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Candidate expects challenge in top-20 goals

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While the second candidate for Vice President for Research didn't see UK's top-20 goal as unrealistic, he said it might not be reached as soon as the university would like.

James Tracy, of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said UK's research goals for the Top 20 Business Plan's 2020 deadline are a "steep climb."

"I don't know if you'll get there," Tracy said. "It might be 2020 or 2030."

The Top 20 Business Plan isn't unreasonable, he said, but it will be a challenge to implement.

"I do think it's realistic," Tracy said. "Do I think you'll get there exactly as planned? I don't know because of the funding issue."

The Top 20 Business Plan calls for increasing research funding to nearly \$800 million from the current \$300 million.

As part of the plan, student tuition and state appropriations will pay for 60 percent of the money required. UK will provide the other 40 percent, approximately \$438 million, through endowments, private fundraising, research and cost cutting, according to the business plan.

Tracy said a primary role for him, if he took the position, would be communicating with Kentucky legislators and residents to secure funding.

"If the state doesn't come through with their share of the money, the university can't reach the goal," Tracy said.

He added that UK advancing as an institution was more important than the actual ranking.

"If the university is working to get there, to strive to get there, and make it to the top 25, I think that's good," he said.

Tracy, the associate dean for research and graduate training for the School of Veterinary Medicine at UW-Madison, said a lack of research space is another issue UK needs to deal with. But he also called it a positive point because it shows that research is occurring at the university.

"Not enough space. I figure, is a good problem," said Tracy, who is also the assistant director of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station. "The way to solve it is to go out and get money."

Tracy said adjusting to UK will involve learning campus culture if he is chosen as the Vice President for Research.

"I think it's very hard for a candidate to come here for a couple of days and say what will work," Tracy said. "The first thing I'd want to do is get educated."

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CHANGING HANDS



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Psychology freshman Nora Squires, right, hands Dave Witzgall his receipt yesterday afternoon at the UK Bookstore. The on-campus store is currently operated by Kennedy Bookstore, but starting July 1, Follett Higher Education Group will take over the management and plans to begin renovations.

UK Bookstore finds new management

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Major renovations, expansions and new technology are expected for the UK Bookstore starting July 1.

The changes will occur as Follett Higher Education Group takes over the management of the bookstore. The company was recently awarded a 10-year contract by UK for operation and management of the store, which is currently run by Kennedy Bookstore.

The decision to lease to Follett was based on the advancement the company could bring to the store, said Ben Crutcher, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services for UK.

"Their web e-commerce platform was very impressive," Crutcher said. "They are willing to spend a significant amount of capital on renovating the store."

Three proposals for the bookstore were presented to UK from Follett, Kennedy Bookstore and Barnes & Noble, said Bill Harris, UK purchasing director.

Follett was the best choice to keep up with a changing industry, said Kevin Stevens, a UK purchasing director associate.

"It was a business decision," Stevens said. "We wanted to renovate and expand the current bookstore. Asking for new things requires more money, and Follett gave the best opportunity."

One major difference in the contract UK had with Kennedy Bookstore and the new one with Follett is that Kennedy Bookstore paid a flat rate, and Follett will pay UK on commission, Stevens said.

"We wanted to change from a flat rate to commis-



Architecture senior Tony Bays shops for snacks yesterday afternoon at the UK Bookstore. Along with new management, UK Bookstore is expecting renovations, expansion and new technology.

sion to help factor in the funding for the changes," Stevens said. "That will require UK and Follett to work on sales."

UK was satisfied with Kennedy Bookstore's management but was legally required to take proposals from other businesses at the end of Kennedy's lease, Crutcher said. When the proposals were submitted, Follett had more to offer UK.

"We weren't unhappy with Kennedy, but the contract expired," Crutcher said. "By law, we have to re-bid, and didn't exclude Kennedy at all."

Carol Behr, general manager of Kennedy Bookstore, said that Kennedy gave UK a fair offer.

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Iraq war journalist to speak on media's future

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Molly Bingham has traveled far from her native Louisville.

The photojournalist has covered wars and refugees in Rwanda, Burundi, Congo, Afghanistan, the Gaza Strip, Iran and Iraq.

Bingham returns to her home state to deliver UK's 30th annual Creason Lecture at the Singletary Center for the arts today at 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Bingham's speech is entitled "Perspective, Journalism and the Future in the New Media."



Bingham

The lecture, sponsored by UK's School of Journalism and Telecommunications, is devoted to bringing outstanding journalists to campus to speak and interact with students.

During her journey, Bingham was detained for eight days by the Iraqi government after she entered the country shortly before the initial March 2003 U.S. attacks and was held in Abu Ghraib prison with four other Westerners until April 2003.

"Molly is a big proponent of going to the scene of a story, rather than reporting from afar," said Beth Barnes, director of the School of Journalism.

Barnes chooses the speaker of the Creason Lecture every year. Bingham will be the first photojournalist to speak at the annual event. Barnes hopes Bingham's presence will promote interest in UK's photojournalism program and hopes students will see Bingham as a role model, someone whose personal risk has helped open avenues.

Bingham started as a photojournalist but moved to writing as her career developed. She co-directed "Meeting of Resistance," a feature length documentary that was released earlier this year about who was behind the post-war violence in Iraq.

Mike Farrell, an assistant journalism professor and director of the Scripps Howard First Amendment Center at UK, said Bingham speaking is a "terrific opportunity for the school."

"(Bingham) is someone who has Kentucky roots and has been in the White House and Iraq," he said.

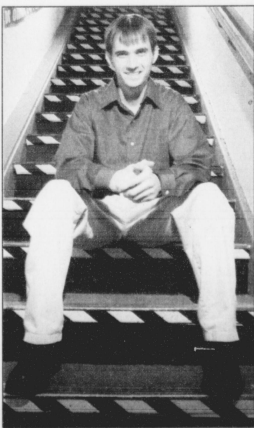
The lecture is named after Joe Creason, a reporter for the Courier-Journal from 1941 until his death in 1974. He's best known for his column, Joe Creason's Kentucky, which documented the lives of everyday Kentuckians. Creason was born in Benton, Kentucky and graduated from UK in 1940.

