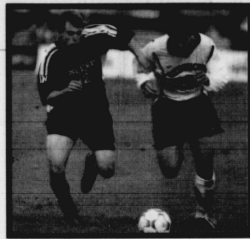


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## Students called heroes after stopping attack

Four men kept man from attacking woman on campus; City Council and UK Police gave them certificates

By Ben Fain  
STAFF WRITER

It was calm and unseasonably warm when Todd Seagrave left W.T. Young Library, heading to his home on Transylvania Park on Nov. 4.

At the same time, Jeff Turok was walking with a

woman out of the library after finishing studying.

Scott Howe was walking his girlfriend home to the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority house. He had slipped on a pair of his roommate's sandals for a short while he thought would be a short walk, he said.

Nearby, Matthew Boone was in his car with his girl-

friend in the parking lot of the Theta house with the windows rolled up.

None of them knew each other, but over the next 30 minutes, they became more than simple acquaintances.

And within the following week, they would be honored for their actions on this night.

The four men were only yards away from the Boone Faculty Center on Rose Street.

That's when they heard a

woman scream.

"She yelled once — I didn't think much of it," said Boone, a business management junior. "Then she yelled again, and it was the worst sound I ever heard."

The screams continued. "They were the loudest screams I ever heard," said Howe, an undeclared sophomore. "She yelled 'Help Me!' three or four times."

All four ran toward the screams. Boone and Howe went together. "We took off

in a full sprint," Howe said.

Seagrave and Turok abandoned their backpacks outside the library so they could run more easily, said Turok, a political science sophomore.

The screams led them to



Roland

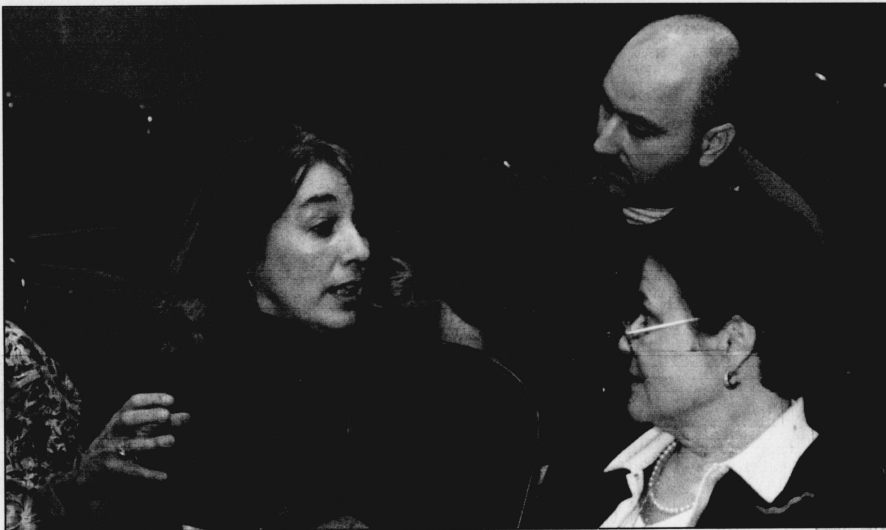
the rear of the Boone Center, where they said they found a man with his hand around a woman's neck.

UK Police later identified the man as Avery C. Roland, 25, a first-year freshman at Eastern Kentucky University. "She was doing everything she could to fight him off," Howe said.

After all four men arrived, the woman told them that Roland tried to rape her.

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## Lisa Johnson: tackling kegs and parties



Lisa Johnson expresses her views on keg tagging with police officer Dale Brown and Fayette county Attorney Margaret Kammensohn. Johnson is one of the leading proponents of the keg tagging ordinance.

JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Johnson, a campus-area resident, looks to improve campus neighborhoods in terms of safety and noise

By Adam Sitchko  
STAFF WRITER

A crumpled Steak 'n Shake to-go bag with a plastic lid and straw, lies curbside on Transylvania Park.

Without breaking stride or interrupting conversation, Lisa Johnson casually picks up the trash and places it in the nearest trash can.

For her, it's second nature. Johnson is not a garbage collector, but she does act on every opportunity to make her community better, she said.

"I'm somebody who lives in the community, loves their home and wants to make it better for everyone else to enjoy the same type of living condition," Johnson said while sipping coffee on the front porch of her red brick home.

Johnson is involved with multiple organizations, some of which have promoted actions such as the Lexington Area Party Plan.

LAPP allows police to designate a house or apart-

ment as a "no party property," and depending on how many disturbance violations that property receives, the designation can last for years.

Some of her proposals have been unpopular with students, including LAPP. Former Student Government President Tim Robinson launched a "Wildcat War" against the legislation, in which he held a forum and confronted the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council at one of its meetings.

Johnson more recently helped form and propose a beer keg registration policy, which the City Council is voting on tonight.

Johnson is vice president of the Aylesford Neighborhood Association and works with UK Coalition, a group formed to deal with off-campus alcoholism. Among its members are representatives from UK, several UK Police officers and Lexington Vice Mayor Mike Scanlon.

"She's an advocate for the UK student and the under-represented," said ANA president Ike Lawrence. "It's hard

to count the number of different projects she's started."

Johnson works at the YMCA and stopped donating her time to the Good Samaritan Hospital emergency room so she could devote more effort to campaigning for several 2003 candidates.

"She's a fireball of energy," said neighbor Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington.

SG President Rachel Watts met with Johnson earlier this year and said she came away with a sense of Johnson's commitment.

"She is very passionate about her community," Watts said.

"I'm a believer in community pride," Johnson said.

### Living in the party zone

Johnson was born and raised in Alton, Ill., where she developed her first passion: children. Of her seven siblings, Johnson was closest to her younger sister Mechelle.

"Since she was born on my birthday, I thought she was mine," Johnson said. "I was always watching her, making sure she was OK."

"I used to tell my mother all the time that I was going to move out and take Mechelle with me," Johnson said. "I've

careed about kids ever since."

Johnson's first political action also focused on children. In 1988 she created a program called Children's First Initiative. The program addressed Johnson's concerns about children being forced to wait at bus stops in the dark early morning hours with no adult protection.

"I was really motivated about that," she said. "That's when I first began to be vocal in the community."

Johnson, along with her husband Michael and daughter Donjelle, has been living in the Lexington area for a decade but arrived at her current home on Transylvania Park eight years ago.

Johnson recalled being "up 'til 3 a.m." the night she moved in due to parties, a scenario that would replay itself seemingly every weekend.

"As an adult, it was shocking that people acted that way," Johnson said. "It was an eye-opener, and it still is. Adults really aren't used to that."

"At first, with all this off-campus drinking I thought, 'Whoa, I hate you kids,' but then I got to talk to them and meet them. The ones that are bad make it so bad for all the

kids. I realized that I hated them all for what a few were doing."

"But I don't have tunnel vision anymore. I realize that many students are fine."

The situation grew worse when UK became a dry campus in 1999, a decision that left Johnson and her neighbors to deal with more parties, she said.

They had no idea how to handle the situation, she said.

"You've got to remember, these students used to be on UK's property, where the university was supposed to be monitoring them," Johnson said. "All of a sudden, they didn't want that liability anymore, so we had to start monitoring their actions, like their parents. Suddenly, we had all these step-kids, and we all were like 'what do we do?'"

Johnson knew that something had to be done to deal with the increase in off-campus drinking. She was determined to make a difference.

"UK made us look like the bad guys," Johnson said. "They put students in our neighborhoods as our responsibility to raise, and we didn't know how. We didn't have the tools."

Johnson responded to

this problem and others by getting involved in various organizations that promote community betterment. UK Coalition and ANA have been two such vehicles.

"I don't always completely agree with the issues that

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### Keq tagging meeting

The keq tagging policy will be voted on today at 7 p.m. in council chambers at 200 E. Main St.

Under a keq registration measure, police breaking up a party with underage drinkers could use a serial number to contact liquor stores to find the keq's owner.

The purchaser could then be held responsible for contributing to minors. This offense carries a \$100-\$200 fine or 6 months in jail on first offense, and a \$200-\$500 fine or up to a year in jail thereafter.

For more information check out the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Web site at [www.lfucg.com](http://www.lfucg.com).

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# The Low-down

**Reports says that blackout could have been contained**

WASHINGTON — The nation's worst blackout should have been contained by operators at Ohio's FirstEnergy Corp., a three-month U.S. and Canadian investigation concluded on Wednesday. The investigators also faulted Midwest regional monitors.

In their report, they said the company's operators were inadequately trained and computer problems in its Akron, Ohio, control room kept them from recognizing immediately that problems on three lines were causing the Midwest grid to become unstable.

"This blackout was largely preventable," said Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham as he and his Canadian counterpart, Herb Dahlwitz, released a 134-page report on the blackout, which left 50 million people in eight states and Canada in the dark last August.

The report also faulted Midwest grid monitors who should have been able to observe the failure of three FirstEnergy high-voltage lines in northern Ohio.

**House votes to allow employers to get info on workers**

WASHINGTON — After dealing with privacy concerns, the House agreed Wednesday to expand a program giving employers access to a federal database to help them confirm that their workers are not in the country illegally.

The legislation, already approved by the Senate and now heading for the president's signature, extends and expands a 1996 law used by employers in six states to check on the immigration status of workers.

The bill, passed by voice vote by the House, would make employers across the country eligible for the program.

Congress initially aimed the program at six states — Texas, California, Florida, Illinois, Nebraska and New York — that have serious problems with the use of counterfeit documents by illegal immigrants.

Undocumented aliens, said House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., use "easy and cheap availability of counterfeit documents to make a mockery" of the federal law making it a crime to hire illegal aliens.

Under the program, employers can check with the Social Security Administration and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to confirm that Social Security numbers and alien identification numbers are authentic.

Without congressional action, the program would expire on Nov. 30. The measure would give it five more years of life. More than 11,700 employers have volunteered to participate in the program, lawmakers said.

A previous version taken up by the House last month was defeated. Many Democrats argued that giving employers access to a federal database with inadequate privacy protections would be an invasion of privacy and could lead to a nationwide identification system.

The Senate bill sought to address those concerns by allowing the Homeland Security Department to use the program for other verification purposes and given state and local governments access to the information.

