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State approved stadium despite lack of seating

Official blames 'oversight' for absence of handicapped seats

By **TIM WIESENHAIN**
Senior Staff Writer

The state gave final approval to renovations at Shively Baseball Field although the facility had no handicapped seating, a state official said yesterday.

Judith Walden, general counsel with the Kentucky Division of Building Codes enforcement, said UK submitted plans with two designated handicapped seating areas and that their omission in construction

apparently was an "oversight" upon completion.

Several handicapped UK students — including David Allgood and Jeff Pribble — complained this week that the 2,500-seat park lacked handicapped seating.

On Monday, Walden said she sent David Wheeler, a building inspector for the Kentucky Housing and Building Commission, to Lexington and he confirmed the lack of designated handicapped seating.

Wheeler met Monday with Jake

Kames, director of Handicapped Student Services at UK and Keith Madison, head baseball coach. A temporary seating arrangement was negotiated in time for the UK Bat Cats' home opener against Indiana University yesterday, which was rained out.

"Our understanding is that Kames is satisfied," Walden said. "It is our intention to communicate to officials at UK that changes should be made. They should continue to be concerned with the needs of the handicapped. They always have been in the past."

UK Associate Athletics Director Larry Ivy said Monday that University officials unintentionally left

seating out.

Madison said yesterday he felt "very badly" that the facility, the Bat Cats' home, was renovated without provisions for handicapped seating.

"In the original plans there was a section for handicapped seating. If I was a baseball fan and handicapped — I'd feel the same way," Madison said.

The absence of handicapped seating at Shively Field may have put UK in violation of section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act.

The act says no person shall, on the basis of a handicap, be excluded from participating in, or denied the benefits of or otherwise be subjected

to discrimination under any program or activity that receives or benefits from federal financial assistance.

Shively Field's renovation, completed last year, included three luxury boxes and an improved press box. The project, which cost about \$520,000, was paid for with private donations, Ivy said.

The renovation is the largest single project of the field since the opening of the Shively Sports Complex in 1969. Past renovations to Shively Field included the addition of a grandstand behind home plate and the installation of lights.

Madison said he became aware of the problem at the end of last sea-

son and that he and UK officials have been trying for several months to come up with a solution.

"Last spring we were playing around the construction — my mind was on baseball," Madison said. "I'm a baseball coach — not an engineer or in construction. It was out of my hands."

Two permanent handicapped sections will be completed by next fall, Madison said. Concrete slabs will be placed in front of UK's dugout behind first base and in front of the visitors dugout behind third base. The sections will have screens in front to ensure spectator safety. They will accommodate about 14 wheelchairs and some guests.

Hemp again subject of SGA senate

By **MARY MADDEN**
Assistant News Editor

Calling it a "real student issue," the Student Government Association senate passed a resolution last night calling for the senate to hold public hearings on the subject of hemp and marijuana legalization.

After a more than one-hour discussion, the senate decided through a roll-call vote to hold meetings on the proposition that hemp/marijuana should be "relegalized for recreational, medicinal and industrial uses."

"I think this a real student issue. I'm looking at this as a student, not just as a senator," Freshman Senator Rob Elhenicky said of the resolution. "I would be very interested in coming to this, and I think it's very good that my student government would be sponsoring something where I could get involved and where people could see what is going on (with the issue)."

In other business at last night's meeting, SGA President Sean Lohman told the senate that there will be a restructuring of the SGA executive branch. The restructuring will include "getting rid of our student concerns branch of student government and replacing it with Student Relations Board," Lohman said.

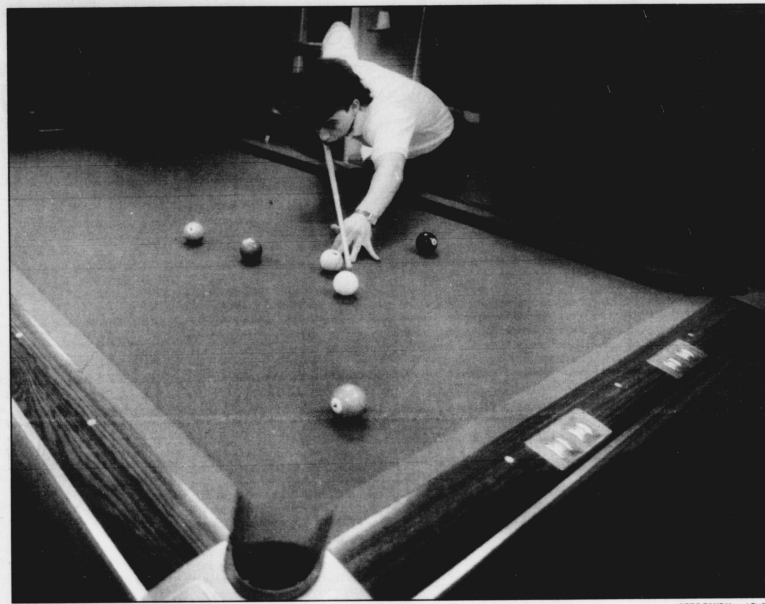
Members of the board will be representatives of "constituent groups" from various parts of the University, he said.

He also told the senate that color-coded voting cards will be given out at SGA polling sites, so that students who vote for a college senator will vote in the correct college.

Updating the senators on the progress of the student health insurance law, Lohman told them that an attorney, David Hollon, has been selected. Lohman said that he will

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COOL POOL



Keeping out of the rain, Derek Wilder, a freshman from Middletown, Ohio, focuses on a game of pool at "Patrick's Game Room" in the Student Center Wednesday.

GREG EANS/Kernal Staff

Candidate's 'vision' questioned

By **KYLE FOSTER**
Senior Staff Writer

In a closed meeting tonight, the Student Government Association Elections Board plans to address concerns about SGA presidential candidate Byl Hensley's use of a Student Activities Board logo for his campaign.

The concern stems from flyers posted across campus in January with the logo "New Campus Vision." The first two flyers referred to upcoming events that would change the campus, but did not have the SAB signature printed on them.

But shortly after that, flyers with the "New Campus Vision" logo were posted to promote an upcoming SAB forum series that began Feb. 6. Hensley is the chairman of the Contemporary Affairs committee that sponsored the series.

According to 1991 SGA Election Rules, candidates cannot post campaign material until after 6 p.m., March 24.

