



An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with fools.

- Ernest Hemingway, author



The problem with the world is that everyone is a few drinks behind.

- Humphrey Bogart, actor



The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk they're sober.

- William Butler Yeats, poet



I don't drink water - fish @#*! in it.

- Oscar Wilde, author

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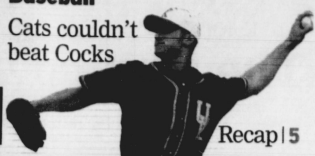
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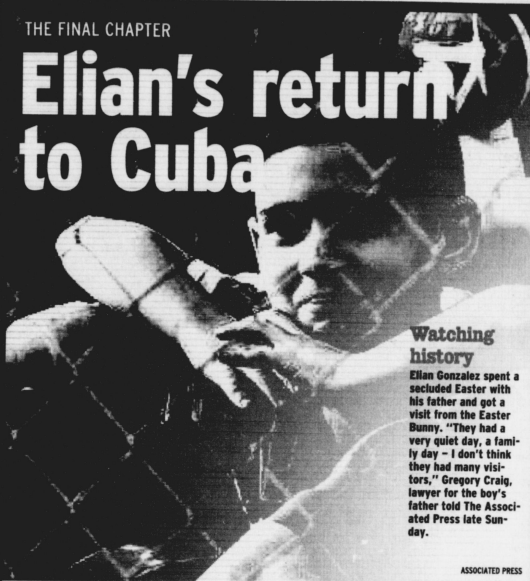


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THE FINAL CHAPTER

Elian's return to Cuba



Watching history

Elian Gonzalez spent a secluded Easter with his father and got a visit from the Easter Bunny.

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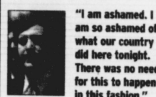
Day after: Cuban immigrants recovering in solidarity with Elian

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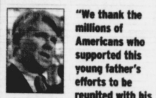
MIAMI — Easter — one of the holiest of days in Little Havana and the rest of the Christian world — found Marta Rodriguez praying for a little boy she knows only from a distance but, like many, calls by his first name.

mi Cubans beginning life without the 6-year-old boy reunited with his father in Washington after a swift and stunning pre-dawn Saturday raid by federal agents. For the first time in five months, Elian was gone from Miami.

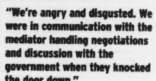
his father is his only family," said 77-year-old Virginia Escalona, pausing before adding, "Well, his grandmothers, too."



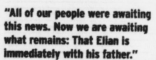
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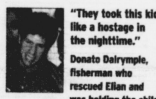
Gregory Craig, Attorney for Juan Miguel Gonzalez



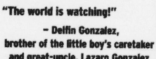
Kendall Coffey, Attorney for the Miami relatives



Otto Rivero, Head of the Union of Communist Youth in Cuba



Donato Dalrymple, fisherman who rescued Elian and was holding the child in his arms during the raid



Dellin Gonzalez, brother of the little boy's caretaker and great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez

Three minutes, 151 agents

After all-night negotiations with the Miami relatives of Elian Gonzalez broke down, Attorney General Janet Reno ordered an early morning seizure of the boy.

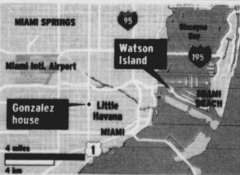
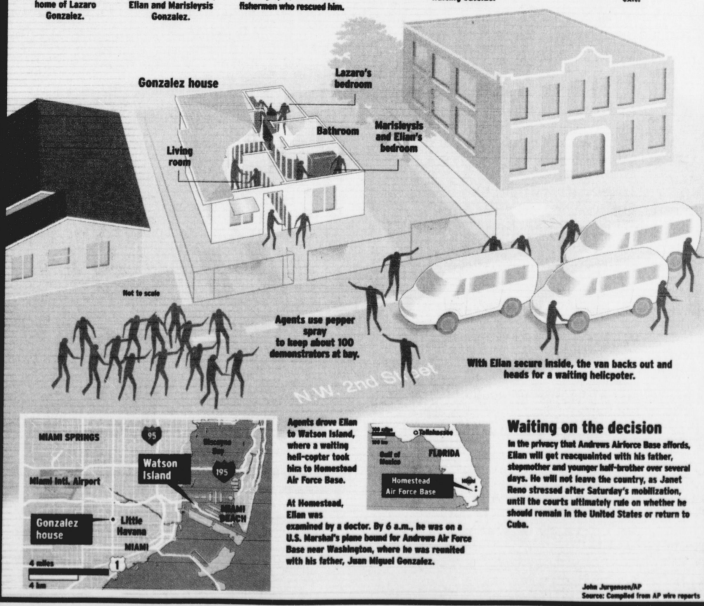
At 5:45 a.m., more than 150 armed federal agents arrive outside the home of Lazaro Gonzalez.

Bettering down the front door, eight agents storm into the house and move to the bedroom shared by Elian and Marielaysa Gonzalez.

Elian is hidden in the closet in his great uncle Lazaro's bedroom by Donato Dalrymple, one of the fishermen who rescued him.

Agents break into the bedroom and take the boy. A female, Spanish-speaking immigration agent carries Elian, wrapped in a blanket, to a minivan waiting outside.

Agents fire pepper spray to disperse the crowd and clear a path for the van's exit.



Agents down Elian to Watson Island, where a waiting helicopter took him to Homestead Air Force Base.

Waiting on the decision

In the privacy that Andrews Air Force Base affords, Elian will get acquainted with his father, stepmother and younger half-sister over several days. He will not leave the country, as Janet Reno stressed after Saturday's mobilization.

CRAMMING

Proposal to help finals

Dead week: SGA wants the name to reflect the pace

By Allison Steputis

The Student Government Association wants to make dead week, the hectic week before finals, a little more stress-free.

"We're working on a proposal to move the academic calendar up two days," said Edwin Orange, a political science junior and SGA senator.

The proposal would mean that the semesters would start on Monday, instead of Wednesday. The change would let classes finish on Wednesday, which would leave Thursday and Friday open for students to regroup themselves for exam week.

Classes would still meet the same amount of time, Orange said.

The University's policy on dead week states that no exams should be given except for lab practicals or make-up exams.

But many students feel that the load of work they carry during dead week is far too heavy.

"Dead week is always worse than exam week," said Beth Wooley, a communications senior. "With all the papers, projects and presentations that students have during dead week, it is hard to stay energized and focused for exams the following week."

An earlier SGA proposal was considered two days ago by the University Senate Council. This proposal would have made it impossible for professors to make papers due during dead week.

"It was rejected because they felt that it might not help the students," Orange said.

The main concern that students have made was that it could make professors move up the due date for papers one week or more.

"The Senate has got to come up with a proposal that is good for students, as well as faculty," said Roy Moore, chairman of the Senate Council.

