

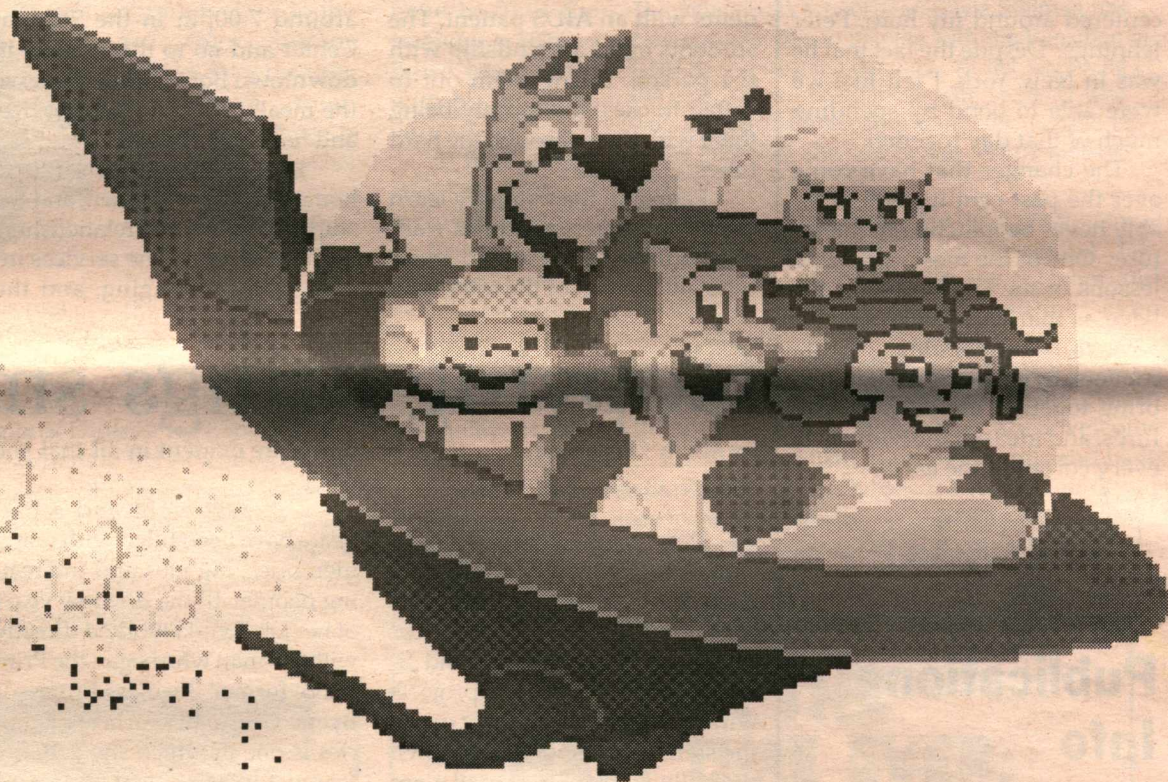
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Column One

Since this is the first issue of the year 2000, we couldn't resist revisiting a familiar theme - the journey of the world into the twenty-first century. As our cover story points out, what people predict doesn't always come to pass. A memorable example of this will always be the hype around the Y2K bug.

I found it interesting this New Year's Eve to watch midnight as it came to all parts of the world. (Kara has decreed that the celebration at the Eiffel Tower in Paris was the best!) It was uplifting to see it met with such excitement and optimism. Each place celebrated differently, but the enthusiasm was the same. I hope we can all keep these sentiments as we create the future. Of course, the memories I will hold most dear of that night must be centered around my hero, Peter Jennings. Despite the fact that he was in New York, I felt like we were able to bond by spending much of that day together.

The changes that have come over the past century will probably never be matched in the future. One of the most important lessons of the last century, I believe, is that technology doesn't have to be impersonal. Quite conversely, it has the potential to bring together the peoples, cultures, and ideas of individuals in every corner of the earth.

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Students help meet people's basic needs

by Sarah Pearson
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For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Compassionate Ministries is one of NNU's largest ministry teams, encompassing under its wings three subgroups: Boise Rescue Mission, the AIDS Ministry and Youth Ministries.

AIDS ministry meets twice a month to do food delivery with the Idaho AIDS Foundation. The ultimate goal of the AIDS ministry here at Northwest Nazarene University is to pair up two students with an AIDS patient. The students build a friendship with the person, taking them out to coffee houses and simply being there with them through the hard times.

People in this ministry learn more than they sometimes want to about the disease and those who get it; most of the folks who

are part of the group's ministry are mothers or children, not homosexuals and "sinners" as some people mistakenly believe. It can be a tough ministry to be a part of, but the rewards are boundless.

The Youth Ministries club meets Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, from 3:15-5:15 pm, in the Student Center Lobby and go out to Snake River Elementary. The groups play with the kids in the various after-school programs. The club also works with the Boys and Girls Club and with the youth of Nampa. Whether with games in the gym or homework after school, this club builds relationships with the kids.

NNU students serve dinner on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at the Boise Rescue Mission. Students meet around 7:00pm in the Student Center and go to the mission in downtown Boise. Students serve the meals, do a worship service, and have devotionals.

The rescue mission is a homeless shelter for men, and the students try to build relationships with these guys. The services include a lot of singing, and the

men are allowed to choose which songs they want to sing from hymnals and chorus books.

To the students who have been a part of Compassionate Ministries the experiences have been life changing ones. Perla

here as in L.A. was one of the most important things I've learned."

"As a member of CM, I have gained a greater understanding of the abundance of God's unconditional love for all His children,"

says Jaime Boyd, president of Compassionate Ministries. "Too many times the focus is placed on specifics and precise choices to be made. This ministry has reminded me of the importance of one decision: To love others as Jesus has, regardless of our differences. We

are all precious in the Lord's sight."

Compassionate Ministries has the potential to change the lives of those who participate. If you are interested in any of the clubs or the ministry in general, contact president Jaime Boyd for any information at 8229.

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Aragon, who got into Compassionate Ministries her freshman year, says the group was one of the reasons she stayed at NNC. "I was looking for some way I could help those less fortunate than me. I got into the group and it was like an answer to prayer. Realizing it was the same God

Copying brings smiles to the campus

by Mindy Oldenkamp
Crusader Campus Staff Writer

Down in the lower depths of the Administration Building, tucked into one of the back corners, is a little place where great things are accomplished and final touches are put on projects with tremendous care. Just down the stairs and a short jaunt down the hallway there is a small glass door bearing the name of Mr. B's, and behind it lies the Northwest Nazarene University Print Shop.

Inside the Print Shop, the friendly face of Lynda Johnson greets students and faculty who come in for help with the printing of various projects, papers and items to be published. Since May of 1991, Lynda has been a common fixture in the Print Shop, working her hardest to do the best job she can. When asked what the summary of her job would be, Lynda simply stated that her ultimate goal was "To do my best to make something look better than when it came in," and her high stan-

dards are evident in all that she does.

The past eight and a half years have been filled with many memories, big jobs and interesting people. In the first few years of her job, Lynda worked directly with the man who began the Print Shop, former Business Professor Byers. One of her earliest memories is one in which she actually feared for her job. Lynda was

working on a project with Mr. B himself and they had just reached the part of the project where they needed to trim off the bad parts of the copy and leave only the good remaining. Mr. B went out to finish something else, and Lynda, hoping to impress a new boss, went ahead and trimmed the work she had, only to be told upon Mr. B's return that she had trimmed the good and left the

bad. However, the gentle spirit that was present in the founder of the Print Shop left a mark upon Lynda.

To this day, Lynda takes tremendous pride in all that she works on, and perhaps her only frustration with her job is that she can't always get things done in the time that people need them. "Sometimes there is more to do in one day than can possibly get done at one time, and we always want to make everyone happy. It's frustrating when we can't do that."

However, Lynda Johnson and her Print Shop are successful in their work, handling the majority of the printing on campus and taking care of the school's graduate catalogs each year, perhaps the biggest job they face in a year. The high quality of workmanship and the level of dedication present in the job done by Lynda and those who work in the Print Shop is impressive and worth the trip to the bottom floor of the Ad Building. Stop in and see why.



Lynda Johnson at her post in NNU's Print Shop. Johnson has faithfully worked in the print shop since May of 1991, even working with the founder of the print shop, former faculty member Professor Byers.

Photo by Jodie Yoder

New faces help revamp campus computers

by Carrie Goldsmith

Crusader Campus Staff Writer

You probably haven't seen them, but there are two new people working on the computers here on the campus of Northwest Nazarene. Ted Wheeler and Ken McNamara are hard working newcomers to our school, and they deserve some recognition.

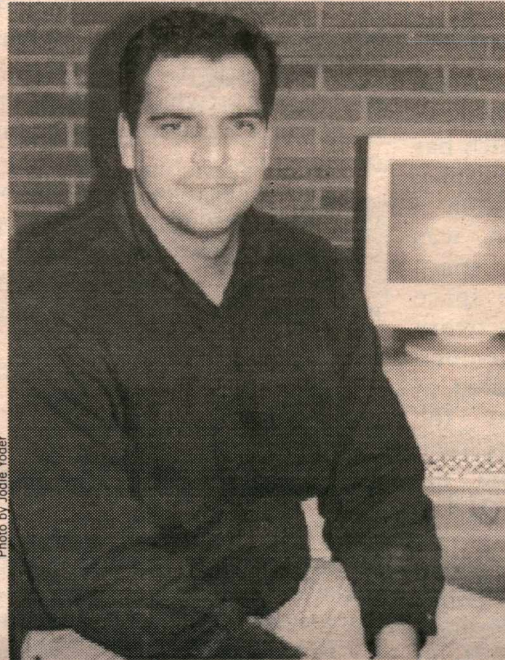
Ted Wheeler has been on campus since August, so he is still becoming familiar with life at NNU. His job title is "Student Computer Support." His position is partially funded with money from the new student technology fee in order to help us out with all of our computer problems. Wheeler is the person who will come to the dorm labs or even to one's room to fix the often psychotic computers. It is his responsibility to keep them running smoothly.

