



# Campus suffers increasing rate of theft

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This semester alone may have more cases of theft than the whole of last year. With videogame consoles, stereos and money gone missing quite frequently, the student body has been asked recently to lock their doors anytime they leave the room unattended.

"It feels like something gets stolen every week," commented Lisha Palm, Student Life Director. According to Palm, four Playstations have been taken from 4<sup>th</sup> floor Holling alone. Money that was carefully hidden had somehow been stolen, as if the perpetrator knew where it was prior to the incident. "They're being really sneaky," added Palm grimly.

In every case of larceny, the victims' rooms were left unlocked.



*As theft become more common on campus, students are encouraged to keep their dorm doors locked at all times. Photo courtesy of Lynsie Cetto.*

Some suspects have been alleged, but none confirmed. This may change, however. Last weekend,

the police discovered a fingerprint on a memory card left behind after a Playstation was stolen. As of yet,

no information has been released on whether or not it has been discovered whose fingerprint it is, but Palm was assured that the thief (or thieves) would be aptly punished.

"If concrete evidence is found, they will suffer," Palm said. She didn't know for sure, but she believes harsh consequences will befall the guilty once they're caught.

Since electronics seem to be the hottest item for the taking, make sure to engrave or permanently mark your items with your driver's license number, your name and your state where you live, in case it gets pawned.

Everyone is steadfastly encouraged to lock their doors. If something is stolen, contact the RA and the police. You'll have to file a few reports, but it's worth it. Keep your eyes open, because the next victim could be you.

# Parade remains an American tradition

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Macy's, a popular department store, has been putting on a parade for the last 75 years. It has become an American tradition that marks the beginning of Christmas. But did you know that it actually comes from European tradition?

In the 1920's many of Macy's department store employees were first-generation immigrants. Being new Americans they wanted to celebrate their new life but continue with old traditions. They wanted to incorporate some of their European festivities. The employees marched from 145 Street down to 34th Street dressed as clowns, cowboys, knights and sheiks. There were floats, professional bands and

25 live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo. The first parade had an audience of over a quarter of a million people.

The large balloons that most people associate with the parade first appeared in 1927 with Felix the Cat. In years past they would release the balloons into the air, and the lucky finder could claim a prize.

Through the 1930's, the parade's popularity grew. The depression didn't keep crowds of over 1 million from lining the streets of the parade route by 1934.

During the 1940's the parade was cancelled due to WWII. People were not in the mood to celebrate during that time. The rubber and helium were also needed for the war effort. The parade did, however, resume in 1945, and was televised in New York. The Parade also began

the route that it still runs today.

With nationwide television, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade continued to dazzle audiences in the 1950's. Celebrities also began to make appearances like Sid Caesar, Danny Kaye, and Howdy Doody.

The Parade has always been known for its policy of going on rain or shine and the efforts of the balloon wranglers are always something to see. This policy of the show must go on was most evident in 1963. It was less than a week after President Kennedy's assassination and the country was still in mourning, but it went on so not to disappoint the millions of children.

In 1971, the winds were so bad, the balloons had to be cancelled. Instead clips from the 1970 parade were shown instead. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day

Parade is a true American tradition and will continue to be a favorite of children of all ages for years to come. This year the parade came be seen on NBC life from New York starting at 9 AM. *Source used www.nyctourist.com*

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## Cornucopia of Plymouth myths

**MYTH: The first Thanksgiving was in 1621 and the pilgrims celebrated it every year thereafter.**

**FACT:** The first feast wasn't repeated, so it wasn't the beginning of a tradition. In fact, the colonists didn't even call the day Thanksgiving. To them, a thanksgiving was a religious holiday in which they would go to church and thank God for a specific event, such as the winning of a battle. On such a religious day, the types of recreational activities that the pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians participated in during the 1621 harvest feast--dancing, singing secular songs, playing games--wouldn't



have been allowed. The feast was a secular celebration, so it never would have been considered a thanksgiving in the pilgrims minds.

**MYTH: The original Thanksgiving feast took place on the fourth Thursday of November.**

**FACT:** The original feast in 1621 occurred sometime between September 21 and November 11. Unlike our

modern holiday, it was three days long. The event was based on English harvest festivals, which traditionally occurred around the 29th of September. President Franklin D. Roosevelt set the date for Thanksgiving to the fourth Thursday of November in 1939 (approved by Congress in 1941). Abraham Lincoln had previously designated it as the last Thursday in November, which may have correlated it with the November 21, 1621, anchoring of the *Mayflower* at Cape Cod.

**MYTH: The pilgrims wore only black and white clothing. They had buckles on their hats, garments, and shoes.**

**FACT:** Buckles did not come into fashion until later in the seventeenth century and black and white were commonly worn only on Sunday and formal occasions. Women typically dressed in red, earthy green, brown, blue, violet, and gray, while men wore clothing in white, beige, black, earthy green, and brown.

**MYTH: The pilgrims brought furniture with them on the *Mayflower*.**

**FACT:** The only furniture that the pilgrims brought on the *Mayflower* was chests and boxes. They constructed wooden furniture once they settled in Plymouth.

