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Candidates debate at UK about tuition, taxes

Both sides in the gubernatorial campaign want state to help universities more, but they disagree on what to do with tobacco taxes in Kentucky

By Crystal Little
STAFF WRITER

While a possible 10 percent tuition increase looms, candidate for governor Ben Chandler and candidate for lieutenant governor Steve Pence stressed affordable tuition at UK's Gubernatorial Convocation Wednesday af-

ternoon. Chandler, Kentucky's attorney general, said he would like the state to invest more in higher education. "I believe that higher education reform is very good," he told a packed Worsham Theater. "I'm going to do everything I can to challenge to get more."

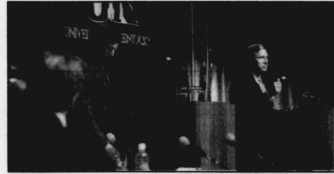
Pence said tuition needs to be affordable for students and parents. "We have to make tuition affordable, not just for (parents) like me, who pay tuition, but for those who will take out student loans," he said. "The state does need to continue to contribute to higher education."

Pence spoke on behalf of running mate U.S. Rep. Ernie Fletcher, R-Ky., who was fund-raising in Louisville. Fletcher's absence stirred some debate between the two men.

"It would be easier to compare our records if the other candidate even bothered to show up," Chandler said.

After some applause

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Ben Chandler (left) and Steve Pence (right) express their views.

Students support sick athlete



Sociology junior Brooks Power donates blood Tuesday at the Central Kentucky Blood Center. She's getting tested to see if she is a match for Philip Schardein, a former UK golfer who has leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant.

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Facts about leukemia

Leukemia, a malignant cancer, attacks bone marrow and blood has multiple forms. Schardein has the type called acute myelogenous leukemia which progresses rapidly and prevents the formation of healthy white blood cells. This causes anemia and infection in patients.

SOURCE: WWW.WEBMD.COM

By Tim Wiseman
STAFF WRITER

The last thing Brooks Power saw before entering the donation area at the Central Kentucky Blood Center was an enormous photograph of a smiling young man.

His name is Philip Schardein, and he was the reason she came. The former UK golfer has leukemia and is in need of a bone marrow



Schardein

transplant. In golf he stood alone, relying on his own skill and talent to succeed.

Now, he needs help. Power, Schardein's friend, was at the blood center to see if she might be a match for him. "I would have never thought about it until it hit home like this with Philip," she said. "That's why we all got involved."

At UK, Schardein, 24, excelled on the course and in the classroom. As a senior in 2002, he was co-captain of the team and he earned Academic All-Conference honors for the third consecutive

time. Brian Craig was the new golf head coach that year. Schardein impressed him immediately.

"It doesn't take long to pick out that he's an exceptional person," Craig said. "You won't find anyone better than Phillip."

In May 2002, Schardein graduated with honors with a degree in finance and he took a job in Indianapolis at the headquarters of National City Bank.

A year later, Schardein's life changed when what started as stomach pains was

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Smoking ban hearing set

Judge VanMeter will hear ban again on Oct. 17; UK prof says he'll probably rule in favor of ban

By Emily Hagedorn
NEWS EDITOR

The debate over Lexington's smoking ban will go back to circuit court, Lexington Health Department and County Council attorneys decided Tuesday.

Instead of challenging the injunction ruled by the Kentucky Court of Appeals Monday, the dispute is yet again gracing Circuit Court Judge Larry VanMeter's courtroom.

VanMeter disallowed an injunction on the ban on Sept. 23, which was later overturned by the court of appeals.

This time, the two sides — the health department and Council versus the Lexington Food and Beverage Association — will debate the merits of the law Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.

Phillip Scott, attorney for the health department and Council, said his side filed a motion for the merits to be ruled on before the appeals court reached their verdict.

Despite that verdict, Scott decided to carry out his prior motion.

VanMeter is unlikely to rule in favor of the Food and Beverage Association since he previously sided with the health department and City Council, said Bradley Canon, a political science professor who specializes in law, courts and judicial politics.

It is also not unheard of for a case to be debated in so many courts, he said.

"It's not normal, but it's certainly not unknown," Canon said. "It could still take six to 18 months."

Scott said it was premature to predict how long court proceedings will last but he had expected a long fight from the beginning. He said he could envision the debate going to the state Supreme Court.

Two years ago, Scott said he gave a presentation at the Holiday Inn on the smoking ban legislation.

"You better be prepared to be patient," he told them. Despite the events, Scott said he is undeterred.

John Walters, attorney for the Food and Beverage Association, could not be reached for comments because he was working on a deposition in Texas.

Lexington's smoking ban would prohibit smoking in public places including bars, restaurants, bowling alleys, billiard halls and sports arenas, among other areas.

The ban, the first of its kind in Kentucky, was approved in July.

It was to take effect Sept. 29.

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UK officer's sexual abuse case to go to grand jury

Officer Hugh Turner was not given option of plea bargain; his wife said she wished the case would be done with

By Ben Fain
STAFF WRITER

The UK police officer charged with sexual abuse will face a trial by the grand jury.

Fayette County District Court Judge Pamela Goodwine listened to the case involving Officer Hugh "Donny" Turner, 34, Wednesday

morning in Lexington. Lexington Police arrested and charged Turner with three counts of first-degree sexual abuse Sept. 8.

According to a uniform citation by Lexington Police, Turner subjected a male minor to sexual contact.

He pleaded innocent at his arraignment on Sept. 9.

Reached by telephone last

night, Turner's wife, Dawn, said, "He has nothing to say. I wish this was over a month ago," and referred all questions to his attorney.

Jerry Wright, his attorney, declined to comment on the case.

Jack Miller of the Fayette County Attorney's Office, who is prosecuting Turner, said Turner was not given the option of a plea bargain.

"We didn't offer him anything," Miller said.

In a previous interview,

Miller said that it is not uncommon in similar cases for a guilty plea to be offered in exchange for a case not to go to the grand jury.

At the time of his arrest, Turner was on an unpaid leave of absence from the UK's police de-



Turner

partment.

Turner served as a patrol officer for nearly six years. He started with the force September 1997 but went on leave April 29 because of a work-related injury, said Lt. Richard Willoby of Lexington Police's Bureau of Investigations.

The leave and the charges against Turner are unrelated, said UK Public Relations.

The university would not comment further, citing that it does not discuss ongoing investigations.

During his tenure with UK Police, Turner never faced any disciplinary actions, said Richard Siemer, vice president of finance and administration and official UK records custodian.

First-degree sexual abuse is a Class-D felony.

If found guilty, Turner could face up to 15 years in prison. The date of his next trial has yet to be decided.

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The Low-down

Now comes the hard part for Gov. Arnold

LOS ANGELES — Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger said Wednesday that he was promised "a very smooth transition" by ousted Gov. Gray Davis and vowed that he and his advisers would "open up the books" as they begin to tackle California's ailing economy in his first news conference since being elected governor. Schwarzenegger reiterated several themes from the campaign trail, insisting that he will not raise taxes and pledging to be a governor of the people. But he provided few specifics and said his transition team will develop a plan in the coming weeks about how to close a deficit of at least \$8 billion. Schwarzenegger said he had spoken with an array of leaders including Nelson Mandela of South Africa and President Bush, who he said promised to do "whatever is possible to help California." Schwarzenegger said he intended to ask Bush for "a lot of favors."

Simple solution for fixing space shuttle

WASHINGTON — A simple foam paint brush that costs only pennies at hardware stores could be an essential tool in returning the space shuttle to orbit, NASA's administrator said Wednesday. Space agency engineers found that the brush may be just what astronauts need to spread a patching compound on a space shuttle's damaged heat shield while the craft is in orbit. "This thing turns out to be one of the most valuable tools we could have invented," said Sean O'Keefe, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "We're going to buy it at Wal-Mart. We're not going to ask the Defense Department to requisition it out of stock." Designing and testing a way to repair damage in the shuttle's heat shield is an important part of NASA's efforts to return the space shuttle to orbit after the Feb. 1 accident that destroyed the Columbia and killed seven astronauts.

Non-English speaking homes in U.S. rises

WASHINGTON — Nearly one in five Americans speaks a language other than English at home, the Census Bureau said. There's been a surge of nearly 50 percent during the past decade. Most speak Spanish, followed by Chinese, with Russian rising fast. Some 47 million Americans age five and older used a language other than English in 2000, the bureau said. That translates into the nearly one in five, compared with roughly one in seven 10 years earlier. There also were more people considered "linguistically isolated" because of limited English, a situation that some analysts say can prevent people from assimilating fully into American society and hinder activities like grocery shopping or communicating with police or fire officials. The Spanish-speaking population rose by 62 percent over the period to 28.1 million; slightly more than

half also reported speaking English "very well."

N. Afghanistan reports fierce fighting

KABUL, Afghanistan — Fighting erupted Wednesday between rival warlords who both claim allegiance to the government of President Hamid Karzai, and an official of one of the warring groups said as many as 60 people were killed and scores more wounded. A commander for the other side, however, said only three people had been killed in a battle outside the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif. It was impossible to verify either account. The fighting came as a deal was signed in the capital of Kabul between the Afghan government and the United Nations that paves the way for teams of U.N. and Afghan personnel to deploy to cities across Afghanistan to start a much-delayed program to disarm militiamen loyal to warlords.

New test detects Down Syndrome earlier

A new combination of blood tests and ultrasound can detect fetuses with Down Syndrome sooner and more accurately than standard U.S. screening tests, offering mothers-to-be more peace of mind and more time to decide whether to end a pregnancy, researchers said. The study of 8,216 women at a dozen U.S. medical centers confirms findings in England and elsewhere, where the combination is already widely used. It was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. "It's earlier by about a month, so we've moved the standard testing to the first trimester and improved its accuracy," said lead researcher Dr. Ronald Wagner, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia. "The absolute biggest advantage is this allows women to make private decisions" before they are visibly pregnant.

New media giant formed: NBC Universal

PARIS — Vivendi Universal and General Electric said Wednesday they signed an agreement to merge the French company's U.S. entertainment assets with GE's television network NBC, creating a media giant with an estimated value of \$43 billion. The terms of the deal were largely unchanged from a preliminary agreement reached a month ago, when the two companies entered exclusive talks about a merger and sketched out broad outlines for a combined company to be called NBC Universal. The new company will include the NBC television network and its cable channels CNBC, MSNBC and Bravo, plus the Spanish-language broadcaster Telemundo, which NBC acquired in 2001. From the Vivendi side, the new company will get the Universal movie and TV studios — which already make NBC's hit show "Law & Order" — plus the USA, Sci-Fi and Trio cable channels and several theme parks.

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Pence retorted, "Shouldn't you be at work today? Who's running Frankfort?"

Some said the spats humanized the candidates. "We saw animosity on both their parts," said Silvia Timmerding, a Spanish and political science sophomore. "It was good to see that, to see them as people."

The two candidates also discussed domestic partner benefits at UK and raising

Kentucky's tobacco tax. Both candidates said that they preferred to let the university decide domestic partner benefits for itself.

"The decision is up to the university," Pence said. "I'm open-minded."

"If UK wants to go in that direction, they should go in that direction," Chandler said.

