



Word up

Bad gimmicks

The owner of the NBA's Vancouver Grizzlies is considering moving his team, which will lose between \$40-\$50 million this year, to Louisville. The pro team could be sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Officials are kicking around the idea now that the team be called the "Kentucky Colonels" (Why not Kernels?) The team's new arena would also be shameless self-promotion for KFC, as it would be called the "KFC Bucket." Apparently, the team would also have a roster of 11 players, each nicknamed after one of the Colonel's 11 herbs and spices. This has got to be one of the stupidest ideas I have ever had. What's next?

-Bad Gimmick #1
USC hits the skids and has to find corporate sponsorship for the basketball program. Of course, one company comes to the rescue: Trojan Condoms. Yes, rather than some out-of-date Trojan soldier, the team's mascot would be "Lucky Latex," the Trojan man.

-Bad Gimmick #2
The Toronto Raptors manage to quickly move up in the rankings when they begin a co-promotion with the upcoming movie, "Jurassic Park III." Apparently, the team owner figured out that real raptors, when bred by Canadian scientists, fouled a lot harder than Vince Carter.

-Bad Gimmick #3
The American Medical Association hops on the sponsor bandwagon and picks up the Indiana Pacers, renaming it the Indiana Pacemakers. Microwaves are forbidden from all concession stands.

-Bad Gimmick #4
After the demise of the Mir space station, the Russian government decides to pick up the tab for the Houston Rockets.

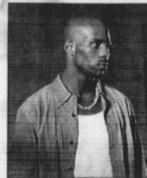
-Bad Gimmick #5
The Denver Nuggets decide to get some financial backing. A smile is put on the face of every Denver fan when McDonald's hops into the NBA and renames the team, the Denver Chicken McNuggets. The new head coach: Ronald McDonald.

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SPOTLIGHT

Student sails into the family business



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Left to right: Charles Jones, Ben Bernstein, Brent Menefee and Kerry Snowden stand aboard the Belle of Cincinnati. Bernstein is a business management freshman at UK. This summer he will be in charge of the Mark Twain and River Queen riverboats in the BB Riverboats fleet.

Cruisin': Freshman started working for the family business at the age of 13 as an assistant to the personnel manager

By Becky Heisel
STAFF WRITER

UK students have a variety of summer jobs lined up, ready to begin once finals are over. Waiting on tables, working at summer camps as counselors; the list goes on and on.

But Ben Bernstein, a business management freshman, might have one of the most unique summer jobs waiting for him. He will be in charge of the Mark Twain and River Queen riverboats in the BB Riverboats fleet.

Bernstein is a riverboat captain. "It's weird," Bernstein said. "I'm 19, and I have the same license as this guy whose been working for 60 years. He's like 78 years old."

Bernstein is the youngest captain in

BB Riverboats, if not on the Ohio River. Prospective captains must be at least 19 years old to become licensed.

They must also graduate from a licensed preparatory school for the Coast Guard. They must have 365 eight-hour days logged on board, and only cruise time counts. Cruise time is time actually spent piloting the boat, not docked.

They also have to be CPR-certified, have three letters of recommendation from other river captains, and be drug-tested.

"That's all just to get my initial license," Bernstein said. "To get upgraded I have to do it all over again."

He is licensed to captain ships 100 tons or under. While captain, he is responsible for everything that goes on aboard, including a crew of around 20 people.

According to Bernstein, actually piloting the boat is not difficult, but docking can be a challenge.

"The actual out-water is not tough. [The boat] doesn't react like a car, though," Bernstein said. "It only goes six to eight miles per hour. Once you try to maneuver back into dock, it gets tricky."

He had to learn to compensate for wind and currents on the river. But Bernstein might have had an advantage over other prospective captains.

He grew up on the river, because his family owns BB Riverboats. His grandfather started the company in 1979.

"I've been working since I was 13 years old," Bernstein said. "I started off helping the personnel manager, then



Bernstein

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SAY CHEESE

'Playboy' photo shoot controversial

At issue: Some students say interviews reflect poorly on UK

By Andrew Grossman
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With *Playboy* scheduled to photograph UK women this week, many on campus take issue with the college theme and the girls who choose to participate.

The women who will appear in *Playboy* are all UK students, and they will be featured as *Playboy's* representatives of UK.

This has caused quite a stir on campus, where many women feel that the shoot will reflect poorly on the girls and the University. "Those girls are trashy," said Monique Carter, a pro-pharmacy freshman. "They're really making themselves look bad."

Amy Olive, the president of UK's Feminist Alliance, is quick to point out that the girls are making a choice to appear nude.

"In some ways, it can be very empowering for women, and they make a great deal of money doing it," she said.

Olive also points out that *Playboy's* popularity is a reflection of society. "These women are sending the message that their bodies are their most important asset, not their mind or their personality."

Several women feel that using the University as a theme will reflect poorly on the school.

"The shoot doesn't reflect the reasons for higher education," said Kathy Brown, a political science freshman. "It just makes UK look trashy."

"This is going to de-emphasize UK as a learning institution," Olive said. "It promotes UK women as nothing more than sex objects."

Carter disagrees. "I don't think it reflects badly on UK, because anyone who's reading the magazine is just as trashy as the women who pose for it."

She adds that it's not surprising that *Playboy* has chosen to focus on collegiate women for its magazine.

"They just exploit anyone they can, and these girls are letting themselves get exploited," she said.

Olive, who works extensively on feminist issues, does have a few words of defense for the magazine.

"It's the girls' choice," she said. "*Playboy's* a business... we can't tell them they're not allowed to try to make money."

This photo shoot will help *Playboy* continue its annual issue of collegiate women. This year's edition, "Girls of the SEC," will feature women from each school in the Southeastern Conference. The issue is slated for release in August.



Those girls are trashy. They are really making themselves look bad."

- Monique Carter, pre-pharmacy freshman

THE 411

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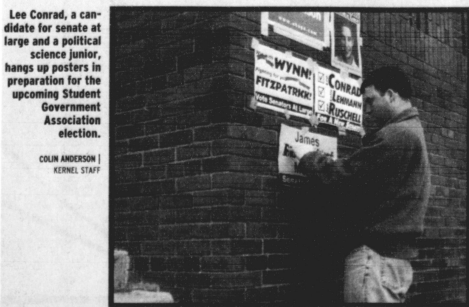
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STATE ELECTIONS



Lee Conrad, a candidate for senate at large and a political science junior, hangs up posters in preparation for the upcoming Student Government Association election.

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Tim Robinson and Caroline Harratson



Chris Schwartz and Nic Wilson



Josh Walton and Alyshia Ochse



Kevin Kyde and Steve Shaw

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Car bombs kill more than 20

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Three bomb-stuffed cars exploded almost simultaneously Saturday, killing at least 21 people and injuring more than 150 in the worst act of terror to hit Russia outside warring Chechnya in months. Russian officials accused Chechen insurgents of the bombings in three southern towns near the breakaway republic. But they offered no evidence, and rebel leaders denied responsibility. Police were on alert around the country, and top government officials flew to the scene.

