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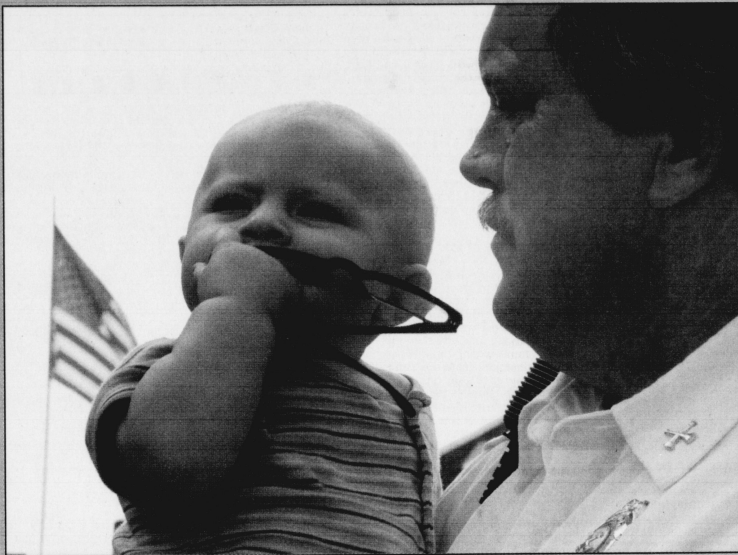


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A normal day's work — almost

Major Tommy Blythe of the Lexington Fire Department lets infant Chance Pennington chew on his glasses while other firefighters install Chance's car seat, a service they provide for free. As for 9/11, Blythe said, "Sure, it's always in the back of our minds... But we still go in without hesitation, still fight fires."

Firefighter Arthur Ashley said he refuses to fly on Sept. 11 but said, "If a plane hit the big blue building downtown, I'd strap on my gear and go in." Other firefighters reiterated that their jobs haven't changed since Sept. 11. "It's what we get paid to do — risk lives, save lives," said firefighter Kevin Williams. Although their day-to-day job remains the same, they still feel the loss of 343 of their own two years ago.

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Students more aware since terrorist attacks



The north tower of New York's World Trade Center explodes as it begins to collapse after terrorists crashed two airplanes in the twin towers Sept. 11, 2001.

By Keith Hautala
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Two years after the day "everything in America changed forever," things are back to normal for most people.

Sort of. While memories of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001 have been seared into students' consciousness, the events of that day seem to have had little effect on how they live their lives, said Mary Bolin-Reece, director of the UK Counseling and Testing center. The long-term effects of the attacks may not yet be apparent, but most students have come to terms with their emotional impact, she said.

"In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, I saw a few students who would watch the same footage on television over and over and over. They would keep themselves awake nights, replaying the images in their heads," she said. "More often now, the attitude among students seems to be that it happened two years ago, and it has passed."

The few students who reported persistent anxiety or other disturbances related to terrorism typically have a "first-degree connection," to either a victim of the terrorist attacks or a family member in the armed services, Bolin-Reece said.

Students generally are more aware than they were before Sept. 11 that "things can happen that change life very quickly, whether it's a bombing, a heart attack or a car accident," she said.

"Sept. 11 brought to light how insecure everything is," said Cinnamon Watts, a post-baccalaureate student. "Why didn't we know about this? Why weren't we prepared? It makes you think. Something like that could happen any time, anywhere."

Lauren Anderson, a sociology junior, said the attacks brought her closer to her family and friends.

"The very first things I thought about (after the attacks) were my family and my boyfriend, and some people I haven't talked to or even thought about in a long time," Anderson said. "It made me realize that you need to talk to people who you care about and not let petty things get in the way."

Some people, such as Shannon Taylor, a sociology senior, have become more apt to attribute unusual occurrences to terrorism.

"Any little thing that goes on in the world, I wonder if it's terrorism," Taylor said. "I saw the news about the blackouts (in August) and I thought, 'Who is behind this?'"

See MEMORY on 3

Student's trip to Ground Zero leaves deep emotional impact

Grad student volunteered in NYC following terrorist attacks, met survivors and visited restricted areas of site

By Sally Oakes
STAFF WRITER

Debbie Hoskins didn't have to witness the aftermath of Sept. 11 on a television screen.

She could see the mounds of rubble, hear the workers rummaging and touch the pieces of shattered metal. She talked to survivors face to face and heard the stories firsthand.

