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Student assaulted near campus yesterday morning

UK Police send students safety alert e-mail;
no arrests have been made in case so far

By Darlush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A UK student was sexually assaulted while jogging near campus yesterday morning, prompting UK Police and officials to release another campus safety alert.

The alert, the second issued within a week, was released after a female student reported being sexually assaulted between 7 and 7:30 a.m. while jogging through a parking lot off Stone Avenue, just north of Memorial Coliseum.

The alert from UK Police stated that an unknown man attacked the student.

The suspect — described as a white male, approximately 5-foot-8, medium build, with brown hair and a stubble beard — attacked her as she jogged through the lot.

The student also said the man had had dental hygiene and smelled of cigarettes and alcohol.

She described him as wearing blue jeans and a blue hooded sweat-

shirt with a torn pocket.

Safety measures are being stressed to remind students of how to protect themselves, said Jim Wims, associate vice president for student affairs.

"I think we're satisfied that the police are doing everything they possibly can," Wims said.

He also said police are working as hard as they can to keep the campus area safe.

Lt. Ken Stuart with Lexington police said they are currently investigating as well as increasing patrols in the area. He also said they were interviewing residents in the area.

"There's bound to be people around there (who saw something)," Stuart said.

Wims said officials are also considering what can be done.

"Any time we hear about crimes on campus, we are concerned, and we want to make sure we're doing everything possible," Wims said.

A safety advisory was released last week by the Office of Student Affairs after three date rapes were reported to administrators within a month.

The date rapes were not reported to police, but UK released a statement warning students about date rape. On Saturday, a Louisville woman reported a date rape to UK Police.

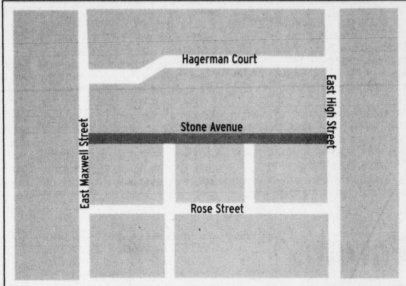
The assault yesterday was the first sexual assault reported near campus this year.

A study conducted of 1,010 women on campus last spring by the Center for Research on Violence Against Women, revealed that 2.5 percent of women reported being forcibly raped.

"I don't think that means more actual rapes, but I do think that means we're reaching our goal of making it easier for women to report," said Carol Jordan, director of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women.

"I think when we increase the education of the university (on sexual assaults) we're going to have more (reported) rapes."

Police are warning students not to walk or exercise alone and to do



AMANDA WILLIAMS / STAFF
A female student was sexually assaulted yesterday morning in a parking lot off Stone Avenue. Police have released a description of the suspect, but no arrests have been made.

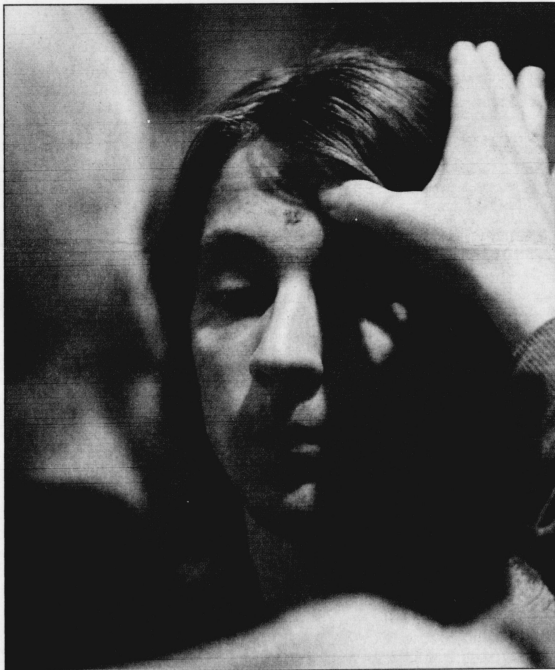
so in a heavily traveled or well-lit area. Also, police warned students to be aware of their surroundings and what people around them are doing. Carrying a cell phone or oth-

er type of personal safety device is encouraged as well as having a pre-planned escape route in case something happens.

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MARKING THEIR FAITH

By Jonathan Palmer
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL



Last night in the Catholic Newman Center and Holy Spirit Parish, communication sophomore Mike Barnes receives the symbol for the beginning of Lent. Ashes are used as a reminder for one's need for repentance, said UK's Newman Center pastor, Tom Farrell.

Farrell said the mark is a way to remind Christians of their mortality and to offer a realization that "time is limited, and it should be used wisely."

Farrell said about 600 people attended the noon, 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. services each. About 300 people attended the 9 p.m. liturgy, he said.

During Lent, Catholics make a sacrifice until Easter Sunday when the 40-day period ends. The sacrifice serves as a way to reflect in preparation for the Easter season.

More young people leaving Kentucky after graduation

By Keren Henderson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Bryan Howard, a merchandising senior, does not want to work at Gap for the rest of his life. After graduation in May, he is leaving Kentucky to look for a better-paying job. "Kentucky citywise is just not big enough, especially in merchandising," he said. "If you want to move up higher, you need to be in a corporate office. You can't be in Kentucky."

Howard is part of a growing number of students who leave the state after they graduate. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, about 3,411 more young, single, college-educated people left Kentucky from 1995 to 2000 than came into the state.

Kentucky is slowly losing its young professionals to other states.

"A significant number of graduates are leaving because they are getting better jobs outside the state," said Tom Layzell, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. "It depends on the field, but sometimes there are better paying jobs outside the state."

Gov. Ernie Fletcher, like previous governors, is working to slow the trend by creating more jobs and higher paying jobs around the state, Layzell said. The hope is that a stronger economy and higher wages will en-

tice more young people to stay in Kentucky.

"I'm hoping to stay here," said Jodi Dick, an integrated strategic communication senior who moved to Kentucky from Indiana 10 years ago. "I want to find a public relations job with the horse industry — that's why I moved here in the first place. But if I find a better workplace somewhere else, I'll move."

Some states are desperate to hang on to their young professionals. Iowa lawmakers recently proposed that the state income tax not apply to lowans under 30. The senators responsible for the proposal are willing to give up \$200 million a year in state revenue in order to keep graduates from leaving. Iowa is now losing two graduates for every graduate coming into the state. Only North Dakota has a lower retention rate.

Some economists are skeptical that other states will adopt Iowa's proposal.

"Giving a tax break to, say, 100,000 people just to keep 3,000 people in the state just doesn't make sense," said Chris Bollinger, an associate economics professor at UK.

In a state of more than 4 million people, the loss of a few thousand young professionals over a period of five years is not cause for alarm, he said.

"Gee, it's too bad, I agree," he said. "But it's not having a huge effect on the state. Losing 3,000 is not going to impact anything."

While Kentucky is losing graduates, states in the West and South are drawing them by the thousands. Nevada, Colorado and Georgia have the highest percentage of young professionals flooding their towns, according to the same report by the U.S. Census Bureau.

It's not just the jobs and higher wages that draw young people to these states, Layzell said.

Phillip Calender, a biology senior who has lived in Kentucky for 21 years, is heading to Georgia after he graduates in May. He said his career has little to do with the decision.

"Even if I was offered a job, I wouldn't stay. I ask, 'Where do I have personal interests? Where am I not bored? Where do I find life most enjoyable?'" Calender said.

Many factors contribute to students leaving, but the trend is not necessarily here to stay, Layzell said. Retention rates are constantly changing, and new research from the Kentucky State Data Center in Louisville suggests that the Southeast is the next magnet for economic development, Layzell said.

"But if the trend continues, Kentucky would suffer both economically and socially from losing the best-educated people," Layzell said.

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UK proposes raise in meal plan costs, changes structure

By Tricia McKenny
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Students will have new dining options next semester if the Board of Trustees approves a new dining plan.

The new dining plan would provide students the option to purchase a certain number of meals each semester in order to meet their own personal needs, said Jeff Demoss, the executive director of UK Dining Services.

The current plan allows students to purchase a dollar amount for their dining plan and use this amount to purchase food at UK Dining locations.

Students living on campus are required to purchase a meal plan for \$825 each semester and may supplement that amount with money on their Plus Account.

Under the new program, the least expensive meal plan will be \$883 per semester and provide students with 123 meals a semester, or 7.69 meals per week.

If the program is approved, students may purchase meal plans ranging from 123 to 280 meals each semester at a cost ranging from \$883 to \$1,890 each semester.

The average required minimum meal plan at UK's benchmark schools is \$1,082.92.

Demoss said the increase is necessary to continue to provide funding for UK Dining Services.

UK Dining Services budgets \$9 million a year for residential dining and \$14 million a year including catering and vending. Demoss said these costs are expected to go up.

"We had a 2 to 3 percent labor cost increase last year, over a 30 percent increase in utilities costs this year, and another 10 percent increase expected next year," he said.

UK Dining Services does not receive any money from student fees and relies solely on meal plan packages for revenue.

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Forums to address UK's budget, tuition

By Adam Sichko
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

For the second year in a row, UK administrators are inviting students, faculty and staff to attend forums about the university's budget.

UK released its budget Tuesday, proposing increases in tuition by 14.5 percent and faculty and staff salary pools by 5 percent.

The forums, held today and tomorrow in the Student Center's Worsham Theater, are primarily designed to better communicate budget decisions, said Provost Mike Nietzel.

"We want them to understand the revenue needs for the university for us to move forward next year," he said. "Then, we want to explain how we're going to meet those revenue needs."

"If they want to understand how we came to these recommendations, this is the opportunity for them to do that," he said.

Those who attend will also be able to ask Nietzel and Angie Martin, UK's vice president for planning, budget and policy, questions about elements of the budget.

Last year, the forums achieved these goals, Nietzel said.

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Meal

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Though these changes are still just proposals waiting to be approved by the Board of Trustees, Demoss said he hopes to be able to use the changes to increase service and variety for students.

"My team is constantly learning and changing to provide variety for the students," he said.

"Instead of regular pizza, we'll try a Greek pizza. We'll try other themes — Asian, Taiwanese, Vietnamese, Tuscan-style dining. It's all about changing the mindset," Demoss said.

Once students purchase the meal plan, they may then use their plan as part of the "Unlimited Choices" system Dining Services plans to implement.

Under the Unlimited Choices system, students may use the

dining options at Blazer and The Commons to choose how much and what they would like to eat.

After a student chooses what he or she would like to eat, it will be deducted from the account as one meal.

At other dining locations, such as K-Lair, Ovid's and the Student Center food court, students will be able to use their dining cards to purchase a combo meal of a sandwich or entree, side item and fountain beverage, and the combo will count as one meal of their dining plan.

Demoss said he hopes the plan will provide something for everyone.

"Some students use all of their meals for the semester by October, and some students never use all of their meals for the semester," he said. "It made us ask, 'What are we doing wrong?' and try to fix it."

Demoss has some experience changing dining systems. Before coming to UK in July, he spent nine years at West Vir-

ginia University.

"When I got there, we were \$7 million in debt, and when I left we were \$1.6 million in the black," he said.

While Demoss was at WVU, nine operations were renovated or remodeled, and he said he looks forward to doing the same thing at UK.

"I like having my fingers in the fire," Demoss said. He added that he hopes to improve UK's dining services to aid in the reach for top-20 status.

He said improvements in Dining Services and other programs will assist student retention and improve the living situation for students.

"These are still all just proposals; the BOT must put their stamp of approval on it before it is final," said Demoss.

"The bottom line is, (students) help us to be here. No students, no university, no dining services. We want to give you as much service as possible."

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Forums

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"I think it accomplished the mission of explaining the basis for increasing tuition," he said.

"The success should really be measured in terms of our sharing as much information as we can to the people who are most affected by this budget."

UK students should attend the forums because they should care about how UK intends to use the tuition increase, said Student Government President Rachel Watts.

"Students need to walk away with the sense that they know where their money is going, whether they agree with the increases or not," Watts said in an e-mail.

Watts said the forums will benefit both those in attendance and those presenting the budget.

"I think it is important that they (Nietzel and Martin) let students know that their personal challenges and obstacles matter," Watts said.

For administrators, she said, "it is a chance to reach beyond the statistics and facts to put a face to the students who will have to come up with the money to pay for the increases." Ultimately, Nietzel said he

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wants those who attend the forum to understand that UK isn't solely relying on tuition increases to raise needed funds.

"I hope they see that it's an approach that not only involves a tuition increase but a considerable of cutting and reallocating within the university," he said.

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House debates new immigration policy

By Mary Curtis
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — A bill aimed at blocking states from issuing drivers licenses to illegal immigrants appeared headed for passage Thursday in the House of Representatives, aided by a strong endorsement from the White House and broad support within the Republican majority.

Sponsored by Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., R-Wis., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, the bill also would tighten the standards for granting asylum to foreigners, raising the standard of evidence that applicants for asylum must produce to prove their claims of persecution in the nations they are fleeing and limiting judicial review of claims rejected

by immigration officials.

In addition, the bill would allow the federal government to override state and local environmental concerns and laws to plug a three-mile hole in the fence between San Diego and Tijuana, Mexico — and to build such walls anywhere along the U.S. border. Objections from the California Coastal Commission and from local environmental groups have blocked completion of the fence, in an ecologically sensitive area of the Tijuana River Valley for years.

Immigration advocates, groups supporting civil and privacy rights, and state government organizations oppose the bill, saying it would make it harder for those fleeing persecution to seek asy-

lum in this country and would endanger public safety and national security.

Its future in the Senate is uncertain; as a stand-alone bill its passage is not assured, but its provisions are likely to be attached to must-pass legislation.

If the bill becomes law, drivers licenses could be used for purposes of federal identification only if the states required — and verified — proof of legal presence in the United States from every applicant. The bill makes compliance voluntary — but if a state does not comply, the licenses it issues could not be used as valid identification to board an airplane in the United States, open a bank account or enter any federal building.

CLARIFICATION

In yesterday's Kerpel, the article "Cats aiming to qualify for NCAA" should have said UK rifle coach Henry Mullins expects UK will need a 583 or 584 from each shooter to qualify for the NCAA.

CORRECTION

Yesterday's article "Tuition to increase 14.5 percent for next year" incorrectly stated an increase in scholarship funding. For the 2005-06 school year, UK has budgeted \$13.6 million for student scholarships.

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UK fans need to find new material

On a night when some of UK's youngest stars showed their maturity on the court, some fans in the stands showed how little they have.

On a night when Tubby Smith's Cats dazzled with a gutsy comeback, some fans in the stands disappointed with sophomore antics.

On a night when Lexington and UK were in the spotlight, some fans in the stands made everyone look foolish.

When UK students and fans showered Florida Gator Matt Walsh with bigoted chants, everyone lost.

The energy and enthusiasm are great, but the chants were not.

Taunting and heckling always have been part of sports, and that's not going to change. But with everything, there's a right and wrong way to do it.

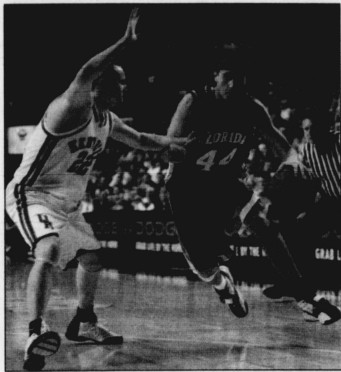
The "Walsh is gay" chants fans used last night are offensive, but they're also dumb.

In the first half, the chants rang out again and again — usually as Florida guard Anthony Roberson was sticking it to the Cats.

So not only were the chants boring and stale, they were targeting the wrong guy.

At Duke (and we can all agree about those Dookies), the Cameron Craziess have become the poster children for creative taunts. They create funny and fresh cheers (maybe you've heard the "overrated" chant they started), and they have helped create an aura of invincibility around Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Compared with Duke, the eRruption Zone seems pa-



Florida guard Matt Walsh tries to get past UK junior guard Patrick Sparks during the Cats' 69-66 win over the Gators Tuesday night. Throughout the game, Walsh drew jeers and taunts from the crowd.

thetic.

