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BILL AND HILLARY: ON EQUAL FOOTING? -- Body language between the Clintons indicates "an egalitarian status" between the president and first lady, University of Dayton psychology professor Charles Kimble says. "She's been a prominent attorney, had her own career. She's had a long personal history of being on equal status with her husband," Kimble says. Hillary's role became evident when, during a recent event, Clinton directed folks to line up on the right to form a reception line. "She whispered to him and gestured, and then Clinton told everybody to line up on the left." Kimble also notes that the pair didn't hold hands the whole time as they marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in the inaugural parade.

"It seems to be a generational thing, something that's just become more prominent in the '80s," Kimble says. A colleague remembered that Jackie Kennedy often walked a few steps behind her husband, seemingly in deference. "Somebody mentioned it to Kennedy," Kimble says. "His response was: 'Tell Jackie to walk faster.'"

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PANIC IN THE CELLULAR PHONE INDUSTRY -- A lawsuit against cellular phone companies, which alleges a link between brain cancer and the use of cellular phones, has launched an entire industry into a crisis. A University of Dayton associate professor of marketing says the industry didn't respond quickly enough. "One of the problems was that somebody in the cellular phone industry blurted out an obvious falsehood, saying thousands of studies had been done proving the phones to be safe. There haven't been very many studies done at all," says William Sekely, chair of UD’s management and marketing department. The companies should have compiled scientific information and quickly distributed information to counter the reports. Instead, "they stonewalled," Sekely said.

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JAVA JIVE -- On Saturday nights, some students at the University of Dayton sip coffee and gather in a damp, dark basement instead of heading to bars. The Monk's Inn, housed in Liberty Hall, has all the atmosphere of a '60s beatnik coffee house offering live music, coffee and camaraderie. Jugs of drinking water for coffee, tea and hot chocolate are carried in by hand because there's no plumbing in the 127-year-old basement. "It's a lot friendlier than a club atmosphere," says Nancy Terselic, UD junior and current manager of Monk's Inn. "People come here to enjoy themselves. And because they haven't been drinking, they're lucid." Student members of the Monk's Inn service club, sponsored by Campus Ministry, staff the coffee house.

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