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*"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"*

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## Column One

Here it is. This is the last Crusader of the millenium. I know, I know, the millenium doesn't actually begin until January 1, 2001, but it feels like this is the start of a new era.

This issue of the Crusader is the last of the term and of the year, so we thought it would be humorous to focus our attention on the craze of the new millenium.

The Crusader staff doesn't actually believe the world will end on January 1, 2000, but it makes for a funny picture for the front cover.

We do, however, believe that the Y2K bug will cause every computer in the world to blow up at the stroke of midnight on January 1, causing many people to suffer from severe 1st degree burns and temporary blindness (about two seconds).

More important than the end of the world, this happens to be my last issue editing *The Crusader*. As of the new year, Monica will be taking on full responsibility of the newspaper.

It's kind of sad quitting like this. After all, I've been working for *The Crusader* since 1996. But it's time to move on. It's been great, but I'm sure I'll find something else to do with my Monday nights...like go to bed before 7:00 in the morning.

*Nathan R. Hydes*

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# NNU student produces TV Show

by Lynette Brown  
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Among the list of jobs to hold down during the year, how does working on television and producing a television news show strike you? Does it sound exciting and fun? According to Brooke Van Dam, a sophomore, both descriptions would be accurate. Brooke is the producer of the weekend news on Channel 6 and loves every minute of it. She is fulfilling a childhood dream which she never gave up.

Brooke is from a town about twenty minutes away from Nampa and transferred to NNU this year. Last year she went to a school in California and says that God taught her a lot about depending on Him. She decided to come to NNU because she felt that the Lord wanted her to come here. She was not sure why, but she knew God had great plans in store for her.

Brooke always had a dream of becoming famous and being on television, and her father pushed her to pursue her dream. She wrote letters to several of the television stations in the area asking about openings for internships. Finally, Channel 6 offered her an



Brooke Van Dam, pictured above with some of her co-workers, is a sophomore at NNU. She is the producer of the weekend news on Channel 6.

internship that started in September. The new news director there liked what she saw in Brooke and offered her a position in producing at the end of October. This surprised Brooke because most people do not go from an internship to being a producer.

As a producer, she decides on the stories which get covered, puts together the shows and writes the stories. Brooke claimed, "I love it! It is fun to put the show together. I still get nervous about the shows. I like the

fact that I get to start with nothing and see the final product. It always seems that 10 minutes before the show airs, something goes wrong, so it's a lot of pressure." She enjoys writing the news stories and deciding which stories to use. The atmosphere is really exciting to be a part of. She also enjoys her co-workers, especially the weather guy and the anchorman she works with.

Working behind the scenes has given Brooke a new perception of television. It became less

glamorous when she realized that people on TV were real people with real jobs and not as much money as the viewers seem to think. It is still hard for her to grasp that she is so young and has a job where she gets to impact so many people. It is not like a campus station; it is the real thing! Brooke would like to do an internship at a big station in New York during her senior year.

This whole opportunity is part of God's plan for her life, she feels. She knows that she could not do this without Him. She started out wanting to be on TV, and to be a little bit famous as a reporter.

During her internship, she realized that, while reporting would sometimes be fun, it would be hard to interview right after a tragedy. She really liked what she saw in a producer's position, having a chance to make some of the important decisions.

The last couple of months she has seen God do amazing things in her life. Brooke says, "This opportunity has been absolutely God. I'm living out my dream. I think I was sort of limiting God for awhile. God remained faithful. Don't ever give up [on your dreams]."

# Campus involvement hinges on Senate

by Mindy Oldenkamp  
*Crusader Campus Staff Writer*

For the majority of the students on campus, the truth behind what the members of that group on campus known as the SGA actually do is a complete and total mystery. However, what the members of the Student Government Association are out to accomplish is great and beneficial. While it is true that you do see a number of students floating around campus wearing matching red shirts that bear the SGA emblem, there is much more to what they do than buy coordinating wardrobes. One of the most active branches in the student government is that of the legislative branch, the Senate.

For example, the Senate is in search of better ways to serve the campus by representing the student body and protecting the rights and ideas of the students. In order to do so, the Senate is made up of twelve members of the student body, three from each class. It is chaired by Executive Vice President, Bob Van Allen. Within the Senate are three com-

mittees: the Ways and Means Committee, the Student Life Committee and the Judiciary Committee.

The Senate then works together within the separate committees and considers all recommendations that are presented by the Executive Council. They make decisions as to whether or not they should enact the legislation presented.

As well as approving new legislature, the Senate proposes an outline of the budget for the Administration on how the student fees will be put to use. They approve clubs and organizations on campus who seek to use student fee money, and, among other things, they have the power to recall elected officers and fill vacant positions.

This term, the Senate has been up to exactly what it describes itself as doing. Along with appointing new class council officers for commuter students (Christi Tiel and Eli Effinger), hearing reports from all the club representatives, and, yes, approving new sweatshirts for the Senate, the Senate has been busy

working to fulfill the needs of the NNU student body.

Some of the current issues in the work are efforts to purchase a drum set to be used for events such as chapel and Time Out, rather than forcing those who play to drag their own sets from one end of campus to the other. In a strong effort to make this idea a feasible one, Michael Young has presented research and information as to the cost of a drum set and has even discovered a good deal on a decent set that might be accessible to the Senate if a purchase is in order.

Chaplain Gene Schandorff has generously offered to pay for half of the cost, and now a set of cymbals is inconsideration. The issue of storage of the drum set has arisen. However, no decision will be made on the issue until the next meeting of the Senate when a vote can be taken.

As for other tasks of the Senate, one of the additional issues currently under consideration is the distribution of a sum of grant money. There

was discussion regarding the process to determine

which clubs would receive the \$250 of grants. Four clubs applied for the grant: the Psychology Club, SIFE, the Business Club, and the Fencing Club, and the grants were given to the Psychology Club and the Fencing Club. However, several Senators expressed a desire to be a part of the selection process, and it was decided that the Ways and Means committee will present an explanation at the next meeting of the Senate, after which an additional vote will be taken.

Thus, the Senate keeps a busy schedule, all in the best interests of the student body, and another step is taken in an effort to meet the needs of the campus.

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# New Year's Eve at NNU

**To help out students who will come back for New Year's Eve, NNU plans to make it worth their while.**

by Mindy Oldenkamp

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The end of the millennium, the start of a brand new year, a brand new century, a brand new chance at everything. The hype over the changing of the years has never been so amazing, and yet at the same time it seems to present a bit of a scare to a notable percentage of our society. And the fact that there is such a fear in the

hearts of many is the very reason that NNU is opening its campus doors just before the end of the millennium and offering the chance for students to come back to the dorms a little earlier than usual.

With the early arrival of students prior to the turn of the new year, the question arises, "Just what in the world would there be to do in Idaho on the eve of a new millennium?" But, believe it or not, there is an answer.

On New Year's Eve, there will be events happening all over the world, with everything from Dick Clark's classic *New Year's Rockin' Eve* to small gatherings of people holed up in strongholds, afraid to come out after the "end of the world" comes at midnight. But for those of us who live in the Nampa area or who are headed back this way a little early to share in the fun, the best bet is to head your way over to the Boise area for a night out.

Originally, the plan on campus was to hold a little get-to-

gether for those warm bodies who will be on or around campus on December 31<sup>st</sup>, however, because it is the millennium and the number of students returning early is small, NNU has decided to take a van load or two on over to the celebration that will be occurring in downtown Boise. The night has been organized to include live music, good food and a whole lot of fun for everyone.

It is planned to be an evening of good, clean entertainment in a positive atmosphere as a way for everyone involved to enjoy the New Year in a healthy manner. The city of Boise is offering an excellent way to celebrate the evening with your friends and family for a small cost and a great deal of fun, and NNU has decided to take a part in it.

So, if you are going to be in the area for the dawn of the year 2000, take a chance and make your way on over to downtown Boise. More information will become available with regards to transportation and cost.

## Homecoming Banquet



Rebekah Ponsford, Janelle Stauffer, and Anna Ganske stop for a moment from their work during the Homecoming Banquet.

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# Nursing Home Gift Drive

by RaChelle Lundy

SGA Community Relations Coordinator

NNU's annual Nursing Home Gift Drive has come once again. This is a wonderful opportunity for NNU students, faculty and staff to make someone's Christmas very special.

Below is a list of gift requests from our local nursing homes. Beginning Monday, Nov. 29th - Friday, Dec. 3rd from 11am - 5pm, participants need to call the SGA offices at #8778, a student volunteer will be waiting to receive your call.

Let them know what gift you would like to provide, and then bring the wrapped gift upstairs in the student center to Student Development by Friday Dec. 3rd at 5:00pm. I encourage everyone to take the time to be involved in this outreach to our Nampa community.

## Caldwell Care Center

- A1. Male; sweatsuit (M), cologne
- A2. Female; sweatsuit (XL), stationary
- A3. Female; sweatsuit (XL), hair accessories, hair products
- A4. Female; sweatsuit (XL), perfume
- A5. Female; sweatsuit (M), diabetic candy
- A6. Female; sweatsuit (XL), hair accessories, perfume
- A7. Male; sweatsuit (M), cologne
- A8. Male; sweatsuit (XL), cologne
- A9. Male; sweatsuit (XL), logo shirts (XL)
- A10. Female; sweatsuit (SM), hat, flavored coffee
- A11. Male; sweatsuit (XXL), shirt (XXL)
- A12. Male; two sweatsuits (M), lap blanket
- A13. Female; sweater (M), sweatsuit (M), lap blanket
- A14. Male; sweatsuit (M), cologne
- A15. Male; sweatsuit (XXXL), cardigan sweater (XXXL)
- A16. Female; sweatsuit (SM), hair accessories
- A17. Female; sweatsuit (L), turtle necks (L)
- A18. Male; sweatsuit (L), shirts (L), cologne
- A19. Female; sweatsuit (M), hat
- A20. Male; sweatsuit (M), stuffed Dalmatian, cologne
- A21. Male; sweatsuit (M), cologne
- A22. Female; family photo frame, perfume, lotion
- A23. Female; sweatsuit (XXL), Elvis Presley memorabilia
- A24. Female; sweatsuit (LG), perfume, lotion
- A25. Female; sweatsuit (M), poetry books, perfume
- A26. Male; sweatsuit (XXL), cologne
- A27. Male; sweatshirt (M), baseball cap
- A28. Female; sweatsuit (M), lotion
- A29. Female; sweatsuit (XXXL), word puzzle books
- A30. Male; two sweatsuits (L), cologne
- A31. Female; sweater (XXL), lap blanket, stuffed animal
- A32. Male; cardigan sweater (M), dress-up button-up shirts (M)
- A33. Female; sweatsuit (M), blanket
- A34. Male; sweatsuit (M), blanket
- A35. Male; sweatsuit (M), 49ers baseball cap
- A36. Female; custom jewelry, perfume, stationary
- A37. Male; sweatsuit (M), shirts (M)
- A38. Male; button-up shirt (L), cologne
- A39. Male; sweatsuit (M), blanket
- A40. Female; sweatsuit (XXL), perfume
- A41. Male; sweatsuit (L), cologne
- A42. Male; baseball cap, cologne
- A43. Male; button-up shirt (Dickies) (L), blanket
- A44. Male; sweatsuit (L), cologne
- A45. Female; sweatsuit (LG), UNO cards, movies
- A46. Male; white t-shirts (XL), stuffed animal, cologne
- A47. Female; porcelain doll, perfume, scented lotion