In addition to his work with the computers, Wheeler is also working with the education department technology. Specifically, he is helping the three new Professional Development Schools be able to have more technology available for the student teachers.

Before coming to campus, Wheeler lived in Thailand for a year with his family as a short-term missionary, working with the Nazarene church. Before that he had his own technical communications business, writing manu-

als for high tech clients, such as his former employer, Hewlett-Packard Company.

When asked how he liked working here so far, Wheeler responded, "I love it! I love the people and the Christian environment." He is even taking classes



Ken McNamara, NNU's new Computer Hardware Technician, started his job this past Monday, January 3. His job includes upgrading personal computers and working on the hardware of all the computers.

toward a mass communication degree. He is very interested in communications technology, especially in connection with missions.

The other new person work-

ing with the technology on campus is Ken McNamara. He has only been here since January 3 (this past Monday), so he is still getting used to life here at NNU. His job title is "Computer Hardware Technician." He upgrades the personal computers and works on the hardware of all of the computers.

One of his first job assignments, though, is to clean out his office, which may be more strenuous than it sounds. Piled high with hundreds of old computers and pieces of hardware, the office is difficult to even maneuver through. It is doubtful that anyone would envy the task. McNamara mentioned that there is actually a computer company that can recycle old computers and melt them down for use in other things!

Before coming to NNU, McNamara worked as the Regional Director for Experior. Unfortunately, his job ended during a time of restructuring. God is faithful, though, and provided this job for him immediately after the last one was over.

McNamara went to school here about 13 years ago and played on the soccer team. He, like many others, met his wife at NNC, so he obviously has fond memories.

He is glad to be here on campus and is enjoying the many challenges of his job. He said thoughtfully, "So far it's been great. Everyone has been so friendly and has given me a good welcome." He is also glad not to have to fight the freeway traffic to Boise like he did with his previous job.

When asked about the future of technology here on campus, McNamara replied that "good strides [have been made] this past year." The school now purchases PCs from Micron rather than building their own. We are much more advanced than we have been in the past and will continue to become more so.

Wheeler imagines that in the future there will be more technology in the classroom, as is the trend in all educational institu-

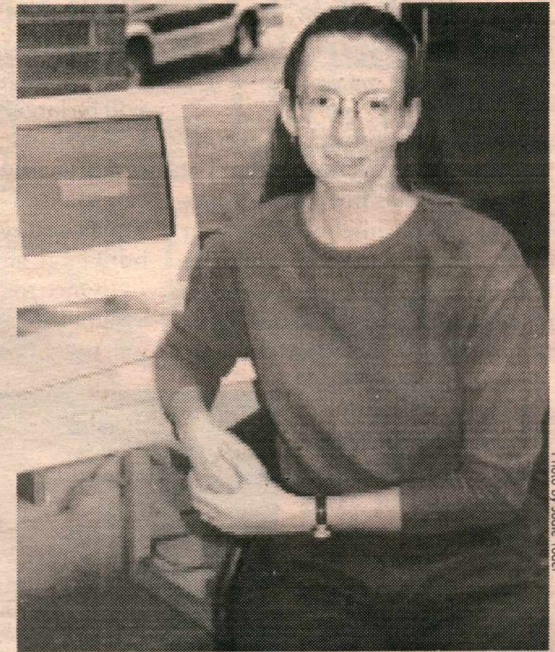


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Throughout this school year, Gayla Stillman has played a vital role in helping with the transition of NNU to a networked campus. At the beginning of the year, she worked directly with students who were having their personal computers hooked up to the internet. She now serves as Eric Kellerer's secretary.

tions now. He believes there will be more "distance learning" taking classes on the Internet and getting degrees without even coming to campus!

Both men are glad to be on staff at NNU and we are glad to have them. They are a welcome addition to the campus and have high hopes for the future of our school. If you see them, remember to say thanks for all their hard work!

LEAD Again



On Saturday, January 8, the NNU students in positions of leadership attended LEAD Again. They started out by having lunch in Clyde's, which was followed by a talk from Chaplain Gene Schandorff. Schandorff spoke to the students about how to make the campus a welcome environment for everyone regardless of differences, and of the role of student leaders in that process. LEAD Again was ended with a time of fun and fellowship at Cosmic Bowling.

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MARS project to begin construction this year

by Heather Oglevic
World News Staff Writer

A favorite subject of speculation for science-fiction authors of this century has been the technological advancements of the year 2000. Now, as we live in this highly-anticipated year, very little of what was predicted has come to pass, while the advancements we *have* made could scarcely have been imagined by these authors. Yet the most ambitious of the projects, space colonization, may yet become a reality by the turn of the millennium.

The Mars Society's Mars Arctic Research Station (MARS), soon to be located near the North Pole, has found a contractor to actually build the facility, which is believed to be a stepping-stone to venturing out upon the Red Planet itself.

The MARS will be built in the polar desert of Devon Island, part of the Queen Elizabeth Islands between baffin Bay and the Arctic Ocean. This site was chosen for its geographical and glacial features, which scientists say resemble those on Mars. A two-deck prototype of the laboratory-and-habitat structure will be constructed in Commerce City, Colorado, by Mesa Fiberglass—the primary structure will be contracted by Infrastructure Composites In-

ternational (Infracomp).

The Mesa-Infracomp team will be largely responsible for the super-strong fiberglass structure of the facility, made possible by a honeycomb technology with which the two companies have built large structures since 1961.

Once the primary building is assembled—scientists anticipate it will be complete, including doors

MARS project will enable scientists, engineers and perhaps astronauts to test the equipment and technology that might be deployed during a human mission to Mars. The experiment's founders, the Mars Society, will be working in cooperation with the NASA-led Haughton Mars Project.

The ambitious nature of the project is evident in the flag which has become the symbol for the mission, a flag which was taken into space aboard the space shuttle Discovery late in December. Once installed in place near the MARS facility, it will flutter from the "top" of Earth. The flag consists of the colors red, green, and blue, symbolic of Mars' transition from barrenness to life as depicted in Kim Stanley Robinson's epic colonization trilogy "Red Mars," "Green Mars" and "Blue Mars." The so-called "Martian

Flag" was carried into space at the invitation of astronaut John Mace Grunsfeld, an act which many perceive as auspicious.

"[The flag] has now been honored by a vessel of the leading space faring nation of the Earth," the Mars society said. "It is fitting that this action occurred when it did; at the dawning of a new millennium."

and windows, by early May 2000—it will be shipped to Devon Island in parts for reassembly during June/July.

Once in place, the structure will be used for a number of test runs, including a short one as early as late July. A full field session, provided all goes well, is scheduled for the summer of 2001.

Hopes run high that the



Mars could be the future site of a manned space station, as current projects are under way. This photograph of Mars was taken by the Hubble Space Telescope.



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World News Briefs

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

Three die being shipped to US

SEATTLE, WA - Three illegal immigrants were found dead Monday, January 10, inside a soft-topped container that had been shipped from Hong Kong. The fifteen people who survived the journey were taken into the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and were treated for malnutrition and dehydration. All 18 are believed to be from China.

The INS had been alerted "that there were people aboard this boat," spokeswoman Irene Mortensen said.

The boat, the Cape May, is owned by NYK, a company which also owns a ship on which 25 illegal immigrants huddled in two containers before being arrested upon arrival in Vancouver, British Columbia, on January 3.

The incident in Canada was one of a series in which Chinese immigrants have hidden in canvas-topped cargo containers to reach West Coast ports. However, none of those have had fatalities.

Last month in Long Beach, CA, 30 illegal immigrants from China who crossed the Pacific in specially outfitted containers were arrested after the boxes were unloaded.

Twelve people were apprehended January 2 in Seattle, and 14 more on January 4.

Gunfire at US embassy in Russia

MOSCOW, RUSSIA - On Monday, January 10, U.S. Marine guards opened fire Monday on two intruders described by Russian officials as drunken soldiers, injuring one of them. A senior U.S. intelligence official said that the two tried to steal an embassy car.

Russian police said two soldiers broke into the embassy and were stopped by a U.S. Marine security guard, who opened fire. The wounded man was identified as Yevgeny Taynakov, 23.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman confirmed that an intruder had been wounded, but refused to give details or confirm that the incident was a shooting involving a Marine guard.

"His action potentially endangered the lives and safety of embassy personnel," Rubin said.

The wounded man was turned over to Russian authorities and was operated on at a Moscow hospital.

Police took into custody a man suspected of being the other intruder. The suspect, as with the wounded man serves in Interior Ministry paramilitary unit 3388. He was seized near a subway station a few hundred yards from the embassy.

Bomb detonated at Texas school

BLANCO, TX - A pipe bomb exploded Monday, January 10, in a central Texas high school field after a bomb squad removed it from a boys' bathroom and detonated it. No one was injured. An athletic coach found the device around 10 am at Blanco High School.

Bill Guthrie, emergency management coordinator for Blanco County, said school officials evacuated the school and called the sheriff's department when they determined the device was "legitimate."

Two units from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, as well as the Austin Bomb Squad, went to the school, where they used a robot to remove the device to an outdoor field between the gymnasium and the agriculture building. The bomb squad used a laser-guided gun to detonate the pipe bomb, Guthrie said.

"This is the first time this has happened and we hope that it will be the last," he said.

