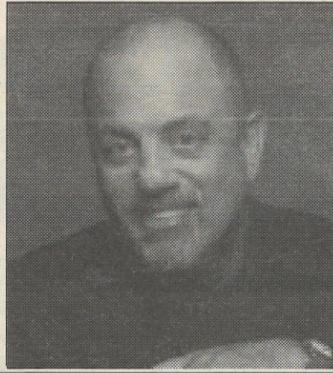




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Warming up to Northwest chapel themes

By **Tristan McCoy**
Assistant Editor

Hosting chapel themes, like *Relentless*, is slowly becoming a trend with campus ministries.

"The process of having and developing a theme is still young," said campus pastor Phil Rasmussen.

Relentless is the second chapel theme to "successfully carry out", he added. Like with last year's theme, *Overflow*, campus ministries will produce a concert and a music album.

They also produced an *Overflow* journal, which was sold in the bookstore. Two years ago, campus ministries developed "*Rooted*," and gave journals out in chapel.

Rasmussen said there was a different theme chosen originally, but *Relentless* was "meatier and more marketable."

Campus ministry leaders and interns collectively read a book of the Bible and then choose what they believe is the main theme from the book.

For this year's theme, the campus ministry staff and student interns chose their "meat" or theme with a focus on 1st and 2nd Timothy. According to Rasmussen, "What Paul is saying to Timothy is to be relentless in the pursuit of righteousness."

The campus ministries' market grows beyond chapel services and the bookstore.

Sophomore Ashleigh Smart is a student intern this year and said the theme is a pivotal point that is yet to come. "*Relentless* is a good point of reference and remembrance," she added.

A theme and focus has not always been executed in years past.



Photo by Kristin Coppersmith

RELENTLESS

Before Rasmussen there were three campus pastors who did not implement a theme: Dave Garrick, David Baker, and professor Jack Wisemore.

"The closest thing to a theme was a big banner with a verse hanging up in chapel," said Wisemore, who served as campus pastor from 1994 to 1996.

According to Wisemore his main tasks as campus pastor included overseeing the chapel and student ministries, student interns, and spent much of his time counseling. His primary concern was spiritual nurture and so, he conducted many dorm floor

talks.

At this time, chapel was 50 minutes long five days a week. Thus, those in charge of chapel were constantly fighting against repetitiveness, said Wisemore.

In attempt to vary chapel, he included fireworks in one service and in another it was a silent service. His ultimate solution was to fight for a chapel that only met three days week. Northwest students can thank him for that.

Another difference was that chapel attendance was handled

through Student Development instead of campus ministries.

"This was so campus ministries wasn't seen as punitive," added Wisemore. Instead of being viewed as corrective authorities, campus ministries staff took on a pastoral and leadership role and Student Development took care of attendance issues.

According to Wisemore this was also to help campus ministries create a close relationship with Student Development, whose offices were located directly next to campus ministries.

Last spring, the *Talon* reported on campus ministries' intentions with chapel and attendance, as well as highlighted student attitudes toward the way chapel is ran. Attitudes toward chapel haven't changed much in a decade.

"In the front row you had the ameners and in the back the more reserved," added Wisemore. He also mentioned that freshmen loved chapel and seniors hated it.

"For me chapel is spiritually refreshing and renewing," Havilah Hunt, freshman from Salem, Ore. Hunt also mentions that she likes the theme, but would like it if it were referenced more often.

Chuck Steinhilber, senior from Pine Bush, NY. Steinhilber says he is "really unimpressed because chapel is all about keeping up with appearance."

Rasmussen also would like students to "say they grew in their understanding of scripture."

"We didn't just sing some great songs or hear random messages," he added. That students "gained a deeper understanding of what the text means to encourage our godly living."

Haunted trails, pumpkins, costumes and corn mazes

By **Kristin Coppersmith**
Staff Reporter

"Nightmare at Beaver Lake"
Located at Beaver Lake Park in Sammamish. Walk through the woods on a haunted trail, leading you to a haunted house. Oct. 25-31, 8-11 p.m. Admission: \$10 (If you bring a can of food you can get \$1 off your ticket. Parking is free. More information at www.nightmareatbeaverlake.com

"Pumpkin Prowl"
Located at Woodland Park Zoo. Go trick-or-treating, visit 'sweet stations' and live entertainment. Costumes are

encouraged! Oct. 26-28, 5-8 pm. Admission \$9. This is a fundraiser for the zoo, so if you're a regular member of the zoo, your admission benefits do not apply.