- A48. Female; two sweatsuits (M), socks, hair barrettes
- A49. Male; two sweatsuits (L), chocolate
- A50. Male; insulated flannel (XXXL), baseball cap
- A51. Female; Hershey candy bars, lap blanket
- A52. Female; two sweatsuits (L), scented lotion
- A53. Female; two sweatsuits (L), scented lotions, perfume
- A54. Female; sweatsuit (M), house robe
- A55. Female; sweatsuit (XXL), scented lotion, perfume
- A56. Male; sweatsuit (L), socks (9-11)
- A57. Female; lap blanket, lotions, hair accessories
- A58. Female; sweatsuit (M), make-up (light colors)
- A59. Female; sweatsuit (L), scented lotion
- A60. Female; sweatsuit (M), stuffed animal
- A61. Female; pretty house robe (SM), slippers (9-11)
- A62. Female; sweatsuit (M), hair accessories
- A63. Female; sweatsuit (L), perfume, hair accessories
- A64. Male; New York Yankees baseball cap, plastic coffee mug (baseball)
- A65. Male; sweatsuit (M), cologne
- A67. Female; scented lotions, hair accessories, socks
- A68. Male; suspenders, socks, cologne
- A69. Female; custom jewelry, stationary, trinket box
- A70. Male; lap blanket, socks, cologne
- A71. Female; lap blanket, socks
- A72. Male; white t-shirts (M), sweatsuit (M), socks
- A73. Female; sweatsuit (L), socks
- A74. Female; sweatsuit (M), perfume, scented lotions
- A75. Male; button-up shirts (L), cologne, socks

## Cascade Care Center

- B1. Female; candy
- B2. Female; knick knacks, stuffed animal
- B3. Female; stuffed animal
- B4. Female; night gown
- B5. Male; sweats (L)
- B6. Male; sweats (XL)
- B7. Male; sweats (XL)
- B8. Male; socks, stuffed animal
- B9. Male; sweats (XL), socks
- B10. Male; sweats (XL)
- B11. Female; hair pins, knick knacks
- B12. Female; hard candy, sweats (button-down front) (M)
- B13. Female; t-shirts (XL), socks
- B14. Female; socks, duster dress
- B15. Female; socks
- B16. Female; socks, candy, stuffed animal
- B17. Female; earrings, broach
- B18. Female; chocolate candy
- B19. Male; sweats (M)
- B20. Female; chocolate candy
- B21. Female; sweats (L)
- B22. Female; duster dress
- B23. Male; western shirt (15 1/2, short sleeve)
- B24. Male; overalls (M), slippers (M)
- B25. Female; nylons (knee highs), chocolate candy
- B26. Female; night gown
- B27. Female; quilt, stuffed animal
- B28. Female; quilt, stuffed animal
- B29. Female; quilt, stuffed animal
- B30. Female; nylons (knee highs), red lipstick
- B31. Male; western shirt (L, 17 1/2, long sleeve)
- B32. Female; sweater
- B33. Female; sweats (L)
- B34. Female; hard candy, sweats (L) (button-down front)
- B35. Female; sweater, hair ties
- B36. Female; button-down sweater
- B37. Male; magazines on cars and motorcycles
- B38. Female; sweats and t-shirts (XL)
- B39. Female; duster dress, candy
- B40. Male; sweats (L)
- B41. Male; sweats (L)
- B42. Female; candy, stuffed animal
- B43. Female; purse, candy, stuffed animal
- B44. Female; religious items
- B45. Female; coloring crayons and coloring books, sweats (L), socks
- B46. Female; sweats, stuffed animals
- B47. Female; pants (8/tall)
- B48. Female; silk night gown
- B49. Female; socks, pants (10/avg.)
- B50. Female; sweats (L)
- B51. Female; red blouse
- B52. Female; candy
- B53. Male; slippers (10-11)
- B54. Female; night gown (XL)
- B55. Female; stocking hat, gloves
- B56. Female; hair items

- B57. Female; nylons
- B58. Female; pants (8/petite)
- B59. Female; sweats (L)
- B60. Female; sweats (L)
- B61. Male; dress shirt (L)
- B62. Male; sweats (LG), coat
- B63. Female; music (tapes)
- B64. Female; night gown, slippers (8)
- B65. Female; non-skid socks
- B66. Female; make-up case
- B67. Female; coloring crayons and coloring books
- B68. Female; hard candy
- B69. Female; sweater, nylons
- B70. Female; nylons (knee highs)
- B71. Female; hair ties
- B72. Male; sweats (L)
- B73. Female; sweater
- B74. Female; perfumes, knick knacks

## Holly Care Center

- C1. Male; sweatpants (M), Henley shirt (M)
- C2. Male; Henley shirts (L)
- C3. Female; perfume, scenery pictures
- C4. Female; Scrabble, board games, life game
- C5. Female; pink blouse (M), sweater (M)
- C6. Female; colored socks size 8-9
- C7. Female; cassette radio player, stuffed animal dog
- C8. Female; soft throw blanket
- C9. Female; romance novels
- C10. Female; pictures, short sleeve blouse (M)
- C11. Female; blouses (XL), makeup
- C12. Female; stuffed animal
- C13. Female; blouses (M), makeup
- C14. Male; flannel shirts (L), sweat pants (L)
- C15. Male; handkerchiefs
- C16. Female; pull over shirts (L), sweatpants (L), colored socks
- C17. Female; black flat soled shoes (size 8), socks
- C18. Female; large print Christian books, nail polish, lotion
- C19. Female; reading material, autobiographies
- C20. Male; sweat pants (L), t-shirts (L)
- C21. Male; cologne
- C22. Female; large print books, scented lotion
- C23. Female; soft bed throw
- C24. Female; soft bed throw, scented lotion
- C25. Female; hair combs, socks, slippers (size 7-8)
- C26. Female; crackerjacks, slippers (size 7-8)
- C27. Female; scented lotions, bed throw
- C28. Male; cologne, handkerchiefs
- C29. Female; long vest (M), headphones, soft quiet music
- C30. Female; cassette player, headphones, books on tape, westerns
- C31. Male; salt water taffy, socks (size 9-11), sweatshirt (M)
- C32. Male; matching sweatpants and shirt (1X) blue or red
- C33. Female; soft stuffed animal (cats & dogs), long necklace
- C34. Female; costume jewelry, vests (1X) in bright color
- C35. Male; flannel men's pajamas (M), cookie jar
- C36. Male; Henley shirts (L), dark colored sweatpants (L)
- C37. Female; duster (M), slippers (size 8-9)
- C38. Female; doll, stuffed animal, drawing pad and sketch pencils
- C39. Female; sweatpants & shirt (3X), posters of flowers or Hawaii
- C40. Female; stuffed animal dog, knick knacks
- C41. Female; duster dress (2-3X), sugar free candy, Redenbacher's original un-popped popcorn
- C42. Female; movies, jewelry, makeup, Mickey Mouse t-shirts (S)
- C43. Female; sweater (L), perfume
- C44. Female; socks (8-9), perfume
- C45. Female; country music, old time cassettes, t-shirts (M)
- C46. Female; dusters (L), stationary
- C47. Female; teddy bears, navy blue sweaters (L)
- C48. Female; dusters (S), slippers (5-6)
- C49. Female; music box, nail polish (dark pink), white shirt (M), long sleeve blouse (M)
- C50. Female; cassette player w/earphones, books on tape, historical novels
- C51. Female; perfume (Tabu), hair clips, hand mirror
- C52. Female; perfume, thigh high nylons (nude), gospel cassettes
- C53. Female; dress (L), hair clips
- C54. Female; hair clips, blouses (M), knit pants (M), gold colored watch
- C55. Female; bulletin board, perfume
- C56. Female; bulletin board, clip on earrings
- C57. Male; sweat pants black or navy blue (M)
- C58. Male; throw blankets, cardigan sweaters (L)

- C59. Female; long necklaces, costume jewelry, perfume, makeup
- C60. Female; costume jewelry, dusters (M)

## Karcher Estates

Suggested gifts for 10 men: hats, ball caps, handkerchiefs, shaving lotion, mini Milky Way bars, socks, slippers.  
Suggested gifts for 20 women: perfume, bath powder, slippers, candy, costume jewelry, stuffed animals.