Bingham has strong ties to the Courier-Journal. Her family owned the publication from 1920 to 1986, when the paper was sold to the Gannett Company, Inc.

Student textbook business partners with eCampus.com

Brian Raney, an economics graduate, founded the BookExchange in 2004, which is now partnering with the Lexington-based bookseller eCampus.com.

ED MATTHEWS STAFF



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Brian Raney was tired of bookstore price tags.

In response, the UK economics graduate decided to do more than the typical frustrated college student and partnered with a friend to launch a new business offering students an alternative for buying and selling textbooks.

Raney and his partner, UK business graduate Luke Murray, created the BookExchange in 2004, which is a Web site where students can buy and sell textbooks with other students at a price determined by the site's users.

Now the BookExchange team has partnered with eCampus.com, an online book retailer based in Lexington, to expand their business.

"The partnership with eCampus will benefit everyone involved, but most importantly our customers," Raney said in an e-mail to the Kernel.

"We were excited about having the opportunity to partner with eCampus and about the potential opportunity enhancing BookExchange," he said.

The two businesses were a good fit for each other, said Mark Carson, vice president of customer experience at eCampus.com.

"Their business model makes perfect sense for what we were already doing," Carson said. He added the partnership also gives eCampus more exposure to UK students.

"We think the BookExchange is a terrific idea," Carson said. "They have an excellent plan and excellent strategy to move forward."

The partnership between the companies started developing in early March when Raney and Murray met with eCampus CEO Matt Montgomery at a Lexington Venture Club meeting.

Raney emphasized the change is an effort to continue making the BookExchange as appealing to students as possible. He explained the motive behind the business was to cut expenses for all college students, like the BookExchange team.

"Just like every other college student, we experienced the shock of spending \$400 to \$500 on books at the beginning of the semester and then selling those same books back to the bookstore for \$60 to \$70 at the end of the semester," Raney said.

Because students set the prices at BookExchange, they're usually cheaper than retail stores, Raney said. The BookExchange does not charge any fees for using the site and accumulates revenue through advertisements.

BookExchange began serving only UK students and has just recently expanded to other campuses. Because of the small reach of the business, many books needed by students were not always available on the site.

The new partnership between the BookExchange and eCampus will solve this problem, Raney said, because of eCampus' broader base.

If students are unable to find a textbook for sale from other users on BookExchange, they will be referred to the eCampus Web site. Users will be able to sell or buy books directly to or from the eCampus Web site via the BookExchange virtual storefront, Raney said. Books will be delivered to the student free of shipping charges.

For each referral to eCampus, the BookExchange receives a commission.

Raney said that developing the business has been an adventure and that every day has meant a new challenge for the team.

"The entire team has put thousands of hours into building and growing the business," Raney said. "For the most part, it has been a lot of fun and worth every ounce of energy put forth."

Other members of the BookExchange team are UK electrical engineering graduates Justin Raney and Matt Smith, political science sophomore Nathan Fort, and computer science freshman Anthony Schmidt.

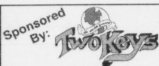
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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 9 — You're getting more decisive, and you're not making snap decisions. You've been thinking about this stuff for a long time. Now take action.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is an 8 — Figuring out the best course to take is interesting, and yet, it can be rather devoid of passion. Today, factor in what you really want.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is a 7 — A person you thought didn't like you will become one of your best friends. Wait and see what develops over the next few days.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today

is an 8 — You're learning a very useful skill. Don't talk much about it. The proof that you've got the lesson down pat will be when you are able to do it.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 7 — Temporary confusion leads to an argument, which leads to a better fix for the problem. In this case, conflict turns out to be a good thing.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 7 — Discuss your plans with your partner but don't worry if you can't agree. You can reach a good compromise within the next couple of days. Hang in there.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is a 6 — Get used to hearing what people have been holding back. For the next two weeks, they're going to feel less inhibited. Exceptional patience will be required, but it will be interesting.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 7 — At first, it looks like what you're doing isn't going to work. Actually, this is a test. You can pass with flying colors.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 8 — You're doing well financially. This is a wonderful feeling. Don't get too wrapped up in it, though. More study is required soon, to keep yourself in the black.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 5 — Remember all those household chores you've been meaning to do. Better get into that list for the next two weeks, or you'll be nagged to death.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6 — One never thinks one's mind has been closed until it begins to open. All those new, bright possibilities could be kind of scary, at first. Don't worry, you'll get used to them, fast.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is an 8 — Confer with your team and inspire them. Let them inspire you. Figure out ways to make money for everybody involved. By the way, there's no shortage of money. It's everywhere.

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THIS MINUTE

Heather's hot moves

Amputee Mills tells Us about her DWTS backflip — and more

When Heather Mills nailed her fox-trot and mambo (during which she did a backflip!) on Dancing With the Stars (ABC, Mondays, 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 p.m.), no one was more shocked than the England native. "I've surprised my-self!" says the estranged wife of ex-Beatle Paul McCartney, with whom she has a daughter, Beatrice, 3. Mills, 39, a former model whose left leg was amputated just below the knee after she was hit by a motorcycle in 1993, gets in the groove with Us.

Q: Was the backflip your idea, or did it come from your partner, Jonathan Roberts? I would do flips and cartwheels when I was a kid, so Jonathan said, "Try it!" We tried it, and it paid off.

Q: Was that the first time you've backflipped since you lost your leg? Once. I saw a 9-year-old doing a cartwheel, and I thought, I could try that. And then my pelvis popped out because it was too soon after my accident. But now I am feeling quite strong.

Q: What's your biggest dancing challenge? With me, it is completely about the balance. To spin around, I'm OK. But to walk in a straight line is hard, because I don't have the leg.

Q: So are you glad you did

the show? To get free dance lessons five minutes from my house? I've never had life so easy!

— Eric Andersson

Laura Prepon out of the 70s

When Laura Prepon wrapped that '70s show last year, she had only one request for her agents: no more TV. That is, until she read October Road. "The script was so beautiful and seemed like a movie," the Watchung, New Jersey, native tells Us. Prepon, 27, who plays a strong-headed single mom on the hit ABC drama (Thursdays, 10 p.m.), talks with Us.

