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UK study shows school violence up

By Erich Kragel
Staff Writer

A UK study has uncovered disturbing results regarding guns and violence in Kentucky's middle and high school students.

The UK Center for Prevention Research released the results of a six-month survey this year, showing that the number of middle and high school students carrying weapons and being threatened by weapons is growing.

The survey, conducted every six months since 1996, included more than 26,000 students from grades six through 12 from 15 different counties. The goal of the survey is to provide information for Kentucky lawmakers to fight violence in secondary schools, said Richard Clayton, the center's director, in a news release this month.

"The tendency of the past is to get tougher" with students, Clayton said. "We need to get smarter."

While only five percent of middle school students and five percent of high school students reported carrying guns to school, 12 percent of middle school students and 17 percent of high school students reported taking weapons to school. Weapons include anything from knives to guns to baseball bats.

Even though Fayette County schools were included in the survey, not all schools report having any problems with guns or weapons.

"Since I've been principal, there have been no reports of students carrying guns," said Grant Robinson, interim principal at Yates Creek High School. Grant has been interim principal since August 1996.

Winburn Middle School has had the same results concerning gun possession.

"We have been blessed," said Jim Thomas, associate principal and disciplinarian at Winburn. "No weapons of any kind have been reported to have been found."

Bryan Station High School had one incident of a minor caught in possession of a gun this school year, well below the average. But school officials said they still see this as a problem.

"Even if one student is found with a gun, there still is a problem," said Linda Adams, senior officer of Law Enforcement at Bryan Station. "That's why they (students caught in possession) will be expelled and must go through juvenile or adult court, whatever the case may be."

Few students have been reported having any weapons brought to Fayette County schools at all.

"We've had a few weapons reported," said John Toye, director of the Department of Law Enforcement for Fayette County Schools. "They are mostly knives."

The study also shows more students are reporting they've been threatened with guns than in previous studies, with 14 percent for middle school students and 18

percent of high school students.

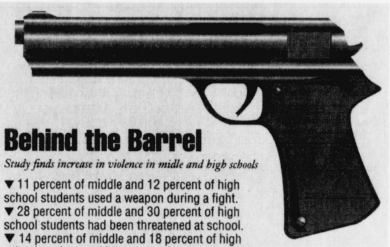
But the importance of the survey is not only to highlight statistics on violence and guns in Kentucky's youth, but also to give information to public officials so they can slow the growth.

More than 28 percent of middle school and 30 percent of high school students reported having been threatened or injured at school. Roughly the same percent said it is likely they will be threatened or injured.

The survey also documents the average number of students who use tobacco products, alcohol and drugs, but no specific evidence shows a relationship between students carrying guns and students using chemical stimulants.

"There is only a small correlation between drug use with guns and violence," Clayton said, "the only drug being alcohol."

Although the study shows astounding results, Kentucky ranks



Behind the Barrel

Study finds increase in violence in middle and high schools

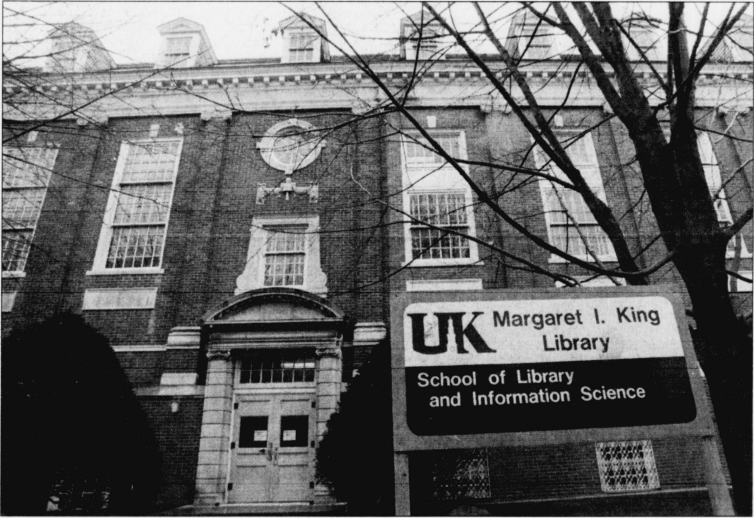
- ▼ 11 percent of middle and 12 percent of high school students used a weapon during a fight.
- ▼ 28 percent of middle and 30 percent of high school students had been threatened at school.
- ▼ 14 percent of middle and 18 percent of high school students said they were threatened with a gun.

