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—Holly Aikens '93

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A man aims, desiring to pinpoint his goal, then casts
away, hoping to hit the circle among circles—

A miss.

He clamps another and contemplates: a moth transforming
to a caterpillar, an object caught in the gyre
of a tornado (revolving, twisting),
stuck in a cycle with an end
at its start.

One last shot, tangled in the momentum of motion.
In childhood it was easier; now he
is older wanting to begin again
when it ends. The throw
spirals to its
target.

Bullseye.

—J.B. Allen '94