They differed on raising the tobacco tax, which is one of the three lowest taxes in the nation. Pence is against raising the tax. Chandler, however, said he is for raising additional taxes.

The candidates ended the convocation with a three-minute closing statement. Chandler summed up his campaign strategy with one word: courage.

"I want to provide a good government that people can believe in," Chandler said. "I want to lead us to a place where we offer opportunity to all."

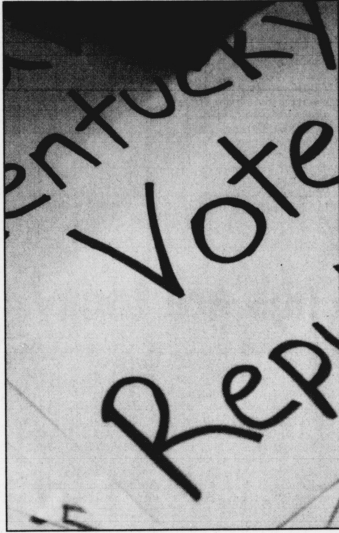
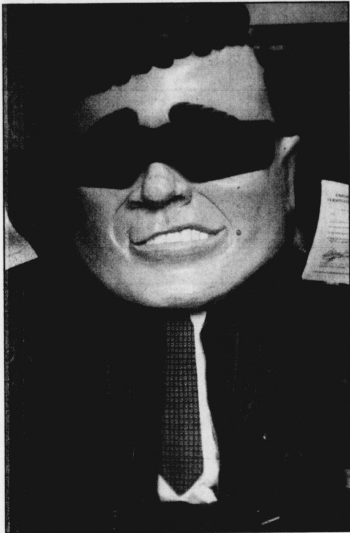
Pence called for a change in the way policy in Frankfort has been conducted.

"When you wake up on Nov. 5, the headlines will read either 'same old stuff' or 'Fletcher wins governor race,'" Pence said.

Most attendees said they were impressed by the event. "I was pleased with the high student turnout," said University Senate Council Chair Jeff Dembo. Along with the University Senate, the Staff Senate and Student Government, hosted the event.

"Having this kind of forum indicates we are elevating our level of civic awareness. If students show civic awareness in this venue, it leads me to think they'll be more likely to get heavily involved in other areas."

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A person dressed as Arnold Schwarzenegger passes out pamphlets calling Ernie Fletcher the "job terminator." (Right) Signs made by some of the Republicans at the debate. Signs were not allowed in the debate room.

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Game draws controversy; activists boycott stores

Black clergy leaders outraged at "Ghettoopoly," Urban Outfitters stores still carry the product

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PHILADELPHIA — Cheap Trick Avenue instead of Boardwalk? Hernando's Chop Shop instead of Reading Railroad?

Black leaders are outraged over a new board game called "Ghettoopoly" that has "plays" acting like pimps and game cards reading, "You got yo' whole neighborhood addicted to crack. Collect \$50."

Black clergymen say the game, the brainchild of a Pennsylvania man, should be banned, and have called for a boycott of Urban Outfitters unless the company stops selling Ghettoopoly in its chain of clothing stores.

Urban Outfitters has not publicly commented on the issue, and did not return a call seeking comment on Wednesday.

The nearest Urban Outfitters location to Lexington is in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"If we are silent on this issue there is more of this type to come," the Rev. Robert P. Shine Sr., president of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia & Vicinity, said at a sidewalk rally Wednesday in front Urban Outfitters' corporate headquarters in Philadelphia.

Shine displayed the game board, with properties including Westside Liquor, Harlem, The Bronx, and Long Beach City, and squares labeled Smitty's XXX Peep Show, Weinstein's Gold and Platinum, and Tyron's Gun Shop.

Players draw "Hustle" and "Ghetto Stash" cards with directions like, "You're a little short on loot, so you decided to stick up a bank. Collect \$75," and "Steal \$\$\$ if you pass Let\$ Roll."

The creator of Ghettoopoly, David Chang, did not immediately answer e-mails or phone calls seeking comment about the game.

On his Web site, Chang is unapologetic, and promises that more games — Hoodopoly, HipHopopoly, Thugopoly and Redneckopoly — are coming soon.

"It draws on stereotypes not as a means to degrade, but as a medium to bring together in laughter," Chang maintains, adding, "If we can't laugh at ourselves ... we'll continue to live in blame and bitterness."

But the Ghettoopoly board depicts figures labeled "Malcom X" and "Martin Luther King Jr." — intentionally misspelled — noted Rev. Glenn Wilson, pastor of Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church.

"This is beyond making fun, to use the caricature of Dr. King in this regard," Wilson said. "There's no way that game could be taken in any way other than that this man had racist intent in marketing it."

The Philadelphia black clergy and Men United for a Better Philadelphia were just the latest to protest the game. In Chicago, the Rev. Michael Pfeleger, pastor of St. Sabina Catholic Church, called for a boycott of Urban Outfitters. In Florida, the St. Petersburg and Hillsborough County chapters of the National Association of Colored People urged the company to stop carrying the game.

"I was outraged. We called Outfitters, we wrote them a letter, we held a press conference, but we've had no response," Pfeleger said Wednesday.

“There’s no way that game can be taken in any way other than that this man had racist intent in marketing it.”

— Rev. Glenn Wilson, pastor of the Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church

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ROBYN DIEZ D'AUX | KERNEL STAFF

Oscar's isn't a bar most college students can afford to go to often, but it's a cool place to visit when you're feeling fun and sassy.

I slipped into Oscar's this week for some much-needed anonymity from my Barfly celebrity stature.

The dimly lit corners in this swanky piano bar provide the perfect refuge for anyone trying to hide from the limelight.

Not that I have any crazed fans or stalkers — I just like to play pretend sometimes. It's this mindset that Oscar's seems to cater to best.

When the mood hits, you can pull up a chair at the piano, sip your Manhattan and say, "Play it again, Sam" to the pianist to your heart's content.

If you'd rather not, you can always sit on the patio and listen to people chat about their golf swing or new Mercedes.

Joined by two of my best girlfriends, I decided to sip my chardonnay in the shadows of a corner perch and soak in the atmosphere.

The pianist, Andrew Kurd, tickled the ivories with classic tunes by Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles and Frank Sinatra.

The three of us were by far the youngest patrons on this particular evening. The rest of the crowd looked like they had just gotten off work. In business suits and ties, they imbibed beer, wine and the occasional martini.

Oscar's doesn't have a set dress code, but in my visits here, I've noticed a majority of patrons to be more dressed up than people at, say, Two Keys or Pazzo's.



Moira Bagley
KERNEL COLUMNIST

The classy atmosphere combined with the fun of getting dressed up and drinking expensive drinks makes this place ideal for a special evening — and it's the perfect place to take a date.

Oscar's isn't a "college bar" by any means. Most of the patrons are our parents' age or 30-something yuppies.

Manager Jerry Cinnamon said a younger crowd — over 21 of course — comes in on weekends, usually to meet up with friends for a drink before going out.

And it's a great place to do just that — have a drink. Their drink prices are extremely high — about \$3 for a beer, \$5-\$10 for a glass of wine and \$7 for a martini.

But honestly, I don't mind paying more for a drink if I know the atmosphere will compliment my mood.

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The Low-Down

Oscar's Seafood and Piano Bar is located in the Lansdowne shopping center on Tates Creek Road, attached to Malone's restaurant.

The bar opens for business at 4:30 p.m. and close at 1 a.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 p.m. Sundays.

Oscar's never charges a cover, and those under 21 are allowed in until 10 p.m., after then it becomes a 21-and-over bar.

The bar offers live piano entertainment seven nights a week, and occasionally hosts jazz bands on the weekends.

Oscar's menu consists mostly of appetizers and seafood items, prices range from \$6 to over \$30.

THE BARFLY RATES IT

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

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Drink Prices

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Overall Rating

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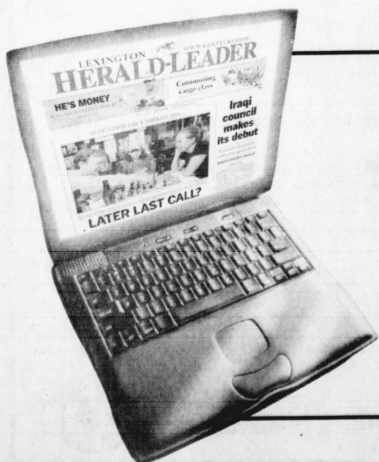
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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

UK center Nick Seitze knows his teammates are still thinking about Florida. It has been 12 days since UK fell to Florida by 24-21 after leading 21-3 in the fourth quarter.

For seniors like Seitze, the tease of upsetting a marquee opponent is a common occurrence.

"We've been through so many of those games, and I'm sure it's on a lot of the guys' minds," Seitze said.

UK (2-3, 0-2 Southeastern Conference) will look to erase the memory of Florida's comeback tonight when UK plays at South Carolina (3-2, 0-2 SEC).

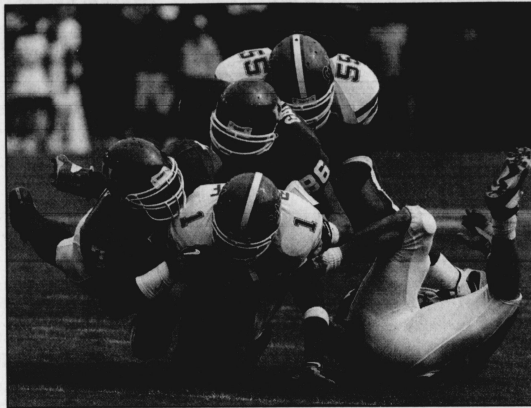
"Just getting back on the field on Thursday night means that Florida is gone," said defensive end Vincent "Sweet Pea" Burns. "There is nothing we can do about it except go out and try to get a win against South Carolina."

UK defensive coordinator Mike Archer told the team to forget about the loss to Florida. While coaching UK's defense in 1993, Archer and UK suffered a heart-breaking loss to Florida and they did not recover from that in the next game against Indiana, said Archer.

"Coach Archer came in and emphasized that we must focus our concern on South Carolina," Burns said. "This is a very good football team and if we tend to think about Florida, we'll get our butts kicked against South Carolina. Everyone is focused on correcting our mistakes and winning this game."

The players understand the importance of forgetting about the past.

"We try to have a short memory after a loss because if you dwell in the past you can never move for-



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Shane Boyd (7) and Win Gaffron (86) tackle Florida's Keiwan Ratliff (11) during a punt return Sept. 27. The Cats will try to erase the memory of the 24-21 loss to Florida tonight against South Carolina.

ward," said linebacker Chad Anderson. "We've gotten past that game and had a week off to get some bumps and bruises taken care of. Our motivation is toward South Carolina this week."

The bye week afforded UK the opportunity to let offensive guard Jason Rollins' shoulder to heal. Also, quarterback Jared Lorenzen has recovered since suffering a hip injury against Florida.

Instead of sulking for the last 12 days, UK has used this time for more productive things.

"We have had time to recover and correct some mistakes we've made in other games," said tight end Win Gaffron. "We are gaining momentum and getting better every week."

And the team now feels they can play toe to toe with any team in the SEC, said Seitze.

