

## FALLING INTO FOLIAGE



Carrell Rush double anthropology and Spanish senior carries on a conversation on her cell phone yesterday outside the Student center.

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### ELECTION 2004

## Iraq war could determine outcome of election

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In 1968 college campuses were hotbeds of political and social activism, with students from universities all across America gathering to protest the war and become the driving force behind change.

In 2004 the situation isn't quite as volatile, yet students are still polarized on the issue of war and how it will affect their vote come Nov. 2.

"Naturally when a nation is at war, the war is the most important issue, regardless of whether it is an election year or not," said Ricardo Febles, a journalism and English sophomore.

It's an opinion Lara Johnson, a final semester MBA student, shares. "The war in Iraq is a tremendously important issue in the upcoming election because it impacts voters both directly and indirectly," she said. "It doesn't matter whether you are a member of the armed services or a larger part of the shifting of people, resources, and credibility.

Whenever there is a major foreign policy in place, such as with the war in Iraq, it becomes the main issue during an election, said Stephen Voss, an associate political science professor.

"This election stands to be one of the hardest to predict, even closer than 2000," Voss said. "It could go anywhere with the state of the war and the economy.

"There's no clear success or failure with this war, we don't know if the voters view it as positive or negative. Some view the war as a success — we took over Iraq, we captured Saddam, we increased the level of democracy in Iraq. And some view the war as a failure — no (weapons of mass destruction) and the increasing unrest in the Middle East."

The war in Iraq is the single most important issue for Jacob Shepard, an agricultural communication senior. "It's because there are two definite sides to this argument," Shepard said. "Whether the U.S. should still be fighting or whether we should not have gone to Iraq in the first place."

"With other issues there is some agreement and some disagreement. Not with the war in Iraq — it is divided."

The war in Iraq has become the major focus of this presidential campaign.

and has preempted discussions of domestic issues to some extent, said Robert Olson, a Middle East and Islamic history professor.

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Independent Ralph Nader does not support the war and advocates pulling U.S. troops.

"Whether you agree or disagree with Bush or Kerry the focus is still on the war in Iraq," Olson said. "Neither Kerry nor Bush wants the war to be the central issue — Kerry knows it is going to be difficult to extract the U.S. from the war, and Bush didn't anticipate the strong national resistance now facing the U.S. in Iraq."

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## Voter fraud does not concern election experts

By Joe Becker and Thomas B. Edsall  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush's campaign charged Wednesday that fraudulent voting engineered by pro-Democratic groups could throw the election to John Kerry — a charge Democrats immediately countered is a Republican smokescreen to justify intimidating minority voters on election day.

With less than two weeks to go until election day, reports of skulduggery by both Kerry and Bush supporters are flying in some key battleground states: A burglary that resulted in the theft of hundreds of completed registration forms in New Mexico. A man paid with crack cocaine to register fictitious voters like "Mary Poppins" in Ohio. A Coloradan who registered to vote not once, but 35 times.

In a conference call with reporters Wednesday, three top Bush campaign officials cited reports of thousands of phony registrations from around the country. Deputy campaign manager Mark Wallace contended that there already is evidence of "an enormous amount of fraud" in the presidential election.

Jack Corrigan, a senior advisor to the Democratic National Committee, called the Republicans' assertions "hysterical, hypocritical and false."

"They're using phony fraud claims to keep voter turnout down and build a smokescreen to challenges to voting rights on Election Day," he said. "We expect better from the president's cam-

aign."

Despite the charges and countercharges, however, many nonpartisan experts said they doubt that suspect registrations will lead to widespread illegal voting in the presidential election.

To a large degree, elections officials say, the phenomena of bad registrations can be attributed to the parties' decision to outsource voter registration operations to private companies and non-profit groups who pay temporary employees for every new voter they sign up. In essence, they said, the problem is not fraud for partisan gain but greed.

Steven Ansolabehere, a professor of political science at MIT and the former director of the Caltech-MIT Voting Technology Project, said parties are better off spending the money to properly register supporters and then get them to the polls.

"The ultimate check on that kind of fraud is the difficulty of actually perpetrating it. It takes a lot of effort to register and vote three or four times," he said.

It hasn't always been that way. Back in the days when party organizations were strong all the way down to the ward levels, vote fraud was common.

Parties aren't that organized anymore and societal norms have changed, said Cornell University political scientist Richard Bensel.

But he said he worries that a trend to make absentee voting easier could once again allow parties to buy votes — in the privacy of someone's own

home.

Bush campaign manager Ken Mehlman Wednesday accused Democratic lawyers of a "systematic" effort to overturn rules designed to ensure the integrity of the election. But, in Florida, it was the Republicans who pushed earlier this year to eliminate a legal mechanism that helped prosecutors detect absentee ballot fraud.

Traditionally Republicans in Florida have done better with absentee ballots than Democrats. The GOP-controlled legislature there got rid of a requirement that an absentee ballot be witnessed that helped ferret out fraud in a 1997 Miami-Dade mayoral race that was eventually overturned.

"It was amazing to me that we as a legislature would vote to make it easier to commit that kind of fraud," said state Rep. Dan Gelber, a Democrat and former federal prosecutor. "They weren't screaming about the fraud problem then."

Democrats charge that all the talk about fraud is really designed to provide cover for what is expected to be an aggressive effort on the part of Republicans to challenge the eligibility of Democratic voters at the polls.

In New Mexico, for instance, a criminal task force was set up by the Republican U.S. Attorney to investigate widespread allegations of voter registration fraud.

To date, said New Mexico Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron, a Democrat named to the task force, "they haven't come up with anything at all."

## Campaign signs are disappearing across Lexington

By Darliah Shafa  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Campaign signs in Lexington are being stolen.

And they're being slashed, bent or vandalized. "It's been huge," said Lucy Martin, volunteer coordinator with the Democratic Party of Fayette County. "We get calls every single day from people whose signs are being stolen, and it's been going on for a month and a half."

The sign thefts have not been isolated incidents, Martin said.

"I'd say it's extremely serious just because entire streets of signs have been stolen," she said.

Though sign theft is a problem during any election, the problem is worse this year, said Frank Schwendeman, chairman of the Victory 2004 Republican Party of Fayette County.

Swendeman said about 500 signs have been stolen or vandalized in Lexington, which equals about seven to eight percent of the 7,000 signs distributed. The average number of sign thefts for other years is closer to one or two percent, he said.

Martin said part of the vandalism can be blamed on this year's competitive election.

"It's just such a petty thing, and I think it shows how nasty this election has

gotten," she said.

Lt. Ken Stewart of the Lexington Police said that while they often hear about sign thefts, they are rarely reported.

"They don't look at it as being a serious charge," he said.

Stewart said that someone caught stealing a campaign sign faces a misdemeanor theft charge. Anyone caught vandalizing a sign faces a misdemeanor criminal mischief charge.

Both parties said they are against stealing or vandalizing anyone's campaign signs.

"We strongly oppose stealing any signs, Republican or Democrat," Martin said.

The Republicans agreed.

"I think it's such a silly thing to think that, if I wind up with more signs than your guy, my guy is going to win," Schwendeman said. "I don't know how many people are that shallow that they would base their decision on a yard sign."

Swendeman said even he has not been immune to the sign troubles. His campaign sign at his home on Clays Mill Road was uprooted and bent.

"It just teed me off, to be quite frank," he said. "It's just a dumb thing."

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## Vietnamese immigrant still stuck in Los Angeles airport

By Amy Argetsinger  
THE WASHINGTON POST

LOS ANGELES — The United States had been good to the three men, friends and coffee farmers from rural Vietnam who fled their country after a government crackdown on their Christian huddling tribe.

But after a year, they told their sponsors, they felt a call from God to return. And so they started the long journey home with more prayer than paperwork by retracing their steps back to the airport.

A month later, that is where the journey for one of them has stalled.

Since Sept. 20, the home-sick 47-year-old refugee — a member of the Montagnard ethnic minority — has been stranded at Los Angeles International Airport, having lost the travel documents that would allow him to board any plane departing the United States.

He has whiled away the hours amid the bustle of the international terminal, sleeping on benches and surviving on the meals offered by perplexed but sympathetic airport workers. He has repeatedly declined offers of shelter outside the gates of LAX.

"His thinking is, 'If I leave the airport, then nobody will work on my problem,'" said Nancy Castles, public relations director for the city agency that runs the nation's third busiest airport. "He's very smart."

Airport officials have declined to provide the man's name or allow his face to be photographed because of the danger he may face at home, where the Montagnards, who fought alongside U.S. Special Forces in the Vietnam War, have long faced religious persecution and land grabs from the communist government.

The three men were among a group of 900 Montagnards who were flown in 2002 from Cambodian refugee camps to North Carolina — already home to 3,000 to 5,000

Montagnard immigrants, drawn there over the years by a supportive community of retired military and social service groups.

But in 2003, the three announced plans to return to Vietnam — something that resettlement agency officials had never known to happen before.

"They only understood that they wanted to go back," said Cira Ponce, director of Charlotte's Catholic Social Services refugee resettlement program. "They didn't necessarily understand the complexity of how that occurs. They thought they should just be able to get on a plane and get back."

Somehow, they made it to LAX. On Sept. 20, they tried to board a flight to Ho Chi Minh City by way of Taipei but were denied passage because they lacked visas.

After several days, airport workers started to notice these travelers who never seemed to leave.

Castles said the men were sent first to a city shelter, then to a Vietnamese community assistance group several miles outside Los Angeles, where they stayed for a few days. Then, "boom, they just showed back up," she said.

After another several days, two of the men apparently secured visas that would allow them to enter Cambodia.

But the 47-year-old man remained at LAX. At some point he had lost a package containing all of his money and documents, most importantly the papers proving his refugee status in the United States.

On Monday, Castles learned that the man can apply for a new refugee permit but that it will take at least 90 days to process. To get the documents, though, he will need a mailing address. And so he has reluctantly agreed to move, possibly within a few days, to a temporary home in the Los Angeles shelter where he can receive those crucial papers in the mail.

## FLY ON THE WALL



**SCOTT LAUTNER | STAFF**  
Head chef and co-owner Muhmoud Najef Ahmed of Lexington describes the Oasis version of shawarma. The restaurant is located in Chevy Chase near Trump's Bar and Grill and offers a relaxed atmosphere and a variety of unique Mediterranean-style dishes.

## Chevy Chase a Mediterranean 'Oasis'

Oasis Restaurant is the place my taste buds have been searching for. After thousands of hamburgers and pizza slices, while my mouth has been longing for something more, my brain has been too afraid to explore new territory.

But both my mind and mouth agree that Oasis is a welcome change from the ordinary.

Located at 968 E. High St., Oasis is behind the Fox Channel 56 building on Euclid Avenue, next to Trump's Bar and Grill. As soon as you walk through the glass door, it's obvious that this isn't your average cafe-style eatery.