Q: How's working with a new cast? At first, I was like, Whoa, this is freaking me out. But everybody on the new show is incredible in a different way.

Q: And you get to wear normal clothes again. At least I never had to wear platform shoes!

Q: You've dated actor Christopher Masterson for seven years. Any talk of a wedding? No! I'm not thinking marriage or kids right now. But you never know.

— Mara Reinstein

Casa Aramara

Paradise has been found — but only if you're friends with Joe Francis. The Girls Gone Wild founder, 34, owns Casa Aramara, a \$25 million, five-acre coastal estate located just north of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. "It's better than any four-star hotel I've been to!" frequent

guest Kimberly Stewart tells Us. Welcome by invitation only, celebs including Lindsay Lohan and Mario Lopez have enjoyed the 14-bedroom mansion, five heated pools, top-of-the-line gym and private beach on the Pacific Ocean. Fun fact: After their June 2006 stay, Vince Vaughn proposed to Jennifer Aniston on their return flight to L.A. Why it's hot "The greatest thing about -Ara-mara is having anything you want, when-ever you want it," Francis tells Us. As a testament, there's an "anything button" on each room's phone, enabling guests to make requests from 15 round-the-clock staffers, including a massage therapist, a chauffeur and a five-star chef. Jessica Mehalic

Stars' Death Hoaxes

Forget R.I.P.: Winona Ryder, 35, Sinbad, 50, and Todd Bridges, 41, are all still alive — despite recent reports. On March 8, blogs buzzed with "news" (reportedly generated by Fakeawsh.com) that Ryder died from a drug overdose. Two days later, Wikipedia.com listed a date of death for Sinbad. And the Bridges rumor resulted from a March 27 radio report that someone with a similar name had had a heart attack. "I'm just glad my kid never heard it," Bridges said. Pop culture expert Elaine Rapping tells Us, "People are fascinated by death, and the Internet just helps fuel these rumors."

— Eric Andersson

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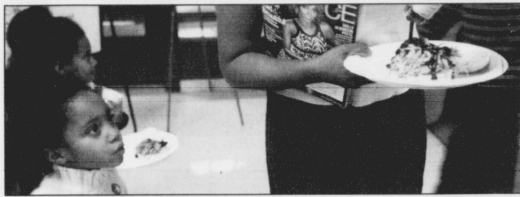
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NORTH CAMPUS PORKFEST



Corrine Macaulay, left, watches her mom, Assistant Director of ResLife Dana Macaulay, pour barbecue sauce over a sandwich at Porkfest last night in Holmes Hall. The event was put on by the G.R.E.E.N. living-learning community to raise money for community beautification projects and featured organic pork.

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"Kennedy's offered a fixed minimum per year, plus a sliding percentage of sales," Behr said. "We offered to do renovations of up to \$2 million, including a new Euclid Avenue entrance."

Behr also said Kennedy Bookstore was capable of offering the same advancements as Follett.

"They mentioned students being able to buy textbooks online, and we offered to provide that service if the university wanted," Behr said. "But we mentioned the difficulty of keeping a current list of textbooks for each class accurate online. It will be interesting to see how efficient this service they provide turns out to be."

Behr said she would keep as many of her employees from the UK store as possible.

"We will offer all UK Bookstore part-time students a job at

Kennedy's if they are interested," Behr said. "We will try to keep as many full-time employees as possible."

But Cliff Ewert, vice president of Public and Campus Relations for Follett, said Follett also intends on interviewing all those interested for jobs, including current employees.

"We are aware of the situation, and any employee who is interested is welcome to an interview," Ewert said.

Follett has many ideas for improving the UK Bookstore, such as establishing a Bookstore Advisory Committee and selling as many used textbooks as possible, Ewert said.

"Our forte is used textbooks," Ewert said. "We want the store to be a nice showcase. We want it to be a destination for students and faculty."

But Behr still maintains that a chain store won't be able to compare to the service that Kennedy Bookstore offered.

"We care about the students," Behr said. "That has led to a successful business, but we don't just look at the bottom

line."

Kennedy Bookstore put in a bid for the Eastern Kentucky University bookstore before UK notified them that they were looking for new management. Behr has previously said acquiring the EKV store could help ensure she could employ all her current workers after losing UK Bookstore. The EKV decision will be announced April 16.

Whatever the outcome, Behr said that Kennedy intends to continue to give their best service to students.

"Luckily, students will still have the option of shopping at Kennedy's for all of their collegiate needs in the future," she said.

Follett is a company that is capable of bringing much advancement to the UK Bookstore and thinks students will be pleasantly surprised with the service, Stevens said.

"I think students will see it for themselves," Stevens said. "Follett operates over 760 stores. They know what they are doing."

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At UW-Madison, Tracy has an open door policy to encourage faculty and staff to share concerns, he said.

"A vice president sitting in an office somewhere staring out the window doesn't get the job done," Tracy said.

"My overall philosophy is that the job of the Vice President of Research is to create a climate where discovery and learning can best take place," Tracy said.



Tracy

Tracy will be in Kentucky until tomorrow to meet with research advisory committees, deans for research, the faculty senate and other UK groups.

"I've enjoyed the first day of my two-day marathon very much," Tracy said. "I've met a lot of interesting people."

The next candidate to visit will be James R. Halpert of the University of Texas Medical Branch (Galveston).

The forum for Halpert will be Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m. on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower. Students, faculty and staff may attend to learn about Halpert's background and ask questions.

Self-defense class trains students to protect themselves

By Deborah Hirsch
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Winthrop University junior Ashley Russell knows what it feels like to be pinned beneath a 200-pound intruder nearly twice her size.

Fortunately, that was a situation simulated for a self-defense class.

But there was nothing fake about the techniques she used to throw him off her and scramble away. She was learning them through a free three-night intensive course that Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., offers every month. Her "attacker" was one of the instructors.

"There's a stance for everything; it almost becomes like a natural reflex once you go through the program," said Russell, 20.

