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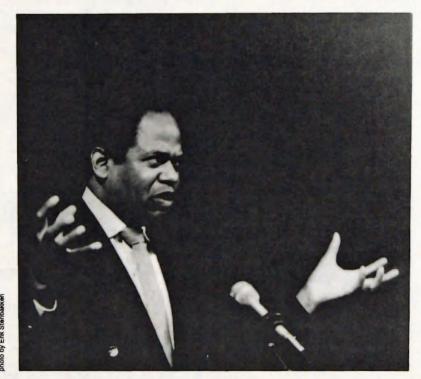
In the News

Mikhail Gorbachev has evidently concluded that only the threat of force can hold the Soviet Union together. With little warning last week, Soviet troops moved into Lithuania, the most restive of the country's independent-minded republics. Tanks patrolled the streets; shots were fired. It looked like the beginning of a serious crackdown.

66 T do mind being described as I flaky, particularly by somebody like Fred Barnes, who makes a living being flaky." - Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey, responding to the political commentator.

"Tou men think the president I is all-powerful, but he is not. He needs a lot of guidance from the Lord" - Barbara Bush, discussing her husbands' handling of the Persian Gulf crisis with schoolchildren.

The capital consultants behind I Washington's popular Hotline, a daily news digest for political junkies, will soon begin a computerized Greenwire for the enviroconscious. Subscribers will get daily excerpts of science and popular magazines, newspapers and the publications of environmental groups such as Greenpeace and the Sierra Club. The service will cost about \$3000 a year.



Elder Monk Helps Union Close the Door

by Craig Carr

Elder J. Paul Monk, Central States Conference President, visited our campus last week to help us start our semester with spiritual emphasis.

His Week of Prayer messages were about closing the door on secularism; closing the door on your past; closing the door on bigotry; how to be a

Joseph when your father's name is Jacob; to name a few. He emphasized the concept of looking ahead to Jesus and putting aside things that hinder a true relationship with Him.

I was especially impressed by his personal testimony given during the 8:45 service on December 12. He spoke of his miraculous recovery from lung cancer. Doctors tried a new tech-

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I Had a Dream and "A Few Small Potatoes" Part 2

by Junior Huffman

It is still Thursday night and time to go to bed. That night I believe God gave me a dream and showed me where I could find that little "do-hickie," I'd given up any hope of finding. In my dream I saw myself making some bread. Then the Lord showed

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me part of a loaf of bread that I'd had for a while and had thrown it in the trash after it started to mold. The little lever was still inside the bottom of the loaf where I had forgotten to remove it after baking. I immediately woke up. It was 3:45 A.M. I tried to go back to sleep, thinking that I'd look for it in the morning: but the Lord would not let me rest. I felt a sudden surge of energy, so I found it impossible to lie still. I got up and began searching through the trash in my room which had been piling up for a couple weeks, but had neglected to take out. Eureka! There it was in the very loaf I had seen in my dream. By the way, this is not an indication you should let trash pile up in your room. The Lord just happened to use my laziness for good in spite of myself.

Praise the Lord! What an encouragement this was to me. This came just at a time when I was having all kinds of problems and financial difficulties, which I still have but at least I

know God still is working in my life.

It reminded me of the experience of Jacob, feeling alone and forsaken by the Lord when He was encouraged by a dream also. If you are feeling any of these things, know that if God is working in my life then He also is working in yours, behind the scenes and out of sight mostly, but never far away. And He is not just a spectator of your life, but real and alive, upclose and very, very active.

Aside from the obvious lessons we usually derive from stories we hear like this, I believe there is an even more important spiritual lesson and truth from this precious experience. I feel convicted to share it with you. I asked God, "Why wait nearly 2 weeks to show me?" To give up on myself you say; for me to reach the end of my rope and hope you say? And I would agree, yet something further I am convinced is very, very important.

I believe it was the contact with God's Word prior to this dream which

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Sports in the New Year

by Mark Pfeiffer

The New Year brings with it a lot of things. From cold and snow to work and studies but it also brings a change in the sports world. The NFL moves to the playoffs and the college teams are done with their season. So the focus starts to change.

