

CHURCH

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my heritage.

I was told my friends were ungodly people because they weren't part of the church. I lost one good friend permanently because I was told I wasn't supposed to hang around him or I would fall into worldly temptations. I feel embarrassed now because I know I hurt his feelings; and a lot of peoples'.

I was told I shouldn't sleep too much because that was falling into debauchery. There was a lot of stress involved. I was contemplating suicide. I couldn't handle their control.

Fasting was required of all members at least once a month. Some members would go 21 days with no food, only liquids. I only went as far as 2 days.

I was told I should cut my hours back at school. They made me take only two classes. I was told to limit studies; study only a few hours a day. School is not important, they were focused on recruiting more people. If it was between a church activity or homework, we were told to go to the church activity. Some would last as late as 1 a.m. Then we were told to pray for strength

to do homework and get by on just a few hours of sleep.

Q: What view did the church hold of other denominations?

A: They said other churches just don't know the truth. They're destined for Hell. We also weren't allowed to date members of other churches, only within the church.

Q: Did you pay tithing?

A: Yes.

Q: How much?

A: Every week I gave 50 percent of what I made. The church requires at least 10 percent. I had other bills too, and personal expenses, but I was told God would take care of that.

And they never said a thing about where the money went. They just said it went to a good cause but I don't know what the good cause is. Some of the church leaders drive really nice cars.

Q: Did you have a job? Did they have a say in where you worked?

A: I had a job, but it was my

decision. But my discipler told me not to work too many hours.

Q: Can you estimate how many hours a week you spent on church activities?

A: About 48 hours a week. Sunday was church, 2 hours, and afterward everyone would go out to lunch. There were Bible talks and two 5-hour devotions a week. Some members go longer.

Q: Who is the discipler you mentioned?

A: He was the guy assigned to me. The person who met me is the person I went through all the studies with. He baptized me, he was like my mentor. He controlled my time with the church and how much money I gave to the church. I had to confess my sins to him. A lot were very personal, but I was very open with him because he said all sins were the same. The discipler is kind of like a head person for a group of five or six people. He would also tell me when I needed to change my attitude. He would tell me to pray about it.

Q: What made you realize you wanted to get out of the church?

A: I started hearing people say it was a cult group. I kinda thought I wanted to stop going. I thought there was a flaw somewhere. Deprogrammers also worked to try to help members out. It's hard to get out.

Q: Were other members leaving?

A: There were members coming in and out of the church constantly. When I left, others were too. People go into the church, get changed, come out and there is this big, old dilemma.

Q: How did church leaders/friends react to your decision to leave?

A: I really didn't tell them that I was going to leave, I just missed one Sunday and I had people calling me and asking if I was okay. They kept calling, came to my house, showed up at my work. They said they were worried about me. They would get mad and say "you're acting childish."

Campus Events

STUDENT ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

The Public Relations Student Society of America will meet today at 5:30 p.m. in MSU 203. John Hanks, director of marketing and public relations for McCarran International Airport, will speak to students about crisis management. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Students for Choice will take pictures of pro-choice students

to be placed on the Freedom Wall as part of "Show Your Face Pro-Choice People" month. Students can have their picture taken Wednesday on the south end of campus and Oct. 27 on the north end of campus from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. On Nov. 2 the Freedom Wall will be paraded throughout campus. Students for Choice meets the first and third Wednesday of every month in MSU 210 North at 6:30 p.m. Call 251-7100 ext. 3001 for more information.

The Black Students Association asks for donations of one bag of candy or more for the children of the Crossroads Homeless Shelter to celebrate Halloween. Please drop off all donations at the Student Development Center located on the third floor of the library.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

The American Civil Liberties Union and KUNV 91 FM present the film "A Question of

Silence" which looks at women's issues as part of a free film series titled "Silence, Voice, and the Right to Speak" tonight at 7:30 in HFA 109. The film is shown in conjunction with Sexual Harassment Awareness Week.

An all-you-can-eat Italian buffet is available every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the MSU dining lounge. The cost of the buffet is \$4.50.

Multicultural Student Affairs invites undergraduate students to serve as peer mentors. Applications are available in FDH 308 and are due by 5 p.m. Oct. 29. Call 895-4777 for more information.

to 5 p.m. in the Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery until Oct. 29. For more information call 739-3893.

The Nevada Fine Arts Trio will perform the music of Ravel, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Mozart Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Judy Bayley Theatre. Call 739-3801 for more information.

The University Musical Society Orchestra will feature Samuel Scott, cello, Diane Gee, flute, and Debra Greschner, soprano, in its first concert of the season Sunday at 2 p.m. in Artemus Ham Concert Hall. The concert is free to the public.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTESTS

The Counseling and Educational Psychology Graduate Student Association is offering two \$250 scholarships for the spring 1993 semester. To qualify, candidates must be admitted graduate students in the counseling and educational psychology department and Nevada residents by the spring semester. Application deadline is Nov. 15. Applications and information are available in the scholarship office, FDH 344.

The deadline for submission to the summer term catalog photo contest is Oct. 29 in Maude Frazier Hall, Room 109. Entries can include up to five photos including color slides and color or black-and-white prints. Subjects desired include: student activities, campus scenes, studies, concerts, recreation and scenic shots of southern Nevada. First place winner will receive \$275, second place \$100, third place \$50. Any other photo used will bring \$25 to the photographer. Call Trish at 739-3711.

READINGS AND LECTURES

Academic Advancement's Academic Support Program and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs is sponsoring a forum titled "Multicultural Issues in Higher Education: Native Americans" Oct. 28 in MSU 210 South at 1:30 p.m. For more information call 895-4777.

WORKSHOPS

The Division of Continuing Education will conduct a course to prepare for the Graduate Record Examination Saturday. The course will focus on building self confidence by reviewing the verbal, mathematical and analytical skills tested in the GRE. Other dates include Nov. 7, 14 and 21. Times vary. Call 739-3394 for details.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

A "BYU Exhibit" featuring artwork by BYU faculty will be exhibited weekdays from 8 a.m.

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