Blanco 1999 graduate Patricia Avila also watched the investigators at work. "It's really scary," she said. The school will reopen Tuesday, Guthrie said. "It will be business as usual."

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Chechen rebels regain control of crucial city

by Jeremy Smith
World News Editor

MOSCOW, RUSSIA - The Russian military and Chechen rebels made claims on Sunday, January 9, whether a town near the Chechen capital of Grozny had succumb to Russian control. Russia finally conceded that the rebels had taken back areas in the crucial town of Argun from Russian troops.

Russian troops, backed by war planes, have encircled the strategic town of Vedeno, which borders the republic of Dagestan. Vedeno is thought to be a major stronghold of Chechen rebels and is the hometown of Shamil Bassayev, a top Chechen commander who is now public enemy number one in Russia.

The rebels deny the reports about Vedeno. They also say they have re-conquered some areas around the capital, mainly Argun. These areas south of Grozny were previously taken by Russian

troops.

The Russian military acknowledged that the rebels blocked key points in Argun. Interfax news agency said 300 fighters had surrounded the military command headquarters and the railway station in Argun, 15 kilometers (nine miles) east of the capital Grozny.

Russia has been waging war against Islamic militants in the breakaway republic of Chechnya since September, after militants twice invaded the republic of Dagestan. Moscow continues to blame the Chechen rebels for a series of bombings in Russia that killed at least

300 people, but the rebels deny responsibility.

Russia suffered greatly in a past war with Chechnya, from 1994-1996, when they lost several

battles at Grozny.

RIA news agency said that about 100 rebels had burst through Russian lines in Shali, farther south, seizing the town's



Russian soldiers carry their wounded comrade at a position in the Staropromyslovsky district of Grozny January 8. Russia's military and Chechen rebels stepped up a war of words on January 9, with Moscow hailing its successes in the breakaway region and the Chechens saying they were fighting back the offensive.

main administrative building. Both Russian troops and local officials suffered casualties. Interfax said fighting raged in Shali but that Russian armored vehicles had fought their way into the town.

Interfax quoted the press secretary of Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov as saying that rebels had already seized Shali which, like Argun, had been occupied by Russian troops.

Interfax also reported that a convoy of interior ministry troops taking supplies to troops in Dzhalka, northeast of Grozny, had been ambushed by rebels and had requested reinforcements.

Russia has taken control of most of Chechnya's lowland towns and villages, while the rebels are entrenched mainly in the southern mountains.

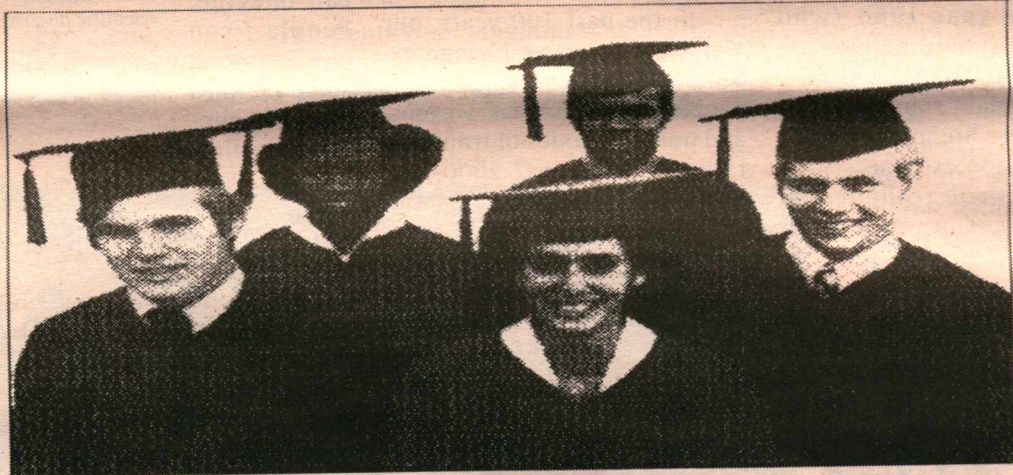
On Friday, the Russian military scaled back its attacks on rebels in parts of Grozny, saying civilians were being used as human shields.

Time Out

this week:

Dan Morgan

Dan has been an active part of the NNU religion department for the past couple of years, and has been an enthusiastic teacher for the college group at Five Mile Church of the Nazarene. Come prepared at 9:00 pm on Wednesday in the Science Lecture Hall to hear his passion for the Lord and the message God has laid upon his heart to share with us all.



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Remembering the past and looking to the future

by Tiffany Brush and Tara Vanleerdam
Crusader News guest writers

Y2K: Scam or Concern?

Was Y2K really a cause for concern or just a well-engineered marketing ploy? In the late weeks of December, millions of Americans and people throughout the world spent hard-earned money stocking their shelves in preparation for the possibility of the mass chaos predicted as a result of the new millennium.

Some grocery store shelves were empty. Lines went on for what seemed to be forever. Hardware stores had generators back-ordered in order to fill the demands of the populace. Bottled water and canned goods could never stay stocked. Yet when midnight struck on January 1, 2000, there were no meltdowns, riots, or power outages.

In fact, nothing happened that seemed too out of the ordinary as the clock struck midnight. Some personal computers went back to the year 1980 (who knows why, it just happened) and something happened at a little power plant somewhere in Asia, but these are minor details and nothing too extreme.

So, was there really reason to be concerned or was this just

another way to sell products? Many NNU students agree that at one point there was reason for concern. Yet as we worked to eliminate the problems before they occurred, we destroyed what little cause for concern we really had.

Given the fact that we had known about Y2K for years and have been working to fix the problems, there should have been no panic as the new year approached.

Stores and businesses blew Y2K out of proportion when they began using it as an eye-catching device to sell their products. Everywhere a person went, signs proclaimed that they could stock up for Y2K at this store or that store. Millions of dollars were made as a result of people's paranoia and panic. In the long run, stores and businesses came out ahead, and those people who gave in to the media hype lost the game.

Events of the Last Century

In the past 100 years, our world has changed beyond expectations. In the year 1900, people used horseback, wagons, and trains as modes of transportation. By the year 2000, our transportation has changed dramatically. We rely on airplanes and automobiles. No one at the turn of the century would have dreamed that within one hundred years we would put a man on the moon, yet that has been done many times over.

Whereas it once took someone a days trip to go into town for supplies, it is now a quick side-trip.

Electricity was considered a luxury. It is now a necessity in our fast-paced lives.

Communication has taken leaps and bounds in the past century, as well. People used to rely on the Pony Express to deliver letters to far-off friends. It could take months to hear from someone

who lived just a few hundred miles away.

Today we have relatively inexpensive airmail, email and telephone, as well as the old style of mail.

Computer technology has undergone perhaps the greatest innovation of all. Paper-and-pen used to be the common mode of writing at the turn of the century. Today, students rarely handwrite papers anymore. Computers are present in nearly every household across the United States.

The internet is used for everything one can imagine. People can chat with someone in a foreign country at anytime of day. One can buy and sell goods, as well as read up on nearly every subject known to man via the internet.

Banks now feature such luxuries as drive-up ATM machines and drive-up teller windows.

Where once a person's medical and dental records were kept in handwritten files in large cabinets, they are now found in computer disks and hard drives.

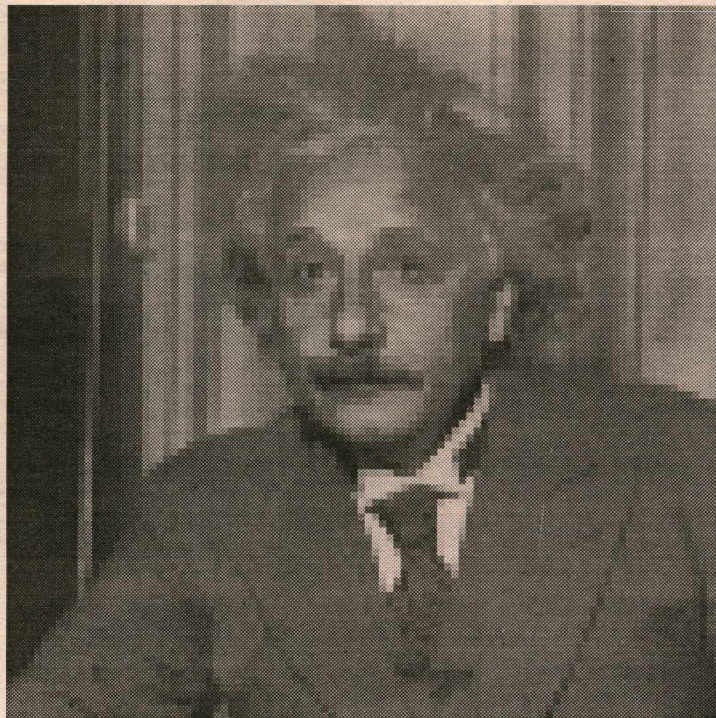
Today, children have CD players, television and video games to keep them occupied. This is a far stretch from the games of children in the early 1900s.

Two new states, Hawaii and Alaska were admitted into the nation. Foreign countries have been created, destroyed and recreated. Israel finally became a recognized country.

The U.S.S.R. fell apart and Russia became an independent state. The wall between West and East Germany fell and the country reunited. The English royal family went from dignity to soap opera. India became its

own nation, no longer controlled by the British.

The United States became, effectively, a world police force. The UN came into being. The



Albert Einstein was named TIME Magazine's "Person of the Century." His scientific discoveries such as his Theory of Relativity and Quantum mechanics affected many facets of modern science. TIME also named such people as Gandhi and Franklin Delano Roosevelt as being some of the most influential people of the century.