SOURCE: UK Center for Prevention Research

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right around the national average of guns and violence occurring in middle and high schools. Toye said he hopes this will remain consistent.

"We don't get every weapon that comes into school," Toye said. "But so far no weapon has been fired or used. There have been no injuries resulting from weapons at our schools."



HOME ALONE NO MORE Once the big move of materials from M.I. King to the new William T. Young Library, three libraries will take the place of the space left behind. Libraries for the College of Fine Arts, one for science and engineering and another for special collections will be created.

King getting new residents

It's a waiting game for departments to make move

By Chris Campbell
Managing Editor

Hit one and they all will fall with it.

But the blocks are not falling over easily in some cases.

The domino effect is how many staff members are describing the moving process for several University departments into space freed up in the Margaret I. King

and engineering library.

"First the other libraries get done, and then we get our go at it."

One of the opening projects will be to renovate the Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts Library and Listening Center. The library, which will move to King North, will incorporate the art and music libraries as well as the music listening center.

"Neither the art or music libraries were adequate in terms of size and facility," said Gail Kennedy, who is in charge of the fine arts library

team. "Both departments are very excited about this opportunity to expand their resources for its students and faculty."

"It's a domino effect that each department will be able to look at in a positive way," she said.

Along with the library Fine Arts library will be the John Jacob Niles Center for American Music, named after Niles, a well-known folk singer and composer.

No department is in need for the move to King more than

See **LIBRARY on 2**

Faculty oppose arena proposal

Profs want focus to stay on academics

By Matthew May
Assistant News Editor

The UK Athletics Association may face stiff opposition, in the form of University faculty and staff, if it continues to pursue either renovating Rupp Arena or building a new on-campus arena next to Commonwealth Stadium.

A group of faculty members, headed up by history professor George Herring and political science professor Bradley Canon, are circulating a petition opposing a new arena or renovation of Rupp.

The petition, sent to various departments across campus Thursday morning, asks for signatures of faculty members who feel the University and Athletics Association should abort its attempts to improve the UK basketball facilities and focus on UK's mission to become a Top 20 research institution.

Herring, one of the authors of the petition, said faculty members are concerned about UK's priorities.

"We are concerned with what message it would send that UK would invest money in a new or renovated structure instead of academics," Herring said. "It is a matter of priority and message. We need to invest our energy in building up the academic side of the University."

Herring said the idea of upgrading UK's basketball facility is not all bad in itself, but is not something UK should pursue at this time.

"It is just the wrong thing to do at this time," Herring said. "Higher education is our priority right now."

Canon, who helped Herring write

the petition, also expressed concern over the timing of the issue and said the faculty wants to make a statement about the commitment to academics.

"I signed the petition because I think a new arena sends the wrong message about where UK is now," Canon said. "The faculty wants to make a statement."

Since the feasibility study results were made public about two weeks ago, the faculty has voiced their worries that a new arena could take money away from fund-raising for academics. There has also been debate over UK's intentions, should a new arena be built, to ask for donations from large corporations and wealthy Blue/White donors.

"Presumably you would have a basketball arena giving campaign which would interfere with getting donations for research," Canon said.

Herring agreed, saying a new arena would rob UK of its tradition of having tremendous fans, as well as make UK basketball an elitist label.

"Traditionally, UK basketball is what pulls the state together," Herring said. "It really disturbed a lot of people that a new arena would be almost solely luxury boxes and licensed seats for those with money, making it very elitist. That is not what college athletics are all about."

UK Senior Associate Director of Athletics Larry Ivy said the perception that UK would be taking money away from the academic side of the University is wrong. The arena would be funded completely from private sources.

"The sources of money are totally separate," Ivy said. "We are not taking money that would be otherwise going to academics. Most of the money would be from corporations who are interested in UK basketball for entertainment purposes."

Ivy stressed that no state money would be used. "If an arena is built, it

See **ARENA on 2**

City's youth the focus of annual Speak Out sessions

By Jane Ashley Pace
Staff Writer

What is it like to be a young person in Lexington?

What do adults not know about young people that they need to know?

What are your major concerns about young people?

These are questions the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government is hoping to get answers to in its annual community Speak Out Lexington sessions.

The topic for this year's Speak Out Lexington 1998 is "What's going on with young people in our community?"

Various sessions are being held throughout Lexington in neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, civic clubs and faith organizations.

The sessions are open to the public and adults, and young people are encouraged to attend.