"I think the confidence is getting better," Seitze said. "I like the fact that with our team being on national television, we get the chance to show the nation what we can do."

But UK head coach Rich Brooks said time is running out for the Cats to make a run at a bowl bid.

"The way I approached it with our team was that we have seven games remaining, of which I believe if we play well for 60 minutes we're capable of winning, but to be bowl eligible we have to win four of the seven," Brooks said. "We are running out of games, so we

need to step to the plate here."

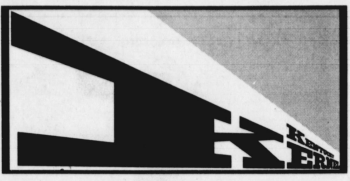
Brooks said that his seniors are stepping up.

"I think there is a frustration and a caring that we get the deal done," Brooks said. "Knowing this is (the seniors') last go-around, I think they feel very strongly about having a winning season and all the things that come along with having a winning season."

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Holtz says class is in session Friday for Gamecocks

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — A shorter practice week. Family and friends watching. The whole country tuned in. And no class.

If you're a college player, what's not to like about Thursday night football?

"It's a little special," South Carolina quarterback Dondrial Pinkins said. "A Thursday night game is one of the most watched games, like Monday Night Football."

And it's something special South Carolina hasn't taken part in much over the years. This just the fourth time since 1990 the Gamecocks have been featured in ESPN's midweek showcase.

South Carolina coach Lou Holtz had his team vote on moving the Kentucky game to Thursday night. If you leave it up to players, former Gamecocks runner Rob DeBoer says, then it's sure to be a landslide "Yes" decision.

"They see a shorter week of practice, probably they're going to skip school Friday and they have Thursday off," said DeBoer, part of the Gamecocks when they met West Virginia on Thanksgiving night in 1990 and when they faced Kentucky on a Thursday night in 1993. "It's a fun week, I think."

DeBoer says it's also important because the families and friends who can't get to games regularly can watch their sons, grandsons, nephews and pals play big-time football.

"Even in college after meetings," said DeBoer, whose final season was 1993. "We'd rush back to catch the end of the games."

Coaches may not be as crazy about the games. Holtz has a weekly routine honed through 32 seasons as a successful head coach. A Thursday night special throws everything out of

whack.

Holtz holds his major media meeting Monday, then typically starts game preparations by breaking down film with the team before the evening's practice. Yet, he had to hold a more detailed and grueling midweek session to make sure the Gamecocks would be ready. On Thursday, he's still not sure what he'll do all day to keep his players' attention until the 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

"It's a little bit different," Holtz said.

There's no class Thursday, but woe to those, Holtz says, who try to miss school Friday with the excuse, "The game ended too late."

"They'll be in class," Holtz said. "Absolutely."

Holtz and the Gamecocks should be greeted by their regularly large and enthusiastic crowd. Fans were selling out Williams-Brice Stadium for years before Holtz arrived. They've

only grown more loyal now that college football's eighth-winningest coach is on their sidelines.

Jeff Barber, head of South Carolina's Gamecock Club booster group, says fans have buzzed about this game since it was announced. "I think people enjoy being, like coach Holtz said, 'the center of attention,'" Barber said.

Those who drive longer out-of-state distances may cancel plans, he said. "But people in state have been tremendously excited," Barber said.

Holtz knows the game will help recruiting, bring national attention to South Carolina and earn more money for his school and his conference. But it's hard to fully turn a 66-year-old coach onto a new game night.

"If Thursday night were such a great night to play," Holtz says, "they'd play all their games then."

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"We saw animosity on both their parts. It was good to see that, to see them as people."

-Shiva Thimring, a Spanish and political science sophomore, on Wednesday's governor's race forum with Ben Chandler and Steve Perea.



IN OUR OPINION

New safety card system not a complete answer

UK implemented a safety feature outside residence halls this year. In order to gain access to their dorms, all students must now swipe their UK student IDs in a machine located outside of each hall. The IDs only work for the dorm where the student lives, so a student living in one dorm cannot use his or her card to get into another dorm.

The measure is designed to keep non-residents from entering dorms without an escort, said Jim Wims, director of Residence Life.

UK is right to make an effort to protect students from random people entering dorms. The recent tragedy in a Western Kentucky University residence hall that resulted in the rape and murder of a student highlights the need for guests to be checked in and escorted.

However, there are several flaws with the new measure that make it an easy system to abuse.

"In order for the system to operate effectively, the students need to use the system they way it was intended to be used," Wims said.

The problem is that students are not doing so. Students living in dorms say it is easy to gain ac-

cess simply by standing outside the door and waiting for a resident with an ID to come along and open the door for them. Many residents will hold the door open out of simple politeness; no one wants to be the person who lets the door slam on someone hurrying right behind.

Another way around the machines is for residents to lend out their IDs. Non-residents could gain access to dorms simply by swiping someone else's card.

With the swipe-card machines now in place, there is the additional threat of desk workers becoming lax, assuming that the machines will do their job for them. RAs and other students responsible for signing students and their guests into the building should be watching to make sure unescorted guests don't enter the building.

The new measure also creates a hassle for non-residents who have a legitimate reason for entering the dorm. Some classes, clubs, organizations and services meet in residence halls. RAs must come to the door to let these students in.

UK should do its best to protect students, but this measure isn't sufficient by itself.

U.S. has capability to help in Liberia

Joshua Odoi

GUEST COLUMNIST

The situation in Liberia is getting worse as the days go by. After a highly-publicized Bush initiative on the West African nation, many were of the view that at last this war-torn country would finally have some peace. To the disappointment of many, all the United States did was send only 200 troops to Liberia, a country which has an enviable historical and cultural relationship with the United States. Gambia, which is one of the smallest nations in Africa, contributed only 50 troops fewer than America. Other developed nations are doing more in African conflicts than the United States is.

Let's take the French for instance. As former colonial masters of the Ivory Coast, France sent troops to that country in an effort to stabilize it when the former colony needed them the most. The United Kingdom led troops from all over the world to stabilize Sierra Leone, its former colony. What prevents the United States from doing the same for Liberia? After all, it has a better relationship with Liberia than Britain with Sierra Leone or than France with the Ivory Coast.

Our relationship with Liberia goes back some 200 years when some antislavery societies in our country sent freed slaves to the West Coast of Africa. This led to the formation of a freed slave country called Liberia. The name Liberia itself stands for Liberty, a stance supported by the United States. Their flag is modeled after our flag. The United States has enjoyed a great relationship with this country. In fact, President Franklin Roosevelt visited the African country to show American solidarity during World War II.

The relationship existed until the Rice Riot in 1979 which led to a coup in April 1980. Since then, some people are of the view that the United States has furthered itself by the people of Liberia. It could have intervened when the rebels launched an all out assault in 1989. Since that time an estimated 150 thousand people have been killed, mostly from diseases and starvation. It is to some extent understandable that the United States has been reluctant to send troops to Africa ever since its devastating mission in Somalia. But America should step into Liberia particularly because it is not just any African country. It is a country that portrays the beginning of true liberty in America and Africa.

It is encouraging that the United Nations Security Council, by unanimous vote, approved of a peacekeeping force, mandating it to monitor the cease fire between the government and the rebel forces. The force would replace an already established West African force. The 3,500 West Africans would be joined by an additional 12 thousand troops from other member nations of the United Nations. This development at least shows the United Nations can work if given the chance.

The Liberians themselves should play a better role in this effort led by the United Nations. They should put aside any differences and work together for the good of their country. The Liberians have an important role to play especially now that there is a comprehensive plan to restore the country's democratic rule through the ballot in 2005. It is in their interest to make every effort that this be successful.

Efforts must also come from the U.S. government to do more in Liberia. If it cannot provide troops because of its commitments in Afghanistan and Iraq, it can and should provide at least some military logistics for this important operation. The Charles Taylor factor (former president of Liberia) is no more since President Bush ordered his departure from his own country. So, one wonders what is preventing the United States from stepping in.

Here in Lexington, the Bluegrass Chapter of the United Nations Association held a discussion on "Liberia and the United States: Our Ongoing Connection." Thanks to Angene and Jack Wilson, former Peace Volunteers in Liberia, Liberian citizens Bibi and Jemima Roberts and Eric Brooks of Ashland, the Henry Clay Estate, we, the students at UK, better understood the Liberian American connection.

This connection should propel America to save the lives of the Liberian people. This is the way forward. The Bluegrass Chapter of the United Nations Association in Lexington has started an important discussion on the issue. The U.N. Security Council in New York has approved of more peacekeeper deployment in Liberia. We plead with Washington to do more since it has what it takes to bring peace to Liberia.

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Don't Rush to judgment over Limbaugh comments



Andrew Martin
 KENTUCKY COLUMNIST

A desperate attempt to undermine free speech took place last week when the Philadelphia sports media launched a smear campaign against conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

They attacked him for comments he made on the NFL Sunday Countdown on ESPN regarding Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb. Limbaugh, who had been hired as a panelist at the start of the season, resigned last Wednesday, explaining that he didn't want to put any more pressure on the other sports analysts on the show.

In order to understand the nature of the comments,

one should know what Limbaugh said and break it down to understand what he actually meant.

"I think there's been a little social concern in the NFL. I think the media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well."

In the first sentence, Limbaugh was talking about the recent social concern in the NFL regarding black coaches and players. He had done a piece earlier in the season about the new hiring policy in the NFL requiring owners to interview a minority candidate. Limbaugh said the purpose behind the policy was to make sure minority coaches were hired, but it actually accomplished the opposite.

Teams were now interviewing whatever minority candidates they could find who would interview. The San Francisco 49ers and the Dallas Cowboys both interviewed black coaches but had obvious candidates in mind to fill

their vacancies.

Detroit Lions owner Matt Millen had already made it known that he intended to hire Steve Mariucci, the white then-head coach of the 49ers. He attempted to find minority candidates, but no one would interview because they knew the position was essentially already filled.

As a result, Millen was fined \$200,000. Limbaugh said this policy was unfair to black coaches because it made them pawns to satisfy a league policy. Rush was actually defending minority coaches who he said would never know if their interviews in the future were legitimate or shams to cooperate with league policy.

The second sentence was about the social concern of the media that black athletes perform well. Many writers in the sports media claim this was racially charged. However, it was a criticism of media bias that favored black athletes. In no way was this com-

ment filled with animosity toward blacks.

The hiring policy, coupled with a historical perspective, provides sound evidence for this. Why are there so many stories in the media about Jackie Robinson, Tiger Woods and other athletes that broke racial barriers in sports? These players were centerpieces of issues of great social importance. Of course there is social concern over the role of black athletes in sports, and Limbaugh said that this concern was "understandable," but that he believed the media had given too much credit to McNabb and not enough credit to the Eagles' defense.

How is this racist or racially charged? It was a criticism of the media.

He took credit for the Eagles' success away from McNabb and gave it to the Eagles' defense. The Eagles have black defensive players. Why would a person on a racially-

charged stampede give credit to someone of the very race they were criticizing?

Limbaugh also criticized media sentimentality regarding white quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Vinny Testaverde but few people note this. Many people have been quick to judge Limbaugh on his comment, but few have challenged him on the merit of his argument of whether there is a racially motivated sports media.

