

# WORLDWIDE

## White House to release budget

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House has plans to release a new budget by the end of the week that will agree with more of the Republicans' demands. President Bill Clinton announced that he will cut Medicare spending and erase the federal deficit in seven years.

Clinton plans to cut \$124 billion of Medicare benefits from the budget but still lower the monthly medicare premium.

On the other hand, the Republicans propose to cut the Medicare budget by \$270 billion and increase the monthly premium gradually until the year 2002.

Overall, the White House proposes to spend \$475 billion more in the budget than the Republican proposal.

The budget office predicted that inflation will be slightly lower next year. Clinton plans to make cuts in discretionary programs like housing, road-building and defense.

Budget talks resumed yesterday after a five-day hiatus.

## French union conflict worsens

PARIS — French public service workers and the conservative French government have been clashing over the financial problems in France.

This week the country has seen an outbreak of several strikes and demonstrations by hostile workers.

Two to three hundred demonstrators turned over parked cars at the end of a march in Paris, which was broken up by Paris police.

Labor unions are against the government revision of the country's pension system, health care system and welfare system.

Ten thousand union members marched through snow on the streets of Paris demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Alain Juppe.

The subway system has been shut down for eight days and most of the national railway system has been shut down for 12.

## Name causes beer to be banned

CHICAGO — Minnesota and Washington state recently banned the sale of Crazy Horse beer under its current label.

The descendants of the Ogala Sioux Indian leader, Crazy Horse, have protested the sale of the beer because it is against the Native Americans' beliefs.

According to the Sioux, Crazy Horse was against drinking alcohol and never posed for a picture in the first place.

The Heilman Brewing Company that produces the beer said that it voluntarily recalled Crazy Horse beer in these states because of their high population of Native Americans.

# Drama lures group to London

## Students, faculty will experience Shakespearean theater first-hand

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Dreary England weather will not stop five students from seeing their share of Shakespeare's plays.

Three days after Christmas, 31 people, including five students, will travel to England to see nine plays from Dec. 28 to Jan. 11 in a trip sponsored by the theater department.

The trip started in the early 1970s when Harold Tedford, the director of the University Theatre, took a group of students to London during spring break to get a sampling of London theatre.

In the late 70s, when the university had a January term, Tedford took students for an entire month. The excursion has now become a winter break trip.

"This has evolved into a trip that attracts a good base of retired and current faculty," said Donald Wolfe, a professor of theater and the chairman of the department.

Although only five students are going this year, the trip is open to anyone

and there are no restrictions on how many students can go.

Students from all majors travel to London for the experience. "I'm excited to be able to experience life in Britain and witness the great works of British playwrights in the hotbed of drama," said senior Rufus Williams a health and sport science major.

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The majority of the plays will be seen by the group at the National Theatre in London. Plays vary from year to year, but this year is dominated

by classics, Wolfe said.

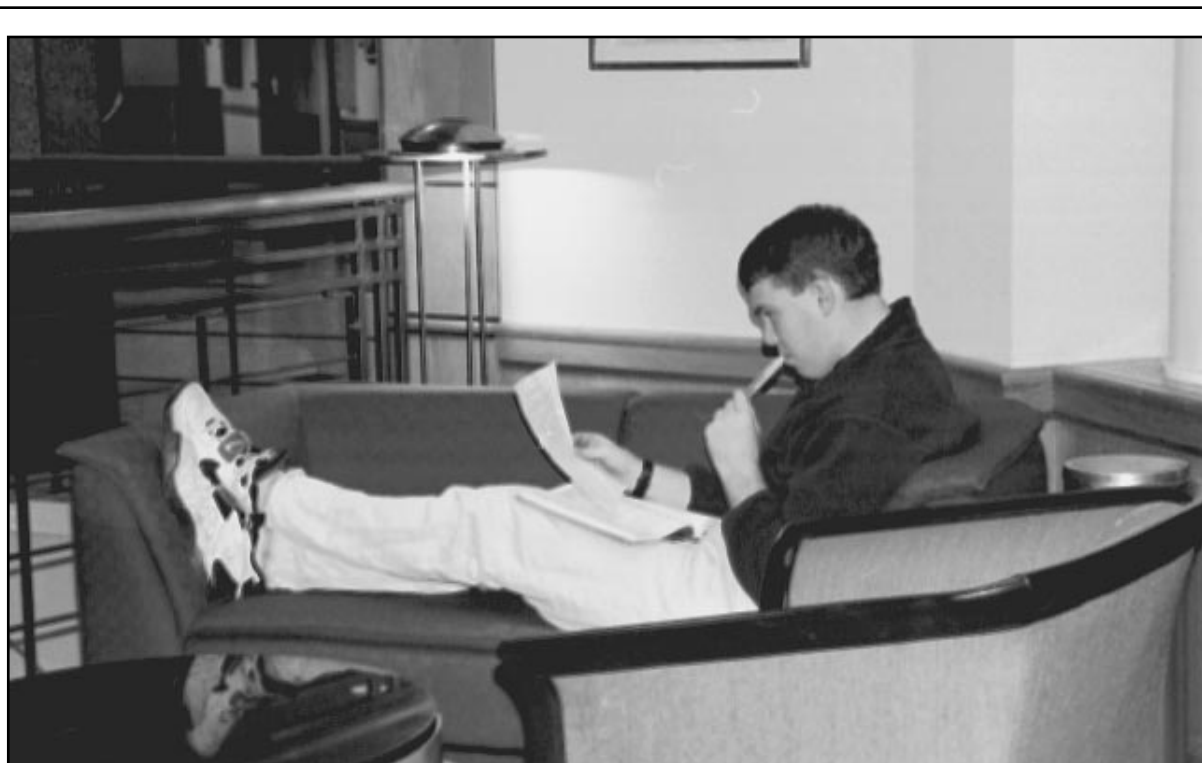
The group will also travel to Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare, to see "Taming of the Shrew."

