



Serena Williams joins her sister Venus and Anna Kournikova in the Lexus Tennis Challenge Sunday at Rupp Arena

Study shows young voters more active in civic life

By Troy Lyle
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A survey released this week shows young people are more interested in politics now than in any generation since the 1960s. The survey conducted by private research firms Global Strategy Group and Luntz Research Companies concluded that not only are young people more politically involved, but they're also more knowledgeable about current affairs, selective of their news sources and likely to continue and increase their political activism.

This is an indicator of good things to come from America's youth, said Jeffrey Pollock, president of Global Strategy Group. "It clearly shows both campaigns targeted youth, and the youth responded in record numbers," he said. The survey also illustrates that these young people will continue to be active both as voters and in their civic lives, Pollock said. The survey was based on 1,200 interviews with both voters and non-voters ages 18 to 29. It concluded that 75 percent of those who voted in the 2004 election plan to be more engaged in politics in the future.

"Clearly these young voters paid a lot of attention to this presidential race," he said. "Some even said they watched all four debates." A statistic comparable to indicators among older voters, one that clearly displays young people were starved for information and sought it out, Pollock said. Young people are interested in many political issues, such as the economy and the war in Iraq, said Krista King, an English sophomore. "The war makes everything more intense — it makes everyone more politi-

cally active," she said. "The youth of today are extremely aware of what's going on around them politically. They care about the things that directly affect their lives and they want to have their say in it." Yet not all students agreed with these findings. Today's youth aren't necessarily more engaged but more informed, said Ben Mears, a finance management senior. "They're exposed to all this news via newspapers, 24-hour cable programming and the internet," he said. "Unfortunately all this media expo-

sure is biased." The media has its own political agenda and young people today get caught up in all the hype — repeating the information being spoon fed to them, Mears said. The information these young people get is coming primarily from cable and network news outlets, the study reported. Young people are increasingly more likely to use the Internet, with newspaper readership declining. Twenty-two percent named the Internet as an important source of information, while 15 percent named newspapers.

Brokaw and Comedy Central's Jon Stewart were listed as the most trusted television news sources. Regardless of where young people are getting their information one thing remains the same — their desire to be politically informed, King said. "We're out on our own now, we're thinking for ourselves and we're developing our own political opinions," she said. "Even if we're young and just college students, we still have our own meaningful political perspective — our own voice." E-mail: tlyle@kykernel.com

NBC news anchor Tom

Running with the leaders

By Tim Wiseman
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Allison Grace had run with the leaders before. In last year's Southeastern Conference Cross Country Championships in Athens, Ga., the UK junior runner stayed with the leaders as long as she could.

With 800 meters left, the heat forced her out of the race and brought her outdoor season to a frustrating and disappointing end. But she wanted to get back into the lead pack.

"I worked hard in the summer, and I ran more miles than I had before," Grace said. "I was doing like five to eight miles a day."

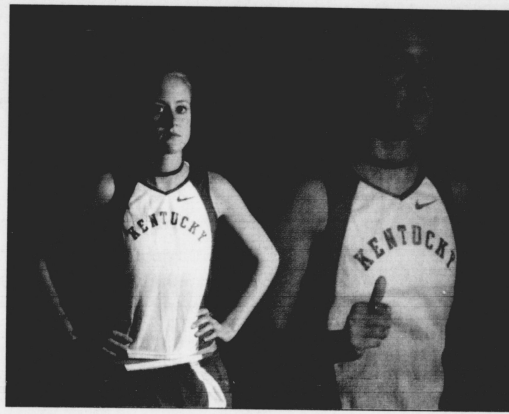
The work paid off. "It showed — I was definitely stronger for the season," Grace said.

UK coach Don Weber was proud of the way Grace picked herself up, and he could see her improving each week.

"She got back in the saddle and went to work," he said. "You make your cross country season in the summer, and when you make that kind of investment, you usually turn it into results."

But Grace had begun investing in cross-country long before that summer.

Grace started running when she was 7, as she joined her father Steve and her twin sister Gillian in the



UK junior runner Allison Grace took 10th place at the Southeast Regional Nov. 13 in Greenville, N.C., which earned her a spot in Monday's NCAA Cross Country Championship in Terra Haute, Ind. Grace, who began running at the age of 7, also took seventh place at the Southeastern Conference Championship Oct. 30 in Fayetteville, Ark., to earn All-SEC honors.

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New committee tries to improve response system

By Ryan Kuhn
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A committee recently formed by the Office of Campus Services aims to improve the university's emergency response system.

The committee will not only focus on dealing with emergencies but also on preventative measures to avoid them.

"Most of the departments at UK have response plans," said Christy Giles, who was recently named director of emergency management.

"But they don't focus on being prepared for emergencies." Giles said she has met with more than 30 departments within the university in hopes of creating a coordinated effort in emergency situations.

"Hopefully by the end of the year we'll expand the committee," she said.

"We're hoping to have a committee together with representatives from all of those departments."

The committee is also planning how to return things to normal after an emergency.

"Our hope is that we can manage the events if they do occur," said Ben Crutcher, vice president of auxiliary services.

"We want to have an office together where we can have key people (who) can make decisions during emergencies."

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Fallujah natives dread city damage

By Jackie Spinner
THE WASHINGTON POST

FALLUJAH, Iraq — The night the Americans came, Abu Saad hunkered in the little room at the back of his house in the center of the city, where he prayed that the bombs would not find him. He and his father, brother and nephew tried to drown the sound of the artillery with their prayers.

"Dear God," he chanted over and over, "please protect us."

Describing their ordeal on Wednesday, Abu Saad, 31, recalled how the first night blurred into day, and then into a second night. Dawn broke four times while they hid. During daylight, they fasted in observance of the holy month of Ramadan.

At night, Abu Saad rushed to the kitchen to cook a pot of chicken and then whisked it back to his hiding place, where he and his relatives pulled the meat off the bones with their fingers and listened to the sound of their city falling around them.

After four days, Abu Saad heard voices outside, then the smash of the front door being broken down. In the back room, Iraqi security forces found Abu Saad and his relatives, alive, blinking in the light, relieved and praising God.

As the Iraqi soldiers led Abu Saad out of his home, assuring him that he would be protected, he got a first glimpse of the rubble that was once his neighborhood. Stunned by the sight of crumbled concrete, damaged mosques and shops blistered by bullets and artillery shells during fighting between U.S. forces and insurgents, Abu Saad said he felt his heart break.

"This is the city of the mosques," he said on Wednesday at a yellow-brick school near his house. "I felt sad after I saw the city, the buildings. I feel sad even talking about it."

U.S. and Iraqi officials declared last

weekend that the fight for Fallujah, which began on the night of Nov. 8, was over and that the city was 'liberated' from insurgents who had controlled it since April. Yet on Wednesday, most of the streets remain deserted. The only traffic was military vehicles that sped through the city, wary of snipers and roadside bombs. Announcements over loudspeakers at mosques told people where to go to find food and water.

During the past two days, more than 500 Fallujah civilians who hid during the fighting rather than leave their homes have turned up at the school and a nearby mosque, where U.S. and Iraqi security forces are providing food and water.

"It's not a humanitarian crisis," said Maj. Jim Orbeck, a soldier with the Army's 445th Civil Affairs Battalion. "I think we have a decent handle of what's going on. As the civilians are coming out, we're feeding them. We have everything — food, water."

The majority of Fallujah's 250,000 residents fled before the offensive began, and Orbeck said it is hard to estimate how many stayed, probably fewer than 1,000. "We know they are out there," he said.

Abu Saad said he sent his mother and family out of the city before the fighting, but his elderly father refused to leave. "I couldn't leave him," said Abu Saad, a thin man with a neatly trimmed beard who was dressed in a dark gray cotton dishdasha, a traditional gown. "I knew God would protect me."

The Iraqi army is responsible for running the food and water distribution points, and on Wednesday a soldier who gave his name as Sgt. Habbab said the civilians generally have been happy to see the Iraqi forces.

"It's very, very important what we're doing," Habbab said. "It's making

a difference."

As Abu Saad waited for water and food at the school, a 12-year-old boy with a chipped tooth and shy grin came up and put his arm around the older man's waist. Abu Saad reached down and patted the boy's head in greeting. The boy, Abdullah, was a neighbor who also had come looking for something to eat.

Abdullah said his house was damaged during the battle but that he never was afraid. "I said, 'God, you're the greatest,' and he took care of me," Abdullah said, a blue-striped polo shirt tucked into blue sweatpants.

When Ghamer, 36, and his uncle, Mohammad, 52, walked up the street to the school, Ghamer held a wooden stick with a ragged white cloth tacked to it. He rolled up the white cloth as he came inside, and held out his hand to be dusted for signs that he had handled explosives, which security forces would consider a sign he was an insurgent. Once cleared, he was handed a white bag filled with candy and snacks and a microwaveable meal, even though the city's electricity was cut more than a week ago.

Ghamer, who declined to give his last name, said he hid in his house until it was damaged by an artillery round. On Monday, he came to the school for food and has been coming back every day, carrying his white cloth on the stick so American forces would not mistake him for an insurgent and kill him.

The uncle, Mohammad, who also did not give his last name, said he blamed foreign insurgents in the city for forcing the battle with American forces. "If the Arab fighters leave the town, nobody can be hurt," Mohammad said. He shook his head and waited to stick out his hand to be checked.

Abu Saad picked up his box to head home, where he planned to spend the rest of the day cleaning the house and garden.



Emerson Drive performs tonight in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Country sensation 'drives' into town

By Ashley Graves
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

In the middle of sound checks at Western Kentucky University, Brad Mates, lead singer for Emerson Drive — one of country music's brightest rising stars — took time to answer my questions. Mates' sense of humor and friendliness made talking to a member of one of country's top award winning groups, including Billboard's No. 1 Top Country Artist in 2003, seem like I was talking to a life-long friend.

Q: When were you exposed to country music?

A: When I was four or five. George Strait was on *Austin City Limits* one night and I can remember sitting in front of the TV watching.

Q: When did you first realize that you wanted to be a country artist?

A: When I was in high school, I found out that I could sing. When I was a little kid, my dad sang in a band for 12 years and (I) always watched him perform but I didn't realize it was my passion until I was 15 or so.

Q: Why do you want to

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be an artist?

A: I've already put in nine years of too much time and effort to give up now. When we started we all put a lot of things on hold, and now that we're so close, it's hard to turn away. The feeling on stage is unbelievable — it means everything.

Q: How did you all meet?

A: In high school we did a talent contest together.

Q: How did you become Emerson Drive?

A: A road outside of my hometown is called Emerson

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Response

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During one of the many bomb threats at Lexington Community College since the beginning of the school year, Crutcher said many administrators began to consider the problems with the current emergency response system.

"There was concern over who is the commanding officer in situations like these, either the UK police or the fire department, which isn't

affiliated with the university," said Lance Broeking, finance director.

"We never had a conflict but we wanted to be prepared to make sure that there never was one."

He said the committee felt that there needed to be someone in charge of these situations on a full-time basis, so Gilles was hired and started the job Aug. 1.

"We mean this to be a preventative, proactive measure with everyone working together under a coordinator," Broeking said.

He also said he hoped that with the possible threat

of terrorism, the university might be able to get grants from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Defense.

Much of the focus of the group, Crutcher said, will be dedicated to the very real threats posed by the weather.

"We want to have a plan for the possibility of terrorism," he said. "But also to coordinate an effort for weather emergencies such as the ice storm."

"We want to make sure we can manage the system effectively."