On most nights, it seems fans down there are more excited when the TV cameras turn their way than when the opposing team has the ball.

The exception to that rule is the Bluehearts, a group of students who desperately try to get the student sections going wild. They find creative ways to get under the skin of opposing players (my favorite is when they chanted "Nair" at a South Carolina player who said he used the stuff to keep his legs smooth).

Once again, the Bluehearts cooked up a plan to harass Walsh. (You might remember that last year the guys printed a huge picture of Walsh's Playboy Playmate girlfriend to wave at him.) One dressed up as Walsh, and the others led him around with a leash.

In an increasingly angry world of sports — remember that NBA brawl in Detroit, or that relief pitcher gone wild

in Anaheim? — fans need to change their tone. These are games. These are college kids (like you). And this should be fun.

Fans can change the game — there's a reason UK has a great record in Rupp — but they can do it the right way.

UK fans are the most passionate in the country, and that passion should translate into good sportsmanship.

When people talk of tough places to play, they should think of Rupp instead of Cameron. And they should talk of the eRruption Zone instead of Krzyzewskiville.

So find some new material. Impress that national television audience. Make ESPN's Dick Vitale laugh instead of cringe.

Maybe it will save you from having to hear about those Dookies all time.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

UK tennis rises in the rankings

The UK women's tennis program made its first top-five appearance in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's college tennis rankings released yesterday. The Cats come in at No. 3 behind the last two NCAA champions, No. 1 Stanford and No. 2 Florida.

UK moved from No. 14 to No. 3 by way of its school-best performance at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships last week in Madison, Wis. UK earned its first appearance in a national-team championship final with a 4-3 victory

over No. 8 Duke in the semifinals. Top-ranked Stanford eliminated UK in the final, 4-0.

Brown, Manley earn honors

UK sophomore diver Joey Brown and junior swimmer Steven Manley have been recognized by the Southeastern Conference as the Women's Diver of the Week and Male Swimmer of the Week, respectively, for their performances over the weekend against Cincinnati.

Brown, a Laguna Niguel, Calif., native, broke teammate Jessica Thompson's school and Lancaster Aquatic Center records in the one-meter springboard event against the

Bearcats. Her score of 303.90 bested Thompson's mark of 299.18 set a year ago. Brown begins competition in the SEC Diving Championships Friday in Gainesville, Fla.

Manley automatically qualified for the 200-freestyle competition at the NCAA Championships with a time of 1:38.05 against Cincinnati, falling shy of his own school record by .51 seconds. The native of Dublin, Ireland, also helped UK to a win in the 400-freestyle relay Manley will swim for conference title Feb. 16-19 in Gainesville.

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Trading hamburgers for hummus

Hummus. The word beckons the image of an 18-legged appetizer served on 1 a s t week's episode of "Fear Factor." It could be anything: a spider, an insect or a rare species of fish closely related to the electric eel. It could be a word, hidden in a corner of the vast ocean of Webster's Dictionary, referring to tiny microorganisms that thrive on human hair.



Elizabeth Troutman
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Now that the image is tainted with disgust, the true identity of hummus has little to do with biological creatures. That is unless you are a hungry, health-conscious Homo sapien.

The foods we eat come prepared, packaged, wrapped and boxed in many different colors, shapes, sizes, tastes, textures, consistencies and names. We are all familiar with the grease of a hamburger, the crunch of a chicken finger and the weight of cheese dip on a tortilla chip.

But the flavor of soy milk and the taste of jalapeno-flavored hummus on a rice cracker can prove quite refreshing in the menu of a beer-thirsty, pizza-blooded college student.

In an increasingly obese society, all-natural and organic are the new terms of the health-conscious. Replacing fatty foods with natural substitutes lowers the risks of long-term and short-term health conditions including diabetes, high cholesterol and premature heart attacks, all of which have been linked to trans fat.

Mark Hook, manager of the Good Foods Co-op on Southland Drive, said organic substitutes, often stigmatized as strictly vegetarian, are becoming popular foods for college students.

"From sales, they seem to be popular," he said. "We offer Boca burgers and chicken in our coffee bar. I think there is a growing trend to-



BOBBI BAKER | STAFF
The Good Foods Co-op on Southland Drive offers all natural and organic products for consumers who are searching for alternatives to high-fat fare.

ward healthier food, and people are taking care of themselves."

Last month, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005, a document that recommends Americans consume less than one gram of trans fat per day.

So, do you think you have your trans fat under control?

Digest this: Two vegetable spring rolls from a Chinese restaurant contain 1.7 grams of trans fat, and a double cheeseburger from McDonald's contains 1.5 grams of trans fat. Students can knock out their daily dose of trans fat with just two pieces of pizza, which contain collectively one gram of it, mostly from the vegetable shortening in the crust.

Smart eating is the most effective way to dodge over-dosing on the deadly delicacies, but innovative, practical eating eases the pain of crash dieting. Replacing fat with healthier, more nutritious options gives your body the vitamins and minerals necessary to function, but without the fat that leads to disease.

In the mind of a college student, the cost effective-

ness of a product is just as important as the health benefits it provides.

Saving money on health foods only to watch them rot in the back of the refrigerator weeks after the expiration date is not a practical move. Investing in organic and natural substitutes is an easier way to keep off pounds and fill your stomach, but students must adapt to the new diet.

Morning Star Black Bean Burgers are a trans-fat-free replacement to a traditional hunk of ground beef, but the taste and size of the meal will leave Big Mac regulars seeking a post-meal, well, meal. The black bean burger boasts 74 percent less fat than the average ground beef patty and only contains 4.5 grams of fat. These burgers can be tossed in the microwave, grilled on a George Foreman or cooked in an oven and are best served with a condiment or cheese (I wouldn't recommend a naked burger).

Silk Soy milk contains 3.5 grams of fat but offers more nutrients than dairy milk with 12 grams of protein and 30 percent of the recommended dietary allowance of calcium. Silk can be bought sweetened and unsweetened, in various flavors including

vanilla, chocolate, chai, coffee and mocha. The consistency and texture of soy milk will easily fool the average milk drinker, but its grainy taste can initially terrify the taste buds.

Hook said students must adapt to the unique tastes and flavors of natural products.

"There is definitely a learning curve," he said of the transition. "A lot of the foods actually have more flavor because it's a natural taste as opposed to a cosmetic taste."

An alternative to nacho cheese dip, hummus, is an all-natural blend of chickpeas, beans, vegetables and spices that comes in flavors ranging from lemon to eggplant. The blend only has 33 calories per ounce and a single gram of fat.

I am still acquiring my own taste for the orange-tinted jalapeno blend of goop, but without much progress.

Of course, there are no true substitutes for greasy chicken fingers, chocolate milkshakes or the occasional 2 a.m. Papa John's call. But substituting healthy options over the usual college favorites is a way to combat diet-related illness before it's too late.

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Diversity Festival offers a taste of other cultures

By Danielle Komis
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's sixth annual Cultural Diversity Festival will kick off today at noon in front of Patterson Office Tower with free food and entertainment.

Festival organizers, made up of 13 different colleges and groups, hope the 18-day festival will bring cultural awareness to campus through the arts, lectures and other events.

Karima Samadi, a biology junior and one of the organizers, said the festival, which features more than 30 events including concerts, a talent show and volunteer activities — helps expand people's horizons without leaving campus.

"It's a fun little exploration of parts of the world," she said.

One of the most widely attended parts of the festival is the Taste of Our

World event Feb. 15 in the Student Center. Students can experience a vast array of culture-rich foods from six continents.

"What better way to bring people together than food?" Samadi said. "And it's cheap, so why not?"

Karen Slaymaker, co-chairwoman of the festival, said about 500 people attended the event last year. This year, the committee will give out free T-shirts to the first 200 students.

The festival also features a Russian film series, along with the One World Film Festival, which shows foreign films with subtitles.

Slaymaker emphasized that the diversity festival is not only about understanding different races or ethnic groups, but also about understanding people with different abilities, genders, sexual orientations and backgrounds.

"People from Eastern Kentucky have a lot to teach us too," she said. "It's not limited to race or ethnic groups."

In this way, the university is very diverse, she said.

"It's a time to set aside a few weeks to celebrate that diversity," she said.

This year, the festival has added a "Reflections on Diversity" march in which participants will march across campus carrying different flags to raise awareness. Anyone who wants to join the march is welcome.

Seeing people of different backgrounds talking and laughing together is the most rewarding part of the festival, Slaymaker said.

"It brings people together who wouldn't necessarily be in the same class or office."

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Saudis prepare for election

By Megan K. Stack
LOS ANGELES TIMES

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — When the last strains of the day's final prayer call have rung off over the sands, the voters come through the darkness to a scabby, vacant lot. The political candidate has pitched a tent here, set out potted ficus trees and brought portable spotlights that wheel up into the desert sky.

In this makeshift political hall here in the capital, two economics professors lecture earnestly on privatization. Lured by the novelty of elections in an absolute monarchy, 100 men sip tiny cups of bitter coffee and nod over campaign pamphlets. Little boys cling to their fathers' hands. There's not a woman in sight.

This is the campaign trail, Saudi style. In the first nationwide elections in the kingdom's history, eligible Saudis will elect members of municipal councils in voting that begins Thursday.

With ballots still being counted from last month's Iraqi election, this vote has been touted by Saudi, American and British officials as another important stroke of reform in the Middle East. Yet the polling in Saudi Arabia is both progressive and retrograde. It is evidence of a slight political opening, but also a reminder of just how deeply undemocratic this region remains.

Only half the seats on the councils will be decided by elections; the other half will be "picked" by the ruling House of Saud. Women can't vote or run as candidates. Some women are hoping the royal family will at least appoint some female council members, but there's no word on whether that will happen.

"We don't take it seriously. It's a joke," said Hatoun Awwad Fassi, who teaches history at Riyadh's King Saud University. "It's too bad they're not aware of the loss the country is suffering by not having women participate," she said.

In this particular campaign tent, supporters of candidate Abdulaziz Alomary fretted that he'd done himself grave political dam-

age by allowing a female journalist to visit.

Others barred include members of the military and expatriates; the legal voting age is 21. Registration has been sluggish, with many voters skeptical, others openly scornful. The councils themselves are a new concept in Saudi Arabia, and whether they will have significant authority, or be effective, remains a mystery.

Still, if Saudis are tepid at the prospect of casting ballots, they are tripping over one another to run for office. In Riyadh alone, almost 1,800 candidates are competing for 127 positions.

"This is the first body elected by the people, and we hope (the government) will give it some power," said Alomary, a real estate developer and an Islamic history professor. "They can control it anyway because half of them will be appointed."

Saudis are unsure whether the vote is the beginning of desperately desired reforms or an empty gesture meant to ease pressure from Western governments and domestic advocates of democracy. The puzzle is part of a wider confusion about political reform — and the American role in it — in wake of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

U.S. officials have hailed the recent election in Iraq and called for greater democracy in the Arab world. President Bush, in his State of the Union speech last week, gently prodded the Saudi royal family to "demonstrate its leadership... by expanding the role of its people in determining their future." Egypt, he said, should "now show the way toward democracy in the Middle East."

But many Arabs are cynical about U.S. intentions. They are keenly aware that the United States is closely allied with the House of Saud and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is expected to win a fifth term this year by running as the sole candidate in a referendum.

Abdulhaleq Abdulla, a political scientist and TV talk show host from the United Arab Emirates, cheered what he called "the spring of elections" — a wave of vot-

ing in Iraq, the Palestinian territories, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Egypt.

"If even one Arab is allowed in his own free conscience to go and exercise his right to vote, that's a victory for democracy," he said in a recent interview. But like many Arabs, he doesn't believe that the United States has any intention of promoting a true democratic overhaul of the region.

"America talks about political reform in Egypt, yet it wants Hosni Mubarak to be in power to pursue Mideast peace. It talks about reform in Saudi Arabia, yet it wants the royal family in place to preserve its oil interests," Abdulla said. "There is an inherent contradiction when this administration talks about democracy and freedom in this region. People are not dumb, and the contradiction they see is just too stark."

In Egypt, Mubarak has been moving in recent weeks to silence opposition. A lawmaker who called for presidential term limits that could end Mubarak's 24-year hold on power has been jailed. So were leftist activists who were distributing leaflets at the Cairo International Book Fair that ended Tuesday. The brochures were printed to resemble a playing card — but the faces of Mubarak and his son Gamal, widely rumored to be his hand-picked successor, had been superimposed over the face of the king.

"Mubarak has closed all doors to a peaceful and democratic transition," Egyptian analyst Mohammad Abdelhakim Diab in the pan-Arab newspaper Al Quds Al Arabi.

"The president has stifled all freedom of expression and the ability to change in a country that sorely needs them."

Meanwhile, Saudi skeptics dismiss their elections as contrived exercise designed to relieve pressure on the royal family.

"The government wants to show others, partly the American media, that we have elections, irrespective of the details," said Mohsen Awajy, a Saudi lawyer who has been critical of the government.

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Bush asks to triple original tsunami aid

By Glenn Kessler
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will seek \$950 million in federal aid for the areas affected by the Asian tsunami, nearly tripling a previous commitment of \$350 million that was announced when the administration was under fire for what critics called a sluggish response to the crisis.

U.S. citizens have provided \$800 million in private donations since the disaster struck on Dec. 26, officials said. The new supplemental budget request, which appears to have bipartisan support in Congress, stemmed from detailed assessments of the long-term reconstruction and rehabilitation needs for the 12 countries affected by the tsunami, which killed more than 280,000 people and displaced 750,000.

The commitment, which U.S. officials said was the most generous humanitarian pledge in U.S. history, would put the United States at the top of the list of donors to the disaster. Australia has pledged \$810 million, followed by \$660 million from Germany, \$624 million from the European Union and \$540 million from Japan.

"We will use those resources to provide assistance and to work with the affected nations on rebuilding vital infrastructure, re-emerging economies and to strengthen their societies," said Alan Larson, undersecretary of state for economic, business and agricultural affairs.

More than a third of the money — \$339 million — will be devoted to constructing roads, schools, water-distribution systems and other projects.

The tsunami was caused by an earthquake off the coast of Sumatra's Aceh region, and officials said many bridges and roads through Aceh were destroyed even before the waves wiped out coastal areas.

An additional \$168 million will be aimed

at helping victims get back to ordinary life, such as providing funds for food and housing. The administration also budgeted \$35 million for tsunami warning systems.

Some of the new aid may help fund debt relief for some of the affected countries, officials said, as well as reimburse the Defense Department for the use of 26 ships, 43 fixed-wing aircraft and 16,000 military personnel in the early days of the crisis, officials said. At a White House briefing, Larson said the specifics still needed to be worked out and the allocation of the \$950 million would be adjusted depending on the decisions on debt relief.

A three-month moratorium on debt payments by affected countries — who owe more than \$270 billion — was announced by major creditor nations after the disaster struck.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told reporters the U.S. military delivered about 10 million pounds of food and 400,000 gallons of water during the rescue operations, and military hospital ships treated almost 2,500 injured.

Wolfowitz, a former ambassador to Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, said the relief effort was linked to the administration's long-term goal of promoting democracy in the Muslim world. "This challenge comes to a country that stands to be in the forefront of that movement," he said. "Above and beyond the humanitarian considerations, which would be compelling enough, we have an enormous interest in seeing this succeed."

The announcement came a week before a high-level delegation, headed by former presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush, goes to the region at the White House's request.

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U.S. considering diplomatic answer to Iranian nukes

By Ann Scott Tyson
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military is updating its war plan for Iran, a senior officer said Wednesday, but he called the planning routine and said pressure on Tehran to curb a nuclear weapons program remains a diplomatic rather than military effort.