Strong earthquake hits Japan

HIROSHIMA, Japan — A powerful earthquake convulsed southwestern Japan on Saturday, buckling roads, snapping power lines, damaging houses and killing two people with falling debris. The magnitude-6.4 temblor caused damage in five Japanese states and was felt as far away as South Korea, more than 150 miles northwest of the epicenter. Authorities reported 123 injuries, 12 of them serious, in the Japanese state of Hiroshima, and scores more in surrounding states.

Bush offers support in Macedonia

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration offered to help improve the Macedonian government's military capability on Saturday, hoping to quell the conflict with rebellious ethnic Albanian guerrillas in the border hills near Kosovo. Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke by telephone with the Macedonian president, Boris Trajkovski, emphasizing the strong statement a day earlier by President Bush in support of the Macedonian government. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Saturday. Macedonian helicopters were firing rockets near downtown Tetovo on Saturday as fighting escalated between government forces and rebels besieging the country's second-largest city.

Census shows a multiracial America

SAN FRANCISCO — With Americans able to claim more than one race on the census, groups representing blacks, Asians and other minorities have warned their members that



BLOWIN' UP: U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan declared Wynlon Marsalis a United Nations' messenger of peace. Annan made the presentation to the jazz trumpeter before a concert by the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra on Thursday night. Marsalis is artistic director of Jazz at Lincoln Center.



WON'T STOP: A syndicated television show host has sued rap mogul Sean "Puffy" Combs, his record label and members of the musician's entourage over an alleged attack after a 1999 interview. We'll keep you updated on Puffy's newest predicament.

identifying themselves as multiracial could dilute hard-won legal protections and political power. Civil rights groups fear that debates long framed in stark black and white would lose potency in the shades between — that the problem of the 21st century would not be the color line, but how many colors. California's census numbers will be released this week, and demographers predict the state will be among the nation's most diverse.

'Battlefield Earth' sweeps Razzies

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Hollywood got its annual Oscar Eve poke in the eye with John Travolta's "Battlefield Earth" taking the bulk of the 21st annual Golden Raspberry Foundation dishonors. Seven Bronx cheers went to "Battlefield Earth," including Razzies for worst movie, actor, screen couple, supporting actor, supporting actress, director and screenplay. "Battlefield" was well ahead of competitors "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2" and "The Next Best Thing" on the foundation's worst-of-2000 list unveiled at a news conference Saturday.

UK student wins big on Spring Break

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A University of Kentucky junior won a date with teen singer Jessica Simpson about a week ago in an MTV Spring Break competition in Cancun, Mexico. The competition aired on the music station Saturday. David Lovejoy, a 21-year-old psychology and pre-med major, competed against more than 100 college students in the contest. "I made a complete fool of myself on national television," said Lovejoy. "I line-danced, answered a few questions and rode a mechanical bull, all to get a dream date with a celebrity I didn't even know." Lovejoy was in Cancun with friends when he decided to enter the competition on March 16. He was selected out of a few hundred applicants who had to win over MTV staff members to get to the on-stage contest. Lovejoy and Simpson, 19, went to dinner several hours after the competition.

Bellarmine University honors scholar

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Bellarmine University has long drawn scholars with its archive of works by late Kentucky monk Thomas Merton. Now, the university has decided to honor him with a statue. Indiana sculptor David Kocka is working on a bronze statue of Merton to stand on Bellarmine's campus.

Compiled from wire reports.

He's a baby. We're just boys with our own problems and insecurities."

Chevy Chase, describing his pal, Steve Martin to People.

BOAT

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worked as food manager and finally a senior deckhand."

His family is proud of him for entering the captain ranks, following the family tradition.

"[His mother] and I are just incredibly proud of young Ben and his achievement," said Alan Bernstein, his father and vice president of the company.

"I know if my father were here today, he would be so excited for his grandson."

Bernstein himself was also excited about his future.

"Having a role in a family business — it gives you something to work for," Bernstein said.

"It gives you pride in your work."

He hopes that his business management degree will help him when he takes over BB Riverboats after his father retires.

"It'll give me the knowledge, stuff to help me keep the business running, and expand it," Bernstein said.



Unrest at its best
Macedonian army MI-24 helicopter gunships fire missiles as they bombard positions of ethnic Albanian rebels on the outskirts of Tetovo, Macedonia, on Sunday.

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<p>Mon 26</p> <p>MEETINGS *Prayer in Prison, Campus Crusade for Christ, 8pm, Episcopal Church</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *Conrad Food Drive, LCC SSA, 10am-4pm, LCC Oswald Bldg, Lobby</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *Film Fund Green Tomatoes, UK Expansion Alliance, 8:30pm, Young Library *DMA Recital, 8pm, Singletary Cr. RH</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *UK Aikido Club, 8-9:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>ACADEMIC *Orientation for Internships and Shadowing, 10-11am, 101 Student Bldg</p> <p>MEETINGS *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left *Prayer in Prison, 8:00pm, St. Paul, 8-11pm, Wilson Court Yard, Private Dining Room *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left *Prayer in Prison, 8:00pm, St. Paul, 8-11pm, Wilson Court Yard, Private Dining Room *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left *Prayer in Prison, 8:00pm, St. Paul, 8-11pm, Wilson Court Yard, Private Dining Room</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>LECTURES *Middle Eastern Architecture, Renaissance, Baroque/Gothic/German Architectural Practice Between the Wars, 7pm, The Gates Humanities Ctr. Bingham Davis Seminar Rm</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *Conrad Food Drive, LCC SSA, 10am-4pm, LCC Oswald Bldg, Lobby</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *Creative Writing Group, 8-9:30pm, Writing Cr. 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SALE ELECTIONS

THE CANDIDATES



Ochse and Walton

'I am a real student': SGA presidential candidate describes herself as a 'straight forward' person

By Tracy Marshaw
NEWS EDITOR

During her freshman year, Alyshia Ochse shelled out \$400 in parking fines. And like most students who find a yellow notice tucked under their windshield wipers, she wondered how the Parking Office spent her money.

But unlike most students, Ochse found out — and in the process, convinced the director of parking to offer students a week-long discount on the fines in exchange for canned food for charity.

The parking project was part of Ochse's job as Student Government Association Executive Director. Now she wants to keep working for

the students as the next SGA president.

"I am a real student," she said, leaning across the long wooden table in the Alpha Delta Pi sorority house dining room. Her neon green campaign T-shirt clashes with the soft blue and yellow walls.

Ochse, who graduated from Notre Dame Academy in Northern Ky., describes herself as straightforward and a behind-the-scenes person. During high school, she served on the student council and played several sports. When she arrived at UK, she joined SGA's Freshman Representative Council.

"I love organizing," she said. "Just last week I took 80 people to Jamaica."

Along with working to achieve the five planks of what she calls an "attainable" platform, Ochse said if she is elected, she'll also focus on getting SGA a better morale and reputation.

"I want people to see us out working," she said. "We are the voice of the students, not political rampage."

She wants to make SGA meetings shorter and organize a dinner for both senators and the executive branch before or after each Wednesday night meeting. "When you know someone on a personal level, then when you have a conflict it is easier to approach them," she said.

Ochse, who is a communications sophomore, wants the lines of communication to be open not only between SGA members, but also between the organization and the students it represents.