Grassley also put off until December 2004 the expansion of the program to the national level. In the meantime, the Homeland Security Department is to complete a study on whether problems arising in the original project have been resolved.

The bill also extends for five years a program under which up to 3,000 immigrant visas are issued every year to aliens who invest at least \$500,000 in specified economic centers.

**Warrant out for singer Michael Jackson's arrest**

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Authorities issued a warrant for Michael Jackson's arrest on charges of molesting a child and asked the pop superstar Wednesday to turn himself in and surrender his passport. Jackson's spokesman called the allegations "scurrilous and totally unfounded."

The 45-year-old King of Pop was accused of multiple counts of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14.

"I am sad that there is another victim out there. I feel bad for the family. I feel bad for the victim. Beyond that, I feel it is a sad thing for all those involved," District Attorney Thomas W. Sneddon Jr. said at a news conference.

Jackson was believed to be in Las Vegas. Sneddon would not say when or where the alleged crimes took place or how old the youngster was. He said an affidavit outlining the details will be sealed for 45 days.

But Brian Oxman, an attorney who has represented the Jackson family over the years, told CBS that the case involves the alleged molestation of a 12-year-old boy at Jackson's Neverland Ranch, the storybook playground where the singer has been known to hold sleepover parties with children. Oxman is not representing Jackson.

CBS immediately pulled a Jackson music special planned for next Wednesday on his greatest hits and the impact on pop culture of the former child star who got his start with his brothers as a member of the singing-and-dancing Jackson 5.

On Tuesday, as many as 70 law enforcement officers spent 12 hours searching the Neverland Ranch for corroborating evidence. The \$12.3 million ranch has a mansion, its own zoo and amusement park.

Each of the sex charges is punishable by three to eight years in prison. Sneddon would not say how many counts Jackson faces. Bail will be set at \$3 million, authorities said.

Sheriff Jim Anderson said authorities have been in contact with Jackson's lawyers and the singer has been given the chance to surrender "within a specified period of time." Anderson refused to say how long that would be.

"I believe he's willing to cooperate with us," the sheriff said.

Jackson spokesman Stuart Backerman issued a statement saying the singer "has already made arrangements with the district attorney to return to Santa Barbara to immediately confront and prove these charges unfounded."

"Michael would never harm a child in any way. These scurrilous and totally unfounded allegations will be proven false in a courtroom," Backerman said.

In 1993, Jackson had faced a child-molestation investigation that never resulted in charges because the child refused to testify. Jackson reportedly paid a multi-million-dollar settlement in that case but maintained his innocence.

California law was changed because of that case, and now a child victim can be forced to testify, Sneddon said. However, Sneddon said the youngster in this case is cooperating.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, Jackson denounced the media coverage of the raid and noted that "dreadful allegations" always seem to surface "just as another project, an album, a video is being released." Jackson's greatest hits album, "Number Ones," came out on Tuesday.

The district attorney said the investigation had been under way for a while, and the timing was unrelated to the album.

In a documentary broadcast on ABC earlier this year, Jackson said he had slept in a bed with many children. "When you say bed you're thinking sexual," he said in the interview. "It's not sexual, we're going to sleep. I tucked them in. ... It's very charming, it's very sweet."

## HERO

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Howe said.

When Roland attempted to escape, the men chased after him, backing Roland into the side of the Boone Center, said Seagrave, a business management junior.

"He told me to back off so I wouldn't get stabbed," Seagrave said of Roland. "I didn't see anything on him. I think he was reaching for his keys."

As Roland ran, he turned around and hit a tree on accident, Turok said. Roland then crossed Rose Street, he said.

Seagrave said the men surrounded Roland against the fence that separates the Chemistry-Physics Building and Maxwell Place.

President Lee Todd and his wife Patsy, who live in Maxwell Place, were out of town at the time, said Kathy Johnson of UK Public Relations.

A UK Police cruiser driven by Officer Scott Kelly stopped at the Columbia Terrace and Rose Street intersection around 1 a.m.

"(Roland) ran to the front of the police car," Seagrave said. "He went to the driver's side and told the cop we were trying to jump him."

Kelly lined everyone up and questioned them individually, Seagrave said.

UK Police arrested and charged Roland with first-degree sexual abuse and

first-degree unlawful imprisonment.

During all of this, Boone's girlfriend took the woman who was attacked inside the Theta house, Boone said.

Howe's girlfriend stayed behind to call police, and Turok's friend ran to her car and locked the doors.

The woman, who is a 19-year-old student, suffered defensive bruises, UK police said.

Fast forward two weeks.

The four UK students have been awarded certificates by UK Police and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council.

Roland remains housed at the Fayette County Detention Center, awaiting a grand jury to hear his case. His lawyer, Alex Rowady, could not be reached.

Roland's EKU roommate, Kurt Fritz, an undeclared freshman, has visited Roland in jail.

"He said he didn't do it," Fritz said. "I know he didn't do it."

Fritz questioned the accounts of the UK students.

"I think the whole thing is sketchy," he said. "It sounds like (Roland's) not nice, but he is."

Seagrave, Howe, Boone and Turok said they've been called heroes since Nov. 4.

"You don't feel quite like a hero," Turok said. "You do it just because it's the right thing to do."

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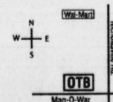
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# JOHNSON

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Lisa takes," Stein said. "Lisa and her husband Mike seem to be more rigid in their approach to the neighborhood, but that is perfectly fine."

"I'm for the students and for the community," Johnson said. "I'm on both sides of the fence."

## Beer, parties and proposals

December marks the two-year anniversary of the LAPP ordinance, and as far as Johnson is concerned, it has been a success.

"From what I have gathered, I've seen great results," Johnson said. "Other neighborhoods and associations that I've talked to are seeing great results too."

But LAPP is only one of many ideas either created or supported by Johnson. One item currently on her agenda is a Neighborhood Watch program for her area, which Johnson was motivated to begin after she caught a man trying to break into her home.

"My husband was getting ready to take me to work, and I saw this man who, it seemed to me, didn't belong in the neighborhood," Johnson said. "He looked casual, almost too casual."

"So we left but decided to drive around the block and come back, and when we pulled in our driveway, we found him trying to break through a window pane in our kitchen and get into our house," Johnson said.

She was relieved that her daughter was not in the house at the time.

That incident made Johnson wonder if this was happening in other parts of the community.

"I went over and talked to students on Aylesford, and these kids were telling me all the things that had been happening to them," Johnson said.

Almost 40 people showed up for a safety meeting Johnson organized. "Many were college students wanting to participate, and I was pleased about that," Johnson said.

Her most recent brainchild, however, is a beer keg registration policy that addresses adults who illegally serve alcohol to minors, particularly through kegs.

"The keg policy is another project of UK Coalition," Johnson said. "I start-

ed working on that a year ago. It's due to the parents, the aunts and uncles of high school minors who were getting kegs. It's a case of someone wanting to be the 'cool' uncle or the 'cool' parent and buying alcohol for minors."

Johnson stressed several times that the policy is geared toward high schoolers, not college students. "I want the UK students to know this is in no way after them," Johnson insisted. "I'm being honest; this has nothing to do with college kids."

Some students don't agree with the policy.

"It sounds dumb to me," said computer science senior A.J. Beck. "Depending on the party's location, it could be hard or impossible for the person who bought the keg to make sure that everyone that gets a drink is over 21. And who's to say that these kids won't just start drinking from bottles or cans instead of kegs?"

Watts, the SG president, said some students misinterpret the proposal.

"I think a lot of students don't know what the purpose of the keg registration policy is," she said. "I think some students feel it's an invasion of privacy, and perhaps that the policy is controlling them too much. The main problem is that students don't know exactly what it's about," she said.

Johnson was quick to point out that these ideas already exist in the law.

"The LAPP ordinance and the keg registration, all this is like an amplifier to an existing law that no one's been using," Johnson said, noting that it's against the law to serve minors alcohol.

Johnson said she is primarily concerned with education on these issues and the well-being of everyone in her neighborhood.

"(LAPP) doesn't keep anyone from partying, it's just making people responsible," she said. "I'm trying to prevent anyone from getting hurt. Public



Lisa Johnson looks out from her Transylvania Park house. She said she cares for the students of her neighborhood community.

safety is just a no-brainer."

## Future plans

Johnson intends to stay involved in the campus area.

"UK Coalition has a lot of plans we're trying to work on," Johnson said. "I thank the university to this day for its help in dealing with alcoholism off-campus."

For starters, the Urban County Council's Services Committee voted Oct. 13 to pass the beer keg registration policy, the first step toward making that proposal a city ordinance.

"It's a great first step," Johnson said.

Another interest of Johnson's is helping students handle issues with their landlords, many of whom Johnson said try to take advantage of students.

"I think a lot of people blame the students for the way the landlords make them live," Johnson said.

Johnson met at her home with Watts and other members of SG to discuss some ideas, one of which is a Web site where stu-

dents can rate their landlords and post insightful comments.

"I thought the meeting went really well," Johnson

said. "I was amazed at all the horrible stuff those kids were telling me."

"That meeting was probably one of the best things college students have done for me," Johnson added.

Johnson has had her share of negative experiences with students. From party-goers urinating in her flower beds to defecating on her swing set, she said.

Others have stolen some of her property, including flags and other items from her front porch, she said.

But Johnson maintained that "over 75 percent of college students" are really cool. They want to be part of the community. The other 25 percent make it look like at least 50 percent are that bad in the neighborhood."

Johnson believes that the future is promising for building bridges between UK and its surrounding neighborhoods.

"I think times are changing, where (students) want to become a part of the community," Johnson said. "They make our neighborhoods what they are right now, and I hope they try to improve them."

"She's really caring," said Chris Risalvato, an economics junior who lives across the street from Johnson. "She's stressed with us that if we have any problems, to come talk to her. She pretty much welcomed us with open arms when no one else really did."

Johnson's goal isn't to stop college students from partying.

She just wants them to be careful, she said.

"You should have the right to get a keg, but just be responsible."