## Midland Care Center

- D1. Female; sweater (M)
- D2. Female; sweater (M)
- D3. Female; sweater (L)
- D4. Female; sweater (M)
- D5. Female; sweater (L)
- D6. Male; sweater (L)
- D7. Male; sweater L
- D8. Male; sweater (M)
- D9. Male; sweater (L)
- D10. Male; sweater (XL)
- D11. Male; sweater (M)
- D12. Female; sweater (L)
- D13. Female; sweater (M)
- D14. Female; sweater (L)
- D15. Female; sweater (XL)
- D16. Female; sweater (XL)
- D17. Female; sweater (M)
- D18. Male; sweater (L)
- D19. Male; sweater (L)
- D20. Female; sweater (M)
- D21. Male; sweater (M)
- D22. Male; sweater (L)
- D23. Female; sweater (M)
- D24. Female; sweater (L)
- D25. Female; sweater (XL)
- D26. Female; sweater (M)
- D27. Male; sweater (L)
- D28A. Female; sweater (M)
- D28B. Male; sweater (XL)
- D29. Female; sweater (XL)
- D30. Female; sweater (M)
- D31. Male; sweater (M)
- D32. Male; sweater (L)
- D33. Female; sweater (XL)
- D34. Female; sweater (XL)
- D35. Male; sweater (XXL)
- D36. Male; sweater (XL)
- D37. Female; sweater (L)
- D38. Female; sweater (L)
- D39. Female; sweater (L)
- D40. Female; sweater (L)
- D41. Female; sweater (L)
- D42. Female; sweater (L)
- D43. Female; sweater (L)
- D44. Female; sweater (M)
- D45. Female; sweater (M)
- D46. Female; sweater (XL)
- D47. Female; sweater (XL)
- D48. Female; sweater (M)
- D49. Female; sweater (M)
- D50. Female; sweater (M)
- D51. Female; sweater (L)
- D52. Male; sweater (XL)
- D53. Male; sweater (L)
- D54. Male; sweater (XL)
- D55. Female; sweater (M)
- D56. Female; sweater (M)
- D57. Female; sweater (M)
- D58. Female; sweater (XL)
- D59. Female; sweater (L)
- D60. Female; sweater (M)
- D61. Male; sweater (L)
- D62. Female; sweater (M)
- D63. Female; sweater (M)

## Nampa Care Centers

- E1. Female; socks (non skid feet)
- E2. Female; socks, sweat suit (L)
- E3. Female; socks, sweat suit (M)
- E4. Female; socks, blue sweater (M)
- E5. Male; watch, sweat suit (L)
- E6. Female; underwear (L), bath oils
- E7. Female; socks (non skid feet)
- E8. Female; hair accessories, dresses (M/L)
- E9. Female; body cologne, lipsticks (berry color)
- E10. Female; underwear (L), stuffed animal
- E11. Female; shirts (L), socks
- E12. Female; sweaters (L), chocolates
- E13. Female; sweat bottoms (L), socks
- E14. Female; underwear (S), hard candies
- E15. Female; stockings nylon with elastic tops
- E16. Female; slippers (M), Robe
- E17. Female; day-dress (XL)
- E18. Female; Tweetybird paraphernalia, mystery books
- E19. Female; mystery books, underwear (M)
- E20. Female; day-dress (L), socks
- E21. Female; hair accessories, socks, sweat pants (S)

## R&V Shelter Home

- F1. Female; elastic blue slacks size 16
- F2. Female; pink sweat suit (XL)
- F3. Female; elastic slacks size 20
- F4. Female; wallet
- F5. Female; Christmas candy
- F6. Female; mixed nuts
- F7. Female; sweatshirt (2X)
- F8. Female; pretty shirt (L)
- F9. Male; long sleeve shirt (L)
- F10. Male; baseball cap
- F11. Male; box of chocolates
- F12. Male; Air Force One or good action movie, Mighty Joe Young
- F13. Male; dress shirt (M)
- F14. Male; sweat pants (XL)
- F15. Male; long sleeve shirt (XL)

## Valley Plaza Retirement Center

- G1. Female; cat calendar, cat poster
- G2. Male; collector stamps, new quarters
- G3. Male; small electric radio, slippers (size 11)
- G4. Female; pajamas (M), soap and powder
- G5. Female; handkerchiefs, bath soap
- G6. Male; suspenders, white pants (48-32)
- G7. Male; flannel shirt (L), deodorant, razors
- G8. Female; nightgown, robe
- G9. Male; thin socks, suspenders, pajamas (M)
- G10. Male; white V neck T-shirts (M)
- G11. Female; picture, wall clock
- G12. Female; sweatshirt (L), socks
- G13. Male; beige cowboy hat
- G14. Male; slippers (size 9), open front sweater (L)
- G15. Male; jeans (31x30), long sleeved shirt (M)
- G16. Female; personal care package, slippers (M)
- G17. Female; 2 sweatshirts (XL)
- G18. Female; 2 sweatshirts (XL)
- G19. Male; sweatshirt (L), socks
- G20. Male; tennis shoes (8), sweatshirt (M)
- G21. Female; cotton blouse (M), historical novel
- G22. Female; Windsong perfume, slippers (8)
- G23. Female; sweatshirt (L), gloves (M)
- G24. Male; socks, razor, fruit
- G25. Female; puzzle, socks (6-9)
- G26. Male; socks, sweatshirt (L)
- G27. Female; sweatshirt (L), socks
- G28. Male; handkerchiefs, shirt (L)
- G29. Female; sweater (M), powder
- G30. Male; lined flannel (XL)
- G31. Female; blouse (SM), slippers (L)
- G32. Female; crochet thread, socks
- G33. Female; button front sweater (L)
- G34. Male; aftershave, socks
- G35. Male; button front sweater (M)
- G36. Male; heavy metal music, sweatshirt (L)
- G37. Male; sweatpants (M), socks
- G38. Male; western shirt (L), socks
- G39. Female; nightgowns (XXL), socks
- G40. Female; Windsong perfume, powder
- G41. Female; book stamps, chocolate candy
- G42. Male; three musketeers, Garfield watch
- G43. Female; fanny pack, nightgown (L)
- G44. Female; Christmas candy
- G45. Female; cracker and cheese pack
- G46. Female; White Shoulders perfume
- G47. Male; #10 almonds, socks
- G48. Female; sweater (L), perfume
- G49. Male; fruit basket
- G50. Male; hat and gloves, pants (36x30)
- G51. Male; sweatshirt (M), socks
- G52. Female; crochet thread, socks
- G53. Female; Christmas sweatshirt (L)
- G54. Male; sweatshirt (XL)
- G55. Female; Christmas candy, perfume
- G56. Female; pullover sweater (L), socks
- G57. Male; sweatsuit (L)
- G58. Male; sweatsuit (M)
- G59. Male; ski gloves (M), cologne
- G60. Female; sunglasses, handkerchiefs
- G61. Male; jeans (30x34), T-shirt (L)
- G62. Male; gloves and hat, T-shirt (M)
- G63. Female; laundry basket, socks
- G64. Male; lion slippers (L), Diabetic candy
- G65. Male; suspenders, Christmas candy
- G66. Male; handkerchiefs, 2 sweatshirts (XL)
- G67. Male; box of chocolates, cashews
- G68. Male; handkerchiefs, chocolate
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- G74. Male; pajamas (L), chocolate
- G75. Female; white tennis shoes (11), socks
- G76. Female; socks, perfume, candy
- G77. Male; socks, ski gloves
- G78. Female; sweater (L), socks

# Christmas concert

by Carrie Goldsmith  
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

The end of a hard week of classes. The beginning of a week of finals. What students need is a break! There is no better way to spend December 2, 3, or 4 than at the Northwesterners' Christmas concert. This is a perfect place to come, relax and put your mind at ease for an hour. If you want to bring a date, go ahead! If you want to do something besides study this Thursday, Friday or Saturday night, a Christmas concert in the Administration Building Auditorium is just what you need.

The auditorium will be decorated to the hilt with beautiful Christmas accessories which will set the atmosphere for a perfect holiday mood. The concert will include a variety of styles of music. Dr. Dan Hibbett, the director of Northwesterners, says, "We've got a little something for everyone. From light-hearted, secular carols to inspirational and serious sacred literature." The choir will be opening the two halves of their concert with brand new arrangements of carols: "Glory to God" and "It Must be the Holiday Season."

The two songs sung by Northwesterners at the recent Homecoming Concert will also be sung at the Christmas concert. "Bogoroditse Devo" is a Russian song, translated for the choir by Anya Wolf. She is a new Russian student working on her masters degree here at NNU. She was raised in the Eastern Orthodox Church but did not come to know

Jesus personally until later at an evangelical university. Wolf helped the choir learn the pronunciation for the piece, and the choir has worked diligently to sing the words as authentically as possible.

There are a few special features added to this year's Christmas concert. Some staging will be used in the performance rather than just standing at one position on the risers for the whole performance.

For the first half, the choir will be dressed casually to invite a more homey atmosphere. There will be some novelty songs like "The Twelve Days after Christmas." Also, there will be a little audience participation in the singing of a familiar carol.

"It has been a challenge to learn the 17 numbers that we are singing," says Hibbett thoughtfully. "This has been a real tribute to the focus and work ethic of this year's Northwesterners that we have learned a semester's worth of work in only a quarter."

The night promises to be one of entertainment, fun and good Christmas joy. To get tickets, talk to any Northwesterner or Lollie, the music secretary. For students, tickets are only \$3 a person, and for adults, \$5 a person. All seats are reserved, so get your ticket as soon as you can!

If you forget, however, just come at the door and there will be room for you! Remember, December 2, 3, and 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the Emerson Auditorium in the Administration building. Come and be prepared to have a great time!

## Time Out

with

## Heidi Allgeier

Heidi is a very nice person who also happens to be a very good dancer. If you need one more chapel credit, be at the Science Lecture Hall on Wednesday and maybe Heidi will dance for us. If she doesn't, that's okay too because whatever she says will be worth hearing. And be sure to hit up Time In afterwards.

# A friendly face in Marriott

by Mindy Oldenkamp  
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

He's over in that corner of Marriott where the TV used to be. His name tag simply reads Doug and his face always bears a friendly smile. He sports a chef's



Doug, the friendly exhibition bar Marriott worker, quickly and faithfully cooks up food for students. Doug enjoys his work, the people he works with and the chance to meet many people.

hat and he's the one who cooks the tortellini and wraps the fajitas when they're done.

Perhaps you've noticed the friendly young man who runs the exhibition bar this year. He is a welcome addition to the many faces of Marriott.

If you have ever stood in line at the exhibition bar, you've more than likely noticed Doug. As the tall, reddish-blond haired young man that does the cooking there, he's hard to miss. And, if you've ever waited just a couple minutes, you've

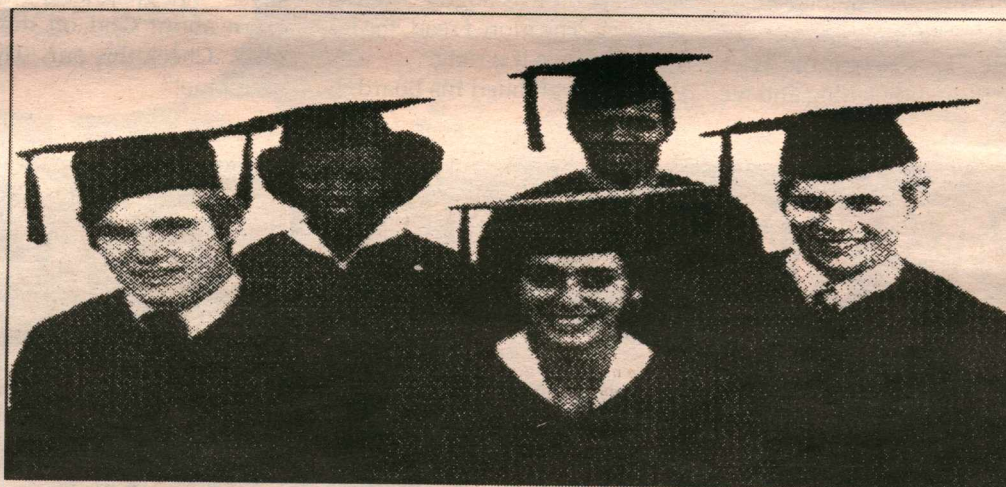
more than likely had the opportunity to talk to Doug for a moment.