Basketball is the new focus for the next few months. College hoops really start to kick in to high gear. Teams such as UNLV, Arkansas, Arizona, Ohio St. and many others began to show up on TV to give us something to watch on cold weekends. I personally predict UNLV, Arkansas, Arizona, and North Carolina will make up the Final Four in march. UNLV will be the National Champs over Arkansas and stick another thorn in the side of the NCAA for Jerry Tarkanian.

Closer to home basketball is also the talk. The Schick SuperHoops tournament was played the first couple of days after Christmas vacation. This 3on-3 tournament is exciting and offers a tremendous variety of thrills. The

Championship game was between two teams led by brothers. The Dondi and Meechi Smith team versus the Craig and Mark Perlburg team. The Smith came out on top. I hope all the partic-

ipants enjoyed their gifts from Schick.

The U.C. team is back after vacation with some changes. The interim head coach, Ron Dodds, was given a contract as the full-time coach. Another change will be the absence of Allen "Six-Pack" Hevener. He was a great scorer and shot blocker, but was lost to recruiting violations. Okay so he transferred, but a scandal sounded cool for a very brief moment. The team will bring a new fast-breaking, three-point bombing, running and gunning, opponent dazzling offense that is sure to rock the "Thunderdome". It will also give Coach Dodds the chance to pace the sidelines encouraging the players to kick it up another notch. Be sure to show up at the home games in the next three

weeks and we thank you for your support.

I would like to leave you with some final thoughts. First of all Mike Francesa is a windbag-"Notre Dame by two touchdowns?" Right. Mike. Maybe Bill Walsh is actually pleasant to listen too. To all the Big Red fans...well look on the bright side, Brent Musburger made you sound good. To the Rocket Ismail, go pro I'm tired of hearing about you. And finally to the Colorado Buffaloes the National Champs-make sure you thank Charles Thompson and the Refs and of course Public Bienemy #1. So long from the sports desk.

Elder Monk

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nique in treatment, causing him to experience trauma as his body's own immune system attempted to conquer the deadly disease. After weeks of treatment and anticipation of an unknown outcome, the doctors told him, to their own surprise, that the cancer was gone!

This brought out a unique point about God's healing from sin. Yes, God comforts and soothes us from the pain of this world, but we are still only in a remission. We won't be completely free from the pains of sin until He comes to take us away from this world of war and sin.

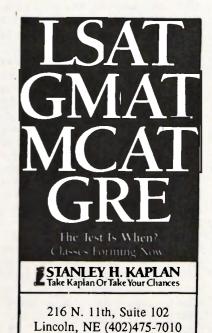
As we consider those risking their lives for world peace in the Persian Gulf, let's join together in a heartfelt prayer that Christ's return will be soon to relieve us at last from bloodshed of war, and that the battle between good and evil will finally be over.



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NEXT CLASS

The Effects of a Recession

by Julie Allardyce

Recession, defined by many as six months of declining Gross National Product, is sending our country's economy into a slump.

One of the biggest factors causing the recession is the rise in the price of oil. If there is a prolonged war in the gulf, the price of oil could be pushed well above the October peak in dollars per barrel. This could inconvience students to stay at school more often.

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made it possible for the Lord to so dramatically make clear to me the answer. The lesson came again to me, with a new force, that God's Word is really alive and powerful and life-giving. God probably was trying to tell me sooner, but my soul was not in tune to receive the answer.

In these last days of earth's history when wickedness abounds. When we fail to discern God's hand in our lives and in our hearts; I pray we all may discover anew, the preciousness of God's word. Contemplate these texts; John 6:53, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you." And vs. 63, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

The Lords servant has told us that the words of God in the Bible contain the very life of God Himself wants to impart to us, if we are willing to receive it. Are you willing? May God bless you, and a special thank you to Elder Roeske because those "few small potatoes", still work.

"With the higher prices of gas, they might find themselves not driving home to Colorado on the weekend," commented Craig Carr.

Another factor making the recession more severe is that the excessive spending of the eighties has finally caught up with consumers. This is resulting in less consumer spending, putting the rest of the economy in danger. For college students this will mean, "rethinking lifestyles," and cause us to, "reaccess into things that are really important," according to Joy Barker, assistant professor of Accounting.