"Our goal is to get people together to discuss concerns and how they could address their concerns," said Barbara Sutherland,

administrative aide to the mayor. "Talk leads to action."

"The particular topic for this year's meetings were chosen in hopes that young people could get involved," Sutherland said. She added that participation by younger people, including UK students, will make the sessions have even greater success.

The varying ideas shared at all the sessions will be compiled into a report that will be submitted to Lexington Mayor Pam Miller and the council, and later made available to the general

public.

The report will receive special attention from agencies serving young people as they make plans for the future.

Agencies keeping close attention to the details of the report include the Urban County Government divisions of Youth Services and Recreation, police, Family Services, Juvenile Detention, and the Mayor's Training Center.

The Youth Violence Prevention Project of Partners for Youth and the Fayette County

Public Schools are also part of the agencies influenced by the report.

Sutherland said UK students would benefit from attending the meetings.

"Many UK students have just left the teen-age years," said Sutherland. "By being able to identify with the young people, UK students could bring a real interesting perspective to the sessions."

About 10 sessions have already taken place, but several more are scheduled throughout February.

So far the meetings have been productive with very insightful ideas, said Sutherland, who anticipates the same for the remaining sessions.

Five sessions will take place at Lafayette High School on February 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Another session will be held at Lexington Community College on Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Oswald Building.

For other session dates and times call Barbara Sutherland at 258-3119.

CAMPUS

Quality of dissertations to be improved by program

By Sherry Thompson
Contributing Writer

Last week the first group of winners were announced in a new program designed to increase the quality of doctoral dissertations in various fields at UK.

Graduate School Dean Michael T. Nietzel initiated the Visiting Distinguished Faculty Program to encourage the quality of dissertations and to publicize especially meritorious research to academic leaders at other institutions.

The purpose of these awards is "to help publicize the accomplishments of some of our very best graduate students at the University of Kentucky," and to enhance the dissertation experience, Nietzel said.

Last semester deans were allowed to nominate up to two doctoral candidates from their department for this program. The candidates' dissertations were expected to be of merit deserving of the attention of a leading visiting scholar in the corresponding field.

Each nomination required a letter of sup-

port from the director of Graduate Studies, as well as a brief sketch of three scholars considered leading experts in the research area represented by the dissertation.

Dean Nietzel and a panel of faculty advisers reviewed all nominations for this school year and selected initial winners including: Mary Daniels, Spanish and Italian; Alexei Dmitrienko, statistics; Warren Harper, chemistry; Cynthia Hartung, psychology; Kristen Stauffer, music; Robert Toppmiller, history; and Jason Wolf, biology.

All of these students are scheduled for final examination in May and are considered by their major professor to be working on a dissertation worthy of special attention by a leading researcher in their field.

"I'm jazzed about it," said Stauffer, a musicology doctoral student whose dissertation is on 19th century American music criticism. "I'm kinda nervous, because now I have to finish it. But it's a good thing. The school of music doesn't get enough recognition for what we do."

Stauffer's adviser, music professor Ron Pen, put her up for the award.

The Graduate School will provide a \$500 honorarium to the visiting scholar plus cover the travel and per diem costs associated with the visit. Most visits will be accomplished in a two-day, one-night period.

For each dissertation chosen for this program, the visiting scholar will serve as representative of the dean of the corresponding department at each candidate's final examination. This will ensure that only the most qualified candidates receive degrees and that final examinations are conducted with utmost rigor and fairness.

On top of overseeing the examination of a dissertation in their field, the visiting scholar will present a colloquium on his or her research in order to enrich knowledge in the scholar's field.

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Clinton's budget may ax funds

Perkins loans hurt most by new proposal

By Becky Neilson
The Herald

WASHINGTON — Students who rely on the federal government for financial assistance may find themselves both helped and hindered when President Clinton submits his budget to Congress next month.

The president's budget request is slated to include a provision that will up the federal government's spending on the nation's work-study program by \$70 million for the 1999-2000 academic year.

But also included is a section that will kill the government's capital

contributions to the federal Perkins loans program — about \$135 million this fiscal year — eliminating new federal subsidies to the 30-year-old program of low-interest loans for low-income students.

If passed, the budget provision will not eliminate the Perkins loans program altogether.

Funds for Perkins loans, which are available to students at a lower interest rate than regular bank loans, revolve through the system. The federal government makes its contribution annually and participating colleges grant loans to students using those federal funds and money that has been repaid to the institution by past students.

