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TAs enjoy on the job training

By John Abbott
Senior Staff Writer

They fought the law, and the law crushed them like ants. The Yale graduate students who went on a "grade strike" recently ended it without gaining any of the concessions they were seeking. They refused to hand in their grades until they received higher stipends, more teacher training, a procedure to air grievances, and a number of other requests.

The grad student group, comprising less than 10 percent of the total number of grad students at Yale, decided that it was more important to have secure jobs for the next semester.

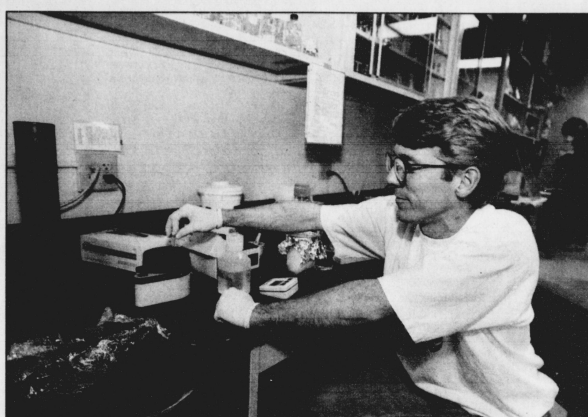


It happened at Yale; could it happen here? "I've heard a few horror stories about people being assigned too much to do, but for me, it's been fine," said political science grad student Alan Purcell. "It can be difficult, but I enjoy it. In fact, it's a nice break from the grad school work I have to do."

It's sometimes strange, he said, having to shift between the world of teachers and the world of students, but it's rewarding nonetheless. "It's good experience... I want to be a teacher," he said.

"I think it gives you more empathy toward students," biology grad student Tom Badgett said.

Purcell agreed. "We have a better sense of the kinds of pressures students are under than some of the professors who are older and are more removed from the student



MIXING IT UP Teaching assistant Tom Badgett works in the Thomas Hunt Morgan Biological Sciences laboratory.

experience," he said. "I don't want to make it sound like TA-ing is a breeze, because it can be a pain in the ...," he said, but it's not so painful that he would bail out.

"It's a job with all these extra cool benefits of tuition and an education... It's definitely worth it." He doesn't hear the footsteps of a teaching assistant revolution in the distance.

"From the T.A.s I know, everybody can make it on their T.A. stipend. "It's not a lot of money," he said, but if you're not frivolous, "you can get by in Lexington."

He did, however, empathize with the Yale students, who face a higher standard of living while making approximately the same amount of money that UK graduate students do.

"If I was getting paid this kind of money, and I was living in New York or San Francisco, I couldn't live," he said. History grad student Bob Topmiller tells a similar story about grad student-administration relations at UK.

"There was a time when some history graduate students considered forming a union," he said.

Some graduate students were complaining of being assigned too many hours. "We've even discussed the possibility of a one-day strike," he said, noting that it never advanced past the discussion phase.

In this instance, when labor complained, management responded. "We had a case here where an administrator did a really good job of listening and cut this off before it got out of hand," he said.

He also said that George Herring, chairman of the history department, has been very supportive of his graduate students' efforts to get something done about the library.

But Topmiller is squarely in the Yale grad students' camp. He is very interested in putting together a union. He disagrees with the Yale administration's position that the grad students, being students, don't have the right to unionize or strike.

"We should have some kind of representative institution, and I think we should have the right to strike. "I thought what the Yale administration did was reprehensible."

Yale is a standard-setting institution for the country, Dean of Students David Stockham said. "It'll be interesting to see what spins out of this."

Bill could cut VP's power

By Gary Wulf
Staff Writer

A constitutional amendment that would strip the Student Government Association vice president of any supervisory role over the legislative branch was introduced in the Senate's committee meetings Wednesday night.

The amendment, sponsored by senators Kevin Kidd, Brian Kirby and Tom Pratt, proposes to have a Senate floor leader elected to run Senate meetings, instead of the vice president.

Heather Hennel, SGA vice president, is against the bill. "I feel that if anyone wants to change the vice presidency that they should add responsibilities, rather than take them away," Hennel said. "I am the only link between the legislative and executive branches. Without my position the two branches wouldn't work as well together."

The SGA constitution states the vice president's powers and duties as:
 ▼ Presiding as chairperson over the student Senate
 ▼ Serve as chairperson of the Committee on Committees, voting only in case of a tie
 ▼ Serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of all student Senate standing committees
 ▼ Call special elections to fill vacancies in Senate offices
 ▼ Perform all duties and exercise powers delegated by the student Senate

Senator at large Alan Aja also opposes the bill. "If you get rid of the VP's power to run the Senate you lose a very important liaison," Aja said. "It's a student government and should revolve around the students. The SGA should not be run like our government in Frankfurt or U.S."

The bill will be brought to the full Senate next Wednesday. The bill's sponsors could not be reached for comment last night.

Another bill proposed by College of Arts and Sciences Senator Scott Coovert would add two more spots for the College of Arts and Sciences. "There are three times the students enrolled in (Arts and Sciences) than the next most populated department," Coovert said. "As a political science major, I don't believe that I can adequately represent all 6,232 students in the department."

If passed, the humanities, social sciences, physical sciences and mathematics of the College of Arts and Sciences would be represented, Coovert said.

Student talks about potential scam

By Chris Padgett
Staff Writer

Another UK student is asking whether or not Tony Montana's Cash for College grant and scholarship company is legitimate, or if the Blackburn, Va., based company is simply bilking students with financial need.

With bills accumulating and money running out, students sometimes find that they must take extraordinary measures to remain financially stable. "Since my first day here last fall, I have had bills piling up one after another," said Thomas Mansfield, an undeclared freshman.

"Sometimes I ask myself if being on this campus is really worth it," Mansfield said. "I mean, if I am not being screwed over by a credit card company with high rates, than I have some other company trying to get rich off the fact that I am a student who is on my own for the first time."

Scott Means, a physical education sophomore, thinks his decision to answer the ad of the company that had ran in the Kentucky Kernel classifieds, and said "cash for college," was one of the worst decisions he has ever made.

"I called before that warning article appeared in the Kernel on Wednesday and the sales pitch sounded so good," Means said. "As I look back on what happened, I now realize that they took real advantage of me."

Means said he answered the ad because, he felt that any ad which appeared in the Kernel would be reputable. "I felt that if this was appearing in the Kernel then it must be legit. At first, I was really angry that the Kernel would run a shady ad like this — but I now realize that it was pretty much my fault for being taken advantage of."