Limbaugh is a lifetime fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the first team to have a black starting quarterback. Limbaugh had black conservative economists Walter Williams and Thomas Sowell guest host his show mere weeks ago while he prepared for the first NFL Countdown.

Sowell, a syndicated columnist, defended Rush in a column earlier this week. Limbaugh has lauded minority achievement on his radio program, saying that he be-

lieves that minorities have achieved their accomplishments by merit of their own hard work and not by merit of government social programs that create dependency. Is that racist?

Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean demanded that Limbaugh be fired from ESPN. Dean was simply lashing back out at Limbaugh, who has verbally thrashed him on his syndicated radio show, which attracts 20 million listeners a week.

Dean once said he wanted to start a dialogue about race in this country. Tell me, Governor Dean, supporter of racial dialogue and the First Amendment, how do you start a racial dialogue in this country when you classify people that disagree with you as racist and order that they be shut up?

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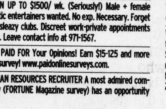
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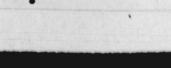
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Women's basketball tests men for some on-court action

By Steve Ivey
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

About 40 male UK students showed up at the UK women's basketball offices Wednesday to learn more about becoming part of a UK basketball practice squad.

The ballers were responding to an advertisement calling for male players. But, there was a catch: The ad had omitted the fact that it was the women's team.

However, after assistant coach Niyia Butts made that clarification, no one left the meeting.

"It doesn't make any difference if it's the women's team," said Steve Cavezza, a business marketing freshman. "I'll do anything I can to

help UK athletics."

Head coach Mickie DeMoss said women's teams have been using male practice players since Stanford hired six male managers to practice with several years ago.

DeMoss, who was hired last spring, said while she was an assistant coach at the University of Tennessee, the Vols practiced against men. She said using male players will help the team against other women.

"With the physicalness guys have, their jumping ability and quickness, that can only help us in game situations," she said.

Compliance director John Butler said the male practice players have to meet the same eligibility require-

ments as varsity athletes.

They must be full-time students at UK — not LCC. Also, they must have begun their college careers within the last five years and have health insurance. Finally, each practice player must pass the NCAA eligibility clearing house.

Sandy Bell, assistant athletics director for compliance, said the standards are the same to always keep the focus on academics.

"If somebody isn't succeeding academically they don't need to be spending time at a practice," she said.

The eligible practice players will also receive some of the perks of being a varsity athlete. Each will get Nike practice clothes including

shoes and shorts.

Butts said the practice players must be available between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. a few days a week.

"We want people who are dependable and who want to make us better," she said. "When I sit down to plan out practice, a lot of it will depend on which practice players will be there."

Butts also played at Tennessee and said much of that team's success was aided by male practice players.

"Everywhere I've been, the male practice players have only made us better," she said. "We're not just trying to compete — we're trying to win championships."

Adam Kassarda, a psychology senior, came to the



Male UK students play ball at Memorial Coliseum after a meeting on how to be part of the women's basketball team practice squad.

meeting. He also stands 7 feet tall and played basketball in high school.

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"It's definitely cool," he

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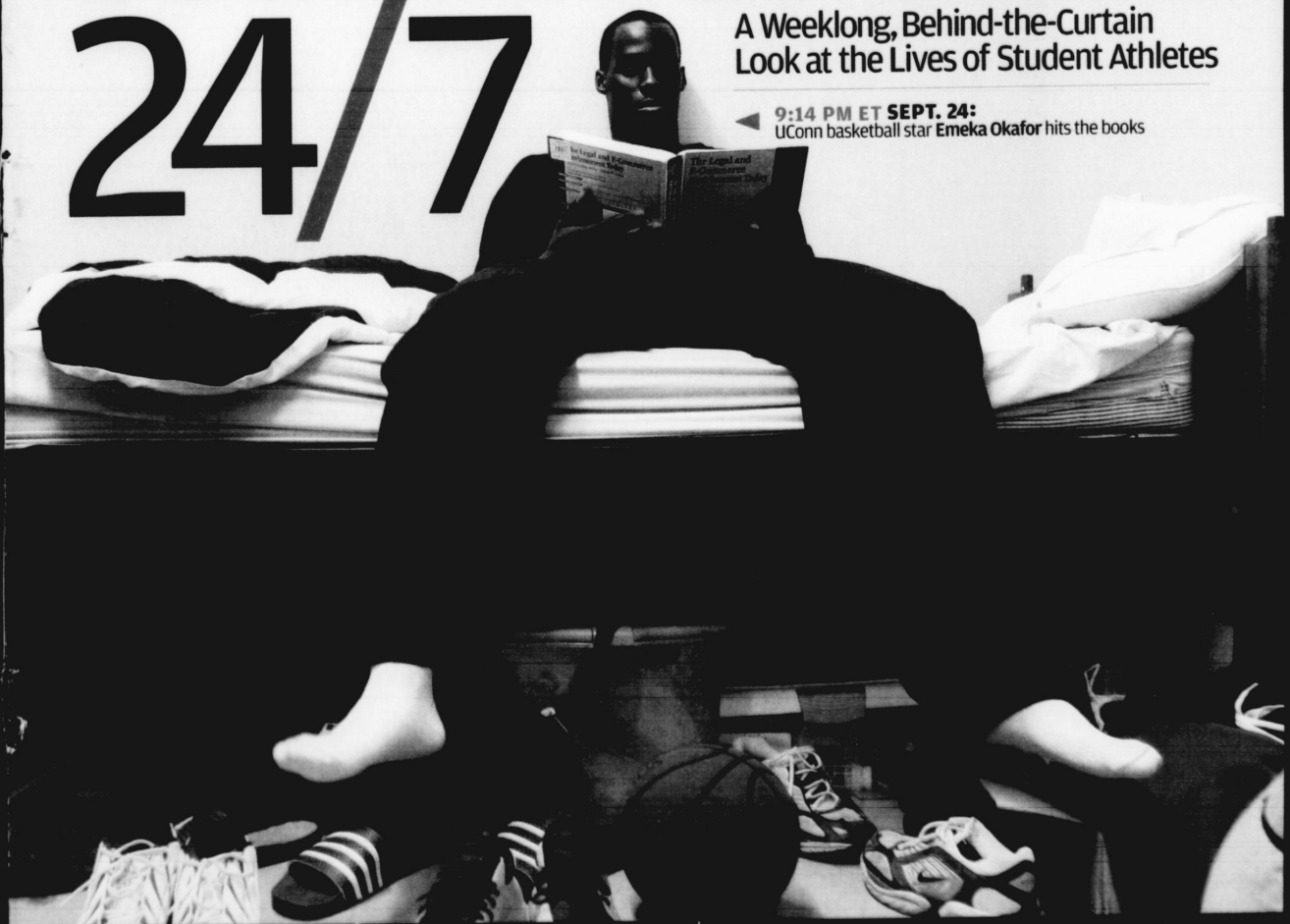
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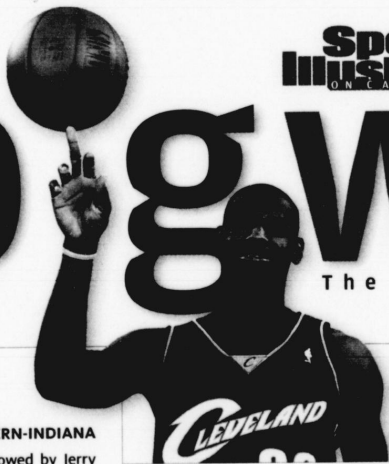
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COMEDY

A NORTHWESTERN-INDIANA football game followed by Jerry Seinfeld at the IU Auditorium, Oct. 11—both laugh-inducing in their own ways. We can see it now: "O.K. people, O.K. Will you look at the Big Ten? I mean, do you remember when 10 teams meant 10 teams? What's the deal with that? You get the Big Ten...you don't get 10 teams?"

LEBRON'S DEBUT

CLEVELAND CAVS intrasquad scrimmage at Kent State, Oct. 11, 7 p.m. Kent Staters get a glimpse of local hero LeBron James (above) when the Cavs hold their first public workout, a free exhibition at the MAC Center.

HOT SEAT

IOWA STATE SECONDARY On Saturday, the Cyclones face Texas Tech quarterback B.J. Symons (right), who has thrown for 1,166 yards and 14 touch-down...in his last two games. To avoid yielding Tecmo Bowl-like stats, we suggest Iowa State's porous D employs the prevent all day long.



HOMECOMING (SORT OF)

SHOCKTOBERFEST, Oct. 10-18. Wichita State bucks tradition by having a homecoming celebration without a football team to come home to. Instead the school puts on events such as a scavenger hunt, a mud tug-of-war and a book toss in which textbooks are chucked off a balcony.



MAKE-OUT SESSION

FULL MOON ON THE QUAD, Oct. 9. The first full moon of the academic year means one thing to Stanford students: It's spit-swappin' time! Tradition holds that every Cardinal freshman must get bussied by a senior at midnight. (A deejay spins, and action-seeking sophomores and juniors show up too.)



GAMES

10.11 **MIAMI AT FLORIDA STATE**, 12 p.m., ABC. Hurricanes running back Frank Gore is out, and Jarrett Payton ain't got half the sweetness his daddy had. **SIOC SAYS** Florida State 34, Miami 21. **AUBURN AT ARKANSAS**, 12:30 p.m. Can a team start a woeful 0-2 and go on to win the national championship? No. Can a team start a woeful 0-2 and go on to win the SEC West? After watching the Tigers beat Tennessee we're thinking, Yes. **SIOC SAYS** Auburn 28, Arkansas 20. **OKLAHOMA VS. TEXAS (AT DALLAS)**, 3:30 p.m., ABC. The Red River Shootout (left). The Sooners will be doing the shooting, while the Longhorns—suffering an identity crisis at QB—will be bleeding a river of red. **SIOC SAYS** Oklahoma 27, Texas 17. **GEORGIA AT TENNESSEE**, 7:45 p.m., ESPN2. The SEC East gets settled right here, right now. QB Casey Clausen will keep Tennessee in it, but Georgia's high-octane attack won't be stopped. **SIOC SAYS** Georgia 31, Tennessee 24. **OHIO STATE AT WISCONSIN**, 9 p.m., ESPN. Under the lights of Camp Randall—where they really get up for night games—the Buckeyes will finally be exposed. This one's been a while in the making: The Badgers led last year with 10 minutes left. **SIOC SAYS** Wisconsin 24, Ohio State 23.