A compromise that will please students and professors may be a challenge.

Dr. Deborah Witham, professor of agriculture communications, assigns papers to be due during dead week because she wants enough time to grade them thoroughly.

"I put the paper's due date on the syllabus at the beginning of the year," she said. "Students have known about it all semester."

The council will look at the new proposal this summer, which could be passed in the fall.

Lynda Graham, a business sophomore, liked the proposal.

"It will allow students to finish their assignments, and have a nice break to either study or relax before finals," she said.

FINALS

Students hit finals hard

By Sterling Rouse

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ah, dead week.

The sound of students striking away at computer lab keyboards, trying to finish that 10-page term paper due the following day.

Near-lifeless bodies with sunken eyes sloth around campus, their minds wandering aimlessly as they obsess over how to cram a semester's worth of information into their brains in seven days.

This is not the case for every student.

Journalism sophomore Kendra Livingston isn't really worried about getting everything done.

"I'm not too stressful, because I'm secure with my grades," she said.

Livingston believes that many students become overly stressed as the semester winds down because they wait until the last minute to finish assignments and prepare for tests.

"You've got to be on top of the game at the beginning so you won't be too stressful at the end," she said.

First-year law student Toni Robinson

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Pope urges end to racism, Xenophobia

VATICAN CITY — Capping a grueling Holy Week schedule, a weary-sounding Pope John Paul II offered Easter wishes for peace in 61 languages and called on the world Sunday to end racism and xenophobia. So many Holy Year pilgrims, tourists and Romans turned out for the pope's late-morning Mass in St. Peter's Square that by the time he delivered his Easter message at noon, the crowd, numbering close to 150,000, was spilling over into the boulevard leading to the Vatican. Sounding tired toward the end of the two-hour appearance, John Paul expressed hope that the sense of life associated with Easter may "overturn the hardness of our hearts" and "impegn individuals and states to full respect" for human rights.

Elian photos are disputed

WASHINGTON — In the hours since Elian Gonzalez was taken from the home of his Miami relatives, conspiracy theories abound over photos of the child released after he arrived at a military base to be with his father. Attorneys for Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, released the pictures yesterday. Critics compare the father's photo with one captured during the raid in Miami just hours earlier by a photographer for The Associated Press. In the pictures with his father, critics say Elian's hair is longer than in the AP photo and that he appears to no longer have a missing tooth. Joan Brown Campbell of the National Council of Churches, a friend of Juan Miguel Gonzalez who was present when father and son were reunited, criticized those alleging a conspiracy. "There was real affection there that cannot be manufactured," she said on ABC's "This Week."

Leading Iran journalist jailed

TEHRAN, Iran — A media crackdown by Iranian hard-liners intensified Sunday, with five liberal publications shut down and a prominent journalist thrown in jail. The latest developments came three days after Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the hard-line supreme leader whose powers supersede those of the elected president, said there were 10 to 15 reformist papers undermining Islamic and revolutionary principles, insulting constitutional bodies and creating tension and discord in society.

Arrest made in N.M. pilgrim deaths

ALCALDE, N.M. — A man was arrested early yesterday and charged with murder in ear-



EARTH CONSCIOUS: Vice President Al Gore and actor Leonardo DiCaprio came together on Saturday to help lead a star-studded celebration of thousands of people on the Washington Mall marking the 30th anniversary of Earth Day.

deaths of two teen-agers killed during a Good Friday pilgrimage to a church where thousands of people hope for miracles. Carlos Herrera, 19, of Espanola, was arrested at a church home in Alcalde around 2:40 a.m., said state police Sgt. Roylen Ross-Weaver. She said Herrera was an acquaintance of the 17-year-old's shooting victims, Richard Martinez and Karen Castanon.

Jordanian king visits Israel

EILAT, Israel — Jordan's new king on Sunday paid his first state visit to Israel, underplaying the pomp and ceremony in a pointed reference to the precarious state of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks. King Abdullah II eschewed a high-profile reception for the visit, which had been scheduled for February but was delayed due to escalated fighting between Israel and Lebanese guerrillas. The young king made it clear that the collapsed talks with Syria and the troubled Palestinian track were making it harder for him to maintain warm ties.

Russians seize \$28M in stolen gems

MOSCOW — Russian police have cracked an international crime ring dealing in stolen gems and seized \$28 million worth of emeralds and other precious stones, a top official said Sunday. Presenting part of the booty, a jewel case holding huge cut emeralds worth \$1 million, First Deputy Interior Minister Vladimir Kozlov said the confiscated gems included stones from Russia's Ural Mountains region and fake diamonds from other countries. A Russian organized crime ring known as Uralmash was a key player in the gem deals, Kozlov said on Russia's RTR television Sunday night.

Blues defeat Sharks 6-2

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Improbable playoff comebacks are becoming a rite of spring for the St. Louis Blues. Scott Young scored three times yesterday and the St. Louis Blues, trying to match last year's feat of rallying from a 3-1 deficit to win a first-round series, defeated the San Jose Sharks 6-2 to even their series at three games apiece. Game 7 is Tuesday night at St. Louis.

Trail Blazers defeat Timberwolves

PORTLAND, Ore. — Scottie Pippen scored 28 points and hit two crucial free throws after being knocked to the floor with 1:26 left as the Portland Trail Blazers rallied to defeat the Minnesota Timberwolves 91-88 in Game 1 of the best-of-five playoff series. The Blazers trailed 75-69 to start the fourth quarter, but came back when Minnesota, which had been making its jump shots all game, suddenly started forcing them.

Compiled from wire reports.

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is stressed about finals, but not because she hasn't been keeping up with her work. "In law school, the only exams you take are final exams, which pretty much determine your semester grade," she said. "Not only do you have to study for finals, but you have to keep up with class work as well, which can be really stressful."

Dr. Charlie O'Neill, associate director of the UK Counseling and Testing Center, said it is natural for students to feel stressed as final exams approach. Problems can arise, however, when students become

consumed by stress. O'Neill explained that when papers, projects and other assignments are due in addition to preparing for finals, it is easy for students to become overwhelmed, especially when they procrastinate.

"(Dead week) is usually a period of great stress for students obviously because many students have waited until the last minute to study or finish projects," O'Neill said. To deal with stress, O'Neill suggested that students maintain balance in their studying by taking periodic breaks to do other activities, like walking.

"If you look at all of your tasks as one great big task, it will become too much (to handle)," he said.

Introducing the faculty search committee for next president



Herring

George Herring

George Herring, an alumni professor of history, has been affiliated with the University since 1969. He has spent the last year on the Futures Committee, so he has developed a good idea of the person needed for the job. Herring sees commitment to academic values and political skills as the two most important qualities UK's next president should possess.