"It's a misconception that if this goes through, the program will die," said Jerry Roschwalb, director of Governmental Relations for the National Association of State Colleges and Universities.

"There is \$6 billion already in the program, and it will continue to

revolve through the program." More than 788,000 students nationwide received Perkins loans this year, and 83 percent of them had family incomes of \$30,000 or less.

Sarita Gupta, president of the United States Student Association, said talk has circulated in the higher education community that the Clinton administration is backing down from its plan to cut federal Perkins contributions after the proposal caused a furor among aid advocates.

But Clinton's budget proposal, touted as the first balanced budget in 30 years, is "still fluid," said Ken McInerney, spokesman for the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

"We'll get more specifics in the State of the Union next week," McInerney said. "There is still some back and forth."

If the president's plan makes it to Capitol Hill, though, Gupta

said her organization and others will encourage legislators not to approve the cuts.

"Our hope is that it won't get cut," Gupta said. "But we have a plan if it doesn't go our way."

Gupta said the Alliance to Save Student Aid, a coalition of about a dozen education organizations including the USSA, has developed a campaign called "Diplomas Not Debt" to lobby for Congressional education appropriations and the re-authorization of the Higher Education Act, which is slated for this year.

During a national legislative grassroots conference in March, she said, students will lobby members of Congress on issues related to higher education.

"I have no doubt that if the planned cuts do it make it to Congress," Gupta said, "students will go in and talk passionately to their legislators about Perkins loans."

If the president's plan makes it to Capitol Hill, though, Gupta

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Library

Geology department against move into

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mathematics, which will join the departments of Engineering, Chemistry, Physics and Geology in hall of King South. The other half will hold special collections and archives.

Currently in the basement of Patterson Office Tower, Math Library Manager Mark Colvin said the facility is "busting at the seams" and needs "desperately" to get out of the space.

One domino not wishing to be shoved is the geology department.

Having what is rated one of the best collections in the southeast, many faculty in the department are not taking kindly to moving to a different library.

While on the outside to be a simple moving process of pick up here and go

there, Frank Ettensohn said he disagrees with the way things are being planned for his department's collections.

"This is overall not a good thing for us," said Ettensohn, chairman of the geology department.

"Moving there will destroy the integrity of our collection, and we will as a department suffer for it greatly."

The plans call for breaking the geology's collections among the five floors allotted for the Science and Engineering Library, which in the end will be a detriment to the whole library itself, Ettensohn said.

"Why should we go and have everything broken up, where it will take longer for our patrons to find what they need, when they have everything together right here?" he said. "It is against our wishes and we feel this is worth fighting for."

Ettensohn said he sent a letter to UK officials, including UK President Charles Wetington and

Paul Willis, director of libraries.

Willis responded to the letter, Ettensohn said, and gave what he called an "unsatisfactory response."

"There is some dissent (to the move)," Willis said. "We can't have total unanimity, but generally the attitude (among departments) is very positive."

Optimistically most department library heads are expecting to be able to move into King sometime late this year, with a grand opening coming in early 1999.

Johnson said she is looking forward to the end result but laughed at what could be in store for departments after the move of all the materials from M.I. King to W.T. Young.

"I asked and I hope they don't leave a mess," she said. "I told them to clean up before they leave. It may look worse than it does now."

"For us, we might have to stack up the cleaning dominos and knock them all back down again."

Arena

Professors leading opposition to new arena, Rupp renovation

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will be from private money," he said. "It will be raised by donations from luxury boxes, seat licenses and Blue/White donors. There will be no state money."

Herring said he is also concerned with the effect a new arena would have on the community, which UK has a responsibility to.

"We (the faculty) are not only concerned with the University. We are also concerned with the well-being of the community," he said. "I live downtown and the potential impact is obviously huge. It is a matter of concern for a lot of us. We need to concentrate on building both University and city."

Although the petition has circulated for only one day, both Herring and Canon said support is high.

"So far the response has been favorable," Herring said. "Not everyone is against a new arena, but a broad consensus is."

David Miller, an English professor, said he signed the petition Thursday.

"I signed it," Miller said. "I haven't heard a lot of people discussing it, but that tends to be the case when the faculty has an issue they pretty much agree on. Just from my own observations, I think a new arena is not favored by the faculty and staff."