The university has offered

the course for seven years, but reinvented it in January with a state grant of about \$10,000. The campus police department used the money to send seven instructors for training in Tennessee, including representatives from Safe Passage abuse shelter and the local police department.

The goal is that by involving those groups, "we're ready to take this thing outside the walls of Winthrop University, because there's a lot of women out there who could benefit from this," said campus police chief Frank Zebedis. That's also why the Winthrop course, though aimed primarily at students, will allow any women to attend if space permits.

The course is part of a certified national program called Rape Aggression Defense, or R.A.D. Unlike some self-defense courses where everything

is simulated, this is "as real life as we can make it," Zebedis said.

"They actually punch, and they fight, and they kick," he said. At first, students use punching bags. Then they put on protective padding to practice possible scenarios. They learn what to do if they're caught off guard, pinned down or wake up feeling drugged.

Zebedis said violent crime isn't common on campus. Recently, an alleged rape was reported at an off-campus fraternity in February, but no charges were filed.

According to U.S. Department of Justice statistics, for every 1,000 people aged 12 or older in 2005, there was one rape or sexual assault, one assault with injury and three robberies.

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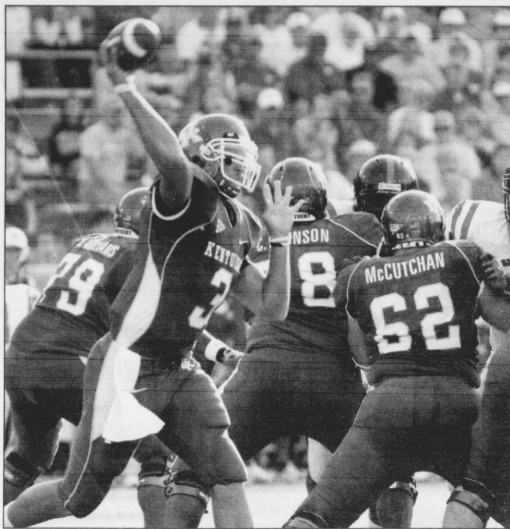
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ANDREW HUGGINS | STAFF

Andre Woodson is practically assured the quarterback position in 2007, despite competing for the spot in last year's spring training. The backup positions are still undecided but will go to one of two redshirt freshmen.

Freshmen QBs vie to backup Woodson

By Eric Lindsey
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Many positions during UK spring football practice won't be determined until the season actually begins. One of the exceptions is starting quarterback Andre Woodson, who is a sure pick.

But even with Woodson as a lock, the team has plenty of questions regarding the quarterback position.

One of the battles taking place early in spring practice is the competition between redshirt freshmen Will Fidler and Mike Hartline for a place as Woodson's backup.

Curtis Pulley, who battled with Woodson last spring practice for the starting position and was at one point the top pick, is red-shirting and no longer enrolled in classes, so the Cats are faced with filling the backup role with one of the two freshmen.

Although it's not the ideal situation to be in, head coach Rich Brooks is confident the young arms can get the job done.

"I think they have both made progress in their understanding of what we want them to do and where the ball goes in the passing game," Brooks said. "They both have gotten stronger. We just need to see if they can put it all together."

Quarterbacks coach Randy Sanders has been impressed with the progress Fidler and Hartline have made since the

fall season. "Obviously, they know the offense a whole lot better," Sanders said. "They understand the timing you have to have to play quarterback at this level."

The whole game speeds up a lot when you get SEC defensive linemen rushing you."

Although Fidler and Hartline have made great strides from when they first arrived on campus, neither one has established the upper hand in the battle for the backup role.

"The battle is wide open," Sanders said. "The two guys are competing and working hard. Neither one of them has really taken control of it. We still have some progress to make before either one of them are ready to be the backup."

Both quarterbacks come into practice with strong high school resumes. Fidler, a 6-foot-4, 216-pound redshirt freshman from Henderson, Ky., threw for 9,395 yards during his high school career, completing 618 of 1,017 passes with 92 touchdowns. In his junior and senior seasons, Fidler won the Roy Kidd Award as the Class AAAA Player of the Year in Kentucky.

Fidler also graduated a semester early in high school to have the benefit of an extra spring practice.

"It's a lot different than it was a year ago," Fidler said.

"I'm used to things now. I'm used to the speed and I just feel a lot more comfortable."

While Fidler is known as a drop-back passer, Hartline is known more as a dual-threat at the quarterback position because of his ability to run.

Hartline, a 6-foot-6, 201-pound redshirt freshman from Canton, Ohio, threw for 11,523 yards and six touchdowns his senior year of high school, while adding 533 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns on the ground.

"I thought coming out of high school that I knew enough to come in here and make an impact," Hartline said. "It turns out I didn't know anything. After being here a couple of months and going through spring ball, I feel like I have matured, and I know the offense a lot more."

Hartline said Woodson has served as a brother and mentor to him and is a major reason he's developed so much in the past year.

"He's the guy I turn to because he knows what's going on out there," Hartline said. "He sees everything, and he's the one actually playing."

An injury to Woodson could be a major setback to the Cats, but Brooks is hoping the backups will be ready if called upon.

"I don't know," Brooks said. "I can't answer that right now. I need to see them perform on a consistent basis and I have not yet seen that. That's why we have spring practice, that's why we work over the summer and that's why we have fall camp."



Fidler



Hartline

Groups reject apology from Don Imus

By Marisa Guthrie
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

NEW YORK — Don Imus was forced to apologize for ridiculing Rutgers University's women's basketball team as "nappy-headed hos."

"We want to take a moment to apologize for an insensitive and ill-conceived remark we made the other morning regarding the Rutgers women's basketball team," he said at the start of Friday's show. "It was completely inappropriate, and we can understand why people were offended. Our characterization was thoughtless and stupid, and we are sorry."

Imus' crude comments were made as Rutgers and its New York City star Epiphanny Prince were about to square off in the national championship game against Tennessee. Rutgers has eight black members on its team.

Imus' mea culpa was rejected however by the National Association of Black Journalists which had originally demanded that Imus be fired.

"It is not nearly enough," said Barbara Ciara, the association's vice president of broadcast and managing editor of WTKR in Norfolk, Va. "He at no time offered to contact the young women and apologize to them directly. . . . His comments are not only offensive and demeaning, they are irresponsible," said Ciara.