Such internal disasters such as the Oklahoma City Bombing and the tragedy at Littleton, Colorado have created unrest and dissension among our own people.

Medical and scientific breakthroughs have changed the lives of millions of people. Diseases such as Polio and Smallpox have been wiped away. Penicillin was discovered.

Doctors and Scientist discovered the human DNA, which are the building blocks of the human race. Chemotherapy is now used to combat cancer. Couples who could not reproduce are now using fertility drugs. Multiple births have become everyday occurrences.

Transplants of vital organs such as the heart, liver, and kidneys are available if the need is

great enough. Prosthetic limbs and joints are used more commonly. Where once cloning was part of science-fiction, scientists have now successfully cloned a sheep named Dolly and are working on cloning more.

Computer chips in animals have made it easier to keep records on different individuals.

Great Depression shot down the morale of the United States. Millions of Americans were left homeless, out of work and depressed.

Hitler imposed his rule on a nation and World War II ensued. Millions and millions of Jewish people and minorities were murdered in cold blood.



In the 20th century much was accomplished by the civil rights movement which worked for racial, religious and gender equality.

American women invaded the work force, taking over the positions that the men who joined the war left empty. The Korean War, Vietnam, the Cold War, the Gulf War, and Bosnia drove many people from their homes and gave way to the relative peace we have seen.

New forms of insecticides have been created, replacing the harmful chemicals used in the past.

The Civil Rights movement started a whole new way of life for many individuals. Women gained the right to vote after much struggle. Blacks rights in-



World War II not only invited women into the military, but also brought many women on the homefront into the workforce. Bringing women into the workforce changed relationships between men and women forever.

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creased as the century wore on. Child labor laws were enforced, cutting down the number of children in factories and adult jobs. Segregation finally came to be a thing of the past.

So many things have happened during the past century. We have accomplished more than ever before. It is amazing to think that just one hundred years ago people were dying from a disease that doesn't even exist in today's society and that horses have been replaced as the main mode of transportation by cars and airplanes. With the amount of amazing, outstanding, and even evil things that have happened, what kinds of things will happen in the next millennium? What does the future hold for us?

Future Predictions

Many NNU students have been asked what they believe will happen in the next 1,000 years. The results are both funny and serious.

"I think that there will be a pill invented that will keep leg hair from growing and women will never have to shave again."
~Jennifer Edmonds

"People will begin living on other planets such as Mars because pollution on Earth will be too great."
~Shelly Hall

"The world will eventually be run by computer and TV. We will never have to drive again. In order to go somewhere we can just "beam" to wherever we go. If we want food, we will just go to the computer and order whatever we want like on Star Trek."
~Sara Keller

"Instead of going to school in order to learn, people will be able to purchase computer chip things that, when inserted into the brain, will make the person smarter. There will be different chips for different subjects and the richer you are, the smarter you will be."
~Sophomore girls

"Instead of driving normal cars, we will travel in hover craft vehicles."
~Naomi Falby

"Life will go on as normal"
~Heidi Allgeier

"Life will become more stressful. As this century progresses, tech-

nology is increasing and life is getting more stressful and it will continue to be so."
~Lynette Brown

"Within seven years a new breed of humans will emerge from the NNU gene pool."
~A professor of Biology at NNU (As taken from a first term lecture)

"The world will regress back to the Neolithic Era, but that's okay because Cro-Magnon brows are rather attractive."
~Kara Lyons

And we even have a few Celebrity quotes....

Newt Gingrich says "There will be colonies on the moon and Mars by the year 2100."

Author Jackie Collins says "there will be supermarkets for spare body parts and everyone will live to be at least 300 years old."

So please make a list of your future predictions and we will see what happens!!!! Happy New Year!

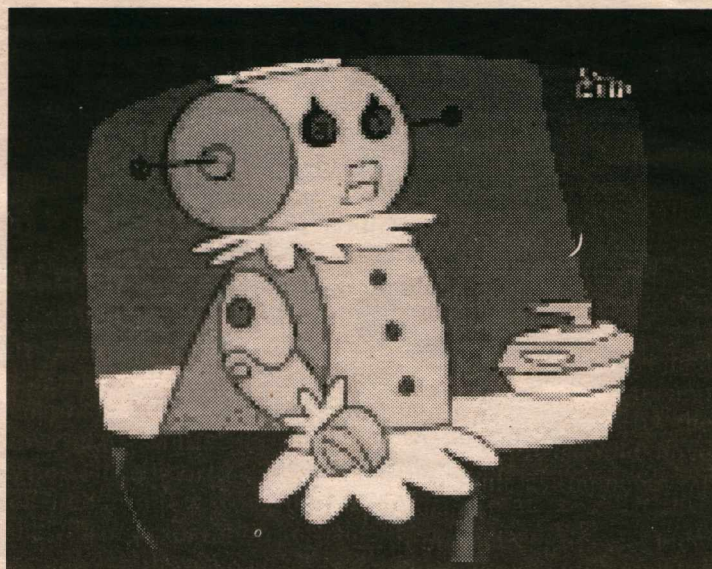
THE YEAR 2100- A century in Review

The world has had many technological breakthroughs within the last 100 years. Following is a list of the top twenty news stories of the last century.

20. Bill Clinton was arrested in his later years for using telepathic thought control in order to convince the population that he did not have ANY relationships with that woman.

19. Interactive television allows viewers to become part of the show they are viewing.

18. A new form of sugar is created, eliminating weight gain caused by the old sugars.



The television cartoon "The Jetsons" offered a view of what earth would supposedly look like in the 21st century. "The funny thing about the Jetsons is the way they saw technology progressing. Sure, they rode around in space cars and had Rosie, the computerized maid, but they still had regular mail and had to go to store to buy anything they needed." -Kara Lyons

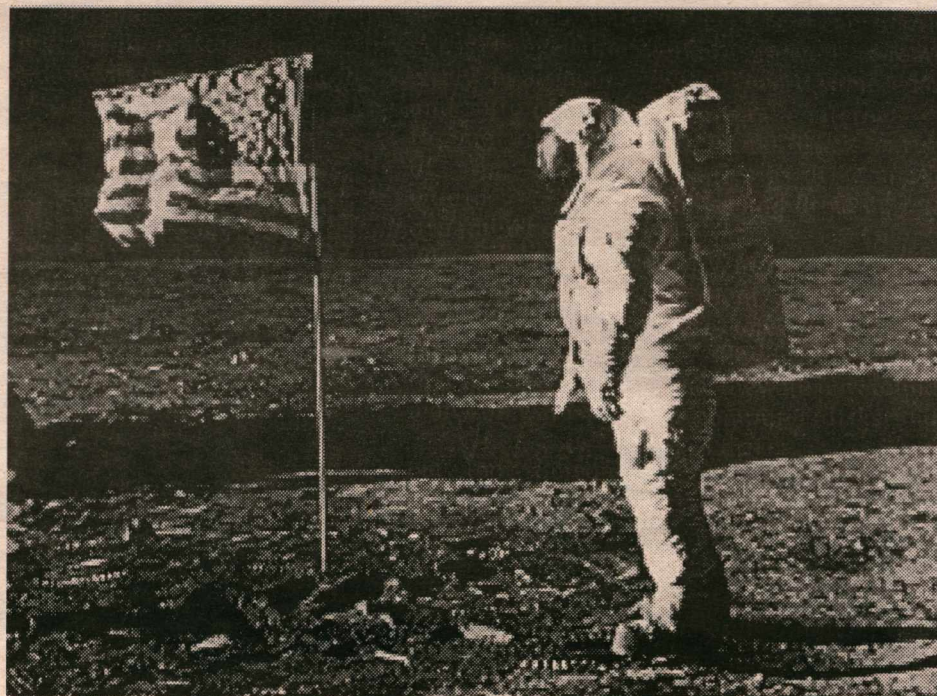
17. The oldest remaining member of the Mousketeer club dies at 205 years old.

16. College newspaper from the year 2000 found, stating prediction for the next one hundred years. Article becomes the joke of the century due to the outlandish ideas contained therein.

15. Best-Selling novel My Life Before Gravity Was An Option sells one million copies.

10. All homeless people have now been given low income housing on Mars, creating an entire new population, obliterating homelessness on earth. In another 100 years or so, they will be as technologically advanced as the rest of the universe.

9. In the early 2000's, students were taught in schools by human teachers. Now most students are taught in the home by



"One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." - Neil Armstrong. The United States wins the "Space Race" over the Soviet Union by being the first to land a human on the moon.

14. Pluto taken over by college students. Now the entire planet is one giant campus.

13. Intelligent life discovered on the unexplored planet of Vulcan.

12. New hover craft makes

Robotic teachers and the e-book. Unfortunately, not all families can afford their own robot, so some students still attend public schools which have regressed back to the little red school house days from the last millen-

the travel from planet to planet easier and more convenient. Where the old style vehicle took four hours to reach Earth from Mars, the trip can now take as little as twenty minutes.

11. Lady brings baby into the world via natural childbirth. Doctors had to refer to old medical books dating back to the 1900's in order to deliver child safely and save the mother.

nium.

8. All farmland on earth has been taken over by cities. Thus organic farms on Jupiter are rapidly increasing.

7. Pollution levels decrease because of the decrease in cost of "beaming".

6. Zoria Dorkius, a college student developed a rare disease that was cured in 2049. Scientists studied records dating from 1998 to determine the cause of the disease which was quickly diagnosed as cancer. Doctors frantic to rediscover the cure.

5. NNU Zulu Metric time is the accepted time counting method of the entire universe.

4. Australia refuses to conform to current lifestyles, as they regress back to caveman days. Americans invade and sink them.