"Halloween Seattle"
Located at The Showbox. Come out to one of the biggest Halloween celebrations in



Seattle. Up to \$4000 of costume prizes will be given away. Get the Early Bird Special online for \$25. Visit www.halloweenseattle.com for more information.
"South 47 Farm"
15410 N.E. 124th St., Redmond. Enjoy a corn maze through the end of October (\$6 per

person), a pumpkin field, music and hayrides (\$1 per person). 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Wed.-Sun. and 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri.-Sat. Visit www.south47farm.com for more information.

"The Farm"
7301 Rivershore Rd., Snohomish. Walk through a corn maze laid out like a giant map of Washington or go through the pumpkin patch, farm market, and bakery. Wagon rides are offered on the weekend. Admission is \$5 or \$20 for a family. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. everyday. Visit www.thefarm1.com for more information.

Be sure not to miss these games!

Go Eagles!

Oct. 26

Men's soccer 7 p.m.

Women's volleyball 7 p.m.

Oct. 27 Men's Soccer 7 p.m.

Nov. 2 Women's volleyball 7 p.m.

Nov. 3 Women's volleyball 7 p.m.

Cheer on the Cross country team: Regional I Championships in Olympia, WA on Nov. 3

NU Happenings

- Oct. 26 *Parents' Night Out* 6:30-10:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 *President Inauguration* 2 p.m.
- Oct. 29 *Carry the Call chapel with guest speaker Pastor Pete Hartwig*
Washington Public Service Career Fair @ Seattle Center 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- Oct. 31 *Carry the Call chapel with President Joseph Castleberry*
- Nov. 1 *Readings and Reflections* 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 2 *Carry the Call chapel with President Joseph Castleberry*
- Nov. 8 *Jazz Concert* 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 *Northwest Friday Roomies Weekend*
- Nov. 12 *Veteran's Day- No Classes*
- Nov. 15 *Work study orientation* 4 p.m.
Music Recital 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 16 *Women's basketball* 6 p.m.
Broomball 11 p.m.

Northwest's Got Talent



Photo courtesy of Jessica Chan
Jonathan Striker and Mitch Robinson performed N'Sync's "Tearin' Up My Heart" with group, "The Bible Brothers" at the fall talent show on Oct. 19. They won, "Most Likely to be Single at Graduation."

Opinion

Is relentless the right approach?

By **Tristan McCoy**
Assistant Editor

Relentless: cruel, without pity, to keep one from what one is trying to do.

What happens when the infinite meets the finite? When the divine meets the damned? As far as I can tell, what happens is spiritual vomit, consisting of cute catchphrases and a false spirituality. This false spirituality is really pride wrapped up in a cozy blanket that keeps God's holy scriptures far away.

Today, we are so satisfied with ourselves and our fragile accomplishments. Thus, we forget that we are the ones depraved, utterly coated in sin, and Jesus is the one who is divine and sinless.

Blaise Pascal once said that we cannot understand Jesus without an understanding of our own sin and that we cannot understand God without Jesus Christ.

If there are two things left out of NU chapel services today, it is the preaching and teaching of sin and Jesus. The cross reveals God's love, mercy, grace, and glory, while revealing our complete utter wretchedness; that we should treat any human with such bloody contempt.

Instead, we are given pep talks of social morality.

Social justice doesn't mean a thing without Jesus Christ. I have all too often heard a phrase that goes something along the lines of, "share the gospel; use words when necessary." Francis of Assisi often gets wrongly blamed for this one and Charismatics adore it.

The problem with helping and never telling others about Jesus is that you can do nice things and watch someone pass before you straight into the depths of hell. It is awfully hard to make "disciples...teaching them to observe all that I (Jesus) have commanded you" by hugging a bum (or tree for that matter) and never speaking up (Matt. 28:19,20).

Improper thinking and irreverence to the Bible has seeped so far down into our souls that we accept

heresies far too easily and even regurgitate them to our friends.

A Christian cannot be defined without a belief in the Bible.

All too often the Bible is used as a stool that we can stand on to prove our points or just make us taller. Either that, or the parts of the Bible that are confusing and hard are thrown out.

