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## Post ASB Election Report

by Robb Crouch

Associated Student Body (ASB) elections ended February 26 at 12:00 p.m. after a long week for candidates, but not before an intense run-off election between Shawn Sorter and Todd Berger for executive vice president.

According to election officials, a run-off for the executive vice president office had to be conducted on February 25 and 26. Of the three candidates running for that office, no one had received 50 percent of student votes by the closing of general election on February 24 at 3:00 p.m. The two candidates who received the greater votes, Berger and Sorter, were back on the ballot for the run-off. Soon after 12:00 p.m. on the 26th, ballots were confirmed, and it was announced that Shawn Sorter is the new executive vice president.

Each of these candidates received 50 percent of student votes during the general election to win their office sought: Doug Hardt, president; Gene Astolfi, vice president for finance; Unetta Campbell, vice president for social activities.

For the entertainment of over 300 students, faculty, and staff who gathered for pre-election speeches at convocation on February 23rd in the gymnasium, many candidates threaded their talks with humor. From Astolfi's teasing "top 100 reasons to vote for me" to



## Waco Stand-off Does Not Involve Seventh-day Adventists

by Shirley Burton

SILVER SPRINGS, MD--Branch Davidians involved in the stand-off at Waco, Texas are not members of the international Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

While Seventh-day Adventists do have three congregations in Waco, none of the Branch Davidians from the group headed by Vernon Howell (aka David Koresh, Vernon Jezreel and just Jezreel) has been attending these congregations.

"In fact, we might say that Koresh is a sign of the times," says Larry Guinn, pastor of one of three Adventist churches in Waco. "The Bible tells us that before the second advent there would be those who impersonate Christ."

Seventh-day Adventists, organized in 1863 out of Millerites from many denominations, have not set a time for the second coming of Christ. On the other hand, Adventists do believe that the Bible prophesies events which will precede the second advent--events being fulfilled today.

Branch Davidians trace their splintered roots to a group known as "The Shepherd's Rod" begun by a man who was disfellowshipped from a Los Angeles Seventh-day Adventist congregation in 1929 be-

cause of his differing views. Koresh himself was disfellowshipped in 1981 after less than two years as a member in the Tyler, Texas, church.

Splinter groups off that first one through these decades have been non-violent--until David Koresh, leader of the sixth splinter group. Similarities in the beliefs of Davidians and Branch Davidians through all of their names have centered in their interpretations of the 144,000 mentioned in Revelation 14. They teach that the Davidians are the 144,000 who will migrate to Israel, set up the kingdom of God, and rule the world through their prophet.

Because recruitment for the various splinters of the sect was concentrated in Seventh-day Adventist churches and college campuses rather than in other denominations, Adventists have been wrongly associated with the Koresh cult.

A Christian denomination which focuses on one's need for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and serving his other children, Adventists are among the major groups involved with relief and development world-wide

Campbell's comical Casi Nesmith impressions and Berger's jocular George Bush jests, candidates demonstrated they know where the voter funny bone is located.

Colorful comedy aside, many candidates were able to express their serious side and aspirations.

"I think everyone had good points," says Jennifer Hallock. "Everyone had at least two things they discussed and that was good."

Although a bit biased, Marla Dick, says, "I was very impressed!" To be polite, she would not comment on which speech she preferred.

And some like Denison Sager were a bit disappointed with the speeches. "It would have been nice to know what they wanted to do when they got the position or at least have an idea of what they wanted to accomplish," he says.

Others listened to the speeches just for curiosity sake, as they already knew who they were going to vote for beforehand.

"I already knew who I was going to vote for," says Alissa Thorbus, "but it helped confirm my decision."

Not uncommon to any political election, promises were made for the listener and voter to sift through. Here are a few the new ASB officers made for student body consideration: Astolfi promised to control ASB finances and switch the accounting system over to an elec-

tronic one. Campbell offered to take a look at the Union College spirit and see if it couldn't be jump started. Sorter promised to bridge the gap between students and the ASB, to look at the possibility of a trophy case, and to take complaints to the right departments. Hardt, careful not to give promises because he said they are often lies, confirmed that he would be approachable and do the best job he knew how.

The first task of the new ASB officers was to appoint non-elected ASB positions. They congregated on March 8, along with the current ASB administration and sponsors, to review the applications received. The following people were hired: Casi Nesmith, *Peanut Gallery* editor; Sophie Anderson, *Clocktower* editor; Union for Christ director, Kent Kelley; Janelle Wolfe, advertising manager; and Krista Brunneske, secretary.

No applications have been received for *Golden Cords* (Union's yearbook) editor or *Yearlook* editor openings. If you are interested, please pick up an application packet at Student Services, Student Center.

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## Thoughts

by Shan Thayer

The first two weeks of this month are the last time Venus will be able to be seen in the sky for two years. By the 31st of March, Venus will be nearly in line with the sun. Jupiter is starting its yearly appearance, though. Even Jupiter's 17 moons can be seen with a telescope or a good pair of binoculars. Two star clusters are interesting to observe this month. The Beehive Cluster is one of the largest, nearest, and brightest clusters in the sky. The Eskimo or Clown planetary nebula is about 1400 light years from us and is interesting because it was formed from a dying star.

I locked my keys in the car today. What an extremely stupid feeling! I felt the intense wave of stupidity wash over me as my door clicked into place and I saw my control and means of locomotion vanish before my very eyes. The simple little ring which nearly burst with drum key, car key, house key, etc. lay in a nice silvery heap on the gray seat. Innocent and alone they triggered thoughts of the meaning security and what the whole concept was about.

The revelation for me took place in a split second. I have a foreign car which requires the door handle to be held up when you close the car door so that things like what happened today don't happen every day. In that split second where I glimpsed my car keys on the seat and

felt my hand still holding up the door handle it struck me that security was an incredibly useless commodity.

There are very few motivators in a person's life. What could cause someone to do something? For myself it boils down to three things. Love, God, and Death.

If the earth were a pitcher of orange juice, we as the populous would be special. We could create interesting things such as tools and disperse culture and variety throughout the earth. We would, in fact, be much like the pulp in the orange juice that so many people so dislike.

Computers are unseparably tied to our lives. When I was delivered, the doctor secretly implanted a microchip in my skull and now I am a slave to the ever expanding technology in our society. Could computers be a government conspiracy?