Kaplan

Alan Kaplan

Alan Kaplan is chairman of microbiology and immunology department in the medical school. Kaplan has been with UK for 18 years. He's looking for a good listener, someone who respects the faculty and students, someone who has shown excellence in any number of areas, including research and teaching. "They must be a leader," he said.



Lesnaw

Judith A. Lesnaw

Judith A. Lesnaw is a biology professor and director of graduate studies for the biology graduate department. "It's extremely important that you have an individual with a very open leadership style," Lesnaw said, "someone who can interact, speak and listen to the constituents at the university."

My friends love to go to R movies, but not me. I like the kid stuff. Being an actor, I like to watch them and learn cool stuff."

— Frankie Muniz "Malcolm in the Middle" star, 14, who is set to star in Martin Scorsese's upcoming "Deuces Wild," about Brooklyn gangs in the '50s, to USA Today.

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Road to Miss America

Not just a pretty face: Pageants combine talent, looks and personality for competition

By Millinda Rumble
STAFF WRITER

Little girls often dream of growing up to become Miss America. This is an opportunity that a few UK students may get this summer as they compete in the Miss Kentucky Pageant, a preliminary to Miss America.

According to the organization's web page, the purpose of the Miss America Pageant is to "provide personal and professional opportunities for young American women and promoting their voice in culture, politics and the community."

Both the Miss Kentucky and the Miss America pageants are scholarship pageants. Each contestant is eligible for scholarship money regardless of whether or not they win.

In order to be eligible to compete the girls must win a local title. After winning that crown they head to Lexington for the Miss Kentucky pageant.

The pageant is based on tal-

ent, evening gown competition, swimsuit competition and an interview. It lasts three days in June — the first two days each contestant participates in all four categories. On the final day, the top 10 finalists are announced. Then the finalists compete in all the areas again.

The contestants think the pageant offers them excellent opportunity.

Shanna McGlone, a political science and communications junior, who competed in the pageant last year said the experience was beneficial.

"You gain a lot from Miss Kentucky," she said. "Everything you do benefits you. If you work out, you better yourself physically. If you practice interviews, you learn skills that will help in the future."

A big part of the pageant is a platform that each of the contestants must work on for an entire year. The platform involves each participant devoting time to a community service project that they

personally choose. Mary Catherine Correll, a chemistry freshman, said the contestants usually pick their platform because of a personal experience in their lives.

Her platform is the National Marrow Donor Program. She decided on this platform because she knew two children who needed bone marrow transplants. Correll has dedicated many days working with her platform, but says it is worthwhile.

"I am passionate about my platform," she said.

Correll dismissed any stereotypes about the pageant. "It is a very prestigious pageant. Miss America is a well-rounded person with dynamics. She is not just a pretty girl in a swimsuit," she said.

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EQUALITY

Vermont close to gay bill

Short of gay marriage: A Vermont bill would extend marriage benefits to gays

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

A bill that would create the closest thing in America to gay marriage won final approval in the Vermont state Senate last week.

Stopping short of recognizing gay marriages, the measure would enable gay couples to form "civil unions" that would entitle them to all 300 or so rights and benefits available under state law to married couples. There was no guarantee other states would recognize the unions, but no residency requirement that would bar couples from other states from coming here to unite at least symbolically.

UK's gay and lesbian community think it's a step in the right direction.

"I believe any progress made in the battle for same sex marriages is a step in the right direction," said Ryan LaFollette, student area coordinator for Amnesty International and a foreign language and international economics junior.

The 19-11 vote mirrored preliminary approval that was given to the bill last Tuesday. The bill now returns to the House for consideration of changes to the House-approved version.

Democratic Gov. Howard Dean has said he will sign the bill.

The biggest difference between the House and Senate bills is the effective date. Under the Senate proposal, the first civil unions could take place beginning July 1. The House set the date two months later.

Before the vote, senators turned aside one amendment that would have stated in state law that one of the central purposes of marriage is procreation.

Only about two dozen people lined the Senate galleries, in contrast to crowds that filled corridors on Tuesday. Most of them wore pink stickers signaling their support for the bill.

There was little reaction in the chamber when the vote total was announced by Lt. Gov. Douglas Racine, but once the Senate adjourned, there were hugs and tears.

"It's great that it passed," said Beth Robinson, one of the lawyers who successfully argued before the Supreme Court that gay and lesbian couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage.

"What's greater to me is the margin by which it passed," Robinson said. "That shows me the Senate understands that gays and lesbians need and deserve the same protections as heterosexuals in our society and that's a great breakthrough."

Sarah Vetter, an art studio junior said Kentucky's laws, which don't have the same protections, are just not enough.

"A movement needs to be made to have same sex marriages have the same rights as other couples," she said. "Anything else is utter discrimination."

House Speaker Michael Obuchowski said he would hold the House vote next Tuesday and was confident it would win final approval in that chamber.

The laws

In Kentucky, KRS 402.020 prohibits same sex marriages. In Kentucky, KRS 402.045 makes states same sex marriages made in other states invalid and void in Kentucky.

Source: Legislative Research Commission-Kentucky Revised Statutes

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I can't really remember the names of all the clubs that we went to.”

— Shaquille O'Neal, LA Lakers basketball player, when asked if he visited the Parthenon in Greece

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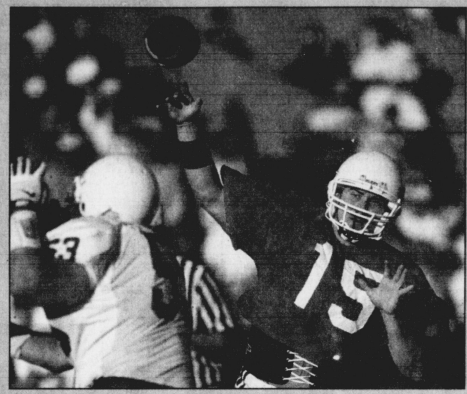
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PRACTICE FINALE

Offense tunes up



Junior quarterback Dusty Bonner and fellow quarterback Jared Lorenzen combined to scorch the UK defense for 492 yards passing and 66 points in the annual Blue-White scrimmage Saturday.

JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

UK offense routs: The Blue team won, but both offenses succeeded

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Saturday's 45-21 victory by the Blue squad in the annual Blue-White spring scrimmage was like the Sunday Night Disney family movie — nothing too sexy, plenty of familiar faces and a predictable story line.

The Blue squad, comprised mainly of first and second-teamers, dominated the charts on both offense and defense, and if not for two 80-yard touchdown receptions by Anthony Kelly and Earnest Simms of the White squad, the numbers would have been even more lopsided.

But the 5,200 in attendance were treated to a good show of offense by the Blue team, led by tight end Derek Smith's eight catches and 492 yards passing by Dusty Bonner and Jared Lorenzen.