"We are in that process, that normal process of updating our war plans," said Lt. Gen. Lance Smith, deputy commander of U.S. Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. forces across the Mideast, Central Asia and parts of North Africa. "We try to keep them current, particularly if ... our region is active," he said in response to reporters' questions at a Pentagon news conference.

Smith indicated the Iran contingency planning grew out of a broad, long-range effort to freshen routine plans for countries in the region, and was not the product of a specific or urgent request.

"I haven't been called into any late-night meetings at, you know, 8 o'clock at night, saying, 'Holy cow, we got to sit down and go plan for Iran,'" he said.

"I'm not spending any of my time worrying about the nuclear proliferation in Iran," he said, adding that at this stage diplomatic efforts by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice are "adequate for our needs."

Smith's comments came after a week in which the Bush administration has repeatedly warned Iran to give up what the U.S. contends is an effort to gain nuclear weapons.

Earlier Wednesday, Rice told reporters in Brussels, Belgium, that the U.S. and its European allies had made their nonproliferation demands clear but have set "no deadline" for action by Tehran.

"The Iranians know what they need to do. They shouldn't be permitted, under cover of civilian nuclear power ... to try to build a nuclear weapon."

At the White House, President Bush emphasized that America and Europe would "speak with one voice" in pressuring Iran. "The Iranians just need to know that the free world is working together to send a very clear message ... don't develop a nuclear weapon," he said during an appearance Wednesday in the Oval Office with Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski.

Bush said he was "pleased" with the responses European leaders had given Rice during discussions on Iran.

Day to day, Smith said, the U.S. military is focused less on the long-range threat of a nuclear Iran than on Tehran's immediate efforts to gain political influence in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the cross-border flow of fighters from Iran that feed Iraq's insurgency.

Iran backed certain Iraqi candidates for the new National Assembly to try to gain sway over a future Iraqi government, he said. Tehran is also lending some support for the radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whose militia staged two bloody uprisings against the American-led occupation in several Iraqi cities last year, he said.

"We have always been concerned about Iran's intentions in Iraq, and we have also had some difficulty following them," he said.

Soldiers killed in Iraq

By Steve Fainaru
THE WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen killed six people Wednesday — three members of a Kurdish political party, a housing minister, a reporter for a U.S.-funded television network and his 11-year-old son — and the U.S. military announced the deaths of three soldiers as attacks continued around the country in the aftermath of Jan. 30 parliamentary elections.

Iraqi officials said final results of the election, which were expected to be announced by Thursday, would be delayed to allow a recount of the contents of about 300 ballot boxes.

In a brazen attack Wednesday, gunmen killed Abdul Hussein Khazal Basri, 40, and his son, Karim, in front of their home in the southern city of Basra, witnesses said. Khazal reported for Virginia-based al-Hurra, which was launched in February 2004 as a counter to Arabic language television networks al-Jazeera and al-Arabiya, which U.S. officials contend broadcast anti-American propaganda. Basri was also an official of Dawaa, a prominent Shiite political party, and a spokesman for the Basra city council.

Witnesses indicated the gunmen did not hesitate to open fire even though Basri was with his son, Hatem Aqeeli, who was standing nearby, said the gunmen con-

verged from both sides and attacked Basri and his son as they drove in Basri's pickup. Aqeeli said the assailants fired at least 13 times.

Asked to assess the efforts of U.S. and Iraqi forces to stem the insurgency, a senior U.S. Embassy official in Baghdad told a group of reporters: "First of all, I think this is going to take quite a number of years. I do not see an early end."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity said "the most optimistic scenario" was a political solution that both reassures and protects Iraq's Sunni Arab minority combined with increased military pressure that would make the insurgents "less and less effective."

"And then," the official said, "it will still take you years."

An average of about 18 people a day have been killed in Iraq in the 10 days since the elections. The attacks have been largely focused on Iraqi soldiers, police officers, army and police recruits, but the incidents reported Wednesday underscored the reality that insurgent violence has not been limited by geography or targets.

Insurgents attacked an oil pipeline before dawn about 15 miles north of the town of Baiji, setting the pipeline ablaze. A security guard hired to protect the site said he and other guards fled before the attack after being warned by the insurgents.

Bush touts reform to class-action lawsuits

By Maura Reynolds and Sara Clarke
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Bush pressured Congress on Wednesday to act swiftly to pass legislation restricting class-action lawsuits, arguing that "frivolous" claims harm economic prosperity.

On Capitol Hill, senators debated and defeated a number of suggested amendments to the bill, known as the Class Action Fairness Act.

The measure would move a significant number of consumer-protection suits and other class actions from state to federal courts, which are considered friendlier to business.

The bill, which came close to passing Congress last year, is on a fast track for Senate approval by the end of the week.

It is the first of as many as five legal reform measures slated for action in Congress in coming months, as the administration and congressional Republicans

move to limit the influence of trial lawyers, who are major financial backers of Democrats.

"A litigious society is one that makes it difficult for capital to flow freely," Bush said in an event at the Commerce Department in Washington.

Business groups, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, strongly support the class-action legislation, which they claim will help prevent settlements in which lawyers collect huge fees while consumers get little or nothing.

They also argue that some lawyers pick and chose local or state courts for their suits, targeting those that are known for being favorable to class-action plaintiffs.

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Poll finds mixed feelings about Social Security changes

By Richard Morin and Dale Russakoff
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Most Americans are certain Social Security will go bankrupt but not ready to embrace changes that would shore up the system's finances, according to two surveys by The Washington Post, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University.

Seven in 10 Americans agree with President Bush that Social Security eventually will go bankrupt if Congress fails to act, though most predict that the system will not do so for at least two decades. Yet while Bush has warned of a crisis in Social Security, barely one in four Americans perceives that a crisis exists.

More broadly, the polls raise serious doubts whether Americans are willing to make the choices necessary to fix the system's financial problems. Solid majorities reject both payroll tax increases and retirement benefits cuts, except for the wealthy. Experts agree that without new revenue coming in or less flowing out in benefits — or both — the Social Security system will not be able to pay all its promised benefits, perhaps as early as 2042.

Other recent samplings of public opinion have gauged support for Bush's restructuring plan and other proposals for change, but these polls sought to measure what people knew about Social Security and how misinformation about the program is shaping policy preferences. The polls also tested how subtle changes in the way proposed changes are described can produce major shifts in public opinion.

A majority support the president's proposal to allow Americans to invest part of their Social Security contributions in stocks or bonds, although opinions on this and other aspects of the president's plan frequently are weakly held and easily moved.

For example, Jerry Traylor, 58, a retired government worker who lives in Newell, Ala., said he supports Bush's private accounts proposal, asserting that "a person would have more interest in their own money and their future in retirement if they could invest in stocks."

But like nearly half of those surveyed, Traylor wrongly believed that the costs of creating personal accounts would be negligible. Told that the Bush administration estimates the government initially would have to borrow

more than \$700 billion to set it up, he was incredulous. "That seems very excessive," Traylor said. "I would be less inclined to favor it if it costs that much. That much money could serve a lot of good purposes."

That cost estimate proved to be the most effective of four arguments against Bush's proposal tested in the polls. While 56 percent said they support a plan for private investment accounts, only about half of those said they would be less likely to do so after hearing the estimate. More than four in 10 supporters wavered when they heard that private accounts would not, by themselves, reduce the financial problems facing Social Security.

Those opposed to Bush's plan were consistently more resistant to changing their view — about one in four did — when confronted with four arguments supporting his proposal.

Taken together, the polls found that the debate over Social Security reflects the sharp divisions of the presidential campaign, and that Bush enters the fight without a clear mandate on the issue. The surveys also found serious misunderstandings about Social Security that could be exploited by either side to shape opinion as the debate evolves.

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Witten leads Cats past Cards

By Kyle Hamilton
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

There's never any love lost between UK and the University of Louisville, and yesterday's tennis match between the two schools was no different.

With some trash talking going on at the Hillary J. Boone Tennis Center, UK's play spoke the loudest.

Winning all three doubles matches and five of six individual matches, the No. 13 Cats dispersed of the Cards, 6-1.

Leading the way for UK (5-1), senior Jesse Witten was the first Cat to win an individual match.

The No. 3 college player in straight sets (6-4, 6-4) over UoL's Damar Johnson.

Though it didn't last very long, the match didn't lack competitiveness.

Serving at 3-3 in the first set, Johnson found himself hanging with UK's All-American, Witten ended up winning the point and he never trailed again in the match.

"When it came to that point, three all and deuce, you could just see that he

had that confidence to make big shots to win it, and he did," Johnson said. "I made a lot of mistakes, too."

Soon after Witten's win, UK junior Nate Emge was looking like a winner himself.

The junior from Evansville, Ind., won the first set of his match and was leading UoL's Jakob Gustafsson 5-3 in the second before Gustafsson went on a run and made it 5-5.

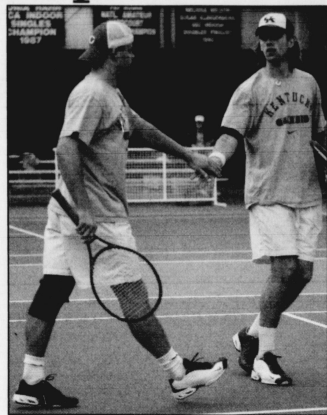
With the intensity of the match heating up, Emge's emotions.

Continually yelling "c'mon Nate" and adding a "shhhh" at one point to UoL supporters, Emge drew the ire of some UoL fans and players.

At numerous occasions near the end of the match, which Emge eventually won 7-6, 7-5, the small group of UoL-supporting spectators could be heard jawing at Emge.

Emge said that the UoL match always brings out the most of both teams' competitive sides.

"Anytime you play Louisville (the emotional



UK senior Matt Emery (left) celebrates with teammate junior Alex Hume during the No. 13 Cats' 6-1 victory over Louisville yesterday at the Boone Indoor Tennis Center.

level) is up there and it's heated," Emge said. "It's not that there's hatred toward each other, it's just that we're representing the state and there's bragging rights

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Personnel decisions next on Patriots' agenda

By Alan Greenberg
THE HARTFORD COURANT

FOXBORO, Mass. — If you don't want Bill Belichick to hit you, stay away from Pebble Beach this weekend. The Patriots coach is playing in the AT&T Pro-Am.

"I'm sure to play poorly out there," Belichick said before leaving Jacksonville, Fla., with the Patriots' third Super Bowl trophy in four years. "I haven't swung a club in six months. I'm sure it won't be pretty. Ask the fans to stand back and not get too close to the fairway."

When Belichick gets back next week, he'll catch up on what vice president of player personnel Scott Pioli and his staff have planned for this month's Indianapolis scouting combine.

The free agency period doesn't start until March 2, but the Patriots must first determine which unrestricted free agents they want to keep, and at what price. Their priority is Adam Vinatieri, but even if they cannot agree on a new contract, the league's best kicker isn't going anywhere. The Patriots would slap the franchise player tag on him, agreeing to pay Vinatieri the average of the top five kickers' salaries, while continuing to negotiate a contract extension.

Patriots fans probably won't be happy about the disappearance of one familiar face — Ty Law. A 10-year veteran, four-time Pro Bowl cornerback and former Patriots No. 1 draft choice, Law turns 31 on Thursday.

Law has one year left on his contract and if he stays, will count \$12 mil-

lion against the salary cap, which is expected to rise from \$80.6 million to about \$86 million.

Because of Gay and second-year cornerback Asante Samuel, it looks as if cornerback Tyrone Poole also won't be back. Poole sustained a season-ending knee injury in October. He turned 33 last week and his contract is up. It's hard to believe the Patriots could afford to part ways with the Tys a year after they anchored the NFL's stingiest pass defense, but Gay and Samuel make the decision easier.

And what about Troy Brown? As great and versatile a teammate as Brown is, David Givens (restricted free agent) and Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch have surpassed him at wide receiver and kick returner Bethel Johnson, the fastest guy on the team, could replace him as punt returner. Brown, who turns 34 in July, did a solid job as an emergency defensive back, but with a healthy secondary, he would be an expensive backup unless he agrees to have his contract restructured. Knowing Brown's flexibility, he probably will.

Givens, who turns 25 in August, is ascending, and so will his salary. Along with defensive end Jarvis Green and offensive tackles Tom Ashworth and Brandon Gorin, Givens is a restricted free agent who made \$380,000 in 2004. He carried the receiving corps early in the season when Branch missed a month and a half with a knee injury. Givens could draw a big offer (\$2 million-\$3 million a year?), but because he is a restricted free agent the Patriots only have to match the offer to retain

him.

David Patten, who got slammed in the first half and didn't catch a pass in the Super Bowl, turns 31 in August but had a good season. He caught 44 passes, seven for touchdowns, but won't command a lot on the free agent market. The Patriots, unlikely to make receivers a priority in the April draft, might want him back, especially if they don't keep Givens. The team's other free agents — guards Joe Andruzzi and Stephen Neal and running back Patrick Pass — are all good bets to resign. Tight end Christian Fauria, 33, who saw his role reduced, probably will be cut.

While the Patriots are young on offense, they are looking to get younger on defense as linebacker Roman Phifer, 37 in March, and nose tackle Keith Traylor, 36 in September, may retire. After the Patriots won the 2002 Super Bowl, the secondary seemed to get old overnight. Belichick doesn't want that to happen to the linebackers, the most stable part of this season's team.

Remarkably, no starter missed a game because of injury. But Willie McGinest is 33, and Tedy Bruschi and Ted Johnson will be 32 when training camp opens. McGinest and Rosevelt Colvin probably will be asked to restructure their contracts.

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IN OUR OPINION

UK needs to structure facilities goals

At times, UK seems to be blanketed by construction and growth. The Mechanical Engineering Building, which was completed in 2002, added 114,800 square feet of classrooms, labs and offices. The newly opened Biomedical/ Biological Sciences Research Building on Limestone Street added 185,000 square feet of research space. And the soon-to-be-started patient care facility in the UK Chandler Medical Center — the largest construction project this city has seen — will contribute to 725,000 square feet of clinical and research space.

These are only a few of UK's facility needs. The true number of needs is unknown. As UK strives to accomplish the goals set out by the Top 20 Task Force, facilities — one of the most important and crucial aspects — was pushed to the side. In their report, the taskforce members wrote that they "did not attempt to assess the magnitude" of certain needs, including the quality and quantity of classroom space. The taskforce did look into research

space, but even those remarks lack specificity. While some other universities have comprehensive, detailed lists and reports of where they stand when it comes to facilities and what they need to do to improve, UK has a number of separate studies that fall short of providing a clear, overall picture. That's a big problem when it comes to setting concrete goals to reach top-20 status.

Finding a way to assess UK's facilities isn't an easy task, especially if it includes comparing our facilities to those at benchmarks. Much of the variety and quantity of facilities a school depends on many factors: state funding, topography, enrollment, commuter versus resident populations, population of the city and mission of the school, to name a few. UK's facilities have used benchmarks on a few occasions. UK was compared to Ohio State, North Carolina and Georgia on land, population, undergraduate enrollment and housing, and square feet per student in UK's Master Plan. UK's general schematic of how the university could expand, The Master Plan also included a very general look at housing and land use.

But these lacked a link between what goals those schools had and the rate at which those goals were accomplished.

A first step for UK could be to compare what goals UK wants to accomplish to what is currently available at UK. Even a narrative of what other schools have done could be helpful in generating ideas for what UK could do. For example, no study has proposed how much lab space is needed to accommodate the goal of increasing UK's research earnings from the current level of just more than \$250 million to the UK administration goal of \$600 million.

Bob Wiseman, vice president of facilities management, said a facilities plan could be made to map how UK could accommodate the \$600 million mark, if that is the definite goal. Besides an overall gauge of what needs to be done, current studies have concluded the comforting fact that UK has enough land to accommodate through 2050 the speed at which UK wants to grow.