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Thur 20

MEETINGS

- \*UK Lambda Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
- \*UK College Democrats, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 208
- \*Annexity International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- \*Voices for Choice weekly meeting, 5:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 215
- \*CSU, 7:30pm, Worham Theater in the Student Center

ACADEMIC

- \*Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Courses, 9:00am-7:00pm, Mathskeller (POT)
- \*Back: End of Life Photographs by Gordon Beer, 11:00am-5:00pm, Randall Gallery in the Student Center, Free!
- \*Voices of America: Photographs from the Whitney Museum of American Art, UK Art Museum

SPORTS

- \*UK Fencing Club, 8:00-10:00pm, Buell Armory
- \*UK Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Club Sports Field (ingly pitch)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- \*Singed Out (dining game), 7:00pm, Young Library, Rm. Auditorium, \$3.00 or \$2.00 with canned good
- \*Shaolin Warriors, 7:00pm, Singletary Center, UK/CC Students \$5.00, General Public \$17.50
- \*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union, 429 Columbia Avenue (behind W.T. Young Library)
- \*Thursday Night Worship Service, 8:00pm, Wesley Foundation

RECREATION/DETERMINATION

- \*UK Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigus Building, Rm. 109

ACADEMIC

- \*L.E.A.P., 11:00-11:50am, Frazer Hall, Rm. 201
- \*Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Courses, 9:00am-5:00pm, Mathskeller (POT)

SPORTS

- \*Friday Football, 3:00pm, Good Barn Field, across from Commonwealth Stadium
- \*Tan Kwon Do Club Practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym's Loft

ARTS/MOVIES

- \*Back: End of Life Photographs by Gordon Beer, 11:00am-5:00pm, Randall Gallery in the Student Center, Free!
- \*Gallery Hop Reception, 5:00-8:00pm, Randall Gallery in the Student Center
- \*UK Lambda Movie, "Boys Don't Cry", 8:00pm, WTY Library, Rm. Auditorium, Free!
- \*Voices of America: Photographs from the Whitney Museum of American Art, UK Art Museum

SPORTS

- \*Tan Kwon Do Club Practice, 11:30am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym's Loft

MEETINGS

- \*Newman Center Mass, 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:00pm, 8:30pm, Newman Center 320 Rose Lane
- \*College Worship Service, 9:12pm, Southside Church of Christ

ACADEMIC

- \*Math Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 8:00-8:00pm, 307 Commons
- \*Chemistry Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons
- \*Physics Tutoring, All 100 level classes and 211/213, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons
- \*Biology Tutoring, All 100 Level Classes, 7:00-10:00pm, 307 Commons
- \*Statistics 200, 291, 430-7:00pm, 307 Commons

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Perhaps it was the cinematic grandeur that the name conjured, or the possibility of a bar so deserving of its title.

But what's in a name?

This crowded, hole-in-the-wall bar did not excite me the way I thought my first impression of it would. There was no dramatic lighting, no fedoras and no shrines to Orson Welles.

It turns out, the Rose Bud is just a cozy little bar that by any other name would smell just as sweet.

Located downtown, across the street from Cheapside Bar and Grill, this pint-size watering hole is no more than a great place to grab a drink.

Trust me, the Barfly knows. Considering I have spent many an evening here with friends falling off barstools and attempting to dance to the well-selected songs in the jukebox, I feel I have gotten a pretty good taste of the scene.

The decor isn't much, unless you look up at the beautifully painted ceiling that makes you think it's daytime at 11 p.m. But don't spend too much time staring in adoration, or you might knock the drink out of someone's hand or end up wearing your own.

The seating is limited, and on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday night, it's usually standing-room only. This can get bothersome unless you have the Barfly skills to sweet-talk an unsuspecting gentleman out of his seat.

But the close quarters are what you make of them. Eavesdropping and "unintentionally" rubbing up against someone are just a few of the ways to entertain yourself as you wade through the crowd.

But that's what you get in exchange for low-priced beer and no cover charge. If you begin to feel a little claustrophobic in the crowded Rose Bud, there is a solution — and a fabulous one at that.

If you can make your way to the back of the bar and turn right, you will be magically transported into a parallel universe.

Not really, but close. Connected to the Rose Bud is the Scarlett Lounge. Equipped with plush couches, chessboards, dim lighting and good tunes, this well-decorated lounge is worth the \$5 cover to get in.

The transition from the crowded Rose Bud to the laid-back Scarlett Lounge is a welcome one.



Forestry Graduates Seth Barry (left) and Eli Scarr (right) select tunes on the computerized juke box at The Rose Bud.

JONATHAN PALMER | KERNEL STAFF

Think Southern hospitality, with a sexy, exotic twist.

The Scarlett Lounge is a mix between a jazz club and an opium den (without the illegal substances, of course) and is the perfect place to chill.

The drink prices in the Scarlett Lounge are the same as they are in the Rose Bud, so I would have to say my favorite part about the lounge is the small, intimate setting.

No, wait. I take that back. My favorite part about the Rose Bud and the Scarlett Lounge are the \$1.25 Budweiser and Bud Light bottles, Monday through Thursday nights. Where else in town can you go out to a bar and only end up spending a couple dollars?

I would definitely recommend bringing cash on these nights because they have a \$10 minimum rule for credit card payment, and it seems pretty difficult to ring up a tab over \$10 on these nights.

So, aside from the seating, or lack thereof, in the Rose Bud, the \$5 cover to get into the Scarlett Lounge and the \$10 credit card minimum, I'd choose these two bars as my nocturnal destination any time.

No matter what their names are, Moira Bagley is a broadcast journalism senior. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Kernel.

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The Low-Down

There's usually not a cover at Rose Bud. The cover for the Scarlett Lounge is \$5. Both bars are open from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday-Saturday.

They are located on Mill Street, between Main Street and Short Street, across from Cheapside Bar and grill.

THE BARFLY RATES IT

I have taken various facets of the bar into consideration and by using my Barfly super-powers, I have devised a rating system that is not only helpful, but easy to swallow.

**Bar Service**  
Take my advice and order double. The service is really slow — but then again, you pay for what you get

YY

**Bathrooms**  
The bathrooms get pretty nasty and dirty toward the end of the night, and there is always a long line you have to wait in

Y

**Drink Prices**  
Did I mention \$1.25 Budweiser and Bud Light bottles Monday through Thursday? The rest of the drinks can get a bit pricey

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**Overall Rating**  
If you can stand the squeeze and a few other quirks in these connected bars, I guarantee you'll be saying their names again

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## Morgan not slowing down yet

After winning two championships, UK runner Thomas Morgan prepares for the Nov. 24 NCAA Championship

Leslie Wilhite  
STAFF WRITER

He started running when he was 10 years old and never looked back.

Now Thomas Morgan, a senior cross country and track runner at UK, is headed for his biggest challenge.

Morgan will compete against 254 runners from around the country for the NCAA Championship Monday, Nov. 24, in Waterloo, Iowa.

He is hoping to become the first cross country runner from UK to win the NCAA Championship.

Morgan has already won the Southeastern Conference and NCAA Southeast Regional Championships this year and was named Southeast Region "Runner of the Year."

But all his success this season hasn't come without patience and hard work.

Morgan, 22, began his career running around town with his brother, Jack, who is two years older and is a former UK runner, was Morgan's biggest influence.

"I've been chasing after him my whole life," Morgan said. "And I finally caught him."

Now Morgan is only chasing his dreams.

This season he has been able to pull all his training and hard work together to be successful, Morgan attributes much of his own success to his teammates and coaches.

"It's been phenomenal," Morgan said of his team's cohesive. "And the coaches are great."

UK cross country coach Don Weber, this year's Southeast Region "Coach of the Year," is impressed by Morgan's competitiveness.

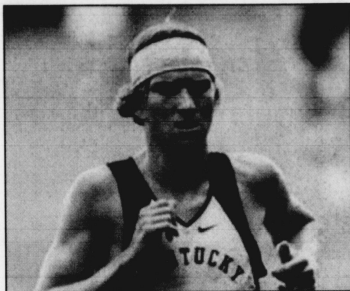
"When Thomas races, you can guarantee you'll get his best," Weber said. "He spends every ounce of his energy."

Weber has also been able to keep the team focused. The men's cross-country team was recently ranked No. 28, its first ranking of the year.

"I don't let (the team) get caught up in the end result," he said. "I tell them to run with a Las Vegas attitude."

"Sure, everyone wants to win, but people go to enjoy the experience. If they need to win, it's not enjoyable. It's the same with running."

And with all the success Morgan has already achieved, Weber doesn't want him to lose focus on the race either.



UK ATHLETICS PHOTO

### Going the distance

Senior cross country runner Thomas Morgan will head to Waterloo, Iowa on Nov. 24 for a chance to win the NCAA Championship.

"I tell him, 'Race like you've raced all along,'" Weber said. "It's you versus your potential."

Despite all the distractions during a race, Morgan knows how to stay focused.

"You have to listen to your body and be aware of your surroundings," he said. "Then it's a great feeling when you cross the finish line."

For Morgan, the surroundings at the NCAA Championship will be familiar. Earlier this season, Morgan finished eighth in the NCAA Pre-Nationals in Waterloo.

He said his experience there will help him visualize the course for Monday's race. But he knows he's up against some tough competition.

"There are so many good runners just like me, it would be crazy to say there's just one that will be a tough

competitor," Morgan said. As for the future, Morgan said competing at the Olympic level would be a great accomplishment, but that decision is still four years away.

For now, Morgan knows there is still work to be done. He has never been at this level before and is excited to finish his career successfully.

He said he feels like he has gotten the most out of his college experience.

"I loved every minute here at UK," he said. "I've gained valuable knowledge not just about running, but about life in general."

As Morgan runs in his final collegiate cross-country race Monday, he still won't look back — he'll look only at the finish line in front of him.

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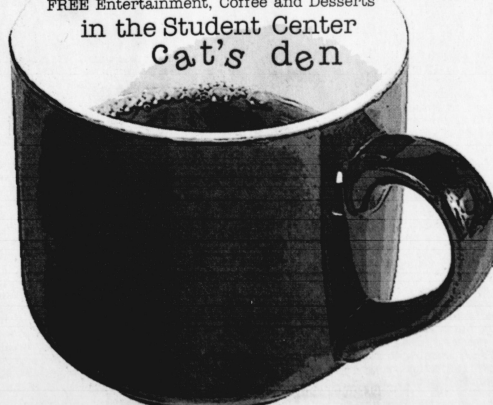
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# No time for holding back for Shteivi and the Cats

UK faces off against UC Saturday in first round of the NCAA tournament

By Jeff Patterson  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Alex Rodriguez just added to the drama. As the UK men's soccer team waited Monday afternoon to witness its NCAA tournament fate, one name kept interrupting the party.