An additional factor is the wave of nervousness the recession has sent through the banking system. Many of the biggest banks in the country are debt ridden and are merging with competitors to stay alive. This crisis is causing the banks to be reluctant to lend money, and will mean, "more competition for grants and loans," Barry Forbes said.

An extended war in the gulf could

cause banks to plunge further into debt, and could result in widespread bank collapse. In order to stabilize the health of the banking system and the consumer market, this generation will "have to pay for spending in the past, not just the debt they get to enjoy," said Dr. George Gibson.

For seniors, they will be looking for work and may have a hard time finding it. "Large corporations are cutting back the number of people they hire," said Forbes. Since it will be harder for graduates to find work it might, "encourage them to come back to school because of lack of availability," according to Dr. Gibson.

Companies have been attacking payrolls, to keep profit, causing unemployment to swell in the last few months of 1990. To prevent profits from falling further, industries could keep dismissing workers. These industries will be injuring white and blue collar workers alike, instead of the usual blue collar worker recession

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in the manufacturing business.

This recession began in the service area, causing companies to endanger white collar workers, by cutting positions by the hundreds of thousands. These cuts are at the center of most of our parents jobs. One student, Shawn Nolan, is hopeful, "I hope it doesn't affect me, my parents jobs are secure," he said.

Although amidst an economic crisis, some remain optimistic. "Recessions tend not to hit Mid-America as hard," Mrs. Barker noted. Michael Shafer and Lisa Gerrans also remain on the positive side. "I'm very optimistic, our economy is strong and will ride it out," Michael said. "It affected me positively, the stores had over half price sales after Christmas," added Lisa.

The recession is potentially dangerous to us all, "I believe the recession will eventually hit all of us in some way or another, if it continues on its' present course," David Tan said. By taking the proper precautions, we can be sure to restore our economy's health and prevent the development of a severe recession or a depression.

Calendar

January 18: Vespers - Steve and Annie Chapman

VI Alternative - SM Video by Randy and Stephanie Stickney

19: CVC - Bob Bretsch

SOS - "Beyond the Barriers" #2

ASB - Film: "Driving Miss Daisy"

21: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s
Birthday

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22: BTM/W - UC

24: BTW - UC

25: Soup Suppers26: CVC - Rich Carlson

SOS - "Beyond the Barriers" #3

27: Super Bowl

28: UC's 100the Birthday Party

29: ASB Convocation

30: Academy Band Festival

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From Amalick to Ad-lib Sabbath

Jenny McCollum

Pear friends,

Hi! I can't believe it's October already! The time is going by so fast! Well, actually each individual day goes by slowly (especially if my students act the way they did today!), but the weeks go by extremely fast!

So much has happened since the last time I wrote that I don't even know where to start! Even though my kids are (like I mentioned earlier) on occasion holy terrors, I love them more and more every day! Those of you who know me and know what a sentimental fool I am will not be surprised when you hear that I already started crying thinking about leaving them next spring! We were out at recess one day, and one little girl sat on the ground and then another kid

came and sat on her lap, and another, and another until there was a huge pile of kids and they were laughing and saying "Teacher, look!" and they were so cute and... (Well, like I said, some of you know how easily I cry!).

A couple of weeks ago, three other girls and I went to a little church in a village called Amalick (pronounced Imah-leek). It was so cute! It was made out of tin, but it was very clean and had a steeple and everything! We had to take our shoes off before we went inside (that's one of the customs here). We sang a couple of special numbers a capella without practicing. and then we put on a very ad lib Sabbath School for the children! We're really learning to be good at ad libbing. The Palauans are very laid back. and I often get told five minutes before vespers that I am to play the piano for song service.

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"What

Mc Worry?"