Kelley Bozeman, advertising director for the Kernel, said the publication does its best to check out ads for legitimacy. She said the students' recent complaints have been taken seriously and are being investigated.

She added that students who think they have been scammed should always bring it to the attention of the paper. "We can't just pull the ad in question until we have proof that it is really a scam," she said. Means said after answering a series of personal questions with the Cash for College receptionist, that he then gave her his personal checking account number and verbal permission to remove \$96 from his account.

"She told me that if I was not completely satisfied with the search or if I did not receive at least a \$1,000 scholarship as a result of the search I would be refunded my \$96," Means said. He later received an application in the mail containing the exact questions that he answered over the phone. "Then I knew this was a scam," Means said. "I called the company back and they said that I needed to have contacted them within 72 hours to receive a refund — it took 72 hours for the letter in the mail to get to me. The lady told me that I should have asked about refunds when I called."

NEWSbytes

NATION GOP says Clinton wants to cut some taxes

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is discussing cutting the top capital gains tax to 20 percent and virtually eliminating the tax on the sale of homes, Republicans said yesterday.

The administration plan — far less sweeping than the provisions in the vetoed Republican budget legislation — would cost roughly \$9 billion over seven years and would become effective the middle of this month, said the Republicans, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said in an interview with CNN that the plan — which he termed an administration offer — had "some merit." He did not describe it.

However, many congressional Democrats — led by House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., — adamantly oppose cutting capital gains taxes, describing it as a giveaway to the rich.

Aide testifies about finding documents

WASHINGTON — Adding further intrigue to the discovery of Hillary Rodham Clinton's legal records, a presidential aide testified yesterday the documents mysteriously appeared on a table in the White House residence two years after investigators subpoenaed them.

Carolyn Huber told the Senate Whitewater Committee she went to the book room in the residence every two or three days and that she unexpectedly found the billing records from Mrs. Clinton's law firm there early last August.

She said they were folded but in plain view, on a pile of books on the corner of a table where they hadn't been just days earlier. "They appeared there," Huber testified. "I thought it had been left there for me to take down to put in the file — you know, to file in the filing that I do."

President set for State of the Union

WASHINGTON — Deadlocked with Republicans over a balanced budget, President Clinton will confront a hostile Congress when he delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday. His election-year message: All sides must face up to America's real problems of crime, education and the economy.

The speech will open Clinton's 1996 campaign and preview the themes he will throw against his Republican rival. The budget battle will loom over Clinton's address, which comes just three days before the expiration of a temporary measure keeping much of the government open. However, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said the budget won't be Clinton's primary focus.

Everyone agrees it would be an exercise in futility for Clinton to ask the Republican Congress to approve a lengthy list of initiatives.

CAMPUS Spectacular set for Sunday

The Student Activities Board will hold the Student Center Winter Spectacular Sunday from 7 to 11 p.m. SAB will have hypnotist Mort Berkowitz in Worsham Theater at 9:30 p.m. There will be karaoke in Center Theater and three caricature artists in the popcorn lounge.

Students can make videos in the TV lounge. International students will be teaching folk dancing in room 245. In the Grand Ballroom two bands, 84 Lumber and BalShagg will be performing. There will also be Step Shows by fraternities and sororities.

NAMEdropping

Lisa Marie: Queen of Pop no longer

LOS ANGELES — They said it wouldn't last, and they were right: Lisa Marie Presley has filed for divorce from Michael Jackson.

Presley cited irreconcilable differences, her publicist, Paul Bloch, said yesterday. The action was filed in Los Angeles, he said; court personnel could not immediately confirm that. "That's a good deal for \$621 for two people to L.A.," said Meyers, who plans to go to San Francisco during the break.

Lyson said students who want to take advantage of the deals need to book their flights in advance. "Make reservations as soon as possible," she said. "Space will be limited."

That's what Travis Thompson, a political science sophomore found out this week. He, 11 roommates and fraternity brothers are planning a trip to South Padre Island off the coast of Texas. "I wanted to fly out on Saturday morning and come back the following Sunday morning," he said. "There was only one flight not booked out of Louisville to Brownsville."

Airlines getting ready for Spring Break travel

By Joan Nichols
Contributing Writer

The snow may still be melting from the side roads but the airlines are betting that students are thinking Spring Break. Companion fares for as little as \$316 round-trip can fly a student and a friend or significant other to Orlando, Fla., for the week, said Diane Layson, manager of AAA Travel Agency in Lexington.

Well, there's Los Angeles for \$621 for two round-trip. Or for students who like it hot, Miami is the ticket at \$380. Companion Fares are available through Delta and US Air and many originate in Lexington, said

Layson, but they are limited to domestic flights only. Delta also is offering a Student Select Savings Certificate to students who call 1-800-9DELTA0 between Jan. 4 and March 4. The special fares are valid through March 31 and allow students to take up to two friends along at the same fare.

Students must provide the name of the school and their identification number. Only one certificate is allowed per student. "Certificates will be mailed within seven to 10 days," said Tiffany Lipscomb, a service representative on the 800 line.

However, the tickets are nonrefundable and must be purchased at least seven days in advance. From Cincinnati, Delta offers other student fares. Such fares include a round trip ticket for one to New York for \$138, or Orlando and Denver for \$198, or Las Vegas, San Diego and San Francisco for \$318.

"That's awesome, not bad at all," said Jaime Arnold, an undeclared freshman.



JACKSON
The pop superstar and the only child of the late Elvis Presley were married on May 26, 1994.

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Slow tempo could be key to beating Cats

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

Teams around the Southeastern Conference are looking for a way to slow the potent UK offense — a unit beating up on its conference opponents by an average of 25.2 points a game.

Perhaps Tennessee head coach Kevin O'Neill is on top of something. His Volunteers ventured into Rupp Arena last weekend and held the Cats to a season-low 61 points. UK then went out and scored 86 in the first half against LSU Tuesday.

"If (UK) gets you going, then it's lights out," O'Neill said yesterday during an SEC coaches' teleconference. "I don't care who your team is or how good you are. If they get you playing at their tempo and at their speed you're not going to beat them."

The Vols slowed the tempo to a crawl, forcing the Cats into a half-court grudge match that had the aesthetic appeal of an Army-Navy football game and the deliberate look of World War I trench warfare.

"We tried to at least slow the tempo and get six or seven passes and not let them play in a groove," O'Neill said.

Tennessee succeeded in controlling the tempo, but the Cats proved too quick in half-court situations. O'Neill said UK's pressure defense can force a deliberate team into taking ill-advised shots.

