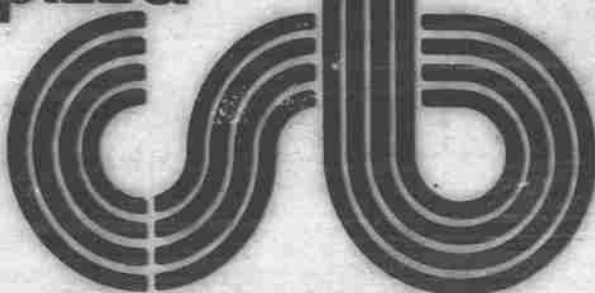
His session with Guthrie "made me face things I knew, but didn't want to face up to" about his personality and future, Dale said.



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