We need to let scripture speak to us and change us, not change it. As we do so improper thinking will be eliminated.

How selfish are we in thinking it is our minds that change, shape, and form God's mind? Authority of scripture is thrown out the window because it doesn't fit "our beliefs" or it isn't "culturally relevant."

Maybe our thinking is too big for us. Our thinking is so big that we think we own God, speaking truth into the Bibles we read. If this is the case God is tiny and weak and no God at all. Praise Jesus that our biggest thought is not even worth one of our earthly atoms in God's economy.

Perhaps the finite has not truly met the infinite.

Remember what happened to Moses when he looked upon God, the infinite—oh wait he couldn't or he would have died.

If we truly encountered God, we wouldn't be so relentless in our stupidity, but rather recessive to God and His truth, which comes through scripture.

When the divine meets the damned, our lives change completely. We would stop spewing heresies (perhaps grab a mop to clean up others). Our lives would be filled with humility, not prideful spirituality. We would believe the Bible and take God at His word and deed and change accordingly.

Lastly, we would tell others about Jesus as this is the most loving thing you can do, for Him and for others.

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NU sweethearts are the new missionaries in residence

By Kate Dartnall
Editor in Chief

Weldyn and Barbara Houser illuminate sincerity and mutuality for each other, and as Northwest's missionaries in residence, have a transparent hope for Northwest students to do the same.

"We look at an individual as a flower in the making. We don't try to compare you to anyone else," said Weldyn, who teaches Church in Missions and Multicultural Evangelism. Instead, students are a "seed of hope" and "we're apart to watch the seed blossom," he added.

According to Weldyn, he and Barbara don't take their opportunity to teach lightly.

"It's hard not to be around the people you've poured your life into," added Barbara. Her eyes became glossy as she explained that she is missing the graduation of five women she mentored in Singapore.

If they hadn't received a phone call from Northwest professor David Oleson last April,

the Housers would

be in Indonesia.

According to the

Assemblies of God missionary regulations, missionaries are allowed only one missionary in residence (MIRs) position per career.

They didn't think the Assemblies of God headquarters would approve the offer, because they had already been MIRs at Trinity University years ago. But, three weeks later, the Housers were officially Northwest's MIRs.

"We have been warmly welcomed," said Barbara, who teaches Intercultural Communication at Northwest and is currently working on her Ph.D. in Intercultural Communication from Biola University, La Mirada, Cal.

Really, Northwest welcomes the Housers back to the community.

Barbara and Weldyn are classic Northwest College sweethearts.

In 1970, when Barbara heard the school referred to as "Northwest Bridal College", she immediately defended her intentions to work towards a pre-education degree. However, the first chapel she attended featured the Northwest men's Quartet. Weldyn, a student and a security guard for Northwest sang bass.

"I like that bass voice, and now I have it!"

Weldyn, now beaming, mentioned that Barbara liked listening to his voice as well as Northwest's easy listening radio

station that he ran. Soon, the couple had formed a friendship. By 1972, they were married. Barbara received her A.A. from Northwest and Weldyn graduated with a B.A. in Christian Education and a minor in Missions.

Barbara, who grew up on a ranch in Montana, knew at the age of 8 that she would be a missionary to Asia. Like Barbara, Weldyn grew up in the country, specifically a farm in Alaska. Previous Northwest president, Denny Davis, spoke at a youth camp that he attended. Weldyn "struggled with the Lord for four days," and knew that he was supposed to be a missionary.

Barbara leaned towards him and placed her hand on his arm, "He's my best friend."



Photo courtesy of Weldyn and Barbara Houser

At this, Weldyn chuckled and shook his head, "You stole the words right out of my mouth!"

According to Barbara, this year they've been apart a total of three months and they "dislike it very much."

After they married, they spent the next seven and half years in Alaska. There, they worked with the Yubik people, near Bethel. Weldyn soon got a job at a saw mill, because they "were really poor." For their monthly treat, they would go to the store and according to Barbara, buy 8 ounces of Heresy's chocolate.

After having their children, Blaine and Christy, they felt called to move back down to what Barbara calls "God's country", Montana. There, they worked with local Native American tribes.

Here, she struggled with her presuppositions about what being a missionary really entailed.

"Missions meant sacrifice to me. But that was wrong thinking," said

Barbara. I felt like "I was too close to my family, for it to be missions."

