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Jon Bopp, an integrated strategic communication junior, faces discrimination for his sexual orientation. As a member of Lambda, Bopp tried to promote tolerance and understanding for other homosexual students dealing with prejudice at UK.

JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Special Report: Defining Diversity

RETHINKING PERCEPTIONS

This student came out as a homosexual in high school and is now helping other students search for a place to fit in

By Danielle Komis
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This is the third installment in a four-part series examining diversity at UK and the leaders of some student groups who aim to advance diversity on campus.

He has put up filers for club meetings only to have them ripped down moments later.

He has been the target of religious representatives, and he has been called "fag" more times than he can remember.

Jon Bopp, an integrated strategic communication junior, hopes others do not have to meet the same discrimination and prejudice he has battled as a homosexual.

As last fall's president of UK Lambda, a gay, lesbian and bisexual organization on campus, he made it his purpose to

raise awareness and gain broader acceptance of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at UK. Though Bopp is no longer as active in the club because his classes conflict with meeting times, he remains committed to the cause and the organization. Each meeting usually brings in about 15 to 25 people.

Bopp said that raising awareness that homosexuals are real people is the first step in opening minds.

"Gay people do exist, and it's not just something on 'The Real World' or 'Will and Grace,'" he said. "There are real issues."

Bopp, a native of Paducah, Ky. first began dealing with these issues in sixth grade, when he realized he was attracted to the new boy in school. He tried to ignore his feelings because it was just one

This week:

Tuesday: Diversity means more than numbers to many.

Yesterday: The president of the Latino-American Student Association works for understanding.

Tomorrow: The president of the Black Student Union pushes for equality.

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Committee pledges to fight fines

Fines for Beaux Arts Ball violations will be announced in court May 5

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Beaux Arts Ball committee plans to fight charges brought against it when Lexington police broke up the party early Sunday morning.

"We have an attorney, and we are definitely going to go to court, ready to fight for Beaux Arts," said director Tony Shiber.

Shiber said the four committee members cited are due in court May 5.

Lexington Police were called to the party at 177 N. Mill St. on Sunday at 3:30 a.m. after receiving a noise complaint.

According to the citations, obtained through an open records request to the Lexington Police Department, noise could be heard more than 50 feet away from the building.

Lt. James Lombardi, the Sunday morning duty commander, said the sergeant on the scene reported the party could be heard three blocks away. "The initial call was about noise. It was a loud

party," Lombardi said.

"The noise could be heard three blocks away. It was almost out of control."

Shiber did not deny that part of the charges.

"I admit it was loud," he said. "I guess it's how Beaux Arts ordinarily is. If anyone complained about the noise, I apologize."

Police also charged them with allowing minors to purchase alcohol at the party.

According to the citations, several people were passed out or vomiting inside and outside of the party, and police said many were underage, which police assumed if they didn't have ID.

Shiber said IDs were checked at the door, and anyone over 21 was given a wristband to show so they could buy alcohol. Anyone underage was given a hand stamp.

"We took every precaution we knew to take," he said.

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Greeks team up for step program

By Jenisha Watts
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Amid the sounds of stepping, Delta Zeta, Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Omicron Pi are just a few sororities the audience will see at 6:30 tonight at Memorial Hall.

The Epsilon Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha social fraternity is hosting the first annual Stomp-A-Palooza stepping competition for various Greek organizations at UK.

In the past, predominantly white and black fraternities and sororities have had little or no integration.

Stomp-A-Palooza was created to bridge this gap between historically black and white Greek organizations, said Brian Johnson, an Alpha Phi Alpha member and marketing senior.

For the past month, members of the Epsilon Chi Chapter have volunteered to teach various sororities and fraternities dance steps for the competition.

They've also been teaching the other Greek organizations the history behind

stepping.

"Stepping is indigenous of Africa," Johnson said.

"Blacks were not allowed to be in white fraternities or sororities. Since they were not allowed to chant, they picked up stepping."

Alpha decided it would teach steps to some of the predominantly white Greek groups on UK's campus.

"They are catching on quickly," Johnson said of the sororities.

In addition to the seven sororities and one fraternity, Fiji is involved in the event.

"We extremely appreciate all of the hard work that Alpha Phi Alpha has put into their first annual Stomp-A-Palooza," said Brandy Fisher, a Delta Zeta member and sociology junior.

However, some people are opposed to teaching historically white Greeks this tradition, said Samuel Gaines, an Alpha member and marketing finance junior.

"It's vital for them to un-

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Residents near campus say closing Rose will cause problems

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK officials met with local residents last night to discuss UK's proposal to close a 4,000-foot section of Rose Street from Huguelet Drive to South Limestone Street.

Most of the outspoken attendees were residents who came to discuss safety issues, increased traffic and inconsistent planning.

"It appears you're (UK) looking at a very narrow view here," said Bob Kelly, a UK architecture professor who used to live near campus for 15 years.

Kelly told the crowd of about 30 people there's a lot of traffic outside the area that isn't being considered.

"I believe a greater strategic view needs to be taken on this project," he said.

UK introduced the partial closing of space for a \$375 million expansion of Chandler Medical Center expansion, which is planned for the space where the hospital's parking garage currently is.

To maintain a thoroughfare for the 11,000 to 20,000 drivers who use this portion of Rose Street daily, UK has proposed widening and extending Virginia Avenue between South Limestone Street and Huguelet Drive.

Virginia Avenue would then become three lanes with a center turning lane.

"This project has to go through," said Michael Karpf, the executive vice president for health services. He said the hospital has not found another suitable site for the expansion.

"We didn't have a whole lot of choice in

terms of building the new hospital on campus," he said.

"If we're going to retain existing structures and complete Phase I of this project for the \$375 million allotted, then this location is our only option."

Jim Dickenson, an attorney who lives on Transylvania Park, worries many commuters will take alternate routes such as Woodland Avenue and University Drive, causing increased traffic congestion and safety concerns.

"So what you're saying to us is that this is a done deal and that there is no alternate or back up plan," he said.

This prompted Mark Barber, a UK software engineer and an Aylesford Park resident to ask a question in frustration.

"Where's all this traffic going to go," he

said.

The answer is straight through his own neighborhood, he said.

Barbara Cook, a Marquis Avenue resident, said her main issue with this project is that citizens don't feel they being considered in the development and planning process.

"What I'd like to see is more communication between UK and local residents," she said. "We feel like we have no say in these matters until it's too late."

"We just want to be more a part of the process."

UK officials are planning another open forum for late in April or early May to receive more feedback from residents.

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Bopp

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more thing to deal with, he said.

When he was a sophomore in high school, Bopp came out and told his close friends and family.

"It wasn't like I stood up in the middle of class and said I was gay," he said.

His parents and friends stood by him and were not overly surprised by his announcement.

"(My mom) and my dad had talked about it since I was in kindergarten," he said. "It wasn't a shock to them at all."

Bopp, who has been a member of Lambda since he was a freshman at UK, schedules speakers for the weekly club meetings, which address homosexual, bisexual and transgender issues.

Last year, President Lee Todd hosted a question-and-answer session with the club about these issues on campus. People from AIDS Volunteers of Lexington have come to meetings to educate members on HIV and AIDS. A representative from the "No to the Amendment" campaign came to recruit volunteers before the constitutional ban on same-sex marriage was decided.

Bopp also said he tries to schedule some fun meetings, such as a how-to on being a drag queen, which addressed problems such as how one can bear wearing stiletos for long periods of time. He would also love for the club to host a formal dance on campus in the future, which would be open to anyone, regardless of sexual identity.

"Lambda always has been mostly social," he said. "We want people to feel accepted



Art studio junior Caitlin Heinz (back right) observes undecorated junior Rebekah Eleazer (left) play scrabble with philosophy senior Stephanie Little outside the Student Center Oct. 10, 2004, during Lambda's and Lavender Society's National Coming Out Day.

and to get into their own skin."

In October, the club co-hosted a National Coming Out Day event with the Lavender Society outside the Student Center in hopes of making the gay and lesbian community more visible.

The first time they staged the event, in Fall 2002, club members were bombarded by people with Bibles and handouts with religious messages, Bopp said. The next year, they made sure that club members were not outnumbered, he said.

Bopp said the hardest part of being gay is not being able to relate to the majority, including professors.

One of Bopp's instructors recently made a comment in class that every male would like a girlfriend and every female would like a boyfriend. Though he says he hasn't always spoken up for himself, Bopp did this time and told the instructor that he didn't have

a girlfriend and will never have a girlfriend.

"It was just sort of breaking the mold," he said.

Bopp dealt with a difficult living situation when he lived on South Campus his freshman year. He and his roommate, who was also gay, faced a lot of prejudice from straight men in the dorm.

"It was always very tense," he said. "We were always the gay guys on the floor." They were often called names, he said. Bopp stayed away from his dorm room as much as possible.

Resident advisers should get more training on how to deal with these issues and learn how to assist students who are questioning their sexuality, he said.

Bopp didn't confront those on his floor because he thought that getting through to them would be impossible.

"They didn't want to know me," he said. "They just wanted to say what they wanted to

say."

Now Bopp lives off campus and does not have to face the same prejudice every day. He enjoys working part-time at Stein Mart on New Circle Road and hanging out with his group of friends, most of whom are gay. He aspires to work in public relations.

Before he leaves UK, however, he wants to concentrate on raising awareness and increasing acceptance of homosexuals. Seeing new faces at Lambda meetings always offers him a lot of hope for the organization, Bopp said — he remembers what it's like to be new and scared.

"Our main focus in finding people who aren't out and saying we're here," he said. Bopp looks forward to when homosexuals are looked at in the same way as heterosexuals.

"In three to five years, it'll be a non-issue in mainstream American life."

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Selected UK police reports from March 30 to April 5:

March 30: Report of golf cart being driven recklessly near White Hall Classroom Building reported at 8:18 and 9:32 a.m.

March 30: Theft at Kentucky Clinic reported at 10:31 a.m.

March 30: Arrest made in connection with indecent exposure at W.T. Young Library reported at 11:05 a.m.

March 30: Theft at the Johnson Center reported at 1:40 p.m.

March 30: Theft of a wallet at Miller Hall reported at 1:45 p.m.

March 30: Theft of a two-way radio at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 3:29 p.m.

March 31: Theft of mail at Blanding Tower reported at 1:55 p.m.

March 31: Assault and domestic dispute at Greg Page Apartments reported at 3:23 p.m.

March 31: Criminal mischief and theft from a vehicle at Lexington Community College parking lot meters reported at 4:13 p.m.

April 1: Theft from a vehicle at Parking Structure No. 4 reported at 12:48 a.m.

April 1: Theft from Breckinridge Hall reported at 11:39 a.m.

April 1: Harassing communication at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 3:03 p.m.

April 1: Theft of a shoulder bag at Mining and Mineral Resources Building at 5:50 p.m.

April 2: Parking meter removed from sidewalk and stolen at W.T. Young Library reported at 10:13 a.m.

April 2: Criminal mischief at W.T. Young Library reported at 6 p.m.

April 3: Theft at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 12:46 p.m.

April 3: Theft of a wallet at Fine Arts Building reported at 9:49 p.m.

April 3: Harassment at the Seaton Center reported at 10:01 p.m.

April 4: Theft at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 7:13 a.m.

April 4: Theft of a computer monitor at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 8:38 a.m.

April 4: Theft of a laptop computer at UK Chandler Medical Center reported at 9:23 a.m.

April 4: Assault in progress reported, student tied to a tree at Chi Omega house. Police left after learning it was a prank.

April 4: Theft of a motorbike at W.T. Young Library reported at 10:29 p.m.

April 5: Theft of mail from Blanding Tower reported at 10:02 a.m.

April 5: Theft of a wallet from the Seaton Center reported at 10:30 a.m.

April 5: Harassing communication at 653 Maxwell Court reported at 8:18 p.m.

Crimes selected from the UK police and online crime log.

