



# The Goughs' Christmas Times

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## Oregon -- Year Two

Our second full year in the Northwest. This year saw transitions: Chris graduated from Lake Oswego High and started his freshman year at UC San Diego. Corey got his driver's license and a car. Diana got infected with Northwest "Green" fever and took up composting. Dick continued his PC passion and got a new computer. Buttons hit 77 in people-equivalent years. Now for the details...

## Back to College or Life's a Beach



Chris graduated with honors from Lake Oswego High and was accepted into the Intel Honors Intern Program. Under this program, Intel offers promising graduating seniors summer jobs and a chance for work every summer by maintaining a 3.0 or better. Only a

small number of Portland area seniors are accepted (about 20) so we thought it was a pretty good deal. Chris got off to a shaky start though. He was working in the warehouse moving boxes while one of his friends got the title "Assistant Manager." He figured, "Boy did I get screwed!" After a few weeks he got a raise and his friend was running around delivering envelopes.

Chris started at San Diego in late September. Since Dick had a business conference in Dana Point, the week after school began, we pooled needs and desires. Mom, Dad and Chris went down to San Diego a few days early. We got Chris ensconced in his 6th floor dorm room (view of the ocean) and en-



joyed the many attractions of San Diego. We stayed in a former house of ill repute in the Gaslight district -- neat place.

At UCSD Chris thinks he's died and gone to heaven. He's majoring in computer science (I wonder why?) UCSD is on the quarter system and Chris will complete his first round of finals before coming home for Christmas. The university doesn't grant athletic scholarships like the other UC campuses and has a reputation as a tough academic school. Evidence of this was Chris' complaint that there was nothing to do Sunday through Thursday as all the other kids were studying from 7pm to 2am.

## The Northwest Sys-Op



Corey has added computers to his existing passions for aggressive snow and water skiing. He is now running a BBS (computerize for a computer bulletin board system) from the bonus room. He runs his PC 24 hours a day and people call in via modem (a device for sending data on ordinary phone lines) to send him pro-

grams, pictures, etc., or to get them from Corey's database. To add to his skills, he took a course in C programming this summer at Mentor Graphics, a local computer firm. The C language is the principal one used by professional programmers. Corey has honed his skills as a C programmer, developed graphic screens and sold them to other BBS operators. He's really getting quite good at this PC stuff!

Corey plans to attend a west coast college, most likely U of Oregon and also major in computer science. He's



also interested in video production and has organized, filmed and edited several videos. Computer graphics is a hot, developing area. This might be an exciting area for him to pursue.

### Let it Rot!!!

This is Diana's new battle cry. We even have a miniature compost bin in the kitchen (plus 2 biggies in the back yard.) Diana has been accepted into the Oregon Master Gardener's program; classes start in January. This will require 40 hours of class work and a like amount of volunteer time.

Currently she is tutoring a Japanese student in Senior English. No, Diana does not speak Japanese; she hasn't eaten enough sushi yet. Explaining Hamlet to a Japanese causes one -- as they say -- to live in interesting times. Diana's still treasurer for AAUW and is also membership chair of ASTD (American Society for Training and Development.) We donated one of our computers to LO High this year and Diana found herself on the school's technology committee.

### It Can't be Too Fast or Have Too Much Storage

Dick got tired of his old? PS/2 and decided to upgrade to a new computer this year. After all, he couldn't let Corey's computer beat his in a speed race, could he? He opted for a 33 Mhz 486 with CD ROM, super VGA graphics and 130 Meg hard disk. Ah, tech talk. Anyhow, it does all the things he likes to do much faster -- taxes, bills, stuff like that.

Intel reorganized this year and another group was merged into Dick's. He's now Business Unit Manager for Desktop Enhancements at Intel. His organization grew to over 100 people. Intel continues to prosper, despite the economy, although it's rate of growth has slowed from last year.



### Less Wisdom

After being harassed by his dentist, Dick finally had his remaining 2 wisdom teeth removed. His IQ dropped 10 points. Despite the fact that it took the dentist an hour and a half to extract the lower one, recovery was quick and Dick expects to be able to resume eating again early next year.

### Rain in Southern California????!

This year we took a low-keyed vacation in San Clemente, Ca. Even though California was in its sixth year of drought, and even though we went in July, we actually got rained on. We had a fun time, nevertheless. We stayed on the beach and spent time in both San Diego and Los Angeles. Diana got rummage around her old girlhood haunt, Laguna Beach.

### Long Weekends

We took a few weekend trips during the year, as well. We went to Bend, Oregon twice: once for skiing at Mt. Bachelor and again to tour the volcanic national monument and raft the Deschutes river, a class 4 rapids. In the raft behind us, 4 of the 6 occupants were tossed overboard. We also went to Port Townsend, Oregon, a Victorian town on Puget Sound, where we stayed in a supposedly haunted castle.

### Aren't They Finished Yet?

This year we continued landscaping our yard. "This was it," Dick declared "IT'S DONE!" We added paths, a gazebo, a mock stream bed complete with woolly thyme "water" and ceramic fish, and a rose garden. We also stained the outside of the house, resurfaced the hardwood floors and re-papered the kitchen. "Enough, already, we have a son in college."



### Holiday Cheer

We're all happy and healthy this holiday season and trust you are too. Have a great holiday, a merry Christmas, and the best of New Years.