Last week Hensley, an elementary education senior, and his vice-presidential running mate Jen Saffer used the phrase "Share the Vision" as they announced their candidacies. The "Share the Vision" logo closely resembles the "New Campus Vision" logo Hensley used to promote SAB activities. Although he does not think Hensley intended to violate election rules, SGA Elections Board Chairman Greg Watkins

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Compromise urged to end Arab-Israeli conflict

By **TERENCE HUNT**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush marked a triumphant end to the war in the Persian Gulf last night, and said, "Our commitment to peace in the Middle East does not end with the liberation of Kuwait." He said "the time has come to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

"I can report to the nation: aggression is defeated. The war is over," Bush said in a speech prepared for a joint session of Congress. Excerpts of his address were released in advance.

Bush said the U.S. forces in the gulf fought Iraq with honor and valor. He looked ahead to their return home, and to the domestic and diplomatic challenges ahead.

He invoked the theme that the Vietnam syndrome of self-doubt had been dispelled by the victory in the gulf.

"The brave men and women of Desert Storm accomplished more than even they may realize," Bush said. "They set out to confront an enemy abroad — and in the process, they transformed a nation into a home."

The White House said the president personally will greet some of the returning forces, either in communities around the country or at military bases.

With the 42-day-war over and won, Bush said four challenges remain:

•Creation of "shared security arrangements" for the Middle East. He said America and the allies who opposed Saddam Hussein would "serve as a force for peace and security in the region."

•Control of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the missiles used to deliver them.

The president planned to tell Congress that new arrangements must be forged to limit the further spread of arms including missiles and chemical and nuclear weapons, spokesman Martin Fitzwater said in advance. He said it would require some type of U.N. action or international treaty.

•A diplomatic search for peace and stability in the Middle East. He specifically mentioned the thorniest issue of all, saying, "The time has come to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

•Economic development that could foster peace and progress in the region.

Bush said his first priority at home was to end the recession and "get our economy rolling again." He called on Congress to enact a new anti-crime bill, civil rights legislation and initiatives dealing with education, energy and transportation.

"If we can selflessly confront evil for the sake of good in a land so far away, then surely we can, make this land all that it should be ..."

Bush, sure to be cheered even by once-doubling lawmakers, was invited by Democratic leaders to address

Media flunk expert's bias test

By **AMY PLAYER**
Contributing Writer

The mass media, which claims to objectively cover events, had a conservative bias in its coverage of the war in the Persian Gulf, said a leading media critic last night.

Jeff Cohen, founder and executive of the media watchdog organization, vehemently criticized the mass media's coverage of the war in the gulf, saying that news reports out of the gulf were unfairly slanted to pro-war views.

FAIR claims to be an organiza-

tion on the side of the working class, which promotes diversity of views, Cohen said at a sparsely attended speech sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

"Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) is a media watchdog organization offering well documented criticism in an effort to correct media bias," he said.

Cohen said a University of Massachusetts poll in early February on gulf coverage indicated that the less information people had about the war, the more they supported military action.

"On certain facts, the TV did an

all right job, however the poll suggested the people knew only good news about the weapons," Cohen said.

Cohen, however, did not limit his criticism to the media.

The information was so limited because journalists' access was limited, Cohen said.

Journalists who were allowed access to the military in the Persian Gulf were members of a Pentagon pool, Cohen said. The selected journalists were escorted by the military and their stories

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Congress regarding the war with Iraq.

In his speech, Bush was to discuss a "general timetable" for bringing troops home, although "he's not going to give a date — like tomorrow," Fitzwater said.

The administration says it will take months to bring all of the 537,000 Americans home but that the first units could begin returning in a matter of days. Scattered troops already have been arriving home.

Fitzwater said Bush is contemplating a trip sometime to the Persian Gulf, including Kuwait, "but I

think it will be awhile."

The appearance offered a sweet moment of personal triumph for Bush. Democrats who control Congress had second-guessed some of his moves in the seven-month showdown with Saddam, many urging him not to go to war, and then not to launch a ground offensive. Overwhelmingly, Democrats voted against a resolution authorizing force in the gulf, but it passed anyway.


When Iraqi forces crumbled unexpectedly quickly, even Bush's critics rushed to praise him. House

Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., complimented him on "a brilliant military success."

Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., hailed Bush for his "courage and wisdom" but complained that Republicans were "playing politics with American lives" by threatening that Democrats would pay a price for voting against the resolution authorizing the war. Gore voted for the resolution.

Polls show Bush with a postwar approval rating of 90 percent, a

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Previous day's temperatures for the Sunshine State. Spring break countdown: two days.			
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Orlando	72	47	cldy
Tampa-St. Pete	71	51	cldy
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Students charged with crimes have new protection

College Information Network

Colleges have been told to stop releasing names of students charged with crimes or risk a loss in federal aid.

The Education Department has told 14 colleges that identifying students in crime reports violates federal privacy laws and "jeopardizes" school funding. James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., has stopped releasing names, even though a state law requires they be made public.

But at Georgia, "If we charge someone with a crime, we say so," says police chief Asa Boynton. The 14 colleges were listed in a recent Missouri court case as routinely identifying students charged with crimes.

Other colleges were not notified, says the department's Etta Fiebel, because it doesn't go looking for violations. But Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center sees a double standard: "One foot off-campus, it's public information... One foot on-campus, it's protected by federal law."

A new federal law requires colleges to disclose crime statistics—but not names.

CAMPUSWIDE ALCOHOL BAN PROPOSED

SEATTLE, Wash. — Dormitories, fraternity and sorority houses, and even the university president's house would all be alcohol-free if a Washington state bill passes.

Washington state Rep. Michael Heavey, D-Seattle, introduced House Bill 1515, which would ban alcohol at all six Washington State universities.

"Some of the university facilities have become open taverns and beer parlors where anyone, even those under age, can drink as much as they want for free," Heavey said. Another intent of the bill is to help curb the ever-increasing problem of date rape, often linked to excessive alcohol consumption.

"It's just got out of hand," he said. "Let's have a public hearing and let's talk about the issue."

PROFESSORS ARRESTED IN ANTI-WAR PROTESTS

BOULDER, Colo. — Four University students have teamed up with inner-city youths to volunteer throughout the community.

blocking access to an armed services recruiting office in Boulder.

Associate Professors Peter Michelson, Marilyn Krysl and John Graham and Professor James Kimble were arrested and charged with obstructing public access.

"If it is possible to separate support for our troops from support for the orders that send them forth to unnecessary killing and dying, we do so," Kimble said reading from a collective statement to the crowd estimated at 3000. "But we unequivocally protest those orders."