Another fact is known: UK needs more funds from the state. Kentucky state schools pay a larger percent of the cost of a building than in other states. Wiseman said UK usually pays about 40 percent for a facility to be built.

And besides how much UK pays, the process to begin to build a facility can be unnecessarily arduous and competitive. To take

out bonds — even if UK is paying the upfront costs of the bond — UK must compete with other schools for the largest slice of allowable bond amounts. Kentucky limits the debt the state can carry to a certain amount, and the amount of UK bonds are factored into this, even if Kentucky general fund money isn't being spent.

"The only thing that is holding us back is the source of money to bond," said Del Collins, senior associate vice president for research and infrastructure.

This could change if a bill that went through the Kentucky House of Representatives Monday gets passed. House Bill 45, which would allow UK to issue its own bonds and repay them using its own funds, could alleviate this competition and strain. It would factor university spending out of the allowable amount of state debt.

Hopefully, state legislators will pass the bill, an act that could push UK a few steps closer to its top-20 goal.

Unlike other categories figured into UK's ranking, facilities is one that can not be limited to a few charts or graphs. Still, though, some type of roadmap needs to be made that shows how facilities fit into making UK get the status it wants and deserves.



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Liberals left behind on cultural issues

In the February issue of Esquire — you know, the one with Scarlett Johansson on the cover — contributing writer Tom Junod fired another salvo against the inherent faults and failures of liberalism, as well as its politically superior counterpart, conservatism.

"The insight that has carried the conservative movement to its current political majority," writes Junod, "is one that liberals have adamantly refused to recognize: Culture has moral content."

Junod continues on this beat for a good while, adding that liberals "treat Sunday night on HBO the same way evangelicals treat Sunday morning in church." (Not that there's anything morally wrong with The Sopranos).

These words rang somewhat true; being a liberal, I reflected upon my own values and concluded that I believe not in morals but in ethics — Aristotelian principles that coincide with (but are not limited to) the Judeo-Christian morality of my conservative counterparts.

But sadly, this is not the case with others of my ilk. Liberal politicians have no moral ground to stand upon in order to combat conservatives. They screech within the confines of a conservative framework, debating in terms not their own, never playing on their home turf, simply because liberals don't have one. In the myopic eyes of conservatives, liberals exist in a vacuum, without air to carry the sound of their speech; they might as well be dead.

After reading Junod's article, I referenced a pre-2004-election Rolling Stone dispatch from that firebrand of journalism, Hunter S. Thompson, to compare notes. Commenting on the first debate performance of George W. Bush, Thompson wrote, "There is no doubt that the president has lost his nerve, and his career in the White House is finished. No Mas."

Yet *mas* is what we got, and we got it in spades. Not even Thompson's razor-sharp insight could have penetrated into the heart of the beast; that John Kerry, for all of his republican ability as a politician, was speaking to the American public in the wrong language.

And now, one Republican-controlled Congress later, this is old-hat, fodder for the way-back machine. It isn't news that liberals don't speak the language of morality.

But what hasn't been tackled is how to solve this nasty problem. Liberals need not waste their time laboring over the popular theory of addressing evangelicals, nor should they coddle the hardcore Jesus freaks of Bush's base. These are people upon whom all is lost save the Word of God himself.

Rather, liberals should rediscover the classic humanism that supplies the blood of the bleeding heart. In doing so, they will not only find themselves with ground to fight upon, but perhaps with some extra seats in Congress to boot.

(Besides, we're long overdue for a reform party. If you shake the political magic 8-ball, all signs point to a return of the Bull Moose. Yet this is a whole other can of worms, best opened in another column.)

According to Junod, "Conservatives can't win," as they are fighting against technology and time itself. They are rebelling against the natural progression of things, longing for the Good Old Days of the postwar '50s, times when things were simpler: a car in every garage, Communists around every corner and morality as pure as the driven snow.

So while conservatives attempt to retrofit a DeLorean with a flux capacitor, perhaps a few stalwart liberals will get together and figure out just what in the hell it is they stand for — and bring enlightenment back from the dead.

And in the meantime, I've got a very special date with Ms. Johansson.

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NYT columnist gets Dowd and dirty

Attention, citizens of Gotham City. This message is for the ultra-liberal, vitriolic and screed-screamer New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd only. All of you who are not Maureen Dowd, please avert your gazes to the classified ads section. Thank you.

The wheel has turned, ma'am, and it's time for you to go. Maureen Dowd has long ranted in print against conservatives, Christians and President Bush. Not surprisingly, she also detests the Iraq war, the military-industrial complex and America in general. And last December, she even admitted she cannot stand the warmth and giving spirit of Christmas.

If by now you think I'm going to complain, like some conservatives do, just because Dowd and her opinions and The New York Times exist — well, that would be ridiculous. Who cares? The sun rose this morning, three points form a geometric plane, and the New York Times is liberal. Anyone can put up with that easily enough.

But Dowd's Feb. 3 column was the most pathetic writing I've seen in a long time. Her "Inherit the Windbags" piece first blasted Christians who believe in literal creation by God, then jumped without warning to attacking President Bush, then something about eBay, then Newt Gingrich, a pinch of stem cell research, then back to President Bush and Social Security and a parting reference to Teddy Roosevelt.

In short, the lead sentences of more than 15 Dowd columns were all hybridized into one disgusting mess of feasting, hyper-emotional punditry, No-coherent thought, no logical course of reasoning.

Normally that's not so surprising for some liberals, particularly Howard

Dean, or the unprofessional ones opining for unofficial Web sites.

But to see this from a supposed professional writer, published without apology in the nation's most elite newspaper — you'd think the editors would have figured out by now that even star columnists should do better.

Try these two unedited Dowdly sentences together: First: "On eBay you can even find replicas of the stickers that a Georgia county put on science textbooks to warn that evolution is 'a theory, not a fact.'" And right after that: "So much for the Tree of Knowledge. Mr. Bush gives us the Ficus of Faith."

What about a Tree of Knowledge? Here's a hint, Ms. Dowd: Try making an effort to stay on topic. Like the stickers on eBay — that was news to me. So go with that thought! Finish it: make your actual point and then we can talk about it. For crying out loud, do you need to take ENG 101 again?

And, uh, clearly you don't even know what the Tree of Knowledge was. Bush hasn't ever offered it to us, so that doesn't have anything to do with the Georgia textbook stickers. Ergo, the "so much for the Tree of Knowledge" part is a half-cliche and also doesn't make any sense.

Argh! Why even bother? How can you refute the heartbreakingly illogical with logic? New York Times editorial page editors, for the good of your nation — no, I mean, for the good of the whole world — just give the woman some coffee or a sedative or something.

Here's another Dowdy excerpt, and I cannot put it in better context because there wasn't any: "Personally, I've decided to stop evolving. No point, really. Evolution is so 20th century."

Huh? I keep reading this stuff over, trying to find a faint shimmer of light emanating from a bright mind that has actually thought this stuff over and wants to share those thoughts with everyone. It's not working.

Unfortunately, I'm forced to assume that a depraved mind has taken over. The Dowdy fit of depression over Bush's election victories in America and Iraq has resulted in what seems a near-complete mental breakdown.

Therefore, with little hope left at this point and evidently without even simple happiness in life, Dowd's just lashing out.

Again, big deal. The real tragedy is she's getting paid thousands for that. At least other liberal columnists try their hands at rational thought. Pick up your friendly neighborhood Kernel, for example, and read some of the more substantive liberal opinion columns this fine publication puts out.

Sure, some of them are wrong, but at least there's some thought behind them. And most of the time the writers correctly assume the readers aren't always tracking with the writers' thoughts on things and need some explanations.

Therefore I'd like to suggest politely that Dowd become the next ex-journalist martyr for liberalism.

According to the Darwinian principle of survival of the fittest that she accepts so readily, it's naturally time for her weaker contributions to depart and let the stronger organisms take over.

By this I'm of course referring to some of our more thoughtful liberal columnists at The Kernel. They've already beaten the best at The New York Times by default.

And if Dowd keeps trashing around and spewing this kind of slime, superceding her level of commentary is just going to get easier.

Ah — wait a minute. Never mind anything I said, Ms. Dowd. If liberalism suffers because of you, who am I to stand in the way? Yes, keep at it.

And now back to your regularly scheduled and highly substantive Opinions page.

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DeMoss finds Detroit talent to drive Cats

A few weeks after head coach Mickie DeMoss and her staff arrived at UK in 2003, she turned her attention north.

To Michigan. To the Motor City.

"I've recruited a lot of out of Michigan," DeMoss said. "I'm very familiar with the quality of basketball players in Michigan, and it is very good."



Derek Poore
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Assistant Coach Niya Butts, who held the same position at Michigan State in the 2002-03 season, had plenty of contacts there and put DeMoss onto (Detroit) Cass Tech High School's Chante Bowman.

"Coach Butts was able to identify players right away when we got here," DeMoss said of prospective Michigan talent.

Bowman started all four years and averaged 15 points a game at Cass Tech. When she committed to UK, DeMoss used that to her advantage, because she wasn't through with Detroit just yet.

"She was the more vocal one, so we got her to convince Sam," DeMoss said.

Sam is freshman guard Samantha Mahoney — last year's runner up for Miss Basketball in a state that DeMoss already knew could produce great basketball talent.

Mahoney started four years for West Bloomfield High School, in the northwest Detroit suburb, and left as the all-time leading scorer with more than 2,000 points.

In 2003, The Detroit Free Press put a stamp on Mahoney's abilities by placing her on their "Dream Team."

Building a foundation

"They thought in to what we were doing and what we were trying to build here at Kentucky," DeMoss said.

But DeMoss, who was trying to assemble the best young core she could at UK, wasn't sure how either player would fair as a freshman in the Southeastern Conference.

"I think that coming in, they probably didn't know

what to think," DeMoss said. "One of two things is going to happen with freshmen — either they are going to freak out, or they'll do what they're supposed to do."

Freak out? I'll say. They both landed themselves in the starting five for much of the season.

Aside from senior forward Sara Potts, freshman center Sarah Elliott and sophomore guard Angela Phillips complete a very young starting five.

And a lot more has been thrown at the duo from Detroit. Aside from the talent of the SEC in general, Bowman has played out of position much of the year.

But the guard never hesitated when her number was called.

UK's post has been hit with injuries (freshman Eleia Roddy) and illnesses (senior Keiko Tate) all year.

DeMoss saw a forward in a guard's body — at least an guard-wise — as the answer.

"I saw Bowman sitting over there on the bench," DeMoss said. "So I thought that I'd try sticking her in at the four position."

Bowman, playing at the Division-I level for the first time, didn't waste a second.

"She said, 'Coach, I just want to play.' She just had too much energy to be sitting over there on the bench for 40 minutes."

Mahoney hasn't lost out on the position experiments either.

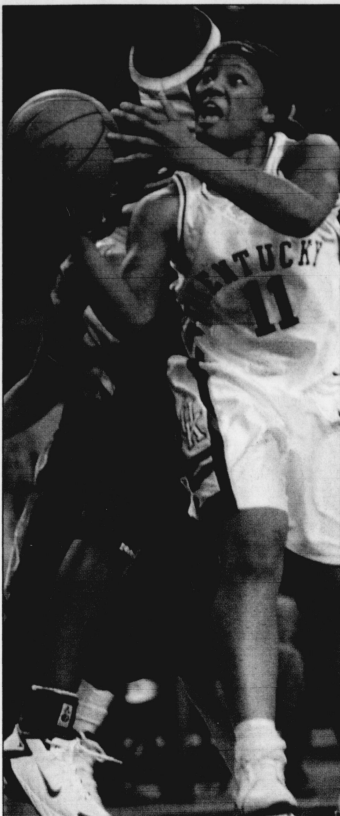
DeMoss has played Mahoney at both guard spots, but she likes her at shooting guard best.

"She has been able to fill in at the point guard position when we have needed her," DeMoss said, "which is a really tough position for a freshman."

Bowman isn't filling the box score, but she's giving UK defensive efforts one would expect from upperclassmen.

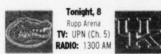
Mahoney, however, is averaging nearly 10 points per game.

Unsure of how they'd react to college basketball, both Detroit stars have proven to themselves, to their coaches and to UK basketball what they can do — win.



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UK freshman guard Samantha Mahoney, a Detroit native, is the Cats' third-leading scorer with an average of 9.8 points per game. Another Detroit native, freshman Chante' Bowman convinced Mahoney to choose UK.



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G Samantha Mahoney 9.8 2.7

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Alabama	4-4	13-8
Kentucky	3-5	14-9
Auburn	3-5	12-9
Mississippi State	3-6	16-4
Florida	3-6	12-10
Arkansas	2-7	13-8
South Carolina	0-6	6-16

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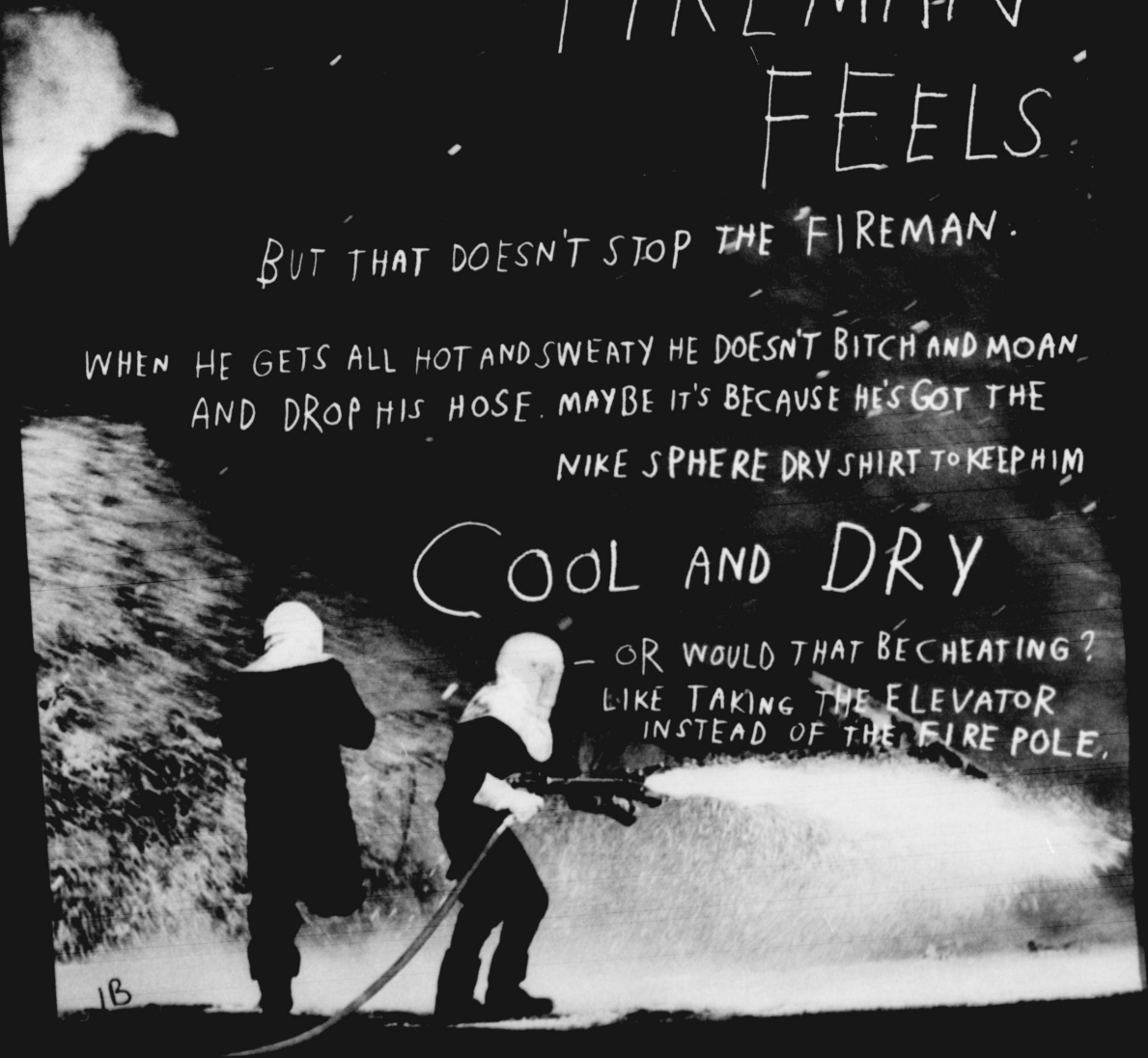
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crooned for *Stacy's Mom*, so how wrong can it be for The A List to be gaga for a Stacy who also happens to be a mom? Stacy Johnson-Klein, Fresno State's women's hoops coach, digs pumps (during games) and likes leather pants and sequins! She's got the "Dogs at 47-36 over three years, and attendance has increased 700% since her arrival. X's and O's? Stacy knows 'em. So does The A List: xoxoxo.