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Ph.D. student disputes arson charges

By David Rosenzweig
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — A California Institute of Technology graduate student testified Wednesday that he was surprised when his friend began throwing Molotov cocktails while they were supposed to be painting environmental protest slogans on sports utility vehicles in Los Angeles' San Gabriel Valley.

William Jensen Cottrell, a 24-year-old doctoral candidate in physics, denied planning or participating in the firebombing of eight SUVs at an auto dealership and another parked on a residential street last year.

"I pled guilty to spray painting but not to arson," Cottrell testified in his federal court trial.

Cottrell, who faces a minimum 35-year prison term if convicted, told jurors that the arson was committed by Tyler Johnson, a Caltech graduate identified by authorities as an unindicted co-conspirator in the case and a fugitive.

The boyish-looking Cottrell, wearing a blue blazer, striped tie and khaki trousers, testified that he and Johnson had planned to plaster cars with bumper stickers reading, "My SUV Supports Terrorism."

Johnson had advanced him \$200 to order the stickers but they failed to arrive in time for the foray set for the morning of Aug. 22, 2003.

Cottrell said he was awakened about 1 a.m. that day at his apartment by Johnson and Johnson's girlfriend, Michie Oe, also an unindicted conspirator in the case.

"Tyler was kind of mad because the bumper stickers didn't arrive," Cottrell recalled. "He said I owed him \$200 and that if I went spray painting with him, the debt would be cleared."

Reluctantly, Cottrell said, he agreed to go along because he did not have the money.

Cottrell said Johnson and Oe loaded two large paper bags into the trunk of his car. The bags apparently contained the Molotov cocktails but Cottrell said he only saw cans of spray paint heaped at the top.

They struck first at a Mercedes dealership lot in Arcadia, painting messages on SUVs, in-

cluding "Killer," "Terrorist" and "ELF" the initials of the militant Earth Liberation Front, Cottrell said.

Oe then drove them to Monrovia, stopping on a residential street where they noticed a number of large sports utility vehicles. As Cottrell was tagging one SUV, he said, he heard glass shattering and watched as Johnson tossed a Molotov cocktail into a vehicle.

"I was kind of shocked and upset when he did this," Cottrell testified. "As we were leaving, we had a debate about it. I told him it was a bad idea. He basically agreed with me and said it wouldn't happen again."

At that point, Cottrell said he wanted to call it a night but Johnson insisted on going on, saying, "You still owe me \$200."

Driving to Duarte, they "tagged" more SUVs at Ford and Mitsubishi dealerships across the street from each other. At the Mitsubishi lot, Cottrell testified he left a personal mark of sorts, a mathematical formula: Euler's Theorem.

The next and last stop was a Hummer dealership in West Covina, where eight SUVs and a parts building were set ablaze, causing more than \$2.3 million damage. Cottrell said he was spray painting slogans on SUVs in the lot when he again heard glass shattering and watched as Johnson tried to fling a Molotov cocktail into a Hummer side window. He said the device hit the remaining window glass and bounced back, scorching his clothing.

"I was mad," Cottrell said. He said he immediately went to his car, waiting for Johnson and Oe to return as other vehicles went up in flames.

Under questioning by lead defense lawyer Michael Mayock, Cottrell also disputed a key prosecution claim — that he had helped Johnson and Oe fill bottles of gasoline at a service station before the attacks.

Cottrell said that Oe's car had run out of gas a short distance from his apartment and that he drove them to the station where they filled an empty laundry detergent container with fuel that Johnson then poured into Oe's fuel tank.

"This whole issue is a red herring," Cottrell said before being cut off by the judge.

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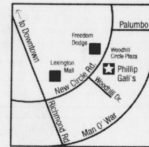


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Russian missile capabilities raise some questions

By Peter Finn
THE WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin told a conference of top military officials Wednesday that Russia was planning to deploy a nuclear missile of a kind that other nuclear powers were unlikely to develop.

Putin gave no other details, but over the last several months, Russian military officials have spoken about developing a ballistic missile that could penetrate any missile defense system, such as the one

being put in place by the United States. It reportedly would have the maneuverability of a cruise missile after re-entering the atmosphere from space, helping it to evade interceptor rockets.

"We have not only conducted tests of the latest nuclear rocket systems," Putin said at a meeting in Moscow of the armed forces leadership, according to Russian news services. "I am sure that in the coming years we will deploy them. ... Moreover, these will be things which do not exist and are unlikely to exist in other nuclear powers."

Russian officials have talked of shield-evading missiles since the 1980s, when the Reagan administration promoted its Strategic Defense Initiative anti-missile system.

In announcing a planned missile defense system in 2001, the Bush administration said it was designed to protect the country from "rogue states" such as North Korea, not Russia's massive arsenal.

But the announcement prompted a new round of statements from Russian officials that their country would develop missiles capable of penetrating such a shield.

CORRECTION

An article in the Nov. 10 edition of The Kernel should have said Lexington residents will be assessed a \$4.50 user fee for the disposal of any additional Herbies. This is not a new policy. In addition, Penny McFadden, an administrative officer for the department of public works, did not say the city wouldn't pick up trash when problems occur at a residency.

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Grace

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Pumpkin Run, a 5K race in her hometown of Marble Cliff, Ohio.

"They dressed in costumes, and I stayed behind with them and held their hands and helped them make it through the race," he said. "They ran pretty well."

Over the years, Grace's interest in the sport grew, he said.

"She really found that she enjoyed running and that she was good, that she had some talent," he said.

It was the "high" of running that kept Grace coming back and wanting to go farther.

"Ever since I started, I've loved doing it," she said. "There's a runner's high you get with all the endorphins and the adrenaline, and it just makes you feel good."

"Sometimes, you take a day or two off, and you can tell because you just don't feel as good."

Through middle school, high school and college, Grace ran as much as she could.

Injuries, however, disrupted her training after her freshman year of high school and at times in college.

As a freshman at Grandview Heights High School in her hometown, she won the state championship in the 3,200 meters. She ended that year as a 5-foot-9 freshman, but she returned to school as a 5-foot-9 sophomore.

It took some time to adjust.

She came to college with an injured right leg that forced her to redshirt.

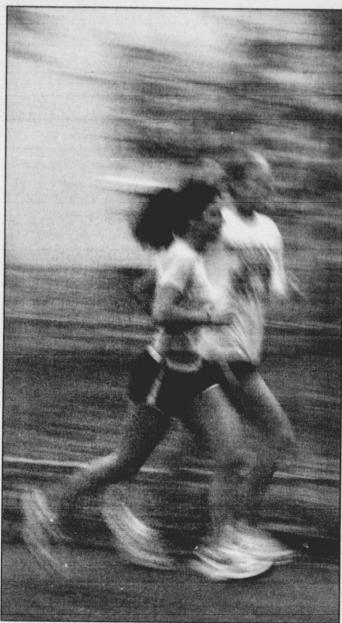
Then she had to undergo surgery to correct the anterior compartment syndrome — an injury that created painful pressure in her right leg.

But she kept running and kept improving.

This season, it all came together.

"This was the first season that she's been healthy enough to train," Steve Grace said. "She has been able to do as much as she wanted. She's worked hard, and she deserves all the success."

This season, Grace took



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Sophomore Emily King (left) and junior Allison Grace run down Cooper Drive on a training run yesterday afternoon. Each member of the team runs at least five miles six days a week — every day except Sunday.

seventh place at the SEC Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., and she earned All-SEC honors.

After that, Grace knew "she was in the right shape" and that she would have a shot at the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

For the Southeast Regional Nov. 13 in Greenville, N.C., she had a simple plan — to stay with the leaders as long as she could.

On race day, she followed the plan.

And her dad followed along from Ohio, thanks to updates from the father of Emily King, a sophomore on the team who's from the same area.

"He called me at the 2K mark and then again at the 5K, so it made me feel like I

was part of the race," Steve Grace said. "It was exciting."

Grace finished 10th, improving upon her SEC Championship time by 30 seconds, and it was good enough to qualify her for the NCAA Championships in Terra Haute, Ind., on Monday.

"I'm going into it like any other race," she said of Nationals. "I want to compete and I want to see what I can do."

Her coach said she's finally caught up to the leaders.

"She's running with some of the best in the nation," Weber said. "When you are running with them, it's special."

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Cards welcome guard's return

By Mike DeCourcy
LOS ANGELES TIMES

No player is more important to his team than Taquan Dean is to Louisville. Anyone want to break a leg and prove me wrong?

He points to the area where the pain would sear through his body each time exercise pushed him toward fatigue. His index finger starts just below the left side of his rib cage, tracing down to a spot near the middle of his thigh. Then he does the same on his right side. That is how it feels to have a double sports hernia.

Though it didn't do him or his Louisville teammates much good, Taquan Dean played regularly through that agony from late January until mid-March. He missed two games and never was the same after returning.

Neither were the Cardinals, who went from a 16-game winning streak to a 4-9 finish.

"It was very depressing," Dean says. "I was so fatigued, I couldn't get up a shot, if you're giving it all you've got and you're still losing, it feels like there's nothing you can do."

Louisville has seen what kind of team it has when

Dean isn't healthy and does not wish to look back. The Cardinals did not enjoy the happiest offseason, losing recruits Sebastian Telfair and Donta Smith to the NBA draft and now freshman power forward Brian Johnson for the season because of pending knee surgery. But Louisville still figures to be better, and Dean's return to health — after surgery in June and an extended rehabilitation — is the most significant reason.

Dean was recruited as a shooting guard but gradually moved to the point.

He is not exceptionally creative but guides the offense with confidence and ranks with the best shooters and defenders at the position. Dean's return to controlling the offense is the biggest reason Louisville will stick around the top 20, for a change.

When Dean was injured and there was little inside game to occupy defenses, Francisco Garcia was expected to deliver too large of a portion of the scoring and had to generate too much on his own. Garcia's field-goal, 3-point and free throw percentages all fell significantly. With Dean's presence leading to better shots and more help

coming from the big men, Garcia should average between 18 and 21 points.

Louisville is not as deep as coach Rick Pitino would prefer. To get to 10 players in the rotation, he has to use walk-ons Perrin Johnson and Brad Gianiny.

That places a governor on Pitino's preference for full-court pressure, though he is considering using a "red team" of reserves — recoloring the "blue team" concept introduced by former North Carolina coach Dean Smith — to periodically enter as an entire unit and turn up the pace of the game.

What hurt nearly as much was the absence of his leadership. Dean still played but was preoccupied with physical challenges.

"He didn't play with the same intensity he couldn't," Garcia says. "It's great that he's better. He brings a lot of energy. He's a leader."

Dean is not completely recovered. He estimates his fitness at 85 percent. There is no pain, though. And the Cardinals' first big game is Monday at the Maui Invitational. That can't hurt, either.

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'Cheers': Fishtank has friendly vibe

The place in Lexington "where everybody knows your name" is located within walking distance of campus.

The Fishtank Bar and Grill, located at 500 Euclid Ave., is a small pub filled with possibilities.

Passersby can see through the glass enclosed bar that patrons range in age, occupation and background. Hippies, Greeks and regular college kids all seem to get along in an atmosphere that thrives on... well, fish.

Suspended over the bar are lights enclosed in fishbowls with happy fish swimming around. But don't stare up too long or you may get dizzy after enjoying the well-mixed drinks.

The drinks are fairly priced with late-night happy hour specials including \$5 pitchers of beer, \$2 well drinks and \$1.75 pints. You can also enjoy five bottles of domestic beer for \$8 per bucket.