3. February 31, 2010, Dick Clark frozen in order to bring in the year 3000.

2. The year 2100, vacation of choice, the Time machine. In the early 2000's it was impossible for people to travel back in time and relive a favorite day. Now it is common. However, there is a glitch in the time machine which will not allow for travel to the future or anything more recent than the past five years. Rates vary according to the era you want to visit. Personal experience is cheaper than historical events which you did not witness. Virtual life through the time machine is also more costly than watching the event. If you try to change history or commit any other illegal acts with your time machine (as listed in the virtual owners manual) your time machine will blow up and you will be stuck in that time period. If you are fortunate enough to have brought your cell phone, at least you can call someone to bring you back to the year 2100.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

To be completely honest, I couldn't believe that the editorial written by Chad Cray in the last edition of the *Crusader* was actually printed.

Why? Two reasons: First, I came to NNU because I thought that here, I would have peers who would help rather than hinder my walk with God. I cannot comprehend why this school's publication, which holds the motto, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," boldly on its front cover would allow an article such as this to be printed inside. Since when has the Opinions section become a forum for philosophical slander? Was it printed purely for shock value? If someone wrote an article about how great the Nazarene doctrine is, it would probably not get into the paper. So why did this?

Secondly, I have to question Cray's reason for writing this article in the first place. It's not like this is a new concept; Christians and Agnostics have been arguing about faith for centuries. Why does he feel that it needs to be published in the school newspaper when I can go to the public library and find books upon books that say exactly the same thing? I do not know Cray, so I'm not judging him for what he said in his article; I'm simply wondering why he felt it necessary to state, for the whole NNU population to read, his belief system.

I would also like to address just a few of Cray's statements from a logical standpoint. In his editorial, he wrote, "People who have faith in something have chosen to accept and to believe in an idea that they do not know is true." I do not believe in some-

thing that I do not know is true. On the contrary, I have faith because I know that it is true.

Later, he says sarcastically, "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." First of all, this is a bad analogy because salvation isn't something you buy. Second, just because you don't see something doesn't mean it's not real. If a person has never seen or felt the wind before, how can I *prove* that it exists? I can show him all the science books that talk about it, but that doesn't prove it. The only way that I can prove it to him is to let him stand in it. Similarly, I cannot prove to someone that God exists until he stands in His presence and feels the power of God for himself.

Cray also writes, "So while I do not believe in God, it sure would be nice if Jesus was the real thing, and I am going to cross my fingers and hope He will be waiting for me when I die." This completely baffles me. If Jesus is indeed the real thing, then according to His Bible, the only way he is going to be "waiting" for someone when they die is if they are saved. Therefore, just hoping isn't going to cut it if Jesus is the real thing.

Again, I'm not slamming Cray's belief system, I'm simply pointing out some flaws in the logic he used in his article. There is indeed no way that I can prove to him--or anyone--that what I believe is right or that what someone else believes is wrong. I guess we'll just have to wait and find out.

David Kadel

To the Editor:

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1 (NIV). I am writing in response to the article on faith in the November 30 issue of the *Crusader*. This article broke my heart. It made me angry and hurt, but mostly sad for Chad. I do not want to try to change his mind with this article. I only want to give him another point of view.

My faith does not make me weaker, but stronger. I am confident that God is my father and loves me as much as His own Son, Jesus. He created me in his own image and is with me wherever I go. He understands me more than I can understand myself and forgives me without a moment's hesitation. More than all of that, He died for me for the simple reason that He wants me to live with Him.

How can a God like that be looked on in any other way but with complete love and respect and devotion? I do not claim to have all the answers or to be perfect, but I try to serve Him. I long to be more like Jesus everyday.

No, my faith does not make me weaker. It challenges me to higher living. It urges me to get past the barrier of my own selfish living and desires. God loves me and has such a wonderful plan for my life, and for everybody's, including Chad Cray's. I am a weak human being. We all are. It is only through Christ's strength that we are made strong. Through His love I can overcome temptation and live in righteousness.

I do not believe that we as Christians would persecute those who do not believe the same way. That is wrong, and it goes against Jesus' ministry of love. I do believe that we should tell everyone

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around us of God's love, whether by words or actions.

My faith in Jesus will allow me to live with Him for eternity. Just that knowledge fills me with such joy that I cannot contain it. So my faith is not only for the future; it affects my life here on earth. If it did not, my faith would be dead. Having faith in God makes my life richer and fuller and gives it direction.

I do not believe that hope is an alternative to faith. It is a part of faith. You cannot have one without the other. I do not hope that my faith is true. That is a wimpy, selfish way to live. If I only hope that my faith is true, then there is no need to share it with others. There is no need to share anything with others, including love. Without love, this world would be a horrible place

to live. I hope that others will come to know Christ. I hope, meaning that I wait patiently, for Christ's return. I hope that I can live the life God has for me.

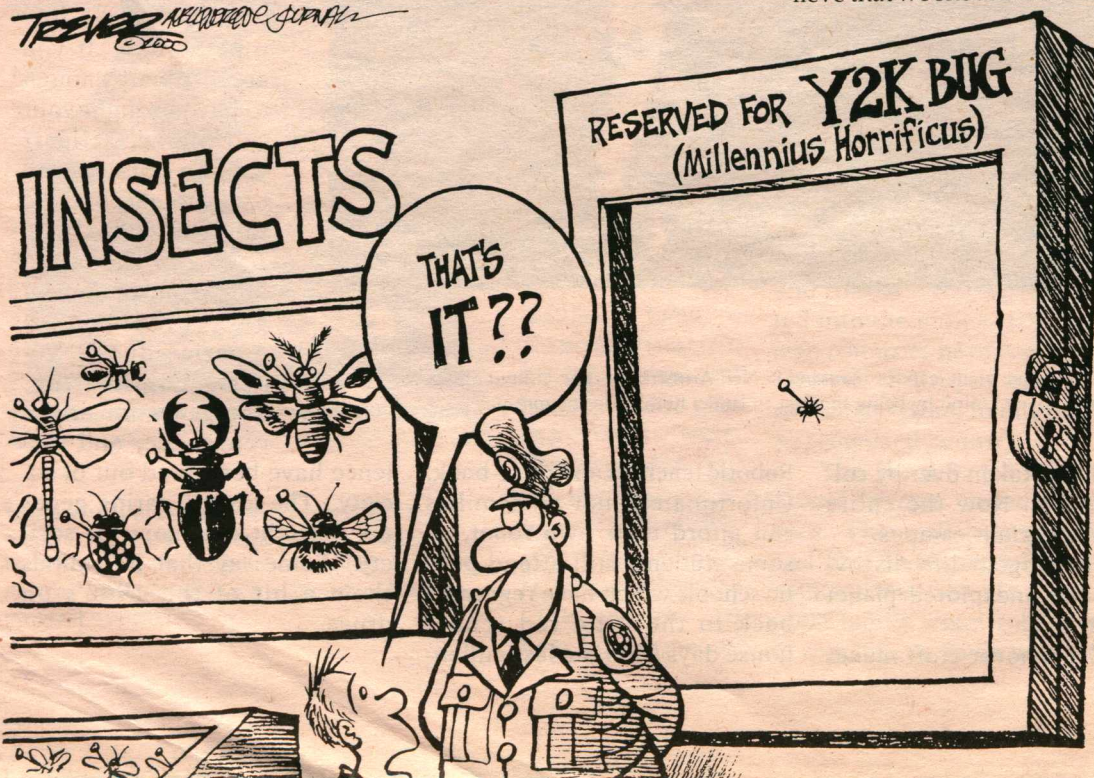
I am not weak, except on my own. God's love sustains me and helps me grow everyday. I am so sorry that you feel the way you do, Mr. Cray, but I will be praying for you; you can be sure of that! I hope that one day God's love will get a hold of you in a powerful way! I know that someday I will be with my Lord and Savior in heaven. I have the faith of a child and I have the assurance of God that I am His child. That is more amazing than I can even comprehend. I cannot imagine living without God, and I would not want to.

Carrie Goldsmith

Staff Infection

This paper is a product of worse comes to worst...It's Disney, so they're probably promoting some gay rights thing...If you're not married when you get out of here, then you're leftovers and you'll get served up with meatloaf...that's why NTS is the place for me: marry the loser pastor...Boys' voices are WAY better than girls' voices...like Carey Cook, he was one of the original Backstreet Boys...Prince William's a hottie, so what if he's prepubescent?...Britney Spears is ugly. PLUS she's had breast implants...that's what I've heard. I haven't seen the scars so I can't verify it...Now

that he's not here, I'll say it--Will is incontinent, can't hold his water...I look like somebody in a movie???...Yeah, that guy who plays a deformed lady...Like, if I wasn't leftovers, I couldn't ride my hog in the summer...I hope you're referring to your motorcycle...No, no, chopper chicks are fat and have beer bellies...I'm going to paper cut your mouth open...Michael Jordan is athlete of the century...You're a freakin' hottie, Kara...I knew after we'd worked together awhile you'd see it...Good to be back, kids...we'll see where the Lord takes us this term..



Letters to the Editor (cont.)