The communications graduate student went to Ground Zero three weeks after the events occurred. "I felt like it was a civic duty to serve my country," Hoskins said.

On Oct. 6, 2001, Hoskins and two women from her church got on a plane heading towards New York City.

The three women from Lancaster Baptist Church in Lancaster, Ky., thought they could volunteer their services at Ground Zero and worked with the Salvation Army.

"We worked a long day interviewing people who were directly affected by the disaster," she said. "Their stories were heart-breaking."

One mother told Hoskins about her son, who was a stockbroker in the World Trade Towers.

Eighty percent of his body was burnt. His lungs were severely damaged and was thought to have permanent brain dam-

age. "Everything that he had provided for his family was no longer there," Hoskins said.

Hoskins helped victims pay their bills for October with money from the Salvation Army. Nonprofit organizations such as the Red Cross "were working so hard to help them," Hoskins said.

Some people had been making more than \$100,000 a year and now everything they had worked for was gone.

Hoskins not only talked to victims but got to go into the restricted area of Ground Zero.

A crane operator told them the most important thing they could do was talk to the firemen, who were tired and in need of friendly conversation.

Hoskins said whenever body parts or complete bodies were found, all the workers would stop and have a moment of silence.

"With a hard hat, a caution vest and a respirator, we entered the 'red zone' site," she said. "Nothing you have seen on television prepares you for what you see up close and more, what you smell up close. It was the distinct smell of death. It was unbelievable."

Piles and piles of melted twisted metal were strewn about. She found computer discs, file cabinets and papers scattered everywhere.

"Walking on sacred ground is very humbling," said Lancaster resident Sue Bal-

lard, one of the women that accompanied Hoskins. "It's not like anything I've ever experienced."

Last year Hoskins flew back to New York City on Sept. 11.

Many people were afraid to fly on this day, she remembered, but she didn't hesitate. "I have faith in our military leaders and the country that protects us," she said.

Ground Zero had dramatically changed in a year, she said. "There was a huge hole where the towers once stood. People brought flowers and placed them near Ground Zero."

Today Hoskins is flying to Washington, D.C., where she hopes to attend a memorial service.

The events of Sept. 11 brought the nation closer together, she said. "The rest of America took note that New Yorkers are warm and caring people," she said. "It not only brought New Yorkers closer together, it brought America closer together. It made us stronger and more united than ever before."

Sept. 11 is a tragedy that the American public should never and will never forget, she said.

"No matter how busy the day is, no matter what all you have to accomplish, stop for one moment and reflect and remember those who died during the tragic events of 9/11."

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The Low-down

What we had was a friendship that was estranged, and the Grammys was an opportunity to put that behind us. That's exactly what we did."

- Paul Simon, on his relationship with Art Garfunkel

Israel retaliates for suicide bombings

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel bombed the home of a Hamas leader Wednesday, killing his eldest son and a bodyguard in retaliation for two suicide bombings. The Palestinian prime minister-designate said he will quickly form a government to forestall even harsher Israeli reprisals. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon cut short a visit to India, and an official said he would consider far-reaching options, such as forcing Yasser Arafat into exile or ordering a large-scale invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Aid workers killed in Afghanistan

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Suspected Taliban rebels on motorcycles stopped a car filled with aid workers, tied them up and executed them by the side of a dusty road in southeastern Afghanistan, raising fears in the aid community that vital reconstruction work is becoming too risky to carry out. The four aid workers, Afghans who worked for the Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugees, were killed Monday afternoon in Ghazni province, authorities said. The attack follows intense fighting in the south and east of the country that has killed four American soldiers and thrown into question the ability of the U.S.-backed government to control this war-shattered country. On Wednesday, the United States and Germany asked NATO to consider expanding the mandate of its 5,000-strong peace-keeping force beyond the capital, Kabul, to help protect reconstruction teams outside the capital.