"Instead of telling the 24,000

people I represent what I will do for them, I want them to tell me what they want me to do," she said.

Her running mate is senior Josh Walton, better known to UK sports fans as "Scratch," the Wildcat mascot. Ochse likes that together they comprise the total UK student body.

Ochse is the only female presidential candidate and only one of two females running for any executive seat. If elected, she would be only the fourth female president in SGA history.

"I don't think of it as a woman's or a man's job, just the best person's," she said, "and I have just as much will and desire as Tim, Steve or Nic."

Originally, Ochse had planned to study abroad in Italy next semester, but then "I decided while I am passionate and involved I would stay and do it," she said.

THE ISSUES

Check out the platform

- Continue working with the Parking Department, including writing a proposal for a student scholarship from fine money.
- Improve the advising system.
- Improve the study abroad program. Ochse said she wants UK to offer semester abroad programs and to open a campus in another country. Also, she plans to work to get international students who are studying abroad at UK more involved with American students.
- Encourage the Athletic Department to have one student-only basketball game at Memorial Coliseum.
- Continue working on getting lower arena seating for students at basketball games.
- Create an "away package." She plans to work with bus companies and hotels to create discount travel packages for students who buy tickets for away games.

THE ISSUES

Check out the platform

Editor's note: For the full platform, visit www.uksga.com.

- Force Parking and Transportation to be accountable to students.
- Create a graduation contract.
- Enhance student speech on campus.
- Improve academic advising.
- Conduct an environmental audit.
- Protect campus green space.
- Encourage UK's membership in the Worker Rights Consortium.
- Defend UK's affirmative action policies.
- Support the Cross-Cultural Workshop of the Office of International Affairs.
- Promote joint initiatives between historically black Greek organizations, historically white Greek organizations and non-Greek organizations.
- Fight for an additional student member on the UK Board of Trustees.
- Convene monthly student empowerment round-tables.
- Expand coalition grant funding.
- Enhance the Wildcat International Network.
- Initiate studies on building campus community.
- Construct the online campus community.
- Revisit the SAFECATS escort service.



Robinson and Harralson



Starting early: Presidential candidate learned work ethic and people skills from his grandfather

By Jenny Robertson
DIALOGUE CO-EDITOR

Although Tim Robinson started his career on a stool, he will move into the SGA presidential seat if all goes as he hopes this week.

As a 6 year old, Robinson was paid in potato chips and soda pop for working in his grandfather's Pigeon Roost, Ky. country store. When his uncle was busy stocking herbs and ginseng, Robinson was in charge of handling the money tray. Because he was so small, he had to stand on a stool to see over the counter.

"No matter who came into the store, rich or poor, he treated everyone the same," Robinson said of his

grandfather.

He recalls a time when an important legislator came into the store and chatted with his grandfather. After the man left, Robinson's grandmother chided his grandfather for speaking so casually to a man with such a high position. "He puts his pants on one leg at a time just like I do," his grandfather responded.

His grandfather's ability to relate to all people is one of the qualities Robinson hopes he gained from spending so much time in the store. He also thinks that he learned a strong work ethic and a sense of honesty from his experience.

Robinson's grandfather settled the area around his hometown of

Inez, Ky. and Robinson feels strong ties to the eastern part of the state. As a second-year law student, he plans on returning to the area when he's done with school. He is thinking of using his law experience to work for some kind of non-profit organization.

"I'll get my diploma and I'll be home before dark," Robinson said.

However, Robinson is very thankful of his opportunity to come to UK. Because of the coal boom that took place when he graduated high school, he said he should be working in the coal mines. He sees his presidency as a chance to return the favor UK afforded him.

"I want to give back to an institution that's kept me from spending my younger years eating coal dust," Robinson said.

While campaigning for president, Robinson has taken a few unique approaches, including a plat-

form put together by students and a coalition of senators running for office. He is particularly concerned about bringing the executive and legislative branches together.

"It's been so frustrating being a senator and not getting anything done," Robinson said.

His running mate, Caroline Harralson, has a personal connection to the issue of campus safety, partly because she lives in a sorority house. It's not uncommon, she said, for someone to call and ask for an escort because she doesn't want to walk across campus alone. During her term as a senator this year, she served on the safety committee.

Harralson said she was a little overwhelmed when she was first approached about running.

"I spent a lot of time thinking about it," Harralson said, "but I cared enough about SGA and I decided to make the sacrifices."



Shaw and Kyde



Multi-talented: Presidential candidate says experiences helped prepare him for leadership

By Jay Slayters
STAFF WRITER

If you are looking for a presidential candidate that can, among other things, be a DJ at your next party, then look no further than Steve Shaw.

Shaw, a political science senior, has been a DJ for several years. He does it as a part-time job. He also works as a bouncer at Two Keys Tavern. Shaw is no stranger to work. This past summer he held four different part-time jobs. These jobs included being a substitute teacher, umpiring for little league baseball, running a car washing business and being a DJ for parties.

So how do any of these jobs re-

late to Shaw's ability to be the next Student Government Association president?

"Everything I've done wasn't meant to be a premise toward SGA president, but these experiences have helped prepare me to be an effective leader," Shaw said.

Shaw grew up in Greensburg, Ky. He comes from a family of three brothers and three sisters. Shaw is the second youngest. His former high school, Green County High, is not very large. Total enrollment at the school is only about 600 students. During high school, Shaw played football and baseball, as well as participated in student government. He was the student government president his senior year.

However, Shaw started gaining experience with the procedures of government before his years at Green County High.

Since the seventh grade, Shaw has been an active member of the Kentucky Youth Association's Youth in Government, an organization where young people gather twice a year to participate in mock government proceedings. Shaw contributes his passion to serve in government to this organization.

"It really changed my life," Shaw said. "It gave me direction."

Shaw has expanded his experiences with government procedures during his years at UK. He was an intern for U.S. Representative Ron Lewis two summers ago and last summer. Shaw was an Inter-Fraternity Council officer. He became a SGA senator this past November because of write-ins and now he wants to serve as the leader of SGA.

"I enjoy leadership because I can associate with a diverse group," he said.

John Collias, former IFC President who worked with Shaw, said if elected president, Shaw will be an advocate for every student on campus not just a particular group.

"He brings a down to earth approach," Collias said.

Collias also thinks Shaw couldn't find a better running mate than Kevin Kyde.

"Kevin has been one of the most involved leaders in the Greek community," Collias said. "He's the guy that will step up and do what needs to be done."

Shaw says Kyde has worked exhaustively to better the Greek system and UK's campus.

"He's been involved in everything and knows how this campus works," Shaw said. "He's a great voice for UK students."

THE ISSUES

Check out the platform

- Restore fun into SGA
- Eliminate UK's new campaign slogan, "America's Next Great University"
- Restructure the SGA constitution
- Start a weekly presidential newsletter to be published in the Kernel

Students can e-mail Shaw and Kyde at shawkydesga@hotmail.com

THE ISSUES

Check out the platform

- Create a non-profit SGA bookstore that would buy books back from students at 50 percent of the original price and then resell the books for the exact price SGA purchases them from the student.
- Hold two constituency days throughout the semester to help SGA stay in touch with the students and thus keeping a base with its constituents.
- Endowment Fund/M.O.S.S. (Most Outstanding Student Scholarship)
- Community service boost — they plan to have at least one community service project per month.
- Fund raising assistance for student organizations — Wilson plans to create a committee to seek out and organize fund-raising opportunities that will be open to student organizations that are willing to work together with at least two other student organizations.
- Interaction with newly-elected President Lee Todd through committees and forums.
- Help encourage the youth of the community while getting students involved. They will work together with the schools in the community and UK to bring disadvantaged kids to campus for a few days, ideally on a weekend.