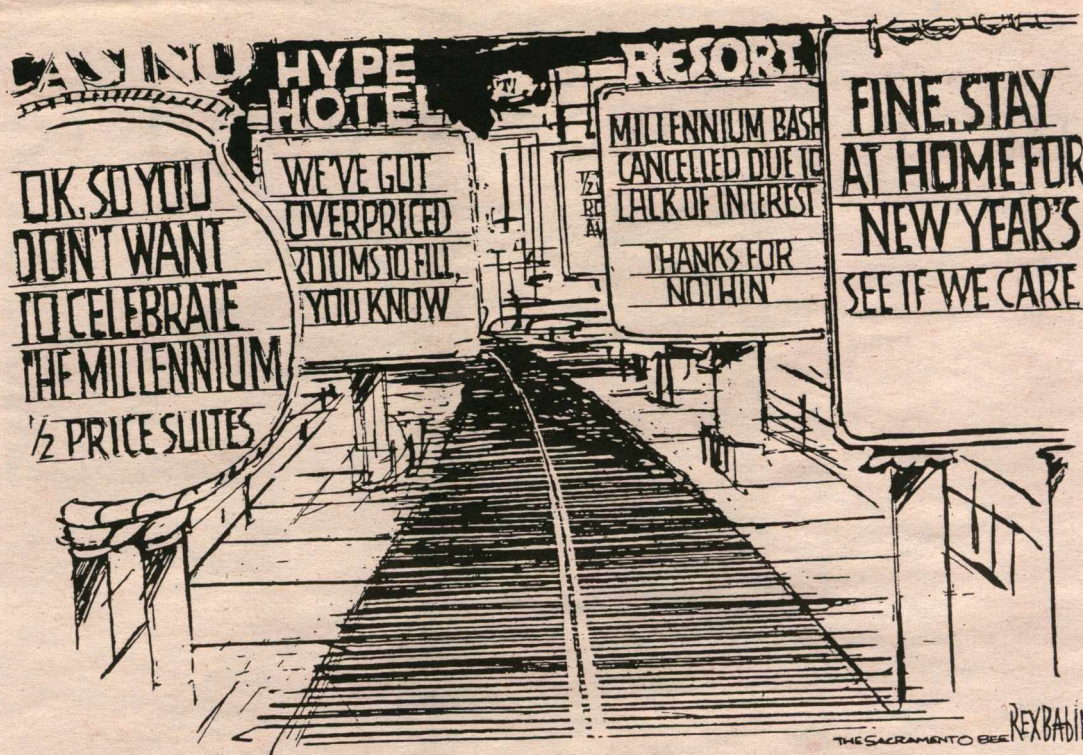
To the Editor:

We would like to address the recent Top Ten List that was submitted by your editorial staff. We came to this university under the pretenses that certain moral standards and obligations would be upheld. The Crusader is a window into the campus. What is viewed by the student body is also viewed by alumni and faculty. In the Top Ten List, alcohol, pornography, cannibalism and inhumane acts towards animals were endorsed. Not only do these go against our Christian values, but they are crude and offensive to the general public. How can we be a witness to the community when the Christian value system

of our school is not upheld by its own publications? The editorial staff's lack of integrity was rather surprising and disappointing. We would ask that in the future our Christian values are upheld so that our campus can be a shining light to its readers, and to the community that surrounds us.

The Girls of First North, Ford Hall

(Editor's Note: Items listed in the Top Ten do not always reflect the personal theological or lifestyle views of the editorial staff. We apologize for mentioning pornography and alcohol as they are legitimate struggles of members of this campus. However, we ask that references to cannibalism and cruelty to animals be read with the humor in which they were written.)



Out of my Mind



In his column, Gene will be sharing his insights with Crusader readers. His articles will appear bi-weekly.

by Gene Schandorff
University Chaplain

What's wrong with "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?" I tend to run about a fad-and-a-half behind. It's that way with clothes, cars, the latest "in" phrase, just about everything. So, it's just about time for me to make a comment on last year's fad of wearing bracelets with the initials, "WWJD." At first I thought it was a great idea. Imagine large numbers of young Christians walking around with a reminder that the guiding principle in their life should be the life of Jesus. What could possibly be wrong with

that?

Well, nothing, except that as the fad has matured it has become increasingly clear that most of us think we know what Jesus would do in a particular contemporary setting and often we don't agree with one another.

Most of us don't need a bracelet to help us make the major moral decisions of our lives. There's not much debate on what Jesus would do when presented with the option of mugging a little old lady or helping her across the street. We're even pretty clear on which movie Jesus would attend (assuming Jesus would go to the movies) Given the choice between "Toy Story 2" or "End of Days" I'm pretty sure He'd go with the "Toy Story" (Besides, he already knows how "End of Days" turns out.)

The problem comes in the areas where the blacks and whites aren't nearly as black and white. WWJD really doesn't offer the kind of help I wish it would when it comes to most of the difficult choices I have to make. For in-

stance; it's pretty clear to me that there would be times when Jesus would have a difficult time voting with the Democratic party. But it's equally clear that there is no possible way he could be a member of the Republican party. So, what would Jesus do? If we

say that he wouldn't be involved in either party, then why are we? Maybe Jesus wouldn't vote. Why should we? And should I be imposing my fairly clear view of WWJD on you? And, if that weren't difficult enough, what do we do with the sincere Christians among us who believe that my sense of what Jesus would do with this issue is completely wrong?

Two things happened in the context of the last Monday chapel of fall term which illustrate the point I'm trying to make. The

first was a bad thing and illustrates the danger of one person applying their subjective notion of what JESUS MIGHT DO to the lives of others. Near the end of the speaker's talk he asked this question, "Are you going to go to work for Microsoft or West Bank,

or are you going to do something for God?" There are two obvious and troubling implications in this statement. The first is that you can't do both and the second is that Jesus wouldn't work for Microsoft. My response is that you absolutely can do both, and I don't have a clue where Jesus would work.

The second thing that happened was a very good thing and illustrates the question that we should be asking. The speaker was sharing his frustration at "not being able to do anything"

in the context of the Columbine high school tragedy. In the midst of it all he sensed God asking the question, "What would Jesus Do?" But God didn't stop with the question. God answered the question with the words of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 25:34-35. The answer to the question, "WWJD" is not some subjective sense of what seems most Christian at a given time. The answer to this question is ALWAYS found in another Question, "What Did Jesus Do" and "What is Jesus Calling you and me to do through his Word?" I'm not sure I'll ever know WWJD in a given situation. But, if I'll take the time to read a bit it's fairly easy to discover what he did in a situation that may be very similar.

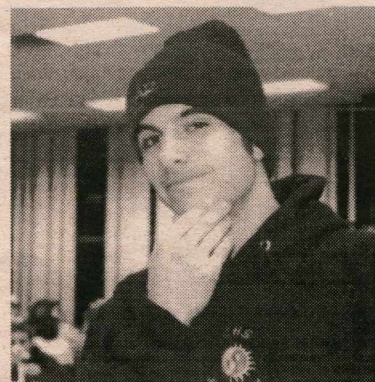
So here's my suggestion for a new growth industry. Let's produce a whole line of clothing and jewelry sporting the initials WDJDAWIJCYAMTDTHW. It would look really groovy (see opening paragraph) and we'd have loads of fun explaining it to all our friends.

Most of us don't need a bracelet to help us make the major moral decisions of our lives.

Your Turn

Random answers from random people on random issues:

What constitutes Christian music?



Chris Tiner Freshman
Coeur d'Alene, ID Youth Min.

"I think if it's music that glorifies God or if you can glorify God by listening to it. Some music is not necessarily bad, but it's not necessarily uplifting, either."



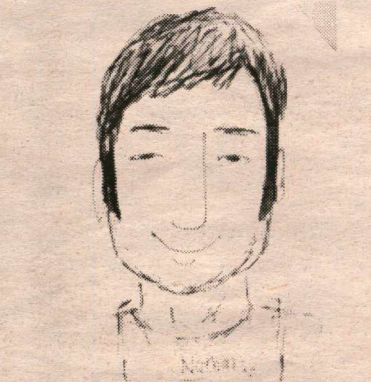
Amy Crane Sophomore
Delhi, CA Children's Min.

"I don't know, anything from Veggie Tales works for me."



Jennifer Scoggin Junior
Spokane, WA Elem. Education

"Anything that glorifies God."



Nathan Hydes Senior
John Day, OR Psychology

"If it's bad."

Bigger crowds second term find big wins

by Craig Craker

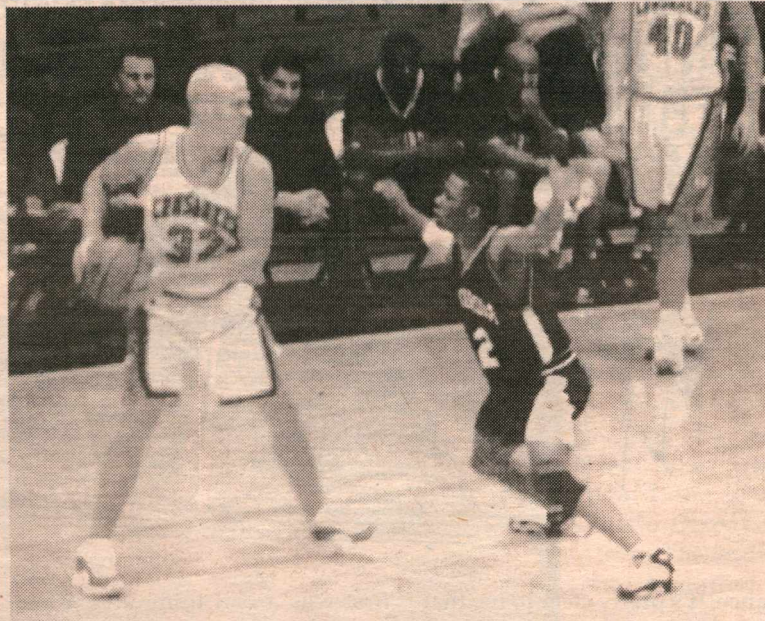
Crusader News Staff Writer

The change of the New Year has seemed to bring a change for the NNU basketball team. After snapping a nine-game losing streak last week against Southern Oregon, the 'Saders won two more conference games this past weekend to run their record to 9-10 (3-1). NNU, led by two dominant performances by Kelly Herron and Jeremy Stockett, beat Northwest College on Friday night and upended Concordia College on Saturday.

