

For Northwest College, Take **Exit 17**

Poorman's Offering - Ian McFarland, Scott McFarland, Brent Jamieson, and Nick Peterson - are at Gasworks Park in Seattle. This 20-acre facility on Lake Union was built in 1906 to process coal into gas. It's been a park since 1962.

The SMTs are on the road again.

Summer Ministry Teams from Northwest College, including **Poorman's Offering**, may be coming to your church or camp.



**Poorman's
Offering**

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And see more SMTs
on the back cover.

The full impact finally hit her on a Sunday morning in April, just over four years ago.

Christina Vossler was in a pew at Cedar Park Assembly of God because this was to be a day of special prayer for the terminally ill.

Yet, when Pastor Joe Fuiten called for all the terminally ill to come forward, Christina turned to her mother and asked, "I'm not terminally ill, am I?"

"You are," answered her mom. "You need to go forward."

It wasn't the first time Tina, as she prefers to be called, was seriously ill.

When she was only a year old, she had spinal meningitis. At three, she had a pair of operations to correct abnormalities in her kidney.

The next years were healthy. But as she got ready to leave her teens, she just didn't feel good.

At 20, she was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Initially, her doctors thought it was Stage 4.

"It was very scary," Tina recalls. "I felt like I was trapped in the ring with a bull. I could feel the tumors on my neck getting bigger."

At first, the doctors weren't very hopeful. But further tests indicated her cancer was only at Stage 2.

Had a miracle already begun?

"I was still facing a terminal illness," states Tina. "I felt like I had only one choice – I had to trust God with my life."

But what did that really mean, in practical terms?

Should she pray for a miracle? Should she try the natural remedies people all around her were suggesting? Or should she follow the conventional medical route of chemotherapy and radiation?

"Eventually, I found peace that God was in this with me, and I decided to try all three methods."

First, Tina was surrounded by prayer.

The members of her own church, Trinity Baptist in Renton, fasted and prayed on her behalf.

Second, her naturopathic physician, Dr. Cheryl Wood, gave Tina a regimen to help build up her immune system.

Third, she saw an oncologist, Dr. Robert Lane. "He is a Christian, too," states Tina. "In fact, he prayed with me and my parents when he gave us the original diagnosis."

The next few months were difficult, but miraculous.

"The tumors on my neck started to shrink as soon as I began my treatments," recalls Tina. "My hair fell out, but I think that was good. I plan to be a caregiver, and this will help me identify with my patients."

Through it all, she felt God's love.

"When I had nothing to offer, when I felt the most ugly and worthless, was when God spoke to me the most clearly and said, 'I love you.'"

Tina's hair came back, and so did her health. After her recovery, she visited Cedar Park to thank Pastor Fuiten. As they talked, she said that she wanted to become a nurse.

"He told me, 'Northwest College has a nursing program!'" recalls Tina. "I had wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl, but it took cancer, and a miracle, to see how that could come to pass!"

Tina became a student at Northwest College in the Fall of 2001, and she plans to earn a degree in nursing.

She's only a freshman, but Tina has already learned some of the most important lessons about life and about healing: "God will use anything – even cancer – to draw us to Himself, and to build our faith."

So if you think it will take a miracle for you to attend Northwest College, we have just one suggestion: keep praying, and start packing.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MERLIN QUIGGLE

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Four years ago, she was diagnosed with cancer.



**Today,
Christina Vossler
is an honor
student.**

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Lessons from *The Miracle Worker*

Hey, I'm trying to help you... You should be more grateful!

The basic story is incredible. A persistent teacher, Anne Sullivan, helps unlock the mind and spirit of a deaf and blind girl named Helen Keller.

When you know how a story turns out, it's easy to forget the beginning. And we know that Helen Keller grew up to become a sweet, talented woman.

But in the beginning, Helen Keller was a raging, spoiled brat. She was furious, and frightened, as she sensed a world that she could neither see nor hear.

And when someone came to help her, to show her the way out of the darkness, Helen Keller didn't respond with thanks. She responded with rebellion and abuse.

Today, all of us are surrounded by those who are blind and deaf. They are blind and deaf spiritually.

They are blind to the reality of eternity, and they are deaf to the voice of God.

When we try to reach them, they, like Helen Keller, react with rage.