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HONORABLE MENTION:

- ALUMNI RELATIONS

NIH to relax ethics rules

By Susan Baer
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — Two months after announcing strict ethics regulations he said were necessary to restore public trust in the National Institutes of Health, director Elias A. Zerhouni said Wednesday that he would seek changes in the sweeping set of rules that have rocked the NIH campus and caused several high-level defections. Zerhouni told a Senate panel it was "very clear" to

him that a new rule requiring divestiture of health-related stock for all NIH employees would have a "deleterious impact" on the nation's premier health-research facility.

As an example, he pointed to James F. Battey, a highly regarded NIH official who testified Wednesday that he planned to leave his post in September because of that requirement.

At a wide-ranging hearing, Zerhouni said that, "from a purely scientific standpoint," disease research could

be advanced if NIH scientists had access to more embryonic-stem-cell lines than President Bush's policy allows. Several NIH officials, in testimony and letters, were more direct in their opposition to the president's policy.

The new ethics regulations require stock divestiture of any health-related holdings by the agency's 17,500 employees and their families. They prohibit employees from outside work with groups such as biomedical companies and scientific organizations.

Fines

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"If we saw someone drinking underage, we tried to make sure it didn't (continue)."

Police also cited the party for not having a dance permit, which is required at large events where alcohol is served.

"I've never heard of a dance permit, and we looked into everything needed so that the ball would be legally permitted, and nobody told us anything about it (before-

hand)," Shiber said.

"It's really vague. No one even knows what a dance permit is."

Lombardi said to get a dance permit you must apply for one with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

One of the things Shiber said angered him the most was the attitude of the officers.

"The police officers were extremely disrespectful and rude," he said.

"They might have had justification to come by and issue a citation, but they had no justification to come by and be so disrespectful and hostile."

"Not being there, I wouldn't know," Lombardi said. "That's only one side of the story. Ordinarily that's not how we treat people."

Shiber also said he thinks police should have taken into account the intent and history of the ball.

"I feel the Beaux Arts Ball shouldn't have to face things like this because it's an event is a fundraiser for the community and all the profits are for the benefit of the community," he said.

"I don't think the police should put a halt to that."

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Step

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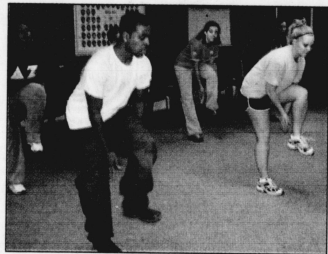
derstand the importance of stepping," Johnson said.

Although the Epsilon Chi Chapter members are teaching the sororities steps, stepping is not the only trademark of Alpha or any other black Greek organization.

"Stomp-A-Palooza gives fraternities and sororities of different ethnic backgrounds the opportunity to interact with each other," Johnson said.

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C.J. Carter, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, teaches Delta Zelta sorority sisters steps for tonight's first annual Step-a-Palooza.

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POPE JOHN PAUL II, 1920-2005

Cardinal's name now eternal secret

By Richard Boudreaux
LOS ANGELES TIMES

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II will take a secret to the grave when he is buried Friday: the identity of the last cardinal he named.

The mystery stems from the rare papal practice of naming cardinals in pectore, or close to the heart. Popes have usually done this to honor a prelate's service in a country where the Roman Catholic Church is persecuted without further straining the Holy See's relations with that nation or exposing the prelate to harassment.

Sometimes even the cardinal in question is unaware of his honor. And until the pope who appointed him announces his identity, he cannot receive his scarlet biretta or take his place in the

College of Cardinals as a "prince of the church." Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said Wednesday that Pope John Paul's final spiritual testament, a 15-page document to be made public Thursday, does not reveal the name of the cardinal whose in pectore appointment was announced in 2003 along with 30 who were identified.

That means the mystery cardinal, unlike his 183 peers who are named for life, will never learn of his rank and will not be able to join the College of Cardinals in electing a new pope.

"If the holy father had made that person's name known before dying, it would have been disclosed by now," Cardinal Edmund Casimir Szoka of Michigan said in an interview after hearing the testament

Wednesday in a closed meeting of cardinals. "It's over. That person will no longer be a cardinal."

The tale of the invisible and now vanished cardinal highlights the status of the world's largest Christian church as a beleaguered minority religion in places such as China and Russia. Authorities in both countries are so averse to the Vatican that John Paul, the most-traveled pope ever, was unable to fulfill his dream of visiting them.

Speculation here about the secret cardinal's identity has centered on two Roman Catholic prelates in those countries. Father Thomas Reese, a Vatican specialist who edits the New York-based Jesuit magazine America, said he believed the secret cardinal was someone in China.

Carter not going to Rome

By Ellen Garmern
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — President Bush arrived in Rome Wednesday night for Pope John Paul II's funeral, bringing with him a delegation of U.S. dignitaries — as well as a public-relations headache over a botched invitation to former President Carter.

Bush will appear at the pontiff's funeral Friday with former presidents George H.W. Bush and Clinton. But Carter, the first president to invite a pope to the White House, will not be there.

Neither the White House nor the former president's staff in Georgia can agree on exactly why Carter — who made history with a reception for Pope John Paul II at the White House in 1979 — won't be attending. The White House says Carter refused its invitation. Carter al-

lies explain his absence as the result of either a miscommunication or a White House snub.

"I'm very disappointed he isn't going," said Mary Hoyt, former first lady Rosalynn Carter's former press secretary, recalling the Carters' warmth for the pope. "I think he belongs there."

A statement from Carter's office earlier this week said the former president had asked the White House if he could join the U.S. delegation at the funeral but was told that space was limited and other U.S. dignitaries were eager to attend.

The White House countered that it had extended an invitation and noted that the Vatican, not the White House, limited the U.S. delegation to five people. First lady Laura Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will round out the U.S. delegation.

Carter's absence is striking when set alongside the long list of American politicians who will attend (though those lesser stars won't get the same prime seats as the official U.S. delegation). Congress is sending 40 lawmakers while other local groups, like one assembled by New York's Cardinal Edward Egan, will include New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Carter tried to end the flap in a statement Wednesday: "There has been no discussion between me and the White House concerning the pope's funeral," he said.

But some see Carter, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and an outspoken opponent of the Iraq war, as deliberately excluded by the Bush administration. Although the White House extended the invitation in a letter, they argue, the Republicans did not offer it in spirit.



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Speaker: It's time to rethink energy

By Sasha Shymanska
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Modern civilization will become increasingly dependent on access to large amounts of oil, gas, coal, industrial materials and water at reasonable costs in the near future, said Arthur Green, retired chief geoscientist at ExxonMobil Exploration Co., yesterday.

"The next stage of the energy business will be its greatest challenge as corporations try to meet the never-ending demand for new sources of oil and gas," he said.

Today, oil and gas supply about 67 percent of the world's energy. Renewable energy, excluding hydroelectric and nuclear energy, represents about 2 percent of production worldwide. Consumption of this energy is growing along with the

world's population. Countries such as Russia and China are refusing to sell their oil to United States because they are afraid that their oil supplies will soon run out.

In his speech, "Global Energy — the Next Decade and Beyond," Green said gas prices are not going to get cheaper. He urged both attendees of his speech and the population as a whole to try to conserve energy supplies.

His speech inspired some students to take action. "I thought his speech

was very interesting, and I learned a lot about oil production. I will do a little more research on my own," said Erika Thomas, an elementary education junior.

Other students said Green could have touched on other energy issues.

"What he talked about pretty much agrees with my opinion, but I wish he would have talked more about alternative sources of energy," said Aaron Clark, a mathematics sophomore.

Green holds master's and bachelor's degrees in geology from Washington

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Arthur Green
retired geoscientist

State University and University of Oregon. He drilled for oil in many countries, including Venezuela, Azerbaijan, Scotland, Turkey, Angola, Russia and China.

Green started working at Exxon Production Research Company in 1969. In 1993 he moved to Exxon Exploration, and by 2000 he became chief geoscientist of ExxonMobil. He retired in 2003.

Green told the audience they need to recognize the energy problems Americans and others will soon be facing.

"It is really time, folks, we get to start talking straight to each other. You are going to make the future of this country, state and the world," he said.

By Ralph Vartabedian
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Spent nuclear fuel stored at commercial reactors across the United States may be vulnerable to a terrorist attack that would set off fires and disperse radiation to surrounding areas, nuclear experts warned Wednesday.

A report by the National Academy of Sciences recommended that all the nation's 103 commercial reactors be examined by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and that measures be taken to reduce the potential for fires if the plants do come under attack.

Louis J. Lanza, chairman of the academy panel that conducted the study and a consultant to

Experts say terrorists are eyeing stored nuclear fuel

By Ralph Vartabedian
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Bell Laboratories in New Jersey said the committee considered air and ground attack scenarios, but details and assumptions about terrorist capabilities are contained in a classified version of the report delivered to Congress.

The academy's conclusions have been disputed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the nuclear power industry.

The study was requested by Congress to examine the vulnerability of tens of thousands of tons of spent radioactive fuel across the nation. Every nuclear power plant must store spent fuel rods for at least five years after they are removed from reactors, allowing them to radioactively decay and cool down.

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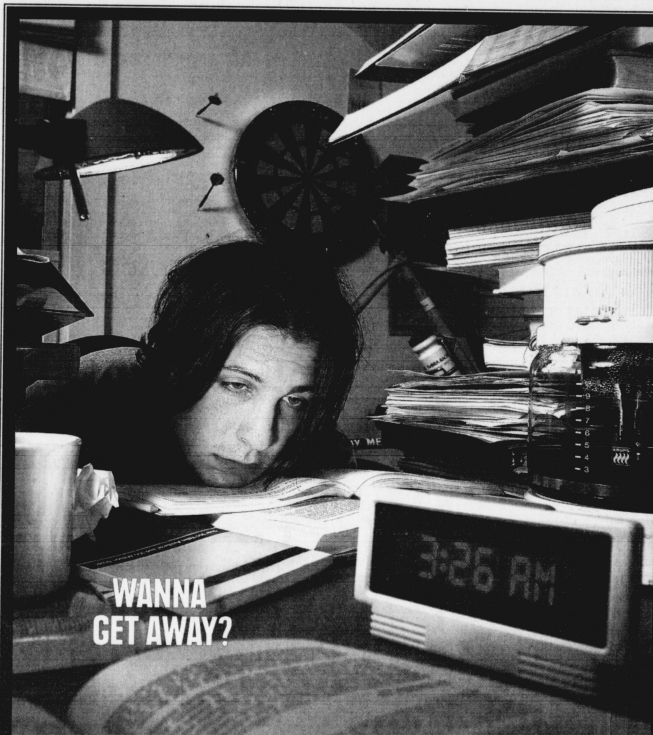
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Spring is the right time for Belle's

Uncovering the dining secrets of Lexington takes some digging — some peeking behind corners and sneaking into backyards.



Elizabeth Troutman
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Little did I know, a hidden treasure was waiting for me in my own backyard.

The arrival of spring has sprouted more than just budding buttercup around the landscape of Belle's Bakery. The small business inside an unassuming white building on Ashland Avenue invites customers to a fresh sandwich finished off with irresistible baked sweets.

It's a sign of hope for the coming picnic season. It's a sigh of relief from french fries and microwaved pizza rolls. It's taking a break from college life for an afternoon to fill an empty stomach with something wholesome and pure.

Belle's Bakery, a deli and catering business, offers more than just a quick bite. It offers a revitalizing hometown experience in the midst of a chaotic college town.

Owners Masten and Dingy Childers' toddler, Audrey, waters buttercup on the miniature patio outside Belle's Bakery. Flowers trim the edge of the plain, box-shaped house. A red wagon sits in the parking lot. Downstairs, Audrey's mom and dad are busy preparing fresh products for the lunch crowd.

It started a few years ago as a small catering gig for the couple. Both were raised in good food families and worked in the food industry during college.

It wasn't until last year that they established their deli and bakery that specializes in simple sandwiches, salads, soups and sweets. The quaint spot is hidden in the heart of the Ashland shop-



ROBIN BAKER | STAFF

Belle's Bakery, on Ashland Avenue across from Starbucks, offers patrons a variety of fresh baked goods, along with sandwiches and homemade salads.

ping strip, just across from Starbucks.