Over the winter break NNU suffered many humiliating defeats at the hands of NCAA II schools, including losses of 59 to Seattle Pacific, 29 to Central Washington, 19 to Montana State-Billings, 18 to Rocky Mountain and 16 to Pacific Lutheran.

Following those nine crushing defeats in a row, NNU came home and worked on defense. They spent the entire last week working on only their defense and it looked as though it paid off, as the last two teams shot just 46.5% from the field for the weekend.

NNU hosted Northwest College on Friday, night looking for their second consecutive conference win. The 'Saders struck early with a three-pointer by Josh Coopridier, a jumper by Jeff



Kelly Herron struggles to keep the ball away from his Concordia opponent. In a close match, NNU won, 82-81

Nielson and a lay-in by Stockett, quickly jumping out to a 7-0 lead. The offense then got sloppy as they committed 13 first half turnovers, including six by Stockett and two by Nielson.

Even though the offense played poorly for the first twenty minutes, the defense kept NNU in it, as they trailed just 35-30 at half. With NNU trailing 50-49 with 11:56 remaining Stockett took the game over, scoring nine points during a 16 to five run that blew the game wide open.

With NNU now in control 65-

55, Elijah Effinger received a technical foul. After the two free throws and a lay-in, the lead was down to 65-59. But the technical seemed to fire up the defense. Effinger blocked a three-point attempt and got the finger roll to go at the other end starting a 11-5 run that put the game away, as NNU won 82-73.

Jeremy Stockett finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds, Kelly Herron chipped in 15 points and three blocked shots for the 'Saders. After the game Herron said, "This game was a huge con-

fidence builder." Stockett added, "It was nice to have our fans back, especially Doyle Harris!"

On Saturday evening Concordia came into the game on an emotional low. Their coach had previously predicted that they would beat both Albertson and NNU by at least ten, but Albertson took them down by eight the night before. So to salvage any pride the Goody-Ducks would have to beat the Crusaders.

NNU came out on fire as Nielson quickly scored eight of his team high 26 points in the opening six minutes. Stockett also added eight of his 22 points in the same time frame, as NNU took an 18-4 lead. Concordia promptly went on a 10-5 run to cut the lead to 25-20 with eight minutes remaining in the half.

After a three-pointer and a lay-in by Effinger, NNU was quickly and comfortably back up by double digits and led 42-30 going into the intermission. Scoring went back and forth for the first five minutes with Coopridier hitting two three-pointers, including one that incited the crowd.

After Curtis Maduro did a flying tomahawk dunk on Coopridier, Coop promptly came down and nailed a long three-ball with Maduro in his face. With seven minutes remaining and

NNU enjoying a double-digit lead, Concordia ran off seven straight points to cut the lead to 63-58 with 6:44 to go. After a lay-in by Stockett and two free throws from Nielson NNU led 77-68 with just two minutes remaining.

But by a combination of poor free throw shooting (7-14) down the stretch and a near perfect three-point shooting by Concordia the score was suddenly 81-79 with just six seconds remaining. After a free throw by Stockett and a tip-in for Concordia, NNU ran the last two seconds off the clock and escaped with an 82-81 victory.

After the game Coach Sanders said, "The key to the game was our defense, and the outstanding play of our post players. Both Stockett and Nielson ran the floor well and it helped to push the whole team." Stockett added, "They were bigger, faster and more athletic; but not better than us!"

Nielson ended with 26 points and five rebounds, Stockett had 22 points and nine rebounds, and Herron added eight points, five steals and 11 assists. NNU hits the road this weekend playing at Western Baptist on Friday and at Cascade on Saturday. The team plays at Albertson next Thursday, so be sure to roll on over to Caldwell for the big game.

Lady 'Saders stay on top of their game

by Heather Doncaster

Crusader News Staff Writer

When you are ranked number four in the country, every one of your opponents comes ready to play. That's what happened Friday night when the Lady Crusaders faced the Eagles of Northwest College. In the first half NNU looked sluggish and let the Eagles think they had a chance. The two teams were about even, with both teams pulling down 21 rebounds and both shooting about 30 percent from the floor.

It was clear at half time, when the 'Saders were only up 32-30, that they needed to be re-focused. Coach Roger Schmidt did just that. At halftime he wrote three things on the board - sprint, rebound and close out. With those things in mind, the 'Saders came out ready to put the game away.

However, early in the second half the 'Saders found themselves down 37-32. But it didn't last

long and soon the Lady 'Saders began to play their game. Staci Kirk-Carter hit a three and Alison Kirk had a fast break lay-in which tied the game at 39. NNU kept pushing and plowed over the Eagles press in a 23-10 run.

The run put them in the driver's seat at 55-47 with 11:30 minutes to go. The tired Eagles tried to shorten the 'Saders lead to 59-52 but they could do no better. The final score was 78-64, with NNU still on top. Jaime Smith and Chelsey Hall both tossed in 15 points and Kirk-Carter added ten.

After Friday night, the Lady 'Saders were ready to take on The Evergreen State Geoducks. The goal for the night was to get going a little bit sooner. The Ladies did just that. NNU came out fast, taking the early lead with the help of Staci Kirk-Carter who hit three 3-pointers in the first 6 minutes. Those three's gave the 'Saders an 11-6 lead over the Geoducks who were hanging in there,

momentarily. NNU pulled away soon after that. Kasha Lawrence went in and scored 6 of the next 8 NNU points. That led to a 17-0 run that had the Saders in firm control of the game. With about four minutes left in the first half, it was already 28-8 but NNU wasn't finished. They got a 10-0 run to close the half which put them up 40-14 at the half.

The Lady 'Saders coasted through the rest of the game to post an astonishing 75-31 win. Staci Kirk-Carter had the big performance of the night scoring 23 points and hitting seven three-pointers, just shy of the eight three-point record. Anna Allen-McGarrah tossed in ten points and Alison Graham led the Crusaders with six rebounds. The win was a total group effort with all 14 players in double digit minutes.

The Crusaders play again this upcoming Thursday, January 13, at Southern Oregon's home court and again on Saturday,



Shelli Bunn attempts to steal the ball from her opponent. The Lady 'Saders went on to win the Saturday game against Evergreen, as well as their game against Northwest last Friday.

January 15, at Eastern Oregon. Their next home games will be Friday, January 21, and Saturday,

January 22 against Concordia and Western Baptist, respectively.

Tsuru tantalizes the taste buds, turns the tummy

If the words "cultural experience" are more important to you than "My stomach feels fine," Tsuru Japanese Cuisine is the restaurant for you. I went there on Friday night with nine other people—Ryan Barker, Eric Vail, Matt Osborne, Luke Dillon, Alan Krause, Charlie Ruppert, Josh Oldenkamp, Michelle Shroyer and my sister Stephanie. Barker had been trying to get us all to go to sushi for a long time, and finally we agreed to go to experience it for ourselves.

The restaurant is located in Boise, in a fairly visible location on Orchard Street. Parking probably won't be a problem, and so long as your group isn't made up of ten or more people, seating shouldn't be, either. Because of the size of our group, we waited about ten minutes before being seated in the center of the room.

After giving us menus (which contained such options as "Sea Eel" and "Smelt Roe"), our waitress brought out these lemon/cucumber/crab/pasta things in a little bowl. Revealing his sushi knowledge, Luke immediately asked, "Do we eat this, or just look at it?" It tasted fine though, and we all finished it be-

fore Barker ordered a bunch of different stuff from the menu for us to try.

Thus began the wait. Probably owing to the size of our

Tsuru Japanese Cuisine

303 N. Orchard
Boise, Idaho

Reviewed by
Kadee Wirick

Crusader Rating



group, it took a good forty minutes for them to bring the sushi out to us. When we had been sitting for about half an hour, hungry Josh asked, "How come it takes so long to NOT cook fish?"

Finally they brought out the sushi. There were two different trays, one with raw shrimp, salmon, squid, whitefish and yellowtail on it, and the other with

sweet shrimp and two different kinds of maki (rice rolls with fun stuff on the inside). Steph and Josh were the first to take a bite, and I started out with the shrimp, which turned out to be really good. All of the sushi was placed on top of rice balls and held together by something called wasabi butter, which is better understood by non-sushi eaters as spicy green horseradish. The last thing that was brought out was a bowl of fried shrimp heads. Luke and Steph volunteered to try those, but Steph opted not to finish hers, saying, "There's eyeballs staring at me right now. I don't want to eat it." Luke had no problem finishing his, but asked, "Are there feet stuck in my teeth?"

By the end of the meal most of the table had begun to feel a bit queasy inside. However, this did not prevent Charlie from making Steph's leftover shrimp sing "A Whole New World" to Osborne. Or to keep Osborne, Barker, Charlie and Luke from having a manly man contest by swallowing huge chunks of the wasabi butter, which Osborne said cleared up his nostrils so well he wouldn't have a cold for another couple of years. We finished the meal off with ginger, which was agreed upon as tasting like air freshener.

Personally, I really liked the whole meal. But I must acknowledge that sushi is probably not for everyone. Out of our whole

group, only Steph, Barker and I said that we would come back and eat it again if we had a choice. The restaurant itself had a couple of weak points, namely the wait and the fact that our water was never quite filled up, but overall it had a nice little Japanese environment. My recommendation, food-wise, is that you get the California maki, the plain shrimp (ebi) and the salmon (sake), and whatever else you think looks interesting. I think that if I go again and feel brave, I'll have a taste of sea eel. If you do hit Tsuru, which I encourage you to do, be sure to go with people who will have fun with the place and help ease any nervousness over taking a bite of raw fish.