Problems also arise when teams, normally content to race up and down the floor, try to employ O'Neill's slow-down strategy.

"I would agree that the 60s is the best way to shorten the game against a very talented team, but if that's not your style, your chances of being successful drop," said South Carolina coach Eddie Fogler, whose Gamecocks were demolished 89-60 on their home floor by UK.

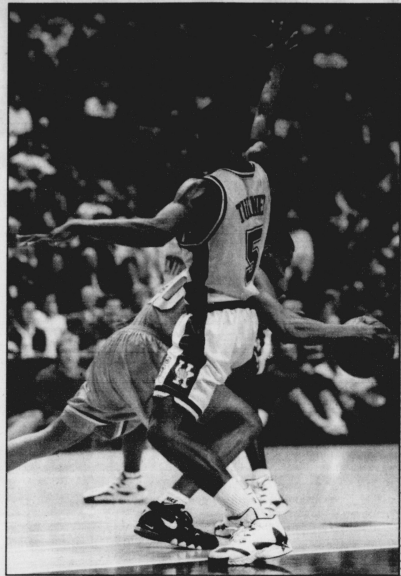
Maybe Alabama coach David Hobbs will find a way to slow the Cats and come out a winner. The Crimson Tide plays UK at home Feb. 20.

"If (UK) gets it going it can be a risky venture," Hobbs said. "They are so talented and so deep that the quicker the pace of the game, the less of a chance you have. As the scores go up a step from the 70s into the 80s and 90s it gets tougher to win the game."

Success has a price. Last season Richard Williams' Mississippi State team burst on the scene to grab a share of the SEC Western Division crown. The Bulldogs won 22 games a year ago, surprising many conference teams with their substantial depth.

State returned two of its top performers this season, in Erick Dampier and Darryl Wilson, and even secured a top 10 ranking in some preseason polls.

Halfway through the season, MSU's record stands at a respectable 11-3, but Williams has learned that being a big boy has some disadvantages.



HELENA HAU Kernel staff

HIGH PRESSURE The Wildcats' pressure defense helps force the tempo against opponents intent on slowing things down.

"The expectation level has certainly increased," Williams said. "In the past we could always use the underdog role and the lack of respect thing to motivate our players."

"Now we've reached a point in our program where we're good — or least expected to be good. It's different for our players. They've never been through it, and neither have the coaches."

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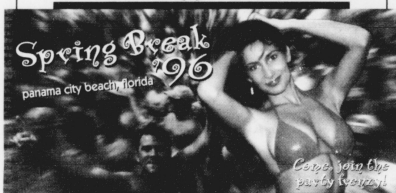
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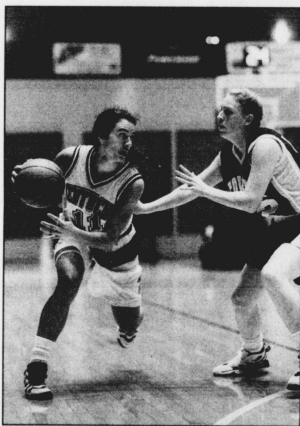
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High Tide

Tiffany Wait and her Wildcat teammates travel to Tuscaloosa to battle Alabama Saturday. The Cats' next home game is Wednesday against South Carolina.

SPORTSbytes

Knight, Pitino star in taco commercial

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Though Bob Knight hates to lose — especially to rival UK — the Indiana basketball coach plays second-fiddle to Wildcat coach Rick Pitino in a new Taco Bell commercial.

In the commercial filmed this week in Bloomington, Pitino, Knight and Georgetown coach John Thompson are vying for a lanky, 7-foot high school basketball recruit.

In addition to a great education, Knight entices the player with a soft taco; Thompson offers him a crunchy one. But Pitino brandishes a double-decker taco and the recruit can't resist, succumbing to UK.

Laurie Gannon, a spokeswoman for Taco Bell Corp., said the ad will promote the chain's new Sizzlin' Bacon menu of double-decker tacos.

The 30-second commercial will begin

its nationwide run Jan. 29.

Though parts of the commercial were filmed at the Indiana Memorial Union, Assembly Hall and the IU Main Library, most of the shooting took place in the home of Kathryn Propst and Ed Furia.

Liening suspended

Jonas Liening, a redshirt freshman offensive tackle on the UK football team, has been suspended indefinitely for a violation of team rules, UK coach Bill Curry announced yesterday.

Liening, a 6-foot-8, 290-pounder, was expected to anchor the Cats' offensive line next season.

Curry had no further comment on the incident.

Nutter closed

The Nutter Field House will be closed to all students, faculty and staff from Jan. 22 until sometime in March so netting can be hung from the roof, officials said.

The facility's indoor track is a popular jogging spot at UK during the winter months.

Compiled from staff, wire reports.



Knight



Pitino



Liening

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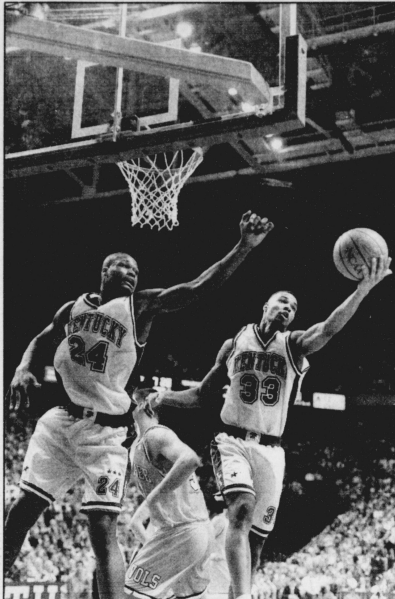


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Wildcats step out of conference against Texas Christian



TEAMWORK UK's Antoine Walker (24) and Ron Mercer reach for a rebound.

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor

The UK basketball juggernaut takes a break from the Southeastern Conference, or possibly the SEC gets a break from UK, as Southwest Conference member Texas Christian University visits Rupp Arena.

The Cats (14-1) have had five straight SEC wins since the beginning of the year, laying waste to conference foes by an average of 25.2 points a game. UK's closest conference game was when it "edged" visiting Tennessee 61-44.

The Cats' most recent conference victim was LSU. UK scored a school-record 86 points in the first half before Coach Rick Pitino began emptying his bench about five minutes into the second half. The Cats cruised to a 127-97 win.

The Wildcats boss said the TCU contest should be entertaining for both the Rupp Arena crowd and the ESPN national

television audience, as well as being helpful for his team.

"This will be a very exciting game and a much-needed game for us," Pitino said.

"I think it will be a very wide-open game and exciting for the fans."