Weldyn added, "Foreign missions was only on the forefront" of their thinking.

During the Christmas of 1982, Weldyn felt that it was God's will for them to move.

When they finally left Montana in 1983 for the island of Java, Indonesia, Blaine was 9 and Christy was 5.

They lived in the cities Bandung (spent 9 months learning the language), Sumatra and then settled for 6 and half years in Medan.

At one point, they ended up losing their visas and were forced to move to Hanoi, Vietnam for some time. Once they received their visa's back, they moved to Jakarta, home of 11 million people.

In the Assemblies of God missionary program, missionaries come back to the United States for a short period of time called "furlough". Here, the Housers became the MIRs at Trinity Bible College, Ellendale, ND. There, Barbara was able to finish her B.A and they were able to lead marriage counseling sessions together.

When furlough was over, they moved to Singapore where they learned a lot about the concept of tolerance.

"We learned to be more laid back," Weldyn said. A cultural norm of Singapore is to tolerate all cultures and religion. The government pressures the people to have the attitude that "it's all okay."

And so, the Housers began to understand this cultural norm, while they also taught adult students at bible school. Barbara mentioned that now at Northwest University, it is quite a shift to teach college age students.

"We love students and we're here to help the students get ready for ministry. We want to be your partners," said Weldyn.

Heinrichs to help develop the communication major

By Kate Dartnall
Editor in Chief

Just below Hurst Library, a new faculty member sits cheerfully in her quaint corner office. As I approach the door, Dr. Kara Heinrichs spins her chair around with a warm smile and says, "Hi!"

There's no denying it: She loves being in the company of students. And she loves that she's here at Northwest University.

This fall, Heinrichs is the new adviser for Northwest University's student radio station, KCNU AM 1500 and teaches two communication courses, Interpersonal Communication and Interpretative Reading.

Even though she enjoyed previous jobs in radio and journalism, according to Heinrichs, teaching is the better career track for her.

"I love to see students find themselves, find their passion," Heinrichs said.

In her own college years, Heinrichs was driven with a "plan in place". "However," she leans her head back and laughs, "I was THE procrastinator."

Heinrichs began in Anchorage,



Photo by Kristin Coppersmith

"I love seeing students find themselves, find their passion"

Alaska. After working in radio and an award-winning career in broadcast

journalism, she went on to pursue teaching.

Her major regret as a student was not really reading to learn. And so, Heinrichs is realistic about her own Northwest students.

She shakes her head, "I know the recommended reading won't happen."

When she's not teaching, Heinrichs enjoys, like other locals, the coffee-house mentality and "watching the slices of life."

On the weekends, particularly Sunday afternoons, Heinrichs and her husband, Todd, like to "recapture family time" and often, play the card game, Go Fish with their 3-year-old son, Gabe.

She first worked at Northwest University as an adjunct professor from 2002-2003, teaching Mass Communication. She also taught at Seattle University for a few years.

Then, she went back to school to complete her master's and doctorate in

communication at the University of Denver.

Head of communication department, Gary Gillespie, wrote on the communication majors Web page, "Kara Heinrichs is an expert in interpersonal communications and media studies."

According to Heinrichs, the communication department is currently building the media-studies track and working on making the major "fit the students' needs."

Heinrichs hopes to provide more concentration choices for the major such as public relations. She'd like to see students "well grounded in their communications studies."

Next spring, Heinrichs will teach Introduction to mass communications, Interpretative Reading and Leadership.

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debate team

Musicians are our new modern-day philosophers



By **Tristan McCoy**
Assistant Editor

Listening to music is often like going to a movie based off a book. As Jim Gaffigan (who will be coming to the Paramount on Nov. 3) says in his standup, "You know what I liked about the movie? No reading! And after, I took a nap."

This is exactly the operation of music. It's obtainable by all, it's cheaper than most textbooks, and in the middle of it you can fall asleep without worrying about where you put your bookmark.

Not too long ago I sat in my favorite coffee shop when something caught my ear. A feminine voice that danced over an acoustic guitar stopped time itself as I sat with philosophy book in lap. I thought I would love to find out more about this woman and perhaps buy her album. Little to my knowledge and only upon leaving did I realize it was live music.