Did You Hear...?

So much for the power of the Hook 'Em Horns. In January, after flashing the Texas hand sign on Inauguration Day, George and Jenna Bush caught flak in Norway, where the sign is a satanic salute. Also, during a televised high school all-star football game in January, Tallahassee (Fla.) Lincoln recruit Fred Rouse raised the Horns several times, leaving fans thinking he was UT-bound. Rouse signed a letter of intent last week with Florida State. Take heart, Horns: It's almost Valentine's Day, and "Hook 'Em Horns," with the thumb out, means "I love you" in sign language.

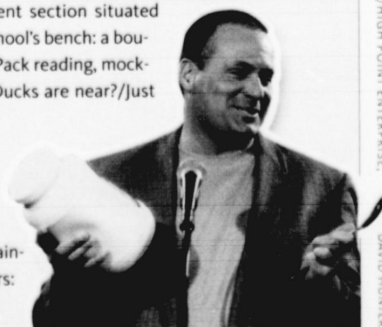
West Virginia football coach Rich Rodriguez (*below*) presented *Daily Athenaeum* sports editor Chuck McGill with a gallon of Ken's Extra Heavy Mayonnaise last week after announcing the signing of recruit Jason Gwaltney. McGill, a WVU grad student, had promised to scarf a jar of the condiment in front of the student union if the school landed the heavily sought-after running back. "I'm just trying to work out how I'm going to do it," McGill said.

About 150 members of Illinois's Orange Krush student section (*page 14*) scammed notoriously hard-to-get tickets for Tuesday's game at Michigan by applying for a "youth group" package under the ambiguous—and phony—name "Youth Action Chicago." As part of the charade, the group made up aliases and inquired about taking a tour of the Ann Arbor campus.

Oregon coach Ernie Kent received a funny valentine at his office last week after complaining recently about the Dawg Pack, a Washington student section situated uniquely (at least in the Pac-10) behind the visiting school's bench: a bouquet of purple-and-gold flowers and a note from the Pack reading, mockingly, "Why do Dawgs suddenly appear/Every time Ducks are near?/Just like me, we want to be/Close to you."

Quote of the Week I: Boston College basketball coach Al Skinner on why the Eagles (20-0 through Sunday) have been struggling early on in home games: "Too many girlfriends in the crowd?"

Quote of the Week II: Cal guard Ayinde Ubaka, explaining a recent three-game winning streak for the Bears: "We just stopped listening to the coaches so much."



Correction In last week's A List, Washington State basketball coach Dick Bennett was reported to have given an obscene hand gesture to his own student section. Bennett, who later apologized for his action, had directed the gesture at the Washington student section. SIOC regrets the error.

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PAUL MCCARTNEY'S SUPER BOWL HALFTIME SHOW "Who's he? I watched Janet Jackson last year. Kinda enjoyed it."

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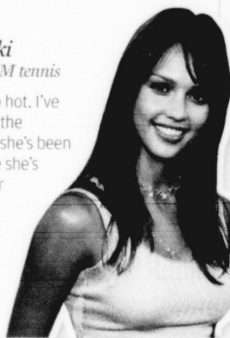
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Celebrity Crushes

Who gets the blood of top college jocks pumping? (Coach is not an answer.) The responses range from A (Alba) to Z (Zito)

Jerry Makowski
Texas A&M tennis

"Jessica Alba is so hot. I've watched some of the crappiest movies she's been in. The one where she's a dance instructor [*Honey*]-it's the worst movie ever. It's probably the only movie I've ever watched on mute."



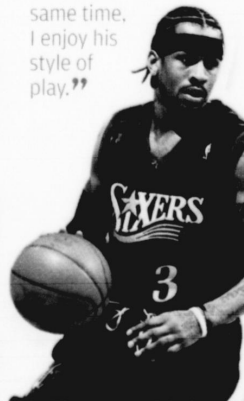
Maggie Armstrong
Minnesota crew

"I will forever be hopelessly in love with the emanating beauty of **David Beckham**. As the originator of metrosexuality, I feel we need to thank him for the beautification of men around the world. I just wish I could bend it like—or with—Beckham."



Seimone Augustus
LSU basketball

"**Allen Iverson**. He doesn't like to practice, and I enjoy practicing. We're two different people, but at the same time, I enjoy his style of play."



Leslie Carden
Bowling Green cross-country

"**Brad Pitt**. I wouldn't kick him out of bed for eating crackers."



Robbie Gould
Penn State football

"**Jennifer Aniston**. I think she [broke up] with Brad to get to me, so that's a plus."

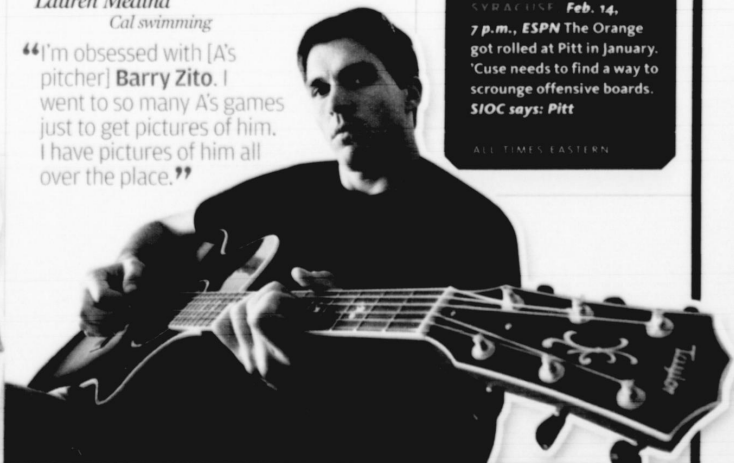
Peyton Stovall
Ball State basketball

"I've had a crush on **Tyra Banks** since 1999. She's perfect—and I'm perfect for her, too. We're perfect together; that's what we could be. Tyra: Come find me, 'cause I'm searching for you."



Lauren Medina
Cal swimming

"I'm obsessed with [A's pitcher] **Barry Zito**. I went to so many A's games just to get pictures of him. I have pictures of him all over the place."



PICKS

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TENNESSEE WOMEN AT LSU. Feb. 10, 7 p.m., ESPN2 Just another argument for conferences being too big: These two aren't set to play again after what could be the women's game of the year. **SIOC says: Tennessee**

WISCONSIN AT ILLINOIS. Feb. 12, 1 p.m., CBS The Badgers' Alando Tucker is slowed with an ankle injury, so the Illini get off easy in the last Big Ten hurdle to an undefeated season. **SIOC says: Illinois**

DUKE AT MARYLAND. Feb. 12, 9 p.m., ESPN The Terps look about as predictable as the stock market. **SIOC says: Duke**

NORTH CAROLINA AT UCONN. Feb. 13, 1 p.m., CBS Two squads with at least four guys each who can drop 20 any night. Conservatively used Heels freshman Marvin Williams makes the difference. **SIOC says: UNC**

Pitt's Chevy Troutman



PITTSBURGH AT SYRACUSE. Feb. 14, 7 p.m., ESPN The Orange got rolled at Pitt in January. 'Cuse needs to find a way to scrounge offensive boards. **SIOC says: Pitt**

ALL TIMES EASTERN

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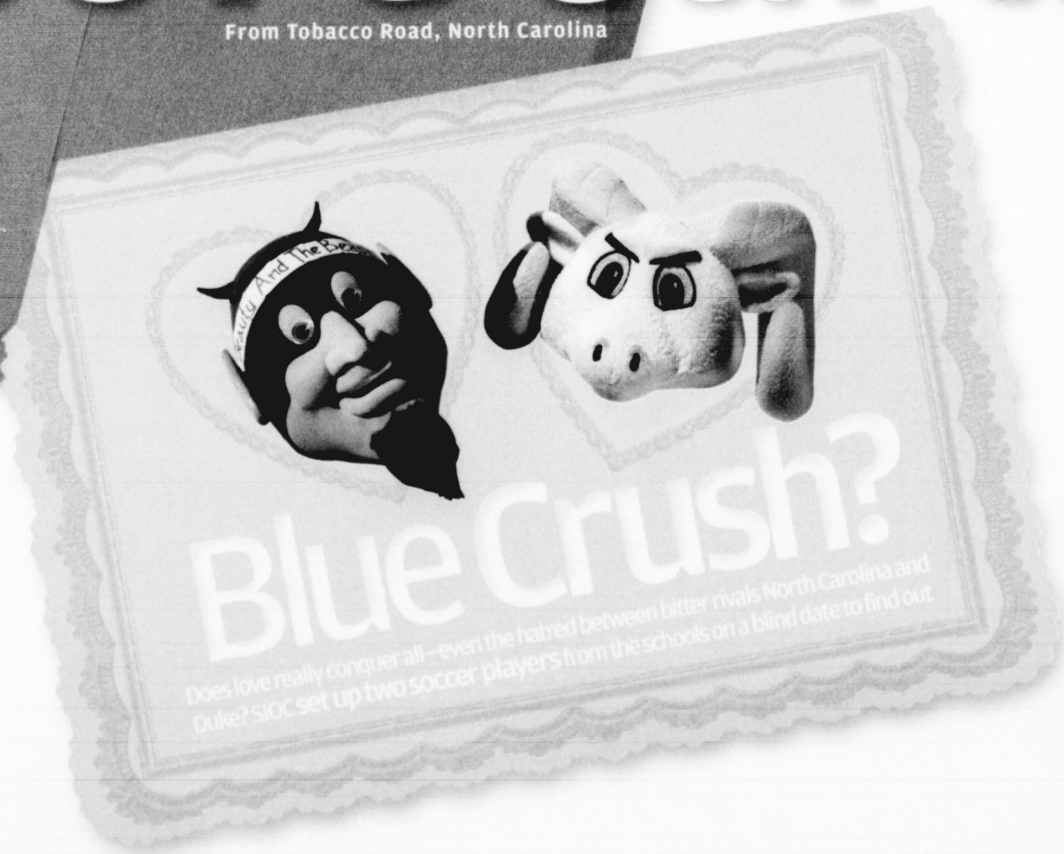
► the moment

2.01.05 Michigan State generated plenty of headlines when No. 1 Illinois came to town, but they weren't enough to distract the unbeaten Illini, who made a bold statement of their own with an 81-68 victory over the Spartans.

PHOTOGRAPH BY GREG NELSON

Valentine's scorecard

From Tobacco Road, North Carolina

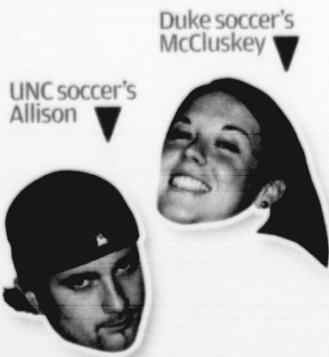


Blue Crush?
Does love really conquer all—even the hatred between bitter rivals North Carolina and Duke? SIOC set up two soccer players from the schools on a blind date to find out

BY JAIME LOWE

IN LIEU OF ONE MORE VALENTINE'S DAY SPENT curled up in the fetal position eating mac and cheese in pink slippers and PJs, SIOC decided V-Day 2005 would be different. This year SIOC wouldn't feel quite so alone. So we cooked up some athlete action in the love lab. A little chemistry experiment, if you will: Take two soccer players from rival schools—and we mean the bitterest of rivals—sprinkle in a crisp winter night, a pasta dinner, some foosball and . . . voilà! Romance! ¶ The willing players for our blind date: Duke senior Casey McCluskey, a four-time All-ACC midfielder with a soft spot for *Melrose Place* reruns and puppy dogs; and North Carolina junior Ty Allison, another midfielder, with a love of all things John Deere and a nasty habit of quoting Ben Stiller movies. The goal: Get the two together for a romantic Chapel Hill dinner by 7 p.m., then watch the sparks fly . . . or not.

JEFFREY A. SALTER (MASCOTS)



UNC soccer's Allison

Duke soccer's McCluskey

3:36 p.m.: Francesca's Dessert Caffe, Durham

The sky is dumping buckets of ice nuggets. After a quick shopping trip to Loehmann's, where she picked up a yellow cardigan and a Juicy tee, Casey nestles in an overstuffed couch at a local coffee shop. Her roommate, Carly O'Connor, is peppering her with questions about the date and demanding to be included, a la MTV's *Talldaters*.

"I want a two-way pager. I want to send her messages about what to say and how to respond," says Carly, also a Duke soccer player. "I wish I was going too." She offers to meet the couple later, and our dater happily agrees.

SIOC had thrown some gas on the burgeoning flame a week earlier when we dropped a hint: Casey's potential paramour is a UNC soccer player. "I checked the roster, and I narrowed it down to [UNC forward] Marcus [Storey]. Is that who I'm going on the date with?" she asks.

"Yeah, he's cute," Carly adds. Our lips are sealed.

4:05 p.m.: Casey's apartment, Durham

The girls pop in their "Getting Ready" mix, kicking off with Ashlee Simpson's *Pieces of Me*. Casey models the cardigan and tee purchased for the date, but the combo is nixed even before Ashlee finishes.

"I like to pick out my outfit before I get into the shower. I'm very regimented in my routine," Casey admits. "First I choose the outfit, then take a shower. Blow-dry my hair; makeup. Then I actually put on the outfit." She pauses. "Carly, can I borrow the strapless black bra?" She holds up a muted pink cowl-neck top. "This is the sweater I'm going to wear. Pink's the only color I like. I don't really do color—it scares me."

She follows her routine like a drill sergeant, marching from one beautifying task to the next until the stilettos are on ("They're really comfortable once you get used to them"), the pearls are shelved in favor of silver studs ("As if he's gonna be like, 'Uh, she's so tacky, she wears silver and pearls together'"), the hair is straightened (10 minutes of blow-drying), and the process is complete.



Ty, who had returned home at 11 that morning after a night out with friends, woke up at 5:30, just in time to pick a pair of jeans and clean up. Casey got ready by shopping, bumping to Ashlee Simpson and going with the silver stud earrings.



Worst-case scenario for the evening, she is asked? "Someone who isn't easy to talk to," she says. Total prep time: 48 minutes.

5:35 p.m.: Ty's apartment, Chapel Hill

SIOC leaves Casey to do a little recon-

naissance on Ty. Knock, knock. Long pause. Knock.

"Hello?" The door is unlocked, and a scruffy dreadlocked former roomie, Chris Hartfield (whom Ty simply calls "Guy on the Couch"), is lying under a blanket.

"Tyyyyyyyyyyy!" he bellows. Waiting.



After an awkward initial meeting and splitting the check at dinner, Casey and Ty met friends at a bar. Alas, Ty seemed more smitten with Casey's roommate, Carly (below), but nonetheless exchanged numbers with Casey.