NCAA President Myles Brand and Rutgers University President Richard McCormick is-

sued a joint statement saying, "It is unconscionable that anyone would use the airways to utter such disregard for the dignity of human beings who have accomplished much and deserve great credit."

"Imus in the Morning" originates from CBS Radio-owned WFAN and is syndicated to more than 70 stations and simulcast on MSNBC.

Karen Mateo, a CBS Radio spokeswoman, said that Imus' employment status with the company has not changed. In a statement, the company said, "We are disappointed by Imus' actions earlier this week which we find completely inappropriate. We fully agree that a sincere apology was called for."

MSNBC, where the radio program is simulcast on television, attempted to distance itself from Imus and apologized for his crack.

The 66-year-old Imus, a member of the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame, is known for his caustic style and politically incorrect views. "His insensitivity runs deep," said Ciara, citing Imus' previous comments comparing NBC News correspondent Gwen Ifill with a "cleaning woman" and referring to Illinois Sen. Barack Obama as "that colored fellow."

"Until we are satisfied with the level of his contrition, then we really are ready to go to the mat," she said. "He needs to put the wheels in motion and not just issue a three-line apology and call it a day."

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College journalists featured in documentary 'The Paper'

By Wendy McCardle
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Like many Americans, Aaron Matthews said he was feeling let down by the media. He tested his lack of faith by putting a campus newspaper in the spotlight of his latest documentary, "The Paper," which had its first airing April 7 at the Philadelphia Film Festival. The film is slated for a national airing on PBS as part of its Independent Lens series that begins in October.

Matthews' film focuses on the staff of Penn State's student newspaper, The Daily Collegian. It highlights the frustrations and difficulties the staff faces in simply getting the story.

Although the Collegian rivals many campus newspapers, it, like many media outlets, faces declining circulation and disappointment from readers. On a day-to-day basis, its up-and-coming rookie journalists test their morals and beliefs against what is newsworthy, all the while trying to beat the many obstacles that stand in the way of their information.

"Post-9/11 especially, I was frustrated by a lack of information and the feeling that news organizations weren't providing me with the news I needed to be an informed citizen," Matthews said.

Matthews, a Brooklyn, N.Y., native and graduate of Wesleyan University, said he got the idea

for "The Paper" after reading a magazine article about a man who was revisiting his high school newspaper. Matthews said he was excited about the idea of going back to where journalists begin their careers.

"It's the training ground for future newsmakers," he said. "All the essential questions of our time are being played out there."

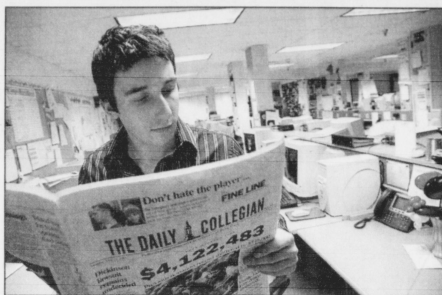
During filming of "The Paper," Collegian staff members find themselves embroiled in controversies on campus, struggling with differences within the newsroom and finding their morale slipping as they face difficulties in getting the information for their stories.

The range of issues is part of the appeal of the film, Matthews said.

"There are issues in the film that affect many Americans. The issues the young Collegian reporters face are issues that a lot of people care about."

"They are dealing with social issues that go beyond just the frame of news media," he said.

"The idea of doing a film on young journalists just struck me as really fresh and new because they are struggling with these issues for the first time," Matthews said. "A film on the New York Times wouldn't have been as interesting. They are hardened journalists who had already confronted these things. It would have seemed too predictable."



In still images from the documentary, Editor-in-Chief Jimmy Young looks over the day's paper.

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Matthews said the film offers people a chance to look at the media in a new light.

"The structure of the film... having young people confront these questions... forces viewers to become reporters themselves," he said.

"How we, as a country, deal with the issue of declining circulation I think is of paramount im-

portance. It's really important to our democracy.

"Do we give the readers what they want or what they need?" In "The Paper," the subjects struggle with issues such as their role in the community.

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High schools should help students keep college grades up

For Kentucky high school students trying to figure out where to attend college, the cost of higher education inevitably influences their decision.

While the lure of in-state tuition — which is often thousands of dollars less per year than out-of-state tuition — is a strong factor, Kentucky high school students also have to consider their eligibility for the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship.

The program was created to reward Kentucky students for their academic work in high school and to encourage students to stay in state for college. Profit from the Kentucky Lottery funds the program.

As far as scholarships go, it doesn't get much easier than KEEES: students' grades are automatically reported to the state in high school, and if a student goes to college in Kentucky, he or she automatically receives money for four years.

The student only has to keep a GPA above 2.5. But that's proving to be a big problem for 40 percent of Kentucky college freshman, according to a report released last week by the state.

The study used data from the 2004 college freshman class and found that the average cumulative GPA was 2.28 after one year.

The report does not, at first glance, put Kentucky's high schools in the best light, at least not when the subject is how prepared graduates are for college. Requiring a

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GPA of at least 2.5 is not setting a very high bar; students who are earning money for their previous academic success should be able to keep their GPA above that level.

Part of the problem most likely comes from lacking math and science education, an issue that is hardly new. A state committee — led by UK President Lee Todd — issued a report in March with suggestions for improving Kentucky's high school students' knowledge of science, math, technology and engineering. Following up on these recommendations should help raise the average GPA of college freshman.

Better teaching of existing subjects might prepare students for their first year of college but not much beyond that. Instead, high schools must ensure that graduates know how to study, how to take notes and how to learn in a college environment. Those skills will help students far beyond high school graduation.

The colleges and universities must also accept responsibility for ensuring students know how to learn and for making the transition from high school to college smooth. UK already has classes for this in UK 101, but there is always room for improvement. UK — and all colleges in the state — should evaluate the programs they offer freshman and ensure that students' high school success will carry over to college.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Birth control access increases academic freedom for women

In an April 2 Kernel article, UK's University Health Services Director Dr. Greg Moore compared the increase in the cost of contraceptives available to students to the increase in the price of gasoline. We find this appalling.

