

Question of the Week

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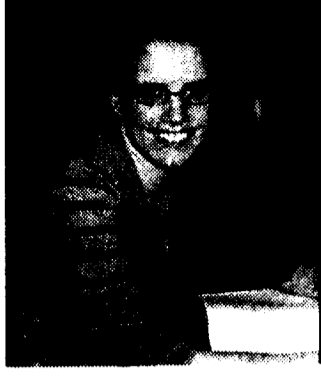
"Who is your favorite Osbourne?"



"Ozzy."
Carol Trumbo
Communications, 04



"Ozzy."
Dan Hepler
DUS, 01



"Kelly."
Jenn Hornaman
Psychology, 04



"I #@*! hate 'em all!"
Jack Reynolds
Marketing, 04



"Sharon."
Lindsay Snyder
Marketing, 04

FROM FRONT PAGE

BUSH

invited Saddam to end the crisis quietly by accepting life in exile.

"We would help try to find a place for him to go," Powell said.

Few experts think Saddam would leave power voluntarily, but the increased talk of it was another signal that Washington was moving closer to invading.

In Baghdad, Saddam appeared on television to express his defiance. "We will absorb the momentum of the attack, destroy it and defeat it," he said.

The White House confirmed that Powell, in a moment of high drama next Wednesday, will give the United Nations evidence that Iraq continues to conceal and develop weapons of mass destruction. The foreign ministers of many U.N. Security Council nations are expected to attend the session, in effect creating an international war council.

Powell also is expected to present evidence concerning Iraqi ties with terrorists and to detail alleged Iraqi efforts to undermine and manipulate the U.N. inspections process.

Powell, who met Wednesday with Pakistan's foreign minister at the State Department, said he would offer "new information" that was "not relevant to the inspectors' work," but nonetheless illuminated Iraq's banned weapons programs.

Additional information, Powell said, "will be an expansion" of past U.S. presentations. Others described the data as more of a mosaic than a single "smoking gun."

American officials told Knight Ridder that the Iraqis have ordered scientists to hide evidence of their work on chemical and biological weapons and have bugged U.N. inspectors' rooms and communications systems. They said some translators and other Iraqis who worked for the United Nations were Iraqi agents.

On at least one occasion, U.S. surveillance photographed trucks speeding away from an inspection site shortly before U.N. inspectors arrived, suggesting that their visit had been learned in advance, and perhaps that contraband material was spirited away.

One official, speaking on condition

of anonymity, said: "The inspection regime has been thoroughly compromised."

Such information, if shared in detail with the United Nations, could prove influential and help the United States obtain broader backing for an attack on Iraq.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said earlier this week that although his nation had worked for a peaceful solution, it might change its position if Iraq was shown to be hampering inspectors.

Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, Sergei Lavrov, said his nation expected Powell to present "undeniable proof" that Iraq wasn't cooperating with arms inspectors.

The accelerating prewar diplomatic campaign was scheduled to move to the White House on Thursday and to Camp David on Friday, where Bush will hold crucial meetings, first with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on Thursday in Washington, then with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Friday at the presidential retreat in Maryland.

SNOW

and getting rest to keep yourself from getting run down. Atkins does not have problems with cabin fever himself since he works two jobs and, as he says, "I love snow!"

Many students have found their own personal cures to cabin fever. Outdoors Club president Keenan Hansen goes camping as often as he can. To combat the cold Hansen says, "I wear a lot of layers and try to make the biggest fire I can."

Some students find the cold temperature in and of itself a cure to the itch to go outside.

"Walk to class, that will make you want to stay inside," sophomore Erika Kummernuss suggested.

Students do everything from camping, skiing, and snowboarding to movies, tanning, and going to Starbucks to cure their cabin fever. An anonymous group of students even enjoys a round of naked snowball fighting to raise their spirits.

Fortunately, one should be see warmer temperatures soon. Atkins says that weather patterns have shown changes around Feb. 10 this season.

"That means, maybe in a couple of weeks, it will relax, cold-wise," he said. He does not promise anything, though.

"Weather in Erie is really tricky," he added.

For now, students will have to brave the cold and take the advice of Keenan, "As long as you have long-johns on it isn't that bad."



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This Charlie Brown-sized tree peeks out of the snow, a reminder that there is something still alive under all that white.

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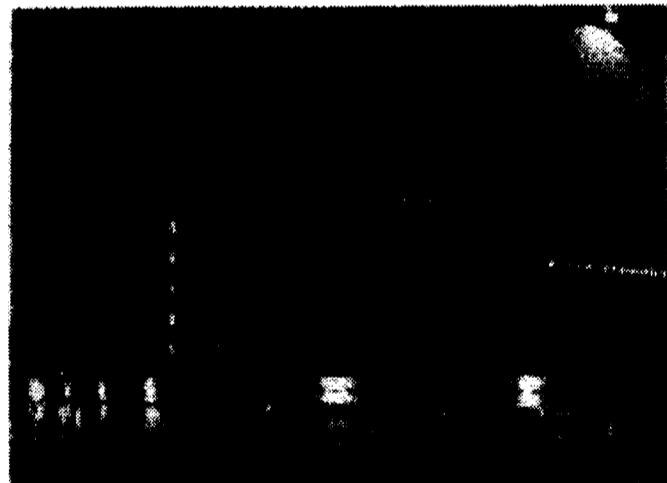
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