"Tyyyyyyy!" More waiting. Ty Allison—even scruffier than Guy on the Couch—emerges from upstairs, pauses at the banister, gives a gentle, beauty-pageant wave and descends. He moves directly into a sofa nook and cuddles up under a blanket. "Hey, I just woke up. Sorry." But suddenly he's all business. "All right, I want to know what she looks like."

"Please tell me you picked an ugly one," a roommate chimes in.

"Well, if she sucks, looks don't mean anything," says Ty, who has been zoning in and out of the conversation. "The weirdest part is just that I don't know her. If she doesn't like stupid movies, I'm in trouble, 'cause I constantly quote from stupid movies like *Anchorman* or *Napoleon Dynamite*. Basically I'm taking one for the team. The hope is that this girl will have lots of friends who can meet [my roommates]. I'm just doing some community service. Maybe she'll be cool. If

she's not, I'll be mad." He's kidding, of course.

6:28 p.m.: "The getting-ready part for me is a vigorous process," Ty explains. "I have to pick out my outfit, uh, approximately three minutes before I go out. Uh, I got a manicure and pedicure earlier today, needed a little trim," Ty says in a drawl dripping in sarcasm. He does, however, finally extract himself from the couch to get ready.

6:38 p.m.: Ty rifles through his clean laundry ("I had no socks"), puts on Jay-Z and

Linkin Park's *Collision Course* (appropriate) on MP3 and hops in the shower.

"Who used all the hot water!?" He tolerates about 30 seconds of the icy stream before putting in contacts, choosing from two pairs of jeans and slipping on an already-buttoned button-down. "Now all I need is a hat."



The Verdict

she said

“It went really well. I could tell he was a laid-back guy because of the backward baseball cap. He was really easy to talk to. If I come back to Chapel Hill, I'll definitely give him a call to hang out, but I don't really see another date in the future. I didn't really feel romantically toward him. I was pretty surprised about the hat, actually, and the fact that he didn't take it off. It made me feel really overdressed.”

he said

“It went pretty good, not romantic or anything. She's a year older and, like, going off to play soccer in Iceland, and I'm a junior and still hanging out and less into soccer. She's a very attractive girl, but I'm not sure I'm attracted to her. I like her friend [Carly]. I feel like we connected more than Casey and I did. I guess I took Casey out on a date and then talked to her roommate the rest of the night.”

Worst-case scenario, he is asked? "There isn't one. Any situation I'm in, I'll make the most of it. I don't talk. I'm a listener." Total prep time: 18 minutes.

7 p.m.: 411 West, Chapel Hill

Ty arrives at the designated meeting spot, an Italian restaurant. Casey is running a touch late, and her date seems a little nervous.

"Honestly, I try to avoid girls. They're evil. I mean, I hang out with them, but they play mind games. At least Carolina girls do. Maybe Duke girls are different." Casey walks through the door just as Ty blurts out, "I should have just taken her to Wendy's. They play music in the lobby." He spots our solo belle and inquires, "Are you Casey?"

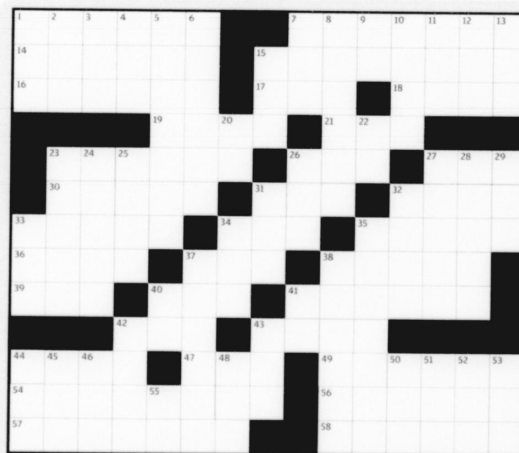
She nods, they do the awkward, one-armed, "I don't know you" hug and they're whisked away to a secluded table in the back of the restaurant.

8:15 p.m.: After an hour of pasta (no spaghetti-sucking *Lady and the Tramp* action on this night), one beer (for her) and a sweet tea (for him), our would-be lovebirds are smiling but not necessarily moon-eyed. In fact, they're decidedly platonic. They split the \$44 check.

8:36 p.m.: Bub O'Malley's, Chapel Hill

The two set a fire under an après-dinner game of foosball at Bub's, scorching a team of Casey's recently arrived friends 10-6. But it's clear to Ty: The rescue team has been called in. "I think she invited her friends [to meet us after the date], and I'm not really sure how to take that," he says. "Like, she doesn't want to spend any more time alone with me? That's fine."

Ever the opportunist, Ty moves on to Casey's roommate, Carly. They settle into a corner booth and are instantly locked in conversation and deep gazes. Casey picks up on their new vibe and starts chatting up Guy on the Couch, who's just arrived. It's starting to feel like SIOC is a fifth wheel on an accidental double date, but any date that ends with tentative plans for all four to sing karaoke the following weekend makes us happy. Job well done, SIOCupid. **G**



> CROSSWORD

General Studies

by Bill Syken

ACROSS

- 1 Quote from 58-Across, about sportswriters: "All of us learned to write in ___ grade. Most of us go on to greater things."
- 7 Nickname for 58-Across, with "The"
- 14 Eric Gagne's job
- 15 You don't want one put in your brownie
- 16 Tainted
- 17 Mischievous tyke
- 18 Like most colleges
- 19 Ski destination
- 21 "___ bin ein Berliner"
- 23 ___ point (indeterminate time)



Last week's answers

- 26 Jumptheshark.com complaint on *Beverly Hills*, 90210: "Overuse of word ___"
- 27 Would-be title sponsor for Michigan-Ohio State football game
- 30 Serena's sister
- 31 Is ___ (hasn't won lately)
- 32 ___ Window
- 33 Toyota luxury line
- 34 **1988 Tom Hanks hit >>**
- 35 Peppermint Patty pal
- 36 Lump ___ cake
- 37 Machine part
- 38 Stallone vet John ___
- 39 The shakes
- 40 Casual greeting
- 41 Wesley or Chuck
- 42 Jeff Tedford's school
- 43 None of it is good
- 44 "___ boy"
- 47 She sparred with Jamie Lee in *True Lies*
- 49 He's out
- 54 Personable
- 56 Dismiss (oneself)
- 57 Town where 58-Across coaches



DOWN

- 1 Bio or chem
- 2 Nightmarish street
- 3 Admit to
- 4 58-Across's alma mater, abbr.
- 5 Jittery
- 6 Field of ___
- 7 Leg
- 8 Run out
- 9 It's repeated before "hey-

- hey-hey" and "goodbye"
- 10 Draw
- 11 Mexican river
- 12 ___ Maria
- 13 Directed
- 15 Flip, Kim or Bow Wow
- 20 In other words
- 22 Prefix with author or founder
- 23 Prevent
- 24 The Lone Star state
- 25 Ignore
- 26 Wiretap
- 27 ___Croatian
- 28 Footloose star Kevin ___
- 29 *Boys Don't* ___
- 31 Volleyball hit
- 32 Super Bowl XXXIV champ
- 33 Like many a monitor
- 34 *About a* ___
- 35 Painter Hartley
- 37 Larry Bird was one
- 38 Edit
- 40 Brief laugh
- 41 Dodgeball class, abbr.
- 42 Atkins no-no
- 43 Pester
- 44 Athletes often tear it
- 45 It comes before Fri.
- 46 Can opener
- 48 Tattoo
- 50 601, to Romans
- 51 Coffee cup
- 52 Cigarette residue
- 53 Vince Carter, now
- 55 ___ *Better Blues*

<< 58 ACROSS
Second-winningest Division I basketball coach



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- KEY**
- 25 cent cover only
 - Under \$1, at certain times
 - Golden Tee
 - Darts
 - Pool table
 - Televisions
 - Projection TV

Big Shots

The Perfect 10 College Sports Bars

What's the best place to catch March Madness? Or a game with, say, Sharon Stone? Last week our parent mag unveiled its top sports bars, the joints that cater foremost to serious sports fans. SIOC assembled its own campus-exclusive list, in which the food, the frills and the froth take a backseat to the Big Game

BY ADAM DUERSON & MATTHEW WAXMAN

The Houndstooth, ALABAMA

1300 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa

We're on a mission from God—or our editor—to embark on a pub crawl that will take us to the top three bars on this list. It's 3:30 miles from Tuscaloosa to Columbia to Stillwater. We've got three days, a Toyota Corolla and half the fruit basket from the Holiday Inn. And yes, it's dark and we're wearing sunglasses. HELL! Aha, the Tooth is closed. As we peer through the dusty windows of this shabby college sports bar, it appears the joint hasn't been aired out for months. "They'll be open by game time," a passerby assures us. "Fridays they're open till dawn, so give 'em some time." Sure enough, by 11 p.m. we are nestled up to the sound bar. A hunk is glued to every seat, and all eyes are on a big screen showing Rama, Ole Miss. Patrons pump their fists at every rebound and berate the refs with an intensity reserved in most places for use March. The four power tables, dart board and Golden Tee machine sit unattended. Bear Bryant's state sun visor, Artur's emblems of the coaching icon adorn every wall. In 1987 the Bear hung up his houndstooth cap and six years later the drinking shrine was erected. Imagine a football Saturday. The Tooth opens at 8 a.m. The patio is packed with patrons watching the bells cruise the Strip inside the dingy three-room bar is jammed with fans tuned to one of the 20 TVs—including several in the bathrooms, thus providing wall-to-wall coverage. There's no food, no frills, and it's perfect.





Harpo's, MISSOURI

29 South 10th St., Columbia

An eight-hour journey from Tuscaloosa to Columbia stretches into OT thanks to two missed exits, but it's shortened—in spirit—by that which we call "iPod." (Road tip: "Shuffle" is to the iPod what Taco Bell is to late-night snacking. Wilco: great for sing-alongs. Coldplay: not so much.)

When we arrive, Harpo's—where staffers say Larry Eustachy enjoyed his Last Sipper before famously being photographed with kissy coeds in 2003—is singing to the tune of pro football. (If it were a college football weekend, the behind-the-counter mirror would be lined with Post-its from people scrounging for last-minute tickets.) We take in two conference championship games and a heap of chicken wings.

Harpo's is best known as the repository of uprights taken from Memorial Stadium when the Tigers win a "goalpost game." If Mizzou pulls off a monumental upset, fans lug the yellow dinosaur some 15 blocks, deposit it out front, and bartenders break from serving Black and Golds (Jäger and Goldschläger) to dish out over-the-counter hacksaws so everyone can get a piece. Postgame hardware store anarchy: Brilliant! We regretfully hacksaw ourselves from the bar and plod onward.

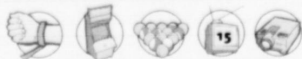


Eskimo Joe's, OKLAHOMA STATE

501 West Elm St., Stillwater

We roll into Eskimo Joe's on Bedlam Night (OSU is visiting in-state rival Oklahoma) and are greeted by the blinding beams of a hundred-odd grins. The surlier half of our traveling party inquires, "What's with all the smiling?"

"Even [men's basketball coach] Eddie Sutton smiles when he's in here," a bartender promises. "What's not to smile about?" Sutton wouldn't crack a smile if he were official joke tester for Chris Rock, but we can't help but believe the employee, who then describes Smiles 101, owner Stan Clark's mandatory smile-making class. Tight-faced OSU alum Barry Sanders? "He comes in when he's in town. He smiles." Comedian David Spade? "That's the word." The bartender slings us some cheese fries—the menu specialty, endorsed in 1990 by then President George H.W. Bush—and, surprise, we're all smiles. Smiles, however, turn upside down as a packed house watches the 'Boys get trounced. Crawl's over. But not this list. Herewith the rest of the best college sports bars.

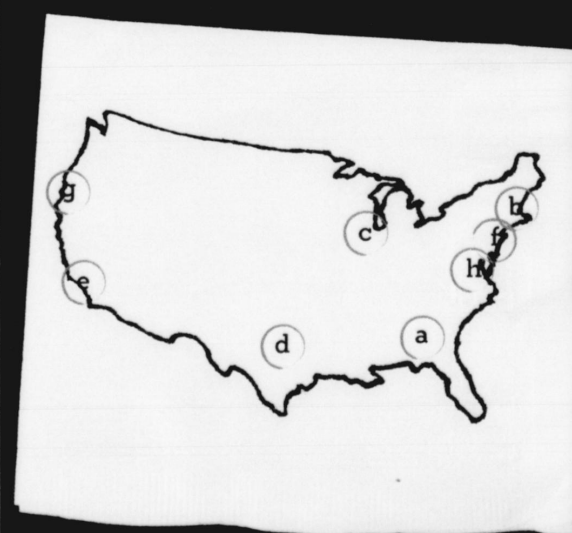


State Street Brats, WISCONSIN, 603 State St., Madison

This Madison institution is a favorite of Sharon Stone, and it was even mentioned by John Kerry in a campaign speech last fall (though he name-dropped the ball by calling it "Main Street Brats"). If Bratman, the seven-foot costumed mascot, is blocking your view of the game, head upstairs and watch the 10-foot screen from stadium seating. **CHASER:** Ten years back, not-so-funnyman Tom Arnold and Wisco kid Chris Farley belted up to the bar. Farley's aunt says that fans swamped her nephew and pretty much avoided Arnold, even as Farley tried to introduce him.



Homes away from Home



a ATLANTA

ALABAMA: *Smith's Olde Bar*, 1578 Piedmont Ave.
AUBURN: *Bucket Shop*, 3475 Lenox Road
BOSTON COLLEGE: *Frankie's in the Prado*, 5600 Roswell Road
FLORIDA: *Alpharetta Ale House*, 10750 Davis Dr. (Alpharetta)
KENTUCKY: *Jock's and Jill's Brookhaven*, 4046 Peachtree Road
MARYLAND: *Jock's and Jill's in the Galleria*, 1 Galleria Pkwy.
NORTHWESTERN, VIRGINIA: *Jock's and Jill's Midtown*, 112 10th St. NE
SOUTH CAROLINA: *Carolyn's Gourmet Cafe*, 1151 W. Peachtree Road

b BOSTON

DUKE: *Champions*, 110 Huntington Ave.
MICHIGAN: *Our House East*, 52 Gainsborough St.
NEBRASKA: *Sports Depot*, 353 Cambridge St. (Allston)
NOTRE DAME: *The Harp*, 85 Causeway St.
OHIO STATE, PENN STATE: *Jillian's*, 145 Ipswich St.
PURDUE: *Clery's*, 113 Dartmouth St.
STANFORD, UCLA, USC: *Sports Grille Boston*, 132 Canal St.
TEXAS: *The Dockside*, 183 State St.



Bear's Lair Pub, CAL, 2475 Brancroft Way, Berkeley

Bears-backers can drown their sorrows—see: '04 Holiday Bowl—in Big Bears Quarts. After football games, win or lose, the Cal band raises spirits by stopping by and playing the *Cal Drinking Song*. Mascot Oski the Bear used to funnel two steins through his eye hole, until he was carded by an overzealous bouncer. Pissed off, he stopped coming. The bar's owners have been trying to get him back ever since. **CHASER:** Various nonrev athletes, such as rugby and water polo players, have been known to guest-bartend. Robin Williams, Talking Heads, Green Day and No Doubt have all performed here.