Thank goodness we don't get nearly as much government as we pay for.

I think that if I were JFK I would much rather be shot from the grassy knoll than from a third story book depository. And if I were Lee Harvey Oswald I would have much rather have been doing something more constructive than hanging around for police officers to come and get me.

Sometimes I think its a good thing that fireflies are not as dumb as moths. That way they don't waste the light of their tail lanterns by flying around streetlights.

If I were a tall man and I had a tall woman for a wife, I think that I would take her to the opera, take her out to eat, and then go and shoot hoops at the local YMCA

Thank you for your time and energy. I will try to write something of great consequence in the future. Until then....

## SPORTS EDITORIAL: BOXING

Boxing. What used to be a bare-knuckled battle between athletes has become, in the public eye, a bare-knuckled battle between sleazy, manipulative managers and money-hungry heavyweights bent on letting nothing get in their way of power, fortune, and fame. Any boxing fan who's been around long enough will tell you boxing sure has changed. But where is it going? I've been wondering about the future of the sport. Right now, boxing is making a big mistake by only showing heavyweight bouts through pay-television services such as Pay Per View (PPV). By severely restricting the public's access to bouts, boxing is sacrificing its future-- the young, uninitiated fans who may one day enjoy boxing-- in favor of huge, easy profits now.

To a select few, boxing is their living. It's a mega-million dollar business, and I think that it's precisely this kind of big money that will end up choking the sport. Mike Tyson made upwards of \$20-\$30 million dollars by knocking Michael Spinks to the canvas for the last time 91 seconds into the first round. That's a lot of money, and I feel Tyson deserves the money. It's part of what keeps the game alive, poor boxers fighting their way out of the projects clutching fast to their dreams of Las Vegas venues and maybe a lucky date with Miss America.

Ten years ago, however, boxing was a completely different sport. Fans remembered the greats fondly, and gray hair hadn't yet appeared on the memories of Muhammad Ali or Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Fights were shown on television, Sunday night, Monday night, and inferior fighters with powerful reputations outside the ring were easily eclipsed by their more powerful adversaries with greater punch inside the ring. Bruised

eyes and broken noses and crushing, technical knock-outs were the marks left by the greats.

Some say today, the greats are greater, leaving more powerful and painful marks. Rivals are not only knocked out, but their careers may be ended. Fans and boxers alike acknowledge that is the nature of this popular sport. But today, the sport is available to fewer and fewer fans. Today, a fighters' legendary athletic exploits are eclipsed by their public reputations or by the antics of their money-hungry managers. Because the sport is no longer easily accessible through national television, the media transforms the athletes into circus celebrities. This reputation is fostered by the way boxing is not brought to the public-- through pay per view television.

The money to be made through PPV is excellent, and fighters and their managers make more money than they did previously when their fights were shown on the national networks. But right now there is a wealth of fans, many who grew to love the sport as young people, listening to it on radio, or watching it on television. Some had friends or parents who passed the love of the sport down to them, but many others simply learned slowly, watching curiously a round here, a fight there, learning the intricacies of a sport gradually. Every bout hundreds of thousands of people made time to watch boxing on national television.

But their fierce loyalty did not go unnoticed by marketers, who recognized a potential to make some quick cash. When heavyweight boxing became unavailable through network television, fans still wanted to see heavyweight bouts. The only way to do that was through PPV, which largely meant

ordering it in your home for roughly \$30 a fight, or by going to a local sports bar to catch the action.

Initially, complaints from boxing fans came like a tidal wave. But boxing's lock on PPV has ensured that fans are in a stranglehold, left no choice but to pay up if they want to watch the bout or read about the fight in the papers. Left no option, the fans can no longer complain, and the huge PPV profits roll in.

But what of the sport's future? Where will the young boxing fans come from? When I was ten, I learned a little bit about boxing from each fight I watched, and slowly, what looked like two grown men doing something my mother would never allow me to do, became a fascinating challenge between two grown athletes. How many uninterested ten year-olds like me will watch Riddick Bowe fight at the local sports bar, curiously, and become interested in the sport? Who will be the sport's future fans? Only the super rich? Those who were lucky enough to have had access to PPV? True, boxing is still accessible through ESPN and other cable services that are commonly available. But it's the headline, heavyweight bouts that attract the most attention, and attracts the most money. With that, comes the greatest opportunity to influence and educate young viewers on the technical qualities of the sport.

But thanks to PPV, a boxing fan will have to answer a little kid's question, "Who was Mike Tyson?" with, "He was a convicted rapist," instead of saying, "Only one of the greatest fighters to ever live. Haven't you seen him fight?"

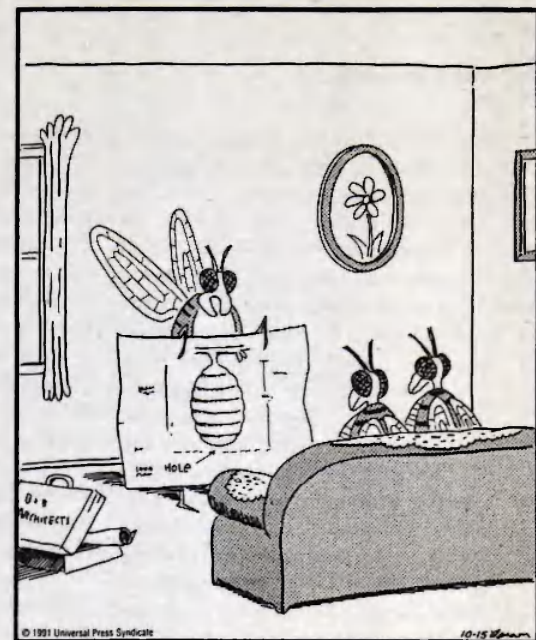
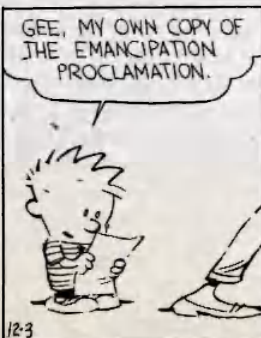
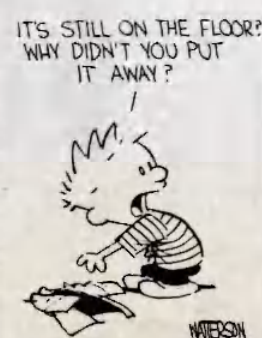
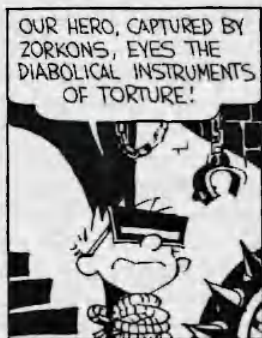
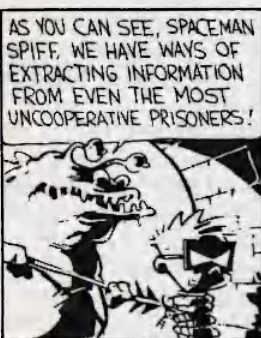
The promoters and the managers need PPV to make huge profits. Current fans and future fans, even the future of the sport itself, can live without it.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