"We live in a society that worships money and violence," Krysl said. Kimble said his protest was dedicated to a former student, now serving in the Persian Gulf who wrote him, saying how he feared war.

"I think the war is immoral, unnecessary and unwise," Kimble said. "This protest was a deliberate act of civil disobedience."

STUDENTS WORK WITH INNER-CITY YOUTHS

SYRACUSE — Syracuse University students have teamed up with inner-city youths to volunteer throughout the community.

The joint venture called "S.U. Students and Company," is part of a public policy class called "Community Problem Solving," combining theory with practice. The collaboration focuses on working with clients of community organizations.

"The program breaks down a stereotype of the inner-city kids that they are crime-ridden and drug-ridden," said Professor William Collins, director of the Syracuse public affairs program. "They see the youths are just regular kids."

Matt Fischer, a sophomore public relations and policy study major, works at a nursing home along with five youths.

"I went in not knowing what to expect," Fischer said. "I've learned how to interact better with kids that we try and solve problems together."

MINORITY TEST TAKERS STUDIED

PRINCETON, N.J. — One hurdle minorities entering the teaching field must jump is passing the National Teachers Examination (NTE), required for admission to teacher education programs and certification in 22 states, according to

THE EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICE (ETS).

According to ETS researchers, a study found that minority students who had a higher grade point average and more education before taking the test tended to perform better. "Just because the test taker came from a lower socio-economic background, doesn't mean they don't pass the test," said Margaret E. Goertz, executive director of ETS's Education Policy Research Division. "Colleges and universities can make a difference for disadvantaged students."

The study found that prospective minority teachers are often the first generation in their families to attend college, have limited financial resources, enter college with less academic preparation than their non-minority peers, and have taken varied routes to a teaching career.

ETS recommends that universities look outside the traditional career path to recruit more minorities. It also encourages universities to develop support programs geared to the minority students' financial and academic needs, and examine grading practices for possible problems.

PURDUE STUDENTS SEND

COMPUTER MESSAGES TO GULF

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Students at Purdue University are experiencing the telecommunications age first hand. With the help of donated computers and volunteer hackers, Purdue students have been sending free messages to the men and women serving in the Persian Gulf war.

The response to the program, which started Feb. 7, has been so overwhelming that it was temporarily stopped until more volunteer typists could be recruited.

The project, coordinated by the Student Concerns Committee of the Purdue University Student Government, uses computers donated by IBM and transmits the messages by modem.

Howard Joyce, a junior majoring in public relations, has sent messages to a cousin serving in the Middle East.

"I think it's a great program," he said. "Getting the message there is half the battle."

Over 1,000 messages have been sent to date and the program will continue until the soldiers are home, according to Joyce.

U.S. says spring break and alcohol a bad mix

By JEFF KLEINHUIZEN
College Information Network

WASHINGTON — College students get drunk more often than non-students the same age, and with an eye toward the upcoming spring break, the U.S. Surgeon General has launched a campaign against the problem.

"Spring break has become synonymous with excessive and binge drinking," Surgeon General Antonio Novello told a news conference here.

She released the results of a telephone survey of 1,200 U.S. students by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, showing 41 percent of

college students consumed five or more drinks in a row in the last two weeks, vs. 34 percent of non-college students. About 8.2 million students are enrolled in 2,100 four-year colleges.

The survey also showed: •Nearly 4 percent of the nation's college students drink daily.

•They drink an average of 34 gallons of alcohol a year, for a total bill of \$4.2 billion.

•Nearly 7 percent of freshmen drop out because of drinking.

Binge drinking increases campus fights, rapes and vandalism, Novello said.

She called on brewers and retailers to stop advertising aimed at

teen-agers and urged campus bars to eliminate happy hour and other price promotions.

Among those now in college, 240,000 to 360,000 eventually will die because of drinking, often on the basis of habits started in college, said Elaine M. Johnson, director of the U.S. Office for Substance Abuse Prevention. That's as many as will receive master's and doctoral degrees.

James Sanders, president of the Beer Institute, denied that ads target underage drinkers. He said the industry has spent "tens of millions of dollars on anti-abuse messages."

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said the board needs to address the similarities between Hensley's campaign slogan and the SAB posters.

Hensley conceded that his campaign comes from the SAB committee logo for the forum series, but he sees no relationship between the posters and his campaign.

"When it came time to announcing my candidacy, it just seemed very natural to keep the vision, simply because that was the leadership perspective I was going from personally. Since I was chairing the committee and I had made the logo initially, I just decided to keep it for my own campaign," Hensley said.



SAB FLYER



HENSLEY FLYER

Hensley said he knew nothing about the election board meeting and did not know if he would be asked to explain the similarities to the board.

SAB president Page Estes said

she sees no problem with Hensley's use of the logo.

"He is well aware of SAB's non-political status," she said, "and I don't think there was any intent behind it."

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record.

Former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain, in town to receive the presidential Medal of Freedom from Bush today, credited the president with leading a coalition in "upholding international law, stopping a tyrant."

Administration officials said that slowing the flow of weapons in the Middle East is a "very high" agenda item for Secretary of State James A. Baker III's trip to the Middle East beginning today.

Yet, the administration already is

planning to sell Egypt \$1.6 billion in planes and bombs. Saudi Arabia is expected to be allowed to keep some of the weapons shipped for the war, and Israel is to receive \$650 million to help pay for increased military and civil defense expenses during the war.

Talking with reporters before the speech, spokesman Fitzwater said Bush had not displayed any personal euphoria about the allies' victory.

"He doesn't show it," the press secretary said. "Maybe it's just because there's still so much to do and there's turmoil in the region, and so much to do here at home."

Fitzwater said he expected "the celebratory attitude won't set in un-

til we have troops arriving here and celebrations around the country."

On the eve of the speech, the House voted 419-8 for a non-binding measure acclaiming the president's "unerring judgment and sound decisions" as well as the bravery and dedication of U.S. military personnel.

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were screened before being allowed to print.

"Why did they have such a pool?" Cohen asked.

The Pentagon claimed security precautions in limiting media access, Cohen said, but "the reason for the pool was to protect bad news."

Cohen but also insulted the TV footage but also the experts who were chosen to talk on more prominent news shows, predominantly white conservative men, he said.

"The media were biased against Arabs, giving a rose-colored view of U.S. intervention in the Middle East, he added.

"This is the worst network censorship in history."

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meet with Holton in Louisville today.