Sweden's foreign minister attacked

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Sweden's popular foreign minister was stabbed repeatedly Wednesday while shopping in an exclusive department store in Stockholm, shocking a nation that has long prided itself on the accessibility of its politicians, who rarely use bodyguards. Police said they didn't believe the attack was politically motivated, but it stirred memories of the unsolved murder of Prime Minister Olof Palme, who was killed while walking home from a downtown movie theater with his wife in 1986. Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, 46, was stabbed in the stomach, chest and arm. Lindh was in serious condition and underwent six hours of surgery at the Karolinska Hospital. Lindh, 46, who is No. 3 in the government and a leading supporter of the European Union's common currency, often has been touted as a



OLD FRIENDS: Dusting the cobwebs off their friendship, the folk-rock duo Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel announced Tuesday they were reuniting for a concert tour of North America this fall. Shows begin Oct. 18 at The Palace at Auburn Hills, outside Detroit.

The 1960s favorites, who last recorded together in 1975, have sold more than 40 million albums in the United States with hits like "The Sounds of Silence," "Bridge Over Troubled Water" and "Mrs. Robinson." They're titling the tour "Old Friends," but the men have had a contentious relationship until the ice broke earlier this year when they performed "The Sound of Silence" together at the Grammy Awards. "I never actually thought that we'd lost our ability to sing together and have a blend," Simon said. "What we had was a friendship that was estranged, and the Grammys was an opportunity to put that behind us. That's exactly what we did."

possible successor to Prime Minister Goran Persson.

Man sentenced for nightclub bombings

BALI, Indonesia — An Islamic militant pumped his fist in defiance as he was led from court Wednesday after being convicted and sentenced to death in last year's Bali nightclub bombings that killed 202 people. Imam Samudra is the second person sentenced to death for the bombings, which killed mostly Western tourists and thrust Indonesia into the front lines of the U.S.-led war on terror. Police had to restrain Samudra, who lunged at Western reporters as he was led out of the courtroom, where relatives of victims also were sitting. He made a parting threat to President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, drawing an imaginary knife across his throat and shouting "Bush, Sharon" as he was bundled into a police van taking him back to his cell.

WTO decisions are crucial, leaders say

CANCUN, Mexico — Negotiators from 146 countries sat down to thorny trade negotiations Wednesday, with rich and poor nations pushing conflicting agendas on agricultural reform and leaders cautioning that their decisions could mean life or death for billions of people. Thousands of poor farmers, worried that more trade will drive them out of business, clashed with riot police outside the World Trade Organization meeting. One protester died after ceremonially stabbing himself. Leaders at the opening WTO session made clear they will try to level the playing field by persuading rich nations to make deep cuts in the nearly \$1 billion a day they pay their farmers.

Americans worry of loss of freedom

WASHINGTON — Most Americans do not believe their individual freedom has been eroded by post-Sept. 11 laws to combat terrorism, but two-thirds are worried that it could happen, according to an Associated Press poll. About two-thirds of respondents said they are somewhat or very concerned about the possible loss of freedom from such measures. On a separate question, only 31 percent said they think people's legal rights have been violated while 58 percent said they had not, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR/International Communications Research of Media, Pa.

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Mounting meth cases cause backlog in labs

Kentucky has 10,000-case backlog because of state's growing meth problem

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Crime labs across the Midwest are battling a backlog of thousands of methamphetamine cases, leading judges to threaten some labs with fines and forcing prosecutors to dismiss charges when results are postponed.

"It's a little stressful. If you're a drug chemist and you come into work, there is no light at the end of the tunnel," said 1st Sgt. Joe Vetter, who manages a police crime lab in southern Indiana with a backlog of 1,400 cases, many of which are linked to methamphetamine.

Similar backlogs have accumulated throughout the Midwest as methamphetamine arrests increased steadily in states such as Indiana, Kentucky and Kansas.

Chemists in Vetter's lab work nights and weekends to respond to subpoenas and struggle to give priority to the most urgent cases. Angry prosecutors have been known to call demanding evidence. Without it, a judge could dismiss criminal charges.

"They can only ask for so many continuations," Vetter said.

Lab managers say the backlog reflects the ever-growing volume of methamphetamine cases, the complexity of chemical tests and the amount of evidence seized from suspected makers of the drug, a highly addictive stimulant that produces a euphoria similar to cocaine but lasts longer.

Kentucky officials are working to reduce a 10,000-case backlog created in part by the state's growing methamphetamine problem.

A judge in Graves County south of Paducah, became so frustrated with lab delays that he warned a lab director the agency could face fines of \$100 a day for contempt of court if cases were not processed promptly.

Kentucky's state crime labs processed 354 meth cases last year, up from 280 in 2001, said Jeff Warnecke, manager at the state's central lab. Each case can take days.