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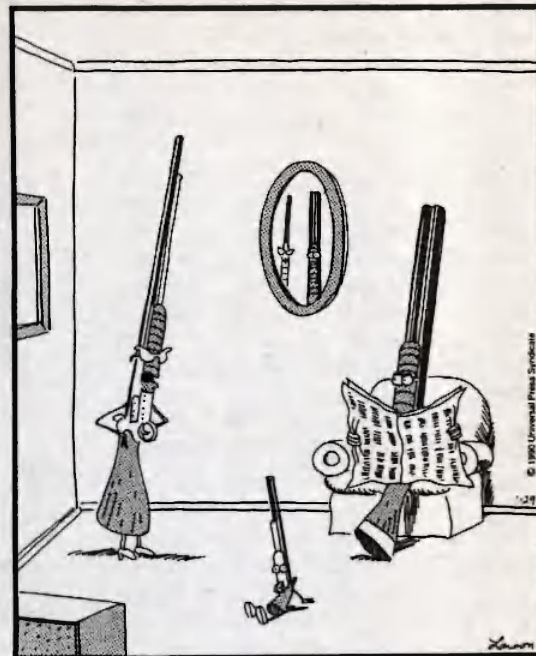
By GARY LARSON



"Voila! . . . Your new dream home! If you like it, I can get a crew mixing wood fibers and saliva as early as tomorrow."



"You gotta help me, Mom. . . . This assignment is due tomorrow, and Gramps doesn't understand the new tricks."



"I'm going off half-cocked? I'm going off half-cocked? . . . Well, Mother was right — you can't argue with a shotgun."



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## Dr. Hamm retires

by Jim Christensen

When Union College students hear the name "Dr. Minon Hamm" they immediately envision a teacher who is avidly in love with her Lord. One student notes, "I think the Biblical Literature class taught by Dr. Hamm was the most meaningful class I ever took at Union." Another student notes that, "I don't know where I would have been if I hadn't had Dr. Hamm for College Writing. She is an excellent teacher." Fellow faculty members also share their admiration for the spiritual fervor and example Dr. Hamm has provided.

As the 1992-1993 school year concludes, Dr. Hamm will be entering a new phase of her life. She has announced her retirement from full time teaching and the position of division chair of the Arts and Humanities Department. She has had a powerful influence over the past twelve years at Union.

Dr. Hamm's presence at Union seems to have come about by the hand of God. Twelve years ago, in the spring of 1981, Dr. John Wagner, former president of Union College, stopped by her house in Tennessee for a surprise visit. Unknown to Dr. Hamm, he was there to extend a personal invitation for her to teach at Union. Having taught at Southern College, Dr. Hamm's farthest dream was to move to Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. But God had other plans. In the fall of 1981, Dr. Hamm was a Union College faculty member.

One of the unique traits Dr. Hamm has brought to the Union College Campus is that of knowing what life is all about. She and her

husband served as missionaries to Aruba and Colombia for eleven years. Dr. Hamm describes life in eastern Colombia where they pioneered a school as "out beyond nowhere." There was no electricity, no running water, no phone, and no road. Mail came every three weeks when the Hamms would make the long boat trip into town to get supplies.

As a missionary she observed what students in America often take for granted. "The kids in these remote areas desperately wanted to get an education," notes Dr. Hamm. So she and her husband started a Spanish speaking school. Dr. Hamm began her career teaching subjects ranging from English and religion to biology and geometry.

After returning to the States, Dr. Hamm got her Master's and Ph.D. degrees at Vanderbilt University. When Dr. Hamm began her teaching at the college level in the 1960's she remembers that her starting salary was \$3600 a year!!

If you walk by Dr. Hamm's office in the early morning you will see her studying her Bible. This is Dr. Hamm's favorite book. Whether students take courses such as American Poets, British American Short Story, or World Literature, they'll notice that Dr. Hamm has a unique way of weaving the Bible into all of her classes. But it's not always easy.

Dr. Hamm recalls that several weeks ago she began preparation for her Biblical literature class but continued to be interrupted by phone calls and visits. As the beginning of class drew near, she had a final hour to study,

but the phone rang once again. It was an emergency call and took all the rest of her study time. When she hung up, it was time to go to class. She said, "Lord, You know I have tried and You know what this class needs. I commit this hour into your hands." As the class met, she could feel the moving of the Holy Spirit as the Old Testament characters of Esther, Mordecai, and Haman came to life. To see how God miraculously rescued his people in the wake of unparalleled opposition was exactly what the class needed to learn that day. Students commented that this class period would never be forgotten.

When asked what role her faith plays in her teaching, Dr. Hamm notes that she is unable to teach without the Lord's help. "I can't do anything without the enabling of the Holy Spirit. I find that I must always remain open to what God has to teach me," she says.

As the campus reflects upon her departure as Division Chair and full time teaching faculty member, many people will be affected.

The departments of communication, English, music, art, history, and speech will miss her inspiring and diligent leadership. It will be as if a legend is gone.

Dr. Ray, Academic Dean, notes that Dr. Hamm exemplifies servant leadership. "She always chooses to emphasize the good in people, even in the face of obvious problems." He adds, "In this, her last year before retirement, Dr. Hamm has led tirelessly for the future vitality of her division area." Next year the Arts and Humanities divisions will be separating into two areas, each with its own chairperson, thanks to Dr. Hamm's assertive leadership.

Dr. Hamm hopes to teach on a part-time basis after retirement in June. She plans to stay in Lincoln and be even more active in the College View Church as a lay-pastor and teacher. So, no matter if she's in Colombia, in Tennessee or in Nebraska, she's determined that a true devotion to the Lord will characterize her life.