Observations

by Kelly V. Schmitt

My usual anticipation at the start of a new year evaporated several shopping days after Christmas. New Year's Eve was fast approaching, and my New Year's resolution list remained empty. The list is empty still. I finally comprehended that resolutions as we know them do not belong to the new year. Those intentions of losing weight, starting an exercise program, beginning a strong daily devotional life, and leaving procrastination behind are decisions that must be made every day. I am more acquainted with today than the year to come, and today is a better place to begin than the new year. It is past, and any resolutions I might have made would be broken by now. There is always today, and always another day to do what we could not do today.

Keeping up with the news is an integral part of my daily life, but in the last few days I have been following newscasts to the exclusion of other important matters. My macabre fascination with the events transpiring in the Middle East is in direct contradiction to many emotions I am experiencing. On the one hand, I turn on the television as soon as I walk into my room, but generally halfway through a program I turn it off because I can no longer watch the faces of the young men receiving last minute instructions from their commanding officers. I can no longer listen to retired military officers-turned-military analysts describe how we are going to decimate the Iraqi military with our superior air power and more numerous forces. I can no longer listen to a soldier say, with an overrated sense of his masculinity, that going into combat is part of being a man. I can no longer watch friends and family of servicepeople weep in their support groups. War has not yet come but the realities have set in.

Simply flipping channels during a commercial during a special news report on CBS the night of the fourteenth reminded me that in spite of the Mideast crisis, life goes on. Arsenio Hall and Johnny Carson stand bravely at their posts to keep that in the forefront. Occasionally even Arsenio soberly comments on the threat we face. On Monday night's program he expressed the hope that the only war we'll see this week is the NFL playoffs. The audience applauded. If there is war, we'll need the laughs more than ever.

Sometimes I like to imagine Barbara and George lying awake at night somewhere in the family quarters of the White House. They are grandparents, and they have no certainty that the world will be a peaceful place for those children. Deep in his heart George must want to believe that he is doing the right thing for them. He must believe in something larger than our unnecessary dependence on foreign oil. In the light of his grandchildren, naked aggression is the genuine issue. Unfortunately, he is the leader of 250 million people, and the grandchildren fall into insignificance behind their shadow. He is not Jimmy Carter, for whom the grandchildren would be infinitely more important. In that old game of staring down, he is not the type of man who will blink (and may I be cursed if I am wrong).

We have little to be optimistic about in 1991, but a great deal for which to be thankful. Life we have, but that is pessimistically tenuous. Liberty is ours still. The pursuit of happiness is an intensely personal issue, and not dependent on the vagaries of international poli-

Flipping Over Union College

by Kelly Strom

Being a wife, a mother, a coach, and a gymnast is a tough act to follow. Nonetheless, Cindy Spaulding does all of these things, and does them well.

"I'm 28 years old," Cindy volunteers, "and I would have killed to be in this kind of shape when I was in college." Cindy feels that being a gymnast and a coach has really added an extra dimension to her life. "Learning is so exciting," Cindy says. "When my two year old starts to cry for the fifth time in one morning, I know I have gymnastics to look forward to at lunchtime."

Spaulding has competed on the national level as a part of a women's pair routine. She is also the assistant coach for the Union College Gymnastics Team. To keep up with her strenuous schedule, Cindy lifts weights and swims three times a week. She feels that her strength has increased considerably in the last year.

The Union College Gymnastics Team has enhanced the lives of many other students as well. Adding gymnastics to their schedule has given incoming students a feeling of unity and helped to develop responsibility.

Coach Frank Martinez, along with Spaulding, hopes to nurture his 32 team members into a more physically fit lifestyle, and a closer walk with God. "The close friendships and spiritual growth the team makes is something that can be held onto for a lifetime," Martinez states. "I hope my gymnastics program can add something extra to their lives."

Changing practices from evening to lunch time seems to have drawn even more students into the sport. "I just couldn't seem to juggle gymnastics and homework last year," veteran gymnast Darin Loewen concedes, "but the change to lunchtime really made things a lot easier for me."

New talent has come in this year in large numbers. Many team members

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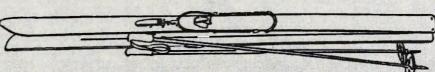
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Recreation at UC, Part One.

by Garry Treft

Here is a look at winter activities at Union College. This will continue for the next several issues.