Food is served from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. and includes hamburgers, veggie burgers and

sandwiches. Prices range from \$5 to \$8.95. Appetizers are also available and cost \$5.95.

There are also other fish tanks located throughout the bar as well as many wooden tables and chairs. Regulars say it is surprising just how many people can comfortably fit within the small venue.

On Mondays, the Fishtank features the disc jockeys called the 45s of Funk, as well as \$1 draft beers from 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

Those who are restaurant employees can receive food and drink specials every Tuesday — Tuesdays are "Restaurant Employee Appreciation Day." Just show your pay stub or name badge to the bartender to receive the discount.

Patrons can enjoy live music every Thursday through Sunday with bands playing everything from rock 'n' roll to bluegrass. Sunday nights are specifically saved for bluegrass bands.

Tonight at 11:30, Phiasco will play cover tunes by Phish, The Allman Brothers and the Grateful Dead. Cover costs \$3 beginning at 10:30 p.m.

EN2, an electronic rock band from Indianapolis, will play tomorrow night.

When live bands aren't scheduled, you can choose from the wide selection of 100 CDs available in the bar's jukebox.

If live music isn't your thing, you can watch one of



Fishtank General Manager Tom Sandefur changes the marquee for upcoming headlining acts performing at the bar.

the five televisions while enjoying time with your friends. You can also play Ms. Pacman, Galaga, Golden Tee or one of their two touch-screen games at the bar.

The watering hole also features two theme parties per semester.

Although the '80s Night Party was a few months ago and the Pimp and Ho Ball was last night, the owners have already planned the parties for next semester.

Mark March 30 on your calendar for their White Trash Bash — patrons who wear costumes will receive reduced drink prices.

Although the Fishtank doesn't feature Woody Harrel-

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son as a bartender, it certainly can offer an evening of fun in its party-friendly atmosphere.

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Concert

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Trail. We were riding around one day trying to find ideas for our name and drove by it, and thought about it for a while and changed the "trail" to "drive."

Q: Who are the big names in country music that you have toured with?

A: An unknown guy by the name of Toby Keith and a little lady named Shania Twain. Touring with Shania was amazing — performing for five months in front of crowds that were more than 15,000 to 18,000 people was amazing.

Q: What do you like about Kentucky?

A: The weather is great — at home (in Canada), there's a foot of snow on the ground. Plus, it's close to Nashville and being in the area feels like home.

Q: Who inspires you?

A: Jack Bauer, (Kiefer Sutherland's)

character from 24. If I could be anyone for a day, it would be him.

Q: What's the most exciting part of your job?

A: Entertaining on stage is the best. We get to try out music to see and hear people's reaction. We make sure that we (have) a great live show and people leave with a better perception of who we are.

Q: What's the weirdest thing a fan has done?

A: A gentleman came up to us and asked what was the weirdest thing that we had ever signed, and we answered a bra or panties. He asked us if we would sign his leg and we agreed. He had a prosthetic leg — he took it off, put it on the table to be signed. After it was signed, he put it back on and walked away.

Q: What is your favorite song of all time?

A: George Strait's "Unwound."

Q: What's your favorite song that you all sing?

A: It's actually a song that's not on a CD yet — it's called "Lucky Man."

Q: Do you guys have any pre-show

rituals?

A: We chant before we go onstage. It's taken years and years to perfect. We scream like idiots.

Q: Who was your favorite person to perform with?

A: Shania takes that one. She's a major artist with a huge tour — it was like a dream come true.

Q: Who's the most exciting person you've met?

A: It was my baseball coach when I was younger. He was my batting coach, Jim Edmonds — he now plays for the St. Louis Cardinals. I can now look back and see that he's a big star.

Q: Who is your idol?

A: Since I grew up in Canada and played hockey all my life, it would be Wayne Gretzky.

Q: What are your plans for the future?

A: Make millions — and I would love to see longevity in the industry with great fan support.

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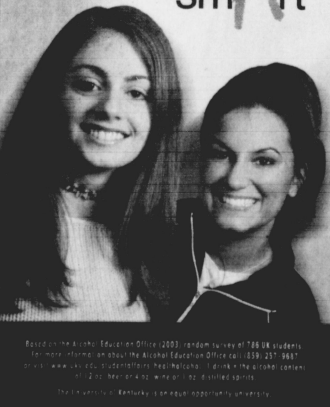
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MEETINGS

- *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
- *UK Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Mtg., 5:00pm, Student Center, Room 205

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

- *UK Yearbook Pictures, 9:00am-5:00pm, Student Center, Cat's Den

ARTS/MOVIES

- *"Minds Wide Open," Monday-Friday, 11:00pm-5:00pm, Radvall Art Gallery, Student Center
- *Picasso at the Lapin Agile by Steve Martin, 8:00pm, Fine Arts Building, Guignol Theatre, Tickets are \$8-\$15, call 257-4929 for more info
- *Emerson Drive, 8:00pm, Grand Ballroom, Student Center

SPORTS

- *UK Tae Kwon Do Club Mtg., 5:30pm-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call 351-7311 for more info
- *UK Hockey Vs. Michigan State, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, Tickets are \$5.00

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Campus Ministry International presents Hold On To Hope, 7:30pm, Student Center, Worsham Theater
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Charities bring tennis stars to Rupp



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Tennis star and model Anna Kournikova joins Venus and Serena Williams for the Lexus Tennis Challenge 4 p.m. Sunday at Rupp Arena.

By Jeff Patterson
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Anna Kournikova can grab everyone's attention. Sunday, the model/tennis star will use her fame for a charitable cause.

In The Lexus Tennis Challenge 4 p.m. Sunday at Rupp Arena, Kournikova will appear with Brenda Shultz-McCarthy and Venus and Serena Williams.

Funds raised by the event will go to the Tubby Smith Foundation, the Jamal Mashburn Scholarship Fund and the OWL Foundation.

The OWL Foundation, created in 1998 by Oracene Price, the mother of the Williams sisters, provides money to programs that address the learning problems of individual youths who have experienced academic failure.

UK men's tennis coach Dennis Emery expects anywhere from 2,500 to 5,000 fans for the event.

"You've got Venus and Serena, who are in the top-5 all time," Emery said. "And then Anna is one of the top-5 known athletes."

Both the UK men's and women's teams will attend the

event to learn from some of the best players in the world.

"Being around those players, you get confidence," Emery said.

But Emery may have to make sure his players aren't drooling over Kournikova. "It's going to be hard to keep them away from her," Emery said.

Getting involved in a charitable cause is what Emery is really excited about, however. "This is much more for those foundations than us," Emery said.

The OWL Foundation started in 1991, when Price and her daughters moved to Florida.

But Emery also would like to see this event have an impact on his own program.

"You hope to raise the level of tennis in the whole community," Emery said. "You hope they come back to our tennis matches and to the Fifth Third Tournament."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

UK swimming rises in rankings

The UK men's swimming and diving squad has moved up three spots to No. 12 in the College Swimming Coaches Association of America rankings released yesterday.

The Cats opened the season at No. 20 and jumped five spots to No. 15 in the Nov. 4 CSCAA rankings. The complete rankings are available at www.cscaa.org.

The UK men's and women's swim squads travel to Bloomington, Ind., this

weekend for the Indiana Invitational, while the UK diving team heads to Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Invitational.

Time change for UK basketball game

The start time for UK's Nov. 26 men's basketball game with Georgia State has been moved to 8 p.m. from its original start time of 7 p.m. due to television conflict.

The game will be seen live through the UKTV network, which in Lexington is on WKYT-27.

UK men's golf signs two recruits

The UK men's golf program has signed Andy Wiggins and Kentucky native Jordan Blann to national letters of intent, UK coach Brian Craig announced yesterday.

Wiggins, a Brownsburg, Ind., native one, advanced to the sectional of the US Open as a sophomore, and Blann, a Bowling Green, Ky., native, is a two-time All-State member.

Blann also has won over 35 junior golf events and was

honored as a Past Future Collegians World Tour Honorable Mention All-American.

The duo will join the team for the Fall 2005 season.

Soccer players earn honors

UK soccer seniors Jamal Shteivi and Olli Lehtimäki have been named to the Academic All-Mid-American Conference team, the league announced yesterday.

Each earned the honor for the second consecutive season.

Compiled from UK Athletics reports

Krystal Ball

Staff picks for the weekend of Nov. 20, 2004



Derek Poore (57-20)

last week: 6-1

Iowa 30, Wisconsin 23
Clemson 27, South Carolina 13
Auburn 38, Alabama 17
Ohio St. 17, Michigan 16
Florida St. 28, Florida 21
Oregon St. 31, Oregon 21
Missouri 38, Kansas 21

Leslie Wilhite (57-20)

last week: 5-2

Wisconsin 17, Iowa 13
Clemson 19, South Carolina 14
Auburn 30, Alabama 17
Michigan 24, Ohio St. 20
Florida St. 28, Florida 21
Oregon 20, Oregon St. 17
Missouri 33, Kansas 21

Ben Roberts (53-24)

last week: 5-2

Iowa 17, Wisconsin 14
South Carolina 16, Clemson 15
Auburn 35, Alabama 3
Michigan 27, Ohio St. 12
Florida St. 27, Florida 21
Oregon St. 23, Oregon 21
Missouri 30, Kansas 20

Lindsey Keith (52-25)

last week: 6-1

Wisconsin 38, Iowa 34
Clemson 17, South Carolina 14
Auburn 34, Alabama 21
Michigan 21, Ohio St. 21
Florida St. 31, Florida 24
Oregon 14, Oregon St. 10
Kansas 21, Missouri 17

Jeff Patterson (52-25)

last week: 5-2

Wisconsin 21, Iowa 13
Clemson 41, South Carolina 27
Auburn 23, Alabama 17
Michigan 38, Ohio St. 2
Florida St. 21, Florida 20
Oregon St. 27, Oregon 24
Missouri 30, Kansas 23

Josh Sullivan (52-25)

last week: 5-2

Wisconsin 35, Iowa 17
South Carolina 27, Clemson 21
Auburn 58, Alabama 2
Michigan 40, Ohio St. 3
Florida St. 28, Florida 21
Oregon St. 10, Oregon 7
Missouri 17, Kansas 13

Tim Wiseman (51-26)

last week: 4-3

Wisconsin 14, Iowa 12
Clemson 21, South Carolina 17
Auburn 13, Alabama 6
Michigan 21, Ohio St. 18
Florida St. 28, Florida 24
Oregon St. 35, Oregon 31
Missouri 28, Kansas 21

Sara Cunningham (51-26)

last week: 3-4

Wisconsin 2, Iowa 0
South Carolina 2, Clemson 0
Auburn 2, Alabama 0
Michigan 2, Ohio St. 0
Florida St. 2, Florida 0
Oregon 2, Oregon St. 0
Missouri 2, Kansas 0

Steve Ivey (50-27)

last week: 4-3

Wisconsin 20, Iowa 17
Clemson 17, South Carolina 9
Auburn 31, Alabama 17
Michigan 14, Ohio St. 10
Florida St. 28, Florida 21
Oregon St. 35, Oregon 31
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IN OUR OPINION

Radio hoax made fools of everyone involved

Smoking is now banned in private cars. Anyone seen lighting up while careening down Interstate 75, New Circle Road, Rose Street or any other roadway, freeway or driveway in the confines of Fayette County will now be committing an illegal act.

Give us a break. This "news" was heard last Wednesday on Z-103, WXZZ 103.3 FM, when many of you were probably driving to school.