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## Lincoln Organ Showcase at College View

by Kristan Nickell

Promoting enthusiasm for the organ and its music is the reason behind the formation of the Lincoln Organ Showcase in 1981. One of this season's concerts was presented February 21, 1993, featuring John Obetz, one of the most widely heard organists in the United States.

The concert started with a Sonata in A by Felix Mendelssohn. Dr. Obetz played this with confidence, as he did every piece on his concert. In addition to confidence, the piece sounded unique and mysterious. It gave me images of folding proteins, which I had just read about prior to the concert. (See Dr. Nowack as to how this mysterious phenomenon occurs.) The pedaling was very complex which gave a dark quality to the sound yet there was still a light at the end of the tunnel. The second movement was quiet and introspective, yet refreshing like the Sabbath.

On the second number, "Now, Rejoice, Beloved Christians", a chorale prelude by Bach, a new stop called the Zimvelstern was used. This is a portable stop and was donated for use during this concert by Dr. Obetz. The Seventh-day Adventist church has the use of it for three weeks unless there is a donation given for the purchase of the stop. This stop sounds like ringing bells and was a particularly delightful in this cheerful prelude.

Thirdly, was "By the Waters of Babylon", another chorale prelude by Bach, set on the text Psalm 137:1-4.

*By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept  
when we remembered Zion.  
There on the poplars we hung our harps,  
for there our captors asked us for songs,*

*our tormentors demanded songs of joy;  
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of  
Zion!"*

*How can we sing the songs of the Lord  
while in a foreign land?*

Bach employed text painting as a device to emulate the great feeling of pathos that no words can describe. For example, the highest notes in the piece come when the harps are hung on the poplar trees and the rippling of the Babylon waters are found in part by the ornaments of the piece, sounding like the lapping waves on a shoreline. The main question to be answered is how do we praise God in a foreign land? The music seemed to be saying that they didn't fit in with the surrounding people, but after putting their faith in God they were confident he would guide their paths. The cornet stop signified God's inner pain at His people's suffering, but

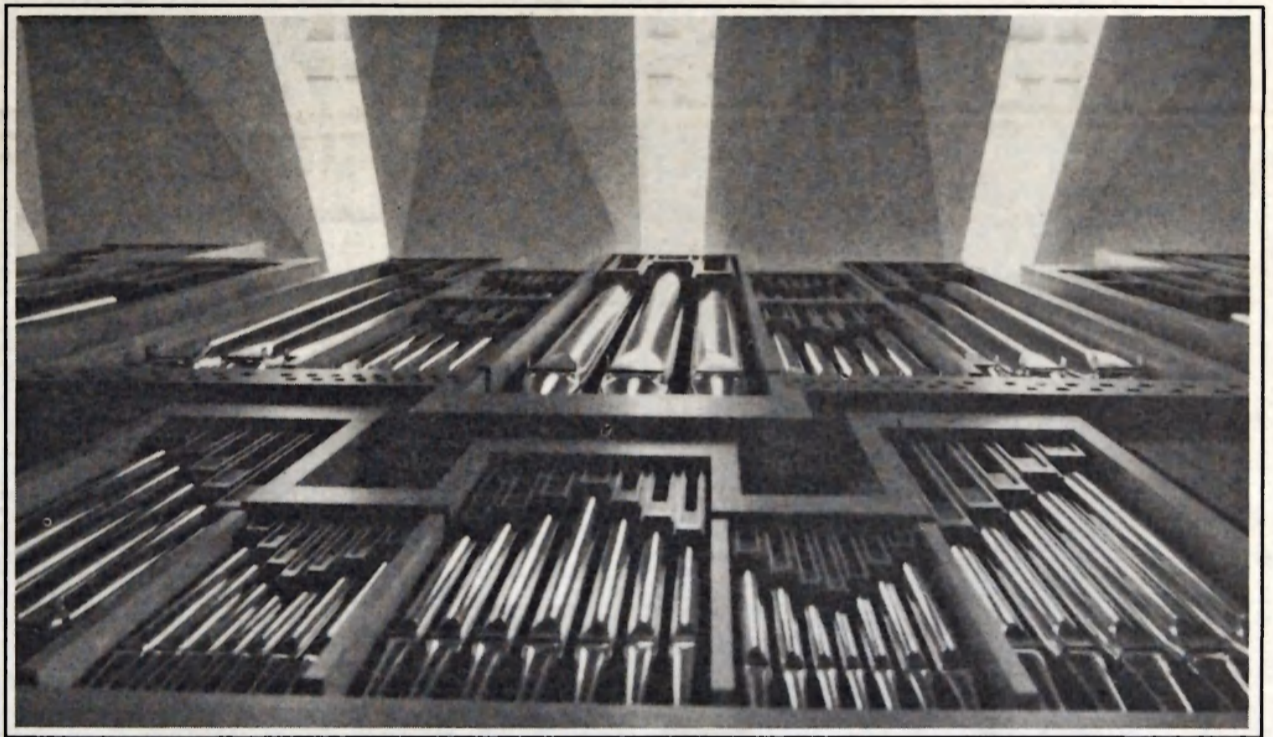
He loved them and us enough to give us a free choice.

The Bach Tocatta, Adagio, and Fugue had elements of dance, high energy, and buoyancy. Three voices echoed each other and the pedals especially had a smoothness and fluidity of their own, which contributed very controlled and articulated phrasing to the music. The Adagio was reminiscent of brightness after the depths of sorrow. It made a statement about the power of memories, how they affect later circumstances. And how they help to shape, just as the wind blows and shapes the earth below. The Fugue stated that life needs to be lived to the fullest, sometimes by paying attention to details and at other times by obtaining a broader perspective. Just as the piece moved chromatically upward, so does life advance onward at an even meter.

At the same time of Bach there was a totally different genre of music in the hills of

France. The two Noels were cute and light compared to the music of Bach. Next, the three Hymn Preludes were arranged by Gerald Kemner, a colleague of Dr. Obetz at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. These had hints of impressionism and a 20th century atonal sound. On the last prelude, Duke Street, the listeners joined in singing hymn 227 which talks about Jesus' second coming. The congregation responded well as there was a feeling of praise and adoration toward God.