NOMINATIONS: ACADEMIC OMBUD

- Students and faculty are invited to submit a nomination of a faculty member for the Office of Academic Ombud to serve the University from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.
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- Nominations may be made by contacting Horst Schach, Chair, Academic Ombud Search Committee, 318 Ag. Science North 0091, telephone 257-3485, hschach@ca.uky.edu. Nominations must be received by Feb. 27, 1998.

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Four shorts lack in development

By Sarah Fellus
Contributing critic

Boys Life 2 is, in reality, four short films by four different directors. Each segment highlights a different set of characters, each in different settings. The short films also attempt to tell a full and complicated story in about 20 minutes, which is nearly impossible.

Unfortunately the films, with the exception of the last, end too soon. The saving grace of this movie is the last of the four, which is incredibly entertaining.

To make the movie even more confusing, each of the films has its own style, ranging from high schoolers in Los Angeles nightclubs to a boy's sexual enlightenment in Iowa.

The first film was enjoyable, but not because it had great writing or exceptional acting.

The story is about three gay high school friends and the

straight cousin of one of them. They go to a nightclub. That's the entire plot.

Now imagine you are in a parallel dimension and are watching a gay "Beverly Hills 90210" back when the characters were in high school.

Then it's time for the second film. This one starts with a bunch of young guys that decide to go "fag bashing" on two gay men.

Unknown to the bashers, one of the guys is a cop, Tony, who pulls a gun on them. He gives them a warning and lets all but one go. He tells the last one where to meet him the next day. The place is Tony's mother's house. Tony's mother makes them a big meal, but the kid is ter-

rified by the weird actions of his hosts.

The third story takes place on a farm in Iowa. John is unable to understand his grandfather's hatred for a man they call Blondie. While working in the field John finds an old lunch box with his father's initials on it. The box contains pictures of naked men. John finds out more about his father's connection to Blondie as the story continues.

The last of the films is by far the best. It's 1981 in suburban America and Trevor (Brett Barsky) is a 13-year-old boy who idolizes Diana Ross. The best scenes show Trevor lip-synching to her songs.

Trevor meets a boy named Pinky and soon falls in love with him. The kids at school, however,

start to turn against him because they say he's a "fairy."

Trevor tries running away, but his parents bring him home. He tries suicide, thinking it is the only way to avoid being miserable. That doesn't work, either. He does decide to live in the end thanks to a cute Candy Stripper named Jack.

At the end of each film, you find yourself feeling a little dissatisfied and mad that you'll never find out what happens to Jason and Trevor or if Tony ever tells his deranged mother about his sexuality.

As it is, though, just as I got interested in each of the films, it was over.

The writing and acting overall are very good, and it is worth a few bucks to see a plump, white boy lip-synch to Diana Ross while twirling a scarf.

Boys Life 2 starts today at the Kentucky Theatre.



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'Boys Life 2'



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LITTLE BIRD 27-year-old saxophonist James Carter will be the fourth act to play the UK Spotlight Jazz Series tonight at the UK Singlary Center for the Arts. Carter, a prodigy from Detroit, began gaining recognition at the age of 17. He has released five albums and appeared in the Robert Altman film "Kansas City." The show starts at 8 p.m.

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UK looks to justify high ranking at LSU

By Katy Crossen
Staff Writer

The No. 5 UK GymKats have finally got some bragging rights.

With last week's upset win over No. 8 Florida, the team has reached its highest ranking ever, and UK head coach Leah Little believes her team is a real threat to make some noise in the tough Southeastern Conference.

"A week ago or two weeks ago, LSU wasn't real worried about us," Little said. "But they have not been scoring as well as we have, so I'm sure their preparation has been a bit different after seeing what we did last weekend. They're going to be a little more ready for us."

LSU's head coach, D.D. Breaux, agreed with Little, saying her team has a chance despite a major discrepancy between the teams' averages — UK's meet average is 195.089 to LSU's 189.025.

"This year, we've got a level playing field, and we're going to have to prepare for it," she said.

Little said her team isn't worried about a possible letdown on the road. Instead, she said, the

GymKats are looking at this meet to justify its impressive ranking.

"LSU is one of the last places where crowd is a factor," Little said. "Georgia ... Alabama ... Florida — those crowds are unbelievable."

"Florida has 15,000 people at a home meet. Our concern at this away meet is to prove that we deserve a fifth (ranking)."

It's no mystery why the GymKats are perfect for the No. 5 spot. Misty Marinik is ranked No. 14 nationally on the beam and 6th in the all-around. Krissy Hoerlin is 16th in the all-around. Mila Chitwood is ranked No. 11 on floor exercise. Beth Coleman is No. 3 on the vault.