But Starbucks' pastries don't compare to the fluffy, crumbly warm and crispy sections on display and in the oven at Belle's. I enjoyed the soup of the day, a steaming puree of artichokes and tomatoes with slight spice and thick consistency.

The unique Benedictine sandwich combines smooth cream cheese with crisp cucumbers blended with a hint of onion.

The special of the day, and favorite of regulars, was the pork sandwich. Lumps of tender pork are marinated in a sweet baste and cooked slowly then put between bread and a choice of toppings.

Masten makes the sandwiches and salads while Dingy does the baking. She proves that it doesn't take a grandma to prepare a fresh batch of homemade cookies. The 24-year-old bakes original treats such as crispy butter-scotch cookies and sinful cream-cheese brownies.

"Cream cheese is good on anything," she said.

The day starts early every

morning for the Childers family, and every item is made fresh — nothing is kept overnight.

The quality ingredients of each sandwich and careful use of flavors will appeal to any customer. The concept of simplicity over complication makes the menu attractive to diners of all appetites and culinary backgrounds.

Tiny plants and vibrant, colorful placemats entice visitors to stay and chat with the owners. The cheerful decor and a relaxed atmosphere warm customers to the couple and their domain. There is a tiny patio with a couple of tables and an umbrella under which customers can take a break from corporate or school life.

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Good times with guitarists

By Nathan Thacher
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Attention, unemployable guitar junkies: You can now earn a college degree at UK by playing guitar. And if you're interested in meeting your professor in classical guitar, Andrew Leonard, you'll be able to see him perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Singletary Center with Grammy-winning guitarist Doug Smith.

Leonard began playing guitar and violin when he was 12, and he dabbled in various genres of guitar music and played in several "bands that never left the garage."

"I wanted more from music, and I wasn't given the opportunity in some of the other situations where I was playing guitar," Leonard said. "When I heard classical guitar, I really felt like this is the greatest thing I've ever heard; this is what I want to do."

Leonard began studying classical guitar at age 16, and it did not take him very long to become a classical virtuoso with a master's in music from Yale University.

"What really excited me about the classical guitar is that I didn't need anyone else to make music," Leonard said. "It was something that really clicked, and in a short amount of time, I was getting a lot of attention for what I was doing."

Before you get excited about playing guitar for college credit just because you can play "Freddie" with your teeth, be advised: Classical guitar is quite a departure from the normal-paced strumming of pop and rock music.

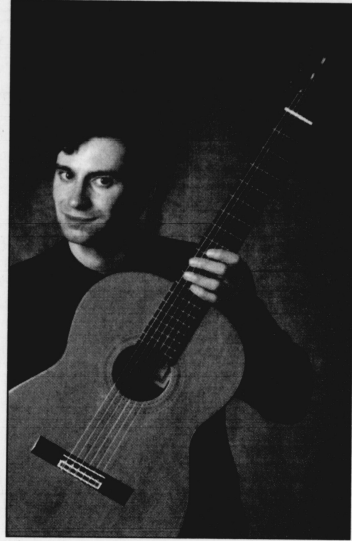
"I spend four hours a day practicing, sometimes more," Leonard said.

In the fall of 2004, Leonard began teaching at UK and reinstated UK's guitar program after a decade-long hiatus. For years he has taught guitar workshops and offered lessons to aspiring guitarists.

"I think over my years of teaching, I've become very good at figuring out how to get people to develop quickly, or how to look at a piece of music," Leonard said. "I enjoy interacting; I enjoy watching people progress or preparing someone for a recital. If I weren't teaching, I would probably miss it a lot."

Leonard's approach to the program is more dynamic and inclusive than the program has been in the past, and Leonard said he will try to incorporate many different styles of solo guitar play, in addition to classical, that students will be able to study for credit.

"As a performer, when you're teaching, when you



Andrew Leonard is working to revitalize the classical guitar program at UK. He will perform Saturday with Grammy winner Doug Smith.

have to explain to someone how to do something, it really gives you a chance to solidify your own interpretation of a certain piece of music," Leonard said.

"You study the masters that came before you, and you take some things they did that you really like and other parts that you think you'd do differently."

Leonard has his students study the "masters" of classical guitar such as Andre Segovia, John Williams, Leo Kottke and Julian Bream, and then he allows students to develop their own interpretation of the piece.

Along with this, Leonard will be inviting more guest performers to his classes to facilitate this musical diversity; among them will be classical finger-style guitarist Doug Smith. Leonard and Smith have developed a friendship

each year of performing together all over the country. Smith is a classically trained guitarist who's been playing since he was 10 years old, and he has combined sounds of folk, classical, jazz and rock into his unique style of guitar play.

"One of the reasons we've been playing together these

An Evening of Guitar Solos and Duos with Andrew Leonard and Doug Smith

Where: Singletary Center

When: 7:30

How Much: Tickets cost \$10 for the general public, and \$5 for students with a valid ID.

past four years is that a lot of the places we play want us back. You can hear in one evening two people playing solo guitar in completely different ways," Leonard said. "There's a lot of mutual respect between the two of us, and he's one of the greatest guitar players I've ever heard."

Leonard and Smith will each play a solo set, and they will also play a duet at the Singletary Center. The event is a fundraiser for the guitar program's scholarship and guest artist programs in hopes of bringing more artists like Smith to UK's school of music.

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NBC and the apocalypse

By Noel Holston
NEWSDAY

In a CNN/Time magazine poll in 2002, 59 percent of the respondents said they believe that the apocalyptic events predicted in the Bible's Book of Revelation are going to come true.

That would appear to portend blockbuster Nielsen ratings for "Revelations," an NBC limited series, nominally inspired by the New Testament book. It begins a six-week run next Wednesday night.

The key word here is "appear." NBC would appear to be tapping into a climate of anxiety heightened by everything from the 9/11 terrorist attacks to the nuclear aspirations of Iran and North Korea and the persistent global-warming warnings. The commercial wisdom of it would appear to have been demonstrated resoundingly by the success of Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ* and the best-selling *Left Behind* books by Tim F. LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, which extrapolate Revelation's cryptic verses into contemporary tales of the End Times as action-packed as one of Arnold Schwarzenegger's *Terminator* movies (or his 1999 Satan-smasher, *End of Days*).

Yet there's no way to gauge before "Revelations" premieres whether evangelical Christians, the people most predisposed to be interested in the subject matter, will view the miniseries as a

welcome endorsement of their beliefs or a shameless exploitation of them by a network that has no compunctions about scheduling learning sitcoms and "reality" shows in which contestants eat the sort of bugs that the Book of Revelation predicts will be visited upon humankind in plagues.

Especially in light of the recent death of Pope John Paul II, will devout Roman Catholics be put off by the series' conceit that the Vatican is "threatened" by the activities of a renegade convent in Florida? Will evangelicals be offended by the miniseries' supposition that Armageddon and the Second Coming of Christ can, or even should, be forestalled? Will religious Americans in general be sickened by NBC and executive producer-writer David Seltzer's appropriation and manipulation of Holy Scripture and symbols, starting with the "Revelations" logo, in which the "I" is a cross?

"Revelations" chronicles the globe-hopping adventures of a Harvard science professor named Richard Massey (Bill Pullman) and a rebel Roman Catholic nun, Sister Joseph (Natascha McElhone). They team up to investigate various signs and wonders — including a shadow on a Mexican mountain that resembles Jesus on the cross and a miracle infant discovered floating on a scrap of a ship's wreckage in the Mediterranean Sea — in an effort to prove and perhaps

avert the coming of the prophesied End of Days.

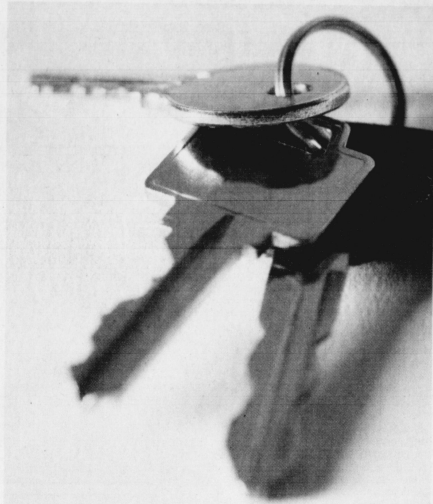
Seltzer and the end of the world go way back. Not only did he write the screenplay for the 1976 horror hit *The Omen*, which envisioned the Antichrist as a handsome boy-child named Damien, but he also authored *The Hellstrom Chronicle*, a prank documentary that unnerved gullible moviegoers in 1971 with its supposedly science-backed prediction that insects, not Communists, would overrun and rule the world.

If "Revelations" does attract a wide audience, Seltzer said, he believes it will be "because people are very nervous as to where they're heading. And for the sake of their children and their children's children, I think it's time to explore their relationship to the hereafter and the now and determine whether or not ... there's a part mankind can play at this time to forestall the nuclear bubble breaking and the world coming to an end."

"We're looking at 35 wars going on in the world, any one of which could become a flash point that would end our lives. And with all the geological-social-political events lining up with what the book of Revelation says are the End of Days, it is time to start taking it seriously."

"Revelations" will take it seriously, or at least melodramatically, for years to come, provided the ratings are strong and the world doesn't ... you know what.

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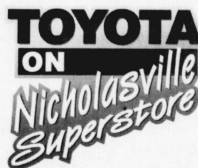
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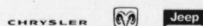
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Cooper shuts down Colonels

By Ryan Wood
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Battered and bruised, Meghan Cooper walked slowly to the locker room.

After finishing a shutout victory last night against Eastern Kentucky (13-17) at the UK softball complex, the UK junior pitcher was ready for a break.

"I'm staying in tonight," she said after the game. "My arm, knee and hand where I got hit by a ball all get ice."

UK (16-29) won 2-0, as Cooper tossed her third complete game shutout this season, which improved her record as a starter to 6-13.

Due to some great defense and windy conditions, the game was scoreless until the bottom of the fifth, when former Ms. Kentucky Softball and sophomore shortstop Brooke Marantz hit an RBI single to score pinch runner Kristen Cochran.

"If you've got two of the three facets going for you (hitting, pitching, and fielding) then you're going to win," head coach Eileen Schmidt said. "We had the pitching and the fielding today."

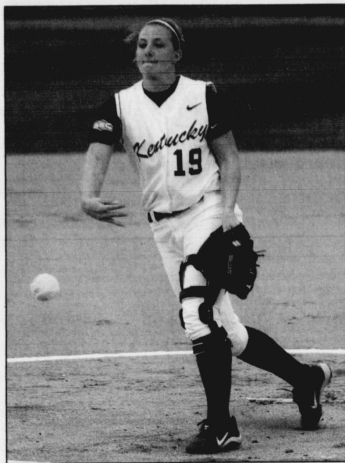
Later, in the bottom of the sixth, senior center fielder Jessica Nance stepped into the batter's box with two outs. She swung at the first pitch and bombed it to left center field for her second home run of the season to give the Cats a 2-0 lead.

"I really wasn't thinking home run," she said. "I wanted a good pitch, and I wanted to get a hit — other than that, I wasn't thinking at all."

Although it was a low-scoring game, the win didn't come easy.

Cooper was in a tight spot in the top of the seventh.

With two outs, the colonels had the bases loaded, but Cooper was able to get the batter to ground out to second and end the game.



KEITH GRIFFIN | STAFF

UK junior Meghan Cooper pitched a complete game shutout — her third this season — in the Cats' 2-0 win over Eastern Kentucky yesterday.

"She isn't a strike-out kid," Schmidt said. "She's a ground ball kid, and (she) is very aggressive."

The Cats got a couple of days off before heading to Baton Rouge, La., this weekend to face Southeastern Conference rival Louisiana State. LSU made it to the final four of last year's Softball World Series. The Cats and the Tigers will play a three-game series starting with a double-header Saturday.

"(We'll) try to stay focused and work at the task at hand," Schmidt said. "LSU has struggled a bit this season, but it's LSU. They are just waiting to break out, and nobody wants

them to break out on them."