But there's no doubt methamphetamine makes a difference in places such as Graves County, Ky., where methamphetamine now accounts for more than half of all indictments, Hargrove said.

"It was just like dropping a match in a gasoline jug," he said. "I've never seen anything explode like this did."

For now, crime labs are just trying to make a dent in the increasing number of meth cases using limited resources.

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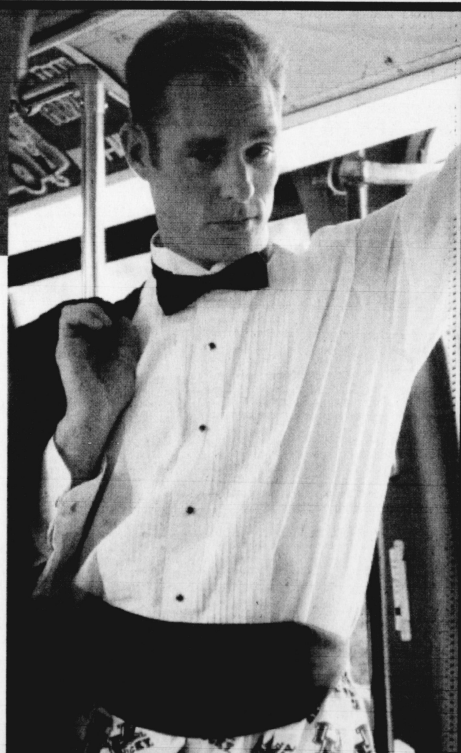
An article in Wednesday's Kernel incorrectly spelled the name of Mike Falkowitz, the Inter Fraternity Council advisor. Also, Megan Morris is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, not Alpha Omega Pi.

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New UofL president plans to stress values, research



Jessica S. Loving, chair of the University of Louisville's Board of Trustees, presents James Ramsey with the Presidential Medallion during a ceremony held to officially install Ramsey as president of the university, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003, in Louisville.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The University of Louisville cannot allow a shortage of money to knock it off a course toward national prominence, its newly inaugurated president said Tuesday.

James Ramsey, formally installed as the university's 17th president, said those at the university must "recommit ourselves head-on" to its legislative mandate — becoming a premier metropolitan research university but with a reach extending well beyond its hometown.

From medical innovations to fostering business growth, "we must demonstrate, over and over, that we bring benefits to everyone in the state," Ramsey said.

Contributions by U of L researchers could lead to new cancer treatments, early diagnoses of learning disabilities, improved living standards and an international reputation for heart

care, he said.

The sun-drenched outdoor ceremony drew about 1,500 people and featured pomp and ceremony. It also included Ramsey's sobering assessment of the university's financial situation: State revenues are slumping, donors are giving less and the federal government is slowly spending on research.

"At no time in our history have we been more challenged than we are today," Ramsey said.

But while "midcourse adjustments" might be necessary, a tough fiscal climate cannot be used as an excuse for slowing down, he said.

Ramsey, a former state budget director, was named U of L president last November after a short stint as acting president. Before his inauguration, Ramsey attended a reception with faculty and staff and a student picnic.

In his speech, Ramsey also said U of L must be fully

accountable to taxpayers while adhering to "values of honesty, openness and fairness."

He did not mention his predecessor, John Shumaker, who left after seven years to become president at the University of Tennessee. Shumaker's tenure in Knoxville, Tenn., ended abruptly last month with an investigation into allegedly extravagant spending and ethical lapses.

U of L auditors are looking into Shumaker's spending from 1999 to 2002. "We must demonstrate that we are accountable, that we are stewards of the people's trust," Ramsey said.

Afterward, Ramsey said his emphasis on values did not stem from Shumaker's problems in Tennessee and the ongoing audit at U of L. "No, it's just me," Ramsey said.

Jessica Loving, chairwoman of the U of L board of trustees, praised Ram-

sey's integrity and commitment to the university.

Gov. Paul Patton said that Ramsey, his one-time budget director, has the leadership skills "that will make this university successful."

Ramsey also outlined broad goals for the 21,000-student university — improving graduation rates, winning designation as a comprehensive cancer center by the National Cancer Institute and instilling a "vibrant" campus life.

He cautioned that in such lean fiscal times, the university should resist broadening its role and instead focus on its assignment to become a top metropolitan university.

