

## Teacher retires



Sharon Palmquist (left), retiring Goodland High School English teacher, spoke with Sarah Short, another high school teacher, at a retirement reception Sunday afternoon at the Goodland School District office. Palmquist, who taught for the district for 28 years, received a rocking chair as a gift. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Slain university student remembered at ceremony

LAWRENCE (AP) — Shannon Martin's picture flashed on the scoreboard at Memorial Stadium, as the University of Kansas' chancellor paused during graduation exercises to remember the slain honor student. The walk down Mount Oread into the stadium is a rite that connects graduates to their university and their families. Chancellor Robert Hemenway said, "and no one walks this hill alone. Everyone has a friend or family member by his or her side, and I believe the spirit and memory of Shannon Martin walks with us." Martin, 23, was supposed to graduate with honors on Sunday. But she

was found stabbed to death last weekend in Golfito, Costa Rica, where she had gone to finish a research project involving ferns and photosynthesis. Police have not made any arrests in her killing. The commencement also included a moment of silence for Martin and others from the university who died this year. Martin was killed after leaving the Jurassic Bar, a popular hangout for American students in Golfito. The bar is within walking distance of a neighborhood where many students stay with host families.

# Pope, cardinals gather to examine church

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II opened a meeting today of cardinals from around the world to examine the challenges of the church in the new millennium — and possibly give some hints about the next pontiff.

The Vatican said John Paul will attend the entire meeting, which includes morning and afternoon sessions today through Wednesday. The pontiff invited all 183 cardinals to attend the gathering shortly after appointing 44 new cardinals in February, making it the largest College of Cardinals in history.

The pope and several top Vatican cardinals addressed the closed-door meeting before general discussions began.

John Paul, noting that the cardinals have come from all over the world and from different cultural backgrounds, said the meeting reflected the church's "unity, universality and missionary work," according to a text distributed by the Vatican's press office.

Speaking Sunday to some 20,000 faithful in St. Peter's Square, the pope said the meeting will allow reflection on the role of the Roman Catholic church in the third millennium. "During these next days, we will together consider the prospects for the life of the church and her mission in the world," John Paul said.

SANTIAGO, Chile — Inmates set mattresses and blankets on fire during a prison revolt in the northern Chilean city of Iquique, killing 26 people who were unable to flee when the flames quickly spread, the government said early today.

"The victims burned or suffocated to death," regional governor Patricio Zapata said in the port city 1,050 miles north of Santiago. "They were not able to escape because the door of the dormitory was, of course, closed. ... We now lament the deaths of 26 people."

Zapata said the riot broke out about 10 p.m. Sunday, and the fire spread quickly. Radio Cooperative of Santiago reported that at one point police used tear gas to scatter the relatives who tried to enter the prison.

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"The reasons for the violence are not clear, and we have ordered an investigation," Zapata said.

NATIONAL NEW HAVEN, Conn. — For the first time since his 1968 graduation, President Bush is returning to the Ivy League university he scorned while making his name in politics as a down-home Texan.

The president and his wife, Laura, were here for the 300th commencement of Yale University, where daughter Barbara, a freshman, represents the fourth consecutive generation of Bushes at Yale.

Bush's speech at today's ceremony, an associate said, marks his personal reconciliation with the institution that gave him so-so grades and waited too long in his view to give his father, former President George Bush, an honorary degree.

More than 150 professors signed a petition protesting the university's decision to give Bush an honorary degree today, calling it premature for a president who has been in office only four months.

Bush's father received an honorary degree in 1991, two years into his presidency.

Bush flew here from South Bend, Ind., where he pressed his social-services agenda at Sunday's graduation at Notre Dame, his first commencement address as president. On Friday he speaks at the U.S. Naval Academy graduation in Annapolis, Md.

SACRAMENTO — Californians could soon be waking to electricity blackout forecasts along with the traffic and weather.

The Independent System Operator, keeper of the state's power grid, was expected to release a report today detailing how such a plan would work.

"I actually think it's a thoughtful plan ... to give folks an opportunity to understand the likelihood of blackouts on a daily basis," said Assemblyman Fred Keeley, the Assembly's point man on energy.

He compared it to "weather forecasting, to be able to look at the next three

or four days, have a percentile about the likelihood of blackouts."

Assemblyman Mike Briggs plans to introduce a bill this week that would have the Public Utilities Commission notify businesses and homeowners as much as one month ahead of time when they would have their power cut.

WASHINGTON — As many as 11 tropical storms — including five to seven hurricanes — could threaten the Atlantic and Gulf coasts this year, government forecasters said today.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted what it called a normal hurricane season this year, but it warned that doesn't mean the danger is less.

"Although we expect an average level of activity this season, that is no cause to become complacent," said acting NOAA Administrator Scott Gudes. "Residents in hurricane-prone areas can't afford to let their guard down. Just one storm can dramatically change your life."

A normal Atlantic hurricane season typically brings eight to 11 tropical storms, of which five to seven reach hurricane strength, the forecasters said. Such a season can include two or three major storms.

Hurricane season for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and Caribbean lasts from June 1 to Nov. 30.

The "normal" forecast is based on the absence of such influences as the El Nino and La Nina phenomena, in which unusual warming or cooling of the tropical Pacific can affect the weather worldwide, officials said.

WASHINGTON — Software piracy grew in 2000 for the first time in more than half a decade and 37 percent of the programs used by businesses worldwide are illegal copies, a trade group of software makers reported today.

The worldwide dollar losses to software makers due to piracy dropped slightly to \$11.75 billion, however, due to a growing market for software and lower prices, the group said.

The Business Software Alliance, an organization of productivity software companies such as Adobe and Microsoft, has conducted the study since 1994.

This year's findings reverse what had been a steady drop in rate of pirated software.

"It appears that there is more change in attitudes towards piracy in periods of economic growth, when business are adopting new technology to keep up with demand and competitive pressures, than in times of slower growth," the report said.

Technologically advanced regions like North America and Western Europe have a "fundamental piracy problem," it said. The Asia-Pacific nations — where more than half of all programs in use last year were stolen — are increasingly accounting for worldwide piracy.

## matters of record

### Sherman County Traffic

May 7 — Darian T. Miller, 30, Burlington, Colo., failing to yield at stop sign, \$74; expired registration, \$10.

May 8 — Esther Montoya, 51, Kanorado, no child restraint, \$74. William W. Kenyon, 20, Bogue, speeding 80/55, \$99.

May 9 — Cheryl Witherspoon, 33, Colorado Springs, speeding 91/70, \$87. Frank M. Burns, 33, Kansas City, Kan., speeding 102/70, \$124.

May 11 — Victor H. Canales, 21, Kansas City, Kan., speeding 91/70,

### Real Estate Transfers

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Mary Darlene Schields to the trustees of the Wilda Kalbach Revocable Trust and the trustees of the Arthur Kalbach Revocable Trust, each an undivided one half interest in a portion of Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Rosewood Addition to Goodland.

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