And for Doug, that seems to be the element of his job that he likes the best--talking to the students as they come through the line and being able to make them smile and brighten their day. "I get to see a lot of faces, and after just a few days, they all seem familiar, so it's nice to be able to talk to the people who come through."

However, running a close second as favorite for Doug are the people he gets to work with. The students he is able to work side by side with and the other members of the Marriott crew are all like a second family for him.

"The people I work with are great and they create a fun atmosphere to work in," he stated.

As for the cooking and wearing the tall white chef's hat, Doug doesn't mind it. "It's a great job; it lets me meet a lot of friendly faces and talk to a lot of great people."



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# Skateboards and worship help spread God's Word

by Amy Oglevie

World News Staff Writer

VENTURA, CA - Skate Street: A warehouse plywood-paradise of ramps and curves for young skateboard and in-line skaters. Sweat and blood. Crash and burn. Philippians and Colossians? Here the Rev. Ryan Delameter holds worship every Tuesday night.

At Skate Street Park, teens ranging in ages from 12 to 18 skate free of charge, whereas normal rates for 3 hours are \$12. In return for admission, only one condition is set: the young skaters must sit quietly through a 15 minute devotional.

Delameter, Assembly of God minister, calls the program "Board for the Lord". Founded only seven months ago, the outreach ministry to the Southern California town near Los Angeles has almost tripled in size. With 120 teens in regular attendance, some youth feel "Board for the Lord" is making a difference in their lives.

"It's the right message at the right price," says 16 year-old Tyler Batten. "It's in our setting and we

learn about God."

While not all feel so positively, most agree that it's a small price to pay for an evening of skating. Morgan Bier, who adds with teenage pride that his last name means "beer" in German, comments, "It keeps kids off the streets and keeps people from yelling at us."

Rev. Ryan Delameter is not alone in his witness to the youth of Skate Street. Christian bands volunteer to come play while the teens are skating and help out with the lesson for the night.

Recently, Ryan Latham, a 21 year-old friend of Rev. Delameter, spoke to the group with an anti-drug message. As a former drug addict, Latham shared past experiences with the teens, with many relating personally to his account of drinking, crime and violence.

"I kinda lost hope," Latham recalled. "My friends suggested that I read the Bible. I didn't believe in God. They challenged me and I said it was bogus. I started reading. The more I read, the less I could prove it wrong."

As he grabbed his board, he

urged anyone who wanted to talk to catch up with him on the ramps. Latham is also an Assembly of God minister, working exclusively with youth.

As the Bible lessons end in prayer, some of the 120 teenagers sitting on skateboards take off their scuff-marked helmets and bow their heads. Although not worship in the traditional aspect, it is powerful worship in the spiritual aspect. Jesus himself said that where two or more are gathered there He would be also.

To many, "Board for the Lord" is the only exposure to the gospel they've known, and many are eager to hear the Good News.

For Pastor Ryan Delameter, the fun goes on as he continues to do two of the things he loves the most: skating with the kids and witnessing for the Lord. Both keep him healthy, energetic and on top of the game.

"We've been building friendships with these guys," Delameter says. "It's great letting the kids learn about God on their own level...Check this out. This is so awesome!"

# World News Briefs

by Jeremy Smith

World News Editor

## Naked man raids London church

LONDON, ENGLAND - Nov. 28 A naked man armed with a sword burst into a south London church during Mass Sunday and attacked members of the congregation.

Of the nine injured, six suffered stab wounds, while three others were hurt in the commotion when worshipers fled in panic from St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Thornton Heath, a London suburb.

Members of the congregation overpowered the man before the police arrived.

"I understand the priest was half way through Mass when the naked man came running in at the back of the church," said the Rev. Father William Agley, one of the priests in the parish. "He was shouting and brandishing a weapon which people described as a sword."

One of those injured underwent surgery, while two others were expected to undergo surgery. The three other stab victims received less serious injuries. The minor injuries included a broken leg and a sprained ankle.

Father Agley said the attacker was unknown to the priests in the parish, and members of the congregation said they had never seen him before.

"We really have no idea where he came from," Father Agley told reporters.

## Basque truce comes to an end

MADRID, SPAIN - The armed Basque separatist group ETA announced Sunday, November 28, the end to a 13-month truce.

ETA made the announcement in Sunday's edition of the Basque newspaper Gara. ETA also said that, with the end of the truce, it was now up to the group's armed commandos to decide what actions they would take.

The group, blamed for nearly 800 deaths from bombings and shootings carried out since 1968, called an indefinite cease-fire September 16, 1998.

The cease-fire ushered in a peace process that halted after an initial round of talks in May between the Spanish government and representatives of ETA failed to open the way for further dialogue.

ETA demanded that the negotiations include discussion of its demand for an independent Basque homeland centered in northern Spain and southern France.

The government of Prime Minister José Maria Aznar has ruled out any change in existing national boundaries and insisted that any negotiations be limited to the logistics of the group's demobilization and the fate of its prisoners.

ETA's name is a Basque language acronym meaning Basque Homeland and Freedom.

## Train collides with taxi, killing six

COMPTON, CA - Six people died Saturday night, November 27, when a taxicab collided with a commuter train south of Los Angeles.

The cab went through a red flashing warning signal and around a crossing gate and was hit by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Blue Line Train, says Compton Police Department Lieutenant Danny Sneed.

The cab broke in half and caught fire, Sneed said. All six people in the cab, four men and two women, died at the scene.

The train's conductor was the only one on board. She said she saw the taxi alongside her southbound train when the cab suddenly made a left turn in front of her, trying to beat the train across the tracks. She tried to stop but couldn't slow the train in time to avoid hitting the taxi.

According to Sneed, the conductor was shaken but didn't appear to be injured. She was taken to a local hospital for observation.

The accident occurred just after 11 pm along the Metrolink Blue Line, a 22-mile route between downtown Los Angeles and Long Beach.

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# Peace comes to North Ireland after thirty years

by Heather Oglevic

World News Staff Writer

After 30 long and tangled years of dispute, the internal strife of Northern Ireland may finally be put to rest. However, some tricky issues have yet to be settled, namely that of IRA disarmament, before any kind of political stability can be claimed.

Having been in Northern Ireland just this last summer, I have seen first-hand the effects of a few extreme individuals on the general population, the building-high murals depicting men in black masks, the Red Hand of Ulster and other warnings that Britain wishes to reclaim N. Ireland for its own. Now the troubles may finally be solved.

Pro-British and pro-Irish parties have finalized arrangements for a coalition government which will become fully operational Thursday, when Britain gives Northern Ireland its first taste of home rule in 25 years. They will nominate ministers to the board which is to serve this government on Monday the 28th.

Hopes are high on both sides, prompted by the approval of the British Ulster party, who seek reunification with the mainland, to

form a joint Protestant-British and Catholic-Irish government for the province.



The August 17, 1998 bombing of Omagh in North Ireland is just one of many incidences over the past 30 years that the people hope will come to an end with the movement towards peace.

David Trimble, the leader of the party, will take charge of the new government, which itself was created jointly with Separationist party Sinn Fein. But while Trimble seeks closer links to London due to an independent local Parliament, Sinn Fein cherishes hopes of uniting the country through the new all-Ireland Ministerial Council.

However, the entire peace hinges on a critical issue, the dis-

armament of the militant IRA party. Trimble has already stated that he refuses to head the new government unless the IRA voluntarily surrenders its weapons, and he has already written a post-dated letter of resignation which will be effected shortly unless some progress towards "decommissioning" has taken place.

Evoking mild surprise, the IRA expressed some willingness to disarm ten days ago, making a dramatic change in tactics. The IRA has agreed to appoint a go-between to work with disarmament authorities after the new governing council has been set in place.

Confidence is high that the hoped-for decommissioning will take place. However, some members of the Sinn Fein are less than pleased about the tactics of the

Ulster Unionists.

They claim that the other party has set deadlines without consulting them and that they have gone beyond the formulas to which they agreed when U.S. Senator George Mitchell chaired the peace talks.

To the Sinn Fein's chief negotiator the threat of resignation by Trimble seems to be planning for failure instead of the success which is needed for peace.

Martin McGuinness claims that disarmament must be a joint effort and that "[i]t is incumbent upon all of us now to put up the institutions, to make politics work and for politicians ... to create the conditions and the circumstances which will see armed groups voluntarily destroy their weapons."

On the other hand, Trimble seems to feel that the Ulsters have

given enough.

"We have done our bit, Mr. Adams," Trimble said Saturday to the leader of the Sinn Fein, "It is over to you. We jumped. You follow."

In the meantime, truces are continuing to hold despite the fact that they follow a 30-year period of strife which has claimed 3,600 lives. The new government will have a trial period of a few months; then the Ulsters will meet

*"We have done our bit, Mr. Adams. It is over to you. We jumped. You follow."*

*~David Trimble*

again to analyze the results and determine whether any sort of self-rule will work in troubled Northern Ireland.

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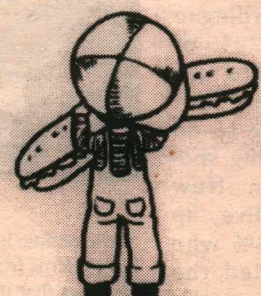
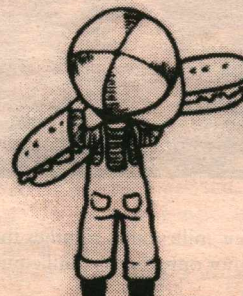
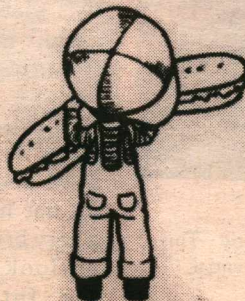
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# The world faces the promises and fears of the

by Brooke Humphrey  
Crusader Cover Story Editor

## As the new millennium quickly approaches, we take a look at what people are doing to celebrate and to prepare

As I sat down to begin to tackle this story on Y2K, I realized that I had become pretty much out of touch with current news and opinions on the subject. Whatever concerns I may have harbored about the new millennium and its looming threats, had given way to worries over classes and my job and other daily problems. A couple of years ago, the millennium was such an exciting thing. My friends and I had all planned on going to Times Square until the Y2K bug fear hit and we decided that if the airlines were not up and running, we would not want to be stuck in New York City with a gazillion people in the freezing cold. We decided that if we had to be stuck anywhere, we would like to be stuck in Hawaii. That plan didn't pan out either, however, and my excitement over New Years Eve has dwindled as my plans now consist of spending time with my family in our bunker in the California desert.