Due to the vehicle-smoking-ban prank, many angry callers phoned into the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government offices, including the offices of the police and the mayor.

"Twitch," "Mary Jane" and "Kyle," the show's hosts, were suspended with pay until yesterday morning.

At first, Mayor Teresa Isaac said the city was going to file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission. Since then, she has taken that back.

Instead, Cumulus Broadcasting, which owns the radio station, will make an apology to the council tomorrow night, provide a written promise that future hoaxes will not involve the city or its services and make \$500 donations to the Police Activities League and the Tubby's Clubhouse project, a story in yesterday's Lexington Herald-Leader said.

Urban county officials also plan to send a letter of complaint to the corporate offices of Cumulus and to Z-103 to be included in their public files.

First, to the listeners who took this hoax as truth, we question the presence of your

common sense. Don't you think if the urban county government was going to ban smoking in private vehicles there would be an uproar far preceding a morning rock radio show's broadcast?

And if you're looking to a rock radio show for your daily headlines, you really need to assess the value in that.

Second, we praise the urban county government's decision not to file with the FCC. While we can understand the frustration 875 angry calls could bring, an FCC complaint would occupy time that could be put to more important matters.

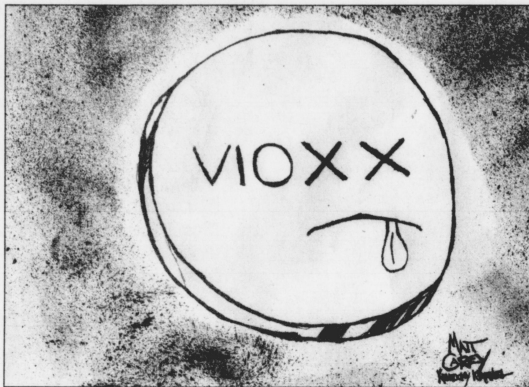
Lastly, to Z-103: Be more responsible with your airwaves. Heaven forbid you would have to break into your morning show and tell listeners that something really bad did happen.

While Z-103 isn't a news outlet and shouldn't be taken as one (see first point), major news events might require breaking into normal programming and protocol. Do you think anyone will believe you now?

In 1938, radio listeners were told Martians were invading Grovers Mill, N.J. (It's the station's interpretation of the War of the Worlds; get it?)

Some of those listeners weren't too bright and took it as truth, but nonetheless, most of those listeners didn't think that hoax was too funny.

Neither was this one. And in the end, all this prank did was needlessly anger gullible listeners, frustrate government officials and make the radio station and three of its hosts look like fools.



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Specter the victim of GOP exclusion

The party of exclusion. That's how conservative Georgia Sen. Zell Miller referred to the Democratic Party upon unofficially deserting it during the 2004 campaign season.

Miller claimed the Democrats were no longer open-minded enough to accept the conservative views held by him and other, mostly Southern, Democratic leaders.

He felt so strongly that it was the Republicans who now hold the monopoly on inclusiveness that he penned a Democratic Party-bashing book and delivered the keynote speech at the Republican National Convention in August.

I wonder what Miller's U.S. Senate colleague Arlen Specter thinks about the Georgian's claim.

Specter, a moderate Republican who was just elected to serve Pennsylvania for a fifth term, finds himself in a bitter battle with conservatives over who will replace Sen. Orrin Hatch as the chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

As the second-ranking member of the judiciary committee, Specter was in line to be Hatch's successor when the GOP Judiciary Committee members vote on the position in January. (Hatch is leaving the committee due to party-imposed term limits on chairmanships.)

But conservative activists are fighting Specter's promotion because of a comment the Pennsylvania senator made after the election regarding abortion rights.

When asked about the confirmation chances of Supreme Court nominees who would seek to overturn Roe v. Wade, Specter said the following:

"The president is well aware of what happened, when a number of his nominees were sent up, with the filibuster. And I would expect the president to be mindful of the considerations which I am mentioning."

Now to any rational human being, this should make sense. It is true that when President Bush has attempted to nominate judges who oppose abortion rights, his efforts have been thwarted by Democratic filibusters. It is also true that any attempt to nominate a pro-life judge to the Supreme Court would without a doubt be met with a filibuster.

Specter was simply warning the president of something he probably already realized; the nomination of a Supreme Court justice opposing Roe v. Wade would result in a lengthy and heated Senate confirmation hearing, which would ultimately end with that nominee's defeat.

He never said he would personally hold up a pro-life nominee. He simply said it would be a losing battle if one were to be nominated.

But with Specter's duties as judiciary chairman requiring him to push judicial nominees to the full Senate from the committee level, many pro-choice conservatives were taken aback by the statement.

Several Republican lawmakers expressed concern with the remarks, and anti-abortion rights activists staged a "pray-in" outside the Capitol this week protesting Specter's promotion — simply because he pointed out a reality.

Meanwhile, Senate Democrats just named Sen. Harry Reid to replace defeated minority leader Tom Daschle. While representing Nevada in the senate, Reid's votes on abortion have earned him a 29 percent rating, which indicates a pro-life record, from the watchdog organization NARAL.

So the pro-choice party is, in effect, giving its most influential legislative position to someone who strays from the party line on a crucial issue to voters. The party has entrusted Reid to be its primary and most powerful spokesman, despite the fact that he disagrees with the majority of them on abortion.

That's something the Republican leadership would never allow.

Specter has been a Republican senator and, for the most part, supported the Republican platform for almost 25 years now. Of all the Republicans on the judiciary committee, he has the knowledge, the experience and the history of bipartisanship to lead the most effectively.

But now the ultra-conservatives in the Republican Party want to condemn him and his record because of a factual statement about an issue where they'll allow no dissension.

This is the party of inclusion?

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UK parking enforcement crosses the line

I will be the first to admit that I have favored the side of UK's parking patrol a number of times. Students complain about tickets and lack of parking, but often it is their own laziness that drives them to bypass a 10- to 15-minute walk to campus.

Other students live farther from campus and have chosen to forfeit the opportunity for a parking pass. Instead, they claim they have the secret spot to park until the day they find the infamous "parking boot" on their wheel.

I want to stress the fact that I am not saying it is all the fault of students. I have seen the overwhelming amount of cars on a given weekday flooding campus lots and have heard stories of students not receiving parking passes they applied for.

However, what I witnessed Monday evening, Nov. 16, was one of the most ridiculous and illogical events during my three and a half years at UK. I was in attendance at the Seaton Fields to watch the championship Greek flag football games.

Any time you have two Greek organizations battling it out for a title and bragging rights, you can expect the crowds to gather. Students came in flocks and parked along Cooper Drive next to the fields.

In the middle of the games, I turned around, and to my dismay, the

parking patrol officers had arrived. They proceeded to ticket every car along Cooper Drive while owners were pleading with them after sprinting to their own financial rescue.

Now, here is where I ponder in confusion. The university relies heavily on its student organizations. We as students stress the importance of parking in well-lit areas, but that specific parking garage's lighting is dismal, and there is construction making the environment even more ideal and inconspicuous for criminals.

Once again, my anger at the situation is not a representation of my overall opinion of the parking dilemma. I am merely stating that the university's parking patrol must realize there are situations where students should be given exceptions to the rules.

Monday was a prime example, and as far as I'm concerned, if you aren't going to provide ample parking in safe locations for certain events then please explain why the student body as a whole should continue to support its university.

But if you feel saving a 10 foot stretch of grass along Cooper Drive that is littered with cigarette butts and other items of trash is more important than the safety of your students, then I guess the student body as a whole has been misled.

Yes, it is one of those wonders of nature, so why in the world do you punish kids for parking on the grass for two hours to support their own organizations, while not ticketing cars during game days that remain on the grass for up to 12 hours. So I ask, what is the dif-

ference?

I tried to think of what might be used in the parking patrol's defense, and all I could come up with was the parking garage across University Drive that is open to the public after 4:30 p.m. However, I do not find this justifiable because of the sexual abuse incident that happened in March in Parking Structure No. 5 on Limestone Street and the outrageous vehicle crime rates on campus.

The police and the university stress the importance of parking in well-lit areas, but that specific parking garage's lighting is dismal, and there is construction making the environment even more ideal and inconspicuous for criminals.

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IN OUR OPINION

Bleed for Blue and save a life

There's no need to be intimidated by the University of Tennessee's nickname.

UK and the Volunteers are facing off this week in competition for a worthy cause.

During "Big Blue Crush," (or "Big Orange Crush" as our friends to the south are calling it), the UK

and UT communities are battling to see who can donate the most blood.

Through two days of the blood drive, the Vols had out-donated the Cats by a tally of 1001-879 pints.

Yesterday's turnout was encouraging. Those hoping to donate had to wait about an hour during the afternoon at the engi-

neering building.

According to the Mayo Clinic, only 5 percent of eligible donors in the United States donate blood, but the number of transfusions goes up 9 percent every year. And each blood donation can help as many as three people.

The Red Cross Web site states that whole blood

donations have increased every year since 1997, with the biggest surge coming in 2001 following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

The UK community should unite, not only behind its desire to best its counterpart in Knoxville, but also to help the blood supply in Central Kentucky and maybe save a life.

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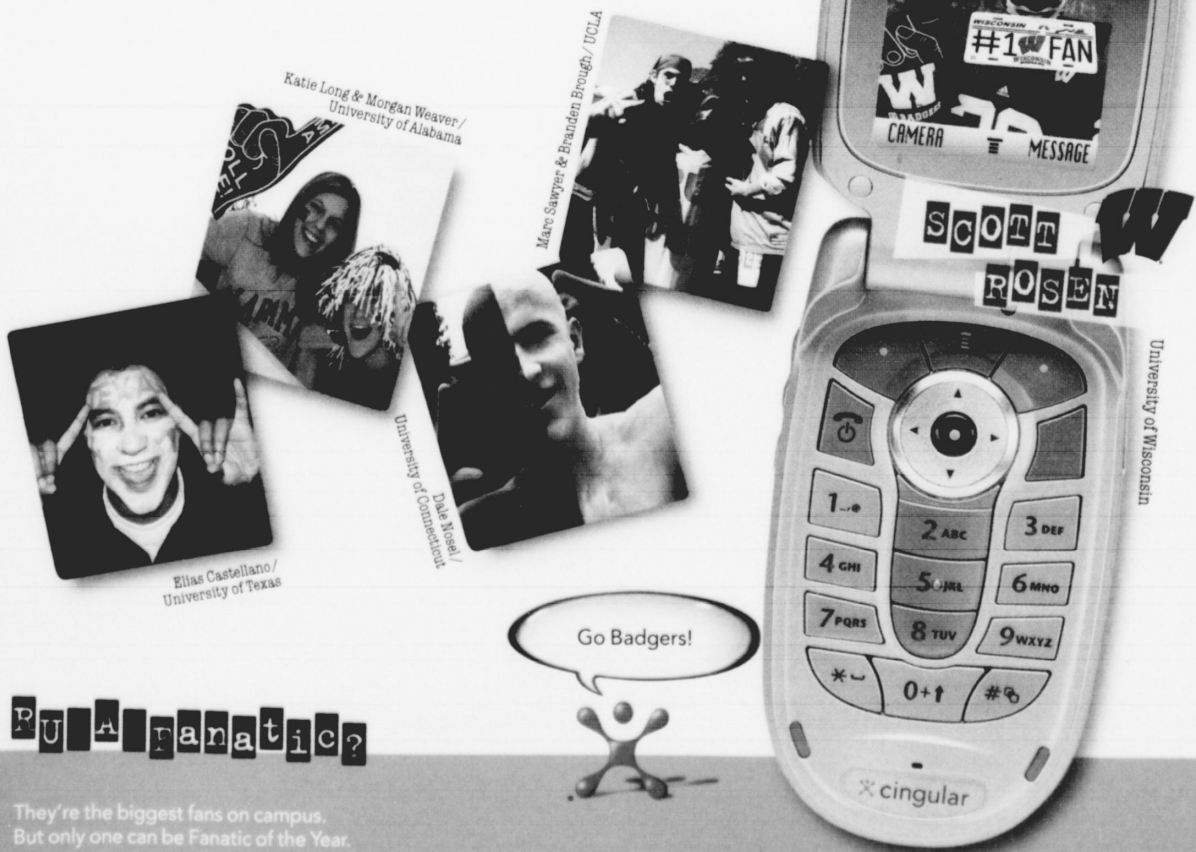


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The First Word on the Big Names and Games

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by ADAM DUERSON



I SAID IT LAST YEAR:

Be patient with the BCS. These things sort themselves out. To wit: Wisconsin's dismantling at Michigan State. As for the top three, ABC's studio crew was spot-on in its observation that USC, Oklahoma and Auburn will go undefeated, and USC—playing in the weakest conference—will get the short end of the stick. That's not a BCS problem. That's a Pac-10 problem.