The climax of the program was "The Star Spangled Banner Concert Variations by John Knowes Paine. Dr. Obetz is one of the few organists to perform and record this piece. The fugue toward the end of this piece was especially excellent. The whole song instilled a sense of pride and honor toward this great land. The place of freedom on which we stand -- America.



# The Spotlight

by Ron Consignado

Hey buddy actions! I thought I'd start off this article with a Corey Bretsch greeting. No offense, bro. I am back to give you the latest "hot" and "not" around campus. I missed the last deadline, so some of the listings may be a little behind. But never fear, "The Spotlight" is still here.

## What's Hot:

1. ASB Elections (better participation than last year)
2. JR Varsity (won the last 5 out of 6 games)
3. Terry Forde's last home game (retire that jersey)
4. Chip Hart (A Jordan performance against Alumni)
5. Wayne Schaber (an environmental revolutionist)
  6. Sick List (No school)
  7. Grisanti's (Forget the Cafe)
8. Bookstore Party (good excuse to stay up late)
9. Jereme Bennett (his \$75 half-court shot)
10. Tim Simon (an enrollment wizard)

## What's Not:

1. Ice (sidewalks turned skating rinks)
2. Dryers (never dry clothes completely)
  3. Winter (a season I won't miss)
4. The Rhyme Vine (a verse uncalled for)
5. Nebraska wind (where's my chapstick?)
  6. Rumors (tell one, tell all)
7. Wisdom teeth (more pain, less wisdom)
8. Mornings (early to bed, early to rise...yeah, whatever)
9. Kareem McRoy and David Dye (Who's in the TV room?)
10. ASB Game night (long suffering)

# The Phoenix: Culver Hall

(with apologies to no-one)

by Hugh Barlow

Where once there was darkness, light now pervades. Spring has broken winter's sway. The sky is bright, the campus light, and the melancholy Culver Hall now rings with the gleeful cackling of its residents. The squirrels are as fat, furry, footballs flouncing frantically; foraging for food. They are content. The world is a happy place--a great burden has been lifted from my shoulders.

A short time ago, as many may recall, I wrote to tell of the possible closing of Culver Hall. A few days ago I was informed that there would be another meeting in regard to the closing. With fear and trepidation I attended the gathering. My brethren and I waited not with baited breath for the news. The gathering was quite somber. Tim Simon was to be the speaker during this small conference instead of our dean. As my fellows and I arrived, we steeled ourselves for the worst. Mr. Simon waited until all who were coming had arrived and then gave the news: Union College was **NOT** going to close our cherished home. Praise! Hosanna! Glory! The dark clouds of doom are lifted from my soul. The camaraderie, the bantering, the jokes, the rejoicing all took time to subside. When some semblance of control was restored he continued in his presentation to us of his news. He told us of the new plan that Union has for the future--the "U" plan.

Dr. Bruce Allen, from Central Michigan University (a school of 16,000 students), was hired by our college to study the strengths and problems that characterize our school. He

found that Union has many things going for it. One is the city of Lincoln: a great city--small enough to be a country, big enough to be a city. There is low crime and low unemployment. Another is the school itself. Dr. Allen likes our location, our campus, our buildings (they are not outdated), our students, our academic program, and our teaching staff.

What grew out of all this has been called the "U" plan. Mr. Simon said that Union plans to hire two new people; one to be a liaison between the faculty and the students and keep the students from "falling through the cracks." (this person will not replace our current faculty advisors, but augment them). The other will be hired to help with careers (this individual will be equipped with the hardware and software to help in career testing) and internships (to help students gain experience in their fields outside the classroom [many classes already provide this for students]).

Simon says that "The 'U' plan is a customized plan for each individual student designed to deal with their physical, social, spiritual, and academic needs." He says that it is designed to focus on the problem and to listen to the student's complaints. It is made to help cut costs but not services. It is hoped to attract more students to our school. Mr. Simon also emphasizes that there is more to this plan, but he wants to wait a few weeks until the official announcement before disclosing more.

I pray that the rising of Culver Hall from the ashes of despair also signals a like rebirth for the school itself.

# Writing Contest

by Christian Stewart

The Collegiate Writers Competition a.k.a the writing contest is almost upon us. This tenth annual Union College event is to take place during mid March. The exact date that entries are due is March 17. The contest, which is open exclusively to enrolled Union College students, includes a wide variety of categories--ranging from poetry to a featured news article. The award to be given to the winner of each selected category is fifty dollars. The awards will be presented in Honors Convocation.

To qualify one has to be an enrolled Union College student and the piece has to have been written since having started college. Also, the piece must be looked over and signed by a teacher from the English Department. As for the structure, the piece must be typed, double spaced, and have a cover page. (The details may be received from Dr. Fitts in the Humanities Division.)

The three categories range from mechanical writing to fiction. The categories are:

1. Journalism: A) News Story - Involves a well-developed and informative report of a real news event. The piece should be from 300 to 500 words in length. B) Feature Article - Should be a longer and more focused report of a real news event providing the reader with more of a humane view than a scientific view.

The length should be from 800 to 1200 words.

2. Creative Writing: A) Poetry - Includes a structured poem of any kind. The poem is not to exceed one page, however.

B) Prose - Involves a fictional piece (which

may be based on actual incidents) that should be from 1000 to 1200 words. It should involve characterization, situation, and dialogue.

3. Scholarly Writing: A) Research - Involves a minimum eight page argument or statement of a clearly organized thesis.

B) Essay - Involves a thoughtful argument of a clear thesis that should be two to five pages long.

This information was taken from the writing contest information sheet that is available in the Arts and Humanities Division.

One may submit as many entries in as many categories as desired. Dr. Fitts advises, however, that no more than three entries should be submitted in each category otherwise the judges will detect a repetition in style. Help or advice from teachers is absolutely against the rules, although help from the writing tutors in the Hagen Writing Center is fair game. The piece may be one that was assigned in a class, although it doesn't have to be. Finally, the piece has to have been written since enrollment in college. Anything from high school or old contests is prohibited.

The award to the winners is fifty dollars. Those who have exhibited excellence in literary thought and have been chosen as winners in each category by the five anonymous judges will be awarded the money at Honors Convocation.

For questions or more details see Dr. Fitts in 408 G of the Dick Building.