LAST WEEK'S RECORD: 4-1; SEASON RECORD: 10-4

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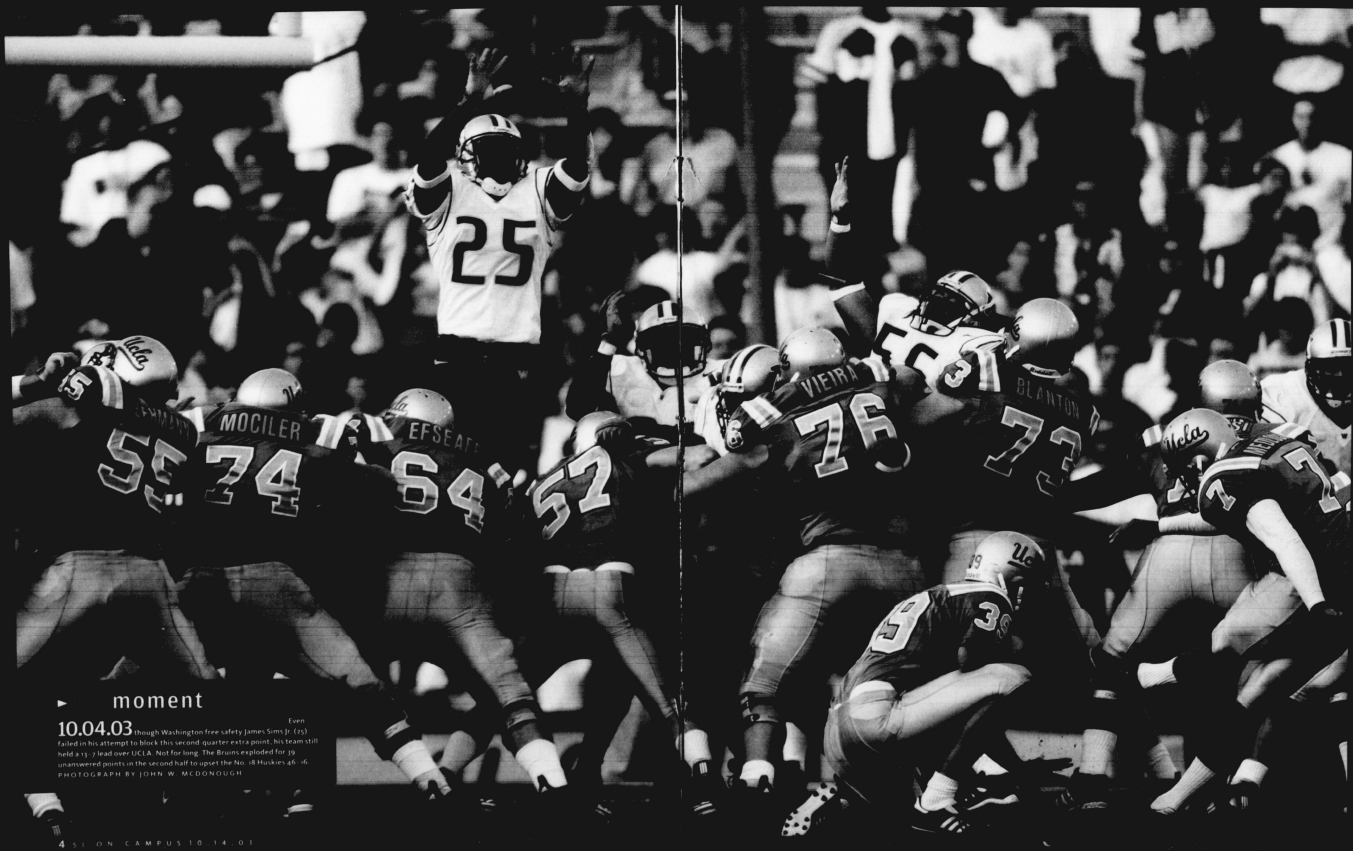


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moment
10.04.03

Can you say choke? USC Irvine's Rick Merlo couldn't say much at all as Loyola Marymount's Tamas Szego went for the jugular during the first round of the Nike Cal men's water polo tournament. Merlo and the No. 9 Anteaters would stay afloat for a 7-6 victory before falling to top-ranked USC 9-7 in the next round.
PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID GONZALES



moment

10.04.03 Even though Washington free safety James Sims Jr. (23) failed in his attempt to block this second quarter extra point, his team still held a 13-7 lead over UCLA. Not for long. The Bruins exploded for 39 unanswered points in the second half to upset the No. 18 Huskies 48-16.

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“ I DIDN'T TAKE THE 'ARE YOU GOOD IN BED?' QUIZ, BUT I THINK I WOULD HAVE DONE PRETTY WELL ”
 —CENTRE COLLEGE MIDDLE HITTER AND 'COSMO' COVER GIRL ADAIR HOWELL, PAGE 10

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REILLY ON SHAD
 Rick Reilly goes one-on-one with the Lakers center, discussing the upcoming season and Kobe Bryant's legal woes.

GOALIES
 Scouting reports, predictions and an in-depth look at goalies.

WHAT'S HOT
 What's this season's feel-good football story? How 'bout them Huskies of Northern Illinois (below)?



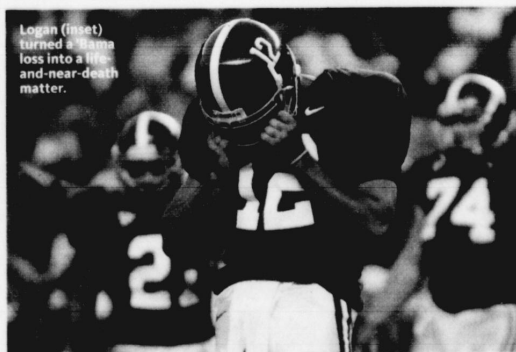
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> THE WORD

Fans Gone Loco

We've got no problem with fanatic fans. Really. But lately the faithful have been going completely psycho. Herewith, a brief guide to what's acceptable in fandom and what isn't. —Mark Bechtel



DO: Treat games as a matter of life and death—figuratively.
DON'T: Treat games as a matter of life and death—literally.

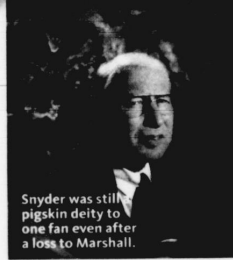
That was the sin—and felony—allegedly committed by Joseph Logan. An Alabama fan, though not an alum, Logan, 46, worked himself into a lather after the Tide blew a 21-point lead against Arkansas on Sept. 27. When his 20-year-old son, Seth, asked him for a new car after the game, he put a loaded handgun to Seth's



head and pulled the trigger. (Seth ducked, the bullet flew wide,

and Dad was charged with attempted murder and domestic violence.) Jefferson County Sheriff's Office spokesman Randy Christian said, "I know we take football serious in the South, but that's crossing the line."

CONCLUSION: Is there a rule of thumb for the conscientious fan? We suggest you remember that it's only a game—and please, if you are loaded on Saturday, make sure that your firearms are not.



Snyder was still pigskin deity to one fan even after a loss to Marshall.

DO: Respect the authority of your favorite school's head coach.
DON'T: Worship your favorite school's head coach as a messianic figure.

At 7:45 a.m. on Sept. 23, less than 72 hours after Marshall upset then sixth-ranked Kansas State 27–20, a father-to-be called the Wildcats athletic department and asked to speak with football coach Bill Snyder. The reason: The rabid K-State fan wanted Snyder's blessing before naming his son Marshall.

DO: Have a respectful disdain for your opponent.
DON'T: Stand in the street with a bullhorn telling visiting fans to "go home."

That's what one Michigan aficionado did after the Wolverines skunked Notre Dame 38–0 on Sept. 13. Not a particularly egregious offense, you say? The man in question was an on-duty Ann Arbor cop who was directing traffic at the time.



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THE PLACE TO BE

ROADTRIP

Baton Rouge, Louisiana



BY ADAM DUERSON

TO BE BRUTALLY HONEST, Baton Rouge can be downright ugly. Sure, the LSU campus is gorgeous with its oak trees, Spanish moss and Southern belles. And we know Chuck Berry yearned for the city in *Back in the USA*.

But we're talking sports here. Tiger Stadium is an eyesore sitting on an incredibly flat strip of scorched grass. The Pete Maravich Assembly Center looks like a broken-down, abandoned concrete UFO. Even Tigerland—a hotspot for LSU postgame revelry—is nothing more than a vast parking lot dotted with dumpy, gymnasium-sized bars. Not exactly charming...to the untrained eye, that is.

Then comes game day, and, like Clark Kent in the phone booth, Baton Rouge transforms itself. It starts with a thunderous cloud of RV dust, a flurried burst of tent-pitching and the draping of purple-and-yellow flags. As Friday night becomes Saturday morning, the Tigers' quaint Fortress of Solitude becomes Death Valley, where opposing coaches fear to tread and where the self-proclaimed eight-time world-champion tailgaters, the Krewe of Ragoo, do their thing. On any given Saturday you'll

find the Krewe's headmaster, Big Ragoo, and his minions in a parking lot northwest of the stadium, toasting the Tigers, reenacting historic moments in LSU history (before the Tigers' 17-10 win over Georgia) on Sept. 20, they were reprising the 2002 Hall Mary that beat Kentucky) and spreading that good of southern love. They always invite opponents' fans to stop by because, says Ragoo, "That's just the way we do it down here."

The Krewe has plenty of company. The RVs and pickups equipped with steaming cauldrons of boiled crawfish, gumbo and jambalaya are "too abundant" to count. And sufficiently fueled, the fans make their way into Tiger Stadium and raise one unholy ruckus. (Back in 1988 the roar of the crowd at LSU's game against Auburn registered on a local seismograph.) Fans scream for other sports, too. The baseball team has won five

College World Series championships since 1990, and 7,760-seat Alex Box Stadium is usually packed. Back when Shaquille O'Neal was around, the Maravich Center rocked regularly. But while LSU fans celebrate their storied past and embrace their present non-gridiron stars, one senses that if asked they'd tell you, Hell yes, we'd trade that all for a good football season.

Which is why Saturday's game against Florida is so huge. The Tigers are undefeated and in the Top 10, and the Gators are far from popular in these parts. So things will get started in Tigerland—a black hole of drinking holes (albeit a great place to drink on the cheap) on the south end of campus—late Friday and carry on well past the 2 a.m. last call, right into the tailgating that will be under way by eight Saturday morning.

Busted flat in Baton Rouge, Janis? We could think of worse fates...as long as there's a home game.

On campus...near lazy University Lake...what more could a visitor ask for than the Cook Conference Center & Hotel? Hoopsters and dancers get their thing on at Club Upscale. Varsity Theatre does up the best live music. Oct. 25 vs. Auburn, Nov. 28 vs. Arkansas. Auburn, Ala., 235 miles; Fayetteville, Ark., 546 miles.

Next Week's Road Trip: Cambridge, Mass.

RULES OF THE ROAD

5 Baton Rouge Questions for Big Ragoo

For 15 years, Marvin Dugas, 54, has served as supreme leader of the Krewe of Ragoo. They call him Big Ragoo. We call him nuts.



- WHO'S YOUR PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1 IN BATON ROUGE?** "[Former Florida coach] Steve Spurrier. We hate that guy. We've never had the opportunity to get close to him, but this Saturday, even though he's gone, we're going to burn a visor before the Florida game. If he showed up, we'd beat the hell out of him...then we'd feed him."
- DOES THAT MAKE LSU COACH NICK SABAN YOUR FEARLESS LEADER?** "He's given us our pride back. We know we'll be good as long as he's around, and we would do whatever it takes to keep him. I wouldn't put it past the Krewe to kidnap him."
- YOU JUST UNVEILED THE WEAPON OF MASS CONSUMPTION—AN EIGHT-MAN BEER BONG. WHAT'S NEXT?** "We're working on something right now, but I can't tell you what. I would have to kill you. You and Steve Spurrier."
- WHO'S THE MOST FAMOUS PERSON TO VISIT THE KREWE?** "Governor [Mike] Foster came by once, but he wouldn't funnel. Not a good picture for the papers. [Georgia mascot] Uga V visited in '98. I think he did some root beer funnels."
- YOU'RE A FREQUENT FUNNELER. WHAT DO YOU PREFER IN THERE?** "I'm a beer man myself, but I once funneled some beer with tequila and Jell-O shots all mixed together. It takes a lot of practice, a strong stomach and a weak mind."