The NCAA selections were supposed to broadcast on ESPNNEWS at 4 p.m., but the team sat through talk on Rodriguez' American League Most Valuable Player Award. They sat through it for 15 minutes.

"It was bad timing to talk about A-Rod because we were waiting on (the selection show)," said sophomore goalie Andy Gruenebaum.

During those 15 minutes, Gruenebaum's nerves intensified.

But once the talk of A-Rod ended, everyone in the marketing office in Memorial Coliseum shut up.

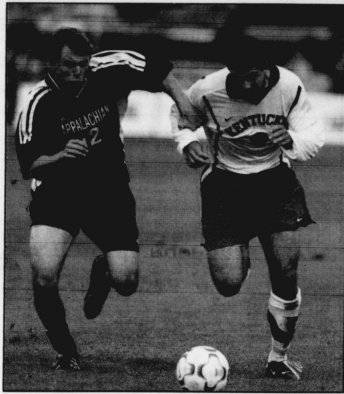
Then, as they saw their name selected against the University of Cincinnati Bearcats, the whole room erupted.

Gruenebaum hugged junior midfielder Jamal Shteivi, and just about everyone else followed their lead.

"It was very nerve-racking to wait and see if we were in the tournament," Shteivi said.

The players realize how big this is to the program. It is UK's first NCAA tournament trip since 2001, and UK's first-ever home game in the tournament.

"It's exactly what we wanted," said senior defenseman Chris Austin. "It's exactly where we wanted to be. At the beginning of the year, that was our goal; that is what you shoot for." Like UK, Cincinnati (10-4-5, 6-2-1 Conference-USA)



Appalachian State defender Geoff Christman grabs UK midfielder Jamal Shteivi's arm as they race for the ball in UK's 2-1 win Oct. 3.

was also upset in its conference tournament. UC lost 1-0 to Charlotte. UK (12-6-1, 6-0 Mid-American Conference) lost 1-0 to Bowling Green in the MAC tournament.

Even with a 1-0 defeat over Cincinnati Sept. 11, the Cats respect the Bearcats.

"They have a physical team, and they can beat you one-on-one," Austin said. "It is going to be a tough game, and it'll take everything we have to beat them."

Austin hopes a home crowd will help.

"The atmosphere will be crazy," Austin said.

Shteivi has an even stronger motivation to beat the Bearcats — he is from Cincinnati.

"It is always nice to play the hometown team," Shteivi said. "But it doesn't matter who we play." If the Cats move on to the

second round, they will face No. 8 seed Indiana Hoosiers at Indiana. The Cats lost 1-0 to the Hoosiers Nov. 2.

At the moment, Shteivi, a former Indiana player, could care less about the possibility of enacting revenge on the Hoosiers.

"We are focusing on Cincinnati right now," Shteivi said. "We'll worry about the second round when we get there."

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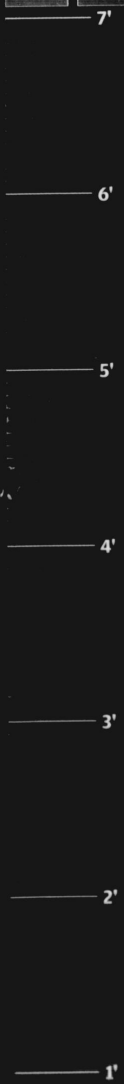
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# big week

The Faces, The Places, The Buzz



## BASKETBALL

**THIS WEEK** will leave you bleeding basketball from both ears.

**Saturday:** Roy Williams takes the helm of the *SS Tar Heel* as UNC hosts Old Dominion (8 p.m.).

**Sunday:** Purdue and Duke stage a rematch of the 1999 women's title game (2:30 p.m., ESPN).



**Monday:** Arizona's Lute Olson (*above*) goes for his 500th career win against Northern Arizona. (8:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday:** Williams's replacement at Kansas, Bill Self, hosts Michigan State (9 p.m., ESPN).

**Wednesday:** The semifinals of the preseason NIT (7 p.m., ESPN2) lead into the Great Alaska Shootout (11:30 p.m., ESPN2).

## RUNNING

**NCAA CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**, University of Northern Iowa, Nov. 24. No pom-pom squads. No JumboTron. No \$10 Big Gulp-sized beers. Just blood, sweat and cheers.

## VOODOO

**HEX RALLY**, Texas, Nov. 24. Longhorns try to cast a spell on the Aggies' 12th-man mojo by yelling up something fierce. Meanwhile, someone's clearly put a spell on Texas quarterback Vince Young (*above*). The kid's playing out of his freakin' mind.

## HOT SEAT

**ESPN** The finale of *Playmakers* (a.k.a. The Perfect Excuse to Blow Off That Paper) left us hanging: Will the Cougars make the playoffs? Will D.H. stop doing that weird thing with his eyes? Alas, the NFL is all over ESPN to drop the series, and it looks as if the network will.

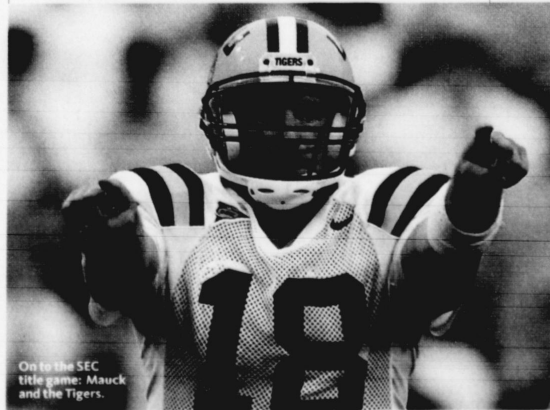


## GAMES TO WATCH

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**OHIO STATE AT MICHIGAN**, noon, ABC. Wolverines coach Lloyd Carr has lost to Jim Tressel twice in a row in a series in which heads roll for such things. At the Big House, Tressel crashes back down to earth. **Hard.** **SIOC SAYS** Michigan 23, Ohio State 10. **LSU AT MISSISSIPPI**, 3:30 p.m. This year's Chris Weinke wannabe is Matt Mauck. The 24-year-old LSU QB (would that make him a super-duper senior or just a senior citizen?) will make it happen in Oxford, if his D can contain Eli Manning. **SIOC SAYS** LSU 26, Mississippi 21. **UCLA AT USC**, 3:30 p.m., ABC. This could be it, folks. The upset that reopens the door for LSU, Michigan, Georgia and anyone else looking for a second—or third—chance. Sorry. Ain't happenin'. **SIOC SAYS** USC 54, UCLA 6. **WASHINGTON STATE AT WASHINGTON**, 3:30 p.m. If the movies have taught us anything, it's that the underdog (UW here) always wins the big game. They also have taught us that the yuppie team (again, UW) loses. Something's gotta give. **SIOC SAYS** Washington 33, Wazzu 29. **TCU AT SOUTHERN MISS**, 7:30 p.m., ESPN. Who have the Horned Frogs beaten this year? No one, really. Who have they struggled against? Just about everyone. Five of their 10 wins have come by a field goal. Bye-bye BCS. **SIOC SAYS** Southern Miss 20, TCU 17.

LAST WEEK'S RECORD: 5-0; SEASON RECORD: 29-15



On to the SEC title game: Mauck and the Tigers.

## MUSIC

**MISSY ELLIOTT'S NEW CD**, *This Is Not a Test*, Nov. 25. Coach Missy knows how to work the trick play. If at first it doesn't work, just put yer thang down, flip it and reverse it. Whatever that means.

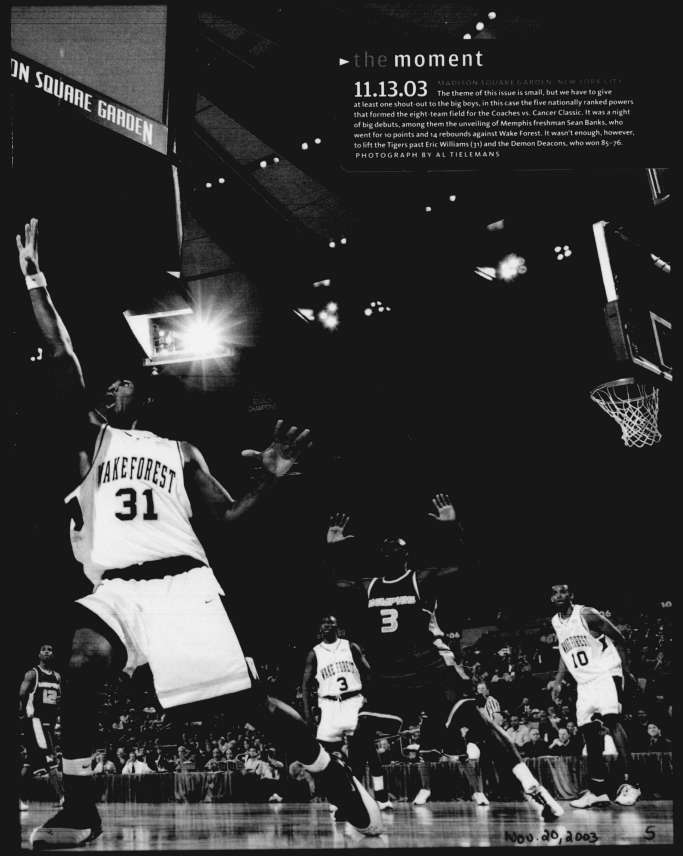


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► the moment

**11.13.03** Sean Banks (left) is jumping to layup for the Tigers. The theme of this issue is small, but we have to give at least one shout-out to the big boys, in this case the five nationally ranked powers that formed the eight-team field for the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic. It was a night of big debuts, among them the unveiling of Memphis freshman Sean Banks, who went for 10 points and 14 rebounds against Wake Forest. It wasn't enough, however, to lift the Tigers past Eric Williams (3) and the Demon Deacons, who won 83-76. PHOTOGRAPH BY AL TIELEMANS







The Wolverines have won six of their last seven games against the Buckeyes in front of the crazed fan.