Also last night, the senate:

•Passed a resolution calling for candidates in SGA elections and other interested members of SGA to remove and recycle campaign materials after the last poll closes on the last day of elections.

•Passed a bill allocating \$500 to Unity, the Lexington Community College Black Student Union, to help pay for expenses of traveling to the Black Business and Educational Expo in Atlanta.

•Passed a bill allocating \$366 to help pay for sending a student to the National Association of Black Social Workers national convention in Atlanta.

•Passed a bill allocating \$302.50 to purchase materials for Safe Sex Education Day, which will be held April 3.

•Passed a bill allocating \$300 to the College of Fine Arts Theater Department to purchase materials for sets for a student-written and -produced play, "A Late Date with Kate," which will be performed later this semester.

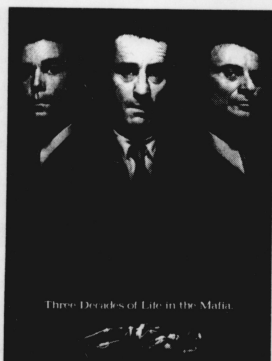
•Passed a bill allocating \$159.86 to purchase a new television for the College of Agriculture.

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Forum III

Central Library
140 East Main Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507

Friday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.
Keynote Address: The Central Meaning of the First Amendment
Vincent Stasi, Professor of Law, Columbia College of Law, New York City

Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Free Expression?
Panel I: Should Community Symbols and Values Restrict Individual Free Expression?
Panelists: Ken Kurtz, Journalist, Lexington, Kentucky; John Tompkins, Aide to the Mayor, Lexington, Kentucky

Saturday, March 9, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Panel II: What Current Tendencies in American Society Does the Flag Controversy Indicate?
Panelists: John Mitchell, Attorney, Lexington, Kentucky; John Garvey, Professor of Law, University of Kentucky; David Hawkins, Editorial Page Editor, Lexington Herald-Leader

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DIVERSIONS

Different approach for 'He Said' falls short

By KIP BOWMAR
Senior Staff Critic

While directors Ken Kwapis and Marisa Silver realize there is nothing new under the sun, they do try in their film "He Said, She Said" to offer a fresh look at something ages old. The relationships between men and women.

Their tinkering has resulted in a film starting off with a promising satirical start before derailing and finishing with a contrived ending.

The film opens with Dan (Kevin Bacon) and Laura (Elizabeth Perkins) arguing on their segment of a television talk show. As the segment draws to a close she throws a coffee cup at him on the air. While Dan is recovering after the show he remembers how they met — competing for a columnist job that both were promised on the Baltimore Sun.

To solve the deadlock, the paper's editors had them write a column and said they'd select a winner. The management chose both, and opposing views made them a hit.

MOVIE REVIEW

In the beginning satire is rolling and the one-liners are entertaining. Dan's fear of commitment and her fear of women he used to date are lampooned by the directors. It continues in his perspective until the climactic event.

And in midstream the film changes direction and the audience sees things from Laura's point of view. Instead of going in a new direction with this fresh perspective, the viewpoint is used to tell events that have already transpired in the movie.

It's a precarious balancing act the directors try to manage. If they are not skillful the audience will see the material as redundant and lose interest. Unfortunately, that's what happens.

Don't get me wrong, the using of a different perspective to tell events already transpired is not a complete failure.

In one scene the handling of the



PERKINS: Plays an engaging Laura in 'He Said, She Said.'

initial newspaper assignment appears completely objective to Dan. The same set of events is seen as thoroughly biased by Laura. In another instance, an emotional break through by Dan is seemingly unnoticed by Laura, when in fact she is overwhelmed by it. In those opi-

sodes the technique works like a jig saw puzzle as the audience learns a key piece at a time and fits it together.

But the re-telling of material should have been left to a few scenes and then the movie should have gone in a new direction. Instead the film spins its wheels before sputtering to the finish.

It also would have been a bonus if the directors had spent more time developing the supporting cast. There was some rich material they only scratched the surface of.

As for the main players, they have a credible chemistry in this movie. Bacon has moments where he is reprehensible, but later is shown to have some depth of character.

Perkins is engaging as the slightly vulnerable and occasionally neurotic opposite to Bacon. She is good in playing off their drastic differences of opinion and making the chemistry work.

"He Said, She Said," rated PG-13, is showing at North Park and South Park cinemas.

Diaries have become a part of people's lives

College Information Network

Sometimes as often as twice daily, Patrick Scanlon settles in for a session with his confessor, confident and trusty personal historian.

Scanlon is a diarist — one who so far has eight volumes to his name.

And he is a student of diary-keeping, a phenomenon that goes back at least as far as the 16th century in Europe.

Diaries are not just for recording whom you ate lunch with or what you bought your daughter for her birthday.

"Diaries are almost a mystical tool to understand who you are. ... There's something about the very act of writing that carries a mystical weight," Scanlon said.

And even in the age of video, that act apparently remains vital. People have lots of labels for video cameras, but "mystical tool" probably isn't one of them.

Scanlon, who has a doctorate in English literature from the University of Rochester, is an assistant professor of Language, Literature and Communication at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Now 38, he began keeping a diary about seven years ago, when he was writing his doctoral dissertation. At first, his diary was just an exercise in writing, "like lumbering up" before tackling the more difficult writing required for his dissertation.

But the exercise quickly turned into something else. Aside from the family and mundane daily matters he recorded, Scanlon's diary became "almost exclusively self-exploration."

"There was more and more depression, less and less about who I went to dinner with and more analysis. It does help to back up and take a look and examine what you're doing in your life. Once you put that down into words on paper, you give it a reality, a solidity, it doesn't otherwise have. You take your consciousness and put it on the couch, more or less randomly."

Some psychiatrists do, in fact, use diaries as analytic and therapeutic tools, Scanlon said.

But Colleen Clements, a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at UR, warns that there is a limit to the use of diaries as therapy.

"It can behaviorally condition you to be overly introspective. It's a way to crawl into the cave and retreat from the real world," she said.

Scanlon, too, warned that diaries "aren't panaceas. It's just a way to get something out of your system. ... The real danger is in going back over and reading the entries. Especially when something is bothering me, it seems (from the diary) as if that's all that was going on in my life."

He also warns that diary-keeping shouldn't be approached as a "duty." Just because the word diary implies "daily," you should not consider it mandatory to do it every day. "That has been the death of a lot of diaries."