When Mike takes his program lap, rabid Bayou Bengal backers keep their eyes on the tiger.



WHEN & WHERE

SATURDAY
10:30 P.M. Secure a spot along the north side of Tiger Stadium and watch the Golden Band—and the called Golden Girls (no Bea Arthur's here, we promise)—march into action for the tune of Tiger Rag. Then go into the stadium and catch Mike the Caged Tiger's program lap. Kickoff is at 2:30.

11:47 P.M. Chimes Street Head for LSU's more low-key congregation area. It's all the way across campus from Tigerland and is geared more toward grab than booze. Hit up Road's Dole II for a Shrimp Fo-bay (\$5.50, with fries and a soda).

FRIDAY
10:30 P.M. Tigerland Head for the dilapidated arch that marks this pub-palooza, where Tiger Bar serves all you can drink from 9-12 (for \$5) and Rotolo's dishes out the only pizza in the land—but they don't do slices.

SUNDAY
11:00 A.M. Louie's Cafe A block off Highland is the place where, for the last 62 years, they've been serving Super Hash Browns (\$5.49) stuffed "taters" covered in mushrooms, Colby cheese, onions and sour cream.

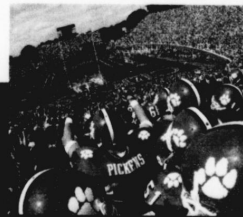


ELITE EIGHT

Uniformly Unsightly

They're supposed to induce school spirit, but these unis induce nothing but cringes. Or so says Clarissa Cruz, the fashion expert at *Entertainment Weekly*, who gives us her gaudiest football ensembles.

- 1 OREGON Green and yellow make one's skin look sallow. While this can easily be corrected with foundation, most players stick to black grease. (C'mon guys, smoky eyes are so 2001.)
- 2 USC Red and yellow belong on a traffic light, not a football field.
- 3 TEXAS A&M Earth tones are all the rage this fall, but this eggplant-meets-chocolate shade of maroon is a little too goth for us.



- 4 CLEMSON The orange and purple (so Marc Jacobs!) we can live with. But the cutesy paw prints make even snarling linemen seem cuddly.
- 5 IDAHO Unless you're an actual, fedora-wearing pimp, you do not look good in gold pants.

- 6 OREGON STATE Orange and black are acceptable only if you're wearing a Halloween mask and yelling, "Trick or treat." And you're 12.
- 7 RUTGERS Maybe fashion sense is too much to ask of a team that hails from New Jersey, the land of big hair and fake fingernails. But head-to-toe scarlet red?
- 8 NOTRE DAME Because I went to Boston College.

TALK

Can You Judge a Volleyball Player by Her Cover?

IN ADDITION TO the usual array of headlines about boyfriends and sexual techniques, the cover of the October issue of *Cosmopolitan* features a picture of Adair Howell, a 6'1" freshman middle hitter on the volleyball team at Division III Centre College (Ky.), who beat out 6,000 other contestants to win the magazine's cover-model search. The 18-year-old from Atlanta discussed some of the magazine's cover headlines—and a little volleyball. —A.D.

THE 7 BEST WAYS TO BOND WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND

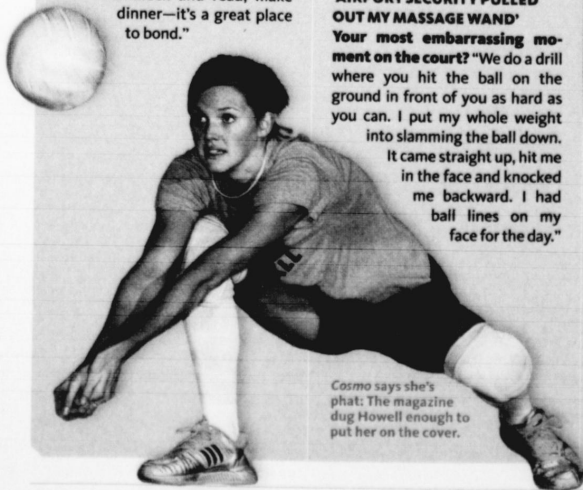
Personal favorite, please? "Go on a trip together, to the beach or something. My boyfriend's aunt has a cabin in north Georgia with a stream flowing through the back and deer running through the front yard at night. We go out on the hammock and read, make dinner—it's a great place to bond."

THE TRICK THAT GETS ANY MAN TO CALL...

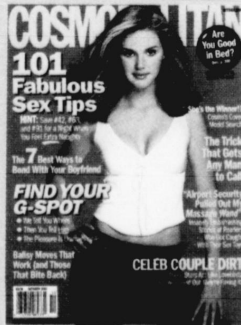
"You mean *not* call? Give him someone else's number. Or just let him know I have a boyfriend who's pretty tough and big and strong and extremely good looking. And he plays college sports."

'AIRPORT SECURITY PULLED OUT MY MASSAGE WAND'

Your most embarrassing moment on the court? "We do a drill where you hit the ball on the ground in front of you as hard as you can. I put my whole weight into slamming the ball down. It came straight up, hit me in the face and knocked me backward. I had ball lines on my face for the day."



Cosmo says she's phat: The magazine dug Howell enough to put her on the cover.



CELEB COUPLE DIRT...

"Ooh, I heard Ben's got a pretty nice house and [J.Lo] really likes it, so she's sticking around!"

101 FABULOUS SEX TIPS

Number 102? "It's the best when least expected."

FIND YOUR G-SPOT

Found it? "Oh, yeah, come on now."

ARE YOU GOOD IN BED?

"I didn't take the quiz, but I think I would have done pretty well."

ASK MILO



GOING POSTAL

So, what happens after students tear down goal posts?

—Mike, New Mexico '04

Goal posts that are thrown into a lake can be fished out (as they were at Kansas two weeks ago), but if they're cut into pieces (as is the tradition at Missouri), they are, sadly, gone forever. "You're looking at \$5,000 per end zone to replace the whole thing," says Missouri director of facilities Bob Stanley. But Milo likes the way they think at Northwestern, where they greased the posts back in 1982 after students deposited the previous set in Lake Michigan. For less thrifty schools, a Chicago company offers indestructible steel goal posts for \$30,000 per pair, but that takes the fun out of it, now doesn't it?

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MATCHUP

THE WORST JOBS ON CAMPUS

After SIOC's Coolest Jobs in Sports issue (Oct. 7), we wondered: Which jock washer or sweat mopper would most like to take his job and shove it? Meet the candidates.

JONATHAN SANDGARTEN	BLAKE GUTHRIE	JOEL GARDNER
 <p>21-year-old senior at Syracuse. A fourth-year basketball manager, he cleans up after practice, handles water, tidies the locker room and serves as a gofer.</p>	 <p>21-year-old senior at South Florida. A third-year assistant video coordinator, he films football practices and games from a cherry picker and sets up team video meetings.</p>	 <p>21-year-old senior at Minnesota. A third-year student manager for the hockey team, he sets up the locker room, sharpens skates and does the laundry.</p>
PAY		
Scholarship started at \$100 a semester; now at \$2,000. "This year we got a ring, so I can't bitch."	Partial scholarship (didn't disclose amount). "I get paid a lot more than anyone else with a job like this."	Scholarship started at \$1,500; now at \$2,500. "It has its rewards."
WHEN I WAS A KID, I WANTED TO GROW UP TO BE....		
"A dinosaur. A T. rex probably."	"A police officer."	"Someone who made a lot of money."
DREAM JOB NOW		
"One of the Maloof brothers. They own the [Sacramento] Kings and the Palms Casino in Las Vegas."	 <p>"General manager of a baseball team. [Red Sox GM] Theo Epstein is an idol of mine."</p>	 <p>"Designing hockey sticks. They're really technical now."</p>
SPORTS BACKGROUND		
 <p>"Beer Wiffle ball. I was on the chess team in high school."</p>	"I'm not the biggest or fastest guy, so my abilities are pretty slim. I golf."	"I played high school hockey, but I pretty much know I'm not good enough to play at this level."
JOB HORROR STORY		
 <p>"We ordered Pizza Hut, and [forward] Jeremy McNeil asked for marinara sauce. By the time he got there it was gone, so for the rest of the season he called me 'bitch.'"</p>	"Cutting footage right after the game is generally a five-hour process, so if you get back around midnight, you're up till 5 a.m. And then there's the Florida heat during two-a-days."	 <p>"Sometimes players have a lucky jockstrap that breaks, and they'll ask me to sew it up. I make sure it goes through the wash first, and then I close my eyes."</p>
ON-THE-JOB INJURIES		
"Playing two-on-two, I tore ligaments in my foot. No workers' comp for that."	"A tripod fell on my head, and I've had to dodge kicked footballs filming in the lift."	"I was sharpening skates last year when I slipped and almost cut my thumb off."
EVER USE YOUR POSITION TO GET HOOKED UP?		
"Another manager once asked if I got the players' leftovers. Definitely. Across the board."	 <p>"Mostly on the road. We played Pitt and got free tickets to a Pirates game."</p>	"The team captain told me, 'You take care of us on the ice, and we'll take care of you off it.' It never actually works with girls though." 

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Mascots aren't always pimply faced 18-year-olds in furry suits. Some of them are the real thing.

by *Christian de La Chapelle*

Bevo TEXAS

Animal: Steer. **Weight:** 1,200 pounds. **Age:** 10. **On the job:** 13 years. **Handlers:** Tommy Servos, along with Stephen Brown, Kemper Cowden, Justin Mores and Tim Weaver. **Is Bevo a prima donna or a team player?** "Probably more of a prima donna. He plays by his own rules. There have been times we haven't even been able to find him or catch him when we need him." **How does Bevo spend the off-season?** "He grazes. Lives better than we do. Like a king. He gets all kinds of personal attention." **Is Bevo pretty fit or could he stand to hit the gym?** "He's an old goat, but he stays in good shape because we feed him high protein grains."



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IT'S A REAL ZOO OUT THERE

UNLESS YOU HAPPEN TO BE Dr. Doolittle, you probably aren't able to talk to the animals. So SIOC did the next best thing—we asked the trainers and handlers of this live-mascot starting five to let us in on the routines, lives and heads of their charges. Be careful where you step.