In a tough SEC, Schmidt and her team have struggled this year to a 2-15 record. "We don't look at it like they're LSU," Nance said. "We are heading into this game like any other... keeping the intensity and building on this win."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Smith earns Coach of Year

After leading UK to a 28-6 record, head coach Tubby Smith was named 2005 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year. Bruce Weber, head coach of national runner-up Illinois, finished second, 10 points behind Smith.

After winning their first 10 Southeastern Conference games, the Cats finished 14-2 in the league and captured the school's 43rd SEC title. It was Smith's fifth SEC title in eight seasons.

Men's tennis upsets No. 2 Illinois

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Down in the second set, UK junior Nate Emge rallied to clinch the Cats' upset win over No. 2 Illinois.

The Cats won 4-3 to snap the Illini's 38-match home winning streak at the Atkins Indoor Tennis Center.

UK's Tigran Martirosyan and Jesse Witten won their doubles match in a tiebreak, while Emge and Alex Hume scored an 8-6 win.

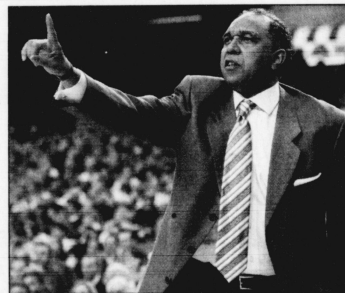
Emge, Martirosyan and Witten won their singles matches. Tied after two sets, Hume's match was abandoned when Emge clinched the win for UK.

The win snaps a four-match losing streak to the Illini.

Linebacker leaves UK

Linebacker Chad Anderson has withdrawn from school, UK head coach Rich Brooks said yesterday.

A three-year letterman, Anderson had been kept out of spring practice for academic reasons. In 2003, Brooks' first season at UK, Anderson made 125 tackles and led the Southeastern Conference in tackles per game. He would have been a senior in the 2005 season.



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

UK head coach Tubby Smith was named Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award after leading the Cats to a 28-6 record.

Patterson earns honor

Brooke Patterson was named Southeastern Conference Track Runner of the Week for her 800-meter performance last weekend at the Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta, Ga. Patterson is the second UK track athlete to receive the honor this season.

The two-time All-American and school record holder in three events took top honors in the women's 800-meter run. With 20- to 30-mile per hour winds and 40-degree temperatures, she recorded a season-best regional qualifying time of 2:08.45.

Sucurovic wins award

Former UK punter Sevin Sucurovic won the Giant Steps Award on National Student-Athlete Day. Earlier this year, he won the Inspirational Award at the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl as the nation's most inspirational football player.

Sucurovic, a native of Tuzla, Bosnia, came to the Uni-

ed States in 1998. He enrolled at UK in 1999 and made the football team as a walk-on, eventually converting to a punter in 2003.

Graduating in 2004 with a degree in kinesiology, he said he was the first in his family to earn a degree.

He plans to enroll in the DeVos Sports Business Management graduate school program at the University of Central Florida.

Swimmers to join U.S. team

UK seniors Daniel Cruz and Tim Patrick will represent the United States at the World University Games later this summer after swimming qualifying times at the USA Swimming World Championship Trials in Indianapolis. Cruz finished seventh in the 200-meter butterfly. Patrick placed seventh in the 50-meter freestyle.

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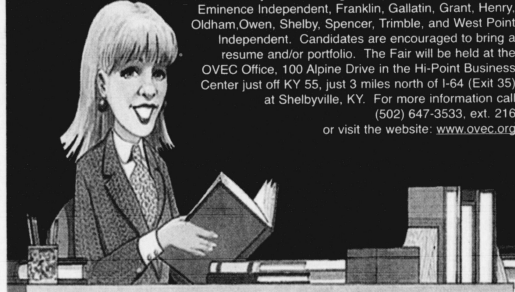


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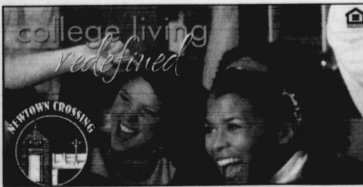
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Cats flush Purple Aces



UK sophomore second baseman John Shelby fouls off a pitch in the first inning of the Cats' 17-1 win over Evansville. On the next pitch, Shelby hit a three-run homer, his team-leading sixth of the season.

By Adam Siche
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Senior right-hander Ryan Lancaster started last night's game for the visiting Evansville Purple Aces, sporting a 3-1 record, a 2.51 ERA and zero home runs allowed.

One home run and eight earned runs later, the offense from UK's underclassmen had trumped Lancaster's statistics.

Sophomores Billy Grace and John Shelby combined for three home runs and 10 RBIs to help UK blow by No. 35 Evansville 17-1 last night. The Cats (15-12) sent all nine hitters to the plate in both the first and second innings and forced the Purple Aces (24-8) to use three pitchers in the first three frames.

"We played a club who's beaten a lot of people, who ordinarily people would say they're not supposed to beat," said UK head coach John Cohen.

"I think we're seeing a glimpse of what our young guys can be."

Second baseman Shelby sent a three-run home run over the scoreboard in right field in the first, part of five UK runs that inning. Shelby's four RBIs boosted his team-high season total to 29 and helped the Cats tie a season-high in runs.

The Cats duplicated Shelby's offense in the next frame.

this time with right fielder Grace hitting his own three-run homer. Grace — in his first game back since injuring a finger almost two weeks ago — hit another home run in the third inning, this one of the two-run variety as UK led 14-0 after three innings.

"I just started to hit again (Tuesday)," Grace said. "I took it and ran with it. I was focused on the pitcher and on getting it done."

Cohen commended his club for the offensive outburst.

"We really used the middle of the field and really got the barrel squared off," Cohen said. "We did a nice job of controlling the strike zone, taking pitches outside the zone and attacking pitches inside the zone. It's a lot easier said than done."

Catcher Justin Scutchfield, who finished with three doubles and four runs scored, said UK's hitting was contagious.

"We couldn't get out," Scutchfield said. "Nothing went wrong. When (Evansville) did bring it in the zone, we hit it hard, which made for big innings."

UK used a combination of left- and right-handers to hold Evansville to one run — a homer from right fielder Jeff Fontaine in the fourth. Starting pitcher Alex Jordan (1-2) struck out two batters in the second to escape a bases-

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loaded situation and keep Evansville off the scoreboard early.

"When he gets in a rhythm, he's going to be as good as anybody," Cohen said. "He's really going to be a special athlete on the mound."

"He's just kind of feeling his way around, but you see glimpses."

"He gets better every time he's out there," Scutchfield said.

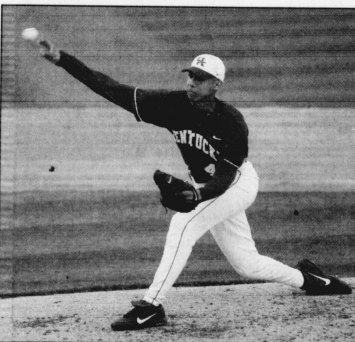
Cohen said throwing strikes on the first pitch in many at-bats boosted his pitchers.

"That's something we have not done the last three weekends," Cohen said, referring to series losses to Southeastern Conference schools Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

UK — 0-8 in the SEC — faces conference foe Tennessee at home this weekend. Grace hopes he can reproduce the same offense he had last night.

"(Last night) was a big confidence boost," Grace said. "We know what level we can play at."

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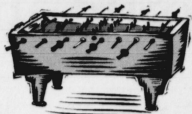
UK freshman right-hander Alex Jordan pitches to the Evansville Purple Aces last night. Pitching three scoreless innings with three strikeouts, he picked up his first win of the season, as the Cats rolled 17-1 at home.

KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

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APRIL 8

IN OUR OPINION

SG should implement online polling

If all politics is local, it probably follows that so is political apathy.

Despite huge national efforts to mobilize the college-age voting bloc during the 2004 presidential election, our cohort didn't turn out in any higher percentage than the last time the nation elected George W. Bush.

For all our talk of begging to be heard, we failed to prove ourselves. UK students again had a chance to prove their political interest on the most basic, local level last week. Student Government presidential candidates each relied heavily on platform planks relating to student interaction.

And again, we as students failed. UK students turned out at a rate of only 10.6 percent to elect Will Nash as SG president.

But, as it turns out, pure student apathy may not be the sole cause of such dismal participation.

According to a Kernel analysis, even if enough workers had volunteered to fully staff

the polling places according to SG's scheduled hours, only 50 percent of UK students could have voted under the planned conditions if lines had moved continually.

ly and each student took just 47.2 seconds to show a poll worker his or her ID, give his or her Social Security number and then vote in the booth. If 50 percent of UK and LCC students were to vote, each student could take just 35.4 seconds.

To attain 100 percent turnout of UK students, each student could take 23.6 seconds. For 100 percent of UK and LCC students, each student could take just 17.7 seconds.

(LCC polls were closed all day Wednesday and were only open two hours Thursday)

Given the polling scheduled in last week's SG election, only 19 percent of all UK students could have voted, allowing a minute and a half for each student to vote.

For a complete breakdown of how The Kernel arrived at these figures, visit www.kykernel.com.

To hope for 100 percent turnout, we of course know, is unrealistic optimism. But it is not unreasonable nor impossible to increase student voting in SG elections. And for all the complaining about a Greek monopoly on SG candidates, Greek students

mobilize better than any group on campus. A natural solution for increasing involvement would be to move elections to online voting. UK students already vote for homecoming

king and queen on the Internet.

It's difficult to know how many more students would vote if all they had to do was log on a Web site while sitting in their dorm or apartment.

But surely that method would be an improvement over having to hope you catch a line with a short enough wait to vote between your classes in the White Hall Classroom Building. It would also eliminate the need to find enough workers to keep polls open.

UK Faculty recently encountered some difficulties in trying to vote online for a Board of Trustees representative. But if SG began working right now, we're confident they could find a quality means of online voting by this time next year.

The Freshman Senate elections next fall would be an ideal test run for online voting. If students aren't willing to go to the polls, there's no reason SG shouldn't look into bringing the polls to the students.

If one does the math, it becomes evident that the logistics to on-campus voting provides a great deterrent to students.

Showdown over Schiavo a symptom of sickness

After contracting what I am now led to believe (lab results pending) was a mutant strain of the ol' bubonic, I spent the better part of Sunday morning hunched over my toilet bowl admiring the grout work on my bathroom floor.

When I wasn't vomiting stomach lining or assuming variations on the fetal position in my bed, I was doing the closest thing to it: watching TV. Lots of TV.

And after the nth hour of my insight telethon binge-fest, I noticed that the stuff floating in the bowl of my Whirlpool was no different than the stuff floating on the screen of my Zenith — vile, derivative, etc. I had consumed more news than my body could handle, which in turn made me

more ill. Yet nothing has made me sicker than the coverage of the Terri Schiavo case. I've personally sworn to myself that I would not write about this issue because (a) everyone else has, to varying (yet mostly dismal) degrees of success, and (b) I really didn't have much to say about it. (And there's no point in beating a dead horse — unless you're the Republican Party. More on it later.)

Having recently suffered my own debilitating and melodramatic illness, and having briefly ruminated drafting an impromptu living will upon the cold, hard tile of my bathroom in red crayon, I'm finally ready to give my two cents on the matter.

In all of the Schiavo coverage I've seen, there exists not one story that has brought to light Terri's bulimia, which inadvertently put her in the coma those many years ago. Not one little story appearing on any of the 24-hour news channels that attempts to address the real root of the problem.

The argument you should have been hearing is, "If Terri weren't bulimic, she would have had the nutritional wherewithal to fully recover from her accident instead of lapsing into a permanent vegetative state."

What should have been an examination about the extreme pressures on women to be physically perfect in our society mutated into a battle between (culture of) life and (culture of) death.

What should have been a thoughtful, careful look at eating disorders in an effort to prevent another Terri Schiavo was immediately dumbed down to a media-friendly binary narrative of black and white, of good and evil, which both pundits and enterprising politicians could milk as long as the public's attention span remained fixated on the Florida hospital.