MARCH

## Campus Paperback Bestsellers

1. **The Firm**, by John Grisham. (Island/Dell, \$5.99.) Young lawyer confronts the hidden workings of his firm.
2. **Rising Sun**, by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine, \$5.99.) A no holds-barred conflict for control of a vital American technology.
3. **The Autobiography of Malcolm X**, with Alex Haley. (Ballantine, \$5.99.) The black leader's life story.
4. **Life's Little Instruction Book**, by H. Jackson Brown Jr. (Rutledge Hill, \$5.95.) Advice for attaining a full life.
5. **A Time to Kill**, by John Grisham. (Island/Dell, \$5.99.) Racial tension runs high during a trial.
6. **Backlash**, by Susan Faludi. (Anchor, \$12.50.) Powerful and frightening look at the undeclared war against American women.
7. **A River Runs Through It**, by Norman Maclean. (Univ. of Chicago Press, \$9.95.) Stories of western Montana.
8. **Revolution from Within**, by Gloria Steinem. (Little, Brown, \$11.95.) The feminist recalls her struggle to attain self-esteem.
9. **Jurassic Park**, by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine, \$5.99.) A theme park's cloned dinosaurs are creating a world crisis.
10. **Cows of our Planet**, by Gary Larson. (Andrews & McMeel, \$8.95.) Collection of *Far Side* cartoons.

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## New & Recommended

A personal selection of *Malcolm X*, Bryn Mawr College Book Shop, Bryn Mawr, PA

**Wilderness Tips**, by Margaret Atwood. (Bantam, \$5.99.) Explores themes of loss and discovery, of the gap between youthful dreams and mature reality, and of how we connect with others.

**The War Against Women**, by Marilyn French. (Ballantine, \$12.00.) A devastating portrait of today's male dominated global society, with its underlying aim of destroying, subjugating, or mutilating women.

**Two Nations Black and White, Separate, Hostile, Unequal**, by Andrew Hacker. (Ballantine, \$10.00.) Analysis of a divided society - how it has defined America's history and the role race will play in the coming Century.

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# Monty's Editorial--It gets better

## (I need a big favor from you, Shan)

Is it just me, or is everyone sick and tired of Shän's voice? "Write me something for the paper, Monty, I've got a lot of space," he says, his sing-songy tone sickening me over the telephone. "Make it about a thousand words, okay? And make it good."

Sure. Right. A thousand words on something that interests both myself and the student body. That's a tall, tall order. And you want it good, too? Shan, you're breaking me, here. Honestly. Oh, the pressure. Writing for the paper is something like slave labor. Help! I'm indentured to this newspaper.

But I dispense with the dramatics. "I've had it up to here with you," I say angrily, but Shän only laughs.

Maybe it's my stupid, happy tone of voice that says between the lines, "I'm kidding! Anything! I'll do it!" Or maybe I comply because I know the day is coming when, armed with enough rejection slips to recycle a rainforest, I'll look back on the, er, "liberal" way the Clocktower accepts material with a certain, sick nostalgia.

Initially, I'm tempted to fill my article completely with random material, combinations of keys that don't even make sense. As I consider doing that, two things run through my mind. Will anyone notice? How often does this column really make sense, anyhow?

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der groundhog? Sankrieg englische sprache unde kultur initrog vos helivken moronica nicht. Pedagogik.

See? It worked. Okay, reader participation section, here. Hold the newspaper out at arms length and look at the last paragraph. Although it looks just like all the other paragraphs, it makes absolutely no sense. I could construct an entire page that way. But I can't do that, although the temptation is strong. If I kept that up, I'd run the risk of confusing all my readers, with the possible exception of professor Schroeder, who possesses the wonderful and uncanny ability to make sense out of even the most nonsensical words.

Instead, I'm going to fill my editorial with random thoughts I've been collecting over the past few weeks. Whenever something occurs to me that I find interesting, I jot down for later use. Here are some random topics I've considered writing an editorial about, but never really got enough material, or summoned up the motivation to actually get them out on paper.

Homosexuality is a hot topic in the media, specifically concerning the issue of whether gays in the military should be allowed. Personally, I don't see the relation between someone's sexual orientation and their ability to fly a helicopter or tote a gun. For me, Dr. Gibson summed up my opinion on the issue quite well the other day in class when he said "I think there are more important things to

worry about than whether there should or should not be gays in the military."

One thing I've noticed about the media is that most of the time, when they mention someone who is homosexual, or seek gay sources that can comment on some aspect, they are nearly almost always men. That's because, whether you like it or not, men are the ones who set the tone for society, ranging from sexuality to fashion, from cars to fast food. Think of your own attitudes and stereotypes. When someone on television mentions anything to do with the homosexuality issue, generally, the image we get is that of a male. When we think of a homosexual, we think of Rock Hudson or the pink-triangle wearing "Act-Up" leader, Larry Kramer.

Let me give an example of society's putting male sexuality over that of the female. Did you see the movie, "Fried Green Tomatoes?" Lots of us have, but how many of us read the book? Did you know that one of the major female characters was a homosexual? That's right, the staunch and powerful Idgie, the hero of the movie, was a lesbian. Although the book never actually states this fact (though it alludes to it very strongly), the book's author, actress Fannie Flagg, confirmed in a recent interview that indeed Idgie was gay. If you don't believe me, read the book.

After hearing Flagg's comments and realizing that Idgie was a lesbian, religious groups in some cities immediately began protesting at theaters which showed the film. Although petitions were filed and in some instances even violence was threatened, the movement never gained enough steam to make any kind of impact both in the media and on the movie's box office proceeds. That's why you didn't hear much about the whole issue.

My question is this: Why should it have been an issue at all? I wonder. If it was one of the male characters who was gay, would there have been any protests at all? Or would the protests have been stronger? The point I'm trying to make in all this is that our society does not really recognize, understand, or even validate women's sexuality. Ever notice that the presence of lesbians never arouses as much hysteria as the presence of gay men, in any forum? That tells you something about how little value society places on women's sexuality (gay or straight). With gay men, many people are extremely threatened. Concerning gay women, people behave as though it doesn't matter. Pay attention to that, both inside yourself and inside the media and society. It happens all the time. My point is that even if you're not gay, if you think about it, this fact has got to trouble you.

Just to take this issue a step further, I heard that one fellow in the army says he has no qualms about allowing gays into the military, so long as he is not aware of their presence. In essence, he says, he has the right not to know about the orientation of the person sleeping in the next bunk. I think that's absurd! Do Americans now feel they also have the right to ignorance? What's next, the Freedom From Information Act? What does anyone else think about this?