He himself occasionally lets as much as a month go by without making an entry. And he stopped keeping a diary for about one year when going through a family crisis.

Scanlon has at least a couple of articles in the works on diary-writing, and he would some day like to write a book about it. "I'm especially interested in motives, in what gets people to do it."

It's impossible to pin down how widespread diary-keeping is these days. But diaries and blank books still are a popular item in book and stationery stores.

"Whether those volumes ever get filled up with writing, no one knows."

"The paradox of diary-writing," Scanlon said, "is that diaries are written for no audience."

But sometimes, as in Scanlon's case, the diaries "grow and grow and grow till you can't bear to destroy them."

Although some of his entries are "embarrassing," he said, "I probably will transcribe and expurgate and pass them down."

Drug Awareness, an investment in health

Like any investment, drug use has many costs and risks

Yet another awareness week! Yes, it is Drug Awareness Week on campus, so here we go with a series of articles and activities to cue the University community in on the fact that drugs can be bad for you and can cause a lot of problems.

Come to think of it, that is about the only message that most people glean from such an event. This message is not unimportant but, as they say, "It's been done."

Here is, perhaps, a new way to look at an old issue: The Economic Approach to Drinking and Drug Use Choices. I must admit that this will be a very simple economic construct because that is my level of understanding of things economic.

Let's consider the choice to use alcohol or drugs as an investment. Like any investment, we want to have the largest return with the lowest risk. What is our investment and what are the risks?

We invest time into drinking and drug use. Time for everyone is a limited asset. We all come into this world with only so much of it to do what needs to be done and what we want to do.

With drinking and drug use, the investment is not just the time we are under the influence of the chemical, it is also the time required to obtain the substance, the time spent using the substance, and the time spent recovering from the use of the substance. (As we age, time spent in recovering extends as our bodies attempt to eliminate the chemicals from our system. Many of you will discover this later.)

Another investment is monetary. Using costs us money that could always be used elsewhere. Alcohol prices increased in January as the federal government taxed our "sins," alcohol and tobacco.

Drugs that are not as available as alcohol have also increased in price over the years. In my days as an undergraduate at UK, it was rumored that a bag of marijuana, back then called a lid, cost about \$20.

That same bag today will set you

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back about \$150 or \$200. The costs of a DUI or a possession charge can be enormous after you pay the attorney, the court, and figure in the cost of the confiscated drugs or alcohol.

An investment that is hard to gauge but is equally important is the cost in self-worth, pride and self-concept. Who you are, what you do, and what you think about who you are and what you do are all figured into the equation.

Behavior exhibited while under the influence may not be the stuff that pride is made of. If we think about our most embarrassing moment, it may well be a time when we were in some way loaded, high, blasted, or drunk, take your pick.

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We mentioned risks as a consideration in this economic model. Each person has a different set of risks to consider.

If we were born to parents who had problems with substance use, our risk of having a problem is increased. If we are underage, our risk of getting caught trying to buy legal substances (i.e. alcohol or tobacco) is increased.

If we are in a relationship with someone who disapproves of any level of chemical use, our risk of endangering that relationship is increased. If we have known or unknown health problems that could be made worse by chemical use, we increase our risk.

If we use chemicals and drive a vehicle, our risk of arrest and/or injury is increased. If we have sex while under the influence, the risk of disease, unwanted pregnancy or acquaintance rape is higher.

Enough with the investments and risks! What's the pay off? What's the return for our investment?

Using drugs and/or alcohol produces a variety of feelings that depend not only on the type and dose of the substance that is being used but where that use is taking place, who we are using with, what our "goal" for the using experience is, and what mood we are in as we begin to use.

Let's get dangerously honest. There are times when the mood, time, place, companionship and combination of chemicals is just right and we have a wonderful time.

No one gets sick or into a fight or passes out from over use. The conversation is stimulating and funny and we truly have a good time. Not everyone has a problem with their use of chemicals and are able to integrate it nicely into their lifestyle.

drugs at times of celebration is an age old custom.

To bring the construct full circle, then, we must use an equation that reads as follows: Investment + risks involved - minus the payoff = either a positive or negative outcome to the experience.

For many years I dealt with people who were chemically dependent.

I learned very quickly that I had no power to make anyone change, but that I could, perhaps, influence their choices. The choice remained with the individual. It always did. It still does.

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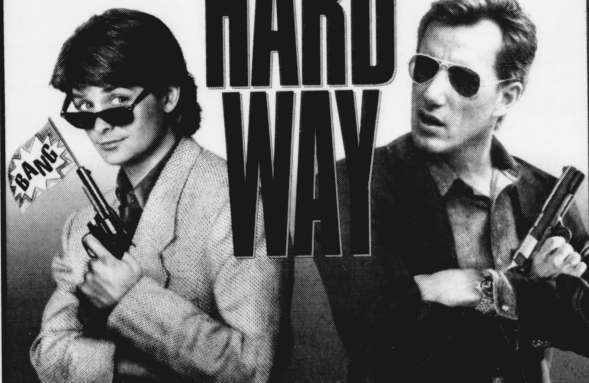
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Bush's energy plan lacks conservation

Without it, America irresponsibly fails to provide for future generations

By Don R. Yates

One of the stranger, more warped political myths fabricated by American conservatives, except Dan Quayle, has been the "Yalta surrender" story. According to this deeply cherished lie, President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave Eastern Europe to Joseph Stalin at the 1944 Yalta Big Three Conference.

Supposedly, FDR, under the influence of his radical left advisers, knuckled under to Soviet pressure and lost the will to resist the tide of international Marxism. Created by office-hungry Republicans in the 1950s, the Yalta myth was nothing more than political vandalism, a campaign smear tactic aimed at destroying the New Deal Coalition and electing conservative candidates.

Ironically, the same party that give birth to the Yalta myth now seems bent on acting it out in the modern era.

President George Bush recently took the first step toward his own Yalta surrender when he unveiled his new energy program. The administration's program is a cowardly, weak surrender of a shining opportunity to finally strike at the national disgrace of foreign energy dependency.

OPEC is paralyzed, an oil-rich

dictator is on the run, and American pride and might at a peak, yet Bush hesitates to press the fight and protect our national interests in energy.

The United States can never really be safe so long as Hitler wannabes and the whims of international politics threaten our energy lifeline.

Bush's proposal is centered around the idea that increased production, and not curtailed consumption, will lead the way to energy independence.

