

*[Staff Editorial]***Snow: A welcomed sight**

Last Saturday's snowfall was spectacularly beautiful. It is an outrage that the so called "Winter" has been so warm up until the last week. There are numerous benefits to snow. One can go sledding, perhaps at a popular place like Strauss Park. Skiing and snowboarding and even tubing are all options when the white stuff falls.

With the Winter Olympics in full swing, this weather gets us in the mood to support team America in their effort to rule the Winter sports world.

Snow is good for long walks. Perhaps some of you might have taken your significant other to a snowy mountain resort getaway for an early Valentine's Day treat. Whatever you did, we hope that you enjoyed the first significant snowfall of the winter.

Of course, there are obvious drawbacks to snow. There are dark sides to the white stuff. Maybe you wanted to play some sports like soccer or tennis. They're a lot harder to do outside after it has snowed.

On the Record ...

"President Washington, President Lincoln, President Wilson, President Roosevelt have all authorized electronic surveillance on a far broader scale."

—U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, defending President Bush's program of spying on U.S. citizens without first getting a warrant, February 6, 2006.

"Whether you believe the Earth began 4,000 years ago, or 4bn years ago, you are still concerned with the consequences of global warming, especially for the poor."

—Leith Anderson, former president of the National Association of Evangelicals and member of a group of evangelical Christians calling on the Bush administration to impose mandatory limits on fossil fuel emissions.

"Defending the prophet should continue all over the world. Let Condoleezza Rice and Bush and all the tyrants shut up he said. We are a nation that cannot tolerate, be silent or be lax when they insult our prophet and sanctities."

—Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah to hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslims commemorating a holy day in Beirut.

"We only have to recall the color of the faces of those in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi who are most devastated by Katrina to know that there are not yet equal opportunities for all Americans."

—President Jimmy Carter at Coretta Scott King's funeral.

"Cheney Bags a Lawyer."

—Headline from Scotland's The Herald newspaper.

"If there's lots of scoring, you can come back from that. It's difficult to come back from five if it's not swinging. So that 5-ender was pretty big."

—Canadian curling skipper Shannon Kleibrink

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