Freshman Ashley Burkholder, who is No. 8 on vault, is looking forward to continue her early-career success.

"If we think of the team, and not focus on how they're doing or their crowd, if we don't worry about being away, we'll be OK."

While the team is happy with its ranking, Little is not letting the GymKats get comfortable with their level of performance.

"I am not getting complacent

because they did that well early on," Little said.

"The big test will be this weekend against LSU because we're on the road, we're out of our comfort zone. One of the motivators I keep telling them is that the country is going to be watching to see if we're legit, or if (the Florida match) was a fluke."

"We're just trying to keep consistent, trying not to fall. We're really excited," Burkholder said. "If we do really well, we can beat them."

Little said a few routines have been changed to add more difficulty, and several of the gymnasts are working out kinks in their routines. Little added that increased difficulty provides UK a chance for higher scores.

Junior Misty Marinik is one of the GymKats jazzing up her routine to boost her scores.

"I'm going to do a new vault to improve that score. I'm going to clean up, add a few tricks here and there," she said. "I just want to keep clean."

"Hopefully by the time SEC's come around I'll have the harder tricks that I need."

Super questions miss the mark

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — On the sideline of the field where he'll play in the Super Bowl on Sunday, Denver lineman Gary Zimmerman was asked, "With a name like Zimmerman, are you the only Jew in the NFL?"

Answer: "I'm not Jewish."

That kind of question means only one thing: This must be media day. It was — the annual Super Bowl week ritual when 3,000 reporters, cameramen and hangers-on swarm the game's contestants for interviews.

The Broncos were up first. John Elway sat at his podium, looking relaxed and cool in a pair of sunglasses, even though the morning sky was cloudy. The other big stars sat at their own podiums — Shannon Sharpe, Terrell Davis, Neil Smith, Alfred Williams and coach Mike Shanahan.

Denver's offensive linemen, who ended their vow of silence rather than pay a big fine, mingled with the mere mortals.

"I told you guys, they don't care about us, man," tackle Tony

Jones said. "We can work with you all day, they don't give us no podium. That's why I said it doesn't matter if we talk or not. We'll get lost in the crowd in a minute."

Up in the seats, someone from MTV was working over the Broncos backups.

"Do you gossip about guys on other teams? What kind of music do you listen to?" they were asked.

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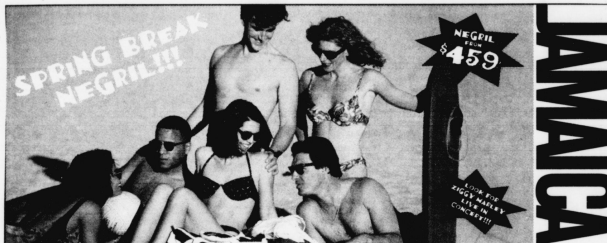
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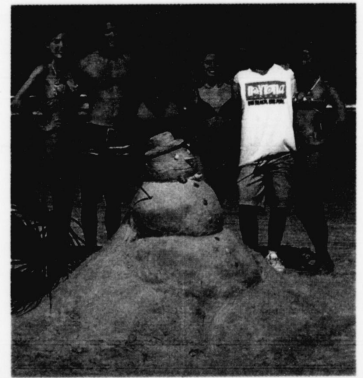


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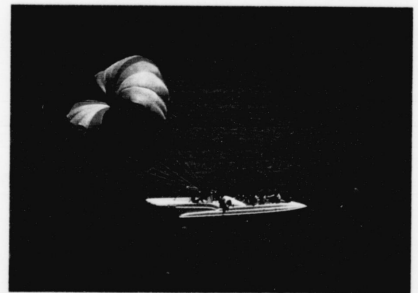
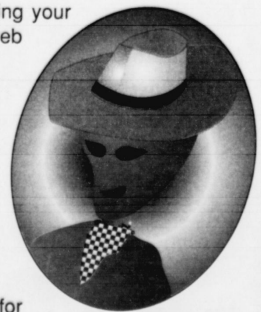


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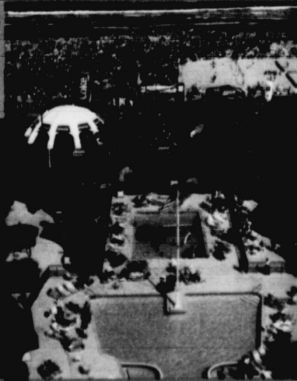
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In addition to outdoor activities, there are many leisurely pastimes. Sample some of Jamaica's world famous jerk-foods on the beach at night while listening to the pulsing sounds of reggae music. Also enjoy plenty of shopping and walking throughout the beautiful cities. In the evening, Jamaica will never let you down. The nightclubs and evening river tours are always exciting.