In search of Longhorns in Beantown or Cornhuskers in the Big Apple? Here's where to find your own when you venture (way) off campus

c CHICAGO

ILLINOIS, INDIANA: *Joe's Bar*, 940 Weed St.
IOWA: *Goodbar*, 2512 N. Halsted St.
MIAMI (OHIO): *Bird's Nest*, 2500 N. Southport Ave.
MICHIGAN STATE: *The Gin Mill*, 2462 N. Lincoln Ave.
MINNESOTA: *Redmond's*, 3358 N. Sheffield Ave.
NOTRE DAME: *The Halligan Bar*, 2274 N. Lincoln Ave.
OHIO STATE: *Jack Sullivan's*, 2142 N. Clybourn Ave.
PURDUE: *Durkin's*, 810 W. Diversey Pkwy.
WISCONSIN: *Will's Northwoods Inn*, 3030 N. Racine Ave.

d DALLAS

KANSAS: *The McKinney Avenue Tavern*, 2822 McKinney Ave.
KANSAS STATE: *Fox and Hound*, 18918 Midway Road
NORTH CAROLINA, VANDERBILT: *Cheyenne Grill*, 2391 Peachtree Road
OKLAHOMA: *Two Rows Restaurant and Brewery*, 5500 Greenville Ave., Suite 1300
OKLAHOMA STATE: *Humperdink's*, 6050 Greenville Ave.
TEXAS A&M: *Cape Buffalo Sports Bar*, 17727 Addison Road

e LOS ANGELES

COLORADO: *Grunion's Sports Bar and Grill*, 1501 N. Sepulveda Blvd. (Manhattan Beach)
FLORIDA STATE, VIRGINIA TECH, WASHINGTON: *Hollywood Billiards*, 5750 Hollywood Blvd.
GEORGIA, IOWA, MIAMI: *Maloney's on Campus*, 1000 Gayley Ave.
INDIANA: *Yankee Doodles*, 1410 Third St. Promenade (Santa Monica)
MICHIGAN, USC: *Gotham Hall*, 1431 Third St. Promenade (Santa Monica)
OKLAHOMA, OREGON, TEXAS: *Centerfield Sports Bar*, 17296 Beach Blvd. (Huntington Beach)

f NEW YORK CITY

AUBURN: *Turtle Bay Grill and Lounge*, 987 Second Ave.
CONNECTICUT, OKLAHOMA, WISCONSIN: *Proof*, 239 Third Ave.
DUKE, FLORIDA STATE, MICHIGAN, USC: *Park Avenue Country Club*, 381 Park Ave. South
GEORGIA TECH: *Ship of Fools*, 1590 Second Ave.
KANSAS, TEXAS: *The Back Page*, 1472 Third Ave.
NEBRASKA: *The Irish Rogue*, 356 W. 44th St.
OHIO STATE: *Blondie's East*, 1770 Second Ave.
VIRGINIA: *Newgate Bar and Grill*, 535 LaGuardia Pl.
VIRGINIA TECH: *Coppersmith's*, 793 Ninth Ave.

g SAN FRANCISCO

ARIZONA, COLORADO, DUKE, GEORGIA TECH, ILLINOIS, MIAMI, MICHIGAN, NORTH CAROLINA: *Bayside Sports Bar and Grill*, 1787 Union St.
GEORGIA: *Bus Stop*, 1901 Union St.
MARYLAND, SYRACUSE: *Greens Sports Bar*, 2239 Polk St.
NEBRASKA, TEXAS: *Final Final*, 2990 Baker St.
UCLA: *Stadium Pub*, 1420 Lincoln Ave. (Walnut Creek)
USC: *Marina Sports Bar and Grill*, 2400 Lombard St.

h WASHINGTON, D.C.

AUBURN, GEORGIA, IOWA, TENNESSEE, WASHINGTON: *Crystal City Sports Pub*, 529 S. 23rd St. (Arlington, Va.)
BOSTON COLLEGE, MARYLAND, PENN STATE, SYRACUSE, VIRGINIA TECH, WEST VIRGINIA: *Porter's Dining Saloon*, 1207 19th St. NW
CAL: *Buffalo Billiards*, 1330 19th St. NW
COLORADO, FLORIDA STATE, UCLA: *Grand Slam Sports Pub*, 1000 H St. NW
FLORIDA: *Joe Theismann's*, 1800 Diagonal Road (Arlington, Va.)
PENN STATE: *Rhino Bar and Pumphouse*, 3295 M St. NW
WISCONSIN: *The Exchange*, 1719 G St. NW

6 McDuffy's Sports Bar, ARIZONA STATE, 230 West 5th St., Tempe

With 84 TVs, McDuffy's is like a sports *Caligula*—there's hot action everywhere. It's shown every March Madness game since opening in 1988 and also broadcasts Minnesota and North Dakota hockey for winter transplants. The bar becomes the unofficial headquarters for fans of ASU's opponents—*The Best Damn Sports Show Period* taped a segment in '04 with Iowa fans packing the place. **CHASER:** Exacta, perfecta, you betcha: Play the ponies and pooches, as Mötley Crüe front man Vince Neil did in 2000 at this Off-Track Betting oasis.



here than by the notoriously temperate fans in the Big House. **CHASER:** During *Monday Night Football* the bar hosts a *Madden* tournament, with the final played on a



10 O'Kelly's, CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 2000 South Mission St., Mount Pleasant

CMU, UM and MSU fans gather at this three-tiered bar equipped with TVs in the bathrooms and individual speakers at every table. **CHASER:** What's better than *MNF Madden* tournaments? Paper football "flickball" tournaments at halftime of *MNF*.



7 Esso Club, CLEMSON 129 Old Greenville Hwy. #1, Clemson

Fill up at the converted filling station turned tailgating rest stop, a Hail Mary pass outside the stadium. Saddle up to a bar made of old wooden seats from Death Valley and order up a few Tiger Paws after every Clemson score. **CHASER:** Brent Musburger, the inspiration for the Brent Musburger Drinking Game ("Pardner"=one gulp; "It's a footrace"=bottoms up), calls this his favorite watering hole.



8 The Swamp, FLORIDA 1642 West University Ave., Gainesville

On football Saturdays the bar in the center of campus is TailGator central, serving about 4,000 fans. During the week the Swamp is known for being frat-friendly—unlike former football coach Ron Zook. **CHASER:** After an appearance on campus last month, porn legend Ron Jeremy dropped by the Swamp to slam a few cocktails while sporting one of the bar's BIG MAN ON CAMPUS T-shirts.



9 Scorekeepers, MICHIGAN 310 Maynard St., Ann Arbor

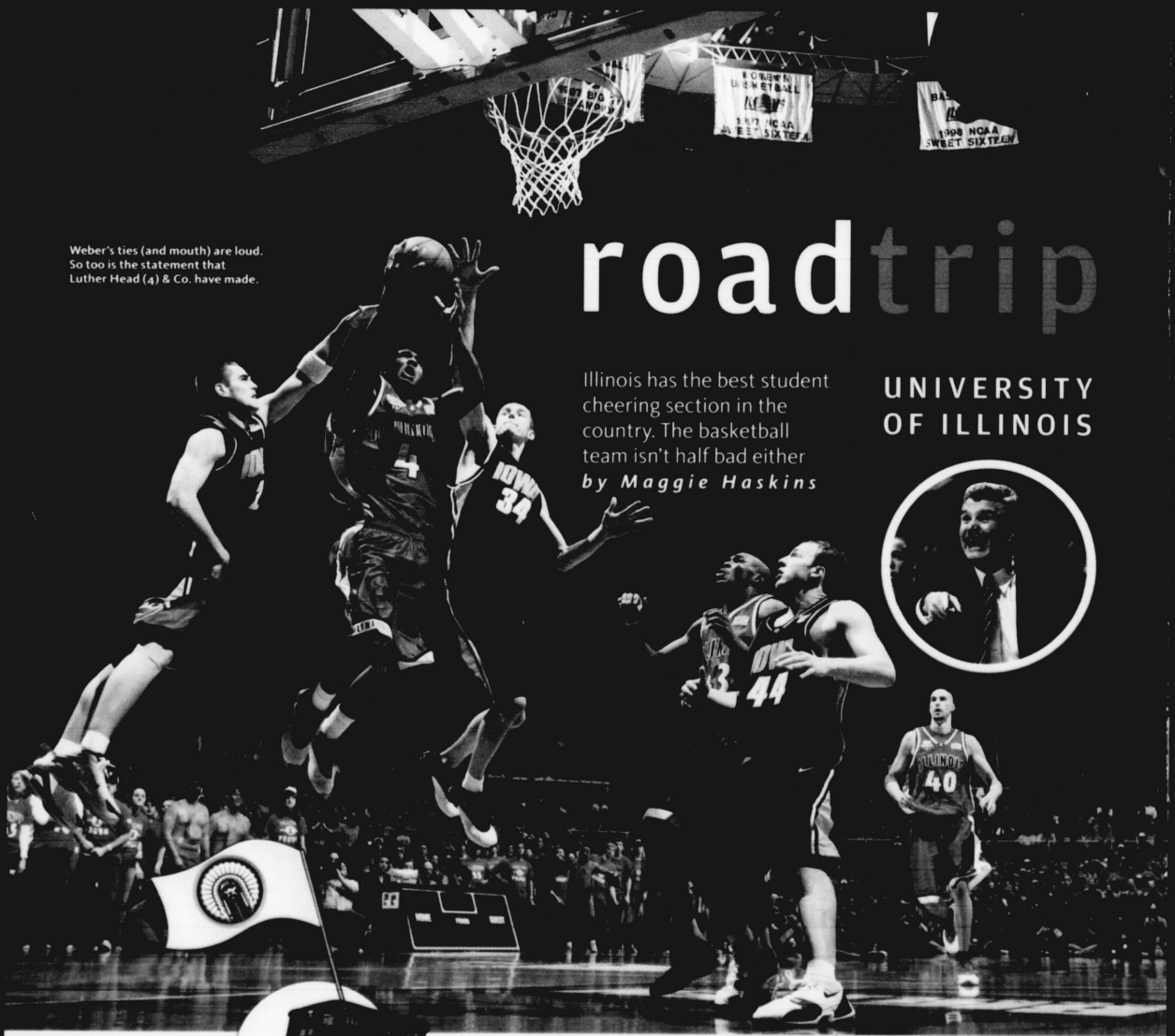
"S'keepers," not the Touchdown Café, is our preferred spot to follow all teams maize-and-blue. When the football team is at home, *Hail to the Victors* is sung more boisterously

Weber's ties (and mouth) are loud. So too is the statement that Luther Head (4) & Co. have made.

roadtrip

Illinois has the best student cheering section in the country. The basketball team isn't half bad either
by Maggie Haskins

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IT'S 22° OUTSIDE Assembly Hall in Champaign, Ill., and Neal Kuester is letting a stranger paint his right nipple orange. There are still two hours to go before fans are allowed into the arena for the Iowa game, but that doesn't keep Kuester and his two friends from exposing their bodies to the chilly January air and painting I-I-I on their chests and I-N-I on their backs.

Kuester, a junior at Illinois, and his friends are members of the Orange Krush, the No. 1 student section in the country (sorry, Cameron Craziest) for the No. 1 team in the country (sorry, Duke). The facts are indisputable: In the last six years Illinois is 75-3 at home, a fact that coach Bruce Weber brought up during an August pep rally: "That's not just the

best record in the Big Ten; it's the best in the nation. So Dick Vitale can take his Dookies and shove it." On Dec. 1 the Illini beat then No. 1 Wake Forest by 18. And a big reason why Illinois is 23-0 is the students who drape themselves in the hippest hue of orange in the country (sorry, Syracuse and Tennessee).

"I just remember orange," Michigan guard Lester Abram said two years ago of playing at

Illinois. "And you couldn't even hear. It was worse than Duke."

The Krush is far more selective than most schools' student sections. A student earns a place in one of the Krush's three sections—one behind a basket, one courtside and one in the upper level—by soliciting donations for every three-pointer the Illini make during the season. (Over the past six years the organization has raised \$600,000



for 20 charities.) This year more than 1,100 students have taken up the challenge.

"Best fans in the country," Illinois junior guard Deron Williams says. "They make [Assembly Hall] one of the best atmospheres to play in."

There are a lot of crazy costumes on this night. One male student is dressed up in a Tigger costume—a smart pick for its warmth and color-coordination. Another is wearing an orange cape, a blue-and-orange Mad Hatter's cap and a face painted orange and blue. Even Weber takes part, sporting one of his 24 orange ties. But it is senior Ceasar Perez who steals the show. Shirtless and orange, the 32-year-old Marine never stops jumping, shouting at the refs and pumping his fists, which are covered in blue Incredible Hulk hands.

Those not decked out in either paint or a costume wear the Orange Krush T-shirt, a gift that is bestowed only upon members, national broadcasters such as Jay Bilas, Steve Lavin and Brent Musburger, and, um, really pushy reporters from SI ON CAMPUS.

"Alumni come up to us with blank checks asking to get a shirt," says Mark Perkes, president of the Orange Krush. Do they get one? "No."

The rowdiest chunk of Krush members sits behind the bas-

ket. As Iowa finds out, it's not so easy to put an orange ball in an orange hoop with orange bodies moving frantically in the background. The Hawkeyes shoot 50% from the line.

Against Iowa, much of the Krush's energy is directed toward Hawkeyes coach Steve Alford. Last season the Krush received a warning from the Big Ten for some unsavory cheering against Iowa guard Pierre Pierce, who in 2002 pleaded guilty to assault. (Pierce was kicked off the team

last week for another transgression.) The Krush was told that Alford was the one who had complained to the league office.

Throughout this year's game the Krush showers Alford with chants of "Baby Bobby" and "Throw a chair," both references to Alford's college coach at Indiana, Bob Knight. Yet the game versus the No. 23 Hawkeyes is not going as planned. With 35 seconds remaining Williams misses two key free throws, allowing Iowa to force overtime.

The pressure mounts, but like the Fighting Illini, the Krush steps it up. No Iowa shot is taken without the fans' screaming. Arms flail about during free throws. Pierce cannot touch the ball without a rain of boos falling down on him. It pays off—the Illini survive in their closest game yet, 73–68.

And then comes the hard part: Taking off all that paint. **C**



Two of the most daunting sights in college hoops: Perez (far right) and the view of the Krush from the foul line.



The 48-Hour Guide to Illinois

THURSDAY

11 a.m. Party City Buy face paint. Some folks go here, others go to Wal-Mart for cheaper latex paint. It just depends on how much time you want to spend in the shower after the game.

Noon Assembly Hall It's time to line up outside the arena. Bring blankets, hats and your econ problem set (so you can at least pretend to be productive).

3 p.m. Class Oops.

4 p.m. Waiting line Around this time the brave souls weathering the cold usually send someone out to pick up pregame sustenance at Domino's. Later they use the empty boxes to build a fort for warmth.

5 p.m. Inside Assembly Hall Amani Fans are allowed into the arena an hour before tip. Those who arrived earliest race to get floor seats.

9 p.m. Kam's Painted orange and blue, this dive bar on S. Daniel Street is a favorite postgame spot for players. Named a Playboy.com Bar of the Month, it's lovingly referred to as "skam's" for the skimpy clothing girls wear even in the dead of winter.

11 p.m. Pope De's This family-owned Italian restaurant caters to students' late-night cravings (open for carryout until 1:30 a.m. on weekends). The spinach-and-garlic stuffed pizza is super popular, along with the pan pizza selections. But don't get overconfident when ordering—two pizzas will have the buttons on your pants popping.

FRIDAY

Noon Zorba's Love gyros? Love the Illini? Zorba's meets both needs. On Dec. 1, the day of the Wake Forest game, basketball coach Bruce Weber called to make sure this Greek eatery would be open so he and his family could grab a celebratory postgame meal.

6 p.m. Ze's Finally worked up the courage to ask someone on a real date but don't want to break the bank? Bring that special someone to Ze's, where you can create your own pizza or pasta. Even if your date is a bust, the solid Italian food will have you going home happy.

8 p.m. Virginia Theatre Since 1941 the Virginia has hosted all kinds of performances—vaudeville, traditional theater and movies. Don't April 11 have U of I alum Roger Shert's Overlooked Film Festival? And the Virginia also serves as the college campus go-to movie theater. Buy seats and go ahead on Thursday.

10 p.m. Legends If the Illini are on the road, this is one of the best spots among the 10 bars in town. The bartenders are pros.



I am an Illini fan Kuester gets his pregame latexing.