The Horned Frogs (9-8) will be joining the

UK vs. Texas Christian Tomorrow, 7 p.m. Rupp Arena

UK (14-1)		
Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Tony Deth	18.0	4.2
G Wayne Turner	4.9	1.7
C Walter McCarty	10.2	5.4
F Derek Anderson	9.1	2.9
F Antoine Walker	16.5	8.2
Reserves:	Ron Mercer, 8.3 ppg; Mark Pope, 7.6; Anthony Epps, 5.5; Jeff Sheppard, 5.3; Allen Edwards, 3.0; Nazir Mohammed, 2.3; Oliver Simmons, 2.3; Cameron Mills, 1.5; Jason Lathrem, 0.5.	

Texas Christian (9-8)		
Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Anthony Burks	8.7	1.6
G Jeff Jacobs	11.9	3.7
C Byron Walls	9.4	6.4
F James Penny	12.4	6.4
F Damon Walker	24.3	10.3
Reserves:	Shaif Butler, 9.1 ppg; Justin Gragg, 6.0; Dennis Davis, 5.1; Luke Allen, 3.6; Chris Richards, 3.5; Saipelle Tuiatili, 3.4; Princeton Parks, 2.0.	

TV: ESPN

Coach of the Year last year, helping lead TCU to a 16-11 record. In TCU's last two seasons under Moe Iba, the Horned Frogs posted a 13-42.

All told, Tubbs' teams have won 455 games and posted a .683 winning percentage in his 21-year career at Southwestern, Lamar, Oklahoma and TCU.

Tubbs will bring a relatively young squad into Rupp, as his team features seven players who are either junior college transfers or freshmen.

The Horned Frogs are led in both scoring and rebounding by forward Damon Walker, one of the four true freshmen on the team.

Walker, *The Sporting News'* preseason pick for SWC newcomer of the year, is currently averaging a double-double at 24.3 points and 10.4 boards a game.

He replaces Kurt Thomas as TCU's big scorer and rebounder. Thomas, who was the 10th pick in the NBA Draft last June by the Miami Heat, led the nation in scoring and rebounding last season.

Walker is joined in the frontcourt by senior Byron Waits, the lone senior on the squad. Waits is averaging 9.4 points and 6.4 rebounds a game from the center spot.

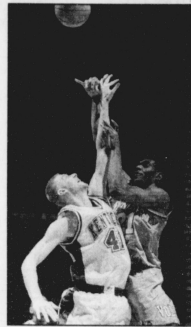
In the backcourt, TCU boast a pair of double figure scorers in sophomore James Penny and junior Jeff Jacobs.

Penny is second on the team in scoring with a 12.4 points a game average while Jacobs is scoring for an average of 11.9 a game this sea-

son. Pitino said it is not the fact the Cats are stepping out of conference that concerns him, but the Horned Frogs' pressure defense.

"(TCU) will press you on every made bucket," Pitino said. "They will press you on both makes and misses."

Pitino expects Tubbs to show multiple presses against the Cats, particularly after a made basket. "It is very good for us to go against the changing defenses because you never know what you'll run into," Pitino said.



TIPPED UK's Mark Pope battles Tennessee's Steve Hamer for the opening tip in the Cats' 61-44 victory last weekend in Rupp Arena.



UKstats

Team statistics

UK	Opponents
487	Field Goal Percentage .395
676	Free-Throw Percentage .654
392	Three-Point Percentage .332
91.1	Points Per Game 69.2
43.0	Rebounds Per Game 37.1
15.0	Off. Rebounds Per Game 14.5
21.0	Assists Per Game 11.3
18.1	Turnovers Per Game 24.7
5.7	Blocks Per Game 3.3
12.9	Steals Per Game 8.2

SCOUTING report

BACKCOURT



Turner

Freshman Wayne Turner got the start at point guard Tuesday against LSU and sparked the Cats to a quick start. But UK coach Rick Pitino said depending on matchups he may re-insert Anthony Epps in the starting rotation. Pitino says Turner "has kick" in his veins and is the most explosive one-on-one player on the team, while Epps is an experienced floor general with a level head and accurate shooting stroke.

FRONTCOURT



Anderson

Antoine Walker rebounded from a shooting slump to score 32 points on 16-of-20 shooting against TCU. Walker, along with Walter McCarty and Mark Pope, will try to shut down Damon Walker, the Horned Frogs leading scorer at 24.3 points per game.

BENCH

In addition to Turner, junior transfer Derek Anderson got a start against LSU and responded with a flurry of activity. The new lineup saw freshman Ron Mercer come off the bench. Mercer responded with 15 points in just 15 minutes of action.

ETC.

Billy Tubbs is in his first season as coach at Texas Christian. The Cats have won 28 consecutive non-conference games at Rupp Arena dating back to 1991. The Wildcats lead the series with the Horned Frogs 1-0. The last time the two teams met was during the 1976-77 season. The tipoff of tomorrow's game was originally scheduled for 7:15, but ESPN moved the time back 15 minutes. The TCU game will be UK's sixth appearance on ESPN this season.



Walker



Tubbs



TEXAS CHRISTIAN stats

Team statistics

TCU	Opponents
437	Field Goal Percentage .410
698	Free-Throw Percentage .687
305	Three-Point Percentage .316
88.4	Points Per Game 86.4
46.6	Rebounds Per Game 46.1
14.6	Off. Rebounds Per Game 17.6
18.2	Assists Per Game 17.3
15.2	Turnovers Per Game 15.9
5.1	Blocks Per Game 2.5
6.5	Steals Per Game 7.7

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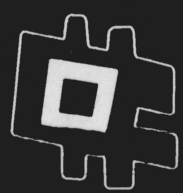
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'Mr. Holland's Opus' looks at procrastinating dreams

By Lisa L. Miller
Staff Writer

"Life is what happens when you're making other plans."

This universal sentiment of John Lennon was portrayed perfectly in director Stephen Herek's newest film, "Mr. Holland's Opus."

In the movie, actor Richard Dreyfuss stars as Glen Holland, a passionate pianist. Holland, who had left the club scene with a goal of completing his own symphony, had to face the harsh sounds of reality.

Like many of us, he is burdened with financial setbacks and finds himself obtaining the strangest gig yet — teaching music to high school kids. Believing

that his "temporary" job as an educator will allow him time to compose (especially during the summer vacation), Holland once again begins to gain high hopes of his musical success. Unfortunately, at our

crescendos in life, we seem to fall hardest. With the expectancy of a child, Holland and his wife (played by Glenn Headly) encounter new obligations. To make ends meet, Holland takes an extra job which becomes possibly more dangerous than the classroom. He sacrifices his summers of composing to help students learn how to drive.