Comprehensive health care is not a luxury. It is a basic human need, and for women, comprehensive health care must include complete gynecological and obstetric care. This often requires access to birth control medication.

There are many reasons a woman might require such access, and preventing unwanted pregnancy is likely the most popular. Although pregnancy prevention may not seem like a necessity to some, that does not make birth control medication a luxury.

Women's reproductive capabilities have been cited as the source of our "inferiority" to men in centuries past and "evolutionary lag" behind men's accomplishments in more recent years.

Without the ability to control when they bear children, women have little ability to complete their education as planned, which makes it extraordinarily difficult to meet their vocational goals.

Fortunately, however, birth control medication makes reproductive control possible.

Raising the cost of medication to \$30 per month will place it beyond the financial reach of many students. Surely there is another option.

We do not wish to suggest that the university is unfairly targeting concerns that are uniquely related to being a woman.

We do, however, wish to express our unequivocal belief that this university has made a serious mistake in judgment, in budgeting, in policy and in responding to the legitimate concerns of its students.

We do not ask the university to subsidize our gas tanks, but we do ask that the university implement health care options that make it possible for us to remain a part of its academic community.

School administrators and state legislators fervently hope that UK will become a top-20 research institution in the near future.

Surely, before this university can afford to fund that quest, it must be capable of meeting its students' basic needs.

We do not want our colleagues' or our own personal health and safe-

ty to suffer for the sake of a national ranking.

Concerned students of the College of Law

Ashley Kingsolver, Ashley Brown, Brittany Blackburn, Zach Webb, Megan Smyth, Elizabeth Bass and Kristen Stone

Unfortunate oversight limits students' birth control choices

In response to the concerned students of the College of Law: Unfortunately, the Kernel could quote only a limited portion of our extensive interview.

When I was asked the question, "Are women changing to less expensive forms of contraception as a result of higher prices?" I responded, "Not as yet."

I went on to explain that unfortunately UK has no control over the price that the pharmaceutical companies charge patients, similar to the fact that we have no control over the ever increasing price the oil companies currently charge and that we are each finding our own ways of "dealing with it."

In no way did I intend to relate the cost of contraceptive pills to gasoline. I meant to draw a parallel with government and industry decisions impacting the prices of many essential consumer goods.

As a board certified obstetrician-gynecologist, I have devoted my professional life to the care of women.

I too am appalled by the consequence of this law, which prohibits the drug manufacturers from continuing the practice of student discounts. As director of University Health Services, I struggle daily with protecting students from the rapid rise in the cost of medical care.

To date, we have been very successful by having one of the lowest health fee levels among our benchmark universities, while providing by far the most comprehensive set of services.

I strongly support the national college health efforts to undo this tragic (and I believe unintentional) aspect of the federal deficit reduction bill.

Our federal deficit should not be resolved by increasing pharmaceutical costs to students.

I strongly encourage, and will fully support, any student-based initiative to ask Congress to undo this very unfortunate error.

Gregory R. Moore
director, University Health Services



EILEEN HAMILTON, Kernel cartoonist

No drastic expansion needed in NCAA tournament

The culmination of another college basketball season took center stage last Monday night with the Florida Gators claiming their second national championship in as many years, defeating the Ohio State Buckeyes 84-75.

And despite the fact that this year's tournament was successful yet again, the talk of tournament expansion runs rampant throughout the college basketball community — and quite frankly, I find the idea outrageous.

But nonetheless, college coaches and tournament officials toy with the idea of increasing the tournament field from 65 to 128, in essence doubling its size.

Many believe that an expansion is necessary because the last major change to the tournament came in 1985 when the field was increased from 48 to 64 teams. In 2001, a play-in game was added, increasing the field to its current 65 teams.

Supporters of tournament expansion feel that an increased tournament field is necessary due to the addition of Division I-A schools since 1985; however, this course of action presents many problems.

First, 128 teams are not worthy of

an NCAA Tournament bid. Each year, the bubble-team controversy is present only because a few teams have a borderline argument for receiving a tournament bid.

Increasing the field to appease a few teams is absurd. There are 31 automatic bids handed out to conference champions, leaving the remaining 34 bids to at-large teams. And there's a remedy to the few bubble teams that are "left out" each year — win more games.

Furthermore, the very idea of tournament expansion takes the suspense and excitement out of conference tournaments.

Each year, ESPN televises a week of mid-major conference championships where the winner receives the automatic bid, in most cases, only bid into the Big Dance.

If the field was expanded to 128 teams, the tournament committee would surely have to take a few teams from each conference taking away from the exhilarating feat of becoming a mid-major conference champion.

The idea of increasing the tournament field also makes the regular season more meaningless. Just think of how many teams hovering above .500 that would receive a bid — it's scary. Plus, think about the longevity of the tournament.

An extra week would have to be added, pushing the national championship game to mid-April. With this, the tournament would start to resemble the NBA playoffs — too many un-

deserving, below-par teams participating in an extremely long post season.

And let's not forget, the NCAA Tournament is made up of student-athletes that miss a lot of class time during the month of March as it is.

Extending the tournament only increases the amount of time out of class and puts players in a bind academically.

One feasible solution, as suggested by ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas, would be to increase the number of play-in games before the first round of the tournament.

But in reality, no matter the tournament size, coaches and critics alike will still voice their concern over the teams that fail to make the cut — in other words, bubble teams will always be present.

Regardless of future actions by the NCAA, one thing is for certain — the Florida Gators were the best team in the country this year and fully deserved their second national championship — a championship that was molded out of a tournament composed of 65 teams, not 128. The idea of tournament expansion will only complicate matters and impede its ultimate goal of finding the most elite team in the country.

There is nothing wrong with the tournament as it stands now; as the saying goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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Instead of complaining, take time to enjoy the perks of life

Last week, a flight from Las Vegas was canceled because the pilot was yelling obscenities while having a cell phone conversation before the flight took off.

When a passenger confronted him, he began cursing at the customers, and eventually was questioned by the police.

The flight was canceled, and passengers were forced to stay an extra night in Las Vegas and re-book their flight plans. Many missed holiday plans with their families and friends.