2 MUST-HAVES

Goldeneye: Rogue Agent (Nov. 22 release) Sorry, girlfriends. Bond is back with another date-breaker.

Iowa's Kinnick Stadium scoreboard (on eBay until 1 p.m. on Nov. 18) Hahaha. Some punk kid put Iowa's scoreboard on eBay. "Includes controls and JumboTron." Starting bid: \$10,000. How clever. What a riot. Says an Iowa spokesman: "No, it's for real." Oh, well. O.K. then. (So far, no takers.)



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Adam Duritz

THE GOLDEN BEAR CUM COUNTING CROWS FRONTMAN is a big Cal

backer. Two weeks ago he flew to California to vote in the election and catch the men's and women's basketball teams, not necessarily in that order. So as the No. 4 Bears football squad continues its run as the surprise team of the year, we struck up a conversation with the man with the Cal jones.

► **What's your best Cal football memory?** The Band game in '82. I was 18 and there with my sister. Her best friend's dad went to Stanford and roomed with [former major league pitcher] Jim Lonborg, who was a huge Stanford fan. As soon as the game ended, we ran all the way across the stadium—which is insane—to find their seats and taunt them. It was awesome.

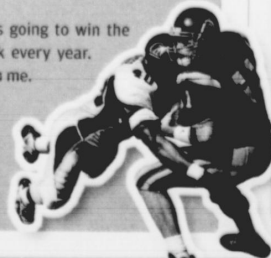
► **Are you feeling that excitement yet this year?** Oh, I told my band I wouldn't even talk to them until after the New Year. Yeah.

► **Cal won't have to play in a conference championship game.** I'm opposed to championship games for the same reason I'm opposed to a playoff system: Kids need to go to school, and that extra game takes away from that. It cuts right into finals, which at some schools may not be that hard, but finals at Cal are a b----. At Stanford they're a b----. At UCLA, a b----. [The Pac-10's] got some really heavily academic schools. I've been through Cal finals. It's no walk in the park. Conferences have championships for one reason: greed.

► **In 2003 you gave a pregame speech to the team before its upset of USC. What'd you say?** To sum it up, I said, "I hate these guys. Kick their asses. I hate them. I suffered through eight years of living in L.A., so you should kick their asses; they're obnoxious." There was more to it, but it was basically like that.

► **How about a Final Four pick?** Cal's going to win the national championship. That's my pick every year. Cal, Cal, Cal. You'll get nothing else from me.

► **Well, who will they beat, at least?** Gosh, I don't know. I've been too focused on football to think about it.



MONEY PICKS

NOVEMBER 20

MICHIGAN AT OHIO STATE, 1 p.m., ABC.

Upsets tend to happen here, but Michigan has found its A game late in the year . . . again. **Michigan 38, OSU 16**



AUBURN AT ALABAMA,

3:30 p.m., CBS. If the Tide had any passing game, it might be able to hang—for a while. Tide gets rolled. **Auburn 38, Alabama 20**

STANFORD AT CAL

3:30 p.m., Fox Sports Net. The Cardinal has run with the best (USC, ASU) and fallen to the truly hapless (UCLA). A win here only makes sense—I guess. **Stanford 26, Cal 23**

WISCONSIN AT IOWA

4:30 p.m., ESPN. You don't suppose Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz noticed the gaping weaknesses that Michigan State exposed in the Badgers' highly touted D, do ya? **Iowa 27, Wisconsin 18**

FLORIDA STATE AT FLORIDA

7:45 p.m., ESPN. When's the last time this state's been so irrelevant? **Florida State 27, Florida 21**

LAST WEEK'S RECORD:

SEASON RECORD:

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moment

11.13.04

Boston College tight end David Kashetta was in the zone last Saturday. We'll call it the Highlight Zone. He's just happy to call it the end zone, where he found himself on the receiving end of this second-quarter TD catch in BC's 46-14 upset of Big East foe Virginia Tech. The victory was the Eagles' first in Morgantown since 1990.

PHOTOGRAPH BY SIMON BILLY

> THE MAURICE CLARETT VIBE

M.C.'s Hammer

Maurice Clarett pounded Ohio State with new accusations. Would he have been better off following the example of Mike Williams? *by Arash Markazi*

THEY WILL FOREVER be linked. Like Magic and Bird, LeBron and Carmelo, Cheech and Chong. One just isn't the same without the other.

For ex-USC receiver Mike Williams, having your name wedded to ex-Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett has to be like being hitched to a mail-order bride from hell.

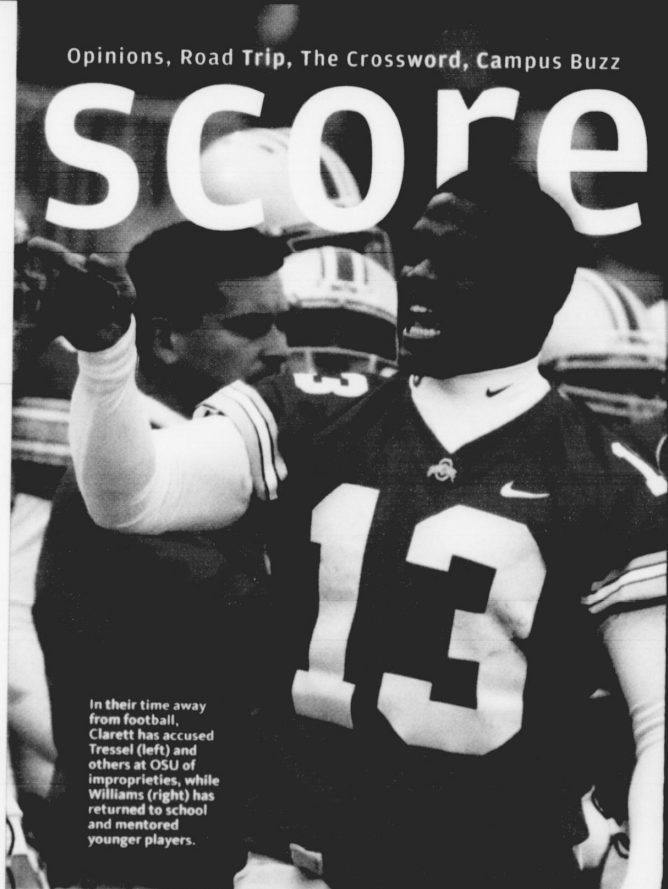
Did you hear? Clarett was once again in the news last week. In a story in *ESPN The Magazine* he accused Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel of arranging for pricey loaner cars and others associated with the school of giving him cash, putting him in classes designed to keep him eligible and setting him up with a bogus summer job. Tressel and Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger have denied all of the allegations.

Clarett said that airing his dirty laundry was the best way to clear his name with NFL teams. If Clarett really wanted to know the best way to clear his name, he should have called the only other person who knows what it's like to be locked out of the NFL right now.

It was never Williams's intention to be linked with Clarett. In fact, when Clarett won a court ruling to enter the NFL,

Williams was not planning on following the running back's lead. But when Williams was told by scouts that he'd be a top 10 pick, he declared for the draft. With the subsequent change to his eligibility (the original ruling was overturned on appeal), Williams changed, too. Unlike Clarett, Williams changed for the better.

Williams didn't fight the NFL on its



In their time away from football, Clarett has accused Tressel (left) and others at OSU of improprieties, while Williams (right) has returned to school and mentored younger players.

refusal to grant him and Clarett a special exemption in the wake of the appeals court decision. He didn't fight the NCAA after it ruled he could not be reinstated to the Trojans, a second chance most believed he deserved. And he never fought his school, asking USC only for its forgiveness in leaving the program for the opportunity at millions of dollars that any other 20-year-old would have taken if given the chance.

While Clarett has virtually gone into hiding and alienated his former school, Williams is soaking up his last semester at USC, attending

FROM LEFT: MIKE MANNEN/COLUMBIAN; CLARETT: GUY LAWRENCE/REUTERS; WILLIAMS: JIM BARNHART/REUTERS; TRESSSEL: JIM FELBERMAN

> THE VIBE BEYOND OHIO STATE

They've Said It

Clarett's allegations against Ohio State created big headlines outside of Columbus. Here are excerpts from some college newspapers that weighed in

"Before everyone throws Ohio State to the lions, let's take a second to remember who is making these claims. . . . Not exactly the pick of the litter when it comes to honest human beings." —Chris Burke, *The Michigan Daily*

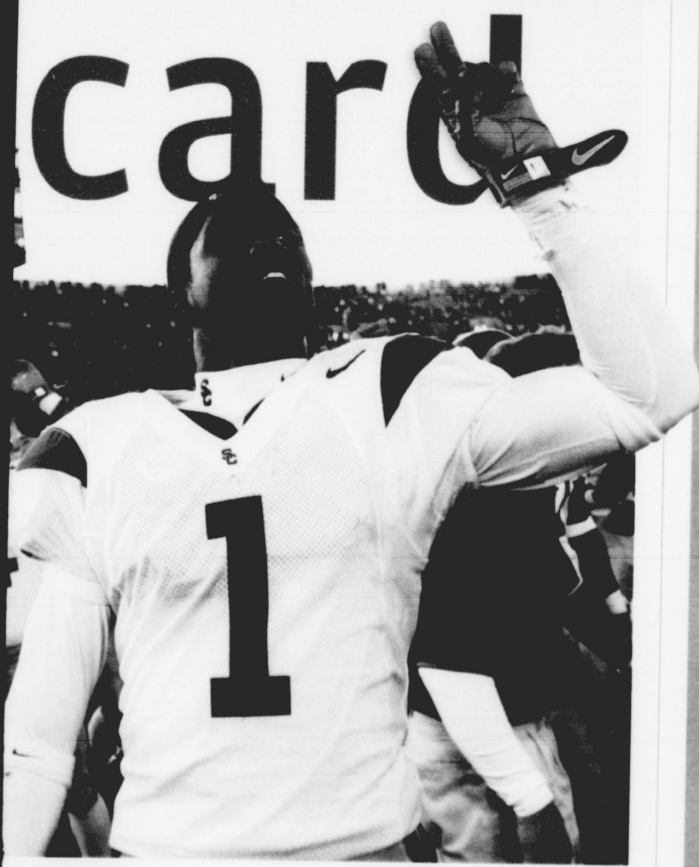
"It would not surprise me if the majority of Division I schools

were guilty of violating [these] policies." —Eric Schmoltdt, *Wisconsin's The Daily Cardinal*

"If general managers were worried [last April] about the maturity of a then-19-year-old in the NFL, how worried must they be now that Clarett has shown he has the maturity of someone half that age?" —Mark

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> THE VIBE AT OHIO STATE

Mad as Hell

In the wake of the latest chapter of Clarettgate, Buckeye Nation has declared its once-beloved running back to be Public Enemy No. 1 *by Aaron Stollar*

LIKE THAT ANNOYING RELATIVE who won't leave your dinner party, Maurice Clarett refuses to leave Ohio State alone. Except that instead of simply telling some harmless yarns about ol' Uncle Herb in Sheboygan, Clarett isn't leaving the table until he's spilled every last dirty family secret.