"Staying focused means that there will be times when we must say 'no,'" Ramsey said. "No to partners, no to friends, no to many good ideas that are not integral parts of our day-to-day focus."

Some want Sept. 11 to be federal holiday

Others say designation would be inappropriate

By Moira Bagley
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, The Fourth of July. These are uniquely American federal holidays, and some think Sept. 11 should be added to the bunch.

"There were so many people killed," said sociology junior Danielle Mansfield. "A holiday should be recognized to honor the victims."

Sept. 11's box on the calendar isn't completely empty, though. As of Oct. 25, 2001, 9/11 has been referred to as Patriot Day, an observance in honor of those who lost their lives on that sunny Tuesday morning.

House Joint Resolution 71 requests that the president issue a proclamation every year regarding the observance of Patriot Day and requesting the U.S. flag be displayed at half-staff.

Since Patriot Day is an observance, banks and government offices remain open for regular business hours unlike during federal holidays.

Some say this isn't enough.

Currently there are dozens of Web pages petitioning the government to make Patriot Day a federal holiday instead of just an observance.

One Web site, www.petitiononline.com/1105/petition.html, wishes to have the day named "Unification Day" as a way to honor the fact that "never before have so many lives of different races and creeds been suddenly lost upon American soil."

"It definitely should be recognized as a holiday by all Americans," said political science sophomore Brittany Penna.

The Congressional Research Service, a nonpartisan congressional watchdog group, said that due to the conflicting opinions that exist on how the day should be commemorated, no legislation has been sponsored in the 107th Congress and it is uncertain whether the issue will be brought up in next year's congressional assembly.

Some believe that we should use the day to be more productive rather than a day to rest.

"We should work harder on that day," said Andrew Barr, an Integrated Strategic Communications senior.

The Internet site www.holidayfestival.com offers one opinion of how Sept. 11 should or should not be celebrated.

"It seems that it would be seriously unsuitable to remember so great a tragedy at the poolside or barbecue or at home with the TV," the Web site said.

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MEMORY

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Bolin-Reece said that before the terrorist attacks two years ago the United States seemed "invulnerable and safe" to a generation that had never experienced war at home.

"Sept. 11 will be a time marker for many, especially those college-age and younger," she said. "It marks a sort of 'before' and 'after' between blissful ignorance and awareness of a world in political turmoil."

Previous generations of Americans have defined themselves in relation to other calamitous events.

The nation "lost its inno-

cence" when President John F. Kennedy was gunned down in Dallas. President Franklin Roosevelt marked Dec. 7, 1941 as "a day that will live in infamy."

College students on campus today belong to the generation that lost its innocence Sept. 11, 2001, a day so infamous that even mentioning the year is superfluous.

People now speak of a world "after Sept. 11" or simply "post-9/11."

Maria Maldonado, a political science senior, echoes the words of anyone old enough to remember the JFK assassination or the bombing of Pearl Harbor:

"We will all remember where we were that day."

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You won't find a raging dance floor, disco lights or house DJ at this pizza pub, but it's still worthy of a visit from the Barfly.

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The 37 different beers on tap combined with the 112 bottled varieties can make decisions difficult. Add in the seemingly endless list of pizza toppings, and placing an order can become a bit overwhelming. Fortunately, the servers and bartenders are patient and understand this — and might be able to offer a little help.

Pazzo's is an ideal spot for getting together with friends for a low-key evening. You can sit back, enjoy a pint and talk among yourselves without having to shout.

"We offer an atmosphere with a little bit for everyone," said Pazzo's manager Dave Aerpert.

During the day, the pub usually caters to the business crowd and students stopping in to get a slice for lunch. Once the kitchen closes, Pazzo's becomes a 21-and-over-bar.

While there are different beer specials every night, a favorite is Wednesday's "pint night". Each week at 6:30 p.m., a different beer is selected. Order a pitcher of the featured brew and you will be handsomely rewarded with a matching set of two free pint glasses.

Last month, Pazzo's extended its capacity by opening up another bar in the basement with different beers on tap and more seating.

They also have a patio facing Limestone Street, which allows patrons to people watch while they sip one of the many tasty beer selections or nibble on pizza or pretzels (the Barfly's personal favorite).

And don't forget that the strategically placed television screens mean the game is always on.

Pazzo's is a laid-back place, best enjoyed with good friends and good conversation. In such a tension-free atmosphere, deciding on what type of beer to order may very well be the most stressful part of your evening.