Wilson and Schwartz



The right time: Presidential candidate says he is willing to put in long hours to make campus better

By Kelly Sears
STAFF WRITER

It seemed he had no choice, but to use his talents.

One Sunday, Nic Wilson went to church and heard a sermon on using the talents you are given. A few days later, Chris Schwartz asked him, for the second time, to run for student body president. Wilson realized this was his opportunity.

Wilson and Schwartz are running for president and vice president of UK's Student Government Association.

Wilson, a political science junior, transferred to UK in the fall of 2000 from Morehead State Universi-

ty. He played Division I football his freshman year and was appointed chairman of the Legislative Fiscal Affairs Committee.

Last semester he became a member of the Election Board of Supervision and recently dropped this to run for president.

Schwartz, an ISC junior, is a senator at large from Lexington. He transferred from Lexington Community College in the fall of 2000.

There he served as ad manager for their paper, the LCC Courier.

Schwartz put on a Date Rape Awareness Forum last fall, along with Alpha Phi Alpha and the Feminist Alliance. He also helped to put on a Spring Break Safety Forum earlier this month.

Schwartz is the public relations chair of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. He spends his free time writing a science fiction book, which he plans to finish over the summer. Schwartz also likes to spend time with his family and girlfriend.

"We both have good ideas to bring to the table. We both will work hard, it will be two for one," Schwartz said. Wilson and Schwartz realize they each have strengths and weaknesses, but together they can do the job effectively.

These men have many goals, such as bridging the gap between the executive and legislative branches.

"Each elected officer should represent each of their constituents to the best of their ability," Wilson said. They believe more will be accomplished if student government works together.

Wilson and Schwartz want to

teach students how to advocate what they believe in.

"I am going to be this way for life," Schwartz said.

"I have always wanted to help people achieve their goals and dreams."

"They want to have SGA offer assistance to a different service or organization each month."

This could be doing such things as passing out coats to those less fortunate in colder months, or an adopt a highway program.

These candidates are excited about the possibility to make a difference, and are happy for the opportunity to get to know the other candidates.

"The two of us are not trying to only hold the title. We want to be president and vice president, to fill the positions, to put in the long hours and make this a better campus," Wilson said.



Numbers

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Bat Cat hits in a 6-0 loss to the Tennessee Volunteers on Sunday. UK only had 20 hits and eight runs in last weekend's three-game series.

23

Consecutive scoreless innings pitched by Tennessee pitcher Patrick Hicklen. Hicklen pitched a complete game shutout against the Bat Cats in his first start of the season. His previous 14 scoreless innings were pitched in relief.

Relax

"It's frustrating. The main thing is everyone is pressing and thinking in the batter's box a lot more."

Caleb Brock, UK junior catcher on the team's offensive slump. Brock is batting .307 this season.

Bad results

"I give credit to their pitchers... but we are not doing a good job of handling the outside part of the plate."

Keith Madison, UK baseball coach on his team's hitting against Tennessee's pitchers

No help

"But the bottom line is this — we maintained our composure and came through."

UK women's tennis coach Mark Guilbeau on his team answering his emphasis on the team's match with LSU on Sunday with a 6-1 win.

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Bat Cats disappoint UK pitchers in UT's sweep

Batter up: Volunteers' Hicklen shuts out UK to finish a series sweep of the Cats

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The No. 11 Tennessee Volunteers hit four solo home runs on way to a 6-0 shutout and three-game series sweep of the UK baseball team Sunday.

UK sophomore Mark Michael pitched seven innings and gave up four runs, (three of which were earned) on seven hits for the Bat Cats. Michael pitched well, but had little support from the UK offense.

"Basically, I was trying to keep us in the game," said Michael, who had only given up two runs until the Vols tagged him for two solo home runs in the top of the seventh inning. "I wanted to keep the game close and give our hitters a chance."

But the UK hitters never had a chance. The Bat Cats could only manage five hits against UT's Patrick Hicklen, who improved his record to 2-0 and extended his consecutive scoreless innings streak to 23.1 in his first start of the year.

"It's frustrating," UK ju-

nior Caleb Brock said. "The main thing is everyone is pressing and thinking in the batter's box a lot more."

The Bat Cats struggled offensively compiling only 20 hits and eight runs in the three-game series. UK coach Keith Madison said the four home runs given up by his pitching staff Sunday concerned him, but not to the extent of his offense's ineffectiveness.

"I give credit to their pitchers because they are great pitchers, but we are not doing a good job of handling the outside part of the plate," Madison said.

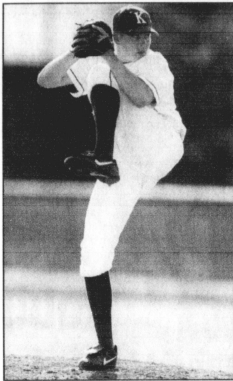
Brock, UK's starting catcher, was 1-for-4 and is hitting .307 on the season. He has been a close witness to both UK's pitching progress and its offensive woes.

"(UK's pitchers) get better and better every outing, unfortunately we can't give them any runs," he said.

Madison criticized UK's hitters for not working the pitch counts effectively. He said the Bat Cats have not been aggressive enough in fastball counts, watched too

UK sophomore pitcher Mark Michael pitched seven innings and gave up three earned runs, but was still charged with the Bat Cats 6-0 loss on Sunday to Tennessee. UK only had five hits against UT's Patrick Hicklen.

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many good pitches and not worked opposing pitchers into deep counts.

"(Earlier this season) we were doing an outstanding job, but now we've just had trouble getting people on base," Madison said.

The Bat Cats have hit .276 during non-conference games, but have dropped to .289. UK is hitting .254 against SEC pitching.

UK fell to 11-15 overall and 2-8 in the Southeastern Conference, while the Vols remained a top the league at 25-3 and 9-1 in the conference. Tennessee did not even make it to the SEC Tournament last season.

"It might be a mild surprise," Madison said of UT's ascent to first place, "but they were good last year and they have everybody back."

SERVE EM UP

UK tennis coach motivates Cats to upset of LSU

By Melanie Cursinger
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In what UK coach Mark Guilbeau termed "the biggest match of the year," the No. 25 UK women's tennis team racked up a 6-1 win over No. 24 LSU (10-6, 2-5 SEC) Sunday at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

The Cats (10-6, 4-3 SEC) overcame a loss to No. 7 Notre Dame Saturday and avenged a loss at Baton Rouge last year with the win.

The Cats grabbed their first win of the match in doubles play after the No. 1 team of junior Carolina Mayorga and sophomore Sarah Witten and the No. 2 team of senior Brooke Skeen and junior Lauren Rookledge took their matches.

Although both were victorious, Guilbeau thought the play wasn't what it would have been.