SCORECARD **S**

**5 Ann Arbor Questions For Selma Blair**

In 2004, she'll star in *Hellboy*. In the meantime, SIOC got this heavenly girl (UM class of '93) to dish. —A.D.



- 1 Any good girlie spots in Ann Arbor? "I wouldn't know. I couldn't afford anything in college. It was a big deal if I bought a folder. I worked at the Gap in the mall. That was the place to be. The mall."
- 2 Play any sports in college? "I was on the equestrian team. And before soccer tryouts, there was a drunk-nighttime tryout. I broke my ankle. I don't really recommend drunk-nighttime-muddy anything. I had to crawl two miles on my knees home."
- 3 What's Chris Perry's deal? "One hundred thirty-three yards one week, 26 the next. What's up with that?" "He probably should lose some weight. Who the hell is Chris Perry?"
- 4 Prediction for the big game? "I don't even know how they score football. Thirty-love! If I go to a game, I want a hot dog and that's it."
- 5 We hear you'll have singing dwarfs at your wedding... "Apparently I know about as much about my fiancé (Ahmet Zappa) as I do about football. I read that in a magazine. He got a spanking. No dwarfs."

> THE PLACE TO BE

# ROADTRIP

In a week of big games, none offers a more big-time setting than the Wolverines' notoriously Big House

## ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

BY ALBERT LIN



**THE IDEAL ROAD TRIP** to Ann Arbor, site of Saturday's tooth meeting between Michigan and Ohio State, begins in Columbus, Ohio, 85 miles to the south. On the Thursday night before the clash, hundreds of OSU students gather in the middle of campus and jump fully clothed into Mirror Lake. Weird? Maybe. But definitely a cool tradition.

After crashing this Buckeyes bash, towel yourself off, get checked

for hypothermia and drive north on U.S. 23 for about 3 1/2 hours and prepare to take in one of college football's premier rivalries in the mecca of college football stadiums. The Michigan-Ohio State grudge match is one of the most impassioned in all of sports, but it's also one of the most relevant. On 19 occasions one of the two has clinched the Big Ten championship by winning this game. Former Ohio State coach John Cooper was fired in January 2001 in no small part because of his 2-10-1 record against Michigan. When his successor, Jim Tressel, was introduced at halftime of a Michigan-Ohio State men's basket-



It ain't bragging if it's true: Michigan routinely leads the land in attendance.

ball game two weeks later, he said, "I can assure you that you will be proud of your young people in the classroom, in the community and, most especially, in 310 days in Ann Arbor, Michigan." You didn't need a schedule to figure out what he was referring to.

Tressel has made good on his pledge, going 2-0 against the Wolverines. This fall Michigan has home-field advantage. And what an advantage it is: The Wolverines

have the most wins in college football history, thanks largely to the intimidation and awe created by the biggest stadium in the country. Crowds at Michigan Stadium routinely exceed 100,000, although official capacity is just 109,920.

Walk through Ann Arbor on a crisp fall Saturday when Michigan has a home game, and you may wonder what happened to the 38,000 students. Most of them have congregated on the corner of

Stadium and Main, along with about 75,000 of their closest friends. The Big House has only one level, and the field sits 72 feet below street level. (The stadium, which opened in 1927, was built on the site of an old strawberry patch, and the area had an underground spring that made the dirt like quicksand. During construction, a crane sank into the ground under the field, where, according to legend, it remains to this day.) So at first glance it's not an imposing structure. But step inside and you will be overwhelmed by the sea of humanity tightly bunched on met-

al benches. And you can't help but be moved when the band launches into its fight song, *The Victors*, which was written by a Michigan student in 1899 and first performed by John Philip Sousa and his band.

The Big Ten crown will once again be decided in this architectural wonder. Should the Wolverines indeed emerge the victors, the Buckeyes will have an entirely new reason to go jump in the lake.

**The Vitals**

- BEST LODGING:** The Inn at the Michigan League is just off the Big, the heart of campus.
- BEST WEEKEND ON:** Nov. 28, 29 the College Hockey Showcase brings Minnesota and Wisconsin to town.
- DISTANCE FROM:** Madison, Wis., 387 miles.
- Next Week's ROAD TRIP:** Bowdoin College

### WHEN & WHERE

#### The 48-Hour Guide to Ann Arbor

- 11:30 a.m. Margaret Daw Towel Day Sports Museum** is located in Spoonhooker Hall, a.k.a. the Bo Building. Revolt! highlights of Michigan's past athletic glory to juice yourself for Saturday's game.
- 7 p.m. Michigan vs. Oakland** Daniel Horton (right) and the Wolverines tip off their hoops season with a game against the Górralies. A good start would be nice; Michigan was 0-6 last year before rallying to a 17-13 record.



**10:30 a.m. Angelo's** Huddle up and stand in line to get into this breakfast brunch institution. (It's not open for dinner.)

**4:25 p.m. The Brown Jug** After the OSU game kickoff is at noon) is the popular South University bar named after the trophy awarded to the winner of the Michigan-Minnesota game. Michigan leads the series 68-53-3.

**10:47 a.m. Zingerman's** Grab a sandwich at the deli that began this small-business empire, recently featured in *USA Today*. It now includes a bake house, a creamery, a catering company, a meat-order division and a sit-down restaurant.

**10:08 p.m. Scorekeepers** Watch all of Sunday's big action—featuring plenty of Michigan slams—at the sports bar QB Brian Griener made famous in 1996 when he broke one of the front windows in a drunken stupor.



ANNALS OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

Dude, Where's My Slab of Bacon?



**LATE FALL IS A TIME** when traditional rivals do battle, often with some sort of trophy at stake. But over the years hijacks and high jinks have often sent totems of victory into either hiding or hibernation. Here's some of the most notable missing loot: Tear gas was used by Stanford fans in a 1930 heist of the Axe (Cal-Stanford). The Victory Bell (USC-UCLA) was pilfered in '41 by overzealous Trojans fraternity members who also stole the truck used to transport it. The Governor's Trophy (Washington-Washington State) vanished when the series was suspended during World War II, reappearing in '95 in a Seattle memorabilia shop. Likewise the Slab of Bacon (Wisconsin-Minnesota) had also been missing for half a century when, in the summer of '94, Badgers sports information intern Will Roleson stumbled upon it in a storage room. Roleson is now SID at Kent State, which in August beat Akron to reclaim the coveted Wagon Wheel. Except that somebody had stolen it during the game. —John Walters

Tear gas has been used in Axe heists.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: DAVID GONZALEZ; MIKE DRACZINSKI/CORBIS/UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH; MARK BOGACZ

# MATCHUP

**DAVID AND GOLIATH?** Almost. Try Charles and Neil. The basketball season tip-off seemed the appropriate time to ask the hypothetical question: What if the NCAA's tallest hoopster went one-on-one with one of its shortest? —A.D.

NEIL (BIG SMOOTH) FINGLETON

VS.

CHARLES (BIGGY) SMALL

Holy Cross's towering import has transferred twice: from North Carolina two years ago and from his native England before that to go to high school in Massachusetts.

The Pittsburgh walk-on and Detroit native has a nickname that conveys stature, but the point guard's surname is more appropriate. The Panthers' next shortest player is five inches taller.

"I'm listed at seven foot six, but really, I'm seven foot seven."

HEIGHT

"Five foot seven ... I swear."

87 inches

WINGSPAN

70 inches

"Sixteen. I know, small for a big guy."

SHOE SIZE

"Ten. I've got maybe 12 to 15 pairs."

"Forty-two inches. But with my length, going into the Gap and finding something? No way."

WAISTLINE

"I wear about a 34, but I'm not really that big. I'm way skinnier. I just like to wear my clothes baggy. I look bigger."

"I'd be eight foot."

IF I WERE TALLER ...

"I'd go to the NBA."

"I'd be seven foot."

IF I WERE SHORTER ...

"I would officially be a midget."

"I like a bit of both—short and tall. But I'll never find a girl like me."

DATING

"I only date short girls."

"Trying to get into a Mini Cooper."

I WISH I'M TALLER OR SHORTER WHEN ...

"I get my shots blocked."

"Off the court, I can see over a crowd. That's about it."

ADVANTAGES

"I can blend in. We've got a seven-footer on our team, and that dude always sticks out."

"I'm not quite as—how should I say it—fast as most people. And I've hit my head more than a few times."

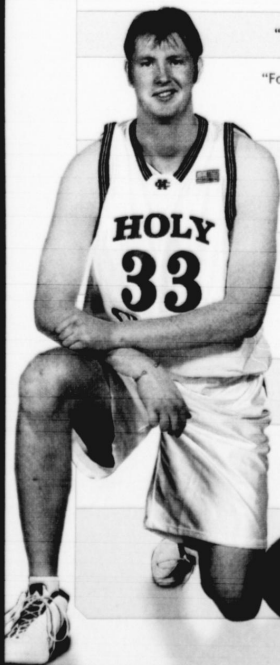
DISADVANTAGES

"Dunking. I can barely touch the rim. I'd have to have someone lift me or run off of someone's back to do that."

"I've been this tall since I was 14 or so. And no, they didn't give me a special desk."

GROWTH SPURT

"Never. That hasn't happened yet. I'm still waiting."



DAVID BERGMAN; ILLUSTRATION BY PETER HOEY

How Does It Feel...

## ... TO BE IN A PILEUP

**AS IF GETTING TACKLED** wasn't bad enough, downed ballcarriers have to endure a scrum. West Virginia senior running back Quincy Wilson describes the chaos.

**WE USED TO PLAY** this game "Throw It Up and Kill 'Em" when I was a kid. You tossed a football up, and whoever caught it got gang tackled. They'd try to rip the ball from you. It was vicious. That's what a pileup is like.

At first, you feel like you're in a tunnel. It gets really dark, and you hear voices saying, "I got you! I got you!" Half the time they don't even make sense. We played Central Florida, and they kept telling me, "We're taking you back to Central Florida." I didn't even know what that meant. As soon as I'm tackled I'm trying to get back up. People start trying to pinch you or turn you if you hang down there too long, and there will always be saliva spit at you. You see more cheap shots with teams that aren't so good. You look to the referee for some



When Wilson emerges from the heap, he doesn't get a pile of sympathy from the refs.

help, but it's usually just, "Get up, son." It's craziest when there's a fumble. All bets are off. The worst feeling is trying to get your own fumble back. It happened in the Miami game, and they recovered it. You tell the ref, "I had it!" But it comes down to a judgment call. It's no-holds-barred, a wrestling match gone bad.