In this moment I realized that musicians are the new modern philosophers, as she spoke of life and all that it entails. In music there's no heavily footnoted text and certainly no hiding behind a curtain of intelligent arrogance.

Where do we go to find honesty? Where do we hear most about the human condition and anguish? Where do we go to find brilliant

thinkers brightly displaying their ideas? Where do you go to find people who are open to ask the tough questions of life without the fear of being wrong? And I'm certainly not talking about Christian rock!

Music is the textbook of today where there is honesty, purely and simply. Okay, okay... except for those



in the business solely for money, girls, glamour, recognition, drugs, promotion, fame. Perhaps music is more telling of our human condition than we think.

Read the book if you must.

But, I suggest you listen to the philosophy of today, remembering to handle the musician's ideas with scrutiny, but their honesty with care. Take a look at November's shows.

Nov. 1: Finally, it's time for

some local artists! Don't miss Rocky Votolato at The Showbox. Rocky brings a classic blend of country, folk and rock. Let's just say if Rocky Votolato's dad got in a fight with Conner Oberst's, from Bright Eyes dad, Rocky's would win.

Nov. 2: After going to see Rocky Votolato, go see local Vh1's "You Outta Know" artist Brandi Carlile at the Paramount. The best way to describe Brandi Carlile, is like Melissa Ethridge, only good. She's another local artist with a soft, beautiful melodic sound. Do not be mistaken, she definitely knows how to rock, all while telling wonderful stories.

Nov. 10: Seattle-based quintet Minus the Bear comes to the Showbox. Despite their hilarious song titles, this band is no joke. Bringing finger-tapping guitar riffs, time changes that can keep the attention of an 8th-grader with ADHD, all with catchy melodies, makes this one all-star band!

Nov. 19 and 20: A formally local band, Band of Horses, is coming with a special brand of magic. Emotions pour from the mind of this band, but is presented in such a way you will be left awestruck. Nothing in this band reeks of emo though so keep the black mascara at home and be prepared to hear these guys soar to progressive musical heights.

Upcoming

Nov. 1—The Hives
@ The Showbox SoDo
Nov. 5—Ben Lee
@ Neumo's
Nov. 6—Amber Pacific
@ El Corazon
Nov. 8—Billy Joel
@ Key Arena
Nov. 11—Vanessa Carlton
@ Crocodile Cafe
Nov. 12—Kelly Clarkson
@ Paramount Theatre
Senses Fail/New Found
Glory
@ The Showbox
Great Northern with
Robbers on High Street
@ Crocodile Cafe
Nov. 14, 15—Ben Harper
& The Innocent Criminals
@ Paramount Theatre
Nov. 15—Razorlight
@ Neumo's
Nov. 17—Gwar
@ The Showbox SoDo

Test out your college tastebuds on these restaurants

By **Kristin Coppersmith**
Staff Reporter

Tired of the cafeteria, Kirkland restaurants or Starbucks? Try somewhere new this month.

Elliott's Oyster House

A Seattle favorite for 30 years, Elliott's is located on Pier 56 and is walking distance from Pike's Place Market. It is the perfect place for a nice date or special occasion. Yes, it's a little pricy for the average college student, but save your pennies, because the menu, service, and ambience is well worth it. Try the Blackened Rockfish with polenta or the Dungeness Crab Cakes with chili-lime sauce. 1201 Alaskan Way, Seattle. (206) 623-4340