I should have seen Bill O'Reilly yelling at gaunt teenage girls. I should have seen President Bush demand the attorney general to treat "buh-lem-eh-uh" as a serious epidemic affecting our nation's youth.

I should have learned on CNN that upward of 20 percent of female college students suffer from bulimia and that if they don't seek treatment they could wind up like Terri, too.

But I didn't. What I did get was more of the same puke on every channel: Liberals fighting for Terri's right to live, conservatives fighting for Terri's right to live, the yelling so loud on both sides I was ready to the pull the plug on my television.

Yet, par for the course, most shameless of all were conservatives. They used Terri as a vehicle for their own agenda, ignored judicial law and abused congressional power. They even snagged the president into the maelstrom for a juicy soundbyte or two (while he was on vacation, of course).

True Republicans should be ashamed how their party hijacked "Terri's fight," ignoring core Republican tenets (which, I believe, have something to do with little government involvement in personal affairs) in an overwhelming show of force in the House and the Senate to actually meddle with someone's personal affairs. Not since Patriot Act Vols. I and II have I seen such shameless hypocrisy.

Most sickening of all were claims that the courts hold too much power, while Republicans steamrolled their way across the judicial branch and into Terri's hospital room like a herd of rabid elephants.

Terri is dead now, hopefully residing in a better place (according to whatever belief system you subscribe to), and I think that's for the better. If she could have seen what this country was doing in her name, I think she'd feel a lot like another dead person would feel if he were to wake up 2,000 years after the fact.

Before long, we'll all forget about Terri and feeding tubes and the intricacies of Florida court law in lieu of the next big story that's already coming 'round the bend.

Cameras are rolling non-stop in Vatican City, poised for this Friday's mourn-fest, so it seems as if the Schiavo case has already exited zeitgeist, stage left.

And I'm already starting to feel better.

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SETH TWARDY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Making little to moderate sense

Last week I wrote about liberal ire directed toward supporters of keeping Terri Schiavo alive — a hatred evidently motivated

merely by loathing of religious conservatives. Over the following week, in came the responses, and with them more examples of yet another political sickness that I'd like to address.

First, I'll condense the reader reactions down to these synthetic paragraph examples.

Figure 1: "It was really encouraging to read a column like this in the media. Keep up the good work."

Figure 2: "You kitten-embryo-eating vat of petrified slime. How dare you suggest that liberals hate people and want to call them names? You ought to blank blank the blank blank with a blank blank and feed it to a garbage disposal, blank blank birth certificate, blank blank, peace out, (name)."

So which one of them did I find more sick?

Neither of them. What I especially cannot stand are messages that read like this one, Figure 3:

"Eww, I simply cannot stand to read your columns anymore at all. All you ever do is blast other people, and it's horrible, horrible, and by the way although I can't stand President Bush or the Christian Taliban, I'm not a liberal like you think. I'm actually Ann Coulter. Actually, no, personally I'm a moderate, and I can see both sides of every issue, and you nauseate me. Also, I am canceling my subscription to 'The Kernel.'"

Audible sigh. Another acute case of Personally Moderate Syndrome. It afflicts many Americans, causing them to run around swearing they're moderate and they can see all sides of every issue, and there's real-

ly no right or wrong way to think about this, and why can't we all simply learn to live as brothers and sisters and sing around a campfire?

Don't worry, it's rare. Most people who follow events have opinions about social and political issues. They may not share those opinions with other people, but that doesn't mean they're faking neutrality.

And I'm not referring to members of another group, the Strategically Dense Indifferents, who don't pay attention to national events and don't try to get involved or even vote.

If the moderates didn't vote, I wouldn't care. But some of them do vote. And they'll express their disagreements — strangely, often against conservatives — while acting as if by declaring, "Personally I'm a moderate," they are therefore touching base, and you can't tag them with any counterarguments because that would make you a horrible, evil partisan or something.

During the whole Schiavo saga, these types crawled out from their gray areas, voiced their profound opposition to the conservative perspective on the issue, and then quickly ducked back into the shadows while shouting the magic words, "Moderate! Don't touch!"

Sorry, neighbors. This game is for adults. And if while you're running around trying to play the game, and your logic slips are showing, you're going to trip and fall.

May I do my best to help you up and remind you of some common "moderate" logical errors?

Chief among these is a very subtle influence of postmodern ethics: the "there's no absolute right or wrong about this" line. Logically it backfires in a most comical manner, for then one must declare the absolute statement that there are no absolutes regarding an issue.

How about, "You have to look at the issue from all sides?" I find it interesting that those who repeat this

canard find it impossible to look at an issue from the side of those who have chosen to take a side.

Here's another: "Well, they're all lying anyway." I heard about this from at least one person during the Schiavo issue. How disgusting, self-righteous and intellectually lazy.

A closely-related line is "All politicians are corrupt," often followed with a clichéd sigh and the complaint "We need to get the special interests out of politics!"

That one is especially strange. Its proponents have not only once more elevated themselves above everyone else, but they've unintentionally become part of Catch-22s Anonymous: a special interest whose members deny special interests. Might as well join a D.C. lobbying group whose members want to eliminate the influence of D.C. lobbying groups.

And those are only a few examples of the silliness.

Regarding this topic only, I don't care whether you believe the worst evil is personified in terrorists or horrible capitalists. (For the record, terrorists are worse.) But I'm sick of the quasi-activists who meekly submit that they're above all this political stuff and dirty tricks, so they're just not going to take positions.

Far better, and closer to the American traditions of debating issues, is to take a position and maintain it even while others disagree, unless someone proves it wrong.

But if taking a side sounds too horrible, then they can at least stay consistent. That means the moderates can't legitimately argue about anything, because they might be wrong or others might be offended. This includes politics, religion, morality, music, movies, ice cream flavors, traffic tickets — anything!

That would be hilarious. Could they put this lifestyle on a new reality TV show so we can watch?

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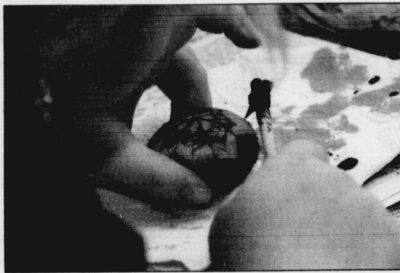
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ELEGANT EGGS



Amber Langston, a political science freshman, precisely draws with beeswax on a raw egg. Artists put wax on top of a color to keep another layer of dye from covering it up.

HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF

Raw eggs make fragile canvases

By Hilly Schiffer
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

"Keep the egg on the table."

This was the best advice Jeanmarie Rouhier-Wiloughby, a UK associate Russian professor, could give to participants as they handled raw eggs at the Ukrainian Easter Egg Decorating Workshop yesterday.

"Ukrainian Pysanky" is a Ukrainian art traditionally usually done the week before the Orthodox Easter, which is May 1.

"It's a basic tradition that

we draw designs on eggs that reflect nature or Christianity," Rouhier-Wiloughby said.

On average, the process takes about two hours. The first step is to carefully place a raw egg into vinegar. Then, the participants used a tool to write with hot beeswax on the egg. The area covered by the beeswax will keep that color. The egg is then placed in a light-colored dye, and decorated with more beeswax after that.

This process continues until the darkest-colored dye is put on the egg. Then the wax is melted by a candle

and wiped off.

The egg can last for many years if kept in an upright position near sunlight. The egg must be rotated monthly to dry out the yolk.

"I have some that I did in college in 1980," Rouhier-Wiloughby said. "If you treat them right, they will last a long time."

The workshop was held at the Gaines Center at the Commonwealth House and sponsored by the UK Russian and Eastern Studies.

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Langston burns the beeswax off the egg to allow the other colors to shine through. The tradition of egg dyeing, called "Ukrainian Pysanky," is usually done the week before the Orthodox Easter, which falls on May 1.

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Ticket to Nowhere

For the author's viewing displeasure: ozone-level ticket offers for \$1,500 and a possible case of Ebola

TUBBY TO MY left, Keady to my right, Bill Murray's in the house, gonna make it all right.

Snap out of it. Dream's over.

I wake up. It's Final Four Saturday, and The A List is unticketed. Un-media credentialed. Unhappy. I scour Craigslist.com. The buyer-to-sellers ratio serves as my cold shower: I'm like one of 500 frat boys at a Tri Delt party trying to hook up with one of three lookers. Am I really going to miss the games? Did I really drive 2,000 miles to watch Illinois-Louisville at Paddy O'Not-the-Edward Jones Dome's?

With game face on, I set off.

12:05 p.m. I test the limits of my ATM card. I make two \$200 withdrawals, then get the "You've exceeded your daily withdrawal allotment" notice. What am I, three? Thanks, Momma Bank America.

12:48 p.m. Early count: 17 buyers, zero sellers. We find what we think to be the hot spot under I-70 but get chased out by a threatening-looking scalper. "All I ask is that you get the f--- out of here," he says.

12:58 p.m. \$1,000 for an upper. Now we're talking. I speak a different language (my editor set the cap at \$400), but we're talking nonetheless.

1:35 p.m. In the Renaissance Grand Hotel, Lieutenant Sanneman of the St. Louis po-

Seen and Heard ... IN ST. LOUIS

Mercer forward **Wesley Duke** (below) hooking up every girl who asked with his digits during the slam dunk championship. . . . Oklahoma State's **John Lucas** grinding and doing his best to make good with DePaul's **Jenni Dant** during the three-point event. . . . Wisconsin's **Mike Wilkinson** skipping the Final Four to return to his fiancée, whom he hadn't seen in "way too long." . . . Duke's **J.J. Redick** chilling with Marquette's **Travis Diener** early Friday morning at a party at the Pepper Lounge. "I just love little white guards," Redick said. . . . Cincinnati coach **Bob Huggins** closing down Pepper at 2 a.m. on Friday.



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At least the view Waxman (left) got from the hotel bar was better than that of many paying spectators.



lice is not impressed by my sign pleading for tickets. "That's no different than soliciting a prostitute," he warns.

But can a prostitute dunk like Sean May?

1:58 p.m. Fellow SIOC reporter Matt Waxman persuades a street vendor to pose his pet monkey (no, really—a pet monkey) with a NEED ONE sign for a photo. Little Elvis lashes out at Matt, leaving a nasty scratch on his hand, to which the vendor offers, "I don't think he likes you too much." SIOC correspondent Dawn Klemish: "Isn't that how you get Ebola, like in *Outbreak*?"

3:15 p.m. Sign of the day: I JUST CAME BACK FROM IRAQ; NEED TICKETS. Two hours later we see the same guy, in khaki fatigues, still sans seats.

3:20 p.m. \$900 for two. We get cocky and push on.

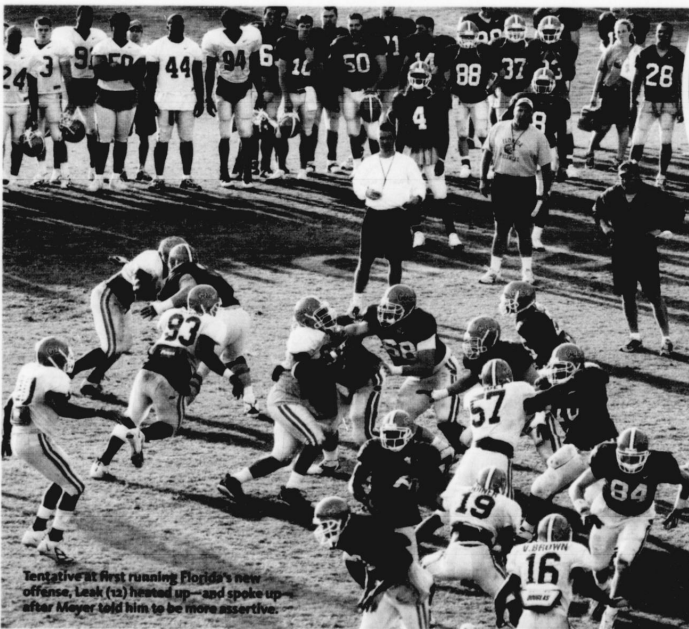
4:24 p.m. Two grand for a lower; \$600 for an upper. Minimum. I call for a do-over, but no one's amused. Raise your voice here and suddenly 15 Michigan State alums think you have tickets, and they're none too happy when you shrug "My bad."