The president has flatly rejected the idea that conservation can help create an energy-stronger America. One of the more obvious areas of conservation — automobile fuel economy — is completely ignored in the plan. The president capitulated to the auto industry by refusing to prod them into the development of more fuel-efficient cars by way of new requirements or incentives.

Mass transit, home conservation and alternative-fuel exploration are given paltry sums that render them, basically, useless in the energy fight.

The rationale behind the rejection of conservation was stated by Energy Secretary Watkins as the wish to avoid action "that could force Americans to change their lifestyles" in relation to energy consumption.

But by the very act of delaying the inevitable need to conserve a fi-

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It would be far better for the painful process of conservation to begin now, and progress gradually, than to wait 30 years and attempt a sudden, abrupt change in our standard of living.

The national interest is damaged in ways more real than in future costs, however. The effect of Bush's plan would have immediate and devastating effects on the environment.

One of the methods Bush hopes to employ in holding oil imports down to a mere 45 percent of total energy consumption is by expanding domestic oil drilling.

Previous untouched areas like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would now be turned over to oil companies for development. Rather than require General Motors to make a Nova that gets high mpg's, Bush has instead decided to risk

permanent harm to wildlife and land.

Letting oil companies loose on government land would be disaster. Exxon and its kind would foul the air, pollute the water, and scar the land ruining these special areas for coming generations.

The very purpose of establishing national parks and public lands are to allow our people the enjoyment of such areas free from the damage of private exploration. The lofty goal makes nothing more than a facade to mask corporate greed under the Bush plan. At best this is stupidly, at worst a crime.

The president's timid response to the energy problem is not a surprise. It is rooted in the devout worship of the free market that ran wild in the Reagan years.

Conservative operates unrestrained, will provide all our energy needs, ensure conservation, and protect the environment through its natural workings. In addition, American corporations and businessmen will be able to reap large

profits that, of course, eventually reach the common people by way of the good old "trickle down" effect.

Pardon my skepticism, but I doubt if we want to entrust our nation's future in the hands of a group of people who came up with a fairy tale like that. The conservatives who foster this lie cannot spare enough compassion to humanize the free market to the point that human beings do not have to sleep in alleys.

Do you really expect that these people will be able to go beyond the craven desire for quick profit to protect the environment and ensure an energy-efficient nation?

In the free market magic kingdom of the right-wing everything can be sacrificed in the pursuit for profit, be it national security, the environment or our children's futures.

Some type of visionary, comprehensive national program is needed and all we get is a set of anachronistic economic policies disguised as an energy plan.

At a time when American soldiers have won a war against one dictator, why does Bush seem ready to surrender the peace to another one, foreign energy dependence?

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Saddam used Iraqis as targets

By Anne Barnes

Of all the news reports that have been either on television, on the radio, or even in the newspaper, all of them were about the war. But there have been few reports of what the war has done to the people that live in the area. What about the people who weren't even involved in the war?

The main question that has remained in my mind throughout this whole ordeal is: Where were the Iraqis supposed to go in order to avoid this whole thing? The way I see it, they were moving targets. Saddam Hussein did not need to capture allied pilots in order to protect himself because he used his own people who live there.

I will admit that bombing the shelter where the people were sleeping was a big mistake. As a result, the Iraqis were saying things against the United States, which they had every right to do. How else would we expect the civilians to respond? Our armed forces are obviously taking the blame since they were the ones responsible.

What scares me is that I have an Israeli friend, who I met in Florida and later had to move back to Israel with her family. She has been in my thoughts ever since this war started and I have been praying for her every day. I don't know whether she and her family are dead or alive, but even though I have lost touch with her, I still think about her.

I think that there should have been a cease-fire sooner because we didn't need to lose anyone military personnel, and we needed to spare Kuwait any further civilian casualties. The Soviets had a plan, which included a peace plan, but it was rejected by Washington. I seriously doubt that Bush would have ever accepted any such thing. A sooner cease-fire would have allowed the people to get their lives back to normal. The people have the horrible job of having to clean up the mess that the war produced.

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Columnist should be studying history, not rewriting it

By Patrick Thompson

We have all suffered in silence enough! Who made N. Alan Cornett the cheerleader of the conservative right or apologist for the Reagan presidency? His continual baiting of everything from the peace movement to liberals ("Democrats") has become tiresome after the first few weeks.

Of course linkage between the Palestinian question and an Iraqi pullout are unacceptable. This would force the Bush administration to finally pressure the Israelis to seek some end to the bloody conflict in the occupied territories, and this is something the Israelis (and

strong pro-Israeli lobby in Congress) have repeatedly refused to recognize.

Indeed, the United States has been in the lead on that score; the world has repeatedly and flagrantly ignored United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 (1967), 338 and 339 (1973), 3236 (1974) and others that deal with the occupied territories and could lead to a just peace and solution in this region.

Please find copies of these resolutions for your review, N. Alan. Honorable as our intentions may be regarding the liberation of Kuwait, Saddam's popularity has grown with the Palestinians and other Muslims because he took the "right and

just" stand on a very emotional and deeply divisive issue where the U.S. could have and should have but did not.

I also doubt whether you started anyone with the revelation that millions of lives were offered up to defend the freedoms enjoyed by the peace activists. Come on, N. Alan, we're in college now and (hopefuly) have taken PS-101 and HIS-108 and -109!

The peace movement should not have been seen as a smack in the face to those, dead or alive, who served their country, but rather as a celebration of those freedoms.

In the Soviet Union, World War II is called the "Great Patriotic War," as it could easily be named for the United States, too. Today, we are presented black-and-white images from that time of people collecting scrap metal, rubber, etc., all for "the Cause." Yet even after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Congress

did not unanimously declare war (there were several dissenting votes).

Though many will say that Vietnam was lost because the media, loose on the battlefield, turned the American public against it, one would tend to think it was the loss of the idea of "Why We Fight." The enemy became muddled and the purpose uncertain as the bombing expanded, the theater widened, and the region was plunged into an orgy of blood.

Today, the reason "Why We Fight" is still being debated, not only in the public, but in Congress: opposition to Iraq's naked aggression against Kuwait, enforcement of U.N. resolutions, restoration of the legitimate government of Kuwait, for freedom and liberty, and oil are just a few reasons offered in recent weeks.

I cannot say that I know the reason(s), but I refuse to believe it is

oil, as you seem to imply, N. Alan. Saddam did not take Kuwait to construct world oil supplies, at least in the long run. Sooner or later, he would have to sell. Had no one bothered to come to the defense of Kuwait with sanctions and now war, the United States and its allies would have continued buying oil from Iraq and its "16th province."