	Raider	Bill XXXI	CAM	Ralphie IV	TOM II
					
School	Army	Navy	Colorado State	Colorado	Memphis
Animal	Mule	Goat	Rocky Mountain sheep	Buffalo	Bengal Tiger
Weight	1,100 pounds	123 pounds	300 pounds	1,300 pounds	500-plus pounds
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On the job	8 years	3 years	2 1/2 years	5 years	12 years
Handler	Staff Sergeant Mike Tucker	Lieutenant Frank Fuhrmeister	Frank Pierz	Gail Pederson	Bobby Wharton
Is your animal a prima donna or a team player?	"Raider's a team player."	"Definitely a team player."	"When he's with the students who handle him and the public, he's easygoing and a team player. But when he's running on the field, he sort of knows he's special."	"She is a team player."	"A team player. Tom has a personality all his own and he knows when the team's on the field. He knows when to get excited and he knows when to calm down."
If your animal could talk, what would its fightin' words be?	"His words for the [Navy] goat would be, Get a horse."	"I imagine he'd say, Go Navy, beat Army. That's pretty much what we say around here."	"Beat the Buffs."	"Bring on the competition."	"He'd just like to eat the Louisville Cardinal. With Tennessee, he'd like to have Smokey in the cage with him because he'd make a good meal too."
How does your animal spend the off-season?	"Lounging about, eating hay, eating grass and preening for tourists."	"Grazing, training."	"In the pasture."	"She is at pasture, being a buffalo."	"He basks in his own 3,500-square-foot luxury habitat that cost over \$300,000 to build."
What is your animal's favorite snack?	"Carrots."	"That's easy: Bit O' Honey."	"Corn. He doesn't get that every day."	"It would probably be oats."	"He eats 20 pounds of raw beef a day."
Is your animal pretty fit or could it stand to hit the gym?	"Oh, no, he's fit to fight."	"He's fit as a fiddle, he's ready to go. He's in great shape."	"Actually, he's pretty fit."	"She is fit as can be. Great shape. She gets faster every year; we always hope the handlers can hold on."	"He could probably stand to hit the gym a little bit. He lives a very easy life."
Are animal groupies a problem?	"He does turn heads, but we try to keep him pretty well sequestered."	"At times. Every now and then we have to take either a back exit or a side door. Certainly, security is always an issue."	"Ewes are always a problem."	"Not that we know of."	"They all like to follow his lead, but nobody can come close."

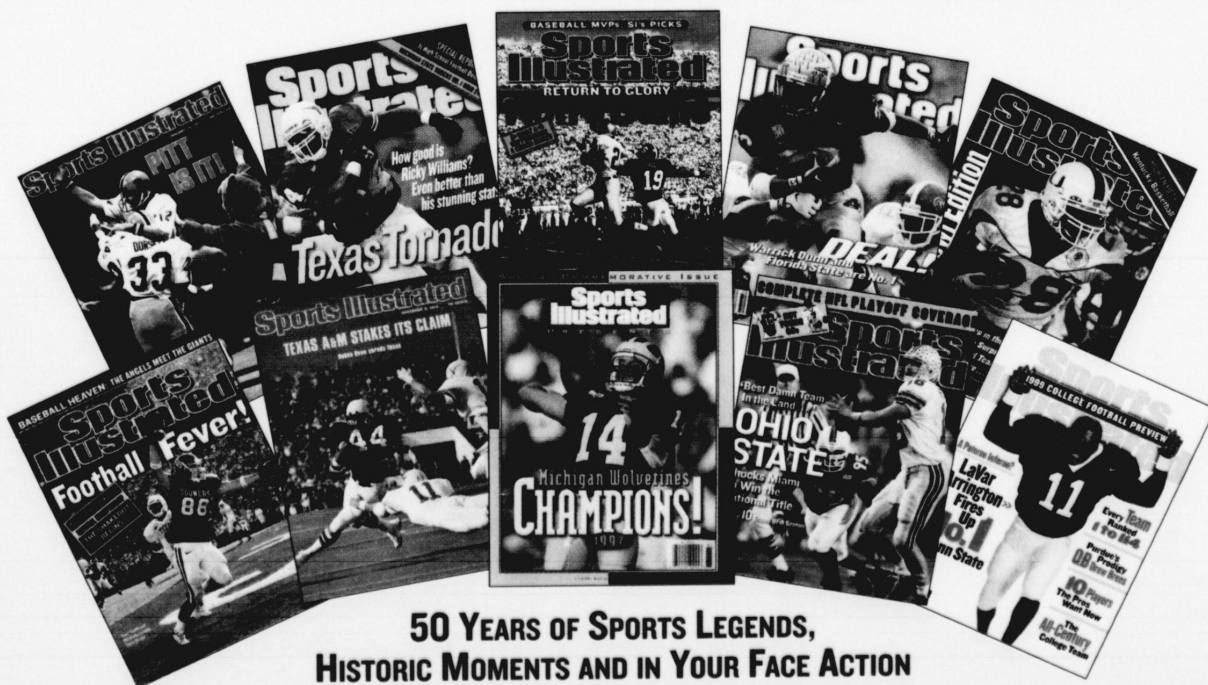
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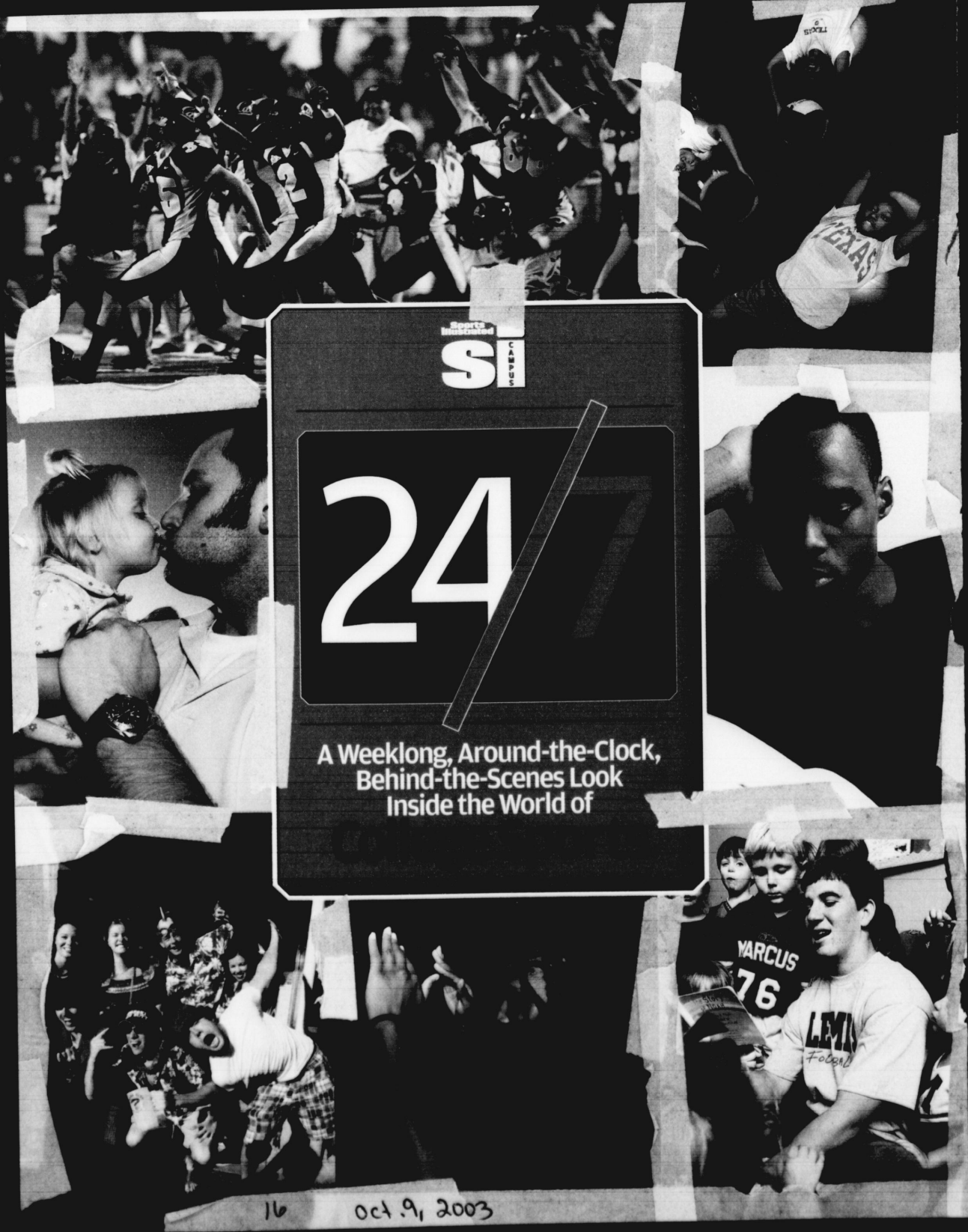
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ROBERT BECK; BILL FRANKS; JAY L. CLENDENIN/POLARIS; BILL FRANKS (2); BRIAN WILKINSON/RYU

WE SPEND THE FALL winding ourselves up all week for the Big Game that will last, what, three hours. But overlooked is the fact that college sports sleeps less than the Hilton sisters. From Sept. 21 to 27 SIOC photographers spent 168 hours with dozens of athletes (and thousands of their classmates) to take a closer look at their everyday lives. Our jocks-round-the-clock exercise taught us this: There's no time for boredom.

SUNDAY
9/21

10:18 P.M. CT She got game. And she got detergent. And sometimes she even got a little fabric softener. Every Sunday night following study hall, Texas sophomore guards Coco Reed and Nina Norman head off to the laundry room in their dorm to drain something other than jumpers. "We usually have a lot of fun when we're doing our laundry," says Reed, who last season was a backup for a Longhorns squad that advanced to the Final Four before losing 71-69 to eventual champion UConn.

Sometime between the wash and spin cycles impromptu games of one-on-one are known to break out. The 5'11" Reed (in orange shorts) loves nothing more than hitting a soft towel floater over her smaller roommate, the 5'6" Norman. "I was just glad I wasn't going up against Kalee," says Reed of 6'5" freshman center Kalee Carey, who was trying to read a psychology textbook on the floor amid the cacophony. "I don't think I would have gotten the shot off against her." So what's up with that Michael Vick wannabe in the corner with the laundry basket over his head? "Sometimes students will sit there and watch us, thinking, What are they doing?" Reed says. "But I think it's fun for them too. It's kind of like a free show." —Richard Deitsch



10:12 A.M. PT Forget Wheaties. Jerry Smith considers his pancakes to be the breakfast of champions. Before every Santa Clara home game, the longtime women's soccer coach and his assistant coach-wife, Brandi Chastain, host Broncos players at their house, one mile from campus, to fuel up on carbs and camaraderie. On this morning the group celebrates as Chastain and the U.S.

national team take a 1-0 lead over Sweden in the Women's World Cup on Kristine Lilly's goal. (Three hours later the Broncos, who have finished in the Top 10 for 14 straight years, would take on second-ranked Notre Dame at Buck Shaw Stadium. While the pancakes and eggs were tasty, their 2-1 loss to the Irish was less satisfying.) "Normally when we have the team over, Brandi is the one running the kitchen," says Smith, in the upper right wearing his wife's number 6 jersey. "It's organized chaos. Unlike how our team plays." —R.D.