As the movie progresses, more obstacles interfere with his time to compose, yet this isn't a completely tragic tale.

Humor plays a significant part in creating this

multi-emotional film. Comedian Jay Thomas adds laughter with his role as the football coach who befriends and counsels Holland.

Actress Olympia Dukakis also gives a powerful performance as the demanding principal who makes Holland realize teaching isn't an eight to three job. Through her, he learns that being an educator is more than lecturing in a classroom.

"Mr. Holland's Opus" is a realistic film with an intense story line. It captures the essence of how dreams are often pushed to the backburner survival in the human rat race. It could be set at any time period, but it is clearly a retrospective of the mid-1960s to the present.

From a time when rock 'n' roll was considered the

sign of Satan, to a decade where music is losing a place in education altogether, the excellent soundtrack gives the viewer an understanding of how much the musical (and political) views of the United States has changed over the past 30 years.

If you are a music fanatic or have ever been involved in a music program (a.k.a. orchestra, drum corps, etc.), if you are interested in education, if you like to laugh, or even if you are tired of seeing people's dreams altered by the "system" and need some hope, this film is for you.

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Edwin McCain talks about music and life

Editor's note: Before Edwin McCain performed Wednesday night at Lynagh's, News Editor Breina Reilly had the opportunity to spend some time with him before the show.

Q: Where are you from?
E.M.: Greenegas, Greenville, South Carolina.

Q: What were you like in college?
E.M.: Probably not someone you would have been hanging around.

Probably somebody you would have laughed heartily at or with depending on the day, but not much of a ... I was in academic albatross to say the very least. Definitely just, played a different role every minute just because it's so much more fun that way.

I just wasn't into college. I would go into classes and see a professor lecture on something and then two hours, later out on the commons, hear some student from that class vehemently defending what the professor had said as if it was handed down from God.

And I was like, what? How can you possibly rely on an opinion, all be it an educated opinion about something that you have absolutely no physical contact or first hand experience of. It just seemed like some sort of

vicarious wasteland, you know, and I think it's great.

That is the only way you can learn about certain things — unless you have the means to go there and see it for yourself and a lot of times, that would be pretty dangerous in a political science kind of way.

It just didn't seem important to me, you know, for my lifetime what I need to know is what I'm doing.

Q: What did you study while you were in school?

E.M.: I double majored in political science and education, and after I left Carolina, I went to the College of Charleston. I went down there but really I wasn't doing it for me I was doing it because that's what my parents wanted me to do. I just got to a place where I was like man, 'I am wasting my time and your money,' and I might have as well been doing something different and all I wanted to really do was play music.

Q: How did you quit going to school and start playing music? How did you decide?

E.M.: I met a guy named Shannon Tanner who plays solo acoustic in Vail, Colo. during the winter and I was doing this for a living and I was like, man I want to

be him. My dad took Shannon out to dinner one time and told Shannon to talk me out of wanting to play music for a living but it was pretty late then. By then, I was already bound and determined.

Q: How long have you been on the road?
E.M.: This tour just started four days ago but umm we had a 12 day period where we were off for 12 days.

And then before that, we'd been on the road for three years. So that was a pretty serious schedule. But you know part of it is the only way we know how to get it accomplished.

Q: When are you going to record a new album?

E.M.: Well most of the songs are pretty much finished, as far as writing but arranging and recording is another story so that will be part of the process.

We just as of last week released the second single on the album, Sorry to a friend.

We are going to tour in support of the second single and then there's one more single after that and then maybe another one. So it's just a matter of staying out in support of this record for as long as we can.

Until the next one comes

along, it's a long way away I'd say, at least six months before we start recording even.

Q: How do you write your songs, where do you get the ideas?

E.M.: They're pretty much true stories from people I have met or whatever.

'Cause everybody has their own unique perspective on life and the things that everybody else can relate to.

So I think the trick is just finding somebody's perspective that's really unique but it's about something we all can understand. It's kind of giving everybody the ability to walk a mile in another man's shoes for a second and the ultimate goal being you

start to point out the fact that we are the same people, that we have the same feelings and the same ideas.

Q: Do you like playing at bars like Lynagh's better or playing at big stadiums like when you opened for Hootie and the Blowfish?

E.M.: It's not really better just different, you know, like 'Hello Cleveland' that's fun, that's a good time that's a definite change but here is like really a connection between people.

It's close, it's close enough for them to see the sweat running down my face and the spit flying out or whatever.

There is a visceral connection that is lost once the front row is more than 20 feet away from the stage.

But on the other hand, it's nice to see that many people are together for some other reason than a riot.

Q: You opened for Hootie and Darius (Rucker) sang on 'Solitude,' a lot of people compare you to Hootie, what do you say to people who think that?

E.M.: Well I think that everybody needs some kind of reference point.

To be honest with you, those guys are really good friends of mine, so to me being compared to them is not a problem for me, I think a lot of people have real trouble with comparisons but we as human beings and especially as Americans are skeptical until we have something to relate it to — you know.

I don't think we sound anything like Hootie. But it is a flattering comparison considering the fact that they sold 12 million records, so you know so be it.

Q: Did you have another album before Honor Among Thieves?

E.M.: Yeah, an independent called Solitude. It was much more acoustic, and I did it years ago so it's more sounding like I'm in fifth grade.



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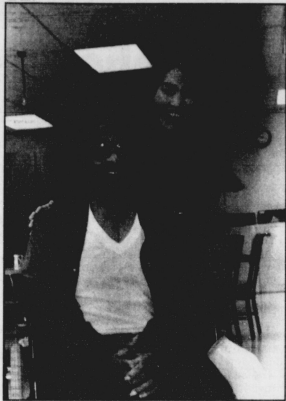
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BUDDIES EKU student Echo Chang wheels World War II veteran Edwin Grey around the hospital.

Hospital starts escort program

By Christy Felty
Contributing Writer

Student volunteers are needed for the Patient Escort Program at the Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center at the Veteran's Hospital.

Volunteers for the Patient Escort Program provide assistance to the nursing staff, by helping to transport patients to and from their clinical appointments.

The purpose of these escorts is to help the hospital staff become more efficient. They also help to expand the services offered at the VA Hospital.

The VA Hospital relies heavily on volunteers from the community, a number of which are college students from UK and Eastern Kentucky University. All volunteers must be 13 or older.

"We look for people who want to sincerely help other people," said Greg Anderson, chief of Voluntary Service. "There is always a need for volunteers."