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There are loads of activities for Spring Break. Lounge on the beaches during the day and cruise Moby's variety of bars, clubs, and discos including the famous Margueritaville, the Dead End Bar and Pier One. Places of interest in Montego Bay include: jammin' at The Bob Marley Experience, shopping throughout the city markets and streets, touring the infamous Sam Sharpe Square, or perhaps floating up the Great River for an evening barbecue. Come to Jamaica for Spring Break 1998!

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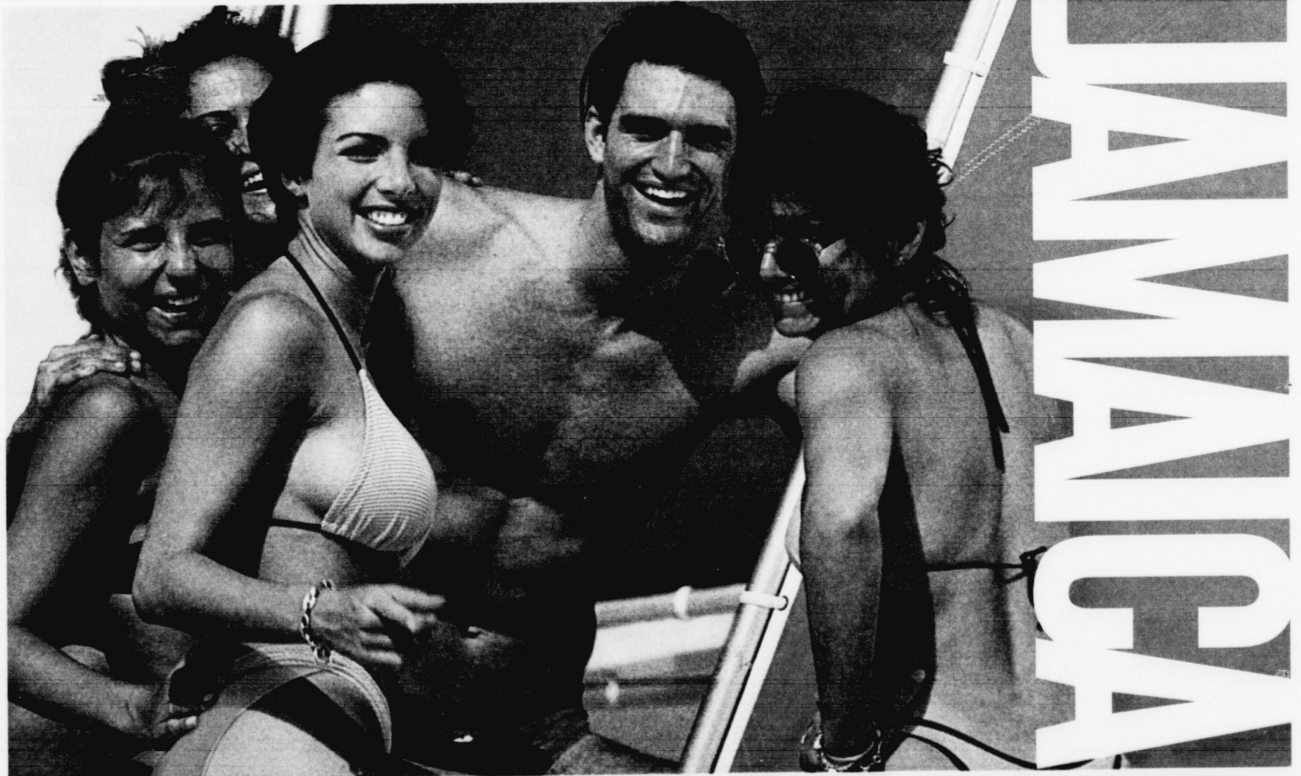
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GO SURFING FOR SPRING BREAK

Grab your board and let's go! Grab your keyboard that is. You use the web for research and entertainment, why not use it to check out the coolest place to go on Spring Break? Hop on the web and enjoy the ride.