Wait a minute. What happened to the days of flying when pilots stood at the front of the plane handing out wings?

This guy was obviously experiencing some emotional issues, but should that have affected his job and ultimately the lives of countless passengers?

I'm sick of the bad news that blazes the front page of the newspapers everyday. I don't want to hear about a cranky pilot or about any other mean people who need to get a grip. I see enough of that in my day-to-day life.

You know who these people are, constantly complaining, never with a

good word to say about anything. These people could be given \$1 million and would immediately start complaining about how high the taxes were going to be. You also probably know how terrible these people are to spend time with.

I'll take this column to complain about people who are always complaining — but hopefully it will do some good. It's time to rid the world of the constant complainers before they drive us all crazy!

Don't get me wrong — hopeless optimists can be just as bad as terrible pessimists, especially when they're having a bad day. There's something about eternal optimists however, that is somewhat endearing; you just have to smile about the fact that they're happy today, just because the sky is blue.

We can all learn something from these people. Seeing the cup as half-full can completely change your life. You didn't get a job you interviewed for? Maybe an even better one is going to come along.

Had a fight with your significant other? Now your feelings are out in the open and you can be more honest with each other.

Sound ridiculous? To a certain extent, I agree. But does saying you didn't get the job because you're just not good enough, or your resume is lacking, or your professor or employer screwed you over, make you feel any better? I didn't think so.

Take a minute and think about the crankiest, most negative person you know. If you have to choose between more than one person, take another minute to evaluate if you need to find the some sunnier friends. Now think about how their constant negativity affects your life. We're all this person sometimes — are you more than others?

There's nothing wrong with having a bad day, or a bad week. It's impossible to always look on the bright side. Let's face it: sometimes things happen that just plain suck.

The way we look at things that can go either way, however, is often what determines how successful and happy we will ultimately be. The ability to roll with the punches and be flexible is a personality attribute that is invaluable in a coworker or employee.

When you start to feel down this week, turn the glass around and try to see it half full.

Think about the effect that a negative person can have on your own good mood, and don't be a buzz kill for others.

Celebrate things that don't usually merit celebrating. Enjoy the weather for what it is. Take a minute to look at your social support system, and be thankful for it.

Whatever you need to do to make your day a little bit brighter, do so. But please — stop complaining!

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Nanotechnology turns heat on tumors in mice

By Carrie Peyton Dahlberg
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In a small lab tucked behind brick and glass near central Sacramento, Dr. Sally DeNardo is enlisting magnets, molecules and mice in the fight against breast cancer.

For the past four years, using increasingly potent little clusters of iron and antibodies, DeNardo has been testing a treatment to latch tiny metal fragments onto a tumor, then basically cook it to death.

The work, described in the March edition of the Journal of Nuclear Medicine, has stopped tumor growth in some mice and slowed the cancer in others.

The treatment might be ready for very preliminary testing in humans in as little as two years, said DeNardo, a University of California-Davis professor of oncology and nuclear medicine. It's too early to predict, though, when or whether the approach could take its place as one more weapon against a disease that has proved far wlier than doctors once hoped.

Researchers have learned from bitter experience that they can cure cancer repeatedly in mice, only to see the same therapies fall short in humans.

Yet DeNardo, lively and determined, remains endlessly hopeful, buoyed by the surge of enthusiasm that has infused nanomedicine, the growing ability to create and manipulate on the "nano" scale — one-billionth of a meter.

The National Cancer Institute sees so much promise that it is spending \$144 million over five years for eight special centers, including three in California, to explore how nanotechnology can detect, monitor and treat cancer.

"It's a very new and exciting and promising direction," said Sadik Esener, an engineering professor who directs the National Cancer Institute-funded cancer nanotech center at the University of California-San Diego. Other California centers are based at Stanford and the California Institute of Technology.

On this front of the cancer war, doctors, materials scientists, physicists and others are teaming up to create tiny structures that can crawl within the body. Some particles can be used to make better pictures of tumors, while others can shed light on how cancer grows and changes, or perhaps one day will carry drugs directly to cancer cells.

By working on such a minute scale, scientists hope to achieve lethal precision, delivering a killing blow to cancer while sparing healthy tissue.

The University of California-Davis team headed by DeNardo, working with Boston-based Triton BioSystems, is using special antibodies to steer iron oxide nanoparticles to breast cancer tumors. Once the particles have latched onto their target, the team bombards the tumor with alternating magnetic pulses. In this rapid

flux, the bits of metal repeatedly switch magnetic poles so fast that they heat up.

One of the beauties of the system, said DeNardo, is that it's been coupled with radioactive particles, which don't treat the cancer itself but instead let doctors track what's going on within the body. That should help calibrate doses and create treatment plans.

Later this month, DeNardo's team plans to work with a new iron oxide particle that generates more heat from magnetic fluctuations, raising hopes for greater tumor-killing power.

The better particle exists because of strides in nanoscience, DeNardo said, but it also will set researchers back, because they want to see how it performs before moving toward doing any studies in people.

"It's an art form, I guess, not necessarily science, as to when it's time to go into human study," she said. "Sometime along the line you have to say this is good enough and we can't wait forever."

Right now, though, the time for human subjects hasn't arrived.

Instead the group is working with perky, hairless mice whose immune systems aren't very good at repelling foreign tissue, and whose personalities incline toward a gentle curiosity.

"If they haven't bit me yet, they're nice," said DeNardo as one of her test subjects crawled into the treatment coils that will be used for the next round of testing.

Such mice have been tumor hosts of choice for decades, because a few human cancer cells can be injected under their skin, to grow vigorously into little pink lumps, easily accessible for testing.

The University of California-Davis team is not alone in harnessing nanotechnology to try to heat tumors in mice.

Researchers at Rice University have used gold nanoshells, designed to respond to specific wavelengths of light, to deliver heat to tumors when exposed to near-infrared light.

"There have been many, many experiments trying to cure cancer using magnetic particles" or other nanoparticles and heat, said Sungho Jin, a material science professor at the University of California-San Diego.