The 13 tables and booths are accented with small hanging lanterns and mosaic-style, bell-shaped lights that add to the cozy and intimate atmosphere. The walls are painted beige and UK blue, and the floor is black-and-white checkered.

Pictures of exotic places with palm trees and religious scenes hang on the wall, and the windows are covered with white sheers that have small blue flowers embroidered on them.

The patrons were dressed casually and included hospital employees dressed in scrubs, a family of six, and two couples enjoying romantic dinners.

Once seated, my companions and I enjoyed the pita bread and hummus that the server provided with our drinks. Fortunately for me, the menu was complete with color pictures and detailed descriptions of each item.

We ordered the Oasis platter: One kafta skewer, one beef kabob skewer, one chicken kabob skewer, chicken and beef shawarma, two falafels, two kibbles, two grape leaves, rice and a fattoush salad.

The fattoush salad consisted of romaine lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, onions, parsley and pieces of crunchy, toasted pita tossed in a lemon juice and olive oil dressing.

The chicken and beef kabobs are self-explanatory, but for those who are unfamiliar with Mediterranean food, "kafta" is ground meat mixed with onions, parsley and seasoning and formed into the shape of a sausage.

"Shawarma" is chicken or beef marinated in seasoning and slowly cooked on a vertical skewer and served with garlic and tahini sauce. The meat's texture was similar to pot roast — tender and shredded in pieces.

The falafels and kibbles were the most pleasant surprises of the meal because they look similar — like fried hushuppies — but they taste distinctly different. A "falafel" is a ball of mashed spiced fava beans and chickpeas fried to a golden brown; "kibbles" are fried balls of minced meat mixed with cracked wheat and stuffed with ground beef and onions.

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The grape leaves, stuffed with rice, tomatoes, parsley and onions can also be ordered as an appetizer at \$4.95 for four pieces.

The menu said that the platter would feed two people, but it honestly wouldn't be difficult to feed three — at \$18.95, this feast would only cost \$6.32 plus tax and tip per person.

My other friend was not sure what to get, so at our friendly server's suggestion, he ordered the boneless chicken entrée: Two marinated chicken breasts served with garlic sauce, rice and garnished with tomatoes, beets, pickles and onions. This large-portion dish cost \$11.95.

Of course, no dinner would be complete without dessert, so each of us ordered an individual serving of baklava and nannoura for \$1.75 each.

We enjoyed our dinner with the music you might expect to hear in Greece or Turkey, which nicely completed our surprising Mediterranean experience in the heart of Lexington.

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## Krystal Ball

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### Leslie Wilhite (37-12)

last week: 6-1  
Auburn 30, UK 7  
Purdue 27, Michigan 24  
Georgia 27, Arkansas 24  
Oklahoma State 28, Missouri 21  
Texas 28, Texas Tech 27  
Miami 31, N.C. State 27  
Kansas State 30, Nebraska 28

### Derek Poore (35-14)

last week: 6-1  
Auburn 77, UK 0  
Purdue 27, Michigan 23  
Georgia 28, Arkansas 21  
Missouri 17, Oklahoma State 14  
Texas 23, Texas Tech 21  
Miami 38, N.C. State 21  
Kansas State 30, Nebraska 24

### Tim Wiseman (34-15)

last week: 4-3  
Auburn 28, UK 6  
Purdue 40, Michigan 34  
Georgia 20, Arkansas 14  
Missouri 17, Oklahoma State 16  
Texas 24, Texas Tech 22  
Miami 35, N.C. State 20  
Kansas State 18, Nebraska 6

### Sara Cunningham (34-15)

last week: 3-4  
Auburn 65, UK 3  
Purdue 28, Michigan 17  
Georgia 35, Arkansas 14  
Oklahoma State 24, Missouri 21  
Texas 42, Texas Tech 35  
Miami 28, N.C. State 17  
Kansas State 21, Nebraska 10

### Ben Roberts (33-16)

last week: 3-4  
Auburn 70, UK 0  
Purdue 37, Michigan 24  
Georgia 27, Arkansas 14  
Missouri 21, Oklahoma State 13  
Texas 23, Texas Tech 21  
Miami 38, N.C. State 13  
Kansas State 17, Nebraska 12

### Jeff Patterson (33-16)

last week: 3-4  
Wisconsin 27, Northwestern 13  
Purdue 21, Michigan 20  
Georgia 31, Arkansas 27  
Oklahoma State 24, Missouri 20  
Texas 41, Texas Tech 30  
Miami 30, N.C. State 21  
Kansas State 17, Nebraska 13

### Steve Ivey (32-17)

last week: 3-4  
Auburn 77, UK 3  
Purdue 35, Michigan 24  
Georgia 28, Arkansas 7  
Oklahoma State 24, Missouri 21  
Texas 31, Texas Tech 20  
Miami 18, N.C. State 17  
Kansas State 34, Nebraska 10

### Josh Sullivan (32-17)

last week: 6-1  
Auburn 7, UK 6  
Purdue 14, Michigan 10  
Georgia 24, Arkansas 17  
Oklahoma State 18, Missouri 7  
Texas 35, Texas Tech 21  
Miami 42, N.C. State 14  
Kansas State 28, Nebraska 10

### Lindsey Keith (28-21)

last week: 5-2  
Auburn 38, UK 7  
Purdue 24, Michigan 17  
Georgia 34, Arkansas 14  
Oklahoma State 21, Missouri 10  
Texas 17, Texas Tech 14  
Miami 42, N.C. State 21  
Kansas State 20, Nebraska 17

### Adam Sichko (26-23)

last week: 3-4  
Auburn 49, UK 10  
Purdue 24, Michigan 17  
Georgia 21, Arkansas 12  
Missouri 17, Oklahoma State 14  
Texas 35, Texas Tech 24  
N.C. State 30, Miami 27  
Nebraska 21, Kansas State 20

## CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of October 11- October 17

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### MEETINGS Thurs 21

\*Wesley Foundation Focus Worship, 7:30pm, Student Center, Center Theater  
\*Christian Student Fellowship presents "Synergy", 8:00pm, CSF Building on the corner of Woodland and Columbia  
\*Filipino American Organization Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Room 119  
\*UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Mtg., 5:00pm, Student Center, Room 208

**SPORTS**  
\*UK Fencing Club, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Buell Armory on Administration Dr.  
\*Shaolin-Do Club Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, \$60 per semester fee  
\*Dressage Team Meeting, 5:00pm, Student Center, Room 115

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*The Lemon Tree presents "Taste of India", 12:00pm-1:00pm, 205 Erikson Hall

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
\*\*Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-5pm, UK Arts Museum, \$8.00 Admission  
\*\*"Kristina Bogdanov," Monday-Friday, 11:00pm-5:00pm, Radsall Art Gallery, Student Center

### SPORTS Fri 22

\*UK Tae Kwon Do Club Mtg., 8:30pm-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call 351-7311 for more info

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*Grecia Campus Ministries presents Friday Night Live, 8:00pm, Kirwin-Blanding Plaza, FREE FOOD

**ARTS/MOVIES**  
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\*\*"Kristina Bogdanov," Monday-Friday, 11:00pm-5:00pm, Radsall Art Gallery, Student Center

### SPORTS Sat 23

\*UK Tae Kwon Do Club Mtg., 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call 351-7311 for more info

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*UK Undergraduate Research Symposium, 9:00am-4:30pm, Mining and Mineral Bldg., Room 102, Call 257-6322 for more information  
**ARTS/MOVIES**  
\*\*Open the Gates of Consciousness: Art Nouveau Glass and Pottery," Noon-5pm, UK Arts Museum, \$8.00 Admission

### SPECIAL EVENTS Sun 24

\*UK Habitat for Humanities Battle of the Bands, 5:00pm-8:00pm, Student Center, Worsham Theater, Tickets \$5.00, On sale outside Classroom building, Commons, and at the Student Center.

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## Gay marriage ban destroys civil rights

In less than two weeks, voters in Kentucky have the choice of amending the state constitution to ban gay marriage and civil unions.

Any such changes, whether on the state or federal level, must be of great import to society.

The state constitution has only been amended twice in the past 10 years relating to social issues. But the initiative to ban gay marriage and civil unions this election year doesn't hold the social necessity demanded of such a decision.

The initiative reads: "Are you in favor of amending the Kentucky Constitution to provide that only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be a marriage in Kentucky, and that a legal status identical to or similar to marriage for unmarried individ-

uals shall not be valid or recognized?"

In an ideal society, marriage would be a wholly religious institution. Individual churches would be the sole organization to determine who should be married and who shouldn't.

But in the United States, there are various legal and economic concerns tied to marriage status.

Only legally-recognized spouses are granted hospital visitation and inheritance rights.

Unmarried couples are also often not covered under health insurance benefits of their part-

ners. According to a poll conducted by the Louisville Courier-Journal last month, nearly 70 percent of those in the Commonwealth support the amendment.

Also in the poll, the Courier-Journal reported, a majority of those voting for the amendment did not know any gays or lesbians.

Kentucky is a traditionally conservative state, and voters are concerned with maintaining the sanctity of marriage.

But the second half of the amendment's language does more than legislate traditional family values. It would sanction discrimination against any unmar-

ried couples, not just those in committed homosexual relationships. A man and woman who choose not to be married would also be denied any legal rights of a married couple.

Churches already have the right to decide whether to perform the religious ceremony related to marriage. But when two people go to the courthouse and sign a piece of paper that holds the full legal force of a religious sacrament, government and its citizenry should not invalidate a segment of its population and deny them the rights of every other citizen.

Gays and lesbians care for partners with health problems. They raise children together. They live as free Americans.

Amending the state constitution would make homosexuals second-class citizens in the eyes of the law.

**The Kentucky legislature's proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage oversteps the bounds of government.**

## Q&A with Ben Carter

Student Government Senator



HILLY SCHIFFER | STAFF

*Asst. Opinions Editor Ben Roberts sat down with SG Sen. Ben Carter to discuss next Tuesday's Ballot Bash event, which will focus on getting out the student vote on Election Day.*

**Q. Where did you get the idea for Ballot Bash?**

**A.** It was actually developed in my emerging leader institute class. I felt that there weren't enough college students and young people participating in the voting process.

We put a lot of emphasis on registering people to vote, but you don't hear an actual plan to get them out to the polls.

I think that registration is only half the battle, and that was kind of my thought pattern in designing this.

**Q. How long have you been working on it?**

**A.** Well, the idea was developed in February or March.

It started out as a "get out the vote day" and I was just going to do maybe some handouts and set up some tables and basically just provide some information that encourages students to vote.

I decided I might as well contact "Rock the Vote" and see the possibilities of bringing them to campus.

So, in the summer, they contacted Student Government and it just kind of rolled from there.

I never thought we would actually be capable of doing this, and now it's happening. It's great.