With all of the hot and happenin' places to go for Spring Break, it's hard to decide on the perfect spot. Surfing the web is the best way to find info on the popular places. There are literally hundreds of web sites about Spring Break.

Check out one of the best—<http://www.springbreak.com>. This site has info specifically devoted to the college ritual known as Spring Break. Listen to Real Audio clips of past Breakers discussing their road trip. Also, see how Spring

Break got started. Explore the yearbook section of the site and peek at pictures of students across the country living large at Spring Break. You might even find a juicy picture of someone you know.

Try searching for different sites using key words like Spring Break, travel and beach. You may also want to try searching by location or recreational activities such as Daytona Beach, South Padre Island, bungee jumping, jet skiing, etc.

Each January, places start listing their local Spring Break events, such as what concerts are happening, which corporate sponsors are coming and where you can find the traditional beach beauty contests. Don't worry, if you're searching for wet T-shirts contests, you can find them on the Web, too



Here are a few sites to surf when you need to "take a break" from studying:

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www.daytonabreak.com
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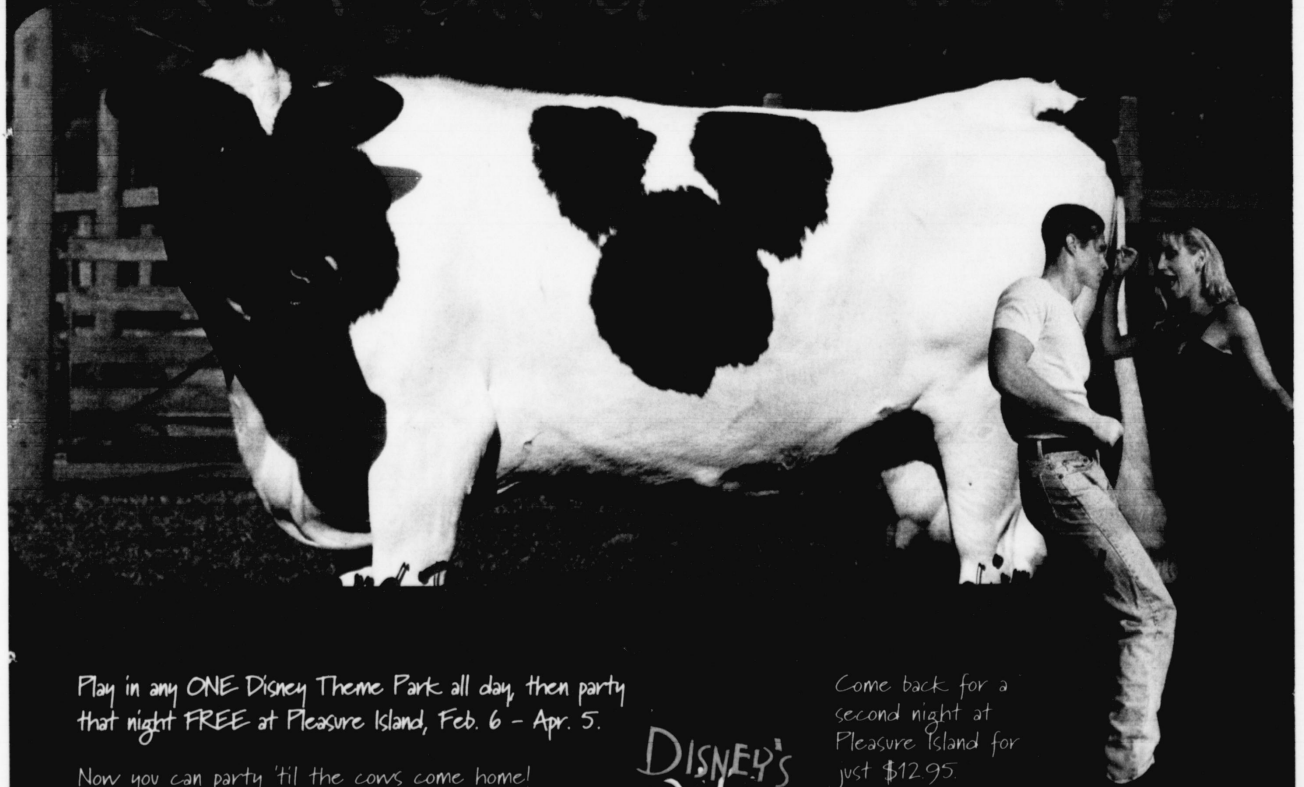
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