Yet with federal funds pouring into nanotech and biotech, Jin said, more work also needs to be done on potential risks. Jin, who co-authored a recent paper looking at potential negative impacts of iron oxide particles on nerve cells, said creating the right particle coatings will be crucial for safety.

As researchers probe nanotechnology's promise, said San Diego's Esener, doors could open to many new ways to stop tumors in their tracks, either shutting down their growth or short-circuiting their spread.

So far, those are dreams, not realities, he said, stressing that the field is so young he can't even begin to guess at a time frame for significant results.

Women in Guard ready for war zones

By Chuck Crumbo
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. — On the firing range, Lt. Leslie Madron waited to shoot.

Just like her male comrades, Madron is expected to be ready to fight when her South Carolina Army National Guard unit reaches Afghanistan in a few weeks.

To Madron, a medic, it isn't a big deal that she could wind up in combat. "I knew what I was doing when I signed up," she said.

The role that Madron and about 100 women from the South Carolina National Guard will play in Afghanistan would have been unthinkable less than a generation ago. But the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq forever have changed what the military and the public think about women in combat.

Female soldiers are no longer stationed safely out of range of combat. Instead, they can be surrounded by the enemy on battlefields that have no safe rear areas.

The fact that women are in greater danger is made clear by some grim statistics. Since the war on terror began in September 2001, more than 80 women in the U.S. military have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. That compares to just eight women killed during the Vietnam War.

About 100 women are in the South Carolina National Guard's 218th Brigade Combat Team, which is training here for an upcoming mission to Afghanistan.

The women hold a variety of jobs such as clerks, truck drivers, medics, nurses, supply sergeants and mechanics.

They also train alongside men, learning defensive tactics such as conducting security patrols, operating checkpoints and detecting bomb threats.

Although the recruiting of women has increased in the past 20 years, the Army is still a man's world.

Of the 1,600 members of

the South Carolina Guard brigade combat team that will go to Afghanistan, only about 100 are women.

Overall, there are 1,260 women in the South Carolina Army National Guard, about 13.5 percent of its force. That's comparable to the percentage of women in the active-duty Army.

A smaller percentage of women are in the 218th because most of the jobs in the Newberry-headquartered unit are in combat arms — infantry, armor and artillery. Federal law prohibits women from being in ground combat units.

So most of the women in the 218th are members of the South Carolina Guard's 163rd Support Battalion, which will have about 350 soldiers working in support roles during the Afghanistan mission.

Because they work in a unit that has a large number of women, younger female soldiers said they don't feel isolated or unusual.

But Maj. Karen Frabel, a 25-year veteran of the Army and Guard, remembers the old days, when she felt like she was in a "glass bowl."

"You do it for so long that you kind of get used to it that there a lot of men and few women," said Frabel.

In Afghanistan, Frabel will work in a civil affairs slot with the 218th's headquarters unit. That means she'll be spending much of her time visiting Afghan villages, meeting with local officials and citizens, and trying to win their support.

She also will see how differently women are treated in Afghan society.

Because the education of girls is discouraged by some faiths, illiteracy among Afghanistan's population is about 85 percent.

Adult women in the predominantly Muslim country usually wear scarves to conceal their faces and their role is subordinate to the male. It's common to see a man beat his wife in public.

"I don't know how I'm going to feel about that," Frabel said. "I'll try to be understanding."

While it may be unsettling, U.S. troops are told to be respectful of Afghan ways and not interfere.

The toughest part of training at Camp Shelby — so far — has been being away from their families, the soldiers said.

When Spe. Delilah Brown got the news that the 218th was being called up, she struggled with how to say goodbye to her husband and four children, ages 10, 9, 7 and 3.

"But this will advance my career in the Guard and help us out financially," Brown said. "Besides, it was the moral thing to do."

Brown told her children she'd be away for more than a year because she was "going to go to help people."

Others have had to put careers and school on hold.

Sgt. Patricia Carrasco, for example, is two semesters shy of graduating from the University of South Carolina.

But Carrasco thinks a year in Afghanistan "will be beneficial." That's because she's majoring in international relations.

While the troops said families and friends have been very supportive, Spe. Patience Johnson said a few friends urged her to find a way out of going to Afghanistan.

"Some gave advice for me to get pregnant," said Johnson. "But I figure I'd do 18 months of active-duty better than 18 years of raising a child."

Madron, who's leaving behind her fiancé and two Labrador retrievers, said morale among all soldiers in her unit — male and female — was high.

"We're all volunteers. We all knew what we were getting into when we signed on the dotted line," Madron said. "If you signed for the school money, then you did it for the wrong reason."

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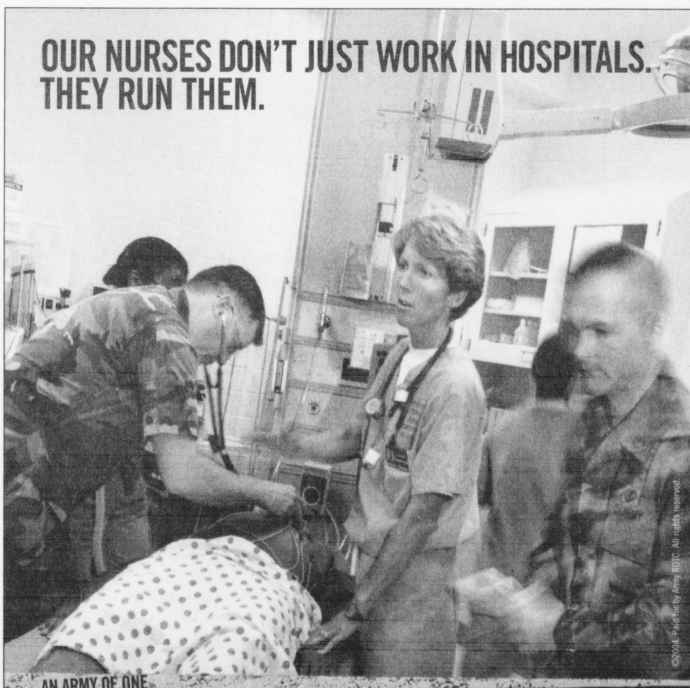
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