**Q. How many people will be working on it?**

**A.** We've got about eight senators that are really on the planning team of putting everything together.

But it really goes beyond that. We're going to pull in the full senate for the manpower, and the executive branch is helping, specifically with areas in regards to security and other things we as senators might not be so familiar with but where they have a lot of experience.

I'd say just about everyone involved with Student Government will participate in some form.

**Q. How many students do you expect to attend?**

**A.** I don't really want to ballpark that number, but I'll tell you what I hope. I hope we get numbers similar

to Gator Roast 2 last year. Now, if we get rain, that's not realistic. I think this year with Hoosier Daddy 2, it proved how much trouble that can be.

But I think that even if it was moved into Memorial Coliseum, which it will be if it rains, we'll see better attendance than we saw for Hoosier Daddy 2 simply because this event reaches out to such a broad spectrum of students.

**Q. What can students attending Ballot Bash expect?**

**A.** What you can expect is a very good band from Columbus, Ohio, House of Heroes. So if you want to come for the music that's great. We want you out there.

For those interested more on the political side of it, we're going to have (Secretary of State) Trey Grayson from the Republican side and we're going to have Jack Conway from the Democrats' side, who is the chair of John Kerry's campaign in Kentucky.

And then we're going to have a representative from the College Democrats and College Republicans, and there will be some other speakers as well.

And we'll have tables set up so other student organizations can provide their information.

It's going to take on a little bit more of a festival atmosphere.

**Q. What kind of response have you gotten from student organizations?**

**A.** When I went to speak with representatives from the College Democrats and Republicans I got very positive feedback.

In regards to the other organizations, if I base it on the overall enthusiasm I've heard from other senators, I think this is something that can appeal to all of campus and all of these student organizations.

**Q. I know you don't want it to get too partisan on either side. How will you ensure the event remains non-partisan?**

**A.** We've set time limits for the speakers.

We're going to encourage each speaker to recognize that the purpose of the event is to encourage students to vote.

Now once they get the microphone, the best we can do is find a way to stop them. So it could get heated.

But I think the people we're bringing in are going to respect our rules for how we want things to go.

**Q. Why did you decide to host Ballot Bash after the voter registration deadline?**

**A.** First, look at it, it's a week from Election Day.

We can say over and over on Tuesday night, "In one week, in one week," and it will stick in people's heads. You can't say that if you do it a month or two in advance.

The other reason is a very practical reason.

We actually had one opportunity where we looked at our scheduling and we thought we could do it in September. But that was going to conflict with Hoosier Daddy 2.

Granted, they are two very different types of events, but as I told you, I wanted to get the full manpower of Student Government behind this.

And I didn't want to stretch our people thin. I wanted both events to be as successful as they could be.

**Q. Is there going to be anything at Ballot Bash for students who aren't registered?**

**A.** Like I said, the bands will be there. And I'm sure we have students on this campus who are still 17 years old and can't vote.

I know when I was in high school I was very active in politics.

So if you don't know where you stand, you probably will after Tuesday night.

Furthermore, if you just want a good reason to go vote when you turn 18, I think you're going to get that as well.

**Q. Why do you think students are so apathetic toward the political process?**

**A.** I think students feel like politicians don't listen to them.

And I think that it's a give-and-take, and that's what this event's about.

If you want politicians to listen to you, then you need to show up and show them that you care.

I think also there's the mindset of, "How does this affect me?"

I guess we spend so much time preparing for the real world that we don't ever stop and appreciate that we're still a part of it.

We're not just here to prepare for it, we also need to participate in it.

## Marriage amendment a step back for Kentucky

On Nov. 2, Kentucky voters will be asked to sanction the concept of marriage as being between one man and one woman.

Missouri has already cast its lot with cultural conservatives, and the Bluegrass State is expected to vote the same.

The so-called Gay Marriage Amendment is a pre-emptive strike designed to curtail the future rights of millions of Americans. The measure is discriminatory in nature, and that alone deserves to ensure its failure.

But there is more to this story than simply irresponsible pandering and the bigotry of those who possess no expectations for those who subscribe to an alternate lifestyle.

Liberals and progressives either deride or lauder those who continue to believe marriage should always be composed of one man and one woman, usually in that order. But I fear that even the more enlightened individuals do not fully comprehend the issue.

Intellectual conservatism has dominated American thought and political discourse for the better part of quarter-century, and its influence has grown with the submission of the current administration.

Their successes since 1980 have proven quite important, specifically in the area of the chief executive and the federal judiciary.

Powerful people and interests persuaded American to acquiesce to the election of Ronald Reagan, the ascension of William Rehnquist to chief justice, the scaling back of affirmative action, the limiting of abortion rights, the continued subsidization of the corporation and the defeat of national health care. The list truly has no end.

Initially, the issue of gay marriage seems to represent a change from the norm—there is far less societal dissent on this matter, and yet gay marriage looms as the greatest threat to intellectual conservatism.

Suddenly, a movement that desired to campaign against abortion by linking it to slavery must now focus its attention on an issue that confronts a body of women (dating back to 1964) and seeks to collapse the patriarchal order, thus fostering a new America.

One might dismiss the preceding verbiage as a hominem hyperbole. In the spring of 2003, however, the Massachusetts State Supreme Court bludgeoned the intellectual conservative hegemony with a masterful decision which forced President Bush to backer Marjory Musgrave's (R-Colo.) federal constitution amendment.

The President deplored the "activism" of such jurisprudence; a familiar argument, one that normal absents effects of "strict constructionism," perpetuated by Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

Our president, in the final debate, stated that he did not know if people "choose" to be gay or pursue an alternate lifestyle. There is little doubt, however, as to the disposition of intellectual conservatism on the matter.

It is my personal belief that the repression of alternate lifestyles has proven so pervasive in this country as to preclude any definitive conclusion at this juncture. If intellectual conservatives are correct, though, in ascertaining "gayness" as a matter of one's free will opposed to inherited genes—then one can begin to comprehend their current palpable nervousness.

I do not claim to possess any empirical evidence of this point, but I presume this ideological drive is aimed against women and minorities.

The more independence women are granted and the more that the bonds of institutional marriage are loosened (via a federal court decree which sanctions gay marriage and a culture that slowly adopts such philosophy and changes the environment), the more trouble their untrustworthy radicals will likely cause.

I, for one, must say that I would find that prospect delightful, although I suspect that is not the view of the majority.

I want to take this time to applaud all of those "Vote No on the Amendment" participants that have done so much to raise awareness.

But to that I advise something else: if one votes "Yes" on Nov. 2, one is voting for the established order and the status quo that stifles so many of your neighbors.

Most crucially, though, if one selects to vote in the affirmative, then one is assisting in sanctioning the perpetuity of the intellectual conservative ideology, even the unfairness of marriage in America, not simply for gays remember, prevents our society from embarking on a more fruitful and just course.

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# Women's hoops still eyeing upset special

All last season, UK women's basketball was seeking that first silver lining, that first upset.

One could argue they did it at home against Louisville. Down more than 15 points in the second half, UK stormed back to an overtime win.



**Derek Poore**  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

At Vanderbilt, to open Southeastern Conference play, UK kept the No. 22 Commodores within single digits but was unable to overcome that lead, losing 65-57.

They tried against then-No. 1 Tennessee, when Pat Summitt came to face her old assistant for the first time. The Vols led by only five points before pulling away to win 81-72.

Tennessee landed in the Final Four.

Perhaps the closest UK came to hitting upset pay dirt was when No. 14 Louisiana State came to Lex-

ington Jan. 18. The Tigers needed a late basket to seal a one-point victory, 70-69.

The Tigers, too, made the Final Four.

But UK never beat a ranked team.

This year, head coach Mickette DeMoss hopes to pull out those close games.

"Anytime you can pull an upset you have to have some breaks along the way, then finish strong down the stretch," DeMoss said. "We feel like that is what we were not able to do last year."

UK suffered lapses in its play near the end of those close games last season, and DeMoss said those final moments are crucial.

"We came really close to LSU and Tennessee, two Final Four teams, and just could not finish out the last three minutes of the game."

Looking at the schedule, plenty of teams catch the upset eye.

Vanderbilt comes to Memorial Coliseum on a Thursday in late January. By then, UK and its newcomers will have had time to adjust to DeMoss's style and the SEC. The rest of the team will be seeking revenge for

losing to Vandy in Nashville twice, once in Memorial Gymnasium and again in the first round of the SEC Tournament at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

Georgia comes to Rupp Arena to face the Cats in their SEC opener and the Bulldogs should be in the top 25. UK's game at Auburn Feb. 13 is another one to watch.

With a top freshman class, the team can adhere to legendary UCLA coach John Wooden's old formula: take talent over experience.

While Wooden's format can be disputed (see: Tubby Smith's last two seasons), it is a way for UK to sneak up on teams.

The SEC is ridiculously tough. The talent, size and speed of the freshman class can definitely make a difference.

UK will have to make up for the prolific shooting of Jenny Pfeiffer, who left UK over the summer, then skipped to Louisville for a few weeks, then left the Cardinals, too.

The Wildcats will also have to use a stingy defense again to stay competitive with the more talented teams

of the SEC.

But if DeMoss, who was famous at Tennessee for recruiting players that won six NCAA titles and made Olympic teams, offers up more freshman classes like her first, UK may soon be on the brighter side of the talent line.

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UK sophomore point guard Angela Phillips and the Cats came close to upsetting ranked teams several times last season but never succeeded.

### Upset Possibilities

• Georgia at UK Jan. 13

Beating UGA, a perennial top-25 team, would be the perfect start to UK's Southeastern Conference season. This is also one of UK's three games in Rupp Arena.

• Tennessee at UK Jan. 23

A win over UT would be sweet revenge for DeMoss.

• Vanderbilt at UK Jan. 27

By the time Vandy comes to Lexington, the Cats' newcomers should have adjusted to college basketball and be ready to slam the 'Dores.

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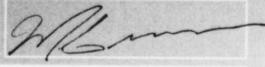
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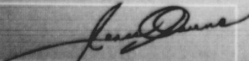


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# the A list

by ADAM DUERSON

## ARE WE REALLY

ready for a freshman Heisman winner? Adrian Peterson seems a lock. And how often does a team have two candidates this late in the year? Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush must be flipping a coin each week to see who gets to show off. And are we prepared for more than two undefeated teams? Just a few things to ponder.



## Did You Hear...?

Tommy Lee tries out for Nebraska marching band NBC is producing a reality show about the ex-Mötley Crüe drummer as he takes classes and makes like a Husker. It won't match the buzz of his last "reality show," co-produced with ex Pamela Anderson, but damn, we're intrigued.

Missouri-Kansas football rivalry renamed In a show of respect to American troops fighting overseas, the Border War will now be called the Border Showdown. I'm all for it. Next up: the Red River Bang-Bang.

Aspiring First Stepson to visit Columbus, Ohio Chris Heinz will tailgate with swing-state fans before the Oct. 30 Penn State-Ohio State game. I'm not suggesting this guy's drawn to boring matchups, but I'm seeing a pattern here. The Rock Paper Scissors World Championships were last week. Where were you on Oct. 16, Chris Heinz?