"Our level of play at every single court of singles was where it should be," Guilbeau said. "And our doubles was completely on court 2 (No. 2 seeds). But we were way below par at courts 1 and 2."

While it wasn't up to par, Mayorga and Witten (No. 44 in the nation) managed a 9-7 victory over the No. 20 doubles team in the country of Bruna Colosia and Rocla Fantilli of LSU. Witten carried that victory over to a 6-2, 6-7, (1-0) win over Fantilli.

"I definitely think I carried momentum over," Witten said. "We already had our doubles point for the team, but we knew it would still be a long battle."

Mayorga, the No. 77 singles player in the nation, was coming off an upset over No. 4 ranked Michelle Dasso of Notre Dame. But she failed to complete back-to-back upsets and fell to No. 43 ranked Colosia 9-6, 1-6.

Skeen and Rookledge (No. 25 in doubles) came off an easy 8-0 doubles victory and continued to roll in singles play. Skeen won 6-1, 6-1, while partner Rookledge needed three sets to triumph 6-2, 6-7, (1-0).

Sophomores Amy Trefethen and Leigh Bradwell tallied wins, as well.

Guilbeau was not only pleased with the play of UK in the win over LSU, but was also impressed with the response his team gave after a disappointing loss Saturday.

"I told the girls coming into today that it was the biggest match of the year," he said. "I think we could've beat Notre Dame, but LSU is a very good team. I was really impressed by how we maintained a positive emotion. The girls handled the loss just fine. If anything, I expected them to be more upset."

"But the bottom line is this — we maintained our composure and came through," Guilbeau said.

FINAL FOUR

Champs, 'Zona, two ACC teams in Semis

Twin Cities bound: Michigan State, the defending NCAA champs, Arizona, Duke and Maryland will play for the 2001 NCAA basketball championship

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The Final Four of the NCAA Tournament is set and no teams seeded lower than No. 3 will make the trip Minneapolis, Minn. for college basketball's grandest event.

Michigan State, the defending champion, and Arizona won Sunday to reach the Final Four along with Duke and Maryland, Atlantic Coast Conference rivals who will meet for the fourth time this season.

Duke, ranked No. 1 in the final regular-season Associated Press poll, was installed by Las Vegas oddsmakers as even-money favorites to win the championship. Michigan State was next at 3-1.

Michigan State (28-4) will play Arizona (27-7) in the opening semifinal Saturday at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, followed by Duke (33-4) against Maryland (25-10). The championship game is Monday night at 8 p.m.

Michigan State became just the third school since 1985 — and ninth ever — to reach the national semifinals three years in a row.

Duke reached the title game from 1986 thru 1988, but won no titles and the University of Kentucky reached the championship game 1996-98 winning titles in 1996 and 1998.

"To be in three straight Final Fours says something about consistency," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said after the Spartans held off Temple 69-62 to win the NCAA South Regional. "Is our program looked at the same way as Kentucky and Duke and North Carolina?" Izzo asked reporters. "Maybe not. But we're trying to get there."

Michigan State is trying to become the first school to win consecutive NCAA titles since Duke in 1991-92.

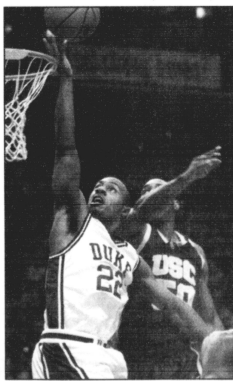
Arizona, the 1997 national champion, beat Illinois 87-81 in the Midwest Regional final.

While Duke is in its 13th Final Four, Maryland heads to its first.

Duke beat Southern California 79-69 Saturday in the East Regional final. Maryland upset Stanford 87-73 in the West.

The teams squared off twice in the regular season and again in the ACC conference tournament. Duke won twice, each time by two points, and Maryland won the middle game by 11.

In the first meeting, at Maryland on Jan. 27, the Terrapins blew a 10-point lead in the last minute of regulation and lost in overtime.



Duke's sophomore point guard, Jason Williams, leads the Blue Devils to the Final Four to face Maryland for the fourth time.

Will Messer
SPORTSDAILY COLUMNIST

Pitino to U of L is simple: Cats still own Cards

In the wake of Rick Pitino's return to the Bluegrass, its appropriate to address, in the words of Rick himself, the 'simple minded' people of Kentucky.

No, not simply the blue-collar workers of rural Kentucky — the group the coach's statement was most likely addressed to — who are wiping the blue blood from the blade Pitino stuck in their backs.

But also Lexington's pseudo-high rollers who feel insulted that the group the coach's statement was most likely addressed to — who are wiping the blue blood from the blade Pitino stuck in their backs.

To the Carhart-clad men who second-guess every move coach Tubby Smith makes while enjoying a cup of coffee and gossiping about the possible return of Pitino to UK, relax.

Its evident now Pitino is never returning to UK, but the man shouldn't be hated because he chose to coach a rival school.

UK gave Pitino a grand stage to exhibit his full court wizardry, but keep in mind the fact that Pitino may have done more for UK than UK did for him.

He rescued UK's once-proud program from probation and delivered the school's first title since 1978.

To the Lexington elite who are finally coming to grips with the fact that, despite their lower arena season tickets at Rupp and contributions to the Blue/White fund, they will never enter a business venture or play a round of 18 with Pitino: grow up.

UK might be the No. 1 program in the country, but as cities go Lexington is struggling to reach the "others receiving votes" column. Louisville is certainly no metropolis, but does offer a man of Pitino's taste more than Lexington.

To UK students who grew up idolizing Pitino: look at what's here now.

In four seasons at UK Smith has won a national championship, three regular season SEC titles and three SEC Tournament titles.

Admittedly, Smith's teams haven't experienced the regular season dominance Pitino's teams did, but his 19-4 post season record is comparable to the 43-6 mark Pitino amassed in the six tournament-eligible years of his tenure.

Furthermore, Smith certainly didn't face the daunting task Pitino did. While his predecessor inherited a probation-riddled program Smith took the reigns of a team fresh from the national championship game.

Critics, however, who believe Smith is riding Pitino's Armani coat tails should now concede he's capable of winning with his own talent.

To the U of L fans who, in their heads at least, have already begun updating the UK-U of L series record and seen U of L surpass UK in national titles won: slow down.

Yes, Pitino is an unbelievable collegiate coach and U of L has been a sleeping giant for much of the last decade — but Pitino can't simply snap his fingers and bring the Cards back to their late-'70s-to-mid-'90s championship form.

Pitino can, and probably will, resurrect U of L, but it will take time.

If and when Pitino revitalizes Louisville, Card fans shouldn't expect U of L to overthrow UK as the premier program in the country and members of the Cat Nation shouldn't feel threatened.

After all, how much can U of L affect UK? Granted the two teams will meet every year, but the game will be largely insignificant. This statement runs the risk of sounding Mummeseque, but this is basketball, not football. But Smith's team proved this year that December matters little in college basketball.

The nation will undoubtedly refocus its attention on the rivalry that is once again deserving of its Dream Game moniker, but little more than state pride will be on the line.

Those who place a great emphasis on this should remember Denny Crum's career record against UK is 7-13, including a 4-5 mark in the '80s, the decade Louisville experienced its greatest success in.