So what's the vibe in the Buckeye State? Glad you asked. We're Buckeye-red in the face, not out of embarrassment, mind you, but with anger. Columbus is no different from any other major college football town in its darkest hour. Rally behind your program. Foxhole mentality. Seize upon every fact that would buttress our innocence—and undermine Clarett's credibility. *Clarett lied to NCAA investigators 14 months ago. . . . Where are the dates, receipts, the paper trail to back up Clarett's latest allegations? . . . Reputable ex-Buckeyes such as Mike Vrabel are backing up the school. . . . Disreputable ex-Buckeyes such as Marco Cooper and Sammy Maldonado are corroborating Clarett's claims. And on and on.*

Athletic director Andy Geiger knows how the game works. He knows that Clarett is about as tainted a witness as they come. He reminds Buckeyes fans and America about Clarett's past loose relationship with the truth. He reassures his constituency that he has nothing to hide and, in his best let's-roll/bring-it-on fashion, invites—practically begs—the NCAA to come in and investigate. *We've got nothing to hide. Put on a confident face.*

It's a predictable and, maybe in the short term, an effective strategy. But beneath our self-assured, outraged veneer, there's reason to be fearful. Does any Buckeyes fan really believe that Clarett, however unsubstantiated many of his allegations are, could weave so detailed and complex a tale? Do I believe that some of the allegations that Clarett makes against OSU are true? Yes. Just as they are at almost every other college football power across

America. With the NCAA likely returning to campus to reopen the investigation, the question is not whether they will find anything but how much they will find.

Aaron Stollar, an Ohio State senior, is sports editor of *The Lantern*.

classes as he prepares for April's NFL draft. He continues to help out his teammates, cheering them on from the sideline at home games and providing guidance to young players such as freshman receiver Dwayne Jarrett.

If Clarett had taken a page from Williams's book, he might be looked upon as highly as Williams is in the eyes of the NFL. As it is, Clarett is quickly becoming the Fatone to Williams's Timberlake, a forgotten figure who will always wonder where it all went wrong.

Osborne, UConn's *The Daily Campus*
"Clarett's past is foggy, and for him to say he wants to 'clear his name' with the NFL . . . is nothing more than self-preservation." —Clayton Jones, *Oregon Daily Emerald*
"While I actually believe that Clarett is telling the truth, I believe that the only reason he decided

to come clean is because he has been out of the national spotlight and he needs some publicity." —Matt Reinick, *Arizona State's The State Press*
"Maurice Clarett is in the news. It's really not that surprising, considering he's like an attention-starved toddler begging for the spotlight." —Chris Gibson, *LSU's The Reveille*



OSU fans have abandoned their efforts to "liberate" Clarett.

FROM LEFT: MIKE MURPHY/COLUMBUS DISPATCH; GARY BOGDANSKI; JOE RAYMOND/AP; AL TELEMANS

the EDGE



In 2003 former LSU nonscholarship hoopsters Brandon Landry and Jack Warner opened a Baton Rouge bar and restaurant, **Walk-On's**. On Nov. 4, LSU left tackle and All-America candidate Andrew Whitworth (6' 7", 328 pounds) walked into the joint and made a run at eating them out of business

by ADAM DUERSON



STEVE FRANZ (TOP)

FIRST COURSE

(12 oz. grilled rib-eye steak with crawfish and cream sauce; chicken club sandwich; waffle cheese fries; a seafood quesadilla; baked potato smothered in cheese; a plate of fried alligator chunks; two jumbo mozzarella cheese logs; nine jumbo fried shrimp; dozen raw oysters; onion rings; crab claws; pitcher of water)

SI: You don't appear too intimidated by this spread. What do you normally eat?

AW: I'll usually have a 20-ounce protein shake and a bowl of apple cinnamon Quaker Oats—usually about three packs—for breakfast. In class I'll grab a candy bar or two. Twix or Snickers. After class I'll grab a footlong double-cajun turkey sub with everything on it at the local mart. And a Gatorade. After practice I'll get a "late plate" [a team-provided meal for players who have late classes or activities], usually two grilled chicken breasts with mashed potatoes and vegetables.

SI: Good grief.

AW: I ain't done, man. I usually eat three or four dinners. I'll go out to dinner again with my girlfriend at Outback Steakhouse, get a basket of coconut shrimp, salad, a baked potato and a 20 oz. fillet, which I cut in half and put in between two sets of burger buns. A little later I might eat a sandwich or go to McDonald's and get some Quarter Pounders. Then I'll grab a protein shake.

SI: Some Quarter Pounders?

AW: Depends. Last night I got two Quarter Pounders, two apple pies and a Powerade.

SI: What does your girlfriend think about this regimen?

AW: She hated it when we first started dating. She put on some weight because I was taking her out to eat all the time. She had to train herself not to be hungry just because I was.

SECOND COURSE

(12 oz. grilled rib-eye steak with crawfish and cream sauce; waffle fries; chicken fingers; sweet tea)

SI: Do you always eat out, or do you cook at home?

AW: Oh, I cook. Nothing extreme. I usually do some chicken breasts, hamburgers, steaks and make some potato casserole. Mostly anything you can throw on a grill.

SI: Where'd you learn your way around the grill?

AW: I watch that guy Emeril on the Food Network sometimes, but I'm more of a throw-some-AI-on-it-and-toss-it-on-the-grill type of guy. I'm not generally too interested in what it tastes like.

SI: Any personal recipes?

AW: In high school I would make a box of macaroni and cheese and cook a can of chili. Then I'd mix 'em all up in a bowl and eat that with a big glass of sweet tea. Chili Mac. That's my best one.

EATING CONTEST

(Two jumbo mozzarella cheese logs and a plate of waffle fries each. First to finish wins. Think of it as a gastronomic halftime show.)

SI: You must rock at eating contests.

AW: I once ate a 14-inch pizza in three minutes. I just folded it over and scarfed it. I think you may have me here, though.

SI: You know, one of these cheese logs is more than I eat in a lunch sitting.

AW: Oh, stop. You just let me eat all this other stuff myself. You haven't had a bite yet.

SI: What do I get if I beat you?

AW: I'll let you live.

THE FAT FIVE

Andrew Whitworth's top five foods

1. TACO BELL'S "10 TACOS IN A BOX" DEAL:

"My grandpa used to always take me out for this deal when I was a kid, but I'm pretty sure it's gone now. I went from 6' 4", 220 my eighth-grade year to 6' 7", 275 my freshman year of high school. That was mostly tacos."

2. MOM'S SPAGHETTI:

"If my mom is coming into town, she has to bring spaghetti, lasagna and manicotti."

4. BURGER KING'S TWO-FOR-\$2 WHOPPERS:

"I'd usually do three or four of those."

3. ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET (\$8.95) AT THE GREAT WALL CHINESE RESTAURANT (BATON ROUGE):

"The second I walk in, they boogie into the back 'cuz they know they need more food."

5. JOHNNY'S PIZZA HOUSE (MONROE, LA.):

"You can get Take-n-Bake pizzas to cook at home. My parents usually bring me four or five of 'em when they visit. That'll last me a couple days."



SI: I should have had you try the "gallon of milk in an hour" bet.

AW: Oh, yeah, it's impossible. I don't know anyone who's finished. I did try the "eight Saltines in a minute" bet. Ain't no way.

[An LSU official along for the meal attempts the feat and fails miserably: four down in one minute.]

AW: You're killing me with those french fries. I don't like fries.

SI: No fast food for you, then?

AW: Usually, no. In high school my buddies and I would always go to Wendy's after games, and I would eat eight [quarter-pound] double stacks. But I try to stay away from that for the most part now.

[Whitworth loses interest and goes back to steak number 2. Victory: SIOC]

DESSERT

(Oversized hot fudge, brownie and ice cream sundae)

SI: You actually seem pretty healthy.

AW: My body fat's about 21%. Most linemen are above 25%; a linebacker's usually 18%. I'm pretty lean. I'm actually only a 38-inch waist.

SI: How full are you now?

AW: Honestly? Not really. I'll be starving again in a few minutes. I get full if something is too rich, but usually not from too much actual food. If I moved on to something else, if you put a stack of grilled-cheese sandwiches in front of me now, I could sit here and eat 'em no problem. Or some buttered rolls. Man, I could kill some buttered rolls right now.

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An Old Cliché

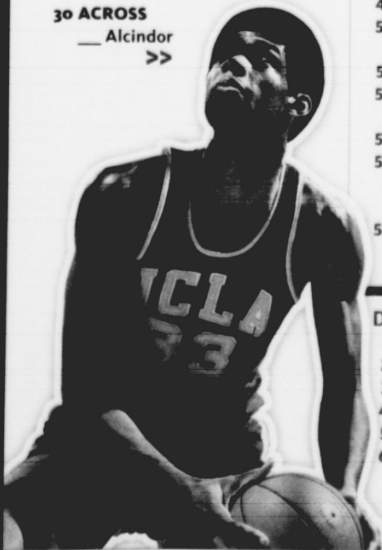
by Bill Syken

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- 5 ___ *Another Day*
- 8 Necklace part
- 12 To state, Shakespeare-style
- 13 Special ___
- 14 Arm bone
- 15 Betting info
- 16 Another word for 1-Across
- 17 Cake level
- 18 Football cliché: ___ from the pocket
- 20 Football cliché: ___ coverage
- 21 Mess (with)
- 22 Tiny
- 23 Redskins cornerback
- 26 Football cliché: ___ footsteps
- 31 Opposite of in
- 32 Brazil hot spot
- 33 Purpose
- 36 Won a series in straight games
- 38 Royal flush finisher
- 39 Constricting snake
- 40 Football cliché: ___ pass
- 43 Football cliché: ___ tackler

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- 48 Mrs. **Garciparra** >
- 49 Run ___ Run
- 50 Actor Christian ___
- 51 Loan stat
- 52 Mr. Holland had one
- 53 Kill
- 54 The Unabomber, to pals
- 55 Actress Amanda ___



DOWN

- 1 What two quarters make
- 2 *The ___ Dead*
- 3 List of options
- 4 Magic word
- 5 Popular dwarf
- 6 Some BMWs now come with one

- 7 Abbreviation on building cornerstones
- 8 Lakers' Caron ___
- 9 Obscure former big leaguer Chacon
- 10 Way to begin
- 11 Mild epithet
- 19 Smokin'
- 20 *The Golden Girls's* Arthur
- 22 Soaked
- 23 ___ Punk
- 24 ___ culpa
- 25 Temple athlete
- 26 Embrace
- 27 Anger
- 28 ___ in the bud
- 29 Understood
- 31 Singular
- 34 **Jessica Simpson's husband** >>
- 35 I, in Munich
- 36 Old French coin
- 37 Beat badly



- 39 ___ game (e.g., Monopoly)
- 40 Keep ___ on
- 41 Type of exam
- 42 Jaleel White's alma mater
- 43 ___ the slate clean
- 44 Another word for 1-Across
- 45 Carolina color
- 46 Where beasts are, inevitably
- 48 Wrestling locale



Last week's answers

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roadtrip

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OF ALASKA

Anchorage isn't such a hot college town, but it does have the Great Alaska Shootout, the greatest preseason college basketball show on Earth *by Bill Syken*

For out-of-staters like Drake (with ball), the weather is cold but the people are always warm.