Miami (Ohio) football coach forces every player to register to vote Responding to an article that criticized mid-week games, including the RedHawks' Election Day contest against Toledo, Terry Hoepfner arranged for his team's registration and is looking into the possibility of players wearing "I voted today" stickers on their helmets. All snark aside: Kudos to a noble move, especially in a swing state.

Quote of the year To celebrate the start of the college hoops season (page 4), we bring you delightfully batso Illinois men's hoops coach Bruce Weber: "We are 63-3 at home in the past five years. That's not just the best record in the Big Ten, it's the best in the nation. So Dick Vitale can take his Dookies and shove it."



## 2 MUST HAVES

**Arrested Development Season 1 DVD** Physical proof that God exists, and listens. (In case you're still listening, God, next up: the *Seinfeld* DVD for Christmas and a solution to the BCS mess.)



**EA FIFA Soccer 2005** The same 'ol FIFA, only better. You're unlikely to ever tap into the new Mexican League ("Now I can play as a crappy team!"), but new camera angles and player detail will have you going hooligan on your limey roommate in no time.



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## 5 MONEY PICKS OCTOBER 23

**MICHIGAN AT PURDUE, 3:30 p.m., ABC.** Chad Henne and Michael Hart take advantage of a Purdue team that we thought had a real chance. *Michigan 27, Purdue 24*

**OKLAHOMA STATE AT MISSOURI, 3:30 p.m., ABC.** Somebody's gotta win the Big 12 North, and like it or not, Mizou, it looks to be you. *Missouri 24, Oklahoma State 17*



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**TEXAS AT TEXAS TECH, 7 p.m., TBS.** Look for Texas backup QB Chance Mock to—finally!—materialize. *Texas 35, Texas Tech 31*

**MIAMI AT N.C. STATE, 7:45 p.m., ESPN.** If I'm in the ACC, I'm happy to see Brock Berlin pull out a win against Louisville. It only keeps him as the starter—just what you want. *Miami 33, N.C. State 13*

**FRESNO STATE AT BOISE STATE, 10:15 p.m., ESPN2.** A month ago this looked to be the Screw the BCS Bowl. No more. *Fresno State 34, Boise State 27*

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the moment

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Are back-to-back national championships in Storrs for the UConn men? That was just one of the questions on the minds of Huskies fans, who got a glimpse of their future—freshman sensation Rudy Gay—during a rousing, smoking Midnight Madness. For preseason hoops previews, predictions and top prospects, go to [uconn.com/basketball/ncaa](http://uconn.com/basketball/ncaa). PHOTOGRAPH BY DAVID BERGMAN

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# scorecard

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> THE VIBE AT HOWARD

## Hot in Herre

Howard, a.k.a. Mecca, doesn't boast Top 25 games, just notoriously big names gettin' their freak on at the best homecoming in America **by L. Michael Flanagan**

**THE LAKERS HAD** just won their first title of the post-*Beavis and Butt-Head* era. Jay-Z had the hip-hop game on lizzy lock. Washington, D.C., radio stations were playing his hit single *Hey Papi* like crazy, and the buzz for the Jigga Man's new album, *The Dynasty*, was off the chain.

But as Khaleed Horton stood on Howard's famed Yard in October 2000, he asked himself, "Why am I here?" Horton, then a freshman at Hampton, had made the two-hour drive from Richmond to D.C. to witness Howard Homecoming. Watching with a friend, he yawned as a then little-known artist named Ludacris was rapping up his act. "I was salty as hell that Luda was the headline

act of our first Howard Homecoming," Horton says. "Nobody really knew who the hell he was." Then the rumors started to flow through the crowd (Howard doesn't disclose its top act ahead of time), one impatient, incredulous youngster to another: Jay-Z this. Jay-Z that. The Roc was coming. "Everyone thought," Horton recalls, "that it was just a bogus rumor."

Then, almost instantly, the vibe changed. The opening guitar notes to *Hey Papi* began to play, and the 10,000 or so people standing on Howard's Yard went from being hypnotized to euphoric. One by one Beanie Sigel, Memphis Bleek and finally Jay-Z were ushered onto the stage.

No, they don't ball like this in Columbus or Ann Arbor, and I'm not talking football. Sure, everybody parties during homecoming, but HBCUs (historically black colleges and universities) take it to the next level. That means no lame concerts featuring fruity alternative bands and

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The game's packed, but the real royalty is at Yard Fest, where thousands have bounced wit Jay-Z, Memphis Bleek (inset, right) and Nelly (above).

corny beer-drinking contests. Sally isn't homecoming queen, and Billy's parents' rimless S-Class isn't attracting the girls. At Howard the homecoming queen becomes Miss America (Shauntay Hinton, 2002), and Billy better be sitting on dubs if he wants the ladies' attention.

Straight up: You're not going to find a better homecoming than the Mecca's. (Howard has been billed as the Mecca of black education in the United States.) Come October—this year's event is Oct. 30—the only class being taught is Stunt 101. The Mecca is a place where you'll see the cat with 1,000 iced-out diamond bezels blingin' from his ears to his wrist standing next to the guy wearing the throwback jersey rocking next to the brainy freshman bio major from Toledo. Thousands of folks wallowing together in fun and hedonistic excess: the cool and the not, the young and the old, the drinker and the non-drinker, the rich and the broke. Just imagine one long hip-hop video where Mardi Gras meets *A Different World*.

How many homecomings have been immortalized in song? The late Notorious B.I.G.'s ill lyrics ("Ain't no tellin' where I may be/May see me in D.C. at Howard Homecoming.") from 1997's *Kick in the Door* cemented Howard's homecoming as hip-hop's version of Woodstock. Now several of Biggie's peers want in on the action, especially on the

party scene. Last year P. Diddy threw a block party, charging \$40 for entrance into two of D.C.'s hottest nightspots.

The Yard Fest, traditionally held on the Friday before the game, is a celebratory combination of live entertainment, fashion, games and food. Artists such as Jay-Z and Ludacris (2000), DMX and Foxy Brown ('01), Twista and Lil Flip ('02) and Kanye West and Nelly ('03) have all rocked the mike. Fraternities and sororities step, old friends reunite, and road-trippers from California to Philly converge on D.C. to get a glimpse.

It's not all about the Yard, however. Last year at

the homecoming fashion show tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams modeled on the catwalk, justifying Howard's ranking in a national fashion magazine as the second most styling school in the country, behind NYU.

Serena (bottom) and Venus Williams have both sashayed at Howard's fashion show.



The annual Saturday homecoming game has also been an event to savor. Despite the Bisons' reputation as lovable losers (24-37 record since 1999), the games are jam-packed. The band is pumped to another level, the stadium parking lot is crunk, and celebrities like Allen Iverson and Al Sharpton flood the sidelines with their entourages.

Homecoming is a much-valued experience to Howard students. Undergrads brag to friends at other schools about how they should come visit. Few go to class during the week, and teachers typically postpone midterms, not daring to interfere with the festivities.

Memories, stunting lessons, celebs, parties and football? If this ain't the best homecoming around, what is? **G**

> HOWARD HOMECOMING

# Do's 5 Don'ts

Want to go to Howard Homecoming? You'll need your A game, cash and knowledge of the rules. Yes, rules. Either follow them or stay home

1. **DO** remember that this year's Homecoming falls the day before Halloween, but don't scare anybody with your "costume."
2. **DO** prepare for every possible situation. There might be a hurricane. You might see Young Buck. Your hotel room might flood.
3. **DO** go to other schools' homecomings. You'll appreciate Howard's even more.
4. **DO** cop one of the sick T-shirts at Yard Fest. You definitely don't want to look like everybody else.
5. **DO** remember that if you don't have enough money to party, your friends will still be your friends—just not during Homecoming.



1. **DON'T** do whatever tickles your fancy. Remember, we are in the nation's capital. Behave yourself!
2. **DON'T** spend all your little pocket change on Homecoming. It's just one weekend.
3. **DON'T** come to the football game expecting to see a quality matchup. If it happens, God has blessed you.
4. Girls: In the immortal words of Bobby Brown, please, "**DON'T** be cruel."
5. Guys: **DON'T** waste your time trying to holla at the Howard girls... 'cause you'll have to get in line behind me! —L.M.F.

Howard senior L. Michael Flanagan is a print journalism major from Chicago.

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# roadtrip



## COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

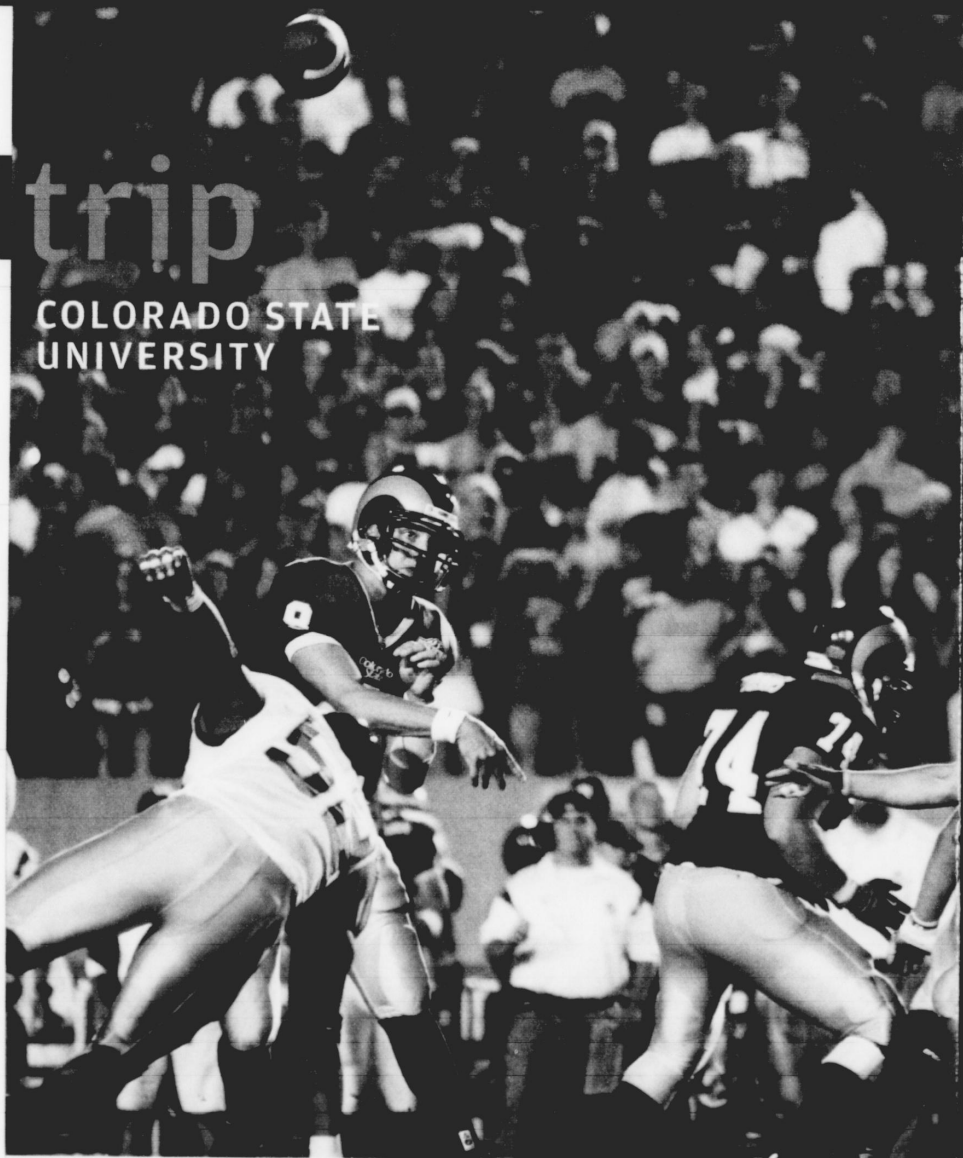
After a student's death, the school has taken a sobering look at its boozing culture  
*by John Walters*

