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FUTURE OF EDUCATION — Thirty years down the road, traditional comprehensive high schools will be a thing of the past, according to Thomas Lasley, dean of the University of Dayton's School of Education and Allied Professions.

"High schools will completely change," he said. "We will no longer have comprehensive high schools the way that we have now. After students complete the eighth or ninth grade, students will enter into one of a number of different technical trade school or academic options."

Lasley also said there will much more emphasis on taking courses electronically and a lot more home-schooling.

As far as universities are concerned, Lasley predicts a major overhaul of undergraduate education. "There will be more emphasis on graduate degree programs but traditional undergraduate education will no longer look the way it does today because of electronic communication. Students may meet with a teacher to meet for a discussion but not for classes. It will be a much more Socratic form of education."

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SPORTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY — We've already seen glimmers of the ways that computers will change sports, according to Peter Titlebaum, assistant professor of health and sport science at the University of Dayton.

In addition to football players replacing their play books with laptop computers, Titlebaum said that "computers will continue to be more and more utilized in subjective sports such as diving and ice skating — eliminating some of the human judgement calls including the strike zone in baseball." However, baseball will no longer be one of the four major sports, according to Titlebaum. "I believe soccer will take over as one of the major sports."

Titlebaum said it will soon be impossible to find anything in sports that is not sponsored. "Teams will eventually have names of companies — so instead of the New York Giants, it will be the *New York Times* Giants. They will be people who have major money in the media industry to help feed that direction."

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GOOD WORKS — The future of international aid is in jeopardy unless the corruption that has tainted past humanitarian efforts is countered, said Allen Sultan, professor of law at the University of Dayton. Fifteen to 20 percent of humanitarian and developmental aid appears to be skimmed off the top, never reaching the people for whom it was intended, he said, and the problem has cropped up in the Sudan, Zaire and the Balkans in recent years.

“Democratic countries are not going to sit still forever and watch their tax dollars spent on foreign aid be squirrelled away in secret bank accounts of politically powerful individuals. Democratic countries need to be sure the money is being used for the purposes intended,” Sultan said. But “corruption is like an octopus. How do you get hold of it and fight it?”

Sultan is drafting a resolution that may be presented to the United Nations Security Council to solve the problem. It would make any theft of aid an international crime and call on member nations to prosecute. Such action might deter corrupt officials and politicians, he said, because they would risk arrest in many of the countries where they might like to flee and enjoy their stolen wealth.

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FUTURE OF SERVICE — Is the blossoming of community service that has occurred over the past decade merely a passing fancy that’s doomed to a cyclical failure? No, says Brother Phil Aaron, S.M., associate director of campus ministry at the University of Dayton.

“As technology takes over our lives and we are glued more and more to a computer screen for shopping, entertainment and education, there will develop a special need for connection with other humans face to face,” he said. “Service may well become one of the best outlets for receiving affirmation from another person. Voluntary service will provide a common experience, both for the server and the one being served, in which to find a refuge from the anonymity and seductiveness of the computer.”

Aaron is coordinator of the University’s sesquicentennial service project for which 150 teams of faculty, staff and students have pledged to perform 150 hours of community service by November 2000.

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COMPUTERS REVOLUTIONIZE BUSINESS — Computers, obviously, will continue to play an important role in business in the next century, says Larry Schweikart, history professor at UD. But Schweikart says people may not be aware of how great the extent that role will be.

“One hundred years ago, our greatest business tool was the railroad,” says Schweikart, author of the book *The Entrepreneurial Adventure: A History of Business in the United States* (Harcourt College Publishers, 1999). “The computer may be our greatest tool until the end of time.”

He adds, “There may come a day, and soon, that virtually all business is conducted through the computer. As computers become faster and less expensive, the cost of doing business should become cheaper — and the consumer will benefit from this with plummeting prices.”

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