N. Alan also failed to mention other facts. For example, our support of Iraq throughout the bloody war with Iran, which coincides with the Reagan presidency, or the administration official who testified before a Congressional committee that Kuwait-Iraq disputes were viewed by State as inter-Arab conflicts of no interest to the United States, thus giving Saddam implicit approval for his invasion.

I could go on, but there is little to be gained by screaming at the deaf. Patrick Thompson is a political science senior.

U.S. foreign policy traditionally inconsistent

By Saeed Jazi

There is no doubt about Saddam Hussein's record as a "1990s" version of Hitler. He came into power with a coup d'état, killed or imprisoned most of his political opponents and used chemicals against his own people.

He invaded Iran, resulting in an eight-year war which killed a million people. And just when we thought he could not do any worse, he proved us wrong by invading Kuwait. This brief biography of Saddam is enough to convince us

While Saddam was busy killing his neighbors, the United States was running a close race by invading Grenada, bombing Libya, shooting down a civilian Iranian plane over the Persian Gulf and invading Panama. Now, United States fought Iraq.

that he is one of the most hated men of the twentieth century and the guilty party in this war.

This is, however, one side of the coin. The other side depicts U.S. aggression. While Saddam was busy killing his neighbors, the United States was running a close race by invading Grenada, bombing Libya, shooting down a civilian Iranian plane over the Persian Gulf and invading Panama. Now, United States fought Iraq.

It is interesting to note that all these aggressions took place during the "peace-loving" administrations of Reagan and Bush.

Bush's excuse this time is the liberation of Kuwait and defense of democracy. But one might wonder why the United States did not wage war with Russia upon her invasion of Afghanistan, or Israel's invasion of Lebanon, or when Iraq invaded Iran. In some of these cases, the U.S. even helped the aggressors.

There are some unanswered ques-

tions about the war, too.

For example, why was Bush in such a hurry to declare war and not let the sanctions work? And why was Saddam rewarded by United States and allies when he attacked Iran, then became the "bad guy" and was punished (like Noriega) when he occupied Kuwait?

Bush's goal in the war was to liberate Kuwait and bring the previous Kuwaiti ruler back into power. The disgusting part is that the rulers of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have been just as harmful to their people as Saddam was to the Kuwaitis, and the U.S. government knew that better than anyone.

The rulers of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have one of the worst records for the human rights in the world according to reports from the United Nations and U.S. State Department.

The monarchy system of these two countries have turned their kings into absolute dictators, depriving their people of a democracy.

The women of Saudi Arabia are not even allowed to drive.

The sad fact is that thousands of innocent people were killed by U.S. bombing in order to preserve or restore this so-called "democracy."

The Bush administration had additional goals to be attained by this war:

"If Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have their original rulers, cheap oil for U.S. and Allies is guaranteed."

"The United States and other western countries improved Saddam's military so much during the Iraq War, that now he had to be cut down to size since he threatened U.S. interests in the region."

"Iraq's development of chemical and biological warfare and long-range missiles threatened the security of Israel, the closest friend of United States in the Middle East."

"A low-casualty war with Iraq and a quick U.S. victory would increase greatly U.S. influence in the region."

This war is the product of a sick U.S. foreign policy, a policy which tries to cover its true motives with lame excuses like "liberation of Kuwait," and "establishing democracy." This kind of policy raises the question, "Is Saddam the only guilty party in this war?"

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SPORTS

Time for spring into UK baseball

The 1990-91 UK basketball season — with all its fast-paced action, reach-in fouling and championship surprises — is done. Only memories can keep the play of college senior Reggie Hanson or junior John Pelphrey alive.

No one can bring back the incredible 29-point performance of junior Deron Feldhaus that enabled UK to beat intense rival LSU at Rupp.

Only a camera has documented Richie Farmer's first collegiate basketball fan eye-opener, that first left-handed baby hook over Notre Dame's LaPhonso Ellis. The shot came at the buzzer of the first half of the second game of the Big Four Classic in the Hoosier Dome. We can see it again but we can never live it again.

Never again will Rupp Arena have quite the same feeling pulsing through it as when Reggie Hanson, his triumphant fist raised high above the smile on his face, walked on the court with a championship (you know that's the right word!) net draped around his neck.

The season is over, and we can't — not even with every kilowatt of the incredible energy UK basketball produces — bring it back.

Nor should we ever want to. Productive life doesn't work in retrograde and neither does good basketball.

And besides, here in this topsy turvy country we live in, sports turn in cycles as predictable as the rhythmic seasons of a planet's cli-



Bob NORMAN

mate not yet affected by global warming.

You get basketball in the winter and spring, baseball in the spring and summer and football in the early fall and winter. Not to mention sports like tennis, hockey and boxing thrown in between.

And of course you get to watch other collegiate teams and the best basketball anywhere in the world right into the summer — the NBA.

But here at UK, we still have a lot of spectator sports that can make your blood rise.

With the end of the frenetic action of basketball comes the beginning of the controlled, paced action of baseball.

Yesterday, just one day after the UK basketball team rocked through downtown Lexington in a five-alarm parade, the UK home baseball season opened.

Well almost.

"Rained out." Words that make any anxious baseball fan a little nauseated, a little disgusted and spawned a whole river of disappointment.

Baseball, with all its technical artistry, is the only outdoor sport that a good rain can wash out.

Nevertheless, the game was called, and the UK baseball community has to wait — ead! — until 3 p.m. today to see the 7-1 Bat Cats take a crack of the bat and a whip of the pitch at Lincoln Memorial.

Lincoln should itself leave a positive memorial — a memorial of UK's first home victory of the season. Lincoln is the Bat Cats' version of a sacrificial lamb.

The fresh Shively turf will be tested today by one of the hottest hitters in the college game. His name is Mike Harris. He's a UK junior first baseman and in 31 at bats he's cranked 15 hits. Five of the 15 have been home runs. Three triples. Fourteen runs scored. Eleven runs batted in.

Scott Smith, currently second in UK's rotation behind ace Rodney Henderson, will himself test Lincoln's batters.

Smith, who is known as a finesse, offspeed pitcher, has pitched 15 innings thus far and garnered a 1-1 record. With a 2.40 ERA, Smith has earned his position.

All is not, however, well with the Bat Cats.

They haven't the talent of, say, an LSU or a Mississippi State.

They finished last in the Southeastern Conference in the previous season.