It seems that all the excitement over the millennium has died down a bit, according to CNN, "72% of Americans say they are not planning to do 'something special' on New Years's Eve, up from 63% who responded the same way in January." Many

people think the change in attitude over the millennium is due to the undue hype it has received for the past few years.

We have been bombarded by the media's attempt to capitalize on this big event. Even cockroach spray has claimed to be the "official killer of the millennium bug." Commercials ask us if we are Y2K okay, or they use the Y2K disaster theme in their mini-plots. Made-for-TV movies show apocalyptic futures and the radio blares "Willennium."

However, regardless of how sick of hearing about the millennium you are, it is impossible to ignore it. There are so many feelings connected to the year 2000. Nonchalance and disinterest are all you may feel about it, but for some, it evokes excitement and even fear.

Some people believe that the new millennium meant the end of the world simply because of the date change. For some reason, 2000 seems significant to them. Yet for most people, the fear started with the news of the Y2K bug. The Y2K bug has to do with computer technology. When programmers were putting computer chips together,

most of them used a two-digit code for year dates instead of a four-digit code. When the year 2000 comes, the speculation is that programs which have been coded with two-digit year codes won't know the difference between the years 2000 and 1900. If the program has time-sensitive calculations, the results are unpredictable.

Because of the fact that most of the world is now very dependent on technology and because many people (myself included) don't know a whole lot about computer programming, news that computer systems could potentially fail is a frightening and uncertain thing.

This brought about an apocalyptic response for some. In three weeks I visited three different all of which were preaching from Revelation. Maybe it was just a coincidence, but an end-time feeling has definitely been prevalent for the last couple of years.

On his Y2K website the self titled "Y2K Weatherman" says, "I call it like I see it. Americans love happy endings. They aren't familiar with the genre of tragedy Y2K is a tragedy. It is a colossal tragedy. The Y2K bug will affect your life like it or not...the light at the end of the tunnel may be a train headed in our direction, but you can get off the tracks." This view is not the most common one.

However some people do not have a very bright outlook on the future that Y2K

could potentially bring with it. When asked what she thought would happen at the millennium, Becky Brudnock said, "Everybody

and other supplies stored up. On their website located at [www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com), USA Today states that "Americans are increasingly confident the year 2000 won't spoil their New Year's Eve weekend. Yet the number of people who are taking precautions has risen in the past few months." They reported that over half the people surveyed will avoid air travel and will document their current financial holdings. 40% plan to stockpile food and 28% plan to stockpile gasoline.

Most people are advised to be prepared for minor complications. Actually, as a prepared individual, it is wise to always have extra water, nonperishable food items and extra blankets on hand, but now the realization of this is getting more attention.

Jenn Edmonds said, "I think people should be prepared, but they shouldn't make such a big deal of it."

When asked what he would do to prepare for the millennium, Shad Cole responded, "I'm not worried about Y2K because I know a lot of people who are stocking up. I'm just going to mooch off of them. I might also capitalize on Pez candy for resale."

Ryan Etter wasn't too concerned about it either, "People are making too big a deal out of it. It is just another date change. But just in case, I'm keeping my guns clean and my ammunition ready."

Jessica Cunningham is not pessimistic about the coming millennium, but she is looking forward to it. "I'm looking forward to it because so many people are concerned about all the problems about Y2K that I think they overlook all that this next year has to offer."

The American Red Cross has some good tips on how to be prepared for a potential problem on



The official logo of the United States Government's Y2K website. The government's goal is to keep people informed on what is happening, but they won't know too much themselves until they see how New Zealand is affected on January 1st. For the time being they are saying that it is best to have some supplies on hand but not to go overboard.

is going straight to [hades] at the stroke of midnight."

John Deale said, "The world will be chaos, just like in the movie 'Y2K.' I watched it, I'm informed, I'm ready to go."

These types of feelings lead to a scramble for whatever life is left in the present. Eric Emmert said, "the world is coming to an end and I'm not dying a virgin." By the way, his number is 8513.

In all seriousness though, the apocalyptic feelings are in the minority now, and as more rational feelings and plans are the norm. TIME reported that only 10% of

the people in their survey showed a lot of concern over the Y2K bug. More people (28%) were not concerned at all. The overwhelming majority of those surveyed (61%) showed little to some concern over the Y2K bug.

However, whether they are concerned or not, even the most average folks have begun to prepare for potential disaster. Most families already have some water

*"72% of Americans say they are not planning to do 'something special' on New Years's Eve"*



Some people believe that the new millennium signifies the end of the world. This belief stems from the arrival of not only the new millennium, but the potential disasters that it brings.



# of the coming millennium & what it signifies



While some people fear Y2K will bring the worst. Most have gone the rational route of being cautious and prepared, but not paranoid.

their website, [www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/y2k.html](http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/y2k.html). They advise checking with manufacturers to see if your fire and security alarms, programmable thermostats and anything else with an "embedded chip" may be affected. They have a Y2K preparedness checklist which includes stocking disaster supplies to last several days to a week for you and your family members, (these include nonperishable foods, water, and medications you regularly use), having some extra cash on hand, keeping your automobile gas tank above half full, and having extra blankets, coats, hats and gloves to keep warm.

Overall, not too many people are seriously worried. The prevailing advice is to prepare as if there were a big storm forecast. Computer experts and governments around the world will be on watch, so don't worry too much. So, what is there left to do? After you have taken care of all the items on your checklist, it is time to PARTY!

Excitement is the second big

emotion which is sweeping the world in the face of the new millennium. Back in 1992 *TIME* predicted that people should already have begun making reservations.

*"What bothers me are the paranoid apocalyptic fears which the coming of a new millenium brings with it, compounded by the coincidental appearance of the Y2K bug on the eve of the new year."*

However, even excitement has died down and more and more people are now opting for the usual New Year's at home.

Jonathan Brown said "I'm going to a party at my friend's house like I always do." Megan Jones plans on "going to the beach with friends." Liz Mount said she didn't know what she was going to do but, "it will definitely be fun!" Stephanie Hall and Laura Svetly said they plan to "hunker in a bomb shelter and play cards." Sara Cunningham was optimistic, "I bet everyone will start making out when the clock strikes midnight. At least, I hope that is what we'll be doing." Nikolai Yunge said, "I'll probably be on desk, so come visit if you're here." Paul Clark has big plans, "I'm going to fly around the world and celebrate the New Year in every time zone." However, he also admitted, "I do that every year."

*TIME* has tracked down some more interesting things which people will be doing come December 31st. For instance, in Las Vegas, Nevada, Barbara Streisand will put on a concert, along with other entertainers such as Elton John, Bette Midler and Celine Dion.

In Sydney, Australia, there will be a big firework display over the Sydney Harbor Bridge. Near 100,000 people are expected in Newfoundland, Canada on St. John's Coast, where onlookers will be the first to see the new millennium in North America. About 96 passengers are expected to fly around the world in 18 days on the Concorde. 50,000 are expected to watch a helicopter put a golden pyramid on the biggest pyramid in Giza, Egypt. Over one million people are expected in Times Square. The Champ's Elysees also boasts expectations of over one million for their 24 giant Ferris wheels show.

When asked if their plans for New Year's were bigger than usual, smaller than usual or about the same as usual, the overwhelming percent (72) said that their plans were about the same. 19% said bigger, 8% said smaller.

It is as if we are ready for an un-eventful New Year's after all the hype and nonsense that we have been bombarded with for the past few years. Maybe it is good that the new millenium was so built up. Maybe if nothing uneventful happens we will realize the true blessing of another year. Perhaps this is the reason people are bagging paranoia and huge galas and opting for the simple celebration of toasting in the New Year among the things and people they really care about.

## An Opinion on the New Millennium

by Will Brown  
Crusader Copy Editor

The humorous thing about the coming of the new millenium and all of the hype surrounding it is that, technically, it doesn't begin until 2001.

Bear with me for a moment while I explain myself. There was no year 0. Rather, 0 represents a division between the so-called pre-Christian and Christian eras. The first year of the first millenium of our era, then, was the year 1.

Now consider this: if a decade consists of ten years, then the first decade of our era did not end until the end of the year ten, not the beginning. Similarly, the first century did not end until after the first 100 years had passed. The second century did not begin, then, until 101 A.D.

The same principle applies to the millenium. Given that a

millenium consists of 1000 years, it would not be appropriate to say that the first millenium had ended until after the end of the 1000th year. The second millenium, the millenium in which we now live, will not end, then, until the end of the 2000th year, which will only just begin in a month's time. The new millenium, then, will not begin until 2001.



This lollipop featuring a "Y2K bug" shows how manufacturers have been trying to capitalize on the new year. Companies have claimed to have everything from the official candy to the official car of the millennium.

I wholly support the festivities which the alleged turning of the millenium is spawning. I think it's a great thing that, within a brief twenty-four hour period, the entire world will unite in celebration. I imagine that the festivities in the wake of 2000 will be the most intense of the millenium.

What bothers me are the paranoid apocalyptic fears which the coming of a new millenium brings with it, compounded by the coincidental appearance of the Y2K bug on the eve of the new year.

I am not a big fan of fear, and it disturbs me that this accidental coincidence, based partially on a mathematical understanding, could do so much to undermine our security on the eve of what could be a great celebration.

What is my pointing in saying all of this? I am not trying to be a wet blanket. If it means bringing the world together for one day in festive celebration, then by all means, lets welcome the new millenium, but if we begin concocting absurd apocalyptic notions based on a misinformed coincidence, then maybe we need more wet blankets.

So on the eve of January 1st, 2000, lets put all of our energies into bringing a little bit of good into the world, and lets look forward to the promise of another year here on earth.



Talk of the new millennium can usually mean anything from plans for parties and thoughts of the potential it holds to fear of the disaster it might bring.

# Faith: a crutch for the weak-minded

by Chad Cray  
Crusader Staff Writer

Over the last couple of weeks I have been thinking about faith. Our world is swarming with people who firmly believe that there is a God. This persistent belief in God is so strong in some people that they would be willing to die for it, or, in some cases, to kill for it.

Every day, people place their beliefs above the beliefs of others. Take, for example, Mormonism as it is viewed on our campus. Most people here at NNU are pretty quick to point out all of the flaws of the book of Mormon, but they are blind to all of the flaws in the Bible. So, what makes Nazarenes (or any other religion) more right than Mormons?