4:55 p.m. Game time. The streets are a scene from *Independence Day*: Masses of nervous bodies holding one finger to the sky. "Need one!" 5:10 p.m. Ticketless, Matt and I retreat to the Renaissance Grand to take in the game in the lobby. Later in the restaurant Matt's a little red and a little tired. "What are the signs of Ebola again?" he asks.



CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: GABRIEL B. TAIT/ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH; SIOC; ROBERT BECK, SIOC

THE A LIST



Tentative at first running Florida's new offense, Leak (12) heated up—and spoke up—after Meyer told him to be more assertive.



Next Meyer focused on the quarterback's arm. Leak seemed to be having trouble with the lightning-quick passes that are required with the option reads in Meyer's system.

"Alex Smith was the same way at first," says Meyer of the former Utah quarterback and 2004 Heisman finalist. "They're intelligent guys who can overanalyze. So I told Chris to just let it rip and not worry where the ball was going."

The experiment seems to be working.

FROM THE PAGES OF SI

A New Era at Florida

SI's Kelley King was in Gainesville to check in on one of the nation's most anticipated new partnerships.

When the two first sat down together in January, new Florida coach Urban Meyer told rising junior quarterback Chris Leak that he planned to build the offense around Leak's talents. "Coming from a guy who has had his success," says Leak, "that makes a quarterback feel pretty great."

But during the team's initial practice last month the coach didn't hear a peep from Leak—and was irritated. "I saw a bunch of guys walking around and no general," Meyer says. "I pulled Chris aside and said, 'You want to lead by example? That's fine.

You're just not going to be my quarterback.' " The message got through. Soon, says rising senior center Mike Degory, "Chris was getting in guys' faces when they were slacking, patting their backs when they did well."

LEAK'S A HEISMAN candidate; so too is USC's Matt Leinart. Tell us something you didn't know? O.K., which Big Ten and Big 12 QBs (not named Vince Young) should pop up on the Heisman radar? Find out in the April 11 issue of *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* or at SI.com/exclusive.



The Frozen Four

NO OFFICE POOLS, no bracketologists, no TV commentators cashing in with dopey commercials; just unadulterated fun, pucks at its organic best. We're speaking of the Frozen Four, which begins Thursday in Columbus, Ohio. For the first time in the tournament's history, each of the teams—Colorado College, Denver, Minnesota and North Dakota—are from one conference, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. "If this were the [basketball] Final Four," says Minnesota coach Don Lucia, "it would be like

Duke versus North Carolina and Louisville versus Kentucky." Says Golden Gophers star Ryan Potulny, "My brother [Grant, a center in the Ottawa Senators' farm system] says pro hockey is all about playing for your job. Out here we're just buddies working hard, still playing for the fun of it."

WHICH TINY Colorado College forwards could be the big difference? Why might Minnesota be at a disadvantage? Find out from Michael Farber in the April 11 issue of *SI* or at SI.com/exclusive.



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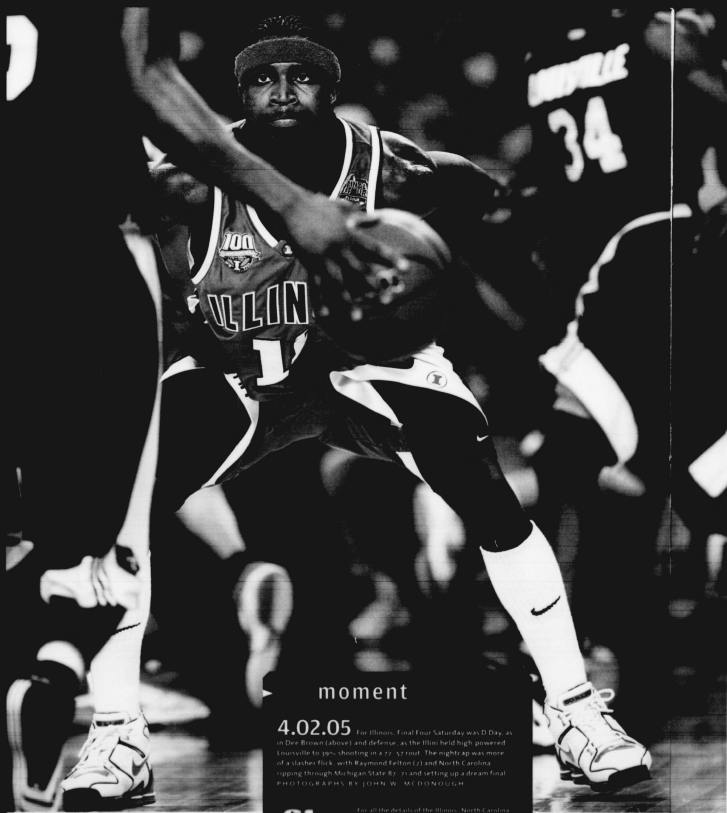


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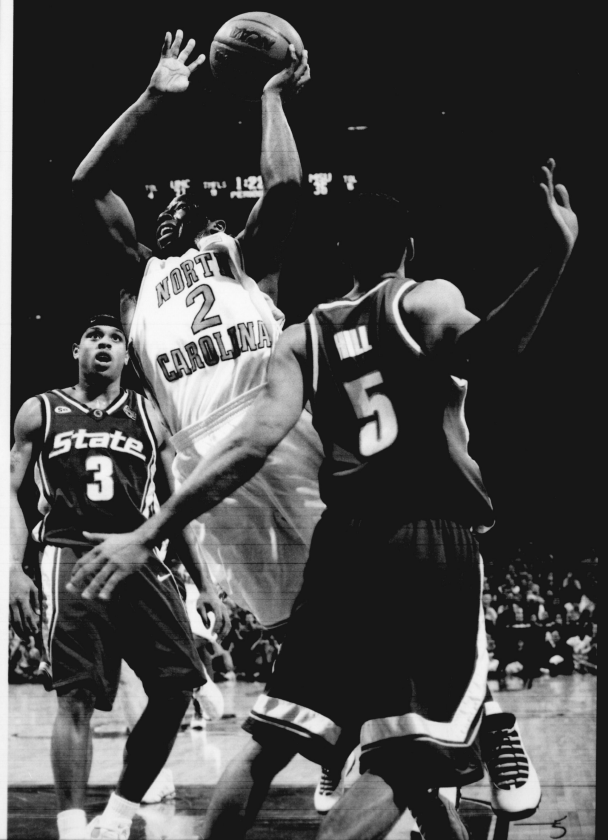
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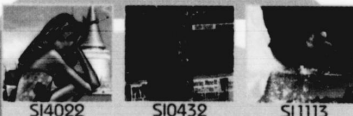
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THE VIBE AT MICHIGAN STATE

Doubly Bubbly

Why was East Lansing in netted bliss? Two teams made the Final Four, and there was no doubt about who owned state bragging rights *by Dawn Klemish*

NO, WE DIDN'T set anything on fire. Nary a car was overturned, and police didn't have to pry topless coeds from anyone's shoulders. At least not until Saturday night.

Yes, there was some rowdiness last weekend in East Lansing in the wake of the Spartans' loss to North Carolina. But it was far tamer than in years past and shouldn't diminish the program's improbable run through March. And it certainly shouldn't take away from the blast that Michigan State students had in the days leading up to St. Louis. After all, not one but both of the basketball teams reached the Final Four.

Do you know how many schools have pulled off this double? Only six.

To top things off, I was at both Final Fours, as part of SIOC's Ultimate March Madness Road Trip.

Seconds after the Spartan men defeated Duke in the Sweet 16 on March 25, hundreds of Michigan State students poured onto the East Lansing streets screaming the fight song. One guy, who I suspect was extremely sober, stripped down to boxers and ran barefoot down the middle of the road yelling, "Go State!"

After the men toppled Kentucky two days later, area

businesses changed their billboards to show support, bars offered drink specials, and one couldn't use a restroom within 30 miles of town without having a conversation about our men's team.

That was until the Spartan women matched the men by downing top-ranked Stanford in their own Elite Eight game two nights later. Those same business owners clambered

The women reached their first Final Four while the men, including Shannon Brown, made their sixth.

back up ladders to add **AND WOMEN'S** to their congratulatory marquees. School officials made plans to broadcast both the men's and women's games on the Breslin Center JumboTron for free. And entrepreneurs began designing shirts with the slogan **THIS DANCE IS FOR COUPLES ONLY**.

Finally, a question for the Wolverweenies: When's the last time you could say you were proud of even one of your basketball teams? You know, one that didn't accept money from boosters, like the Fab Five? The Spartans have proved that there is only one true hoops school in the state of Michigan. And it lies on the banks of the Red Cedar. **G**

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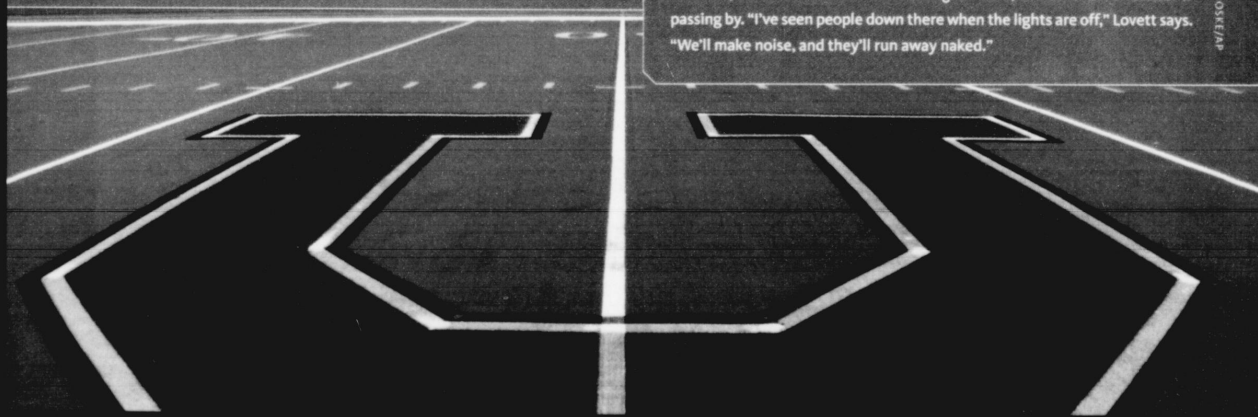
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the **EDGE**

You know about Ohio State's dotting of the *i* and Auburn's Tiger Walk. But there are a bunch of **underground college traditions** out there, the raciest of which might be Union College's practice of **getting busy on the 50** *by Jacob Kalish*

At this small liberal arts school in Schenectady, N.Y. (enrollment: 2,000), there are three things students must do before graduation: run naked around the Nott Memorial (no problem), drink a beer at every frat house (sure) and—here's where it gets tricky—have sex on the “U” on the 50-yard line at Frank Bailey Field. Its origin unknown, the last leg of this titillating tradition can be difficult to pull off. At the end of the 2003 school year, according to junior tight end Ryan Perry, there was a line of couples waiting to go all . . . the . . . way. Then there's the comfort factor: “It's artificial turf, so I imagine it's pretty uncomfortable,” says senior receiver Mandon Lovett. Lastly, there's the audience. Couples out on the 50 are often spotted by Phi Delta Theta frat brothers, who live in a house overlooking the field, and other Union students passing by. “I've seen people down there when the lights are off,” Lovett says. “We'll make noise, and they'll run away naked.”