In addition to volunteering for the escort program, there are many available departments.

Students can volunteer in areas such as, physical therapy, nursing, emergency rooms, the information desk and others.

In many cases, a student may volunteer to help with his or her field of study. It is also a good way to gain work experience and recommendations for a resume that will help them later.

Matching majors with certain types of service can help the students gain a positive experience for what they want to do after graduation.

Michelle Carpenter, a chemistry freshman who wants to go to medical school, volunteers in her spare time for the patient escort service and the emergency room.

"I find it to be a good way to meet people and I make all kinds of new friends," she said. "... after a stressful day of school, I go volunteer and it makes me feel like I am making a difference. I also love working with patients and the staff."

Anyone interested in volunteering, can call the Department of Veteran Affairs at Leestown Road at (606) 281-3930 or Cooper Drive at (606) 281-4930 for more information.

Escorts are needed anytime on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Schedules are extremely flexible.

Volunteers are needed at the Leestown Road Division and Cooper Drive Division of the VA Medical Center.

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DEADLINE FOR PART-TIME STUDENTS: Individuals who elect to prepay the health fee (\$84.75) must do so by Wednesday, January 24, 1996. Payment may be made at the Health Service cashier's office. University Health Service is located in the Kentucky Clinic (first floor/blue doors). Hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Center focusing on injuries

By Kathy Reding
Staff Writer

A combination of UK and the state resulted in yesterday's grand opening of the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center.

"The center, a joint effort between the UK Chandler Medical Center and the Kentucky Department for Health Services, is designed to collect injury data, providing a basis for its injury prevention programs.

"From a state perspective, the mission is to implement injury prevention programs throughout Kentucky," said Dr. Carl Sparlock, the center's director. "From the University point of view, the mission is to increase and enhance teaching and research on injury prevention."

Sparlock said the new center is one of the best and most comprehensive of its kind in the country. "The center represents the first time a state has funded an academic research center to concentrate on lowering accidents.

"(The center) will be beneficial for (UK and the medical center) since it will create data for other UK researchers, faculty and graduate student's use," Sparlock said.

Dr. James Holsinger, chancellor of the Medical Center, agreed.

"We are excited about this opportunity for University of Kentucky faculty and graduates students

to collaborate with the Department for Health Services, faculty at the University of Louisville and other experts in the state to make Kentucky a safer place to live in and work," Holsinger said.

Sparlock said the work of the center is based on the public health model, accurate research and data are necessary before you can begin to solve problems.

"This information (generated by the center) will help the state respond to the health care needs of Kentuckians, provide resources where they are most needed," Holsinger said.

The center will focus on four main areas. One program, the Kentucky Emergency Medical Services Information System, will collect and integrate data from state ambulances, emergency room and trauma center records to determine the most frequent injuries while creating program and research priorities.

KEMSIS is the only data system in the country which integrates data from the three sources.

Other major programs of the center include motor vehicle injury prevention, the major injury cause in Kentucky, occupational injury prevention and a statewide trauma systems plan.

The opening of the center follows three years of planning and working through state and university bureaucracy. The center, officially approved by the UK Board of Trustees in December, is funded by the state and contracts from federal agencies.

Scam

Money for college ads could be scam

From PAGE 1

"These people got me good," Means said.

Not so says Amanda Baker, floor manager of the telemarketing search operation in Blackburn.

"We are legitimate"—students just do not understand what they are doing when they call us," Baker said. "They feel that they have been taken advantage of."

According to Baker, Cash for College has been operating for eight years and has offices in 32 major U.S. cities. When asked how one could contact company President Tony Montana, Baker responded that Montana is a very busy person.

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Maybe he should try 'Smooch My Donkey' instead

When I was a kid, I vowed that I would change my name the very second that I was old enough to do so.

I resented having the same name as my father (it took away from my sense of identity), I hated having a first name as pedestrian as John and my middle name — Marion — was so wretchedly embarrassing to me that I cringed every time I had to write it down on an official document.

Well, I'm a little older, a little wiser, and far too cheap to shell out good money to do something so extraordinarily useless.

Others haven't been blessed with a similar sense of restraint.

Michigan mechanic John Jakubowski, a sensitive soul who had become embittered by his years of struggle with property taxes and rights, recently sought to protest his dire state of affairs by changing his name to Kiss My Ass.

And the judge, the unimaginative geek, denied him.

I think the judge should've let Mr. Jakubowski become Mr. Ass. So the last name isn't the most attractive one he could've chosen. So what? Let the guy have his fun. Given that the word 'ass' — due to its other meaning in the animal sense — is not so provocative that it generally merits being blotted out with asterisks, why is it so unacceptable as a last name?

Plus, there are plenty of people around the nation having last names such as Dick (comedian Tim Allen's real last name, incidentally), Gay and Virgin, all words with sexual connotations that many people might find unpleasant, and we have a silly statute forcing them to pick something else.

Letting the name change go through probably wouldn't have done the least bit of harm to anyone, and it would've taught this guy a lesson, too.

Let's say it goes through: John Jakubowski is no more, and Kiss My Ass arises, like the phoenix, from his ashes.

Jokes, even pretty funny ones, were thin fairly quickly. Let's see how Mr. Ass likes it after he gets a few pieces of correspondence addressed to his new name. Let's see how funny he thinks it is when he tries to cash a check and the cashier giggles insanely on seeing his signature. Let's see if his kids — assuming he has any — enjoy being the butt (I'm sorry, but I

couldn't resist) of jokes due to their father's unusual new handle. Mr. Ass will be back in court trying to reclaim his old name in no time.

This is when the judge ought to deny the name change.

This is not the dumbest name change request that I've ever run across. In fact, I'd have to say it's one of the more purposeful.

I can remember, ages ago in the friendly tulip fields of my youth, tuning into the old Tack-Dough game show featuring a contestant whose name was Somebody Famous.

That's right. During the contestant interviews at the beginning of the show, he explained to me, Wink Martindale and the whole world that he changed it because — I kid you not — he really wanted to be somebody famous.

I think he lost that day.

Californian Peter Eastman Jr. so adored the book *Trout Fishing In America*, that he changed his name to — you saw this coming, didn't you? — Trout Fishing In America.

My, my, my. Although it is refreshing to see, standing tall amidst the brain-dead hordes of the television generation, someone who wouldn't crack open a book if you put a gun to their heads, someone rapt in the thrills of literary ecstasy, I think there are a number of more preferable ways of declaring your love for the written word.