The more I think about faith and the impact it has on people, the more disgusted I am by it. According to the American Heritage College Dictionary, faith is a "belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence." In other words, to have faith in something, you have to believe in something that you I would not see or know about.

People say that they have faith in Jesus Christ, and that is okay, but if you have faith in Allah, you are wrong. The person who believes in Christ has no evi-

dence that Jesus is the Son of God, and the person who believes in Allah has no proof that Allah really exists. So, who is right? Neither person has any more proof than the other because neither one has any proof at all. If they did have proof, they would no longer have faith.

To have faith in one specific idea is ridiculous. People who have faith in something have chosen to accept and to believe in an idea that they do not know is true. How is it possible that a person could believe in something so strongly, yet have no way of knowing that they are right? Furthermore, how can a person believe so strongly that he feels a deep need to convince others of your unfounded beliefs?

An illustration of my point is that of a person shopping for a car over the internet. This person finds a list of cars with brief descriptions by them. After looking through the list, he decides to buy a car. After paying for the car, he is directed to the lot where he can pick it up. To his horror, the car he bought is a burned-up piece of junk which will never run again.

In a case like this, most of us would be inclined to say that this person deserves what he got. Who on earth would buy a car before having seen it or investigating it? So, while we won't buy a

car before proving that it is worth buying, we will most certainly believe in a religion before we know it to be true. To make things worse, we will even try to make others believe in the same unfounded things we do.

Two more things I would like to point out are that Pascal's wager is impractical and that one should neither be atheist nor theist.

Pascal's wager says that, by believing in God, one may gain eternal life or lose nothing, while by not believing in God, one may gain nothing or lose eternal life. The problem with this is, what God do you believe in? If you believe in Jesus but Marduk ends up being the real god, you are screwed. This makes Pascal's wager just that: a wager with odds much worse than the Publisher's Clearing House sweepstakes, and have any of you won that yet?

Something I find annoying is that people feel the need to tell me that by not having faith in God, I have faith that there is no God. This is not true. I do not claim to know if there is or is not a god; I claim to *not* know if there is or is not one. All I claim is that I do not know the answer.

Now that I have outlined why I think faith is such a bad idea, I would like to propose an

alternative: hope. While I do not believe any theological ideas to be

*...faith promotes the idea that one person is right and that people who believe differently are wrong.*

true, I do hope that some of them are. For instance, I hope that Jesus was what he claimed to be. Hoping for something instead of having faith in it has its benefits. When you hope for something to be true, there is still a lot of room for uncertainty. Placing faith in something restricts what you believe, but hoping for something to be true allows you to be open to other possibilities.

Perhaps the best thing about hope is that it does not impress on people the need to make others hold the same hopes as you do. It is not possible for both a Jewish person and a Christian to be right in all of their beliefs. This tends to create a tension between the religions, and the result is evangelism. If people were to use

hope instead of faith, no such tension would exist between different religions. It is entirely possible for one person to hope that Jesus is God and for another person to hope that Allah is God because these are personal choices.

By saying that you have faith in a particular god, you are stating a possible truth which usually denies the existence of other truths. On the other hand, if you say that you hope that a particular god is the right one, then you are merely stating your opinion, and, as we learned in grade school, opinions cannot be right or wrong; they are just personal preferences for certain things.

To sum all of this up, faith promotes the idea that one person is right and that people who believe differently are wrong. This kind of thinking often leads to the persecution of those who think differently from us, especially when those people make up a minority of our society.

In contrast to faith, hope enables people to choose ideas and religions which they like while remaining open to other possibilities. So, while I do not believe in God, it sure would be nice if Jesus was the real thing, and so I am going to cross my fingers and hope He will be waiting for me when I die, but if He isn't, then I'll have to settle with whatever I find.

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## Walk into a new relationship

by Kevin Padden  
Crusader Guest Writer

Confession time. I've stolen some things, not from NNU mind you, but from the people who have been crazy enough to be my friends. I've stolen a lot over my lifetime. What I've stolen has not been anything of economic worth, but I've stolen the chance for people to tell me something of who they are.

Because of my bad mood I have lost the opportunity on many occasions to let people know that I care where they are and where they are going.

I don't know what makes people click exactly. There is something there. Maybe its something as little as circumstance. I think the fact is that we don't know half the people we could know, and the people we do know, we could know better. I've had some weird friends over time.

In 8th grade I had a friend

named Zach. He was 6'2, he had a full beard, in 8th grade! To make a long story short, he was kind of my "stoner" groups bodyguard.

I understand that everyone has his or her bad and good days. It makes me wonder, though, where I might be if I really knew so and so. What if I knew THAT guy? Would I be changed?

Maybe his problems in life mirror mine and I've never known it. I'm thankful that my Mom met my Dad and they clicked (insert joke here). Otherwise where would I be?

*...there has to be a reason why Marilyn Manson has a wife...*

Being socially selective should one of our biggest fears. I think that it really is true that you can't judge a book by its cover. There has got to be something there under our masks.

There has to be a reason why Marilyn Manson has a wife. Aside from his ability to put on mascara. Maybe if we had someone to tell us that we looked good, we wouldn't always need to be looking in the mirror, ourselves.

You don't even have to know yourself to know other people. You could blindly walk into a relationship, guard lowered, and come out with a friend. That's a neat concept. Oops, I have a new friend.

The moral of the story should be that men shouldn't be afraid to cry, and women shouldn't be afraid to hold them, or vice versa, even if the person that you are talking to is someone who don't know too well. Barry Warren cries in my arms on almost a daily basis.

# Sodexho-Marriott leaves a bad taste in your mouth

by Abe Walton  
Crusader Guest Writer

I would like to discuss meal plan requirements at NNU. Although I think that Student Development is doing a great job in most areas, there are some things I think are unfair and that could be handled differently.

The main problem that must come under attack deals with requiring all students who live on campus to pay for a meal plan, especially upperclassmen. The most obvious reason that this is wrong, (and I think 99.9% of all students would agree) and because Marriott food is terrible. Nowhere have I encountered more incidences of food poisoning in such a short amount of time, and I know many of my friends have had the same problem. The fact is, the food is NEVER hot, and, in most cases is old, stale and just waiting to make someone sick. It is a scientific fact that most cooked foods contain microscopic organisms that can cause botulism if kept at luke-

warm temperatures until served, especially rice and meats. Instead of keeping this food at luke-warm temperatures all day, they should be kept at refrigerated temperatures and heated or nuked when ready to be served (not to mention the fact that it would sure taste better hot). This would also prevent certain foods from becoming stale, as many foods do throughout the day.

Marriott seems to intentionally ignore all that students have to say, even though it would only take a few simple changes to make it better. Why do they insist on trying to create all of these so-called masterpieces which look great sitting in the food line (or at least they think so)? If they would only get back to the basics, the good food which they know people will eat. They put so much time into decorations, how perfect the lettuce and parsley look on the bar, instead of how the food tastes or how hot the food is.

Another reason is that the seating arrangement this year is

pathetic. You cannot sit anywhere without people bumping you, shoving you into your food, or spilling their food on you because it is so crammed. They expect the whole campus to sit in only two thirds of the area which used to be available to us.

Those are some major issues which Student Development should consider before requiring students to be on the meal plan. However, the main reason for this entire debate is that students cannot afford it, because it is already expensive enough to attend this university. Many of us simply cannot afford to pay for an expensive food service, especially one which is terrible. The financial break it would give to those of us who have been extended too far financially already would be great. It is noteworthy, that Student Development is concerned with those students that would nearly cease to eat because they

couldn't afford food either way, but I do not think they should penalize all of us to prevent a few cases of anorexia. There are other ways to search out and help those in dire need. They can be offered more financial aid to assist with the meal plan or counseling.

Furthermore, in no way do I ever eat \$700.00 worth of food in a term. My family of five never spends over \$600.00 per month for food, and this includes eating out and having friends over. I realize that this amount includes having someone else do the cooking, but some of us would rather cook for ourselves and have the facilities to do so.

I think anyone who has a stove in his or her apartment (Corlett and Olsen) should not be required to pay for a meal plan, even a partial one, unless they choose to. They can cook their own food for a fraction of the cost, and it would most likely reduce

the cases of botulism. I realize that people can petition to be released from this requirement, but they usually have to show a financial need.

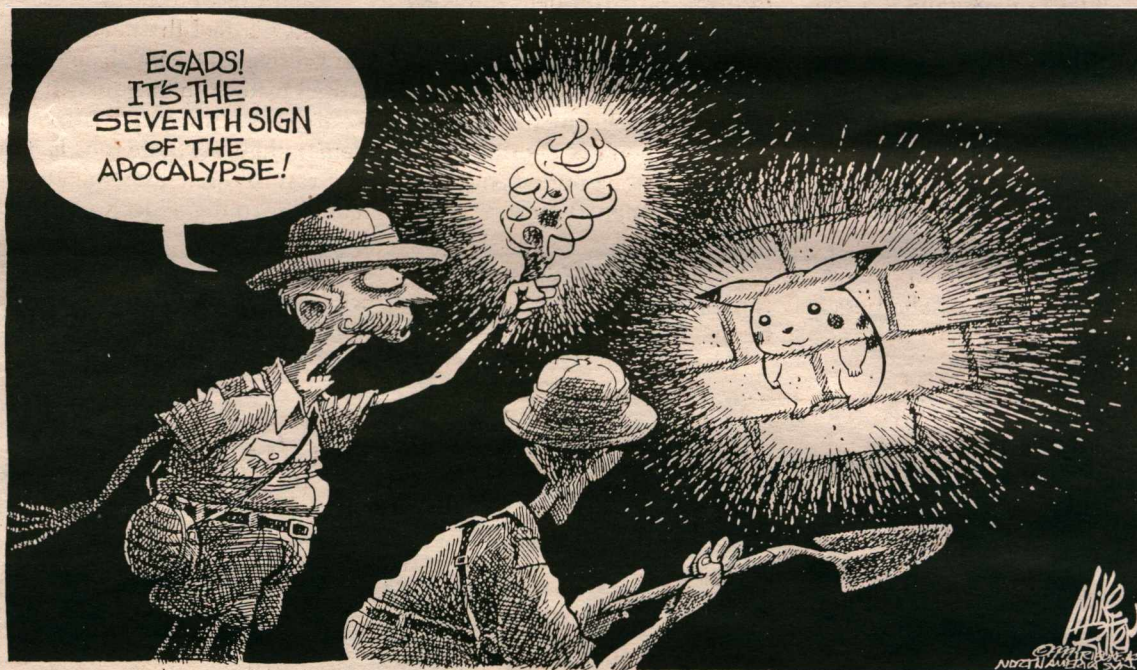
Some people may be able to pay for this service, but does that mean that they have to, just because they can? No. That's wrong. Many times, other family members go without, or parents put their dreams on hold for funds spent on unnecessary services.