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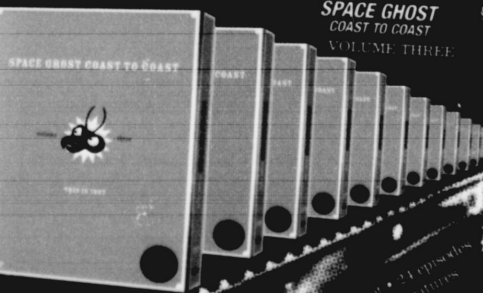


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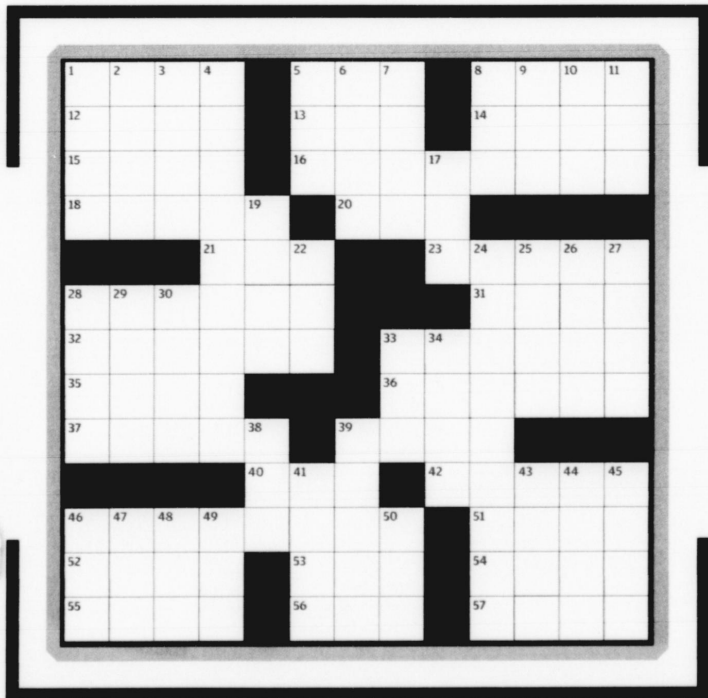
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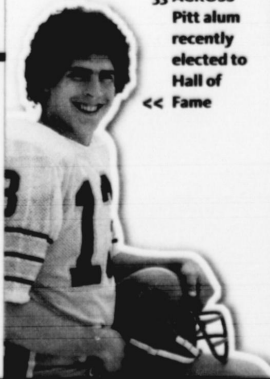
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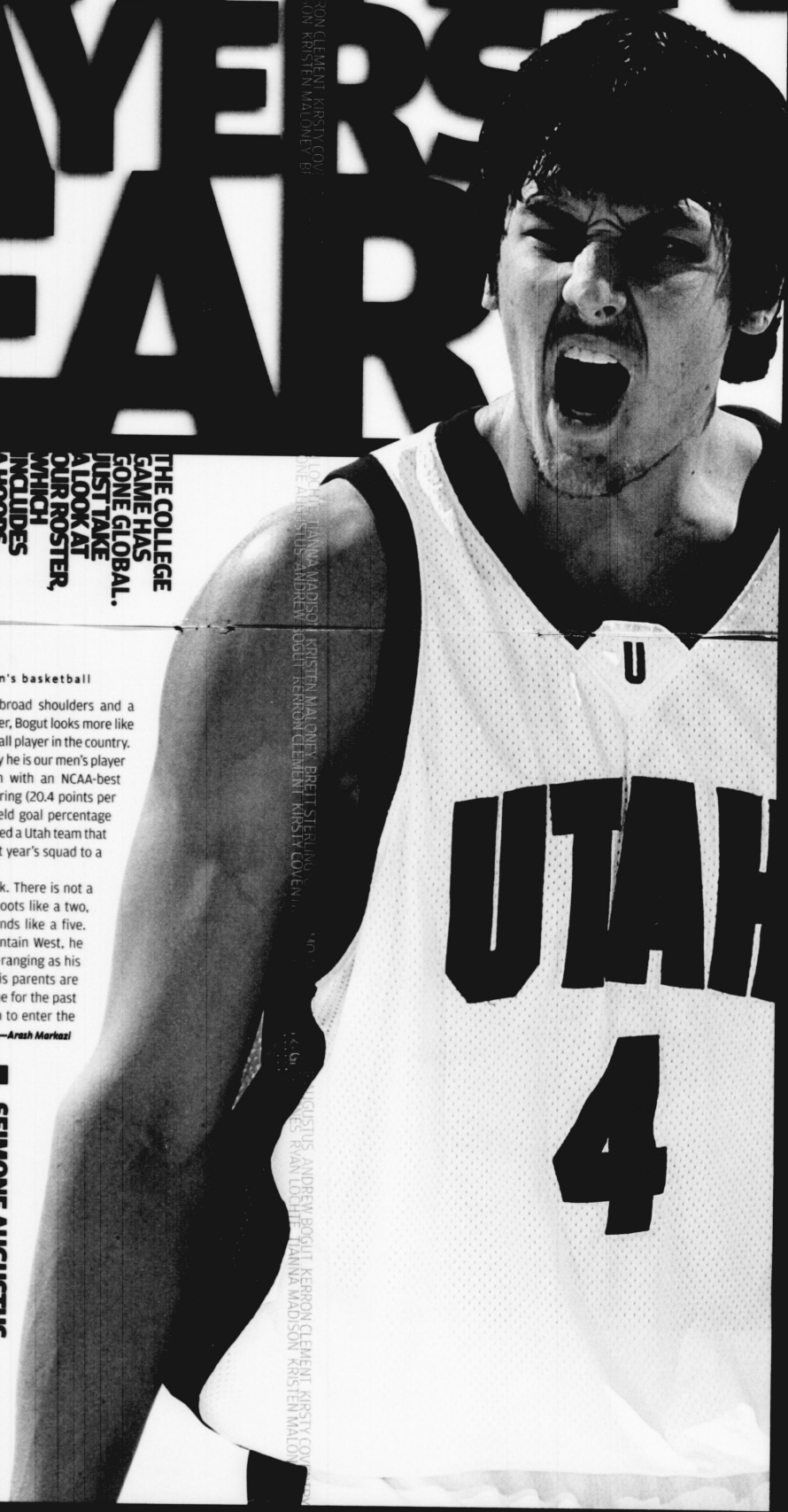
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ANDREW BOGUT ▶ UTAH '07 men's basketball

WITH HIS LONG brown hair dangling near his broad shoulders and a menacing glare that would make Marilyn Manson shiver, Bogut looks more like the front man for a grunge band than the best basketball player in the country. But watch Bogut on the court and it becomes clear why he is our men's player of the year. The 7-foot Aussie finished the season with an NCAA-best 26 double doubles and ranked 15th nationally in scoring (20.4 points per game), second in rebounding (12.2) and fourth in field goal percentage (62%). Bogut not only shined individually but also carried a Utah team that had lost two head coaches and two starters from last year's squad to a 29-6 record, its best since 1998.

Bogut's style on the court is as unique as his look. There is not a position that he can't play. He passes like a one, shoots like a two, moves like a three, posts up like a four and rebounds like a five. Despite being one of the tallest players in the Mountain West, he ranked in the top 15 in assists. His skills are as wide-ranging as his background—he was born and raised in Australia, his parents are Croatian, and he's been spoon-fed the American game for the past two years. Last week Bogut announced his intention to enter the NBA draft; he's projected as a top three pick.

—Arash Markazi

SEIMONE AUGUSTUS ▶ LSU '06 women's basketball

THREE YEARS AGO, when it came time for Augustus to choose a college, the star of Capitol High in Baton Rouge went with hometown LSU over national power Tennessee. This season she has once again reduced folks in the Volunteer State to tears. On Feb. 10, Augustus poured in 25 points to lead LSU to a 68-38 victory over Tennessee, ending the Lady Vols' 42-game regular-season conference winning streak. The 6'1" shooting guard also helped the Lady Tigers to an undefeated regular season and the first SEC regular-season championship in school history, eighth Tennessee's first since 1956.

Augustus was named SEC Player of the Year and was averaging 20.1 points and 4.6 rebounds ending the final four. She had scored in double figures in all 35 of the Lady Tigers' games, pushing her school record to 61 straight, while shooting 54.2% from the field and 87.2% from the line. —Matthew Muck



JOHN W. McCONOUGH (BOGUT); PATRICK MURPHY (BACE)

made it as far as the Elite Eight before running out of gas. This year? All the way to the Final Four, baby: 6,000 miles, 24 days, 12 roadies, one SUV. Here's a little montage to commemorate the ride. Cue *One Shining Moment*. Better yet, make that...

Shining

PAINTING THE TOWN

KEY ONE SHINING moment wasn't a game, play or shot; it was a day spent in downtown St. Louis... with my face stained Michigan State green. Of course I wasn't alone. My cohorts and I each adopted a Final Four team and painted our faces accordingly for the shots you see here. But when the face-painting was done, we decided to leave our colorful makeup on as we took in the local scene. We wanted to see how long it would take for someone to make the connection between the teams, colors and our faces. It figured that since every square inch of wall, floor, sidewalk, building space in St. Louis had a Final Four advertisement on it, this shouldn't take long. Boy, was I wrong. "Are you bleeding?" one woman shouted at Adam Duerson's ill-inspired orange face. "Hey, it's the She-Hulk!" someone shouted at me. All people pointed and laughed at us as we strolled by. Matt Waxman, the Carolina blue brow forward in thought, quipped, "I think this is a great example of a combination of crack and love for face paint." Two bars of soap and an hour-long shower later, I was back to normal. I saw a few layers of skin. The memory of spending a day making people green with envy over my Spartan NCAA tournament run, however, will last a lifetime. —Drew Kemish

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The Final Four The last leg of SIUC's three-week odyssey was completed by (clockwise from top left) Lemmie, Duerson, Kemish and Waxman, who put on game faces honoring each of the last four men's team standing.

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Absolute Melting Pot

BEHIND ME AT Allstate Arena, three men are analyzing the Arizona cheerleading squad despite being rabid Oklahoma State fans—friends of the Cowboys' Graham brothers, Joey and Stephen, in fact. They break it down like an offensive play—admiring legs, hair and, um, pom-poms. "Third one in has some serious badonkadonk, but the rest of them are two-by-fours," one says. The middle-aged woman next to me (a holdover from Illinois's Sweet 16 game and clearly not so interested in 'Zona or its cheerleaders) glances toward the men in disgust, rolls her eyes and firmly clutches her seat cushion to her chest. She looks at me as if I'm complicit in the commentary because I'm smiling at the loud and greedy observations. I feel the cold slap of silent Midwestern judgment. She gets up, excuses herself and marches out of the arena with her reluctant husband in tow.

Seating areas at NCAA tournament sites are microcosmic social experiments, a March maddening array of devoted commentary, on and off the court.

—Jaime Lowe

Nashville Nights

WELCOME TO THE first round in Nashville. The action on the floor pales in comparison with the battles in the stands. At halftime Louisville leads Louisiana-Lafayette 33-32. Desperately outnumbered, Ragin' Cajuns fans refuse to put down their **GEAUX CAJUNS** signs in the face of obnoxious Pitino partisans.

Nearby a family is a divided. A Kentucky fan holds a Cajuns sign; his brother is a rabid Louisville fan. This rivalry runs deep; grudges die hard. The Cards fan is still struggling to accept his team's last-second 60-58 loss to UK in December.

"You know Patrick Sparks walked," the Louisville fan says, referring to the play in which the Wildcats guard was fouled while shooting a three-pointer, leading to the game-winning free throws.

"Shut up." A short scuffle ensues.

The NCAA tournament makes one forget decorum and gentility. Grampas swear, children heckle refs, a 30-year-old woman tells a young boy, "Shut up, you idiot." The Gaylord Entertainment Center is the Gettysburg of college hoops.

—Maggie Haskins



Among the first-week miracles: meeting Plump, the real-life hero of *Hoosiers* (left, in red sweater); and a successful transfer of the SUV from Walters (near right) to Markazi in Knoxville.

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Reliving Hoosiers

WE WERE IN for a treat on March 16 when we dropped by Bobby Plump's Last Shot, a must-stop for basketball fans.

The name of the tiny bar in Indianapolis's Broad Ripple section honors the Indiana high school hoops legend who sank the shot that gave Milan the 1954 state title. The story—one of the most oft-told in a state filled with classic hardwood tales—was the inspiration for *Hoosiers*.