> ASK MILO



### A Two-Loss National Champ?

*What happens if Oklahoma makes it to the Sugar Bowl, undefeated, against a team—say, Michigan—with two losses? If the Wolverines win, would they be the champs even with a worse record?*

—James, Michigan '06

You bet your maize and blue they would. Michigan is one of several teams (Georgia, Tennessee and Texas included) with a slim chance of facing such a situation and, says BCS rep Mike Reilly, "The winner of the Sugar Bowl is the BCS champion, regardless of records, polls, whatever." Ah, the polls. There's still polling to be done following the Sugar Bowl. Voters in the coaches' poll have to pick the Sugar Bowl champ as their No. 1. But the voters in the AP poll can vote for whomever they want, so Oklahoma could conceivably lose the BCS championship and still be crowned champ by the AP. Milo was always under the impression that the BCS was supposed to eliminate the possibility of a split champion scenario. But apparently Milo forgot something very important: You can't spell BCS without BS. **G**

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COLLEGE HOOPS PREVIEW

# SMALL TALK

To make a long story short, hoops is a big man's game. At least that's what our parent mag says in its college basketball issue, which also arrives this week. But as the little man on the SI campus, we're here to shower a little love on the little guy, the little-known powers and the little-appreciated stars-in-the-making who will grow on you in 2003-04



5'6"

Though he's the shortest scholarship player in the MAC, Central Michigan's Carr will soon be the driving force in the Chippewas offense.

**INSIDE** SUPER SUB-SIX-FOOTERS

TOP 10 SMALL POWERS LIKELY TO WREAK BIG HAVOC

UNDER-THE-RADAR STARS

by John Walters  
and Albert Lin

**LAST SPRING BUTLER FRESHMAN** Avery Sheets was assigned an eight- to 10-minute presentation for his Persuasive Speech course. Sheets, a 6-foot, 170-pound guard, chose the topic "Why You Should Attend a Butler Basketball Game." This, in both academic and hoops parlance, is what's called a slam dunk. "I showed the final scene from *Hoosiers*," recalls Sheets, a Hoosier himself by way of Lafayette. "A lot of people didn't realize it was filmed at our field house."

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Hinkle (then Butler) Fieldhouse was the site of the famous Milan-Muncie Central 1954 Indiana state high school championship game, which is immortalized in *Hoosiers*. Milan was recast as Hickory High and Bobby Plump, who buried the dramatic game-winning shot, gained iconic status under the alias Jimmy Chitwood.

Sheets, who earned an A on the assignment, just as easily could have shown the closing scene from Butler's final home game last season. With the Bulldogs trailing 74-73 and a sellout crowd of 11,043 on its tippy toes, a scrawny 6-foot guard rose up and, displaying form that would make Chitwood proud, launched a buzzer-beating, pandemonium-unleashing three.

Butler 76, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 74. The shooter? Avery Sheets.

"Welcome," as Chitwood's Hickory High coach Norman Dale (played by Gene Hackman) once said, "to Indiana basketball."

If the Hoosier State is basketball's home, then Hinkle Fieldhouse is its hearth. No sport romanticizes the Cinderella team more than college hoops,



Sheets (left) and the fictional Chitwood (bottom) both played here at Hinkle.

and for anyone who loves the notion that on any given night a small school of unknowns can knock off the biggest fish in the sea, this is the place to be.

Why should you attend a game at Hinkle Fieldhouse?

- ▶ **Because its namesake**, Paul D. Hinkle, who coached at Butler for 41 seasons, introduced the orange-colored basketball to the game in 1958. You want to talk bloodlines? Hinkle played football at the University of Chicago for Amos Alonzo Stagg, who played in the first basketball game with Dr. James Naismith at the Springfield, Mass., YMCA in 1891.
- ▶ **Because Butler**, like *Hoosiers*, added to the myth of Plump. The pride of Milan High attended Butler, was a two-time Bulldogs MVP and graduated in 1958 as the school's alltime leading scorer.
- ▶ **Because when Butler** advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 last March

against top seed Oklahoma, somebody noticed that the Bulldogs' graduation rate was 75% and the Sooners' 0%.

Bulldogs? Yes. Underdogs? Hardly. Butler has won at least 22 games in each of the last seven seasons. Only four schools (Arizona, Duke, Kansas and Kentucky) in the preseason AP Top 25 can make the same boast.

Hinkle and Butler are made for each other. And for us. Everyone knows about SPORTS ILLUSTRATED's cover subjects this week, UConn's Emeka Okafor and Diana Taurasi, but we're training the spotlight on the little men and women on campus: little-known stars such as UConn's Maria Conlon (page 24), LSU's Temeka Johnson (page 17) and Colorado State's Matt Nelson (page 22), and just plain little guys like Central Michigan's Joe Carr (page 18) and Arizona State's Brandon Goldman.

Never heard of Goldman? He's a walk-on fifth-year senior (he's now taking graduate classes) for the Sun Devils, one of the season's more promising underdogs. Five years ago Goldman, then 5'9", 150 pounds, approached the Arizona State coaching staff and, in the words of one assistant, "recruited us twice as hard as we recruited [preseason All-America] Ike Diogu."

"I knew what coaches look for in a walk-on," says Goldman, who graduated last May with a 3.2 GPA in management. "Your whole job is to do well in school and don't mess things up in practice."

Is Goldman a team player? Two years ago he was seated on the bench during the first half of a game against Oregon when assistant Dan O'Dowd approached and said, "Take off your pants!" Sun Devils starter Curtis Milledge had blood all over his trunks, and the coaches didn't want to take him out of the game.

"I watched the rest of the half in my white spandex undershorts," says Goldman. "When we went to the locker room at halftime, I got a standing ovation."

Goldman deserves one. As does Hinkle. Stand at center court at Hinkle and it

may as well be 1954. The benches directly behind either basket are perches. The side-court seats extend as far back, it seems, as that caravan of cars did in *Hoosiers*. The floor itself is springy, the sight lines ideal. John Wooden played here. So did Oscar Robertson. Larry Bird, too. "This building is a museum," says Butler coach (and alum) Todd Lickliter. "We want the museum to come alive."

So why has no nationally ranked program visited Hinkle since 1995? Because a loss at Butler will do for a power conference school's RPI (Ratings Percentage Index) what *Gigli* did for Ben Affleck.

"We know we can compete," says student assistant coach Joel Cornette, one of five players from last year's 27-6 squad who scored in double figures for the season. "Maybe the problem is, they know we can, too."

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The Zags have the swagger and the talent, e.g., Stepp (10), to go deeper into March.



## TOP 10 LIKELY CINDERELLAS

THEY DON'T WEAR the glass slipper in the NCAA women's tournament—last year's Elite Eight was comprised of No. 1 and 2 seeds—but underdogs abound in the men's bracket. Herewith, SIOC's top 10 teams likely to make some noise in March. (For SPORTS ILLUSTRATED's overall Top 20, go to [si.com/basketball/ncaa](http://si.com/basketball/ncaa).)

- ▶ **1. Gonzaga** At some point the Bulldogs will stop being considered a Cinderella. With Blake Stepp, Cory Violette, Ronny Turiaf and Washington transfer Errroll Knight, Gonzaga belongs in every preseason Top 10.
- ▶ **2. Manhattan** All-America candidate Luis Flores (24.6 ppg), a senior guard, leads the Jaspers, who received votes in both the media and coaches' polls.
- ▶ **3. East Tennessee State** The Buccaneers have five starters back from a team that nearly upset No. 2 seed Wake Forest in March. Keep an eye on 5'9" sophomore guard Tim Smith (15.3 ppg, 3.7 apg, 2.4 steals).
- ▶ **4. Wichita State** Junior forward Jamar Howard, the Missouri Valley Conference preseason co-player of the year, is back with junior wing Randy Burns and senior point guard Fridge Holman.
- ▶ **5. Illinois-Chicago** Star senior guards Martell Bailey (the nation's assists leader last season at 8.1 per game) and Cedrick Banks were classmates at Chicago's Westinghouse High.

- ▶ **6. Holy Cross** Led by senior guard Jave Meade, the Crusaders hope to finally notch an NCAA tournament win after close calls against Marquette and Kansas in the last two years.
- ▶ **7. Nevada** In junior guard Kirk Snyder (16.2 ppg, 8.1 rpg), the WAC's leading returning scorer and rebounder, the Wolf Pack has a player capable of getting hot and carrying a team to an upset.
- ▶ **8. Vermont** With the last two America East players of the year in 6'9" Taylor Coppentrath (2003) and 5'11" T.J. Sorrentine ('02), the Catamounts have star power like few other mid-majors.
- ▶ **9. Akron** All five starters are back, including the top two returning scorers in the MAC, senior guards Derrick Tarver and Johnny Hollingsworth.
- ▶ **10. Butler** Don't count out senior swingman Mike Monserez, the only returning starter, and the Bulldogs, who have won four straight league titles and who last season advanced to the Sweet 16.

## LITTLE-KNOWN, INTERESTING FACTOIDS

### Colorado

1 ] Senior center Tera Bjorklund, who was a first-team All-Big 12 selection last season, was raised on a pig farm in Minnesota. Sophomore point guard Antoine McGee can read and translate Latin. Somewhere in here there's a pig latin joke....



### Florida

2 ] Sophomore swingman Matt Walsh is dating Gainesville native Lauren Anderson, the winner of the 2002 Fox reality special *Girl Next Door: The Search* for a *Playboy* Centerfold and, hence, *Playboy's* Miss July 2002.




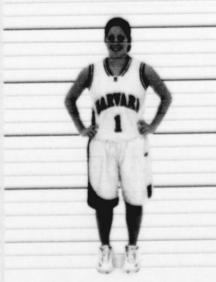

### Kansas

3 ] The grandson of legendary Kansas coach Phog Allen lost four basketball season tickets

# SIX FEET UNDER

GOT SIZE? No way. Got game? No doubt. There's no shortage of superb sub-six-footers in the men's and women's games. Inch-by-inch, we unveil some of the most notable Lilliputians you'll see darting across the hardwood this season.