They lash out. They sulk. They try to ignore us.

But we must not give up. Anne didn't, and it led to what Helen Keller called "my soul's awakening."

The world is filled with people who want to "Be Like Mike." Your church and your school need you to have the courage and patience to "Be Like Anne."



Rachael M. Dill (left) starred as Anne Sullivan, and Lauren Gardner portrayed Helen Keller in the Northwest College presentation of *The Miracle Worker*, April 11-13 and 16-18, 2002.

NOTES ON THE PRODUCTION

William Gibson wrote a play about Helen Keller called *The Miracle Worker*. In April, the Theatre Department of Northwest College presented seven performances of the play, to rave reviews. The production was directed by **Lisa Peretti-Stephenson**, a 1986 graduate of Northwest College who has just returned to her alma mater as an assistant professor of drama after eight years as an actress and singer in Europe. While there, Lisa performed in major productions, including *Phantom of the Opera*. She also earned an M.A. from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London. This summer, Lisa will star in *Wonderful Tennessee*, on the main stage of the Taproot Theatre in Seattle.

The secret of financial aid?

This Northwest College student knows the answer:

You have to **dig** for it.

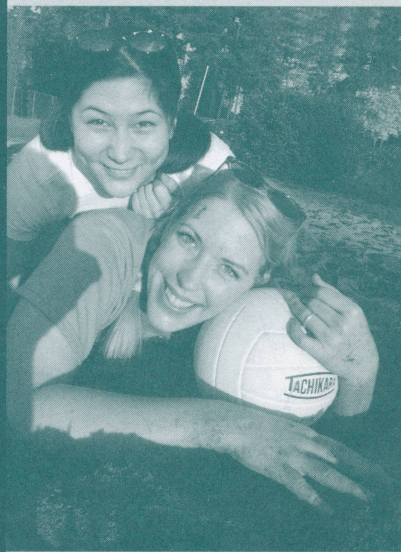
"You have to work really hard at applying for every grant and scholarship you can find," says **Melissa Forrey**.

"It's easy to look down your nose at a \$500 or \$1000 scholarship," she admits. "But how many hours would you have to work at a part-time job to make that much?"

Her advice: apply for every scholarship you can find.

"You'll be surprised," she states. "It really adds up fast!"

Melissa Forrey (with ball) is on the volleyball team at Northwest College with her friend Christina Pablo.



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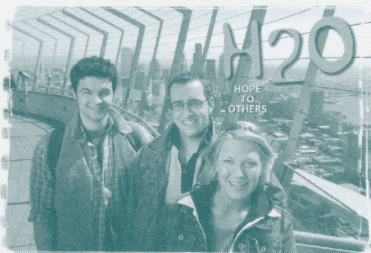
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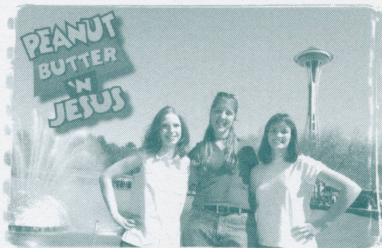
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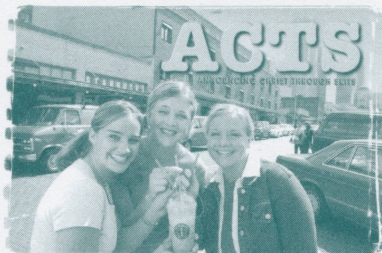
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H2O – Jordan Hansen, Jesse Bryan, and Renee Morgan are atop the Space Needle, the famous Seattle landmark built for the World's Fair in 1962. It's supposed to be one of the safest places during an earthquake, but I'm not sure that's where I'd go if things started shaking.



PB'nJ – Melody Benson, Jennifer Russell, and Charmy Buck are at the International Fountain in Seattle, a mainstay from the World's Fair in 1962. The fountain has 283 water shooters, including four Super Shooters that send 66 gallons of water 120 feet into the air.



ACTS – Amy Oliver, Katie Valnes, and Elisa Reimer share a Tazo Berry from the original Starbucks at the historic Pike Place in Seattle. The first Starbucks opened in 1971. Today there are more than we can count, including one just a few blocks from our campus in Kirkland!

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