### "THIS IS MADNESS."

My man Lopez and I have just waited half an hour in line—and by "line" I mean "rabble"—to pass through the security checkpoint in front of Gate 3, the main student entrance of Colorado State's Hughes Stadium. Behind us, stretching out in the darkness, a thousand or so students ferment in a crush of inebriated, but not yet infuriated, frustration. Give them time. Inside, the BYU-Colorado State game has already begun.

"Some of those kids," says a police officer, "won't be getting in until almost halftime."

Lopez and I are frisked for weapons and alcohol, but the latter is the concern here. Our friend Shannen is caught with a beer in her purse and denied admission. But another fan is able to pass through with a flask that looks like a cell-phone, bought at an off-campus liquor store for \$3.99.



Another student, once past security, pulls a can of Keystone Light out of his sock.

"On the way over here," says Lopez, "I drove past some students who were standing on a corner with a sign that read, YOU HONK, WE DRINK."

Welcome to Fort Collins, a drinking town with a college problem.

On the evening of Sept. 4, 19-year-old Samantha Spady, a

CSU sophomore, stumbled into the Sigma Pi fraternity house. In a 10-hour period Spady, according to police, consumed the equivalent of 30 to 40 drinks, mixing beer and hard liquor. When her body was discovered the next day in the house, Spady had already been dead for 12 hours. She died from alcohol poisoning; her blood-alcohol level registered an outrageously high .436. (In

Colorado, .08 is legally drunk.)

Reaction was strong. Sigma Pi was stripped of its membership by the national charter; beer sales at Hughes Stadium, one of the few college football stadiums that still sold alcohol, were banned; and a 28-person CSU Alcohol Task Force was created to "address a culture of alcohol" on campus.

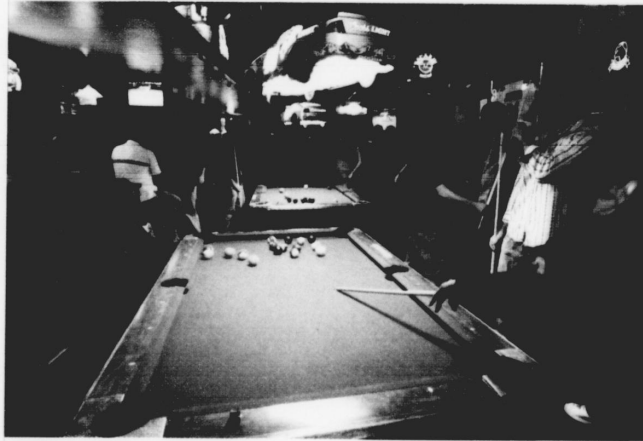
"The beer-sale ban only makes things worse," says Dan,

The Rams' Sept. 18 game against Minnesota (left) was the first at which beer was not sold at Hughes Stadium, but students still find ways to sneak in their hooch.



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Sullivan's caters to the budget-minded with a four-for-one drink special on Thursdays, but those under 21 trying to capitalize will have their fake IDs hung on a wall of shame.

a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "Now everybody's just getting that much more hammered when we're tailgating."

Beer is more a part of the culture in Fort Collins, which abuts the purple mountains majesty of the Rockies, than in most college towns. Six local breweries operate here, taking advantage of that pristine Rocky Mountain runoff. Fort Collins is third in the nation in volume of brewpubs and craft breweries per capita.

Breweries such as Odell's, where suds are cheap, and New Belgium, where the tastings

are free, are popular happy hour destinations for students. Beer: It's what's for dinner. Of course, off-campus bars understand your budget, which may be why Sullivan's Sports Bar offers a four-for-one drink special on Thursday nights.

And yet Fort Collins no more deserves the scarlet letter than do any number of college towns. In the past month students at both Oklahoma and Colorado (last year named the nation's No. 1—wink, wink—party school by The Princeton Review) have died of alcohol poisoning. Also, according to a recent Harvard study, 44% of college students nationwide identify themselves as binge drinkers.

Meanwhile, back at Hughes Stadium, the only thing more sobering to the students than the Rams' 31-21 loss to BYU, and hence 1-4 start this season, is a dry stadium. In the game's final moments a trio of body-painted male students strikes up a rallying cry: "Let's go drink a beer! Where's the keg? It's not here!"



Sorority sisters mourned Spady (above), 19, whose alcohol-related death prompted the administration to ban beer sales at Hughes Stadium and create an alcohol task force.





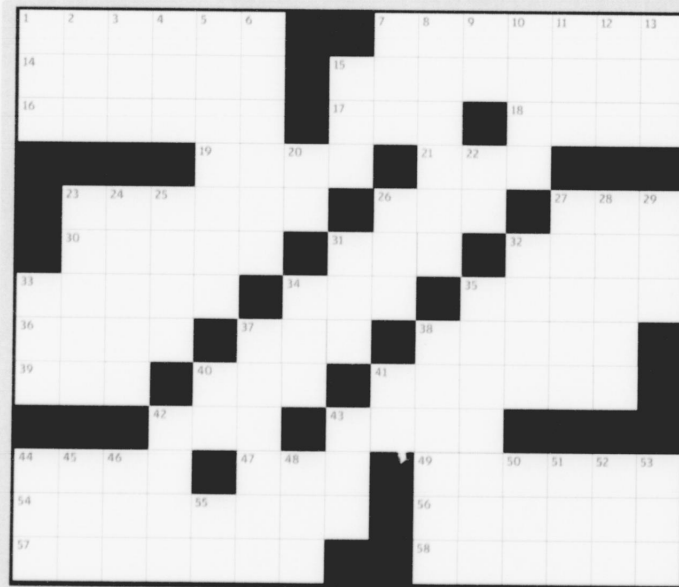
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# Double Duty

by Bill Syken

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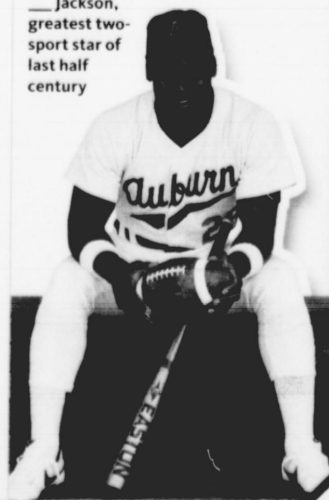


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**1** Outside of college athletics, what is a buckeye?

- A. Nothing
- B. A cousin of the Hokie and the Hoya
- C. A small, shiny, dark brown nut
- D. A wolverine's favorite meal

**- 2.** Which of the following questions did *not* appear on the 2001 final exam that ex-Georgia assistant hoops coach Jim Harrick Jr. gave his Coaching Principles and Strategies of Basketball class?

- A. How many halves are in a college basketball game?
- B. How long is the 30-second clock?
- C. How many points does a three-point field goal account for in a basketball game?
- D. How many quarters are in a high school basketball game?

**How to Score** Give yourself one point for each correct answer. In multipart questions, each correct answer is worth a point. The bonus question (number 10) is worth three points.

Stacey Gordon  
Ohio State '05  
Volleyball

Which three-time All-America is the nation's leader in kills per game? You guessed it: the monitor of our quiz.





# 13 Name Dropping

Fill in the college sports icon in the lyric



"I like bean burritos from Taco Bell/I like trippin' on acid with \_\_\_\_." —Kid Rock

"Still the same, they remember my name/Kind of reminds me of when \_\_\_\_ played for Notre Dame."

—Pete Rock and CL Smooth

"I'll do you right like \_\_\_\_/And then I'm rapping on the mike to the Broadway light." —Beastie Boys



"You similar to a Spice Girl goin' solo/You lost like BEBE, or a dog named Toto/My Statue of Liberty is \_\_\_\_."

—Ludacris

► 14. What is the official hue of green of Oregon's football jerseys?

- A. Hunter Green
- B. Lightning Green
- C. Thunder Green
- D. Bowling Green

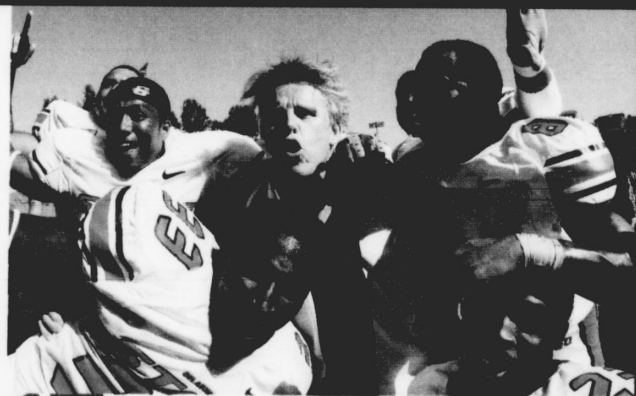
- B. A midfielder at Ole Miss
- C. A golfer at Tennessee
- D. A volleyball player at Virginia

► 16. Which of the following was born before Joe Paterno began his Penn State career, in 1950?

- A. Mack Brown
- B. Larry Coker
- C. Phillip Fulmer
- D. Nick Saban

► 15. In college, reigning Miss America Deidre Downs was:

- A. A tennis player at Kentucky



17 What the hell is Gary Busey doing with these Oklahoma State players?

- A. Filming a remake of *The Waterboy*
- B. Staging a prank for an upcoming Howard Stern show
- C. Giving an honorary pregame speech
- D. Celebrating a victory with his alma mater

► 18. To entice people to buy the two Oklahoma-Texas football game tickets she put up for sale online last month, an eBay seller threw in:

- A. A case of beer
- B. A date with her
- C. A pair of pink panties
- D. A VIP parking pass

► 19. Before UConn pulled off the feat last spring, what was the last school to place both its men's and women's basketball teams in the Final Four in the same year?