No conference championship or NCAA seedings will be at stake, either — factors that make Duke-UNC the biggest rivalry in college basketball.

Instead, UK's biggest games will be against SEC members Florida and Arkansas, and U of L's against CUSA foes Cincinnati and Memphis.

If Louisville does become a national power, Pitino could effect UK through recruiting — but not much.

Other than Scott Padgett, Winston Bennett and Derek Anderson name another Louisville native that has been a key player on a UK team in the last 20 years?

As for the rest of the state, players like Deron Feldhaus, Richie Farmer, Cameron Mills and J.P. Blevins don't come to UK to play for a coach, but for the opportunity to have 'Kentucky' en.Jazened on their chest.

"What about blue chip players?" U of L backers will cry. Pitino will cry he's share, he's too good of a recruiter not to.

But if UNC and Duke, separated by only 20 miles, can both bring in top talent every year there's no reason UK and U of L can't.

Speaking rationally, the Roman Empire of college basketball is in good hands, and perfectly capable of withstanding any Hannibal-like assault Pitino can muster.

Simple enough, isn't it?

Michael Adolphson Jr.
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UK boxing claims one title despite Navy's domination

The sensationalized battle of David and Goliath was embodied Friday and Saturday nights at the Alumni gym.

The Midwest Regional College Boxing Championship was the setting of the battle, but the only exception was that this time there were four Davids and a Goliath four-times stronger, in the form of the Naval Academy. The Davids were University of Miami (OH), University of Michigan, the Citadel and UK.

The outcome of the battle was unlike the original version, as Navy simply destroyed the opposition, leaving the tournament with a record of 13-3 and seven champions. UK had a sub-par performance, with a record of 4-9 and one champion, All-American Brent Jackson.

The other schools were mediocre, as well. Miami (OH) had a 4-3 record and one champion, Chris Balsy. Michigan, who failed to compete the second day of competition and therefore forfeited their matches, had an overall record of 1-6.

Surprisingly, the Citadel also did not fair too well, with a record of 3-3 and one champion, Terry Heichelbech, who, like Miami's Balsy, was fortunate to defeat a member of Team Goliath.

Navy's dominance was truly embodied when all 10 championship bouts had Navy in the red corner. UK had six competitors in championship bouts, but only had one champion and five runner-ups.

Lollito Ganel, Dameron Robinson, and Mathew Jones all put forth great effort in their bouts, each receiving the second-place medal. The two main highlights of the

championship were the 165-pound weight-class final and the Heavy Weight final.

UK accounting senior and All-American Wes Smith had the most anticipated bout of the evening, with Navy's A.J. Robinson, an ultra-impressive winner of his Friday qualifying bout. Robinson came out strong in the first round, but Smith came back in the second.

The third, and final, round was a gut-wrenching one, with both competitors drowned with fatigue. Robinson, who seemed to keep Smith tamed the whole match, was slightly less fatigued and he won the decision.

The most exciting moment of the competition was the final match, the heavy weight battle between UK's Grayson Smith and Navy's Pat Macauley. Not only did the boxers battle through three rounds, but the opposing cheering sections did as well.

UK's home team fans, made up of mostly follow students and parents, took on a legion of Navy boxers and Navy supporters. In the end, though, Navy's Macauley won, and capped a streak of five straight championship bout wins for the evening.

As spectators and supporters left the building, many seemed to be in awe of Naval Academy's dominance over their opposition. Though it may not come as too much of a surprise, with the Academy's reputation as a combative institution. Boxing is heavily funded and sponsored there.

At UK boxing is not funded or sponsored, and therefore suffers monetarily. Boxing is not even a bona fide sport at UK, but is technically a club sport.



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UK's Brent Jackson receives a first place medal after defeating the Naval Academy's Adam Mallo. Jackson was an All-American last year and will compete at nationals in Reno this year.

One visit to a boxing practice or match will convince anyone that UK Boxing is not a club, but a competitive sport, on the same levels as football and basketball.

This weekend UK may have been one of the Davids in a battle against an abominable Goliath, but with funding and more publicity, UK boxing could compete equally with such institutions as the Naval Academy. Boxing has the potential to become part of UK's great history as a sporting school, and that was proven this weekend.

IN BRIEF

SportsBytes

Swimmers and divers place 17th nationally

The No. 21 ranked UK men's swimming and diving team finished its 2001 season by placing 17th in the NCAA Championship Meet at Texas A&M last weekend.

Shaun Zitani finished 27th in the 100-meter freestyle, narrowly missing breaking the school record, while Aaron Workman finished 37th in the same event. Zitani broke his own school record in the 100-meter butterfly on Friday.

Clayton Moss took 10th place on the platform in diving, as Aaron Kirkpatrick finished 22nd. Moss also took fourth place in the one-meter diving.

In the 200-meter breaststroke, Roger Watkins placed 26th in his first NCAA Championship meet. The 400-meter freestyle relay captured 15th to finish the meet.

The meet will be broadcast on ESPN on Thursday, April 5, at 12 p.m.

GymKats enjoy best-ever SEC score

Needing another high score for regional qualifying as a team, the UK GymKats scored a 195.650, the second-highest score in school history, to finish fifth at the Southeastern Conference Gymnastics Championships on Friday.

The No. 2 Georgia Bulldogs claimed the title with a 198.000.

"I am really proud of all our kids, especially our freshmen who came in here and did not let the size of the crowd disrupt them," UK coach Leah Little said.

In the all-around competition, freshman Aronda Primault scored her third highest total of the season with a 39.075, while Jennifer Simmons scored a season high with a 39.000.

With the score, the GymKats may improve their positioning in the hunt for a spot at the regional competition. If they advance the GymKats will compete on April 7, at the NCAA Central Region Championships, hosted by the University of Alabama.

Softball team, takes series from Ole Miss

Led by strong pitching and hot bats at the plate, the UK softball team defeated Ole Miss 9-1 Sunday afternoon at the UK Softball Complex.

Sophomore hurler Morgan Marr scattered three hits over six innings and gave up only one run as the Wildcats recorded their second straight victory over the Rebels.

Three UK hitters were perfect at the plate on the day, with sophomore Nikki Jones knocking out three singles and scoring three runs. Catcher Lyndsey Angus reached base all four times at the plate with two walks, a single, and a double while scoring two runs and driving in three runs. Senior Tiffany Kruse was also perfect at the plate, going 2-2 and recording three RBI's.

"I was very pleased with our overall game today," said UK coach Beth Kirchner.

"All parts came together with pitching, defense, and base-running. We executed very well offensively and on the base paths."

The Cats (17-18, 4-6 SEC) travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala. on Saturday for an afternoon doubleheader against the Crimson Tide.

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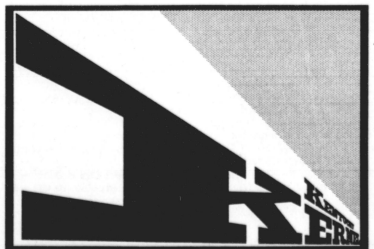
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Smokers, stand up, speak out...