"I think both teams just wanted to play hard and have fun," Smith said. "Today was more of a fun scrimmage than it is really to come out and try and get some business done."
"I really don't ever read a lot into the Blue-White game," coach Hal Mumme said, "because we've got all the guys who are basically going to do the playing on one side against all the others. There's a lot more to be learned in scrimmage situations on the two previous Saturdays, when we go good-on-good for 100 plays."

And during those times, Bonner solidified his status as the starting quarterback, leaving Lorenzen as the backup. But Lorenzen had the best offensive game of anyone, completing 22-of-35 for

318 yards and two touchdowns.

"He's definitely gotten better with experience," Bonner said of Lorenzen, "just as everyone does. He's gotten a little more confidence, and the guys know that if you give him the ball, he's going to give you a great effort every time."

Although his yardage was impressive, Mumme reminded people that his opposition in the Blue-White game wasn't the same as facing Florida or Tennessee.

"I would like to have seen Jared have this kind of day the previous two Saturdays," he said. "But you're looking at a lot of walk-on guys in the secondary and in the underneath coverage."

Speaking of exploiting underneath coverage, the tight-end duo of Smith and Bobby Blizard showed why they will be a force to be reckoned with in the fall, with the two combining for 14 catches and 186 yards receiving.

"Overall, I think I had a pretty decent spring," Smith said. "I still had some mental mistakes during the spring, and in a couple of scrimmages I was cutting my routes off early, but things went well for me today, and I'm glad they did."

Another player who had things go well for him was receiver Derek Abney. The Louisville native, who missed last year with a pulled hamstring, used his speed to outrun the defense on two touchdown grabs of 78 and 59 yards.

"It was real important for me to do well this spring," Abney said. "I was fortunate to end it up pretty well in this game."

"I was glad to see him have a big night tonight," Mumme said. "He's really risen up there and put some heat on ol' Quentin (McCord), the starting receiver who battled injuries this past season. He's made Quentin a better player. That gives us two real speed guys at split end."

SPRING THING

Spring practice finished, but not fall preparation

Now what: The UK football team looks to get stronger before summer practice

By Will Messer
STAFF WRITER

Spring practice may be over, but that doesn't mean Hal Mumme's Wildcats can rest easy until August.

"We've got to get stronger, we just got to get in the weight room and keep doing what we started doing in the off-season," said head coach Mumme. "We still have an extremely young football team and we still have a lot of the basic physical development to do."

There is no doubt that Mumme's team needs to work to get stronger, tougher and faster. Overall, however, the headman seemed pleased with his team's effort and attitude during the spring.

"The kids had a good attitude. That's the thing I like most about this whole spring period — their attitudes, their work ethic," Mumme said. "They've just got a lot of enthusiasm for the game."

Mumme's players may have exhibited a positive attitude throughout spring practice, but they also played some pretty good football.

Here is a look at some of the notable players who have stepped up and made a improvements and impressions during spring workouts:

● **Dusty Bonner, junior quarterback, and Jared Lorenzen, redshirt freshman quarterback**
Bonner responded to Mumme's quarterback challenge and used his experience and newfound arm strength to outplay Lorenzen and earn another year in the pilot's seat of Mumme's Air Raid offense.

Lorenzen struggled in early spring scrimmages, but used the Blue-White game to show off his Houtzler-like arm and talent, even if it was against the third string.

● **Artose Pinner, sophomore fullback**
Mumme loves Pinner's no nonsense bull-like running style, but he is also impressed with his ability to catch the ball out of the backfield. In Saturday's Blue-White scrimmage, Pinner carried six times for 38 yards and caught six passes for 59 yards.

Earlier this spring Mumme said he hopes Pinner can be the 1,000-yard back the offense has been missing since Mumme's arrival at UK.

One of Pinner's best qualities is his strength and ability to shake off tackles.

"I seldom do you see one person take him down," Bonner said, "It's usually more like two or three."

Pinner has seen increased playing time do to Anthony White's graduation and Derek Homer being injured.

● **Derek Smith, sophomore tight end**
This spring Smith has emerged as the graduated All-American James Whalen's heir apparent.

"I had a great winter workout and I came out in the spring wanting to step it up," Smith said.

Well, he did. During Saturday's Blue-White game Smith caught eight passes for 106 yards.

After the game Mumme said, "I think Derek may be the best athlete on the field."

● **Dennis Johnson, junior defensive end**
Johnson has struggled to live up to expectations in the talent rich SEC, but if this spring is any indication, he's ready to break out and become an impact player.

"We hope he has a breakout year, a junior breakout year," said defensive coordinator Mike Major.

Johnson has been a dominant force all spring by terrorizing Bonner and Lorenzen. In the third scrimmage of the spring, Johnson recorded five sacks.

● **Derrick Tatum, sophomore cornerback**
Tatum loves to talk smack, but that's alright because he can also play.

"Tatum was tough," Mumme said after the Blue-White game. "What we did was just kept throwing at him ... I thought he did pretty well."

Now Tatum is the number three cornerback behind seniors Eric Kelly and Kenneth Grant, but he doesn't plan on sitting or waiting the year out until he gets his chance to start.

"My first goal is to start," Tatum said.



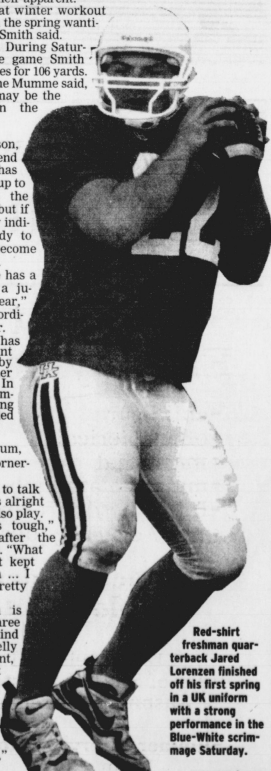
Cats take Gators

The UK women's softball team took three of four games from the Lady Gators this weekend and the fourth was canceled.

Sophomore shortstop Angie Dal Prazzo (left) helped the team to a 4-0 victory in the first game Saturday with a two run home run. In the second game UK came from behind to win 9-8. The Cats also won the first game on Sunday 3-0 behind the pitching of senior Keary Camunas. Camunas threw a four hitter and recorded her eighth shutout of the season to extend her record to 16-11.

The second game was canceled after the sixth inning with the Cats trailing 7-6 and mounting a comeback. UK scored three in the bottom of the sixth, but Florida had to catch a plane flight back to Gainesville before the finale could be concluded. The three wins against Florida are the first ever in UK softball history. The Cats had never beaten the Gators.