Everyone will be given his or her tickets on arrival in England and will then be free to do anything he or she wants to during the trip. The students are encouraged to go sightseeing during the day. A majority of the plays are in the evening, giving students ample time to explore the streets of London, as well as the city's extensive cultural activities.

Students are required to keep a daily journal, which helps them to remember their trip and allows Wolfe to observe the activities of the students. Students must critique each play and are also sent on a scavenger hunt.

Students must go to different sites like Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral to answer questions that couldn't be found elsewhere, Wolfe said.

Students receive two credits toward the spring semester.



### A little peace and quiet

With exams rapidly approaching, junior Ben Worley stretches out on a couch in the main lobby of Benson University Center and tries to get in a little extra studying.

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# POLICE BEAT

## Unregistered party broken up

Officers found 200 to 300 people at an unregistered party on Student Drive at 1:30 a.m. Saturday. Several underage students were intoxicated, and officers asked everyone to leave. The incident has been forwarded to Harold Holmes, the associate vice president and dean of student services.

**THEFT** — A compact disc player, compact discs, sunglasses and a camera, together worth about \$4,000, were taken from a student's car in Lot Y near Worrell Professional Center Nov. 27 between 5:40 p.m. and 9:35 p.m.

A car stereo, cellular phone and compact discs, together worth more than \$1,000, were taken from a student's car in Lot Q near Scales Fine Arts Center between 9:30 p.m. Nov. 29 and 8:55 p.m. Nov. 30.

A car stereo and compact disc player worth about \$1,000 were taken from a student's car in Lot Q Saturday between 4:30 p.m. and 6:05 p.m.

A student's wallet and contents, worth \$94, were taken from a desk in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library Nov. 28 between 10:44 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

A student's laptop computer worth \$2,000 was taken between 10:24 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. Nov. 29 from a Worrell Professional Center study room.

A student's bicycle worth \$150 was taken between 8 p.m. Nov. 26 and 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 from a Taylor House bike rack.

A student's bicycle worth \$150 was taken between 3 p.m. Nov. 21 and 4:10 p.m. Friday from a Johnson Residence Hall bike rack.

A student's bicycle worth \$350 was taken between 4 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Saturday from outside Student Apartments.

A license plate was taken from a student's car between 3 p.m. Saturday and 1:45 p.m. Sunday in Lot J near Collins Residence Hall.

A cellular phone worth \$60 was taken from a student's car in Lot Q between 5 p.m. Friday and 6:15 p.m. Sunday.

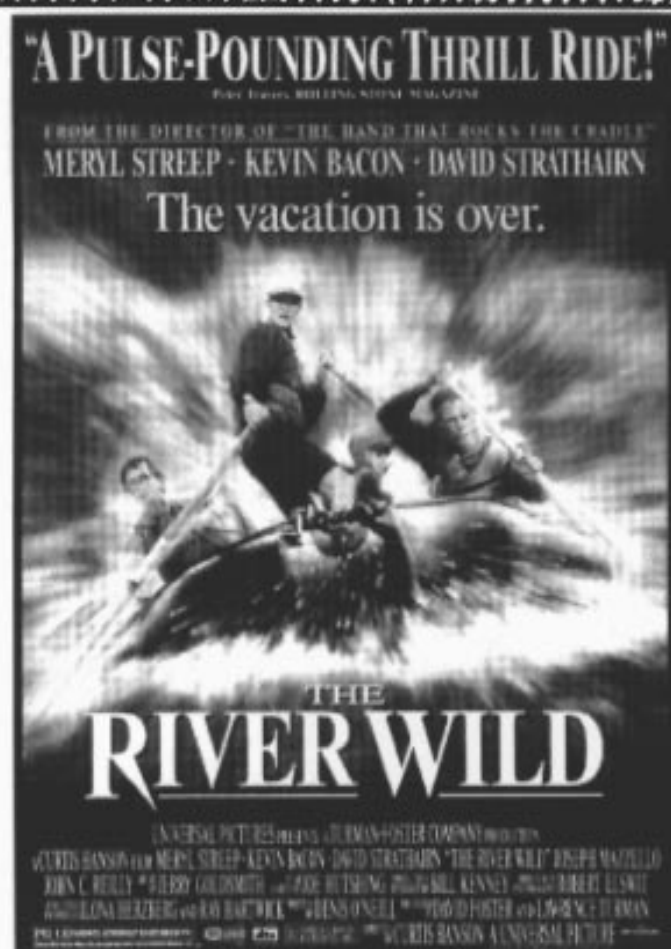
Pages of a book in the Z. Smith Reynolds Library were removed Nov. 27.

A campus street sign was taken from a sign post between 1:30 a.m. and 2 a.m. Saturday. A student, who had been drinking alcohol, was found with the sign in Johnson. The incident has been forwarded to the dean.

**MISCELLANEOUS** — An officer saw two students in Lot Q helping an intoxicated, underage student back to his residence hall Saturday at 12:55 a.m. The intoxicated student refused medical attention.

A student in Bostwick Residence Hall reported several harassing phone calls between 3:30 a.m. and 3:40 a.m. Sunday.

A window in Davis House was broken at about 12:50 p.m. Saturday.



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