You know, I liked *Crime and Punishment* an awful lot, but you don't see me signing my name as Mr. Punishment.

Finally, I read of a prisoner in Wisconsin who wanted to become Romanus Sir Tasty Maximilian. He chose his last name, he said, because he intends to become a billionaire.

I don't know how he intends to do this with that dumb old 50-year sentence for burglary he's currently serving getting in the way, but if he's so committed to making money that he gave himself a ridiculous name in celebration, then I figure that he'll pull it off somehow.

Staff Columnist John Abbott is a non-degree student.

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Basketball took a violent turn last weekend when a man was shot while walking to his car after the UK vs. Tennessee game at Rupp Arena. Dr. Lane Veltkamp, who left the game about two minutes before it was over, was walking with his wife and another couple from the arena to a nearby side street that offers parking during games.

A lot of people, especially students, walk to Rupp for home basketball games, probably because Lexington is looked at as such a safe place. Students have generally never had to worry about getting mugged on their way to SuperAmerica or shot while walking to a basketball game.

But just because students feel safe doesn't mean they should act like they are invincible. Walking alone at night anywhere is risky no matter what. Students are lucky to have the Student Government Association sponsor an escort service that provides free protective company to any location on

campus. But what about to Rupp Arena? While buses are provided on South and Central campuses, it's really more convenient and practical for students on North Campus to walk.

Maybe SGA should work on providing an escort service to home basketball games and help ensure the safety of students who are interested in supporting their basketball team.

Or better yet, maybe the city of Lexington, which is making a fortune off of UK's basketball talent, should establish a well-lit route to Rupp Arena for students and other fans to use while walking to the games. More security stretching from North Campus to Rupp Arena would be nice, too.

But until this happens, students should remember to be careful at all times, especially while walking around at night. Lexington might be a safe place to live, but recent events show that you can never be too cautious.

IN OUR OPINION

Delta Zeta does not haze pledges

As a member of Delta Zeta social sorority, I wish to protest the depiction of our letters to illustrate the story "Under Fire" which appeared on the cover of yesterday's paper.

Though I found the accompanying article to be both fair and informative, I wish to stress that Delta Zeta and her members have not been involved in any of the violations mentioned in your paper.

We strongly believe in the ideals set forth by our creed, among which are promises to love one another, and to respect other members of our community.

Our National Council and

READERS' forum

local organizations prescribe strict penalties for hazing in any of its forms. Our new members, the pride and joy of our chapter, are never hazed, and are, in fact, quite doted on.

While a few individual members of certain chapters on campus have made regrettable decisions, their lack of judgement should not be allowed to reflect negatively on the Greek community as a whole.

The majority of Greeks play by the rules — and offer invaluable aid to the campus and the community in the form of educational enrichment and extensive philanthropy work.

Beta Theta Pi, Delta Zeta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Sigma and Alpha Delta Pi (all of whom were pictured, though only one has been involved with any problems) are valuable members of UK's student body who have not earned the blow to reputation

which your photograph, by association, has bestowed.

Stephanie M. Lother
French and international economics junior

EXCUSEUS

The Kentucky Kernel tries hard, but we're not always perfect. If we make a mistake, we want to correct it. If you've found a significant error, call us at 257-1915.

In Wednesday's editorial we mistakenly identified Saddam Hussein as Persian. He is, in fact Arab.

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail.

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Pardon me, but there's a fetus in my soup

A recent report from a newspaper in Hong Kong has stated that "the latest health food fad in China" is dining on aborted human fetuses, according to The Courier-Mail of Brisbane, Australia.

One doctor at the Sin Hua clinic stated "that she personally liked her fetuses with pork soup."

With pork soup!

As disgusting, revolting and sick as that is, it could never happen here in the United States of America, you say.

Be careful, who would have thought partial-birth abortions would ever be lawful in the United States? You know, these are the type of abortions where babies 20 weeks and beyond (right up to full term) are pulled out of the womb to their neck before having their brains sucked out.

With pork soup! What kind of society have we evolved into?

In an October 1995 article of *Scientific American* on the annual conference of the Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES), the author said "Watching HBES participants bonding, bickering, preening, flirting and engaging in mutual rhetorical grooming, one must concur with their basic premise. Yes, we are all animals, descendants of a vast lineage of replicators sprung from primordial pond scum."

University of Michigan psychiatrist Randolph M. Nesse added that "just as it does for biology, Darwinian theory can also provide a much needed framework for the social sciences, which are now in disarray."

I would agree that our social sciences are in disarray to say the least. But is evolutionary theory the "framework" we want to build our society on? Isn't it a theory of how life began — monkey to man

and all that sort of thing? Not according to an article in the *Herald-Leader* about a week ago. This article was bold in declaring evolution with a sort of certitude. We came from the "froth" of a pool of water back in never-never land somewhere. Think about that the next time you sip the frothy foam from your favorite carbonated beverage at the beach. I challenge anyone to read that article and seriously defend the position of those scientists.

Evolutionary thinking is such a convenient belief system. After all, if we believe we came from pond scum, then doesn't anything go? If we came from some bubbling,



David MacMillan
Contributing Columnist

prehistoric soup, then what the heck, we can do anything, say anything, eat anything.

We can define what is right and wrong based on our current circumstances. If we evolved from the dregs of some pool of liquid billions of years ago, then no one really has true value and it doesn't matter who kills (eats) whom. So when the Chinese are forced by their government to abort their second child in the name of population control what difference does it make?

Incidentally, they are allowed to have more than one child in cases where the first-born is a girl — that is, if they, the family, don't kill her first. Boy is that a slap in the face of women! And big deal if they eat their young. We came from soup anyway!

How ironic that the International Conference on Women (highlighting women's rights and

roles in society) was held in China last year.

Am I saying that evolutionists are abortionists or vice-versa? Am I advocating that all scientists are evolutionary in their approach to life? By no means. I happen to know a number of rational, reasonable individuals who think evolution is a joke — a worn out, backward way of thinking about the world, a lame assumption with more holes in it than Swiss cheese.

Maybe this is why evolution has been called a Fairy Tale for grown-ups.

What I am saying is that the evolutionary mentality enables a society to devalue human life, make its own rules, define morality and right and wrong, decide who is important and who is not, justify whatever behavior is convenient for the moment, and in the process strip many individuals (more than 30 million in the United States alone) of their right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" provided us by our Constitution.

But such rights seem only to be for the stalwart in a society where "only the strong survive." And let's face the facts: fetuses, unborn children, babies or whatever you'd prefer calling them are pretty darn weak, if not helpless. They have everything we have — legs, arms, fingernails, brains, blood and a beating heart, etc. — everything, that is, but a choice.