Cigarette comes marching in

NEW YORK — Waving a 10-foot-long cigarette above their heads, smokers marched to City Hall on Saturday to protest a proposed law that would ban smoking in the city's 21,000 restaurants. The smokers were joined by restaurant owners, waiters and bartenders in protesting the bill — the Smoke Free Air Act — which is expected to be sent to the City Council in May or June. The law also would ban smoking in city vehicles, including police cars, but would continue to allow smoking in bars and nightclubs. Organizers tried to round up 10,000 smokers by canvassing the city's restaurants and bars over the last month, but only about 50 protesters showed up Saturday. Supporters of the proposed law include most of the city's labor unions, the American Lung Association and the American Cancer Society. Opposing the bill are the restaurant industry and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. A 1995 law prohibits smoking in restaurants that seat more than 25 people, in office buildings, and in private offices used by more than three employees. It allows smoking in the bar areas of restaurants. Other states and municipalities have tougher laws, including California, which bans smoking in all restaurants, bars and other public places.

Contamination...

Apple packs recalled

WENATCHEE, Wash. — Fresh Products Northwest is recalling its "Crunch Pak" Fresh Sliced Apple packages in 17 states because of possible bacterial contamination. The organism can cause serious or fatal infections in children, and the sick and elderly. It also can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Others may get fevers, headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. The product was distributed to wholesalers and retailers in Arizona, California, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin. All "Crunch Pak" varieties are included in the recall. Recalled products will have a "best if used by" date of March 21 through April 11 printed on the bag or carton label, the company said. Fresh Products Northwest is a joint venture of the Medford, Ore.-based Naumes Inc. and Dexco Fruit Co. of Wenatchee.

—Source: AP Wire
—Compiled by:
Amanda Thompson



IN OUR OPINION

Vote, vote, vote: Overcome apathy

To be or not to be our president: The question of who is completely up to the student voters

The past year of the Student Government Association has been fraught with scandal, allegations of misdeeds by the president and a lot of heated tempers. This Wednesday and Thursday, it will be time to choose a new president.

At the Kernel, this is normally the time that we endorse a candidate. However, this time, the job proved to be too difficult. Two of our edit board members had to abstain because they were covering the candidates as reporters, and the vote from the rest of the board was too split to confidently endorse any one candidate.

However, there was one point we could all agree on: Unless this campus wants the Greek population to single-handedly decide the outcome of this election, they need to come out and vote in droves.

Three of the presidential candidates, Alyshia Ochse, Steve Shaw and Nic Wilson belong to Greek organizations. And while the other candidate, Tim Robinson, is not Greek, his running-mate, Caroline Harralson, is.

In addition, Robinson received the endorsement of the Greek Political Action Committee. There has been a huge effort on the part of all candidates to court the Greek vote, making it all the more important for non-Greeks to get out and vote.

It has been a trend for some time that whoever gets the Greek support wins the election. For 12 of the past 13 years, whoever has gotten GPAC's endorsement has gone on to win the election.

We at the Kernel want to make it clear that we are not anti-Greek; in fact, two of our edit board members are Greek. But we feel that this campus should not let a minority of students make the decision for the entire campus. Greeks currently make up only 13 percent of the student body. While this is indeed a large percentage, it leaves more than two-thirds of students who are not. If all the non-Greek students at UK want Greeks to determine their next president, so be it, but we feel it shouldn't be that way.

Everyone should let their voice be heard.

Clay McDaniel
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Respect lost and found on the road to Final Four

As the last month of the semester approaches and March Madness heads down the final stretch, I find myself caring more about the red tie Rick Pitino will wear next year than I do about MacAuley's Duration. Even with a Kentucky loss, I just can't help it — college basketball is the best of life. School will always lag behind.

What exactly does school offer that can't be taught on a basketball court anyway? I mean, I have been told since I was three that everything a teacher tells me will be useful down the road. Imagine my disappointment when I discovered that all school gives us is wallpaper. Sure, diplomas and degrees are important, but the most important aspects of growing up, of masculinity, of life itself, are better articulated in the intricacies of college basketball than in almost any other place.

Our politicians certainly don't stack up. As I write these words they stand on the floor of the Senate debating a bill that

would weaken individual rights, perpetuate the incumbency protection racket currently in existence, and limit our freedom of speech all with the stroke of a pen. And to top it off they argue that this campaign finance reform would protect the voice of the "little man." Try and convince me that this country would not be better off with Tubby or Lute in charge.

Not to beleaguer the point, but when one team gets beat at the buzzer, in overtime, do they take their case to federal court? Even if they lose on a bad call by the referee (cough, St. John's, cough), no one bangs on their high chair and accuses the victors of racism. They come out the next time all the stronger, all the hungrier.

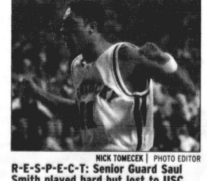
And that hunger is scarce outside the sporting arena. Our elementary and high schools teach kids that they can do no wrong and that any failure on the child's part must be the direct result of a failure on the

same: He was too skinny, he lacked the fire, that special Kentucky spirit. He did not share the blood of Hagan, Isel or even Rex.

But come to find out his blood is different because it's not blood at all, but rather ice water, and we would have all been watching Holy Cross play Iowa in the round of 32 were it not for him. Like everyone else in college basketball, Prince was forced to prove himself. He turned out to be an assassin, but not before he was second-guessed.

Students are hardly pushed on anything approaching that level. What we now have is little more than a vocational school. That's fine for plumbers and electricians — we certainly need them — but it should not be the standard for a university, especially one aspiring to Top 20 status.

At many colleges, grades are inflated so much they make Alec Baldwin's ego look small (the average grade at Stanford is an A). Standards are lowered to meet



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R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Senior Guard Saul Smith played hard but lost to USC.

Andrew Grossman
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Hard lies in soft money

In the weekend edition of USA Today, our beloved Sen. Mitch McConnell once again defended soft money contributions as a form of free speech.

To anyone following the campaign finance fiasco, McConnell's opposition is nothing new. Since campaign finance reform re-emerged as a major issue in the '90s, McConnell has led the charge to protect unlimited contributions from rich donors.

This latest defense, however, took a slightly different approach. McConnell claimed that soft money is good for challengers in a race, since they can only rely on political parties to get elected.

Either Mitch is trying to manipulate voters and fellow legislators with false sympathy for future opponents, or he really must be more stupid than we give him credit for.

Soft money contributions haven't always been with us. When the campaign laws limiting contributions were enacted, donors were faced with the problem of how to use their political dollars to influence elected officials.

Eventually, lawyers crafted the soft money loophole, which allowed unlimited, unregulated contributions to political parties for "party-building activities."

These "activities" include rent, office supplies, staff, and all of the other necessities for running a party. Naturally enough, this means parties can spend more of their own money on the candidates.

McConnell is making the naive assumption that soft-money donors are simply expressing their support of a candidate or party without any agenda of their own they want considered.

In politics, nothing's free. Oil companies donated millions of dollars to the Bush campaign because they wanted something from him, nothing more. If he doesn't deliver, they'll stop writing checks and he won't win the election.

Or, perhaps, they'll find an opponent who will promise to do as they say, and the name at the top of the checks will change.