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Moira Bagley
KERNEL BARFLY

The Low-Down

Pazzo's is located on the corner of South Limestone Street and Euclid Avenue.

It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.; Sunday from noon until 11 p.m.

Its kitchen stays open until 10 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday, and until 11 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Aside from pizza, Pazzo's menu offers a variety of sandwiches and salads.

Free parking is available in the lot behind Pazzo's, across from Fazolli's on Euclid Avenue.

THE BARFLY RATES IT

I have taken various facets of the bar into consideration and by using my Barfly superpowers, I have devised a rating system that is not only helpful, but easy to swallow.

Bar Service
For the most part — these guys know their beer and are great at suggestions

YYYY

Bathrooms
After having a couple pints, look out! All the stairs can pose a trip and fall or worse — gasp — beer spillage

YYY

Drink Prices
Nightly drink specials are reasonable, but some of the more obscure beers are a bit pricey

YYY

Overall Rating
I love the atmosphere at Pazzo's. But if you want to party like a rock star, it probably won't suit your mood

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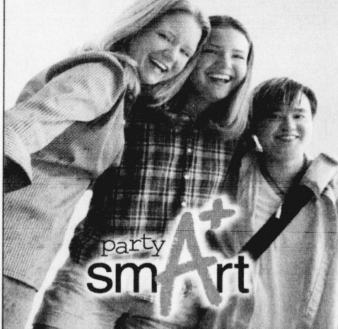
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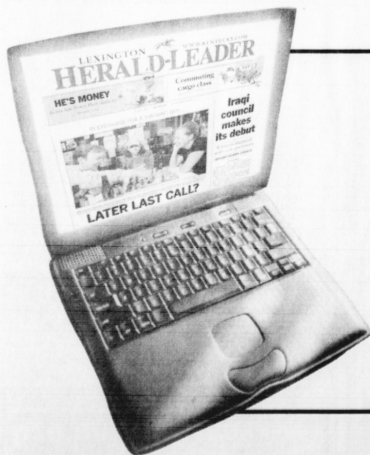
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WOMEN'S SOCCER GAINS VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

Despite loss to top-ranked Heels and tie to No. 8 Duke, Cats climb polls to No. 14 ranking, UK's highest ranking since 1999

By Donnie Melhaus
STAFF WRITER

The UK women's soccer team returns home this weekend for matches against Brigham Young University and Rutgers at the UK Soccer Complex. This home stand follows a tough road trip in Chapel Hill, N.C., where the Cats were shut out 4-0 by North Carolina and played Duke to a 2-2 draw.

Although the matches in North Carolina did not have favorable results, head coach Warren Lipka thought the trip was a good experience for his squad.

"We played the No. 1 team in the country in North Carolina and the speed of play and experience we gained definitely outweighed the result," Lipka said.

UK was able to get its offense going against Duke and clawed its way back from defeat twice to secure the tie.

UK outplayed Duke in the second half, "but we just could not put in the winning goal, so that's something we need to polish up on," Lipka said.

Two Kentucky players did receive honors at the conclusion of the tournament — junior defenders Jessica Laswell and Jamie Hutchison were both named to the all-tournament team.

"Jessica played awesome," Lipka said. "She was closing people down, she defended well, and she recorded a goal and an assist."

Hutchison did not play against North Carolina but was back in action against Duke.

"Jamie played well against Duke," Lipka said. "She stood out well and got an assist."

The Cats are going to need good performances from these players again as this weekend's competition does not get much easier.

Friday night's 7:30 kickoff against

BYU will be a rematch of last year's encounter when Elizabeth Ramsey scored twice to give UK a 2-0 win in Provo, Utah. Coach Lipka said BYU is a good club and will come to Lexington wanting to avenge last year's loss.

Saturday's match against Rutgers (3-1) will also provide a strong test for the Cats.

"Rutgers has a good program and they are a Big East contender," Lipka said.

Going into this two game home stand, Coach Lipka believes UK took many positives out of the winless road trip and it should have the team optimistic about its future matches.

One more positive for the Cats is that they are ranked No. 14 in the country in this week's National Soccer Coaches' Association of America poll. It is the highest UK has been ranked since being ranked No. 10 during the 1999 season.

"We are 2-1 with our only loss coming from the No. 1 team in the country," Lipka said. "So right now I feel we are on the right track."