Unfortunately, if the mass media continues to successfully label opponents of such liberal notions like evolution and abortion as "right-wing extremists," then diners in China can continue their feast on other humans as the world sits back and laughs in utter apathy.

After all, it won't happen here. At least it won't happen here soon. But given sufficient time to evolve who knows? We may soon have some new items on our own restaurant menu. I know I won't be dining out as often, how about you?

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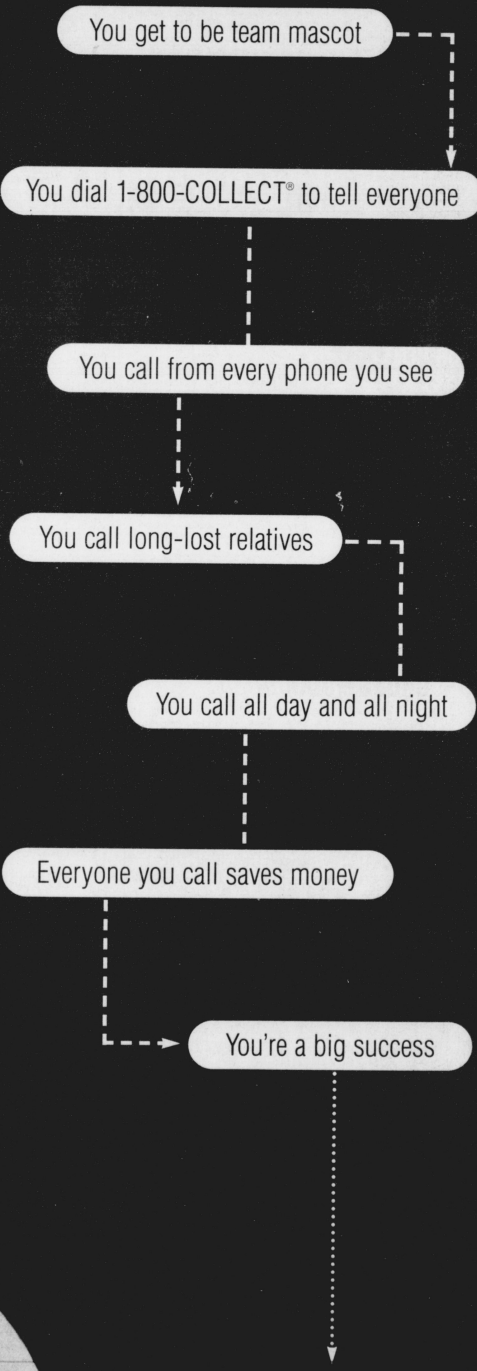
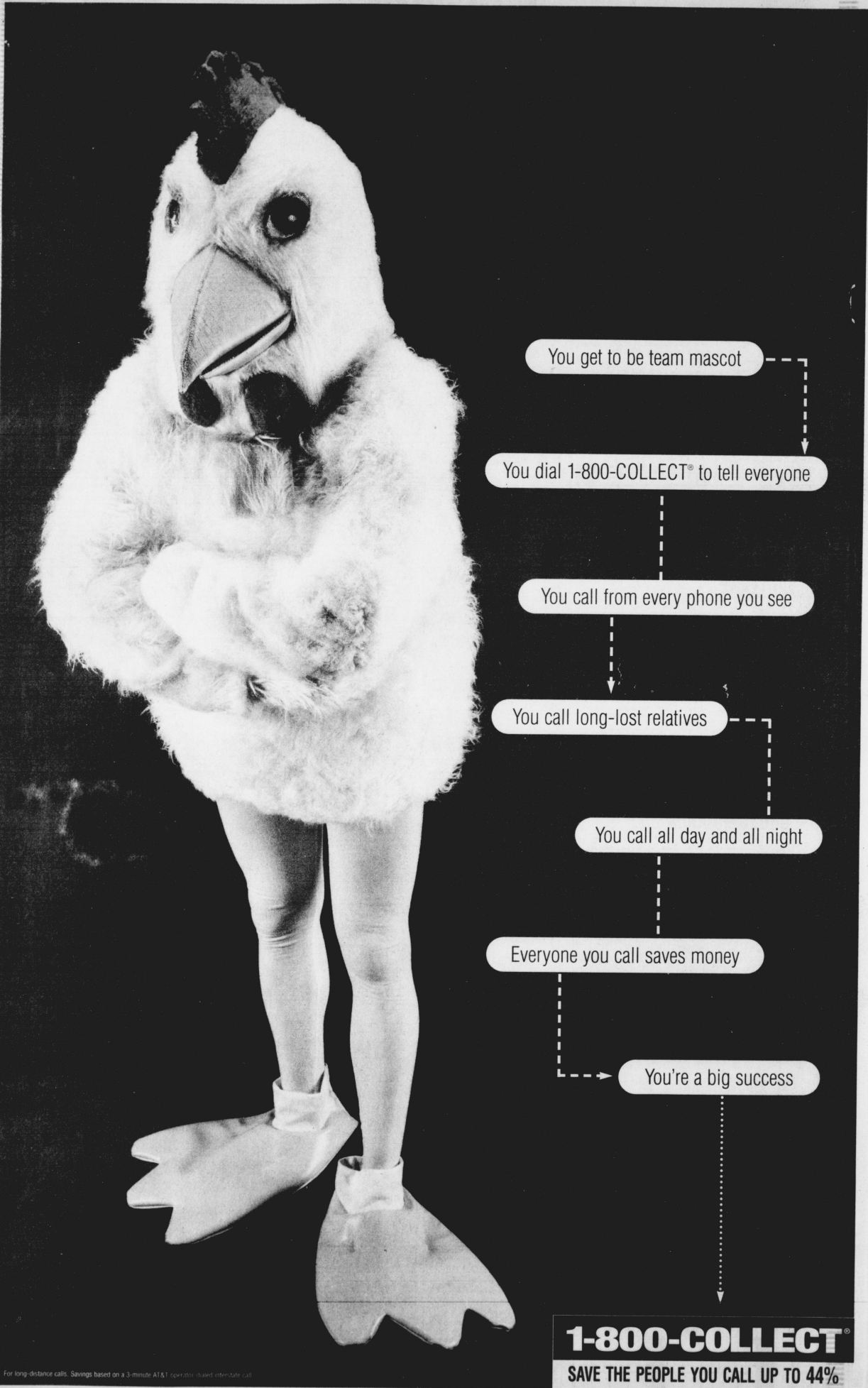
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