- A. Duke
- B. North Carolina
- C. Oklahoma
- D. Texas

20 Match the reality-TV star with the school for which he/she played:

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. Bob Guiney, <i>The Bachelor</i>       | A. Boston College |
| 2. Elisabeth Hasselbeck, <i>Survivor</i> | B. Colorado       |
| 3. Jesse Palmer, <i>The Bachelor</i>     | C. Florida        |
| 4. Mallory Snyder, <i>The Real World</i> | D. Iowa State     |
| 5. Ryan Sutter, <i>The Bachelorette</i>  | E. Michigan State |

# 21 Six Degrees of Bobby Knight

Using the Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon method, connect Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight to the given celebrities

A. >> >> >>

1. Bobby Knight    2. Brian Dennehy    3. \_\_\_\_\_    4. Brigitte Nielsen    5. \_\_\_\_\_    6. The Olsen twins

B. >> >> >>

1. Bobby Knight    2. \_\_\_\_\_    3. Robert De Niro    4. Samuel L. Jackson    5. \_\_\_\_\_    6. Kevin Bacon

# 22 Phat Four

Match the BMOC with his large nickname

- 1. Jared Lorenzen (Kentucky football, 2000-03)
- 2. Dametri Hill (Florida basketball, 1993-96)
- 3. Robert Traylor (Michigan basketball, 1995-98)
- 4. Bryant Reeves (Oklahoma State basketball, 1992-95)



- A. Big Country
- B. Da Meat Hook
- C. Pillsbury Throwboy
- D. Tractor

- 24. Which two schools faced off in a December 2003 men's basketball game that drew a world-record 78,129 spectators?
- A. Indiana and Michigan
- B. Kansas and Syracuse

- C. Kentucky and Michigan State
- D. Notre Dame and Syracuse

- 25. According to an NCAA survey released in May, what percentage of

# 23 Match the trophy with the schools that play for it:

- 1. Bronze Boot
- 2. Floyd of Rosedale
- 3. Keg of Nails
- 4. Little Brown Jug
- 5. Old Brass Spittoon
- 6. Old Oaken Bucket
- 7. Paul Bunyan's Axe
- A. Cincinnati and Louisville
- B. Colorado State and Wyoming
- C. Indiana and Michigan State
- D. Indiana and Purdue
- E. Iowa and Minnesota
- F. Michigan and Minnesota
- G. Minnesota and Wisconsin

male college athletes gamble?

- A. 5%
- B. 17%
- C. 35%
- D. 48%

► 26. Which of the following Miami football alums was not a college teammate of the other three?

- A. Michael Irvin
- B. Ray Lewis
- C. The Rock (right)
- D. Warren Sapp

► 27. Which school, in 1997, was the first to win six team national championships in one school year?

- A. Michigan
- B. Stanford
- C. Texas
- D. UCLA

► 28. Which coach said, "There are just as many Duke graduates waiting on tables as there is from any other school in the country."

- A. Geno Auriemma
- B. Matt Doherty
- C. Bill Guthridge
- D. Dean Smith

► 29. Match the actor/actress with the college-sports-related movie in which he/she appeared.

- 1. Kathy Bates
- 2. Halle Berry
- 3. Jon Favreau
- 4. Kathy Ireland
- 5. Ed O'Neill

- A. *Blue Chips*
- B. *Necessary Roughness*
- C. *The Program*
- D. *Rudy*
- E. *The Waterboy*



## The Answers

- 1. C 2. B
- 3. Krzyzewski
- 4. C 5. B 6. B
- 7. 1-D; 2-B; 3-C; 4-A
- 8. D 9. C
- 10. D (Bonus: The BU band was in *Mystic River*.)
- 11. 1-D; 2-C; 3-E; 4-F; 5-A; 6-B
- 12. 1-A; 2-D; 3-B; 4-C
- 13. Kid Rock: Dick Vitale; Pete Rock and CL Smooth: Rocket Ismail; Beastie Boys: Bobby Knight; Ludacris: Rebecca Lobo

- 14. C 15. D
- 16. B 17. D
- 18. C 19. D
- 20. 1-E; 2-A; 3-C; 4-D; 5-B
- 21. A: Bobby Knight was played by Brian Dennehy (*Season on the Brink*), who was in *Rambo: First Blood* with Sylvester Stallone, who was in *Rocky IV* with (and married to) Brigitte Nielsen, who is currently on *The Surreal Life* with Dave Coulier, who was on *Full House* with the Olsen twins.

- B: Bobby Knight was in *Blue Chips* with Nick Nolte, who was in *Cape Fear* with Robert De Niro, who was in *Jackie Brown* with Samuel L. Jackson, who was in *A Time to Kill* with Kiefer Sutherland, who was in *Flatliners* with Kevin Bacon.
- 22. 1-C; 2-B; 3-D; 4-A
- 23. 1-B; 2-E; 3-A; 4-F; 5-C; 6-D; 7-G
- 24. C
- 25. C
- 26. A
- 27. B
- 28. A
- 29. 1-E; 2-C; 3-D; 4-B; 5-A

**51-66 Alex Smith scholar** Utah QB is dubbed Doogie Howser for his academic acumen: Smith completed his undergrad degree in two years. Welcome to the club.

**21-50 Jason White scholar** Oklahoma QB is poster child for the untimed test-takers. About to complete his 5 1/2-year quest for an undergrad degree. You pass, but it isn't pretty.

**0-20 Chris Rix scholar** In his dreams Florida State QB is passing classes and crisp spirals. In reality he's oversleeping exams and overthrowing receivers. Back to the tutor.

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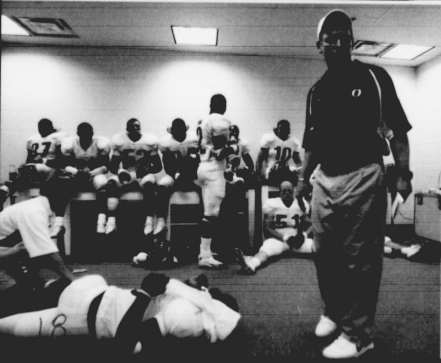
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Economy class is the order of the weekend, from the 3,000-mile charter flight to the cramped quarters of the visiting locker room, but the appointment and setting are definitely deep class. No. 2 Oklahoma is a packed Memorial Stadium.



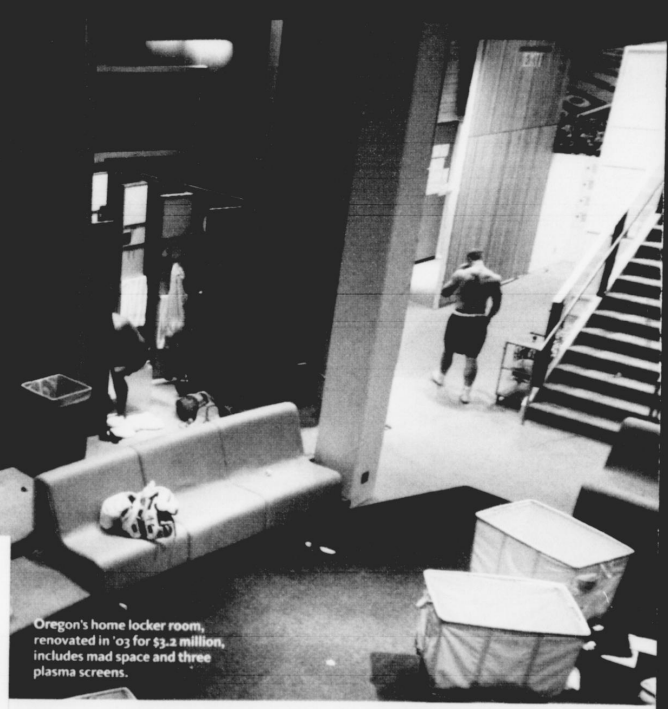
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# The Road Life

## Part 1: The Oregon Football Team

BY JOHN WALTERS  
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Ducks do not only fly south for the winter. They also head southeast for showdowns against gridiron powers. Last month Oregon coach Mike Bellotti allowed SIOC to be embedded with his Ducks for their migration to Norman, where No. 2 Oklahoma awaited. What follows is a look at the awesome spectacle of a major college football road trip.



Oregon's home locker room, renovated in '03 for \$3.2 million, includes mad space and three plasma screens.

IN 1994, WHEN OREGON made its first Rose Bowl appearance in 36 years, the football program was viewed as simply cute and unprepossessing. The Ducks. Wacky. Quacky. ¶ Since that day Oregon, fueled in no small measure by its ties with alumnus and Nike founder-CEO Phil Knight (class of '59), has undergone an extreme makeover. All of its games are shown tape-delayed on the YES Network, the New York-based operation that also televises the Yankees, New Jersey Nets and Manchester United. To promote quarterback Joey Harrington's Heisman candidacy in 2001, the Ducks purchased a full-sized billboard in Times Square. Their space-age locker room and uniforms act as a magnet for blue-chip recruits. The Oregon Ducks: from wacky and quacky to mighty and flight-y in just one decade. Here's a behind-the-scenes look.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**5:02 p.m. PDT** Inside Autzen Stadium, Mike Bellotti flings 30-yard aerials to his 10-year-old son, Sean. Practice has just ended. This father-son moment resembles any other until you remember that in 44 hours Dad will be standing on a sideline 2,055 miles away in front of 81,000 mostly hostile strangers screaming, "Boomer! Sooner!"

"Sean, you're getting out of my range," Bellotti warns.

Meanwhile, inside Oregon's straight-outta-*Stargate* SG-1 locker room, a digital clock ticks down the seconds until Saturday's 2:36 p.m.



The road trip gets off to a sweet start with apples and cookies from the Daisy Ducks.

central time kickoff in Norman. It looks like one of those doomsday clocks. Maybe it is.

**7:31 p.m.** Although the release of *Friday Night Lights* is still three weeks off, the Ducks get a sneak preview at Eugene's Cinema World Valley River. As offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig and his wife, Jill, take their seats, a lineman in the row behind them voices a request. "Hey, Coach," he begs, "keep it G-rated during the movie, please."

During one scene Permian football coach Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton) is driving through the night, listening to local sports-talk radio. A caller, frustrated by the Panthers' two losses, barks, "They're doin' too much learnin' in the schools."

At that the Ducks quackle with laughter.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**9:37 a.m.** Inside the Moshofsky Sports Center practice facility, most of the Ducks sit against a wall as special teams coach Robin Ross drills his various units. "Last week Coach Bellotti turned up the thermostat in here to 100 degrees to simulate conditions in Norman," says football operations manager Jeff Hawkins. "The players stood outside the entrance, waiting until the last second to come in."

**10:53 a.m.** The team is about to leave for the airport. Judy Sobba and Carol Smith stand outside the two team buses as a light drizzle falls. They represent the Daisy Ducks, a quasi ladies' auxiliary that bakes cookies and hands them out to every Duck before every road trip. "We have apples, too," Sobba says. "Some players don't like cookies."