This is the chilling part: On New Year's Eve 2002, Washington guard KAYLA BURT went into cardiac arrest. **This is the warm and fuzzy part:** Her teammates saved her life and she's back on the court two years later. **Girl's got . . .**

BY MAGGIE HASKINS

It's 11:59 p.m. on New Year's Eve 2002, and Kayla Burt is in the middle of a game with the Washington Mystics. She's a sophomore guard on the team, averaging 8.6 points and 1.7 rebounds and leading the team in three-point shooting (33.3%) and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.44 to 1). You're known as the team's lover, the life of the party. But not on this night. It's been a low-key evening, and you have practice the next morning at 8:30. Around midnight, after watching *Tropic Thunder* with five teammates, you head upstairs. On the way to bed, you stop by the room of your housemate Loree Payne, who's watching the news. You plop down on her bed and complain that you are feeling light-headed. You are about to go into cardiac arrest.

YOU ARE KAYLA BURT. IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE 2002. You are a sophomore guard on the Washington basketball team. You are averaging 8.6 points and 1.7 rebounds and lead the team in three-point shooting (33.3%) and assist-to-turnover ratio (1.44 to 1). You're known as the team's lover, the life of the party. But not on this night. It's been a low-key evening, and you have practice the next morning at 8:30. Around midnight, after watching *Tropic Thunder* with five teammates, you head upstairs. On the way to bed, you stop by the room of your housemate Loree Payne, who's watching the news. You plop down on her bed and complain that you are feeling light-headed. You are about to go into cardiac arrest.

IT'S 11:59 P.M. ON NEW YEAR'S EVE 2002. You are down stairs when you hear Loree screaming. Along with teammates' guidance and coach Linda Mendoza and trainer Gabeiro, you race upstairs. Kayla is collapsed on the floor. Loree screams something about Kayla falling off the stairs.

RICH FRESHMAN



bed. You help flip Kayla on her back. Her face is turning purple. She's not getting any oxygen. They don't know CPR, but Gio and Giuliana attempt to revive Kayla by pressing on her chest and breathing into her mouth.

Everyone is screaming, frantically slapping Kayla, pleading with her to wake up. "Kayla, Kayla."

You call 911. You relay CPR instructions to the Mendiolas from the dispatcher on the other end. Five minutes later the paramedics arrive.

YOU ARE WASHINGTON HEAD COACH JUNE DAUGHERTY. At the University of Washington Medical Center, EMT Michelle Perkins—a former Husky—walks you outside the emergency room shortly after midnight.

"I just want you to know your players saved her life," Perkins says. "There is no doubt about it."

Kayla's condition quickly improves. Though still in a coma, she responds to the voices of family members and teammates by squeezing their hands. On New Year's Day, 15 hours after her heart stopped, Kayla regains consciousness, and your team is there to greet her. Kayla won't remember those first few days in the ICU, but your players certainly will. They would rather stay by her bed, but the team has to travel to Los Angeles for two crucial Pac-10 games. Clearly affected by the sleepless nights, Washington loses to UCLA 72-46 on Jan. 3. Your heart aches because the girls desperately wanted to play well for Kayla. *It doesn't matter that you didn't win this for Kayla. You had the courage to compete.*

The next day you hear some good news: Kayla has been transferred out of the ICU. On Jan. 5 you are a part of the most inspiring game of your coaching career. Every loose ball is won, every last effort extended. The Huskies beat USC 83-81 in overtime. Basketball, however, is secondary now. You want to win, you will continue to compete, but you tell yourself one thing, the most important thing: Kayla's still with us.

YOU ARE KAYLA BURT. Among those who suffer cardiac arrest and receive CPR, only 12% survive. You are one of them. You open your eyes. You ask about practice. There is no practice today, not for you. There are doctors. They tell you that you have long Q-T syndrome, a hereditary condition that affects the heart's electrical system and can cause sudden cardiac arrest. A defibrillator is implanted in your right ventricle as a safeguard in case it happens again. *If what happens again? What's going on?* The confusion over the events of New Year's Eve will linger with you for months. You take in bits and pieces. At a Medic One luncheon honoring local paramedics, among them the five who helped save your life, you hear Erica's voice on the 911 tape for the first time. You hear the girls in the background screaming, "Kayla, wake up!" You can't imagine seeing any of your teammates the way they saw you. *You girls are amazing.*

YOU ARE TERI BURT, Kayla's mother. It's New Year's Eve 2003. You want to enjoy yourself, but you can't. You keep thinking back to a year ago,

when you were called from a party in Arlington, Wash.; when you sped an hour to the hospital; when you heard your husband ask Coach Daugherty, "Is my daughter alive?" You are so grateful to those girls who saved your daughter. They are together tonight, celebrating Kayla's life. You made them each a candle and asked them to light it every New Year's Eve. *Remember how you were there for each other.* There was no wallowing for Kayla. Instead you saw how enthusiastically she embraced life. But now you are worried again: For the first time, this Christmas, Kayla told you how hard it is to sit on the sidelines as a student coach. You are worried about how this vibrant young woman is going to accept no longer being an athlete.

YOU ARE KAYLA BURT. It's early 2004. You recently got a round of blood tests back, and it turns out the original diagnosis was incorrect. The doctors still don't know why you went into cardiac arrest; they have ruled out various heart conditions. You were heartened, so heartened that the first thing that popped into your mind was, *I'm going to make a comeback.* People think you're crazy for contemplating a return to basketball, but what else are you going to do? Let the *what if's* run your life? *I don't want to have any regrets when I'm older.* So you shut out the *what if's*. For you, the worst has happened. There are no more sullen phone conversations with your parents or friends because you are tired or had a bad day. You insist that every conversation end with "I love you." You resolve to play basketball again.

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Four More Heart-warmers

THESE ATHLETES TURNED HEARTBREAKING STORIES INTO TALES OF TRIUMPH by Arash Markazi

Grant Dykstra

WESTERN WASHINGTON '06, BASKETBALL

When the Vikings need a big shot or a key rebound, more often than not the opposing team's attention turns to Dykstra. For a moment the focus shifts to what he can do with a basketball, not the fact that his right arm is several inches shorter than his left and that he cannot fully use his right hand. The 6' 4" guard, whose right arm has undergone 16 surgeries since it was damaged in a farm accident when he was two, is the leading scorer for the Vikings, averaging 17.0 points and 5.5 rebounds while shooting an impressive 51.1% from three-point range. Last season he led the team in points, rebounds and steals and was a second-team all-conference selection.



Kyle Maynard

GEORGIA '08, CLUB WRESTLING

Don't feel sorry for Maynard, who was born with congenital amputation, a rare disorder which left him with only three major joints: his neck and two shoulders. The dozens of able-bodied wrestlers he has pinned during his eight-year career will tell you as much. Despite having stumps for arms and legs, Maynard has lived a life most college students can only dream about, winning an ESPY award, being photographed for *Vanity Fair*, meeting celebs like LeBron James and Hugh Hefner. He also travels the country giving motivational speeches. His motto? "It's not what I can do; it's what I will do!"

Will Kimble

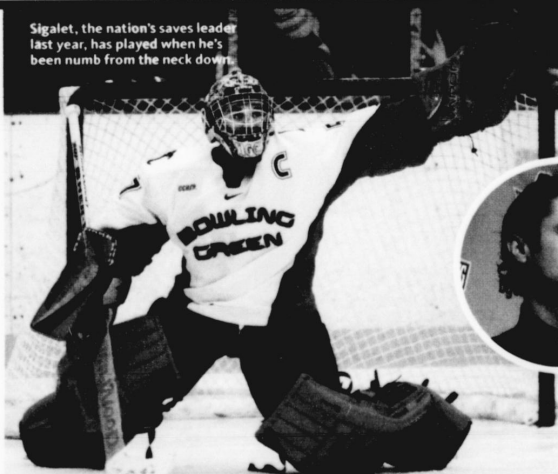
UTEP '06, BASKETBALL

Two years after being diagnosed with the same heart condition that took the life of Loyola Marymount standout Hank Gathers—and being told he would never play basketball again—Kimble is not only back on the court but has started 10 games at center for the Miners, averaging 6.0 points and 3.8 rebounds. The 6' 10" Kimble played two years at Pepperdine before fainting during a practice. One month after his condition was discovered, he had a defibrillator implanted in his chest, but team doctors still would not clear him to play. So he served as a student assistant coach and completed his advertising degree. Word of his summer-league exploits spread, and he eventually drew the interest of UTEP, where he enrolled last summer as a graduate student.



the final

Sigalet, the nation's saves leader last year, has played when he's been numb from the neck down.



MIRACLE ON ICE

Bowling Green goalie and Hobey Baker candidate Jordan Sigalet carried a numbing secret. Now he's letting the nation in on it. BY JOHN WALTERS

ON FEB. 29, 2004, Bowling Green goaltender Jordan Sigalet awoke to . . . well, you know how your arm feels after you've slept on it all night? Sigalet had just that feeling—from the neck down.

"It was strange," says Sigalet, then a junior who would lead the nation in saves and shots faced. "A tingling feeling. It almost felt like I had a lot of static in my clothes."

Sigalet phoned his mom, Genevieve, a nurse, who said, "Go straight to the hospital."

"What is happening?" Sigalet wondered. Only two nights earlier he had stopped 42 shots in a 2-1 victory against Northern Michigan. Now Sigalet, one of the biggest sensations in college

hockey, could feel no sensation in his body.

"The doctor said MS," says Sigalet, a Vancouver native and seventh-round pick of the Boston Bruins in 2001. "I didn't even really know what it was."

MS—or multiple sclerosis—is an autoimmune disease that affects the central nervous system and afflicts approximately 400,000 Americans. While there is no cure for MS, it is not fatal. Symptoms can range from partial numbness and disabling fatigue to advanced stages of paralysis or blindness.

"I remember being in the hospital room when he got the news," says Bowling Green coach Scott Paluch. "Right there, even then, Jordan asked, 'O.K., how do I fight this?'"

Sigalet, who also led the nation in minutes played a year ago, hates to sit a single period. Always has. When he was 12, an opponent's skate crashed down upon his bare hand, nearly severing two of his fingers. "I wanted to go back into the game," Sigalet remembers. "My mom told me I was crazy."

Less than two weeks after the MS diagnosis, Sigalet returned for a best-of-three series versus Ohio State in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs. Between the pipes he stood, somewhat unsteadily.

"I couldn't feel anything from my neck down," Sigalet says. "It was like floating on ice. Twenty seconds into the game I dropped my stick. I just couldn't grip it."

And yet Sigalet would make 77 saves while allowing six goals in season-ending consecutive losses to the Buckeyes. A week later Sigalet's teammates named him team captain—the first goalie to wear a "C" in school history. A sentimental gesture, one might surmise, except that outside of his brother (Jonathan, then a freshman defenseman) and two roomies, none of the Falcons knew about the MS.

As the months passed, Sigalet's secret became nearly as onerous a burden as his disease. Fatigue forced him to

miss workouts, which made him wonder: Was the captain setting a poor example? Pangs of guilt led to stress, the last thing an MS patient needs. "It felt as if I was carrying a huge burden on my shoulders," says someone who already was being injected three times a week with medication.

Last September, Sigalet informed his teammates, who were, for hockey players, appropriately sympathetic. "When they heard my whole body goes numb, a lot of the guys told me to take Viagra," Sigalet says. "When someone scores off me in practice, they ask, 'Did I score because your hands are numb?'"

This season Sigalet has started 23 of the Falcons' 26 games. He is tied for 11th among D-I goaltenders in save percentage (.922) and is the leader in fan voting for the Hobey Baker Award, hockey's version of the Heisman. Most gratifying?

"At Michigan, after they scored on me, the P.A. system played a phone ringing," he says. "And the crowd, in unison, screamed, 'Hey, Sigalet, it's your mom on the phone. She says you still suck.'"

"That's great to hear," Sigalet says. "All I ever wanted is to be treated like a hockey player." **G**

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THE MOVIES ISSUE

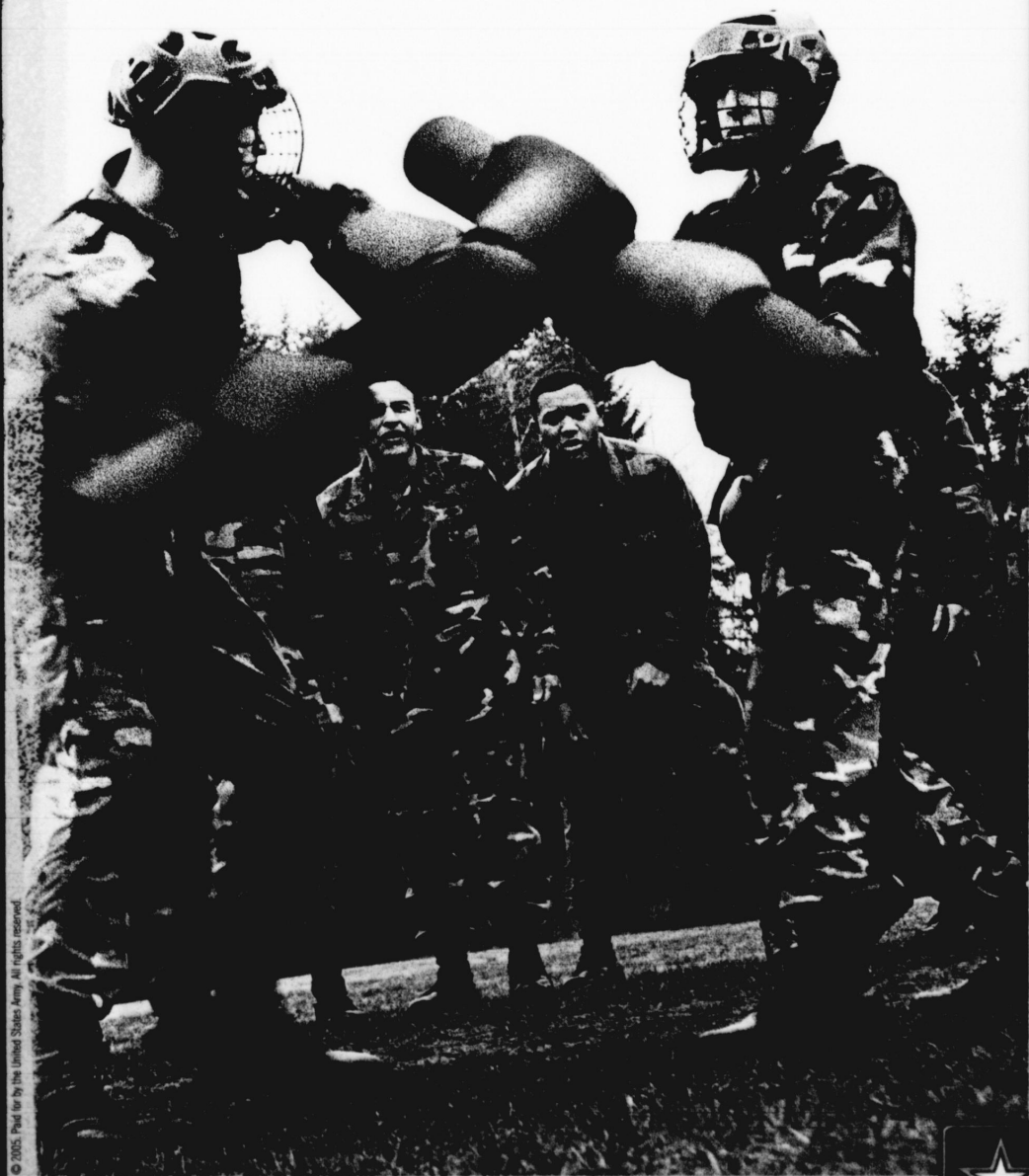
SIOC is off next week, but we're back on Feb. 24 with our inaugural flicks issue, which will list our top 15 college movies of all time, plus actors who, less famously, were college athletes.

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