I've also been thinking about the abortion debate, and something came up in the news the other day that really caught my eye. For those who haven't seen the reports, a demonstrator at an Abortion Clinic in Florida chased down the doctor who operates the clinic and, pulling out a revolver, fired six times, killing him.

When asked to comment, "Operation Rescue" leader Randall Terry said, "We must remember that this man was a mass mur-

derer."

Then, to demonstrate where his sympathies truly lie, Terry set up a defense collection fund for the family of the man who shot the doctor. When asked about the family of the murdered doctor, Rev. Terry replied that they "didn't need it."

I think that story stands without comment, don't you think?

In other news, the Waco, Texas standoff between the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agents and the Davidian cult has been on my mind recently. Is it just me, or am I the only Seventh-Day Adventist who has been extremely embarrassed by the Davidians? I forget where I was the other day, but I happened to mention to someone that I go to Union College.

"Ah," the person said, nodding his head. "The Adventists. Same group that's down there in Texas, right?"

"No, that's a cult, not the Adventists," I said.

"But they used to be Adventists, right?" the person said.

"Yes, but they split about sixty years ago."

"But they were Adventists, right? That's what they said on the news," this person said. "Or are you all trying to hide it, now?"

"No, I don't think we're trying to hide it. Frankly," I said, shaking my head at this person, "I don't see the connection."

I get tired of this, sometimes, watching the way people think. Do you?

Oh. And one other thing. I'm tired of seeing Michael Jordan's face on TV all the time. Did you know McDonald's has named a hamburger after him? Yep. It's called, of course, "The McJordan." Why didn't McDonald's name a hamburger after a different ball player? Someone cheaper? Take Kevin McHale, for instance. His name was made to be a McDonald's hamburger.

Oh well.

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# The Vine--yet another adventure into nameless halls of humility.

Ah, Spring is in the air. Along with the arrival of freezing precipitation, the occasional Unionite has discovered "love" and in some cases, "mawiage" (MAIR-rij).

Both Tracy and Tammy are credited with plans to change their last name this next year. Here's hoping the twins' weddings won't exceed the Cash limit. Also on the homefront are many other engagements.

Hats off to #34 Forde. After four years of playing ball he deserves to be in print. Now that he's Hoehn-ed and perfected his b-ball skills, he's ready to MariJane.

The most interesting social development of this year is taking place between some Culver roommates and Jennifers. It appears that a certain Texan will have no trouble remembering the name of his girlfriend - current or past - as long as it begins with a "J". His little sister seems to enjoy some company of the bearded kind. You know, mechanics recommend rotating a car's tires every two months. It's things like this that make us go hmmm.....

Amy is now a confirmed David Foster fan. A song entitled "Set the Night to Music" comes to mind. Cheese anyone? Even if Mary, along with most other students, finds it

a Payne to run out of quarters often, at least she's got a Nicol.

What exactly is the status of John and Lisa? Has anyone noticed the chilly weather here on campus?

Buuuuuuuu! Jerry's ongoing saga of bachelorhood continues as he wards off that pack of fawning freshmen. Anyone wanting to join the fanclub should feel free to call. One of his many secretaries will be happy to take a message.

Unetta, the world famous track star, encountered a few difficulties demonstrating her sliding techniques on an icy night not long ago. She's sustained minor battle wounds but is undergoing a speedy recovery. Word has it that Casi is becoming accident-prone. Try not to give her too much of a ribbing for sliding on ice and falling down the stairs. At least none of the laundry was dropped on the floor.

It appears that Becky is adding crocheting to her Lifestyle Center skills and is practicing her newfound talents by manufacturing square hats for the man in her life.

Along with Serg's accent, Drew has recently acquired an appetite for Whamos. For unexplainable reasons South Dakota and vegetarian food hold a strong appeal.

What is wrong with all the men here on

campus? There are several high-class women just waiting to be asked out, sitting by the phone at night doing nothing but studying. How boring! Get it in gear guys... (Ladies, reverse weekend is your time to do the same)

Here's a list of the new top ten pamphlets for informative reading.

5) Why Clouds No Longer Listen to Us by local weathermen

4) Dan Quayle's ABCs by his kindergarten teacher

3) A Tutorial for Women: How the Attorney General Gets a Babysitter by William Clinton

2) The Do's and Don'ts of Parking by the World Trade Center's Security Department

And this week's number one pamphlet, found outside the local courthouse, is:

1) A Juror's Guide to Riot Prevention by Rodney King

Until next time, keep warm, take your vitamins, stay well fed, keep your feet on the ground, and keep reaching for the Kleenex.



## Personals

**K- Tell me again what life was like on North County Line Road was like...**

**Girl!**

**It doesn't matter where you are... A dog like me can sniff you out from a mile away....**

**Emmy**

**Don't I deserve better than this? Give me a call.**

**Peachy pear,**

**The name Pavlov does indeed ring a bell.**

**The Cheese Monster**

**J-**

**Thanks bud-dy!**

**-T**

## Opinion Poll

**What do you like about the paper?**

- Editorials**
- News**
- Sports**
- Comics**
- Features**
- Photos**

**What do you dislike about the Clocktower?**

**Have you written for the Clocktower?**



# Sports At Union

by Mark Loewen and Wes Phipatanakul

## VARSITY SEASON COMES TO AN END

**THUMBS UP:** to **Denison Sager** for not writing any more sports comments.

to the **Faculty Team** for finally winning an intramural game over the **Jayhawks**.

**THUMBS DOWN:** to the **Jayhawks**.

to **Mark Loewen** for turning **Mike Needles** alarm clock off keeping him from setting up the volleyball nets for last Sunday's volleyball tournament.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** Upon destroying the gym door **Brian Johnson** said, "I just tripped and tried to catch myself on the door with my fist."

**SPORTSWOMAN OF THE WEEK:** **Sarah Boyko** who not only is a knowledgeable fan but also can play. She scored 9 points in her intramural debut, including a NBA three pointer.

**SPORTSMAN OF THE WEEK:** **Terry Forde** and **Chip Hart** who are leading the varsity and junior varsity teams in scoring respectively.

**TEST OF THE WEEK:**

Turn in your answers and tell what major corresponds to each question.