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AL GRELO (PLAYERS); CLARK JAMES



THE SAWDUST IS PILED about an inch deep on the floor, but more of note is the underwear, which goes about two inches deep, pinned to the ceiling and walls. These are no dainty garments, for the most part—judging from their size, many

had to do some heavy lifting before coming here to retire. Welcome to the **Bird House**, located in the back right corner of a warehouse-sized drinking establishment known as **Chilkoot Charlie's**. In 2000 *Playboy* named the 15,000-square-foot



SCORECARD



'Koots, which is divided into 11 sections such as the Bird House, the best bar in the country. And while more than a few of America's choice night-spots have similar bra-and-panty displays, it tells you something about Anchorage's end-of-the-earth quality that 'Koots is a center of community life. 'Koots can officially hold 999 people, yet on cold nights rough customers are lined up outside, waiting to get in. If there's something better going on most nights, no one cares.

There are two exceptions to this rule. One diversion from 'Koots is the Iditarod sled-dog race in March, and the other is SIOC's favorite pre-season hoops tournament, the Great Alaska Shootout, in November, when elite men's basketball teams such as Duke and last year's champion, Purdue, leave their cushy environs and venture north to this frigid frontier—whether their players like it or not. Miami center Tito Horford memorably endeared himself to his Alaskan hosts in 1987 when he said of the remote city of 270,000, surrounded by icy waters and snowcapped mountains, "I can't believe humans live here."

OK, but they do, even if it is a distinct breed of human. Many Alaskans are people who came here to get away from the Lower 48, and that carries over to members of the Uni-



Big ups, dog: The Iditarod (pictured here) and the Shootout are the two biggest sporting events in Alaska.

versity of Alaska-Anchorage's basketball team. Marcus Robinson, a senior guard, transferred to UAA in August from Florida International—"the longest transfer in history," he declares (and at 5,065 miles he's probably right)—after not getting along with the coaches at the Miami school. Senior guard Kemmy Burgess, who grew up in San Diego, signed with the Seawolves after two years of junior college and then two years in which he was out



Though the Alaska Seawolves are often lauded for their wins, the Purdue men's basketball team was the Shootout last season's top performer in Anchorage. (Photo by Scott Hines)

of basketball completely. And senior guard Mark Drake, who came from Shelbyville, Ind., after enduring a brutal year in which his mother died from cancer, says, "I just needed to get away." And "away" happens to be a major selling point in the UAA brochure.

These transplants all speak highly of their temporary home, despite its hardships. In winter the sun comes up as late as 8 a.m. and daylight is confined to a five-hour window, which Burgess says sometimes causes him to oversleep his morning classes. But the weather is just another thing



they deal with, even when it wreaks havoc, as it did a couple of years ago when guests at a house party, including Drake and other team members, were trapped for 24 hours by a 26-inch snowstorm. "People were sleeping on tables, on counters, anywhere they could get comfortable," Drake says. The only major problem Drake will cop to is geographic isolation: In Indiana he would pile into a car with friends for spur-of-the-moment road trips; here the nearest city worth leaving Anchorage for is Seattle, about 2,200 miles away. Somewhere over the course of a 55-hour



The 48 Hour Guide to Anchorage

Anchorage is not a college town. Just isn't. More than half of UAA students are over 24, and there are no real student haunts. Who cares? Still plenty of fun to be had.

FRIDAY

Start at Humpy's, downtown's most happening pub, and have a halibut burger. Realize that Anchorage has the freshest halibut you will ever eat. Then settle in for the band.

SATURDAY

Go outside and back in the midnight sun.

Drop into Gwenne's Old Alaska Restaurant for the reindeer sausage, just to tell friends back home you had some. Later, debate whether to also tell them that reindeer sausage isn't that good.

Take the picturesque mountain drive to Seward, a harbor town about 120 miles to the south. Eat more halibut at the numerous waterfront fish-and-chips shops.

As you drive home, try to get the Velvet Underground song Stephenie says out of your head. The closing refrain: "It's such an icy feeling/It's so cold in Alaska."

Dinner at the Snow Goose Restaurant and Sleeping Lady Brewery—the chef recommends more halibut—and live acoustic music, which is the most popular kind in Anchorage, much to the chagrin of some members of the Alaska Seawolves men's basketball team.

Report to ☞ Chilkoot Charlie's, where you can feel like you're barhopping without ever going outside. Don't leave your coat in the car—you may have to wait to get in.

SUNDAY

Visit the Peanut Farm sports bar on a Sunday morning. (The first wave of NFL games will be starting.) You'll appreciate how many transplants live in Anchorage when you see everyone rooting for a different team. —B.S.

drive, road trips tend to lose a little steam.

The best thing about Alaska, the players say, is the people—the place may be cold and distant, but the populace is not. They're all in this together. Robinson, a Mesa, Ariz., native, has lost his cellphone three times, and someone always brings it back to him. "I'm overwhelmed at how nice people are," he says. "It's not normal to me."

Then there's the Shootout, which starts next week and this year has attracted, among other teams, No. 18 Alabama, No. 22 Washington, Oklahoma, Utah and Minnesota. The women's bracket, which Alaska won last year, is led by No. 6 Stanford. The tournament, the players say, helped sell all of them on coming here. What other Division II school is guaranteed a couple of games on national television? "It's nice to call your friends from back home and say, 'Hey, I'm going to be on ESPN,'" Drake says. Tucked away in Anchorage, it's warming to think that all eyes are on you. And in this case, you don't even have to take off your underwear to make it happen. 6



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Three Coeds Who Went Pro Early

For a cheerleader, nothing beats Saturday except Sunday, according to this university of Minnesota trio that went straight to the NFL to cheer for the Vikings. *by John Walter*

OHIO STATE'S MAURICE Clarett and USC's Mike Williams may have been prevented from jumping to the NFL with fewer than three years of college experience, but Melissa Feidt, Lindsey Richardson and Laura Westberg accomplished the feat with little resistance. The trio, all

students at Minnesota, are also Minnesota Vikings cheerleaders. "I never gave much thought to trying out for the U's cheer squad," says Richardson, a junior nutrition major from Eagan, Minn. "I thought, Why not just try out for the Vikings? Now I'm already at the pro level."

"I'm not going to lie," says Feidt, a sophomore from New Brighton, Minn. "I've never been to a Gophers game."

The three would rather don purple than maroon. Work Sundays than Saturdays. Cheer on (Daunte) Culpepper than (Bryan) Cupito.

And while it may seem enviable to be young, bare-belly-tastic and dancing on the side-

line of a pro football game, NFL cheerleading isn't all pom-pom and circumstance. While their fellow students are sleeping off a night in Dinkytown celebrating a Gophers victory, these three are inside the Metrodome, rehearsing their routines with the rest of the 50-person squad.

"We're there at 7 a.m.," says the willowy Westberg, a Des Moines native and at 6'0"

Straight to the pros: (from left) Feidt, Westberg, and Richardson prefer to spend Sunday rather than Saturday in the Metrodome.

the tallest cheerleader in the squad's official 21-season history, "and that's for a noon kickoff."

Time is not on their side. Richardson is carrying 12 credits this semester (including courses in chemistry and microbiology) and working as a waitress at Outback Steakhouse.

"I make a to-do list before I go to bed each night that is down to the half hour," she

says. "If I stop during the day, I'm going to fall asleep."

And while the Gophers and the Vikings both play in the Metrodome, the fans who occupy the seats are markedly different. The women are quite familiar, for example, with Scary Toupee Man. Then there's the fan who once stopped by the scrapbooking store where Westberg works with photos of the cheerleaders for her to arrange.

"That's a little creepy," admits Westberg, a senior communications studies major who will compete in the Miss Minnesota USA pageant next weekend.

Making the Vikings cheerleading squad may be tougher than getting into college... or making an NFL roster. About

200 women endure three weeks of tryouts, an interview and a quiz. ("The questions are a lot tougher than 'How many yards for a first down?'" Richardson says. They mostly have to do with the Vikings' organization, but some general football questions are included.) Fifty finalists then put on a show at the Mall of America.

"After that," says Feidt, who, like Richardson, is in her second year on the squad (Westberg is in her third season), "you either get a call or you don't."

The squad practices two or three times a week from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.—or, to be more accurate, Richardson says, "until we get it right." The women are also required

to make at least two public appearances (fund-raisers, visiting hospitals) per month; some do as many as 70 a year. For representing the organization as they dash from one commitment to another, they earn a compensation package, including season tickets and other perks, worth about \$9,000. "We're notorious for speeding tickets," Feidt says. "And who wants to be stopped by the police while wearing your cheerleader uniform?"

Westberg has an even more harrowing tale. "I was driving on I-494 [a heavily trafficked Twin Cities commuter artery] to a public appearance when I started to feel sick," she recalls. "I had to pull over, and there I was, on the grass off the shoulder, throwing up. And I was dressed out, with the uniform and the calf-high white boots. Just another NFL moment." ☐



Feidt views the big stadium from the top of the field. Feidt's friends are cheering for the Vikings.

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For Feidt (left) and Westberg, practice programs in the pros can begin as early as 7 a.m.



Richardson never leaves her good books behind while holding down a second job.

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PLAYERS of the Year Part 1: The Girls

by MAGGIE HASKINS

KELLY DOSTAL

She's the Gretzky of her sport and Wake's ultimate leading scorer, Dostal can light it up. Before you start at a new school, you should know that you'll be competing for a spot on the team. Dostal was three times four-year captain of Wake's women's hockey team. She's also a member of the U.S. national team. Before you start at a new school, you should know that you'll be competing for a spot on the team. Dostal was three times four-year captain of Wake's women's hockey team. She's also a member of the U.S. national team.

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of the Week honors are the second most in school history, topped only by some hoopster dude from the Virgin Islands named Tim Duncan. As a high school senior she was the youngest player ever to earn a spot on the U.S. national team.

It's no wonder her coaches and teammates hold the 5' 4" blonde—"I'm a small 5' 4," she says, "a big 5' 3"—in such high regard. Wake Forest associate head coach Neil Macmillan calls her "the ultimate forward." Kelly Dostal: too good to be true.

"[Being a scorer] is a quality you either have or you don't," Macmillan says as he recalls his favorite Dostal moment. "In the [2002 national] semifinals against Michigan State she took the ball down the left wing, pretty much a yard off the baseline on the left-hand side, and smashed it off the far post over the goalkeeper's left shoulder. Everyone watching was like, 'That is incredible,' because you never shoot from that angle. We have a *rule* that you don't shoot from that angle."

Macmillan's sentiments are echoed by the coach of Wake's biggest rival, Karen Shelton of top-ranked North Carolina. "Kelly is an outstanding forward, one of the best that I have ever seen. Nobody receives the ball and shoots quicker than she does," says Shelton, whose Tar Heels knocked off the Deacons in the ACC tournament semifinals 2-1 in overtime. "We have to tailor our game plan to control Kelly. She is always a key to the game."