But each spring brings new talent, fresh attitudes and intense drives. So everyone can just sit back and enjoy the games. Twenty-five dates and 30 games at Shively.

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There is still basketball action happening in other parts of the world.

So it's time for the obligatory thrusting of predictions down your throat. Lucky for you, I only have two:

SEC tournament champion: Alabama.

I'd go with LSU if Shaquille O'Neal weren't out for the SECs with a bruised thigh. Minus LSU, though, Alabama is definitely the team to beat.

The Crimson Tide rises and splashes all over opposing teams at tournament time.

And with Mel Cheatum, Robert Horry and James Robinson playing for them, they have the dynamics to take the title.

Besides, that's Pitino's (and my colleague Al Hill's) pick. When a great coach and a sports nut converge on an opinion, you can probably bet on it safely.

The other team to watch is Vanderbilt. The Commodores are nearly indestructible at their own Memorial Gymnasium — the site of the tourney. And, under the excellent tutelage of Eddie Fogler, Vandy is clearly the smartest ball team in the

Rained-on Bat Cats hope to face Lincoln

By AL HILL
Senior Staff Writer

Rain poured down on Shively Field yesterday, canceling the UK baseball team's home opener against the University of Indiana.

The Bat Cats (7-1) will try again today as they meet the Lincoln Memorial Railsplitters (0-0) at 3 p.m.

UK is coming off a 17-9 win over the University of Louisville last weekend. The Bat Cats' only loss this season was a 4-5 defeat by Samford University.

UK coach Keith Madison will send junior right-hander Scott Smith (1-0) today against the Railsplitters in the home opener.

Smith has a 2.40 ERA and has only given up four walks in three appearances this season. His only

decision came in a 10-9 win over Armstrong State in the Savannah Shootout.

"His last outing was very good," Madison said. "He's been challenging hitters more and his control has been excellent."

If Smith runs into trouble, Madison said he plans to use yesterday's scheduled starter, sophomore Rodney Henderson (3-0).

Henderson has a 2.00 ERA and 20 strikeouts while giving up 14 bases on balls in 18 innings.

Offensively, the Bat Cats are led by junior first baseman Mike Harris. Harris comes into the game with a .484 batting average, 5 home runs and 11 runs batted in.

The Railsplitters ended last season with a 22-19 record behind coach Ed Thayer.

conference.

NCAA tournament champion: UNLV.

No. Not UNLV. That's too easy.

And it's wrong. Will the real winner please stand up? LSU.

No one likes to hear this. So I'll make it short.

With the Shack back, that's my prediction. They've got a hell of a team surrounding O'Neal, and with him out, players like Vernel Single-

ton, Harold Boudreaux, Mike Hansen (if he is over his mono problem) and Wayne Simms will toughen up enough to knock UNLV back to Vegas.

With a little luck and without too much buffoonery out of coach Dale Brown, that is.

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Strange brew: NCAA tourney will be strange concoction

At crunch time, unknown teams are climbing out of cellar to top

By MIKE LOPRESTI
College Information Network

It is a strange NCAA tournament shaping up out there, when St. Peter's has been invited and Georgetown may not be.

Or when nobody is talking about a high seed going to Oklahoma, but everyone is mentioning Oklahoma State.

The moment is at hand for the NCAA basketball committee. Crunch time for the computers.

The bracket will be filled Sunday. Hostilities — March Madness, the Road to Indianapolis, all that jazz — begin next Thursday. But before that, there are some matters to mull over.

•THE SEEDS: The top eight teams seem rather clear.

Put UNLV and Arizona 1-2 in the West, Arkansas-Indiana 1-2 in the Southeast, Syracuse and either North Carolina or Duke 1-2 in the East, and Ohio State and either Duke or North Carolina in the Midwest.

Syracuse is ranked only 14th on one computer power rating, but the Orangemen are 26-4 and won the Big East.

Hard to imagine that not being good for a No. 1 seed.

The No. 3 and 4 seeds are harder to call. LSU, Kansas, UCLA and St. John's are the strongest candidates.

So is 26-2 Utah, where the Utes have five fewer defeats than coach Rick Majerus had coronary bypasses last year.

Oklahoma State, not in the tournament in eight years, will get a look. So will Nebraska and New Mexico

State. And Princeton may be up in the top six in its region. The Ivy League champion is routinely better regarded for its composite SAT score, and seeded 15th or 16th. But the Tigers are 23-2 and have a history of giving the big boys fits.

•THE LEFTOUTS OF RENOWN: Coastal Carolina is in, but Louisville isn't.

Rather sums up an odd year. Probation swept aside Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri.

Bad seasons eliminated Louisville, Michigan and Notre Dame. U of L, by the way, is finishing a season that produced the worst record for them in nearly 50 years.

Two questions may be gleaned from this.

How do the Kentucky fans (or for that matter, ostracized Eric Manuel), whose team is sidelined by violations that occurred during the Eddie Sutton regime, enjoy seeing a bid gladly handed to Oklahoma State, coached by Sutton?

And how many Michigan fans have noticed that the Wolverines won't make it, but resurgent Arizona State, coached by Bill Frieder, probably will?

Neither state's fans are exactly happy about these developments.

•THE FAVORITE: Are you kidding?

But the interesting question is, had the NCAA not allowed UNLV back in, whom would everyone be picking?

•THE BUBBLE: It is a crowded piece of real estate, but the most intriguing by far is Georgetown, which hasn't missed an NCAA Tournament since 1978.

COMMENTARY

The Hoyas are 12-11 against Division I competition. Some of their victims include Duke, Houston, Pittsburgh and St. John's. And it'll take a brave man to tell John Thompson no.

And if Georgetown loses to Connecticut in the first round of the Big East tournament, it doesn't deserve a spot.

Simple as that.

Oklahoma is another fading star. The 16-13 Sooners have lost 10 of their past 12 going into the Big Eight tournament.

That record hardly seems a case to make.

Upsets in the conference tournament cause particular indignation for the NCAA.

While season champion Rutgers (19-9) and 21-9 Temple hope for tender loving care from the NCAA, the Atlantic 10 title was to be decided between Penn State and George Washington.

Metro Atlantic season champion Siena is 23-9, and runner-up LaSalle is 19-9 with a decent schedule.

But neither even made it into the championship game of its league tournament, won by St. Peter's for its first-ever NCAA trip.

Now the other two teams must sweat.

Lefty Driesell and 19-9 James Madison are left hanging on the edge after losing in their conference tournament.

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