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[ SARA CARTER ] SOUTH ALABAMA '04 5'1"	[ BEVERLY MOORE ] HARVARD '04 5'2"	[ TEMEKA JOHNSON ] LSU '04 5'3"
		
Small, even in the women's game. Averaged 9.1 points as a junior, reaching double figures in 10 of last 11 games. Single-game high of nine rebounds.	Spent first two years at power Louisiana Tech. Great shooter (51% from field, 43% on threes, 83% from line) who scored 14 points in NCAA loss to K-State.	MVP of SEC tournament after brilliant 24-point, nine-rebound, seven-assist, four-steal outing against Tennessee. Has started 58 straight games.



that had been in his family since 1955. University policy prevents children from inheriting their parents' tickets. Thus, Milton Allen Jr., whose mother died in April, was not allowed to renew the family's fourth-row seats across from the Kansas bench. (He subsequently was given seats seven rows higher up.) Apparently the fact that the building—Allen Fieldhouse—is named after his grandfather didn't carry any weight.

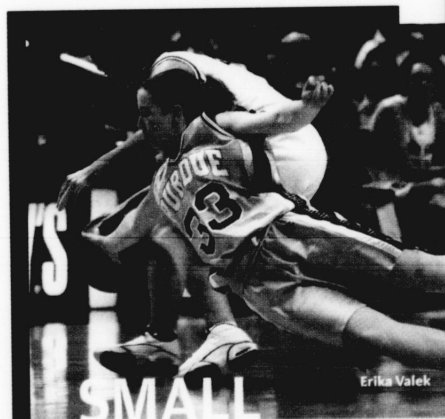
### Kansas State

4 ] Don't challenge junior forward Kendra Wecker to



an athletic contest—unless you're prepared to lose. In 1995 Wecker was the first girl to reach

the national finals (left) in the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition, finishing second in the 12-year-old division. In high school she set the U.S. junior record in the javelin with a toss of 174'6" and was ranked the top prep javelin thrower in the country by *Track & Field News*. On the basketball court last season she averaged 19.0 points, 8.3 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 1.8 steals for the Wildcats.



Erika Valek

## SMALL WORLD

**WHEN PURDUE'S ERIKA VALEK** was a high school junior in Lubbock and one of the nation's top prep point guards, her parents took part in an unusual exchange program. Juan Carlos and Janeth Valek took in Jasai Ferrucho, arguably the top high school point guard in Colombia.

"My mom had been a very good player back in Colombia," says Valek, whose family immigrated to the U.S. from Bucaramanga, Columbia, in 1990. "Her coach there called and said he had a guard with a lot of potential."

Suddenly the Valek household had the best (not to mention bilingual) backcourt in high school hoops. "To be honest, the two of us didn't get along at first," says Valek. "Now we're like sisters."

The 5'6" Valek is a senior All-Big Ten point



Jasai Ferrucho

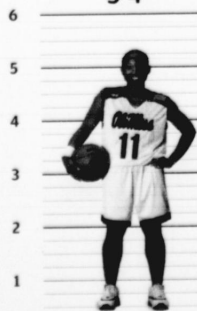
guard who led Purdue in assists (4.9) and steals (2.6) last season while averaging 14.0 points. The 5'7" Ferrucho, a senior who averaged 4.8 points, 2.4 assists and 1.5 steals in 2002-03, is in her first year as a full-time starter at the point for Colorado State.

The No. 7 Boilermakers have not and will not (except possibly in the postseason) play the Rams during the pair's college careers. "It would be fun [to face each other]," says Valek. "We used to play one-on-one tournaments in the backyard that were really tight. Usually the games would end in an argument before somebody won."

#### [ CARLETTA BROWN ]

MISSISSIPPI '05

5'4"



Started all but two games last season, when she averaged 8.8 points (with a career high of 23) and 2.9 assists; also led the Rebels with 36 three-pointers.

#### [ BRETT LEONARD ]

ILLINOIS '04

5'5"



Was a tri-captain in her first year playing for Illini after transferring from Arizona State. Started 21 of 27 games as a junior, with only 29 turnovers in 598 minutes.

#### [ JOE CARR ]

CENTRAL MICHIGAN '06

5'6"



is expected to start at point guard in 2004-05. Shortest scholarship player in MAC since Eastern Michigan star Earl Boykins, now with the Denver Nuggets.

#### [ MARQUES GREEN ]

ST. BONAVENTURE '04

5'7"



Averaged 21.3 points, 8.0 assists (second nationally), 2.8 steals and 3.4 three-pointers as a junior, earning All-Atlantic 10 and conference all-defense honors.

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# LITTLE RESPECT

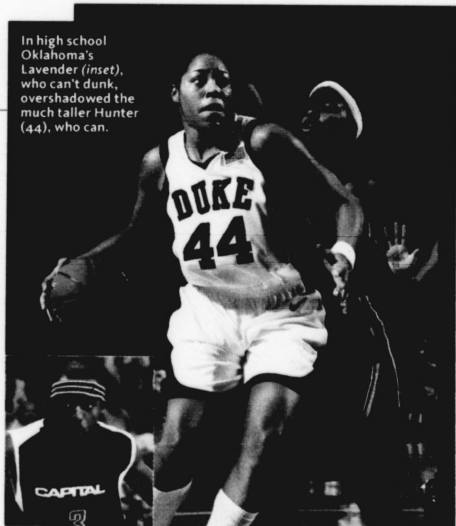
**BRITTANY HUNTER** was rated by several scouting services as the top girls' basketball player in the country last season. She was a McDonald's All-America, *USA Today* first-team All-USA, *Parade's* national player of the year and is now a freshman at Duke.

Despite those accolades, the top boys' player at her high school, Columbus (Ohio) Brookhaven, garnered more media attention than Hunter. We're speaking of Drew Lavender, who didn't make any of *USA Today's* three All-USA squads and was only a second-team *Parade* All-America.

Though he goes a pint-sized 5'7", 155, Lavender (who was a McDonald's All-America and will start at the point for Big 12 power Oklahoma this fall) was—and remains—the undisputed BMOC at Brookhaven. The 6'3", 194-pound Hunter will argue that she, Lavender, Brandon Foust (also at Oklahoma) and Kristin Peoples (now at Arkansas) were co-BMOCs. However, on the Brookhaven sports website, brookhavenbearcats.com, there's a graphic with head shots of both Lavender and Foust, inviting users to click to follow their careers as Sooners. Nowhere is there mention of Hunter or Peoples. "I'll have to look into that one," Hunter says with a chuckle.

She and Lavender never settled their differences in a one-on-one battle. ("He's really too little for me," she says. "I'd say I'd win.") But when it comes to that most basketball of skills—dunking—it's no contest. Hunter, who first threw one down in the 10th grade, competed in the slam dunk contest at the McDonald's game—the first girl to do so. Lavender? He can't dunk. "They would lift him up sometimes at pep rallies, Brandon would hold him up and let him try to dunk," says Hunter. "And he still didn't make it!" **G**

In high school Oklahoma's Lavender (inset), who can't dunk, overshadowed the much taller Hunter (44), who can.



## Penn State

**5** After the women's basketball team was outrebounded 54-24 by Tennessee in a Sweet 16 loss last March, trainer Andra Thomas suggested an unusual purchase: three football blocking sleds. The purpose of the radical training, in which players push a sled and then leap for a ball suspended in the air, is to improve the toughness of the Lady Lions. "There's a lot of banging going on," says coach Rene Portland.

## UConn

**6** Blue-chip recruit Charlie Villanueva, who originally committed to Illinois but changed his mind when Bill Self left for Kansas, has an autoimmune skin disease that causes hair loss. The most obvious symptom: The 6'11", 230-pound Villanueva has no eyebrows.



## Virginia

**7** Brenna McGuire, a 5'11" freshman guard with the Cavaliers, is the granddaughter of late Hall of Fame coach Al McGuire, who guided Marquette to the 1977 national title.

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[ KEYDREN CLARK ] ST. PETER'S '06 5'8"	[ VINCE GREENE ] ILLINOIS STATE '04 5'9"	[ ANDRE BARRETT ] SETON HALL '04 5'10"	[ RANDY BURNS ] WICHITA STATE '05 5'11"
Finished sixth in the nation in scoring (24.9 ppg). Set a Division I freshman record with 109 three-pointers and also handed out 4.2 assists per game.	Can stroke it (51.0% from field, 45.1% on threes, 88.4% from line); led Redbirds in scoring and assists as a junior, averaging 12.3 points and 4.4 dimes.	Has started every game (91) of his college career. Sees the floor well and never plays out of control. Averaged 16.7 points and 5.3 assists as a junior.	Former Missouri Valley Conference freshman of the year took his game up a notch as a sophomore, leading Shockers in scoring at 15.1 ppg.