1. A. Floor hockey player A of 40 kg passes floor hockey player B of mass 80 kg, who is stationary, at 2.8 meters/second. After a reaction time of 1.019 seconds, player B pursues A accelerating from rest at .7 meters/second squared. How far must player B travel to catch player A and put a bone-crunching hit on him? How much time is required? Assume all motion is directed up an incline of 1.5 degrees. (Frictional effects are negligible)

B. Instead of allowing player to B to check him, player A grasps on to player B in an totally inelastic collision. How long will it take for them to come to rest and then slide back down the incline due to the acceleration of gravity? (Frictional effects once again can be neglected)

2. Fazio's Hockey Equipment has \$1000 capital to invest in hockey stick production. If it costs an average of \$10 to produce each stick, how many can they produce with the \$1000.

3. Hypothesize why player B (in question 1) wishes to assault player A. Take into consideration player A is now dating his ex-girlfriend.

4. Which of the following are correct? (some, none, or all could be correct)

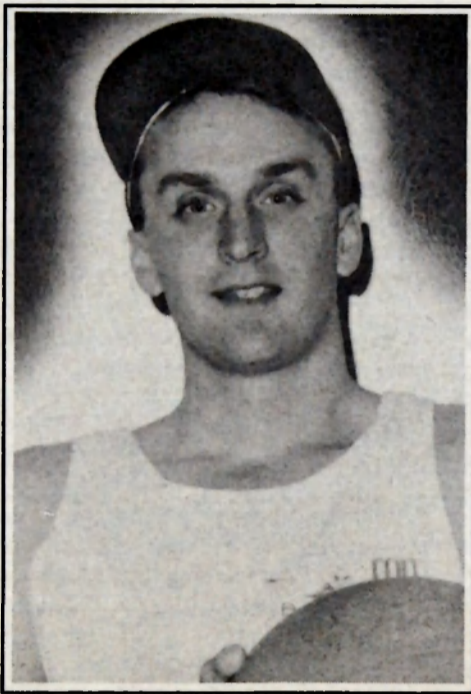
A. It is illegal to wear ice hockey pads to play floor hockey.

B. Cussing is illegal.

C. To receive a passing grade, you must be able to call at least 10 penalties per game.

D. To receive a passing grade, you must be on time to officiate.

5. Using oil paints, watercolors, pen and ink, pencil, chalk, and fingerpaint, recreate question 1. Be sure to incorporate base relief in your work.



Terry Forde leaves Union with bright hopes

### SEASON STATS

Player	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	RB	FLS	AST	TO	STL	BLK	TP	PPG
J. Benn	30	63	47.6	11	21	35	22	7	15	4	1	76	8.4
C. Bock	32	96	33.3	15	24	30	25	27	43	15	0	81	4.1
T. Forde	139	262	53.1	107	133	170	62	78	55	41	5	392	19.6
D. Hardt	133	301	44.2	44	69	155	46	71	89	37	6	359	18.9
Dallas P.	58	151	38.4	27	37	140	51	28	40	22	18	146	7.3
R. Reinke	93	235	39.6	26	51	58	30	21	31	9	0	212	10.6
E. Smith	2	9	22.2	1	4	7	3	0	5	1	0	5	.7
Jim Wasm	23	59	39.0	16	26	73	27	10	22	12	7	63	3.2
Hans W.	63	143	44.1	31	45	94	59	24	37	25	3	158	7.9
D. Wade	2	4	50.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	6	3.0
C. Hart	3	8	37.5	1	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	8	8.0
D. Hass	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>1332</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1506</b>	<b>75.3</b>

\*\*\* These don't include the game against Trinity Bible College and one other game we're not sure of \*\*\*\*

### UC Thunderdome -

The varsity finished the season Feb. 25 capping a three game week.

Feb. 20: It was **Terry Forde Night** at the thunderdome as it was **Terry's** last home game. With family present, he was awarded a plaque and his number retired on the pit wall. He promptly went out and led all scorers with 23 points as Union routed Emmaus. Thanks for the memories **Terry**.

Feb. 23: Union traveled to Ankeny, IA to play Faith. Earlier, the Union JV had defeated the Faith JV and the varsity won 85-83 to complete the sweep. Union showed great resilience and determination as they came from behind to win in front of a rowdy home crowd supporting faith. However, the highlight of the trip had to be the trip the two teams paid to Shoney's Buffet as **Todd Anderson** (Buffet Ph.D.), **Rob Pride**, and **Wes** ate so long that the other team members waited 20

minutes for them to finish.

Feb. 25: Union finished the season by losing to St. Mary's 72-64.

	W	L
Overall Record	9	13
Home Record	4	4
Road Record	5	9

## JV BREAKS THE 1000 POINT BARRIER

The stats speak for themselves.

Calvert Rec Center - Since our last issue, the JV has played 5 games, winning four. Tournament play has started so come out and support the team. Of course, by the time this issue comes out, the JV season may be over.

Overall Record	11-8
Home Record	3-2
City League	6-6
Non-City League	5-2

Player	FG	FGA	FG%	FT	FTA	RB	AST	TO	BLS	STL	TP	PPG
C. Hart	96	249	38.6	45	62	90	27	54	19	24	277	15.4
D. Wade	69	174	40.0	15	17	36	27	50	3	30	167	9.8
B. Johnson	62	109	56.9	37	66	92	26	62	7	26	159	9.4
R. Pride	47	108	43.5	8	21	113	14	36	32	10	100	5.9
Wesley P.	16	50	32.0	14	27	15	5	20	2	15	49	2.7
P. Welch	8	21	38.1	3	10	24	9	20	0	10	19	1.2
T. Anderson	10	27	37.0	10	16	36	2	20	2	9	30	2.3
D. Hass	55	108	50.9	16	20	38	16	21	7	32	148	12.3

## SINGLE ELIMINATION POST-SEASON TOURNAMENT

UC Thunderdome - At the time this paper goes to press, **Sergei's Surging Tigers** and **Jay Krueger's Jumping Jayhawks** are tied for first place. **Tim Fandrich's Hornets** are holding a solid third. None of the other teams deserve special mention although if they win the tournament, the infamous **SPORTS WRITER'S GUILD POLL** might crown an unexpected champion.

Women's basketball article was to be written by a team member, but was never received. We apologize for any sexist implications that could be drawn from this.