No matter what, the money wins. Eventually, a politician finds out that he continues to win elections if he allows his decisions to be made by PAC's rather than convictions.

As a sitting senator with an undue amount of influence, McConnell knows this all too

well. Since he has the power to cast a vote in the Senate and help legislation creep through the legislative process, he is a prime candidate for soft money contributions.

Why on earth would a company invest its political manipulation in a challenger who has long odds of ever being in McConnell's position of influence?

The McCain-Feingold bill, which is currently under consideration in the Senate, would ban soft money and force politicians to answer to their constituents more than their contributors. To McConnell, this idea is unfathomable, and could lead Congress down a dangerous path toward becoming a representative democracy.

The argument that money is "free speech" is laughable at best. True, it is a tangible way of showing your support for a particular candidate, but it should not be protected by the First Amendment.

Imagine if speech were like money. Some could only speak for a few minutes each year, choosing their words carefully and trying to make ends meet. Others could yap on for hours on end, giving their two cents (pardon the pun) about everything from the economy to Chechnya.

Bill Gates could order pizza in Seattle and be heard in Missouri.

Unfortunately, money can trump speech in the political arena. Unregulated money from special interest groups can often silence the voices of their own constituents and force a politician to "consider" the group's position.

As long as McConnell's around, laws aimed at controlling the amount of influence the rich can have in politics will always have a tough opponent.

Ultimately, that's bad for those of us without huge bankrolls, since our opinions, according to Mitch, simply don't matter.

With any small measure of luck, the McCain-Feingold bill will overcome its formidable obstacles and bring fairness back into politics.

Maybe then, when Lori Weisberg challenges McConnell for his seat next year, our beloved senator may begin to listen to the rest of us.

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HE'S HARD TO KILL

Ponytail-less Seagal up to old bag of tricks again



What are you looking at?

Steven Seagal returns from the video shelf to reclaim his rightful action hero throne. He plays a cop battling corruption and rapper/actor DMX.

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By Matt Mulcahey
SCENE EDITOR

I always thought hell would freeze over before a Steven Seagal movie, opening just a week after, would be superior to a Robert De Niro film. Well, better get a coat because it's going to get chilly.

After a brief exile to straight-to-video land (well deserved after *Fire Down Below*) Seagal is back playing a rule breaking cop. After embarrassing the Secret Service in the process of saving the vice president from an assassination attempt, Seagal is banished to a ghetto precinct as punishment for repeated disrespect for authority.

Seagal soon locks horns with drug dealer DMX (who used the Method approach in preparing for his jail scenes) and is forced into ass kicking mode.

The plot is full of cop movie cliches, with twists and turns about as surprising as Seagal wearing black for most of the film. But *Exit Wounds* doesn't deny its dim bulb plot or excess for the sake of excess. In fact, the movie revels in them.

Exit Wounds is a throwback to the shoot-em-up, blow-em-up, high-body count, low intelligence action vehicles of the '80s. The kind of action movie that's becoming an endangered species with the increasing use of computer generated imaging.

It should come as no surprise that the movie is produced by Joel Silver, king of '80s enjoyable junk like *Action Jackson*, *Lethal Weapon*, *Predator* and *Roadhouse*.

Exit Wounds succeeds by playing off Seagal's image, the scowling intimidator who knows only one expression. *Hard to Kill* and both *Under Siege* were well done action films, but some-

where along the way Seagal strayed from what audiences wanted to see.

And it wasn't a tree-hugging conservationist (i.e. *On Deadly Ground*) who would wax poetic about saving the environment and the joy of peace and love and then proceed to kill 75 people with his bare hands.

Seagal has only one character he plays effectively, and that is the tough as nails, against the rules iconoclast, breaking bones and taking names. However, Seagal finally adds a new element to that stock character in *Exit Wounds*.

He still plays every scene with his "I wish I was as cool as Clint Eastwood" whisper, but the script gives Seagal the opportunity to trust his tough guy persona into amusing situations and even gives him a chance for a little romance.

Watch Seagal direct traffic with a whistle and goofy hat. See Seagal sit through anger management class with Tom Arnold. Most surprisingly, watch Seagal affectively woo his female boss.

Add these comedic elements to the wonderfully choreographed fight scenes, car chases and enough explosions to satisfy the most diehard of pyromaniacs and you've got the formula for a great action movie.

On the down side, the \$18 million dollar opening weekend box office for *Exit Wounds* will surely mean a series of imitations through Puff Daddy/Stallone and Master P/Van Damme vehicles. However, you've got to admit an old school Chuck Norris/Flavor Flav teaming would be

Grade: C+

MAMET ON LOCATION

Hollywood and Everytown, USA not as different as they appear

No need for a rewrite: Mamet off-kilter characters shine

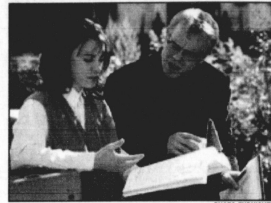
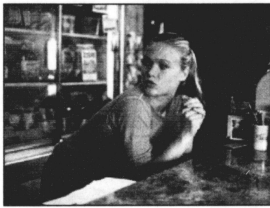
By Stacie Meihaus
STAFF CRITIC

"Shoot first, ask questions later," claims an embroidered pillow owned by Walt Price (William H. Macy) in *State and Main*.

Price is a movie director who will do anything for his film. In his latest, *The Old Mill*, he has had to change locations because his leading man dabbles in statutory rape as a hobby, threaten to sue his leading woman for breaking contract and continuously change his script days before shooting when his crew discovers that their new location has no old mill.

David Mamet's new film plays on the juxtaposition of the Hollywood moviemakers and the inhabitants of small-town Waterford, Vt.

The film follows the trials of writer Joseph Turner White (Phillip Seymour Hoffman, brilliant as usual) as he delves deeper into his creation to discover what, if not the old mill, his script is actually about. He is helped by local bookseller Ann Black (Rebecca Pidgeon,



Rebecca Pidgeon and Phillip Seymour Hoffman make an unlikely romantic pair in the new comedy *State and Main*.

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renger (Alec Baldwin) destroys the town's only stoplight after a late-night tryst with underage Carla (Julia Stiles).

Mamet has a very distinct writing style that is full of one-liners. He produces quirky characters without flaw. Scenes get cut-off in what appears to be the middle.

Characters say things that can only be described as off-the-wall. He utilizes running gags, including a pothole that every car going down the street hits, even if it is backing a serious scene.

Mamet writes this script all in the name of comedy. His word choices and even sentence structures are different from everyone else's way of writing. But it works, and the audience laughs. A lot.

The acting is flawless. Macy delivers an unsympathetic director who lies and manipulates all in the name of art. Sarah Jessica Parker plays the low-moral star Claire Wellesley who refuses to show yet again the breasts that "the nation can draw from memory." Alec Baldwin plays an amazing scum bucket. The townspeople also go about their way of life as if they weren't acting, which may be the trick that makes them so deliciously quirky on screen.

It is in Ann and Joseph where we are exposed to the heart of the film. It is about second chances and values, they decide.

This is a film that will either be hated or adored. Its different style will definitely turn some people off. Although the story may seem to drag at a few small points, it is a beautifully written and performed film.

It is definitely fun to watch.
Grade: A-

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