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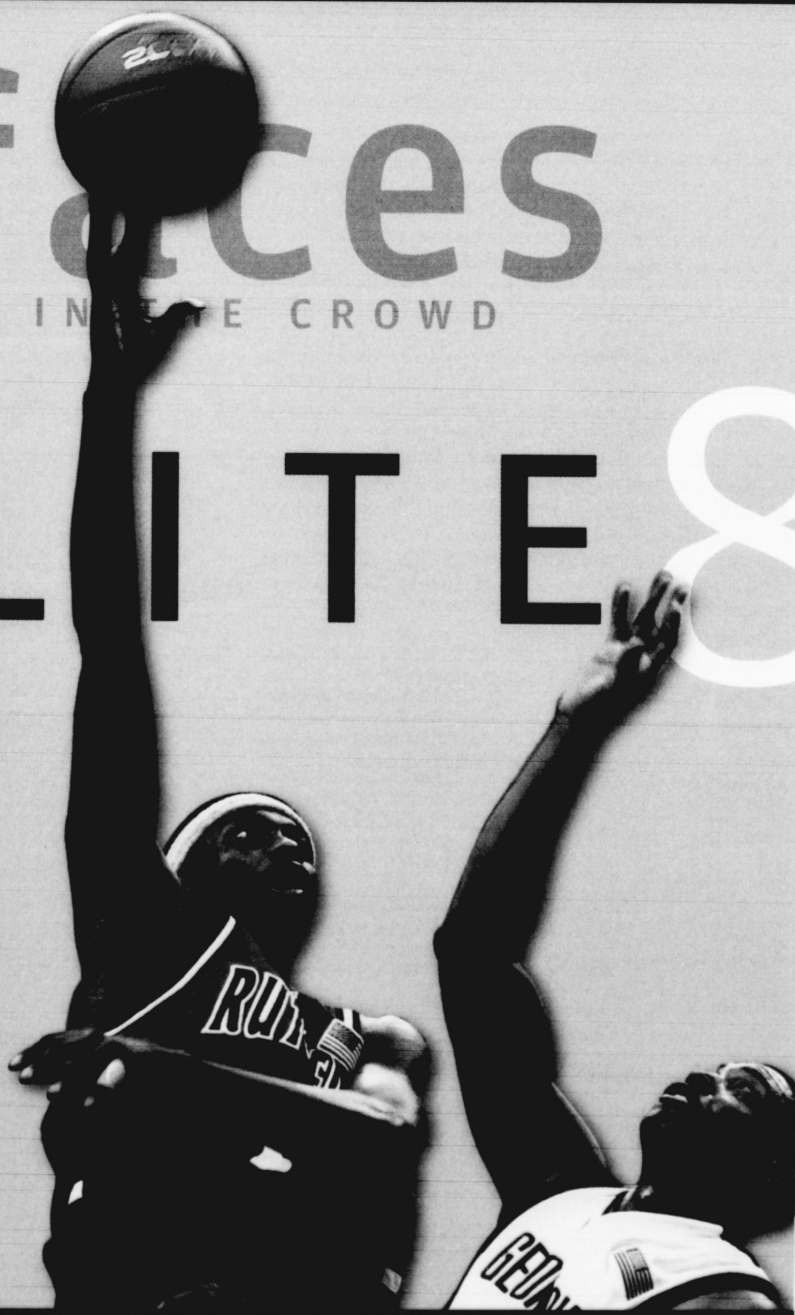
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faces  
IN THE CROWD

# ELITE 8

You know UConn's Emeka Okafor, the best player in the men's game. Of course you do. You know UConn's Diana Taurasi, the women's top gun. How can you not?

Here are eight ballers, four men and four women, who have barely registered a blip on the national radar. Beyond their own campuses they might be little-known now, but they'll be big-time soon enough



Lamizana's not the biggest name in the Big East, but he's a future first-rounder.

Herve Lamizana  
RUTGERS '04

**FORGIVE LAMIZANA** if he hasn't been able to keep his focus on basketball. The Ivory Coast native has more significant things to worry about, namely the safety of his mother and younger brother, who are stuck in the midst of a civ-

il war back home, which has left thousands dead since September 2002. Thing is, Lamizana might best be able to help his family by realizing his potential. A big senior season could vault him into the first round of the NBA draft—and the notoriety and financial resources that come with that distinction could allow him to bring his family to the U.S.

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FACES IN THE CROWD

The 6'10", 215-pounder has the length, athleticism and all-around skills that NBA teams covet. But because Lamizana labors for the midling Scarlet Knights, his name is unfamiliar to most. As a junior he averaged 10.6 points, a team-best 6.4 rebounds and was 13th in the nation in blocks with 3.0. He was also the school's second-leading assist man and

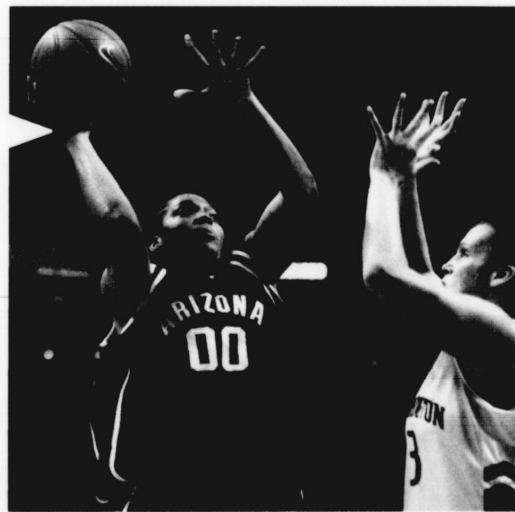
shot 37.2% from beyond the arc. To take advantage of his perimeter skills, coach Gary Waters plans to play Lamizana mainly at small forward, his likely pro position.

Lamizana prefers not to discuss the situation in Ivory Coast. Finishing his career with a flourish, however, would speak volumes.

Shawntinice Polk

ARIZONA '06

Taurasi is the undisputed top women's player in the nation, but the 6'5" Polk may not be far behind. As a freshman she averaged 17.4 points, 10.8 rebounds and 2.6 blocks, finishing eighth in the country in field goal percentage (.609). After a disappointing first-round exit in last spring's NCAA tournament, the Wildcats will lean heavily on the powerful Polk (who had 14 points and 16 rebounds in the loss to Notre Dame but missed 10 of her 14 shots) to take them further into March.



Tamara James

MIAMI '06

Rarely has a freshman made the kind of impact James did last season. The 5'9" guard torched opposing defenses for 21.0 points per game and became the first freshman to lead the Big East in scoring. James reached double figures in 30 of 31 games and also averaged 7.9 rebounds as she led the Hurricanes to the NCAA tournament for the first time in five years.



Devin Harris

WISCONSIN '06

For someone who has started all 64 games of his college career and has played more minutes in the last two seasons than any junior other than Notre Dame's Chris Thomas, Harris is far from a household name. That should change soon enough—he was picked preseason player of the year by Big Ten coaches. The 6'3", 185-pounder is an old-school point guard who's adept at running the offense, can drill a three and is a strong defender.



Anne O'Neil

IOWA STATE '05

With leading scorer Lindsay Wilson having graduated, the 5'11" O'Neil will shoulder more of the offensive burden for the Cyclones. And she certainly is capable. An Iowa native, she was the first high school freshman to lead the state in scoring and is the state's alltime leading scorer. After averaging 11.1 points at Illinois in 2000-01, O'Neil transferred to Iowa State, sat out a season and then scored 10.0 points per game last winter.



Hana Peltjo

HARVARD '04

A two-time Ivy League player of the year who averaged 21.3 points and 9.8 rebounds as a junior, the 6'2" Peltjo now hopes to enjoy the same post-season success as Harvard's last two-time Ivy player of the year, Allison Feaster. In 1998 Feaster engineered the biggest upset in NCAA tournament history when she led the No. 16-seeded Crimson to a 71-67 victory over Stanford in 1998. It's the only time a top seed has ever lost in the first round.



Linas Kleiza

MISSOURI '07

Don't overlook this 6'8", 245-pound Lithuanian, who didn't commit until late May, limiting his national exposure. Kleiza exploded over the summer, however, leading all scorers at the world junior championships averaging 29.1 points and 8.9 rebounds while shooting 58.4% from the field as Lithuania earned the silver medal. He's a typical European big man: fundamental sound, proficient inside and out, and a creative passer.



Matt Nelson

COLORADO STATE '05

Last year Chris Kaman went from mid-major obscurity to NBA lottery pick after a huge junior year at Central Michigan. Could the 7-foot Nelson do the same this season? He has all the right attributes: a big body, decent footwork in the paint, a soft touch on 10 feet. He scored 17.0 points and grabbed 5.6 rebounds in just 27.2 minutes per game last season, shooting 64.3% from the field. **G**

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# the final



Conlon has come a long way since her coach had his 12-year-old son show her how to shoot a layup.

## YES, UCONN

The Huskies are the biggest-time of teams, but we're giving it up for their least-known star

BY JOHN WALTERS

**I'M HERE TO LAY PRAISE** upon that fabulous UConn women's guard. You know, that veteran of three Final Fours and owner of two national championship rings. Plays with her hair pulled back in the Frau Farbissina style. Shoots the sweetest of threes—she's in the school's alltime top 10 in three-point field goal percentage. Last

May her hometown celebrated a day in her honor that drew an estimated 1,000 fans. I'm here to make some noise for . . .

Maria Conlon.

Three years ago during her first collegiate practice, Conlon, who must be at least three inches shorter than her listed 5'9", was singled out by UConn coach Geno Auriemma. "Maria Conlon," he told the freshman, "you've already missed more layups today than some people miss in four years."

Auriemma stopped practice and had his son, Michael, then 12, show Conlon how to

make a layup. It was an inauspicious start.

Not that Conlon was a dis-taff Rudy. At Seymour (Conn.) High School, she set the state record for threes in a season (86) and a career (246). She was, however, a freshman guard on a team that already had a pair of All-Americas (Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph). Two others, Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi, would take turns winning the Naismith Award as the nation's top collegiate player over the next two seasons.

Tough crowd.

In those first months of Conlon's freshman season Auriemma wondered whether she would make it. She appeared lethargic and, on a team in

which hands are slapped after every play or drill repetition, too introverted. But assistant coach Tonya Cardoza, who works with the backcourt players, saw promise. "You watch," she told her boss, "Maria Conlon may even start some day."

Indeed, there was Conlon as a sophomore and junior, one of two Huskies to play in every one of UConn's NCAA women's record 70-straight wins. She started and played a team-high 39 minutes in last April's NCAA championship game, finishing with 11 points, six assists, four rebounds and zero turnovers in the 73-68 defeat of Tennessee.

"She is short," Auriemma once said of Conlon, "but she makes up for it with her lack of speed." Surely Auriemma had never thought, when recruiting this local hero four years earlier, that she'd play an integral role in two national titles?

Before last spring's NCAA tournament, Conlon missed a few practices due to illness. During one of those sessions, Auriemma approached Cardoza on the court at Gampel Pavilion. "I never thought I'd hear these words coming from me," Auriemma said, "but I actually miss Maria."

Cardoza threw an arm around Auriemma. "I knew you'd come around," she said. **G**

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**THE AWARDS ISSUE**  
SIOC is off next week for Thanksgiving, but the following week we'll unveil our players of the year for the fall season.

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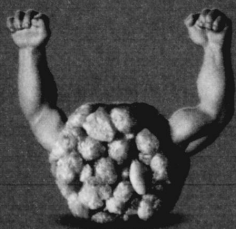
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