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The baby shower - it's really more of an avalanche

Whew! I am exhausted, physically and emotionally, and I will tell you why: I have been helping my wife register for her baby shower.

This is a new wrinkle in the field of having babies. When I was born, during the presidency of James K. Polk, we babies did not require a lot of equipment. We had our blanket, and that was pretty much it. We'd lie on our blanket and amuse ourselves for weeks on end by trying to get our feet into our mouths. If we were lucky, we'd have a rattle, which we would obtain by catching an actual rattlesnake with our tiny bare hands. Also in those days we changed our own diapers.

So back then, baby showers were pretty basic. There was no registering. A group of women would simply get together and watch as the mother-to-be opened the gifts and commented on them ("A blanket! Thank you! Look! Another blanket! That'll come in handy! Look! ANOTHER..." etc.). In 20 minutes the shower was over and everybody went back to pounding clothes with rocks.

Equipping your modern

baby is a whole different kettle of fish. You've seen newsreels of the Normandy Invasion, with thousands of supply ships stretching across the English Channel as far as the eye can see? That will give you an idea of the minimum amount of things that you need to adequately support a single modern baby, in the view of today's baby industry.

So now, when you have a baby shower, you register what your baby-equipment needs are. We registered at a baby-fixin's megastore the size of Yellowstone National Park. The lady behind the counter handed us a sheet of paper that said, "BABY REGISTRY MUST HAVES!" It listed MUST HAVE! baby items in six categories: First Priorities, Room Decor, At Home, Splash Down, On The Go, Just For Fun and Layette. (The baby industry says "Layette" because it sounds classier than "Clothes For Baby To Poop In.")

I added up all the items in the six categories, and it came out to more than 150 things - furniture, bedding, undergarments, outergarments, warm-

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ers, coolers, bath gizmos, sterilizers, stabilizers, transporters, transponders, diaper anti-stink devices, a type of pump I don't even want to think about, and on and on - that the baby MUST HAVE! The piece of paper didn't say what would happen if you didn't get all of these things, but the clear implication is that your baby would fall behind all the other babies. Like, say you didn't get a jumper, which is a MUST HAVE! device that you put the baby in so it can bounce up and down while it is pooping. Without this device, your baby would be slower to develop the vital bouncing skills that studies have shown ultimately determine who gets into what business school.

And you can't just get any jumper. There are MANY jumpers, and you have to pick out the RIGHT one, the one that conforms to all 387 parts

of the U.S. Department of Consumer Nervousness Jumper Safety Guidelines, because if you pick out the WRONG one, you could very well be signing your baby's death warrant. Multiply this responsibility by your 150 MUST HAVE! items, and you begin to see the intense psychological pressures involved in registering for a baby shower.

The most stressful part is picking out the stroller. Today's baby stroller is an extremely high-tech piece of equipment, comparable in complexity to the B-1 bomber, but more expensive. I have purchased houses in less time than it took us to decide on a stroller. And I still agonize that we picked the wrong one. I mean, the stroller is not just a seat with wheels: It is a place where your baby will spend much of its critical developmental years pooping. You cannot afford to make a mistake.

The only good part of the shower-registration process was that I had a gun. I don't mean a bullet-shooting gun: I mean an electronic scanning gun, the kind that beeps when

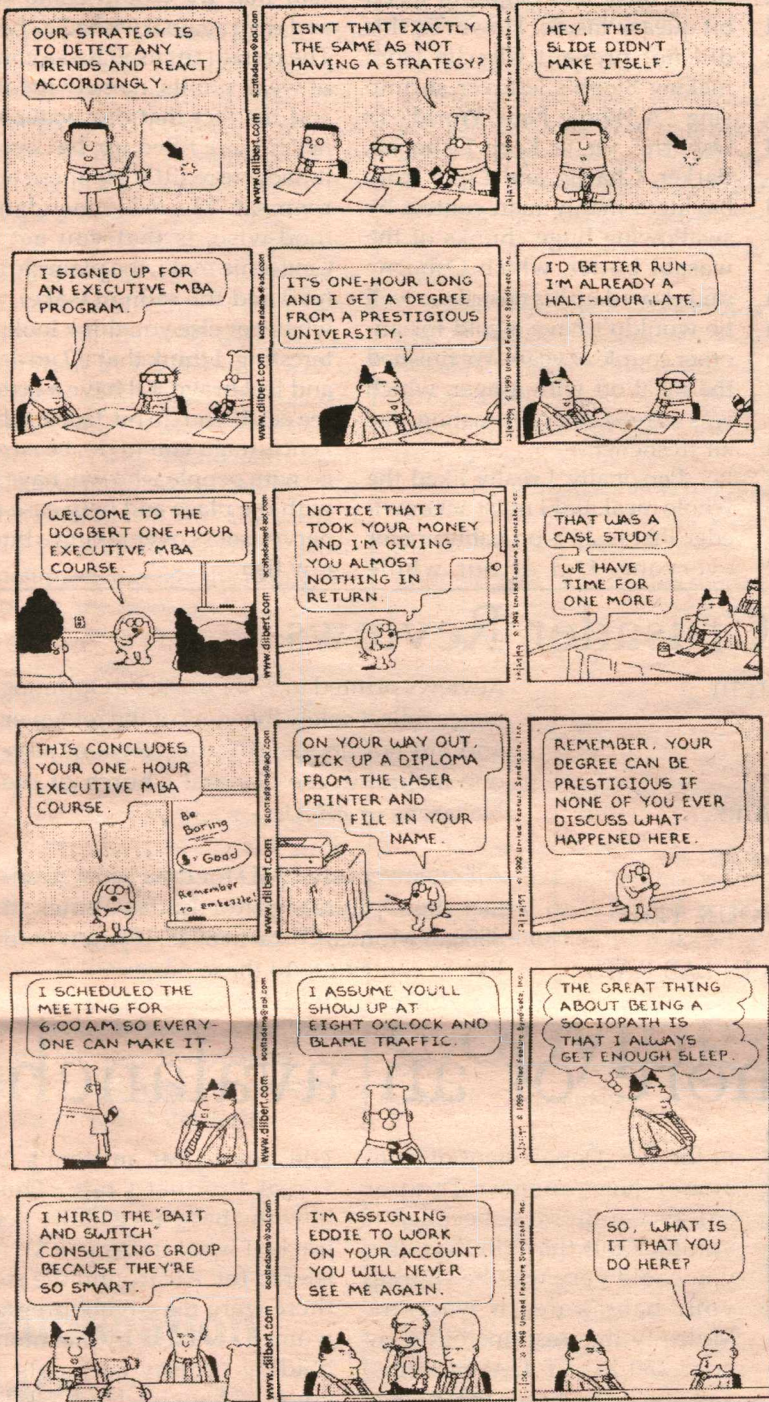
you point it at an item's Universal Product Code. This is how the baby megastore keeps track of what items you've registered for. All around the store, there were massively pregnant women, crazed by hormones, holding up tiny garments and going, "Awww! How CUTE!" And next to each woman was a man, finger on the trigger button of his scanning gun, ready to beep. It was like prehistoric times, when the woman's job was to bear the child, and the man's job was to hunt game and kill it by striking it with his club in the vulnerable product-code region.

So anyway, we registered for all kinds of stuff, which I guess means that once the shower is over, all that we'll be missing is the actual baby. Although, come to think of it, maybe we don't need the baby. It definitely was not on the MUST HAVES! list.

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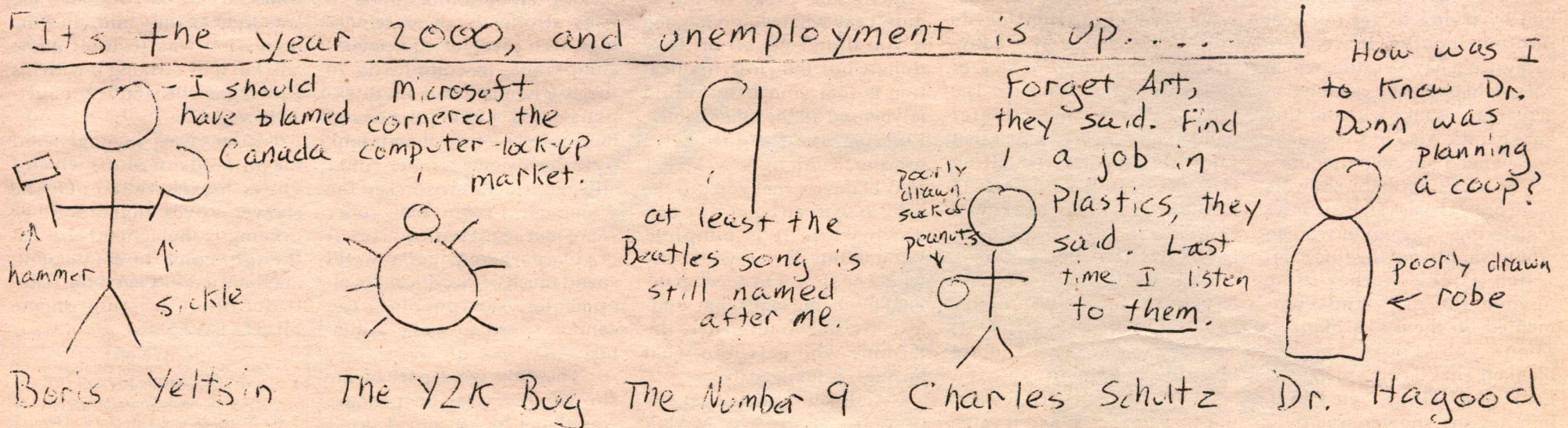
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