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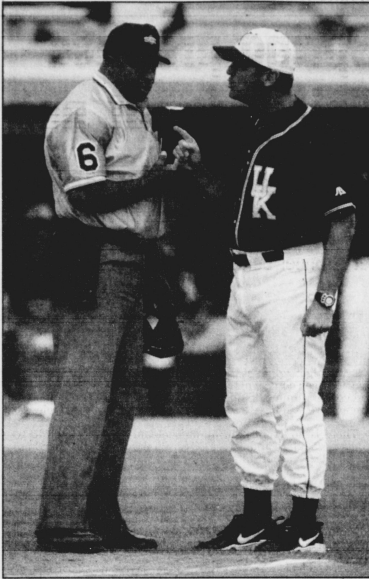


Red-shirt freshman quarterback Jared Lorenzen finished off his first spring in a UK uniform with a strong performance in the Blue-White scrimmage Saturday.

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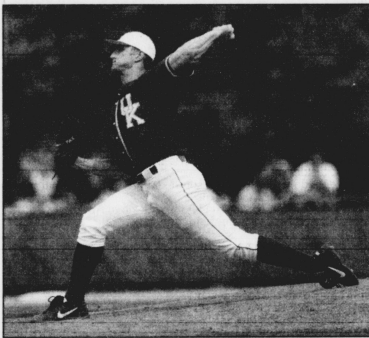
UK, USC drive in 65 runs



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Struggling

UK baseball coach Keith Madison (above) argues Sunday with plate umpire Chuck McElroy after third baseman Vince Harrison was beamed by a pitch. John Hooker was replaced by Joey King (below) after being ejected for hitting a batter.



Disappointing weekend: The Bat Cats dropped all three games against USC

By Travis Hubbard
ASST. SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The Bat Cats lost their fourth consecutive game and were swept by the No. 1 ranked South Carolina Gamecocks Sunday. The Gamecocks outscored the Cats 44-21 in the series in what was expected to be a pitching and defensive duel.

The Cats did manage to tag the USC pitchers, dubbed by UK coach Keith Madison as "the best pitching staff in the nation," for double-digit hits each game. "We swung the bats extremely well," said second baseman Andy Green. "We just didn't convert in key situations."

In the first game of a doubleheader on Saturday UK played a tight game with USC until the seventh inning. After UK scored two runs to tie the game at 5-5 in the bottom of the sixth, Brandon Webb surrendered a four-run seventh. The Cats went scoreless the rest of the game and the Gamecocks added six runs in the top of the ninth for the 15-5 final.

Rob Corrado started the second game and pitched well through his first three innings before allowing three runs in the fourth. He left with one on top 6-5 in the fifth inning.

Leftfielder Aaron McGone started the UK offensive attack in the first inning with a grand slam that moved him ahead of Mike Botkin for the UK all-time RBI record with 165.

USC went ahead in the seventh inning with five runs off of Mark Michael and Josh Paxton, but UK answered in the bottom of the ninth inning.

After struggling through seven innings against USC reliever Brett Price, UK loaded the bases and John Wesley relieved Price. Wesley walked one and gave up two hits. UK scored four and shortstop Jeff Meade's RBI double tied the game at 10.

John Hooker came in to pitch after freshman Josh Paxton gave up a single to Nate Janowicz, who was then advanced to second on a groundout and eventually scored after a passed ball by catcher John Wilson and a wild pitch by Hooker.

The Cats were unable to score off of USC closer Scott Barber, who earned his second save of the day, and the Gamecocks swept the doubleheader with an 11-0 victory.

While the first two games were intense and competitive, the finale was anti-climatic after USC notched a six-run third. The Gamecocks sealed their 18-5 victory with a nine-run seventh despite six UK runs in the last four innings.

"I'm surprised how well both teams hit," said Madison. "This is a ridiculous statement after this weekend, but we have one of the best (pitching) staffs in the league."

UK had particular trouble with the middle of the USC order. Brandon Pack, Trey Dyson and Tripp Kelly combined for nine home runs, 24 RBI and went 15 for 43 in the four, five and six spots.

The trio each homered once each game and Pack connected twice in the first game. Dyson's home runs gave him eight for the season and he has now homered in five consecutive games.

"Most of what happened was not physical," said Madison. "South Carolina just came in red hot."

UK drops to 29-12, 7-12-1 in the SEC and into a tie with Tennessee for fourth place in the SEC East and ninth overall. Currently UK is a half game behind Alabama for the final at-large bid for the SEC Tournament.

"We had a horrible weekend against Florida and came back and played well against Georgia," said Madison. "Hopefully we can do the same thing again."

The Cats only have three SEC series to make up their lost ground, with two of the series coming against SEC last place teams, Arkansas and Vanderbilt.

South Carolina just came in red hot."

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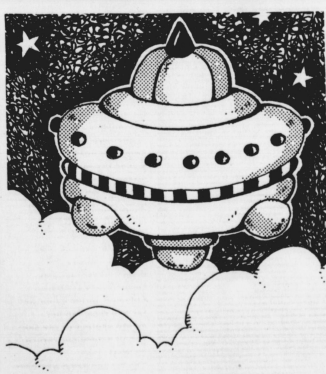
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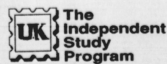
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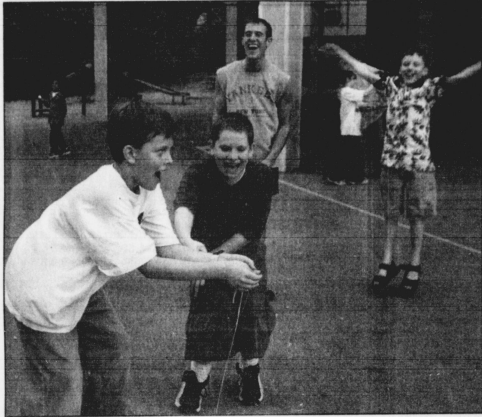
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Fraternity parties with kids



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Eggman!

(Above) Niki Avdiushko, 10, a fifth-grader at Maxwell Elementary, ended up on the receiving end in the egg toss contest last Thursday. The program is sponsored by Delta Tau Delta through the fraternity's Adopt-a-School philanthropy. (Left) The field games ended when the egg Avdiushko was tossing busted in his hands. Jared Pepper, the brains behind the afterschool program at Maxwell and other students, Mark Morris and Braden Goins, celebrated.

