

...to the sky?

Students alike share their visions of what 2001 would be like

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It's a big change that not many of us notice. It's a significant change after December 31, one that many people have trouble remembering.

Every year I have problems writing the date after the beginning of the new year. Especially this year. This year is unique.

There was all the hype surrounding the new century as 1999 drew to its close. Many even celebrated it as the new millennium.

The timing was off by a year.

The dating system actually began with the year One (1), instead of zero, therefore, it can be argued that the new millennium actually began when we rang in 2001.

The confusion may now finally be over, as we look forward to next year, 2002.

So, now that we've determined that we're actually just beginning the new millennium, a question arises.

What will set this era apart from all of the others?

In the 20th century, great technological strides were made. These, along with popular cartoons of the time put visions in our heads of what the future would be like.

Think back to flying cars, computers thinking for themselves, flying up into outer space, or traveling at the speed of light up into outer space.

Today's high school students more than likely envisioned those things as children.

Though we haven't made it quite that far yet, technology is stunning in our day and time.

Computer processor speeds are phenomenal, and the music industry has been rocked by the devel-

opment of CD burning, the internet, and online music sharing devices like Napster.

Engineers have made breakthroughs in transportation, developing cars that emit fewer levels of exhaust and achieve mileage that exceeds 70 miles to the gallon.

With the oil crisis we find ourselves in, this technology is more than just useful.

The year 2001 not only sees new technologies, but also a change in acceptable behaviors.

Each new generation pushed the limits of social acceptance and roles, none more than today's entertainers and young people.

The media and entertainment industry is getting away with things they never would have twenty years ago, and new teen pop icons surface almost weekly.

The modern age and the collage of things that make it up has also aided people in developing new ways of thinking.

Faux pas things of the past are simply the "norm" today.

So what do I see for the new millennium? Though I don't foresee flying cars and spaceships, new technologies will continue to appear.

Talking refrigerators and unimaginable conveniences might not be too far out of reach, and perhaps even a low-flying scooter. The future looms before us, unknown.

One thing is certain.

We, as people, will continue to evolve and find new ways to make life easier, yet more challenging and fulfilling.

Change is inevitable, regardless of how obvious or subtle it is, especially in a new millennium.

Seniors: when you were in kindergarten, what did you think 2001 would be like?

"I thought we would be flying in spaceships."

Wesley Falin



"I thought we would live like the Jetsons."

Tara Burton



"I thought we would have robotic maids."

Michael Thacker



"I thought I would live on Mars and ride spaceships."

Brittany Owens



"I thought we would be able to travel from planet to planet."

Kayla Hayes



Western Kentucky students!

our friends at once on AOL!

Internet while trying to download

the school being sold out of

that it's Valentine's Day...or someone else!

fast food, and having no money shopping!

iz? Go ahead, test your smarts.

Limits
ht Zone
Spearmint

Juicy Fruit
c traffic

lights in London

B. First published attack
on air pollution.

9. A. First reusable space-
craft, *Columbia*

B. Heimlich Maneuver
invented

10. A. Dedication of Statue
of Liberty

B. Completion of Eiffel
Tower

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