**MYTH: The *Mayflower***

**was headed for Virginia, but due to a navigational mistake it ended up in Cape Cod Massachusetts.**

**FACT:** The Pilgrims were in fact planning to settle in Virginia, but not the modern-day state of Virginia. They were part of the Virginia Company, which had the rights to most of the eastern seaboard of the U.S. The pilgrims had intended to go to the Hudson River region in New York State, which would have been considered "Northern Virginia," but they landed in Cape Cod instead. Treacherous seas prevented them from venturing further south

[www.historychannel.com/thanksgiving/](http://www.historychannel.com/thanksgiving/)

## Musical gender bending BAHM night

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You might have noticed the large painted messages all over campus informing all Dana students about the BAHM night sponsored by second floor Argo. Although this may have seemed like a good plan, a few members of the Dana faculty were upset at seeing the ads written on the windows of campus buildings. Even though permission was granted earlier, the Durham Center windows were cleaned off

right away, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor girls had to clean the rest of the windows right after the show.

They managed to work through the controversy and the event was held as scheduled. The show started off strong. Unfortunately, it ended prematurely due to lack of contestants. Close to five different groups didn't show.

The groups that did show up were judged in three different categories: lip synching, choreography, and costume. The judges included Jason Davis, Sarah Thompson, and Professor Scott Hermanson. The

prizes for best cross-dressing lip syncher was \$25 for third and second, and \$100 for first place. "Madonna" took fourth place, "The New Kids on the Block" third, "Christina Aguilera" second, and the first place winner was the "N'Sync" group.

The show started off with Brett LaForest as Madonna. He performed to "Like a Virgin" in a white dress, veil and heels. He involved the audience and even crawled on the floor. In response to Brett's act, Scott Hermanson stated, "I'm not going to sleep tonight. He reminds me too much of my wife in that wedding dress."

Next Christina Aguilera's song 'Dirrty' sang through the speakers and Erik Grant-Leanna burst onstage. There was a lot of hip thrusting and suggestive movements as he danced and slowly unsnapped portions of his little black ensemble, complete with stockings and boots. Erik really got into it and even lost his wig during his performance.

Then a New Kids on the Block group represented the old-school scene. They danced onstage with painted facial hair and funky 80's style costumes.

Finally, "LipSync" the N'Sync look-alikes,

took the stage. With their "bling bling," baggy pants and coordination, they could have passed for any boy band. They stayed after the show and gave an encore performance. After they were done offering autographs, Brynn Lastovica and Tabby Holman said, "Five women wouldn't have been able to get together and dance without the grace of God. We'd like to thank all of our male counterparts for their help. And all our fans, we love you!" But they didn't let the attention get to their heads. They decided to split it and take each other out to dinner.

# Opinion

## How to survive meeting the parents

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Well, it's time for the holidays and for many new couples this means time to meet the parents. I myself am experiencing this same thing over the Thanksgiving holiday. I'm traveling with my boyfriend to spend the week with him and his family. This will be my first time meeting his parents. As I have been preparing I have been asking my friends for advice. I have compiled all of their advice and am now passing it on to others.

1. **Offer to help with the dishes after the big meal.** This is important because sometimes offering to help with the cooking can be taken as an insult. Helping with the dishes can also be less climatic. There is no chance of you screwing anything up when you're drying. Just make sure you don't drop anything. It's never good to break his/her mom's favorite



set of dishes.

2. **When you leave, remove the bedding you used.** I have always been told that a good guest always removes the bedding that they have used for their host. It's just a nice way of saving them some time when you leave so they don't have to do it themselves.

3. **Be yourself.** This is the most important advice any one can give. Their parents want to see why their son or daughter is really with you, not how much you can impress them.

4. **Be a good conversationalist.** This means say something when you should and maybe bite your tongue

in other areas. This is the first time you meet and you may not really need to discuss your view on the nation's current foreign policy. At the same time, don't sit in the corner the whole time that you're there. Be a part of the conversation.

5. **Have fun.** You're going to meet parents, not a funeral. There is no reason not to have fun. If this means leave the house for a little time away from the craziness, then do it.

6. **Don't set your expectations too high.** No matter how much you try, not everything is going to be perfect. Keep this in mind and it will keep you from going into stress overload. Things may go wrong and if you go with the flow, it'll show their parents how well you can handle a high pressure situation.

7. **Remember your manners.**  
I really don't think

the parents will be impressed that you can burp the alphabet.

8. **Don't flirt with their parents.**

I know you want them to like you but don't go overboard.

9. **Dress Conservatively.**

On your first meeting may not be the time to test out that new miniskirt you bought, and guys leave those holey jeans at home. Ask your significant other about their family's feelings about body peircings. You don't want to offend anybody.

That is everything that I have been told. The most important advice is to be yourself. That's why your significant other wants to take you home. Keep these things in mind and you should have a great holiday wherever it is you're going. I just want to say thanks to all my friends for their advice and help getting ready.

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Autumn	Eat	Oven	Roast
Bake	Fall	Parades	Stuffing
Bird	Feast	Pies	Thanksgiving
Carve	God	Pilgrim	Tom
Cornucopia	Gravy	Pocahantas	Turkey
Cranberry	Harvest	Pumpkins	Yam

## Up Coming Sporting Events

### Men's Basketball:

Nov. 22 Blair, NE Vs. Concordia  
 Nov. 25 Blair, NE Vs. Nebraska Wesleyan  
 Nov. 28 Moorhead, MN Vs. Concordia (MN)  
 Nov. 29 Mayville, ND Vs. Mayville State

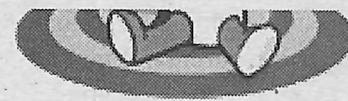
### Women's Basketball

Nov. 22 Blair, NE Vs. Concordia  
 Nov. 24 Omaha, NE Vs. College of St. Mary  
 Nov. 25 Blair, NE Vs. Nebraska Wesleyan

### Wrestling

Nov. 22 Omaha, NE UNO Open

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