Back to school: Delta Tau Delta encourages the boys of Maxwell Elementary's fourth and fifth grade to go to college

By Tracy Kershaw
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

For Chad Barbour, it is like experiencing childhood all over again. Barbour and about 25 of his Delta Tau Delta fraternity brothers spent last Thursday at Maxwell Elementary School, skipping rope, tossing eggs, playing "dizzy bat" and hula-hooping with a slew of fourth- and fifth-grade boys. The field day was only one event in the fraternity's "Adopt-A-School" project. The fraternity's national philanthropy project pairs 51 Maxwell Elementary fourth and fifth grade boys with a Delta Tau Delta fraternity member. "It is like return to innocence," said Barbour, a kinesiology and education sophomore. "It has been a good learning experience." The fraternity brothers tried to spend

at least one hour a week at the school with their child: eating lunch, playing at recess or helping out with schoolwork at afterschool tutoring sessions. Also, each boy is invited to have dinner at the fraternity house. The experience has been beneficial for both the college students and the elementary school students. "We try to provide a positive role model... for them," said David Shearer, a business management and international business senior. Shearer said coming in as a group of college students might influence the younger children to go to college. Maxwell Elementary assistant principal Gail Johnson, who helped coordinate the "Adopt-a-School" program, said the purpose of the program is to make college appealing. Fraternity members and the children

said the program has done that and more. "The best part is getting to play football together at recess," said fourth grader David LaSage. LaSage said he wants to keep in touch with his mentor if the boy's mom doesn't lose his phone number. Fifth grader Wes Wilson said he wants to be like the fraternity members when he grows up. Going bowling and eating lunch with his mentor, Otha Warren, a marketing senior, was the best part of the program. Warren said he enjoys his relationship with Wes. "It is fun getting involved with the kids. It is nice to have recess again, I haven't had it in years," Warren said. The children's parents and teachers are impressed with the program. "It is important and good for young men to be around other young men," said parent Lesley Moore. The fraternity plans to do the project again next year. This is music to the ears of fifth grade teacher Alicia Guerra. "We won't let you go," she said.

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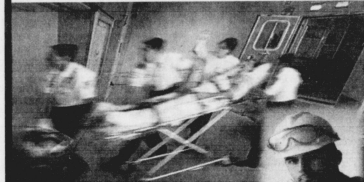
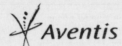
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Sex study conducted in Kentucky prisons

MOREHEAD, Ky. — A Morehead State University professor is conducting a study on prison sexuality, a topic he says has been shrouded in silence but must be dealt with.

The information could be used to combat the spread of AIDS and improve prison safety.

Christopher Hensley, a sociology professor who directs Morehead's Institute for Correctional Research and Training, said the survey is the first of its kind in Kentucky. Hensley studied prison sex in Oklahoma and found that nearly one in four male prisoners had engaged in sexual activities with fellow inmates.

Overall, 13.6 percent of all prisoners said they had been "threatened sexually" by other inmates and 1.1 percent said they had been raped. The sweeping 46-question survey asks about jailhouse, consensual sex, autoeroticism and rape.

About 3,600 of Kentucky's 15,300 prisoners have been asked to participate. Results will be released this fall.

Star child

Fetus photo stirs abortion debate

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — Samuel Armas' parents love to show off photos of their baby boy, particularly one taken nearly four months before he was born.

The photo, shot during in-utero surgery to correct a birth defect, shows Samuel's penny-sized fist reaching outside Julie Armas' womb, grasping at a doctor's finger.

That tiny fist has added fuel to an international abortion debate, appearing on anti-abortion billboards in Ireland and in newspapers in France, Germany, Norway, Singapore and the United States.

"It shows a baby before when we would consider it to be viable," said Laura Echevarria, spokeswoman for the National Right to Life Committee.

"With the notoriety the picture has garnered, we're seeing people becoming more educated about fetal development. With that knowledge comes a renewed respect for life."

Abortion-rights supporters, however, say the photo doesn't hurt their cause.

"This is one of the prime examples of where it must be between the doctor and the family," said Patricia Ireland, President of the National Organization for Women.

"Just as the decision to have in-utero surgery was made in this case, it cannot be a political decision."

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UK protests not Kent State level

Remember Kent State. I don't say this for reasons that you would think. It's not the anniversary of the massacre of 4 students at the hands of the National Guardsmen. (I don't even know the exact date right off hand.)

I don't say it because I think it will be forgotten, far from it. I don't think anyone old enough to remember the Vietnam War will forget hearing about it, and those of us who are too young will never forget learning about it. No, I say it because I see something on our campus that bothers me. It has nothing in common with the Kent State incident, except one thing — protest.

I recently picked up a copy of the Herald-Leader only to be greeted by an "empowering" picture of a leader of the UK United Students Against Sweatshops chapter holding a megaphone, her mouth gaped open screaming chants about the sweatshops. The headline, which completely left me aghast, declared activism was back on campus.

First of all, I never knew that activism left. It seems that youth seem to be the most active of all humans — why would it be different here? Second of all, I can't help thinking that there seems to be a hint of romance in the air towards protesting. Kids at college are protesting, just as their fathers and mothers before them. It's swell to see some traditions move on, isn't it?

What? Did everyone fall asleep in history class? Did anyone remember that the protests of the '60s and '70s nearly tore our hurting country completely in two? Doesn't anyone remember how many people

were beaten, maimed, and attacked (both police and protester) over these protests? Did anyone learn about the beatings during the Civil Rights movement? Is this really what we want to bring back? Was that really all that fun?

Don't get me wrong — I don't think anything is wrong with protesting, per se. Get your word out. Change things. Eradicating injustice and standing up for what you believe in is part of what makes this country so great. Women and blacks can vote now due to protest. Apartheid fell due to protest. It's a tool of change, and it's more often than not being used correctly.

The USA's used this tool (arguably) in a time where it was needed. They also may have the best intentions. However, it seems that there is still an overwhelming sense of nostalgia in the air. A protester standing outside of the Administration Building on that fateful night said to me that it was promised to be the biggest protest to happen since the '70s. I just rolled my eyes and prayed that the thing would resolve one way or another, before my hands froze from the freak weather I had to stand in.

My point is this: Protest in a time of need. Protest in times of injustice. Protest when things are just plain wrong. But don't make it out to be the best of times — treat it with the respect it's deserved. Remember not only Kent State, but everyone else.

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The famous scene of the 1970 Kent State shootings. In his column above, Alan Slone feels that the protests of today focus more on nostalgia of the protests in the 1960's and '70s than actual serious issues.

Melissa Bedsole

GUEST COLUMNIST

Exotic pets have no place in home, around children

Jayton and Cheyenne are both delightful 4-year-olds with two arms and two legs (sort of). But that is about where their similarities end.

The problems with this particular situation are endless. The little boy should have never been left alone in the vicinity of the tiger. Jayton is 4 years old — he should not be left alone with much of anything, and to leave him anywhere near a 400-pound tiger shows complete negligence and irresponsibility on the part of the uncle. Second, the tiger should have had a better cage.

Horrible! Absolutely. But the real shocker is how this awful fate befell poor Jayton. He was not strolling through the jungle, nor did he cross over the iron bar barriers at the zoo. Jayton was simply spending the day at his uncle Larry Tidwell's house, where the tiger was kept as a pet. When little Jayton reached in the cage to touch this "pet," the tiger ripped off his arm just above the elbow.