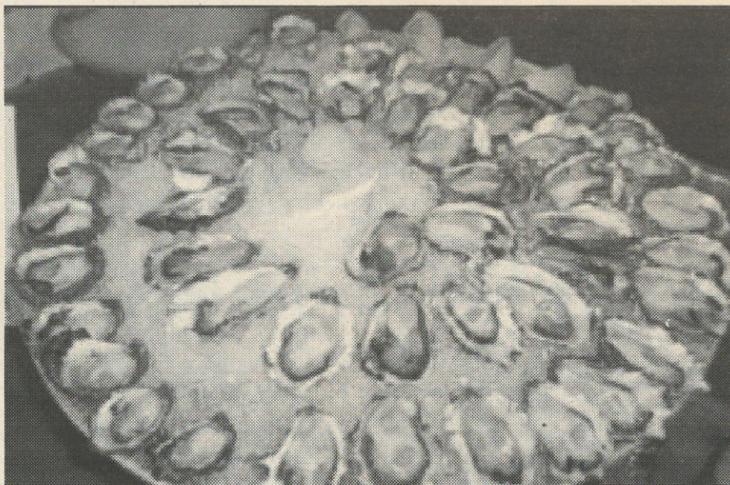


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The Mediterranean Kitchen

Truly a Bellevue secret, the Mediterranean Kitchen is hidden a few blocks away from the mall. The food is authentic, full of bold lemon, garlic, and onion flavors. Each entrée is served with soup, flat bread, and hummus. Be aware that portions are quite large and can usually be split between two (split charge about \$5). Service is excellent, pricing is reasonable and seating is prompt, but note that it probably isn't the best place to go with a large group. Grab a few friends or your significant other and try the Lamb Shiskabob or Spinakopita. If you aren't one to experiment with different foods, this is a great place to try something new! 103 Bellevue Way NE # 103, Bellevue. (425) 462-9422

Blue-C Sushi

If you are a sushi lover, then you will

most likely enjoy your experience at Blue-C Sushi in the U District. It's something different than the traditional Sushi-land hot spot in Bellevue. A large conveyor belt is in the center of the restaurant and there are various booths surrounding it if you'd rather order from the menu. Plate colors correlate with prices. It has a funky and modern atmosphere, complete with a huge streaming picture of Hong Kong. While their sushi isn't gourmet, and the staff seem to take themselves too seriously, the ambience makes it worth it and it's a fun thing to do with friends. I recommend the vegetable tempura. 2510 NE Blakeley St., Seattle. (206) 525-4601

B&O Espresso

A long-time Seattle favorite, B & O is known for their high-quality coffee, incredible desserts, eclectic menu and all around good food. Located in Capitol Hill, it has a casual, comfortable

setting that makes you want to order latte after latte just so you won't have to leave the cozy-artsy atmosphere. It is a great place to go with a friend for a Saturday morning breakfast, a late lunch or an evening to enjoy long conversation. Staff are friendly, relaxed, and familiar with the menu. Trust me, if

you give it a try, it will quickly become one of your new favorite getaways in the area. 204 Belmont Ave. E., Seattle. (206) 322-5028

The Brown Bag Café

Only a few exits up I-405, the Brown Bag Café is an inviting, friendly place

to eat. They serve huge portions, so prepare to split a plate with a friend and ingest lots of carbs and salt. But don't let the calories steer you away. There's no denying that it's just plain good ole' home-cooking. So give yourself a break from the cafeteria and brown bag it! 12217 NE 116th St., Kirkland. (425) 822-9462

Victor's Celtic Coffee Company

This coffee house is a little hard to find, but once you find it, you will keep coming back. Its warm and welcoming, with lots of locals and definitely not the Starbucks crowd. They almost always have live music on the weekends. I recommend the Mandarin Mocha with chocolate whipped cream or one of their fresh baked pastries. Be sure to bring cash, as they do not accept any form of plastic. 7993 Gilman St., Redmond. (425) 881-6451

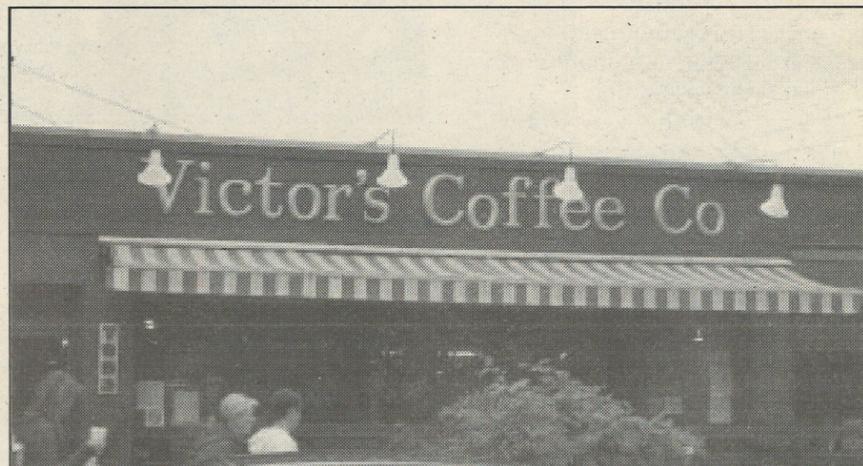


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