GONZALESPHOTO.COM (LEFT); BILL FRAKES (ABOVE)



4:19 P.M. PT Every sports fan knows that football teams religiously study film, but who had any idea water polo teams do the same thing? "We break down video twice a week, and we look at a few things," says John Vargas, coach of second-ranked Stanford. "Not only do we scout the other team and its tendencies, we also look at how we can improve from an individual and tactical standpoint." —*Arisha Hatch*

MONDAY
9/22

6:47 P.M. MT Who better than a construction management major to understand the blueprint for building a happy family? "Monday is Family Night," says BYU offensive tackle Brandon Stephens. "On Monday nights I just put all the looks aside." Stephens, 24, and his wife, Sallie, are the proud parents of two-year-old Maggie and three-month-old Navy. "Both of my daughters were born prematurely," says Stephens. "Navy was 1 1/2 weeks early, so we have to feed her this medicine that even I can't stand the smell of." —*J.W.*

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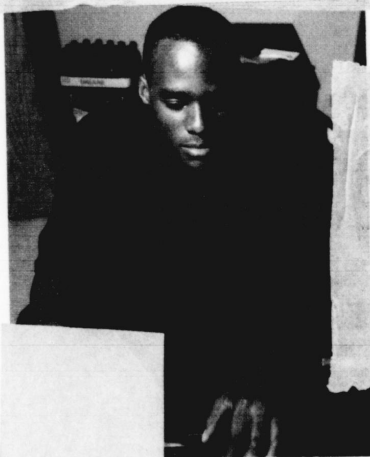
8:22 P.M. ET Hot-shot high school jock with no offers to compete in college? No worries. Intramural sports allow you to keep that jumper sharp or maintain your foot speed. At Indiana, where basketball is king, students flood the HPER building late into the night. The facility, with 15 full-length courts, is one of the nation's premier student rec centers and from 1928 through '60 it served as the home floor for the Hoosiers. —*Alex Nickey*

2:46 P.M. ET Yale students flock to the university's expansive intramural fields, which host everything from foot ball to softball to soccer to cross-country, when they're tired of preparing to rule the world. "IMs are about out-of-shape Yalies giving time they don't have to sports they used to be good at for a trophy that doesn't matter," says senior Jean-Paul Christophe. "You just have fun and represent your [residential] college, and then four years later realize how much time you've actually spent out on these fields." —*Kevin Tran*

JAY L. CLENDENIN/POLARIS (LEFT, 3); BRIAN SPURLOCK (ABOVE)



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WEDNESDAY
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9:20 P.M. ET Emeka Okafor's crib is far from his castle. "I figured if my room was really dull, I wouldn't be in it," says UConn's All-America junior center. "I'd be in the gym getting some shots up, or in the library doing work." The finance major—known for what his faculty adviser describes as "supernaturally focused" study habits—has a 3.8 GPA and is on track to graduate this spring, one year ahead of schedule. "The last two years I spent a lot of time here," he says while studying business law, "but no need to be crazy anymore. I learned the system and how to manage my time effectively." Despite his efforts, distractions can be a problem. "I usually don't have that on when I study," he says of the instant messenger program that seems to chime every minute. "Somehow my IM name got out on campus, so the whole East Coast probably has it by now." —**Adam Duerson**

8:55 A.M. CT At Ole Miss the on-campus speed limit seemingly honors the legend—and jersey number—of former Rebels quarterback Archie Manning (1968–70), father of senior quarterback Eli Manning. "I'm pretty oblivious to it," says the younger Manning, who, when not walking to his 9 a.m. Individual Leadership course, motors around Oxford in his pewter Chevy Tahoe. "You're not gonna get stopped for going 19. Besides, there's so much traffic, nobody can go that fast, anyway." —**J.W.**

JAY L. CLENDENIN/POLARIS (LEFT); BILL FRAKES (BELOW)



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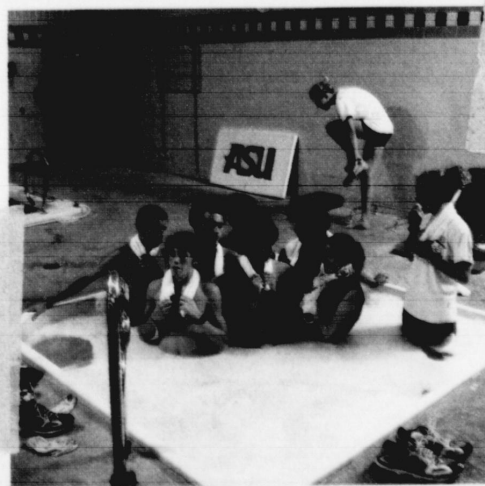
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5:45 P.M. ET Miami sprinter Lauryn Williams would jump at the chance to return kickoffs for the Hurricanes football team. "I used to race [former tailback] Willis McGahee, and he'd always drop out or make an excuse when I beat him," says Williams, a junior who won two gold medals, in the 100 meters and as the anchor for the U.S. 4 x 100 relay team, at August's Pan Am Games. "I could probably even take over for [injured UM tailback] Frank Gore and get drafted in the first round." At this moment Miami's diva of track is leaping for joy because she has finished with class and is off to South Beach ... to do homework. "I bring a few books and lie out on the beach," says Williams, a five-time All-America who will not spend the afternoon studying male anatomy. "For some reason there aren't a lot of hot guys at South Beach," she says. "Just old men in thongs."—**J.W.**

8:50 A.M. MT Packed like sardines in a tin can, members of the Arizona State cross-country teams seek refuge in the school's state-of-the-art whirlpool after a long morning on the track. The 52° water not only aids in the recuperation process but also helps prevent injuries to the lower extremities. Although most runners soak in the frigid water once a day, those with nagging injuries make multiple trips. "I sometimes tell them not to get so many people in there," says trainer Kang Duk Kwon, "because they're heating the water up."—**Brian Gomez**

BILL FRAKES (ABOVE); JASON WISE (RIGHT)





FRIDAY
9/26



7:23 P.M. ET Florida gymnasts (left to right) Orley Szmuch, Erin Pendleton and Kara Waterhouse do whatever it takes to stay cool under the hot Gainesville sun—even if it means scrubbing lovebugs off teammate Alecia Ingram's silver Ford Mustang. The recipe for removing the not-so-lovely nuisances? "Elbow grease," says Szmuch, an All-America junior. "And about six sponges."

—Jeff Darlington

DAYBREAK SATURDAY

Tennessee senior Matt Armstrong has had the last word—and brushstroke—on the Rock since his sophomore year. That's when he began sleeping in a van on the Friday night before home football games to ensure that his message would greet the 100,000-plus fans who pack Neyland Stadium. Anderson now arrives at the crack of dawn on Saturday to play Picasso. —Brett Edgerton

BILL FRAKES (ABOVE); PATRICK MURPHY-RACEY (BELOW)



SATURDAY
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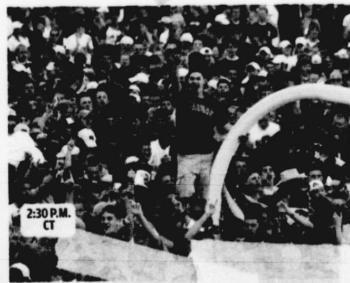
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GAME DAY: It is the lamest question in sports journalism: "How does it feel?" Especially on an autumn Saturday, when the only things easier to read than the scoreboard are the emotions of players and supporters alike. *Festive* is the scene at Where Else? (*top left*), the Purdue watering hole that becomes a student's version of a B&B: beer and breakfast. *Misery* engulfs Oregon offensive tackle Michael DeLaGrange (*above*) in the waning moments of the Ducks' 55-16 loss to Washington State. The worst loss Oregon has suffered at Autzen Stadium came just seven days after the biggest win in school history, on this same turf against Michigan. (There's a life lesson there somewhere.) *Gloom* descends upon members of Notre Dame's kilt-clad Irish Guard as they come to terms with their team's 1-3 start near the end of a 23-10 loss at Purdue. *Focused* are Florida State's Amber Tollefson (2) and Maryland's Kimmy Francis in an ACC soccer showdown. *Euphoric* describes the postgame mood in Lawrence, Kans. (*top, far right*), and Berkeley, Calif., as students rush the fields after the Jayhawks and Bears humbled Top 25 squads Missouri and Southern Cal (*bottom right*). Have you ever cared this much about sports? Will you ever again? —J.W.

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Madonna was a pom-pom girl, Dubya a pom-pom guy. We learned all this in (wink, wink) cheerleader class

BY JEFF TOMBACK, WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY JIM RAY

**Ready? O.K.
Ace it, audit,
Fail it, or pass,
If you love pom-poms,
Come take my class!**

You may not give two bits about cheerleading, but Natalie Adams does. Adams, an Alabama education professor and author of

Cheerleader! An American Icon, teaches a course on the subject. And, if you think you know of a cooler way to earn three credits than by taking her *Cheerleader* in American Culture class, if you think there's nothing to be learned by being schooled in the divine secrets of the Rah! Rah!

Sisterhood, I have three words for you.

Bring it on.
"We start off the semester by watching *Grease* to show how Olivia Newton-John fits the stereotype and then rebels against it," says Adams, herself a blue-eyed, blonde former head cheerleader at Winnsboro (La.) High School. "I also show clips from *Bring It On*, *American Beauty* and *But I'm a Cheerleader*."

But I'm not, I tell her.
"That's O.K.," says Adams. Although 13 of her 18 students are ex-cheerleaders, and "the majority of them fit the dominant notions of being attractive," none cheer at Alabama. But just because you've never perched atop a man's palm before thousands of fans doesn't mean you're not welcome.

"We even have a boy in the class," says Adams, "though I'm not sure why he signed up."

Whether attending a middle school pep rally on a class field trip or deconstructing Pat Ryan's seminal essay, *Once It Was Only Sis-Boom-Bahl*, all of Adams's students have spirit (yes, they do). "They really have a lot of passion," says Adams. "After we read Marty Beckerman's novel, *Death to All Cheerleaders* [in which pom-pomming serves as a metaphor for Gen X emptiness], one of the students contacted him. They've been e-mailing back and forth."

Adams's charges also delve into history. "Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Raquel Welch and Madonna were all cheerleaders," says Adams. "Did you know that there were even cheerleaders at the very first [college] football game in 1869?"

Adams is referring to Rutgers's 6-4 defeat of Princeton. You might think that the aristocratic Tigers' yell leaders soothed their woes by inventing the "That's all right/That's O.K./You'll be working for us some day!" cheer that afternoon.

"No," corrects Adams. "It actually started 'Ray, ray, ray/Tiger, Tiger, Tiger. . . .'"

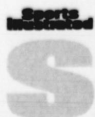
Adams even devotes time to Will Ferrell and Cheri Oteri's hilarious "Spartan Cheerleaders" sketches from *Saturday Night Live*. "They are the perfect example of people's thoughts about the inanity of cheerleading," she says. "That cheerleaders are shallow, narcissistic, perky and not too smart."

Whether or not you think they are (read that list of names above again), Adams, who just posted midterm grades, believes that some of her pupils are in for a rude awakening. "How do you go home and tell your parents," she asks, "that you got a C in cheerleading?"

How 'bout, "Gimme a C!?"

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Open your blue books, it's time for SIOC's midterm exam. We'll cover the semester's biggest—and most offbeat—stories.



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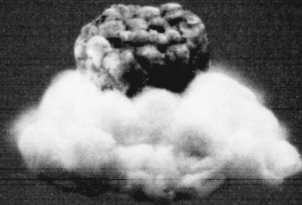
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