Thankfully, Jayton Tidwell is recovering in good condition after undergoing hours of surgery to reattach his arm. This is not the first time an exotic pet has threatened the life of a human, and this needs to be stopped. It is a lesson that no child (or adult, for that matter) should ever have to learn in such a way.

The idea that these animals are suitable pets may seem ludicrous, but there are many people fighting for the right to house them. The National Alternative Pet Association (NAPA) actively works toward its mission to "promote responsible private and commercial ownership of exotic animals of all species."

This is a fine idea, but no matter how responsible Larry may have been, his tiger still attacked Jayton. The problems with this particular situation are endless. The little boy should have never been left alone in the vicinity of the tiger. Jayton is 4 years old — he should not be left alone with much of anything, and to leave him anywhere near a 400-pound tiger shows complete negligence and irresponsibility on the part of the uncle. Second, the tiger should have had a better cage.

Many people support the ridiculous idea that these "pets" are just as acceptable as any other, as long as they are in a cage. Well, someone needs to get to work making better cages than the chain link fence that separated Jayton and Cheyenne, because obviously it did not separate them enough.

Every aspect of the situation is ridiculous, but above all that tiger should not have been there in the first place. Zoos were created to display animals that are not meant to be pets, so they can be safely observed. Why aren't dogs and cats and small goldfish at the zoo? Because they are the animals meant to be in homes.

NAPA claims that people against their beloved pets "often bring isolated incidents out of proportion or treat those with exotic pets like criminals." One freak accident is quite enough, yet according to Robert E. Armstrong, a former chief of a health department's animal control bureau, these "isolated incidents" are not rare.

In an article in the Houston Chronicle, Armstrong recounted a tale where a little girl received a large head wound after being attacked by a lion at a flea market. Armstrong further described how a young boy was attacked a few years ago by a lion.

These "accidents" should not be blamed on the inexperience of these innocent children, either. There was an animal handler killed by a tiger he was working with at the Houston Zoo. This man had tiger experience — he still died.

Viewing recent events as "unavoidable accidents" is simply an act of denial that will only succeed in allowing such a tragic incident to occur again in the future. There need to be ramifications for the confused citizens who somehow believe that these pets are not dangerous to the people around them. Little boy's arms are not meant to be pulled off and put back on. Tigers are not meant to be kept in small confined cages.

Cheyenne and Jayton were both put in a very unfair situation, and neither one of them should have been expected to act any differently. Every owner who keeps one of these exotic pets is at fault for the injustice in these recent events, and they are exactly the ones pointing the finger at every other aspect of the situation.

That is just fine for now. They can point the finger at whomever they want to, at least until their perfect pet bites it off!

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Don't get a job yet — take a break, enjoy life

My father would probably agree with anyone who said my recent trip to Mexico adversely affected my future plans. There is nothing like seven days of sunshine to make a person re-evaluate his or her goals.

When I told my father I was seriously considering moving there (or somewhere) after graduation to work in an entertainment job at a resort, his reaction was twofold. His words, voiced very quietly, went something like: "Well, you've worked hard for years. Taking some time off might not be a bad thing."

I'm still trying to figure out if that's what he really meant or if he just said that to comply with my sometimes flighty nature. Exotic ideas visit me often, and Dad knows me well.

But after his reply, his chipper tone fell to a stagnant silence and he handed the phone to the nearest person at first convenience.

His daughter's going to be "one of those." I can't say I blame him. When I heard my proclamation, it took me a few seconds to realize what I had actually said.

The past four years have been spent striving toward a degree to advance on the professional scale — work a nine-to-five job and get life's gears spinning. The past four months have brought the realization that I'm not ready.

Until recently, I thought I was the minority in not wanting a structured career after college. So I decided to ask around, and many of my friends are echoing such an appetite, seeking any wayward morsel that passes their ears. Get ready, parents and peers — this is straight from your sons, daughters and neighbors.

One of my friends is moving to the beach to be a waitress. One says he's seeking a job that will let him work 40 straight hours a week and take the remainder hours off (I want him to let me know when he finds that one). Another wants to move out West and serve as a ranch hand. Many have said they are jumping in cars and driving wherever the road signs dictate. Anywhere away from the structured life and restrictions of time is appealing.

I've spent the latter part of this semester wondering where such decisions are born. Is it out of fear of the future? Is it the all-too-familiar senioritis syndrome that many students experience — the phenomena that makes them hold onto the familiar for a little longer by adding another major? Is it a final attempt to hang onto our carefree youths?

Or is it the revelation that the past 15 or so years have been spent adhering to pre-established systems we are supposed to follow. Folk singer Beth Orton said it best: "Why should I know better by now when I'm old enough not to?" Now that we've made it this far, is it so bad to want a break? This is a common occurrence, it seems, but it also appears to be frowned upon by much of the population.

Nine-to-five jobs seem so boring, and many of us are not ready for life to get boring yet. Life's been too sporadic the past few years for many to comfortably fall into monotonous daily processes, working in the fields we've been saturating our minds with for the past four or more years.

Maybe the spontaneous adventurers have the right idea: Live a little first. Look at these people in admiration, not displeasure. They are willing to go out on a limb. They challenge the sideways "how are you going to pull that off" glares, and they just smile and answer "I just will."

The past four years — while preparing us — have turned many into resume-toting robots. There's a sequence: high school, college, real world. I've done it — dressed up and gone to job fairs, proofed my resume at career services, joined monster.com, the works. Searching is beneficial, but it's not everything. These forms of planning depict the choices we make now as being so final.

If I can make it to Mexico, things would be much simpler. Some say I'm crazy. I reply that Mexico sure was warm, and it didn't rain during the entire visit. I have the rest of my life to chug through the nine-to-five routine.

The next few years should be spent whiling away the most confusing hours a schedule can hold. Virginia Tech teaches us what we need to know, but we decide what to experience.

I can't think of any better way to learn than to throw ourselves out there and make life happen.

The "real job" can come later.

Guest Columnist Jessica Jones writes for The Collegiate Times (Virginia Tech). Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

READERS' FORUM



Expressions

Seek truth about sweatshops

To the Editor:

In reading the recent letters to the Kernel about the sweatshop controversy, it is evident that there is still a lack of basic understanding about the actual conditions that exist in the third world sweatshops that make UK-licensed athletic apparel.

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For those who still don't understand the issue, I suggest they visit Community Action Abroad's excellent and very readable report on sweatshop conditions in Indonesia. The report can be found at <http://www.caa.uw.edu/campaigns/nike/sweating.html>.

For those who would rather watch the movie, I recommend Michael Moore's hilarious documentary, The Big One, available on video at a few Blockbuster's around town. The horrified look on Nike CEO Phil Knight's face when Michael Moore shows up in Knight's office with two first-class tickets to Indonesia is well worth the price of the rental.