They would still be better off if they were able to simply withdraw from a meal plan, without having to petition. For students like this, they may opt to buy a smaller meal plan, but it still does not address the poor food service, or the waste of funds. Most will simply eat cold cereal or a bagel, even for dinner, because the food is so rotten. At approximately \$15 a day, that is one expensive bowl of cereal!

## Staff Infection

Open it! Open it! Open it! ... There was some kind of spit in it. Something is knocking to get out... It was middlish... Ooh. Ahh... Alleluia!... Whose orange peel is this? ... Here Willary... This stuff is dumb, back it goes... Brooke, can we put the pink hat back in? I'm going to lock this baby back up... Do I have to? ... Change it to Jeremy's briefs. I mean, if you're going to be absurd, let's go to the limit... I don't know, but I just

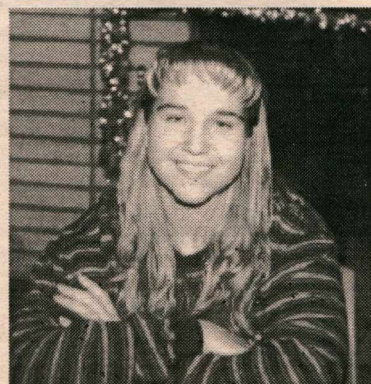
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## Your Turn

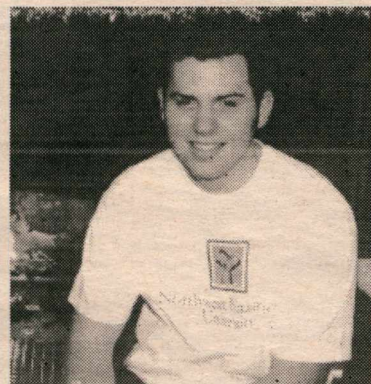
Random answers from random people on random issues:

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Sandra Loughmiller Senior Nampa, ID

"I am going to be in a wedding in Seattle, then I am going to be in California with my family."



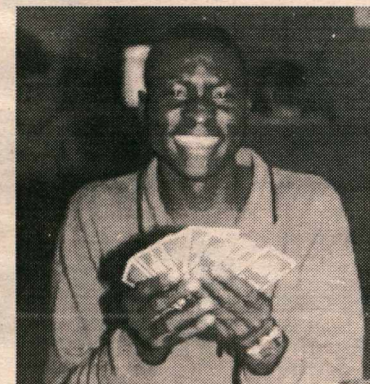
Ben Middleton Freshman Sacramento, CA Youth Ministries

"Working and hanging out with friends."



Sarah Pearson Junior Placerville, CA Biology

"Nothing. Absolutely Nothing. Except for wrapping gifts. Other than that, nothing."



Doussi Nguerdjeoubel Freshman Ndjamen, Chad Gen. Studies

"I will be training for track season during the Christmas Break."

# Crusader men sweep Homecoming; now 4-0

by Craig Craker  
Crusader News Staff Writer

The NNU men's basketball team has started the season right. Coming off the worst season in recent memory, the team is looking much different this year behind new starters Jeff Nielson and James Thomas. The team looks to continue building on the success they began last weekend as they played host to Trevecca Nazarene on Friday night.

NNU started a little slowly but still held the lead at 11-8, until Nielson scored seven points during an 11-2 run that gave the 'Saders a 22-10 advantage. Nielson led the way in the first half, shooting 6-7 from the field and scoring 15 points as NNU took a 49-39 lead into halftime. Trevecca used a 9-0 run over the end of the first half and the start of the second half to cut the lead to 49-43 before LaMark Judkins and Thomas took over.

Thomas nailed a pair of three-pointers and added a lay-in that was followed by a Judkins three-ball as the shot clock expired to give NNU a 60-44 lead, further inciting an already raucous crowd. The three pointers

continued to fall the rest of the way as Elijah Effinger and Jon Bussell each added one of their own to push the lead to 87-71.

In all NNU made eight three-pointers in the second half as they cruised to the 95-77 win. Judkins led all scorers with 17, including 5-8 from downtown. Thomas added 14 points with 12 coming in the second half. Jeremy Stockett poured in 12 points and had 9 boards, and Josh Coopriider had 5 assists.

Following the win Coach Rich Sanders said, "You couldn't ask for a better way to start after last year, to get our confidence going and belief in our system and each other."

On Saturday night, NNU hosted Cal State Monterey Bay. The Otters, who won 27 games en-route to a national tournament bid, barely resembled that former team following a 37-point loss to Albertson the previous night.

The Otters, who use a five-

guard lineup, caused some match-up problems as our post players Stockett and Nielson had to guard against three-pointers.

*"You couldn't ask for a better way to start after last year, to get our confidence going and belief in our system, and each other"*

~Rich Sanders

But early on it did not hurt us as Thomas and Bussell hit three pointers and Coopriider nailed three threes in a row to make it 19-15. NNU went on a 10-2 run to take a 29-17 lead and led comfortably the rest of the half, despite an 80-foot buzzer beater by Jon Breazeal to end the half and cut the lead to 47-33.

In the second half the 'Saders looked a little bit flat as though they did not have much emotion. Though the 'Saders pushed the lead to twenty at 59-39 with 14:48 remaining, they were outplayed the rest of the half as the Otters could seemingly do no wrong.

The Otters went on a 19-10 run to cut it to 69-58.

Then, in the last five minutes, the Otters put together another run to cut it to 82-79 with 47.3 seconds left. Coopriider made one of two free-throws to push it to 83-79. Following a pair of free-throws, the Otters cut it to 83-81.

Kelly Herron went to the line with a chance to make the win certain, but only made 1 of 2, giving the Otters one last chance. Following an errant shot, Thomas grabbed the rebound to ice the game and the 'Saders went on to win 86-81.

James Thomas said, "Though we did not play very well in the second half, we can still use this experience to our benefit for upcoming games against tough teams."

Stockett led NNU with 18 points and five boards, Bussell

added 16, Coopriider had 15 and 6 assists and Thomas added 11 points. With the win, NNU improves to 4-0 for the season. The team goes to Colorado for two this weekend and will host Montana State Billings on Monday the 6th at 7:00 pm.



Clyde the Crusader takes a break from cheering on the men Crusaders in Saturday's game.

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# Lady 'Saders take Homecoming tournament

by Heather Doncaster  
Crusader News Staff Writer

This Homecoming weekend, if you happened to attend a Lady Crusader basketball game, you got a great show. The two visiting teams who challenged the ladies were tough, but they were no match for the depth and talent of our 'Saders. With one game ending in overtime and the next ending with a thirty point victory, there was never a dull moment on the court.

On Friday night, the team to beat was Central Washington University. In the first half, the ladies hit 48 percent from the floor to start out with a 34-28 half-time lead. Even with a lead going in at the half, the Lady 'Saders knew the fight was far from over. In the second half, the lead went back and forth eight times. Coach Roger Schmidt said after the game, "We knew we were in for a dog fight, and a dog fight it was. Lady 'Saders win the championship in Homecoming tournament."

Late in the game, with a 63-61 lead, it looked like NNU might pull away with the win. Central, however, found a way to answer

With only four seconds remaining in the game, a Central player threw up an amazing off-balance shot which somehow made its way in the basket. That final shot sent the game into overtime at 63 apiece.

In overtime, Central quickly grabbed the lead with a couple of free throws, but it was Staci Kirk-Carter who answered with a baseline shot. The next time down the court, following a shot by Central, it was Kirk-Carter again, but this time she hit her third three pointer of the game. After that it was all NNU. A few free throws by Jessica Knowlton, another jumper by Kirk-Carter and a final two free throws by Amber Hellburg helped seal the win at 75-71. The high scorer for the game was Staci Kirk-Carter with an impressive 27 points and 10 rebounds. Chelsey Hall also added 12 points and Alison Kirk pulled down 8 rebounds.

With that heart-stopping game behind them, the Lady 'Saders knew they had to focus for Saturday's championship game against their rival, Albertson. The 'Saders came out strong, winning the opening half of the game with free-throws and

rebounds.

NNU shot 13-15 at the line and grabbed 28 boards to Albertson's 17. In the beginning of the game, Albertson hung on and didn't let the 'Saders pull away, but with about five minutes left in the half, NNU came alive. The Lady 'Saders went on a 17-4 run to finish the half. They took control as they grabbed rebounds, shot free throws and outshot the 'Yotes to close the half.

When play resumed in the second half, NNU went on another shooting spree. They scored eight points in a 24-13 surge to make their lead jump to 68-40. From then on it was smooth sailing for the 'Saders. Albertson had many problems in the game, but a big one was the way NNU was crashing the boards. The Lady 'Saders were all over the place hustling and out-rebounding the 'Yotes 55-36. An impressive 14 of NNU's 15 players grabbed rebounds. This was lead by point guard Stephanie Imhof who ripped down an amazing ten boards.

Coach Schmidt stated that this game was one of the best his team had played so far, and one in which everyone was a con-

tributor. Staci Kirk-Carter led the Crusaders with 18 points and eight rebounds. Jaime Smith also added 13 and Heather Doncaster tossed in ten. The final score of the game was 87 to 57.

With these two wins under their belt, the Crusaders have a much-needed confidence going into their next two games, a double-header next Saturday with Westminster at noon and Warner Pacific at 7:30. These two games should be as exciting as the last, so mark these games on your calendar and come cheer on your



Senior Staci Kirk-Carter drives down the baseline, looking for the basket. Kirk-Carter scored a total of 45 points this weekend.

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# Sleepy Hollow brings original story back to its roots

## Sleepy Hollow

starring  
**Johnny Depp**  
**Christina Ricci**

Reviewed by  
**Jeremy Brooks**

Crusader Rating



Of all the movies that have come out lately, the most interesting one is the new Tim Burton movie starring Johnny Depp entitled *Sleepy Hollow*. As you probably remember these two teamed up several years ago to make the classic movie *Edward Scissorhands*. Tim Burton also made the Christmas favorite, *A Nightmare Before Christmas* which received much attention.

There were many things that interested me when I first saw the previews. First is the fact that I

used to read the children's version of this classic many times when I was young and the Washington Irving classic a few times when I was older. Also, I love horror movies, especially really violent and bloody ones. Any movie with blood spraying everywhere and heads being decapitated gets an automatic two thumbs up from me.