**11:14 a.m.** Defensive tackles Haloti Ngata and Robby Valenzuela sit side by side on the bus to Eugene Airport. The two appear to be taking a written exam, which seems peculiar: Classes do not begin for 10 days.

"These are our position tests," says Valenzuela, a senior. "Every group takes one. We have to finish them by tonight."



Every trip comes with its baggage: Defensive lineman Ngata (top) takes a mandatory position quiz on the bus.

What happens if you don't pass the quizzes, which include questions about Oregon's upcoming opponent and individual assignments?

"We get chewed out," fellow defensive tackle Matt Toeaina says.

**3:25 p.m. CDT** The chartered Delta flight had left the ground at noon, at which point the Ducks set their watches two hours ahead to central time. The 166-person entourage includes 68 players, and space is apportioned based on size. Linemen sit two to a three-seat row while backs sit three to a row. (Bellotti, the athletic director, a university vice president and several well-heeled boosters sit in first-class.)

Four true freshmen are onboard, but for two of them, Jackie Bates and Cameron Colvin, graduates of national high school powerhouse De La Salle of Concord, Calif., Friday-night flights are nothing new.

"We flew to Hawaii. We flew to Long Beach," Colvin says. "The food on this plane is better."

Indeed, the Ducks have a choice of steak or manicotti. Or, if you happen to be defensive end Devan Long or linebacker Brent Haberly, both. After dinner is served and while *Miracle* is being shown, the two defenders sack the galley at the rear of the plane. "Yeah," Long later admits, "I got some more manicotti."

**5:42 p.m.** Four charter buses—for the entire traveling party and 6,833 pounds of football equipment—sit PAT distance off the plane's left wing on the tarmac at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City. As the players and coaches file onto their respective rides, cornerback Marc Walker suddenly scampers back onto the plane.

"I left one of my cellphones onboard," Walker says upon returning. One of your cellphones? How many do you have with you?

"Three," he replies sheepishly. "You know. One for family, one for friends." That adds up to two. But why press the issue?

**6:16 p.m.** Two Oklahoma Highway Patrol cars escort the caravan to Norman, seven miles away, where the Ducks will have a walk-through. Bellotti peruses a laminated card, on which is printed the names of to-

morrow's game officials, while discussing an important matter with defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti.

"I've always liked Snickers better," Bellotti says.

"Naw," Aliotti argues. "Milky Way."

**6:36 p.m.** "Damn!" says Long, spotting a digital time and temperature board. "It's 99 degrees at 6:35."

The Ducks waddle around capacious Memorial Stadium in wonder. Two of them crane their necks upward, gazing at the eastern stands, whose top rows are above the timberline.

"How can you sit up there?" one asks.

"Forget that," comes the reply. "How do you run the stadium steps?"

**7:52 p.m.** It was Bellotti's idea for the Ducks to visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which was erected to remember the 168 people killed in the 1995 bombing. "Guys, this is a solemn place, so do me a favor," football operations manager Hawkins says as the buses pull up to the site where the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building once stood. "Turn off your cellphones. Take off your headphones."

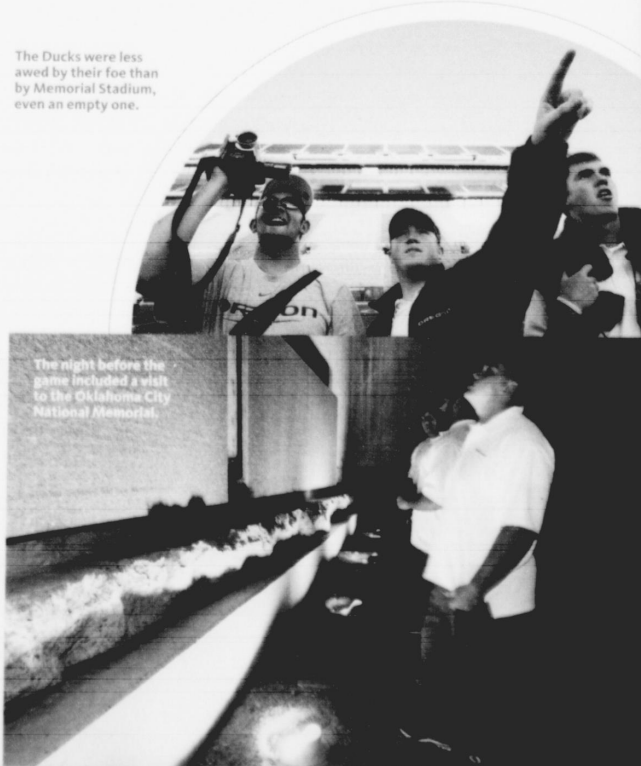
The Ducks are appropriately respectful as they linger around the reflecting pool. The sun is just disappearing and the air is calm, lending an eerie stillness to the moment. Suddenly a park ranger strikes up a conversation with senior defensive back Marley Tucker.

"So," the ranger asks, "you gonna whup on OU tomorrow?"

"Gonna be a good game," Tucker replies with as much diplomacy as he can muster.

"Oh, I don't particularly care about you or any sports team," the

The Ducks were less awed by their foe than by Memorial Stadium, even an empty one.



The night before the game included a visit to the Oklahoma City National Memorial.



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ranger says matter-of-factly. "I just wanna know who's gonna win so I can place a bet."

**8:31 p.m.** Upon their arrival at the Renaissance Hotel in Oklahoma City, the Ducks run a gantlet of boosters armed with duck callers. Inside the lobby members of the Oregon cheerleading squad lounge around, looking bored. "We're supposed to be performing for someone," says one, "but our ride hasn't shown up yet."

**8:47 p.m.** In an open area next to a skyway, Aliotti addresses his defense. "I think we're ready," he tells them, "but I'm not going to get you fired up tonight. I just want to get your mind in football focus."

Aliotti informs the defense that the Sooners run on first down 82% of the time, and on second-and-six (or fewer) 95% of the time. "If I'm conveying one message to you," Aliotti says, before rattling off four of them, "it's play your ass off, play with confidence, play with pride, stop the run!"

**10:06 p.m.** The entire team meets inside a conference room to watch Oklahoma film and listen to various upperclassmen give short pep talks. Adam Snyder, a 6' 6", 320-pound All-Pac-10 offensive tackle, gives the most rousing speech.

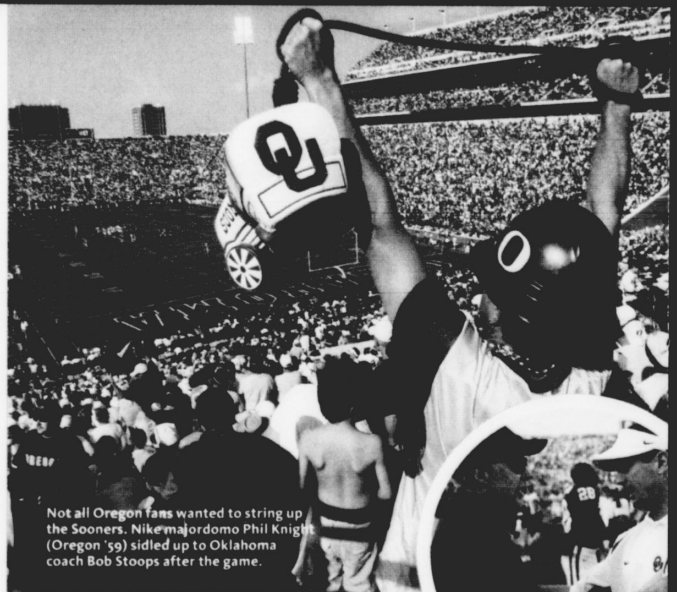
"I heard all week about Oklahoma's tradition," says Snyder, a senior who looks like what might result if you were to cross a lumberjack with a grizzly bear. "A hundred thirty-eight All-Americans. I don't know how many national championships. You know what? F--- tradition! F--- Oklahoma! It's our time. We're a new team. They're a new team. Get it done!"

After a few other players speak, it is time for Bellotti, the longest-tenured coach (10 seasons) in the Pac-10, to have the floor. He reminds the Ducks, who fell out of the Top 25 after a season-opening upset by Indiana, that in both of the movies they've watched in the last 24 hours (*Friday Night Lights*, *Miracle*), "it wasn't about winning or losing. It was about the team. It was about you guys."

"Tomorrow is one brief opportunity," Bellotti continues. "It's one brief minute. I truly believe in the bottom of my heart that we're going to win tomorrow. I know we will."

Then he invokes the underdog's most time-honored exhortation: "We're gonna shock the world."

**10:26 p.m.** Let there be meats, and cheeses, and sumptuous desserts. The Ducks gather in a ballroom to chow down one final time before lights-out. Meanwhile, special teams coach Ross breaks down tomorrow's game in its simplest terms. "Football's all about outhitting some-



Not all Oregon fans wanted to string up the Sooners. Nike majordomo Phil Knight (Oregon '59) sidled up to Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops after the game.

one," says Ross, a Cherokee Indian who spent part of his youth in Oklahoma. "You gain respect by knocking someone on their ass."

**12:30 a.m.** Lights out.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**9:26 a.m.** In a hotel conference room the various defensive units meet in small groups and review the quizzes they took the day before. Defensive line coach Steve Greatwood had included questions about Oklahoma history on his quiz. Defensive tackles Ngata and Toeaina had gone online in search of answers, providing more thorough responses than their linemates. As Ngata explains how the firing of shot-guns during games is related to the famous Oklahoma land rush of 1889, defensive end Long shoots them an awkwardly bemused stare. "What are you talking about?"

**10:42 a.m.** Ankle-taping begins during the pregame meal. "There's too many players and not enough time to do all the taping at the stadium," a student trainer says.

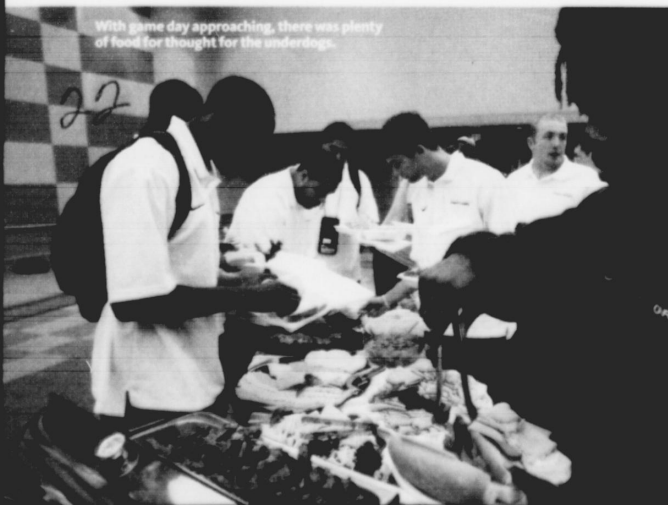
**11:47 a.m.** The Ducks begin to file outside for the ride to Norman. A student manager has left a plastic garbage bag by the door of each of the two team buses. As each player boards, he drops in a green notebook. "The playbooks," the manager explains, "never go inside the stadium."