Still don't believe that Dostal is some sort of bionic woman? More dope: She arrived at Wake Forest in 2001 with bilateral stress fractures in both shins. During her first two years as a Demon Deacon she was haunted by the fear that her legs might break at any second during a game.

Dostal cloaks her pain well—despite bilateral fractures in each shin, she has proved to be remarkably durable.

"Since that hasn't happened, it's just something you deal with," Dostal says. "It was never really an option not to play through it. People would say things like, 'This is only four years—you have the rest of your life. You don't want to end up in a wheelchair in 10 years.'"

The stress fractures are still there even though she has tried every remedy: surgery, acupuncture, massage, electric stimulation. Her legs are barely coping with the stress she places on them. Dostal wakes up seriously hurting at least once a week.

"She probably has the highest pain tolerance of anyone I know," Macmillan says. "That is the biggest tribute to her—whatever she is going through, she will be out there on the field playing."

Leading by example is a hallmark of the quiet Dostal, who grew up in a small town in western Massachusetts. She tried field hockey as a seventh-grader because her school, Smith Academy, didn't offer soccer.

"She pretty much says, 'Come with me, and I'll show you the way,'" says former teammate Kelly Doton, the consensus 2003 national player of the year and now a volunteer assistant at Wake.

Still, the sports world is full of great scorers whose individual achievements do not translate to team success. Dostal isn't one of them. "She pushes you because you're like, 'Wow, she is great,'" says Deacons sophomore Lauren Crandall, an All-ACC midfielder. "I want to achieve some of those things or help her achieve hers and be her best. She is just inspirational on the field."

This inspiration is not limited to the field. In fact the entire campus considers Dostal royalty: Last month the student body elected her homecoming queen. "When I first heard I was nominated, I was like, 'That's nice, but come on, this is not going to happen,'" Dostal says, laughing.

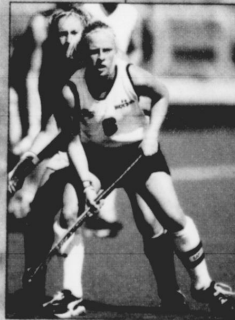
It did, though the star forward couldn't be there for the announcement because the team had to bus to Charlottesville to play Virginia the next day. So instead of waving to a crowd of 31,403 at a football game, Dostal received her sash, roses and tiara a few hours earlier outside the home of the Student Athletic Committee adviser (who bakes cookies for road trips), clad in the finest attire Under Armour could supply.

Dostal also received a diamond-studded pin that says QUEEN '04, which she jokes "has become a staple item on my body, of course."

This weekend Dostal, who will graduate with a degree in health and exercise science, will finish her college playing career—alas, without wearing the pin—as Wake Forest goes for its third consecutive national championship. While fans eagerly talk about her individual records and the likely forthcoming national player of the year awards, those honors are not what Dostal will take from her four years in Winston-Salem.

"I won't remember getting a call from media relations telling me that I was named this or that," she says. "The best memories I have are of our championships and winning big games."

Definitely too good to be true.



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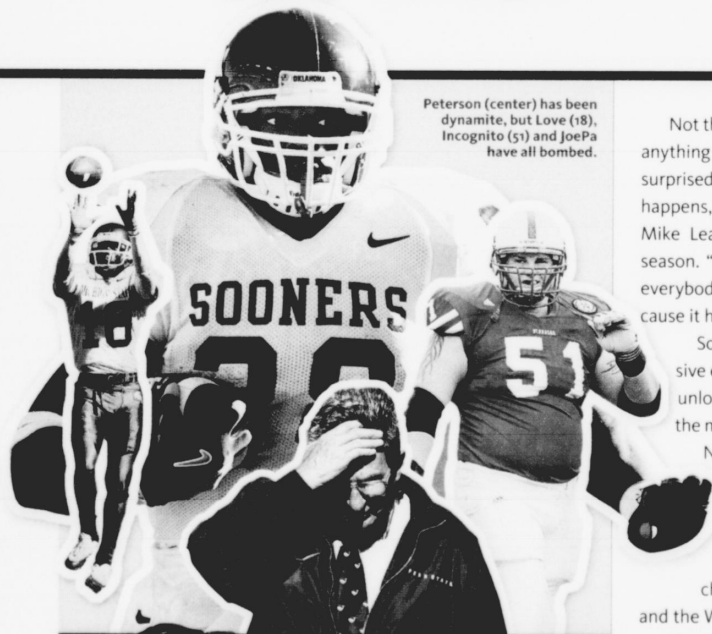
STANFORD



Katie Thorlakson



the final



Peterson (center) has been dynamite, but Love (18), Incognito (51) and JoePa have all bombed.

WHAT A BLAST

The fall has been full of bombshells, bizarre explosions and, of course, the usual calls to blow up the BCS **BY JOHN WALTERS**

MAURICE CLARETT is fulminating (and ex-Buckeyes are corroborating). Jimmie Sutton is replicating (the North Carolina State cornerback is one of five brothers named Jimmie Sutton). Joe Paterno is biodegrading. And Michigan State is detonating.

College football 2004: exasperating.

Let's see: You have five undefeated I-A teams heading into late November. Even an optimist—or an optometrist—

sees that there will be no fewer than three teams without a loss come Jan. 1. You have a Heisman Trophy incumbent and front-runner, Oklahoma quarterback Jason White, who says his vote this season is going to a teammate, Adrian Peterson, who's four years younger. And your new pigskin power base (Maine beat Mississippi State; New Hampshire beat Rutgers; Harvard is the only undefeated school in I-AA) is New England?

Not that everything new is anything new. "Everybody's all surprised every time this stuff happens," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said earlier this season. "It surprises me that everybody gets surprised, because it happens every year."

So when a UTEP defensive end named Ibok Ibok unloads a vicious hit on the most prolific passer in NCAA history, as he did in October on Hawaii's Timmy Chang, you yawn and imagine the chat between Chang and the Warriors' trainer:

"Spell the name of the guy who hit you."

"I-B-O-K."

"And the last name."

"I-B-O-K."

"How do you feel?"

"I be O.K."

Off-field hits have been more prevalent, and jarring, this autumn. Football players have been charged with various forms of criminal mischief, from hurling a keg (Florida) to a pumpkin (Indiana, but, hey, it was Halloween) to invective (Bowling Green, where Jimmy Lee Carson Jr. threatened to shoot a cop, according to police; Carson has pleaded no contest to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct with persistence). Michigan State redshirt fresh-

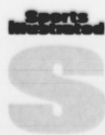
men Irving Campbell and Terry Love were charged with possessing a dangerous compound after they were arrested last week for detonating two explosive devices and constructing a third outside a student apartment complex.

Nebraska All-Big 12 offensive lineman Richie Incognito, who has been involved in multiple on- and off-field fracasces in the past two years, fought teammate Grant Mulkey on Aug. 31. Incognito withdrew from Nebraska on Sept. 14, enrolled at Oregon, where he was offered an athletic scholarship, on Sept. 27 and on Oct. 4 was told he would not be welcome to play for the Ducks next season. If you're scoring at home, Richie went from Incognito to incognito to incognito and then back to incognito in a span of 35 days.

Incognito might describe Penn State football, which is why even Paterno, the most reliable perennial in college football, is in danger of disappearing soon. And a Paterno-free college football landscape is something that even Mike Leach, who was born 11 years after JoePa made his debut on the Penn State sideline in 1950, has never seen before. **G**

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SIOC is off next week for Thanksgiving but will return the following week with our annual Fall Semester in Pictures. Also, our holiday gift guide and fall male athlete of the year.

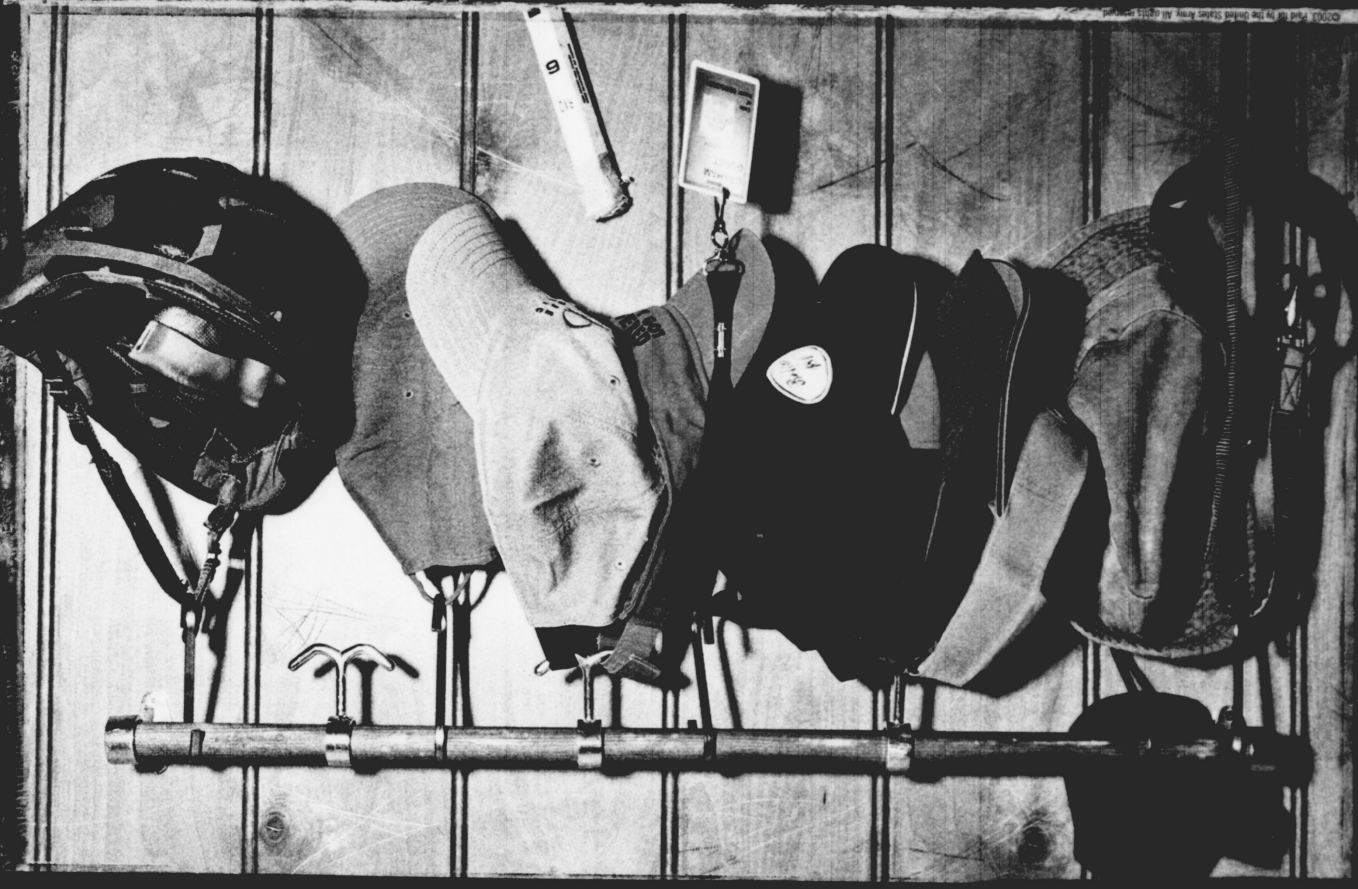


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