In the winter of 1938-38

Einar, Orason Lee Brinker, and a few others skied about a mile and a half east of the college off the hill which today forms the south shore of the North thumb of Holmes Lake. It is east of the big flood control dam and was reached by walking out Calvert Street to the hill.

"The boys thought it too far to trudge all the way out into the country and inveigled the administration into allowing them to build a slide similar to the portable one Einar's father used. Accordingly they constructed one with the west end on the laundry above the powerhouse with the slide sloping toward the east. There was a little decline some forty feet east of the takeoff."

Flipped

commented on the large size of the team. However, most feel that the year promises to be one of the best that Union College Gymnastics has seen yet.

As a whole, the Team seems to be tremendously satisfied with the gymnastics program. senior, Dan Klein feels that gymnastics has made his college experience more rewarding. "The hard work and commitment needed for gymnastics has really disciplined me," Dan said.

Along with the hard work will also come a lot of enjoyment. Martinez has lined up five weekend tours as well as various one night shows. "First semester is a time when the team must really work together." Frank says, "The unity we build is what will make our team a success."

Going on tour usually means a weekend spent at a particular academy or junior academy. The team shares it's commitment to Christ by presenting a Vespers and Sabbath School program to the students. Saturday night is the gymnastics performance, and goodbyes are said on Sunday. Among other things, Union gymnasts will tour Campion Academy and Boulder Junior Academy. Skiing down the slopes at Winter Park, Colorado will conclude this four day tour.

"I can't pass that up," Cindy concedes. "I need a break just like every-

one else."

It seems, however, that Cindy's current break is over. She is already half way across the gym and headed for a row of mats. Her two children are toddling after her. Surprisingly, they sit quietly on the fringes of the blue Nissan mat that Cindy is practicing on.

Today she is working on her back flip. It may take Cindy one more time or 25, because gymnastics is unpredictable. One thing is certain—Cindy, along with many other team members, will work until they achieve their goals.

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The Vine Predicts.

by Jeanie Nixon

I see a future for Union College and the people here. No, not everything is pretty, but when is reality ever really "pretty?" So, here it is, the Union College of the future year.

I predict that Dr. Ward Hill (after retirement from Union) will sign a contract with MGM as director of their Golden Oldies Video Archives. His motto will be, then as now, "When no one else can get it to

work, just see 'Captain Video.'"

Within the coming year, all floor hockey enthusiasts at Union will declare the Union College gymnasi-"National Floor Hockey Headquarters of America." Be on the lookout for a large sign which could be in the making even now. I predict it will say, "Run quickly and carry a big stick!"

Elvis Presley, lured out of hiding by the deli's famous "Macho Nachos," will be interviewed by a student news reporter. Not only will the student be commended for excellence in journalism, he or she will also capture worldwide attention and focus it on the "Elvis Ate Here Deli," causing lunch and supper lines to be three times as long.

Stacie Greer will decide that she likes "hats." I predict that she may decide to keep her favorite one forever

In addition to other faculty leaving Union, Dr. Show will also decide to leave, devoting the rest of his life to golf.

Look for him next time you watch the P.G.A. tour.

Doug "Fresh" Hardt will forego his three remaining seasons as point guard for the U.C. Witnessing Warriors (unofficial name) to enter the 1991 N.B.A draft. I predict that the Minnesota Timberwolves will try to enhance their back court by selecting him in the first round.

I predict that a new student named Bart Simpson will enroll for fall classes. After a student demonstration staged challenging worship credit requirements and dormitory policies, he may be sent back to T.V. Land, U.S.A.

Barry Forbes will be called from his current work in the Union College Bookstore to solve the F.D.I.C. crisis. Wish him luck.

I predict that Greg Carter will get up his nerve!

Be advised. Union will be swept with a new dating trend. Reverse weekend will be the weekend for guys to ask girls out.

Bob Hope will call the Sweet Feat Jugglers to tour with him during his Desert Shield Tour. They will entertain many of our troops, including Captain Byard Parks, on permanent dishwashing assignment somewhere in the sands of the gulf.

Finally, in closing, please remember Coach Dodds' famous last words, "Kick it up a notch," and simply enjoy this coming year.

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