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BROADWAY

'Fame' lives forever

Up in lights: From the silver screen to Broadway, Fame lives up to reputation

By Amanda York
SCENE EDITOR

David De Silva's Broadway production of *Fame* proves that the '80s won't die and the movie and television show will truly live forever in theater.

De Silva, the originator of the movie and often referred to as "Father Fame," brings the Academy Award-winning movie picture to the stage in a mix of '80s memorabilia, music and fashion.

The setting for the musical consists of moveable stairs and balconies that represent the High School of Performing Arts on West 46th Street in New York. The school, a breeding ground for those seeking fame and fortune in the arts, serves as one of the most difficult schools for training.

The beginning of the musical exemplifies the difficulty of gaining admission into the prestigious school through a musical number, which depicts the hopeful students praying for admittance. The school accepts 25 young hopefuls under the condition of "Fame costs and this is where you start paying."

And pay they do. The musical takes the audience through the four years the students

spend studying at the school and demonstrates the struggles each must face. Along with keeping up with the strict curriculum required by the school, the students must also deal with personal struggles — self-esteem issues, learning disabilities and drug experimentation.

Throughout the musical, the cast members dazzle the audience with dance and musical performances. Particularly notable is the performance of Sheri Sanders as Serena Katz, a young Jewish girl studying acting at the school. Sanders' character evolves from a shy, insecure freshman to a bold and self-assured senior. She must also deal with the fact that her high school crush, aspiring young actor Nick Piazza (Gavin Cree), is gay.

Another notable performance comes from José Restrepo, who plays class clown José Vegas. Restrepo kept the audience entertained with his light-hearted portrayal of the kid in class who can't sit still and loves to make his classmates laugh. Restrepo had the crowd bellyaching with his comical performance of "Can't Keep it Down," a song in which he proclaims his love and physical attraction for the bad girl of the class, Carmen Diaz played by

Sophina Brown.

The costumes for the musical shine as vibrantly as the cast members. Adorned in classic '80s apparel that most people can find stuffed in the depths of their closets, the cast looked like a music video from MTV's earliest days. Costume designer Paul Tazewell covered every fashion genre of the '80s from stone washed jeans to glow in the dark suspenders.

Despite the fact that the musical covers the lives of teenagers growing up in the '80s, the trials and tribulations faced by the teenagers remain the same. Not only will the musical and the song live forever, but, sadly enough, the issues faced by the young teenagers will live forever as well.

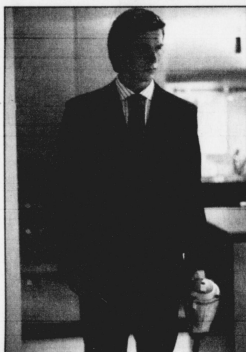
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FILM

'Psycho' one crazy movie



By Matt Mulcahey
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

You have to appreciate the irony of a movie about shallowness and excess being shallow and excessive.

Based on Bret Easton Ellis' controversial tale of a 1980s serial killer yuppie, *American Psycho* attempts to examine the emptiness and dehumanization of '80s greed, ambition and materialism. While the book stirred controversy mainly because of its detailed descriptions of the murders, most of the film's violence is only implied.

Director Mary Herron doesn't go for the easy shock value of the central character's violent tendencies, but instead paints a black-as-night comedy about what happens when a typical '80s businessman cracks.

Due in no small part to Christian Bale's take on Patrick Bateman, the film isn't a horror movie, but a dark comedy. The humor comes from the absurdity of the situations.

Bale conceives Bateman as the epitome of shallowness. He and his cronies have made it the point of their lives to live by the mantra "he who dies with the most wins." Everything is a high-testosterone, primal male competition who's got the nicer apartment, who gets reservations at the best restaurants, who has the superior business cards

Just call me crazy
American Psycho tells the story of a New York businessman who enjoys hacking up people when he's out of the office.

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and even who has the better tan. All they care about are the things in their life, not the people.

Bales gives Bateman a detached indifference and apathy that make the murders all the more disturbing. Bateman doesn't kill because he enjoys it or because he's a loony. He doesn't kill in violent fits of rage. He kills while waxing poetically about the virtues of Huey Lewis' "Hip to be Square."

Bateman's murders are a hobby, something he does to fight boredom. They're the equivalent of his co-workers playing racquetball. Only through senseless violence does Bateman feel alive.

Although *American Psycho* would like to be a meaningful film about the hollowness of a certain type of existence, the film is nothing more than a clever satire. There's no real insight or exploration into the empty lives of its characters.

The film is a surreal nightmare, a violent fantasy. How much of the story is reality and how much is a figment of Bateman's deluded imagination is left to interpretation. Although *American Psycho* doesn't reach the high summit of importance it seeks, the film is ambitious, interesting and undeniably unique.

BOOKS

Book gives readers a fright, thrill

By Candice Jackson
STAFF CRITIC

When I was in seventh grade, I tried to read *American Psycho*. I had nightmares for a week.

At the time, I couldn't get past the first 150 pages. It was intense — and the title itself is indication that it's not a book for kids.

Over the past few years, though, I'd wanted to give the book another chance and with the recent release of the film, now looked like a good opportunity.

After reading the book, I sleep just fine at night, but while reading, I would often reach a point where I would have to put the book down.

American Psycho, written by *Less Than Zero* author Bret Easton Ellis, is set in the high-stakes world of Wall Street, 1987. Populated by young, brokers and bankers, *Psycho*'s world is not the most likely setting for a story about mass murder and sadism. The narrator, a stockbroker named Patrick Bateman has achieved wealth and status most people only dream about at the age of 27. His days consist of power lunches and visits to the gym; his nights are spent visiting New York's nightclubs. In his spare time, he enjoys murdering prostitutes, homosexuals and the homeless.

The book met waves of controversy with its release in 1991. And with good reason — not only is violence central to the story, but graphic violence, directed toward women in particular, is described in explicit detail throughout.

Of course, fans of the book argue the violence itself is not the point — the focus instead should be on how Bateman's obsession with perfection and image, coupled with his mental instability, allows him to sink into violent behavior.

The problem with the world Ellis has created is not in its characters, or even in the concept of murdering 1980s yuppie-dom with mass murder. It's that, in all his attempts to explore Bateman's insanity and blood lust, he loses his focus.

Don't get me wrong — the book works at points. Bateman's constant brand name-dropping, his infatuation with his Platinum American Express card and his colleagues' hopeless inability to remember his name highlight the climate of the novel.

Maybe I'm just a hypocrite. I have to admit the talk surrounding the novel is what got me to read it. But it's pretty much a given that *Psycho* never would've made it this far without its controversial subject matter. While it's certainly one of the most memorable books I've ever read, its drawbacks are too many to save it from mediocrity.

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