**12:26 p.m.** Three state troopers, mindful of the traffic on Interstate 35, lead the team on a circuitous and high-speed route through back roads and stoplights. (Not that the buses ever stop.) The Ducks are oblivious to the wild ride. Most have their eyes closed. Punters Drew Larson and Paul Martinez listen to the same portable CD player, each using one earbud. The gentle humming of the bus engine is the only audible sound.

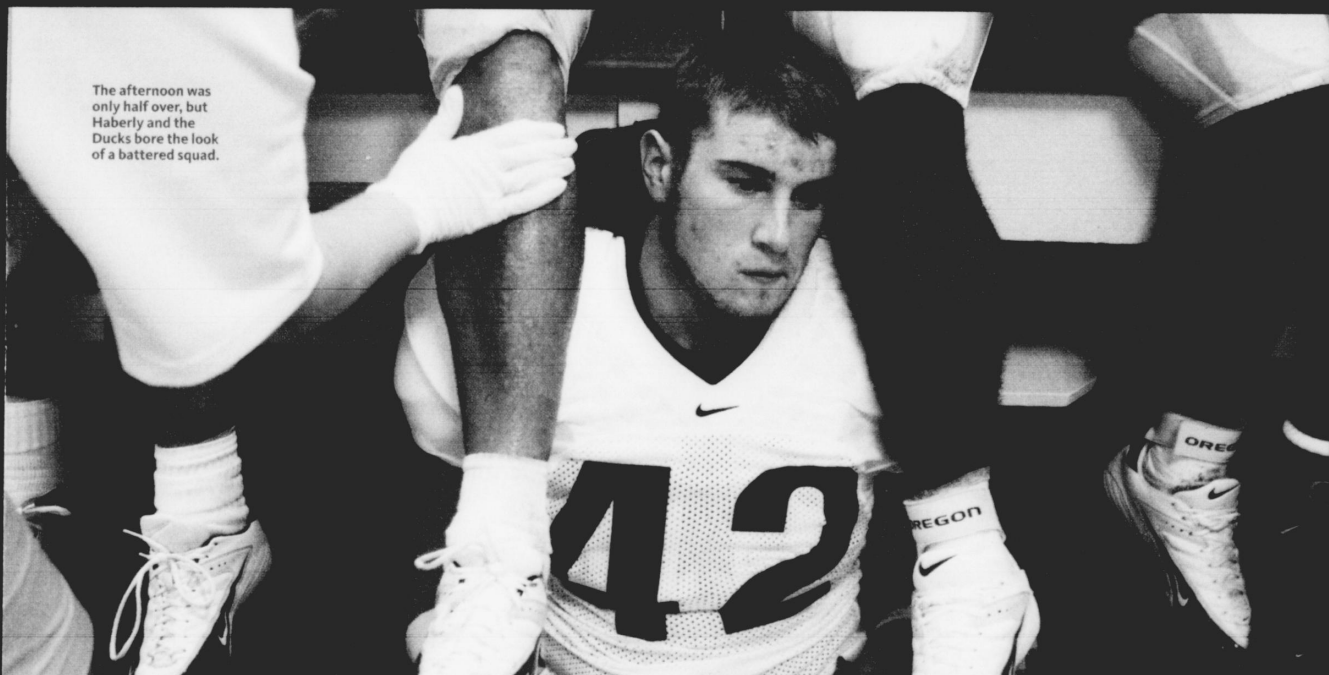
**2:12 p.m.** Inside the visitors' locker room strength and conditioning coach Jim Radcliffe puts a slip of paper with a saying on it into each player's shoes. "The legs feed the Wolf!" it reads. "The legs feed the Wolf . . . and that is why he is so dangerous! Stand as ONE! One Wolf doesn't desert the other! The Wolf kills until it dies!"

**2:21 p.m.** "Prayer in the back," senior long snapper Ryan Loftin barks.

With game day approaching, there was plenty of food for thought for the underdogs.



The afternoon was only half over, but Habery and the Ducks bore the look of a battered squad.



"This shouldn't be about pumping anybody up," junior backup center Ian Reynoso shouts. "We should already be pumped up. It's Oklahoma!"

As Bellotti steps through the thicket of players, shaking each one's hand, Reynoso continues. "Punch 'em in the mouth!" he says. "Hit 'em in the mouth! I'm challenging everybody, right now, including myself. Be the toughest, meanest, fiercest team in the nation . . . right now!"

Next it is Bellotti's turn. "No mystery," he tells the Ducks. "The keys to victory today: Run the football, stop the run, be the most physical team on the field.

"As always, play hard, play fast, play fun . . . and SHOVE THOSE RIFLES RIGHT UP THEIR ASS!"

**2:36 p.m.** Kickoff. With on-field temps soaring near 110°, Oregon gives the second-ranked Sooners a tenacious fight in front of a Memorial Stadium-record crowd of 84,574, trailing only 10-0 at halftime. But in the second half the Sooners, riding talented freshman tailback Adrian



Toesina makes sure fellow D-lineman Chris Solomona has a good hair day.

Peterson, begin to pull away. Twice in the fourth quarter the Ducks get inside the Oklahoma 10-yard line but do not score. Oklahoma wins going away, 31-7. The Ducks drop to 0-2 for the first time in Bellotti's tenure.

**6:33 p.m.** "Listen very carefully," Bellotti, back inside the locker room, tells his morose squad. "This is not a feel-good speech. I was pretty proud of us for three quarters. And then in the fourth quarter we gave up.

"I don't want this to be about the little Ducks that almost won," continues Bellotti, only three years removed from an 11-1 season and a Fiesta Bowl win over Colorado. "We're way past that point. Finish the game!"

The Oregon players shower and dress with a minimum of talking.

**7:18 p.m.** The last Ducks straggle out of the locker room and onto the team bus. Quarterback Kellen Clemens steals a final few moments with his parents, who have journeyed to Norman from their ranch in eastern Oregon. Long emerges and is met by a young Ducks fan and his father.

"Can we get a photo?" the dad asks.

"Sure," Long agrees. He looks at the boy, who appears to be about eight years old.

"Let's see a thumbs-up," the player says, as much to himself as to his fan.

Long, who had nine tackles this day, trudges toward the bus, a silhouette against the fading sunlight. He walks as if he knows a long journey awaits, both tonight and for the rest of the season. **G**

## NEXT WEEK

### Part 2: The Low-Budget Program

The Missouri cross-country teams show the other side of college sports: sparse crowds, tight quarters and an interminable bus ride.

# the final



ASU voters were split on Kerry-Bush, but another Bush (Reggie) was a clear winner on Saturday.



## POLITICAL FOOTBALL

Whether talking Reggie Bush or G-Dub Bush, electoral college or college football, Arizona State was the place to be last week **BY JOHN WALTERS**

**"WHAT A WEEK,"** said Arizona State provost Milton Glick last Wednesday. "We win a Nobel [Prize], we host the debate and we play the national Number 1 team in football on Saturday."

If only Glick had his priorities in the proper order. . . .

"I know the debate on campus tonight is a huge deal," Sun Devils safety Riccardo Stewart said earlier that day, "but the only thing that should be on people's minds this week is USC."

Draped in a postcard desert sunset, the kind that appears here only six days a week, ASU's Tempe campus was a nexus last week for both college and political football. Inside Sun Devil Stadium, 5-0 ASU was preparing for Saturday's tilt with 5-0 Southern Cal. A half mile away at Grady

Gammage Memorial Auditorium, President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry were taking the stage for their third and final debate.

On Cady Mall in the heart of campus, some students bum-rushed CNN's Anderson Cooper for autographs while others held signs with mischievous messages such as, LET'S BOMB TEXAS: THEY HAVE OIL TOO! Free speech was flowing quite liberally—and conservatively.

"We want Kerry!"

"Four more years!"

"Beat the Trojans!"

Welcome to *Face the Nation's Top-Ranked Team*. Only once before in their 108-year history had the Sun Devils played the nation's No. 1. (ASU won, blanking Nebraska 19-0 in 1996.) The campus's previous national-stage mo-

ment in politics occurred in 2002, when student government executive vice president Brian Buck made out with a porn star in a *Shane's World* video. (Two people get busy in a video, one is named Brian Buck, and he's *not* the porn star?! What are the odds?)

A campus traditionally draped in maroon and gold was suddenly overrun with students clad in archrival Arizona's colors of red, white and blue. U of A? No—U.S.A.

"The whole world is looking at us," said one such Sun Devil, sophomore Joe Rollin, who was festooned in Kerry gear. "It's our moment."

According to Rollin and junior Kevin Cook, who proudly strode across campus barking, "BOO BUSH," the poll polls are inspiring much more passion than the BCS polls. "We almost got into a brawl last weekend for yelling 'Boo Bush!' at a party," Cook said.

A political party?

"No," Rollin said, "a keg party."

Just then a small group supporting Ralph Nader, the Boise State of this year's election, passed by. "Obviously Nader's not going to win it all," freshman Kurt Rickenbaugh said. "We just want people to realize there's a third option."

(Speaking of third options, no one seemed to know the name of the professor who had claimed ASU's first Nobel Prize: Edward C. Prescott, for Economic Sciences.)

"I'm definitely watching the game," said sophomore Jennifer Jaeckels, holding a large banner that read VIVA BUSH. "But nothing's bigger on campus this week than the debate."

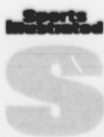
Across party lines, Rollin agreed. "Shutting down Bush is the biggest thing," he said. "Then, shutting down USC on Saturday is next."

But shutting down USC would constitute shutting down another Bush (Reggie). As Saturday's 45-7 landslide Trojans win proved, it's a much taller order to knock USC from atop the polls than GWB. There's flip-flopping, and then there's plain flopping. **G**

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**CAMPUS BLITZ:** Every Monday, John Walters casts his vote on the biggest events of the past Saturday. Among this week's musings: that Huskers passing game, and what's up with Minnesota?

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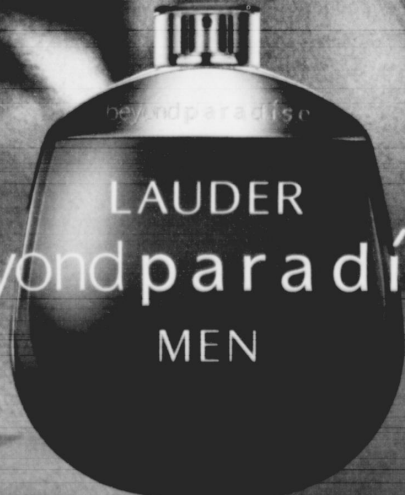
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