At the beginning of the movie we meet Ichabod Crane, who is a murder investigating Constable from New York City. Ichabod's determination to practice "modern forensics" lands him the job of being the investigator of three bizarre murders in the northern town of Sleepy Hollow.

Upon reaching Sleepy Hollow, Ichabod ventures to the residence of the town's chief citizen, the Burgermeister. At the house he meets the burgermeister's daughter and the rest of the leading characters. These characters are the town priest, the town notary, the town doctor and the local magistrate. Ichabod questions them on the happenings of the murders and information or leads that they might have on who the murderer is. They inform

him that they know the murderer is the Headless Horseman, which Ichabod finds rather ridiculous.

Ichabod inquires more into the legend of the horseman, and finds out that he was a Hessian sent by the British to enforce the Americans during the revolution. This Hessian was killed, beheaded and buried by American soldiers in the "haunted" West Woods.

Upon the fourth murder, Ichabod gets thrown a twist. He is informed that this was actually the fifth murder, one was hidden from public view. After receiving this information, Ichabod is even more curious and anxious to solve the mystery. After examining the murdered bodies, Ichabod begins to develop an idea for what is going on, and he slowly begins to piece together the puzzle.

With the assistance of a kid orphaned by the latest murder and the daughter of the burgermeister, Ichabod sets forth to go into the West Woods to find out whatever he can. In the woods they come across a witch living in a cave who gives a significant clue. She tells him where he can find the grave of the head-

less horseman, and the rather unique "tree of the dead." He finds the grave and discovers the head is stolen.

Ichabod begins to find more clues to the mystery, and finds a rather interesting pattern relating the murder victims together and showing that there are no random murders by the horseman.

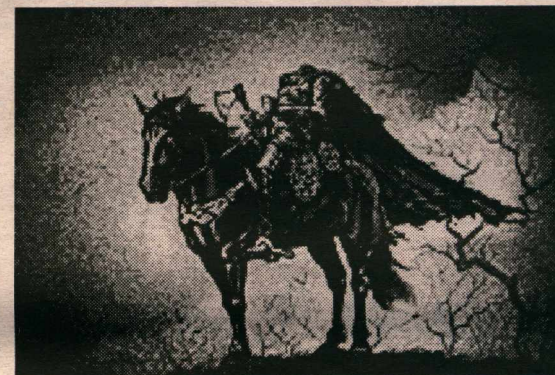
There were changes made in the character of Ichabod Crane. He went from the nerdy school teacher in the children's movie version to the neurotic man you see in *Hollow*. The revised character is much more realistic and true to the original version, which made the film more enjoyable. I really liked how Ichabod got so scared a few times that he actually fainted.

I also really liked the subplots which were placed throughout the movie.

One of these plots involved dreams Ichabod had about his mother. She was killed by her hus-

band, a priest, in order to "save her soul from hell." This made Ichabod lose all faith in God and instead develop a rational and reasonable view of life. This was interesting because nothing that happened in *Sleepy Hollow* was rational or reasonable.

Throughout the movie, all of the intricacies of the plot, and the well acted, gory murder scenes kept me on the edge of my seat. The acting skill of Johnny Depp, combined with the dark and creepy directing style of Tim Burton made this movie worth watching. I would recommend it to anyone who appreciates old horror tales or just likes scary movies.



# My son's college apartment has a pleasant pepperoni motif

So I visited my son at college on Parents Weekend, which is a nice event that colleges hold so that parents will have a chance to feel old.

I started feeling old the moment I got to my son's housing unit and saw a sign on the door that said: END WORLD HUNGER TODAY. This reminded me that there was a time in my life, decades ago, when I was so full of energy that I was going to not only END WORLD HUNGER, but also STOP WAR and ELIMINATE RACISM. Whereas today my life goals, to judge from the notes I leave myself, tend to be along the lines of BUY DETERGENT.

I felt even older when I entered my son's apartment, which he shares with three roommates and approximately 200 used pizza boxes. When I was a college student, we also accumulated used pizza boxes, but we threw them away after a reasonable period of time (six weeks). Whereas my son and his roommates apparently plan to keep theirs forever. Maybe they believe that a wealthy used-box collector will come to the door

and say, "If you can produce a box used to deliver pizza on the night of Sept. 12, 1999, I'll pay you thousands of dollars for it!" Because they WILL have that box on file.

They keep their pizza boxes in the kitchenette, which is also where they keep their food supply, which is an open jar containing a wad of peanut butter as hard as a bowling ball. You may be wondering: "What happens if a burglar breaks into the kitchenette and steals their pizza boxes?" Do not worry. They keep a reserve supply of pizza boxes in the living room, and if a burglar tried to get THOSE, he'd trip over the cord that stretches across the room from the TV to the video-game controller held by a young man who is permanently installed on the sofa. This young man is not one of my son's roommates; for all I know, he's not even a student. But he is stationed in the living room 24 hours a day, focused on the video game, although he always gives you a polite "Hi" when you walk through the room and step over his cord. I'm not familiar with the game he's

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playing, but I noticed, as I stepped over the cord, that the screen said: "YOU HAVE BEEN AWARDED EIGHT THUNDERS." Maybe this has something to do with world hunger. After passing through the living room, I stuck my head into my son's bedroom. I was reluctant to enter, because then I'd have been walking on my son's clothes. He keeps them on the floor, right next to the bureau. (I don't know what he keeps in the bureau. My guess is: pizza boxes.) My son assured me that, even though his garments appear to be one big intertwined pile, he knows which are clean and which are dirty.

"Like, this one is clean," he said, picking a garment off the floor, "and this one is clean, and this one is ... never mind."

There were no sheets on my son's bed. Asked about this, he explained (this was the entire explanation): "They came off a

couple of weeks ago."

I'm not complaining about my son's housekeeping. He is Martha Stewart compared with the student who occupied his bedroom last year. According to true campus legend, when this student moved out, his laundry was so far beyond human control that he simply abandoned it. As a kind of tribute, his roommates took a pair of his briefs outside, climbed a lamppost and stretched the briefs over the lamp. They remain there today, a monument to the courage and dedication it takes to put underpants on a lamppost. I was gazing up at them in admiration when a student said to me: "That's the cleanest they've ever been."

Not all student rooms look like my son's. Some are occupied by females. If you stand outside the building, you notice that those rooms have curtains and pictures on the walls; whereas the males' rooms have all been painstakingly decorated with: nothing. The only designer touches are lines of bottles, and the occasional tendril of laundry peeking coyly over a window

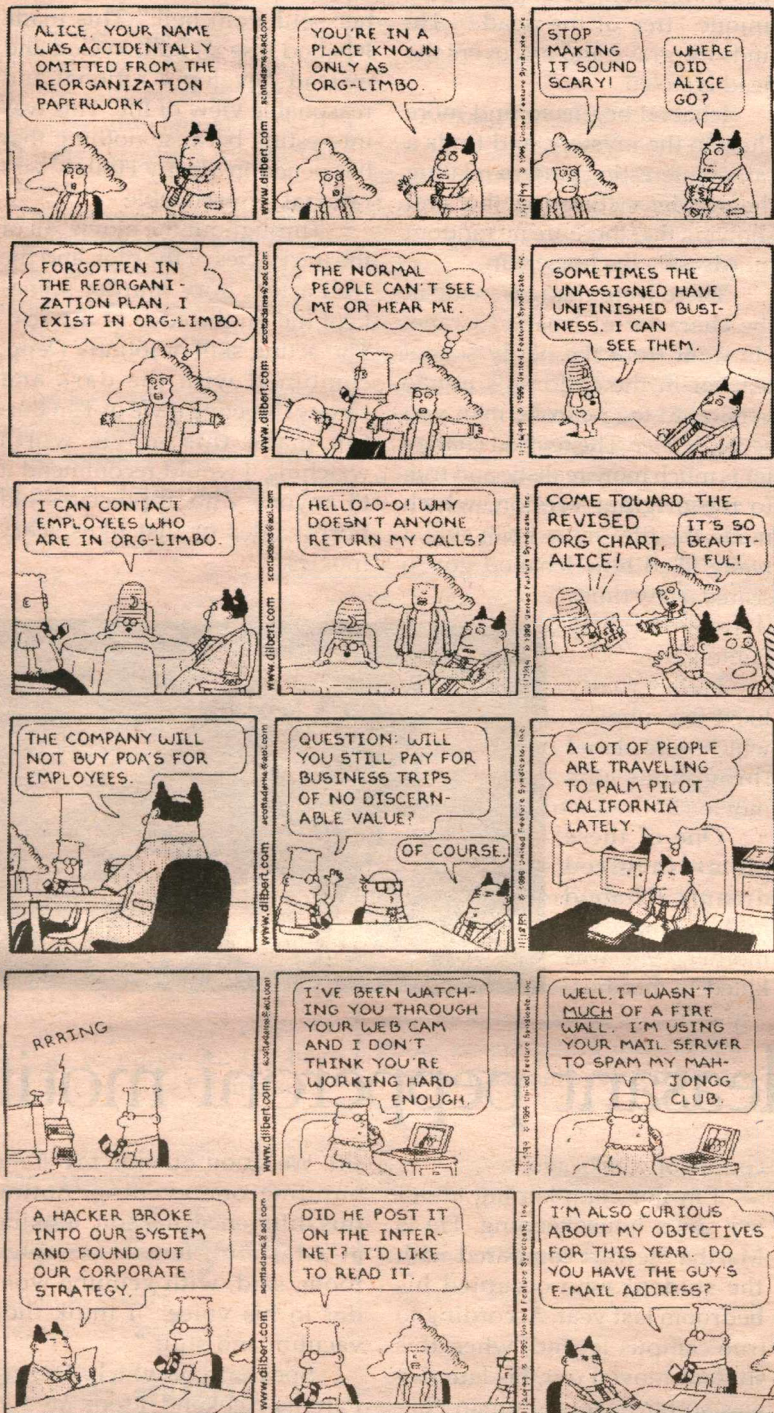
sill. We stood outside my son's building one evening, noting this difference; my son, looking at a tasteful, female-occupied room, said, with genuine wonder in his voice: "I think they vacuum and stuff."

Speaking of which: During Parents Weekend, I took my son shopping, and we bought, among other things, a small vacuum cleaner. When we got back to his room, one of his roommates opened the box and held up the vacuum cleaner. We all looked at it, and then at the room. Then we enjoyed a hearty laugh. Then the roommate set the vacuum cleaner down on the floor, where it will be swallowed by laundry and never seen again. This is fine. These kids are not in college to do housework: They are there to learn. Because they are our Hope for the Future. And that future is going to smell like socks.

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