Nearly every inch of wall space is devoted to magazine clippings about or memorabilia from the 1954 title game. Our visit, however, was highlighted by



some extra insight straight from the Hoosier's mouth. Plump stopped by shortly after we arrived and proceeded to stand in front of our table for the next half hour gabbing about the old days of Indiana high school hoops. He was as entertaining as anyone we'd met on the trip, throwing out one-liners that would make Dick Vitale jealous. No teams from Indiana made the Big Dance this year, but the Hoosier spirit is alive and well at Plump's.

—Brent Johnson

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Madison Memories

ONE SHOT HEARD 'round the Kohl Center, one Nitty Gritty surprise and one trip to the Elite Eight—all on just one stop on the Ultimate Road Trip.

Our side step to Madison, Wis., started in mundane fashion as we waited patiently outside the Kohl Center for a chance to sneak in. But just a few minutes later, laced up in my 1996 Shaq shoes worn almost through the sole, I hit the shot of the tournament. From behind the press table, with a night of free drinks riding on this one heave, I did my best Patrick Sparks impersonation and sent our trip into overtime. (If only Ashley Judd—whom we would bump into less than 48 hours and one marathon 1,200-mile drive later—had been there to congratulate me.)

From there, the shininess of this moment continued upstairs at Madison's world-famous State Street Brats, where we watched Wisconsin take on N.C. State. Juiced up on Grittyburgers (and still feeling the effects of the secret Gritty sauce) from an earlier visit to the Nitty Gritty, we nuzzled up next to the locals with a couple of pitchers of Madison's own Spotted Cow and watched the Badgers burrow themselves into an early hole before Alando Tucker dragged his teammates out and into the Elite Eight.

We came to Wisconsin expecting to catch a tournament game with the locals, a.k.a. 'Sconies. We left SIOC's No. 1 college sports town wearing most of those two pitchers on our shirts, with hands blistered from high fives, eardrums damaged courtesy of the fiery Brats patrons, and another shining moment in the books. —Grant Marek



Clockwise from left: Marek, once so happy in Madison, is Wildcat blue over UK's loss; Caplan takes a catnap; a visit to the Lawrence, Kans., grave of the game's founder, Dr. James Naismith; Markazi lords over Krzyzewskiville; chilling in St. Louis after face-painting; a member of UNC swingman Jackie Manuel's fan club.

Meeting Mr. Cinderella

T.J. SORRENTINE sat down in the corner of the court inside WU Field House in St. Louis, reclining in exhaustion after finishing the second round of a three-point-shooting contest. He wiped his brow and then, noticing the ESPN camera squarely in front of his face, lifted the front of his jersey so that all the world could proudly read the green VERMONT stitched on the front. Though Sorrentine would tire and fall to DePaul's Drake Diener in the final round of the shootout, the Rhode Island native had arrived on the national stage. "It's all coming to an end," the senior says. "But I think we put Vermont on the map."

His 15 minutes of fame began during UVM's first-ever NCAA tournament win. With the Catamounts clinging to a one-point lead over Syracuse late in overtime, Sorrentine swished an improbable three from an improbable distance as the shot clock wound down, clinching the win. Two days later, despite Sorrentine's 26 points, 13th-seeded Vermont saw its dream come to an end at the hands of Michigan State. More important, though Sorrentine will face an uphill battle as he attempts to play professional ball, he has lived the dream of every 5' 11" kid in the country. —Joe Lemire

Channeling Cliff Clavin



The Three

THE MOMENT: Down 75-72, Kentucky guard Patrick Sparks heaves a "please, please, omigod, pleeese" three-pointer as the clock expires. Four dramatic bounces later the ball, almost reluctantly, trickles through the twine. But where was Sparks's foot? Did he get it off in time?

At that moment referee James Burr seemingly channels *Saved by the Bell's* Zack Morris and calls a "timeout." Kelly Kapowski holds a cute-as-a-button Sears-portrait pose, Screech hilariously attempts to balance mid-pratfall, and 16,000-plus spectators pause mid—"No way!!!" One Final Four berth put on hold for the next 6½ minutes. Here's what I saw and heard from my roost at Austin's Frank Erwin Center during Burr's deliberations.

Michigan State's Marquise Gray: Sidelined with an injury and seated in the stands just to the left of me, he instantly whipped out a cellphone. "Was it a three?" he asked into the phone.

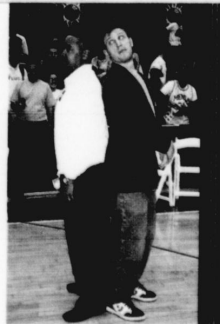
Ryan Jackson, a friend I'd simultaneously dialed with the same query: "I think his foot was across the line, but not his shoe." (Right. . . .)

Lupe Izzo, wife of MSU coach Tom, seated right behind me: Didn't move an inch. Ashley Judd, seated directly across the floor: Exact opposite of Lupe Izzo. She couldn't keep still, and she had a friend working the cellphone.

Me: All I can think is, I'd kill to be at home with TiVo right now. —Adam Duerson



Sizing Up Spud Webb



I WENT HEAD-TO-HEAD with Kansas guard Jeff Hawkins at Allen Fieldhouse and toe-to-toe with the bouncer at the Isle of Capri riverboat casino. I saw eye-to-eye with Vermont guard T.J. Sorrentine on ideas for late-night entertainment and ended up dancing cheek-to-cheek (don't ask which cheek) with Candy at the Penthouse Club. But when it was all said and done, going back-to-back with Spud Webb was my biggest thrill.

Webb, the 1986 NBA slam dunk champion, was in St. Louis to judge a dunk contest. The diminutive Webber had some words of wisdom for fellow 5' 7" baller Daniel McGaffeny of West Virginia Tech. (The latter is listed at 5' 9", but he's shorter.) At one point McGaffeny threatened to steal the show with some aerial ballet that looked eerily similar to the toss-bounce-catch-360 that catapulted Spud into the first-name-only echelon. Spud, like a proud father, held high a 10.

Webb lives in his hometown of Dallas, where he's avoided the temptation to cash in on his stature, or lack thereof, with an appearance on, say, *The Surreal Life*. He enjoyed watching the run to the Sweet 16 by his alma mater, N.C. State, where he manned the point from 1983 to '85 like a squirrel on Red Bull. Webb brings to his job as a TV commentator for the Mavericks the perspective gained from a 12-year NBA career, in which he pestered players more than child-support officers and broke the glass ceiling for wee guards like Muggsy Bogues and Earl Boykins.

Cheers to you, Spud Webb. I raise a pint of milk to everybody's favorite pint-sized player. You lowered the bar. —Matthew Waxman



Playing at Cameron

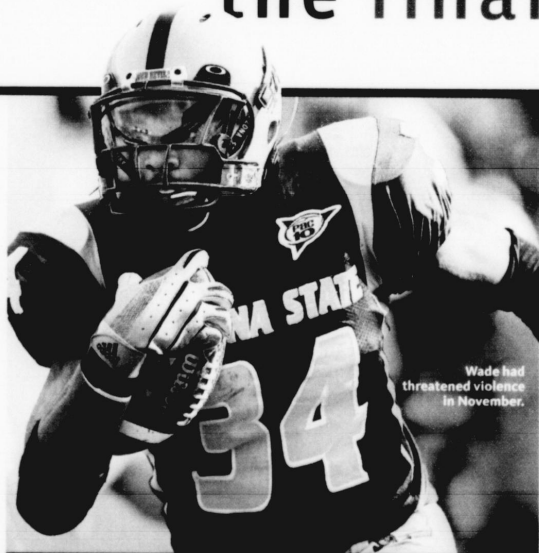
ON MARCH 21, during the second week of the Ultimate Road Trip, there I stood at the center of Coach K Court, inside Duke's Cameron Indoor

Stadium, looking up at the championship banners and the chapelesque windows on either side of the brick building. Twirling around the blue-and-white "D" at center court, I must have looked like a cross between a giddy high school girl showing off her prom dress and a gawking Times Square tourist.

As I walked around an empty Cameron alongside Scott Allen, I spotted a lonely basketball nestled underneath one of the benches. I picked it up and started shooting around. I told Scott to play Grant Hill to my Christian Laettner, re-creating the last-second shot that beat Kentucky in the 1992 regional final. Then I started nailing outside jumpers like Trajan Langdon and rebounding misses like Elton Brand, stopping just short of dunking the ball like Corey Maggette. Scott, a rabid Maryland fan, must have thought I was a total tool. I don't blame him; I would have thought as much. But it doesn't matter. For at least one day I can say I played at Cameron. —Arash Markazi

SLOC (B); JOHN BEVER (TOP RIGHT)

the final



Wade had threatened violence in November.

IN TEMPE

The arrest of an Arizona State football star on murder charges is just the latest storm in the Valley of the Sun

WHEN IT RAINS, it pours.

Except in Phoenix, where it does not. That meteorological maxim has long been purely metaphorical for Phoenicians, who each year receive, on average, 2.23 inches of precipitation before April 1. There's a reason they call it the Valley of the Sun: Phoenix and its environs is one of those enchanted oases where you really can let a smile be your umbrella.

Until this year. In 2005 Phoenix has been deluged with more than double that amount of rainfall, 5.22 inches. And just a jackrabbit's jump east of Phoenix in Tempe, no one is smiling as an entirely different type of torrent threatens the landscape. At

Arizona State, athletes past and present have repeatedly made the local news—not in the segment that airs after the weather but in the one that airs before it.

The loudest thunderclap occurred early on the morning of March 26. Loren Wade, a redshirt sophomore tailback who in 2003 set the school's freshman rushing record, allegedly shot and killed former Sun Devils defensive back Brandon Falkner, 25, outside a Scottsdale nightclub. According to police reports, Falkner was seated in the driver's seat of his BMW while Wade's ex-girlfriend Haley van Blommestein, a former Sun Devils soccer player, stood outside

talking to him. Police say Wade had been drinking and pulled a Lorcin .380 handgun from his waistband, fatally shooting Falkner in the head.

Four days earlier, at Scottsdale Stadium, less than two miles north of that crime scene, the most accomplished of all ex-Sun Devils, Barry Bonds, slumped against a pair of crutches. "You wanted me to jump off the bridge; I finally have jumped," said Bonds, whose mystique, if not his physique, showed the ravages of baseball's steroid scandal. "You wanted to bring me down; you've finally brought me and my family down. You've finally done it. So now go pick a different person."

Surely, Dirk Koetter shares those sentiments. Last week the Arizona State football coach kicked two redshirt freshman offensive linemen off the team after they were arrested for allegedly photographing a naked female student without her permission. Koetter has taken heat for not having ended the school's relationship with Wade earlier (ironically, Koetter had kicked Falkner off the team in 2002 after a spate of traffic violations), especially after Wade had threatened a female Sun Devils gymnast, a friend of van Blommestein's, in November, saying, "I'm crazy . . . you don't know where I'm from. I'll . . . kill you."

Certainly athletic director Gene Smith—who is finishing

out his final days in Tempe before heading to Ohio State, where he will hold the same position—feels besieged. The entire Sun Devils community must.

My heart aches for ASU. I grew up three miles from Sun Devil Stadium. Both of my siblings are ASU alums. In 1978, in one of the first college football games I ever witnessed in person, Arizona State throttled Southern Cal and tailback Charles White (that year's national champion and Heisman winner, respectively) 20-7 as a full stadium of us roared, "Gooooo De-VULS!"

ASU coaches, their critics clamor, should have seen an athlete out of control, should have seen the warning signs as surely as a meteorologist sees the first signs of a major storm. *I'll . . . kill you.* But predicting whether an athlete can tame his aggression is far more complicated than that. To wit: Next week ASU will host a 4.2-mile run named for a former Sun Devil who once spent 30 days in a juvenile detention facility for severely beating a man. The ASU coaching staff looked past those storm signals and offered the kid a scholarship.

The race? It will be called Pat's Run, in honor of Pat Tillman. **G**

next week's issue

GOING TO CALI
O.K., we're a little sick of the endless winter, too, but that's not the only reason we're hitting the Golden State. It also happens to be the college sports capital of the world.

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