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"We just could not put in the winning goal, so that's something we need to polish up on."

— Warren Lipka, UK women's soccer head coach

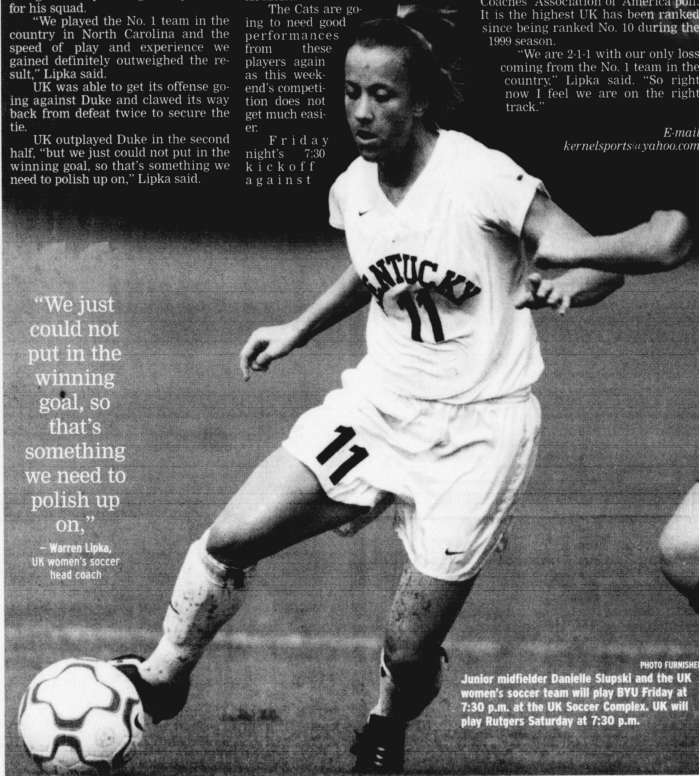


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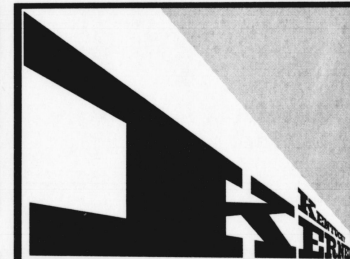
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*True Grit: Seven Female Visionaries Before Feminism, Noon-8:00pm, UK Art Museum Galleries

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We've seen many changes in the United States since that fateful morning two years ago today when we endured the first foreign attack on American soil since Pearl Harbor. People were effected by the event in many different ways. We asked several members of the UK community to share their different perspectives on life in the U.S. since Sept. 11, 2001.

Tragedy forces us to reflect on our lives

What if I told you that today would be your last day here on Earth? Where would you decide to go? Who would you decide you needed to call? These questions may seem ludicrous, but for



Rachel Watts
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

many Americans Sept. 11th, 2001 was their last day. Some reached for their cell phones in an attempt to tell loved ones goodbye. Some fought their hijackers with heroic success. Some merely bowed their heads in a moment of reflection. Sept. 11 taught me a lot of things. For one thing, it taught me that patriotism is more than just lighting sparklers on Independence Day or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in school.

It taught me to be proud of my country and appreciate the many lives dedicated to its spirit and liberty. I realized that people come closer together when times are hardest. I realized we need each other more than we would like to admit sometimes. Most importantly, I asked myself a deeper question: "What if I had been on one of those planes? What would I have done? Who would I have

called? Would I have been content with my life? Two years ago my answer would have been no. I would have had so many people left to call and so much left to do. Today things are different. Sept. 11th helped remind me that life is too short to hold grudges and that the way you reach success is as important as success itself. I know that I have a great deal to be thankful for and a lot left to learn.

Compassion still in style two years after attacks

For me, Sept. 11, 2001 began as an unremarkable Tuesday. But before 9 a.m., it had become anything but unremarkable, and the image of the second plane plowing into the World Trade Center Tower is still too vivid to bear.

How have that morning's tragedies affected me? Affected you? Affected the nation and the world? I can find no universally-shared response. As a psychologist, I observe human behavior and try to understand what makes people tick and try to help clients understand themselves and others.

The range of reactions to Sept. 11 was and is predictable in its variability. Some openly expressed shock, fear, disbelief, anger, grief. Others may have shared those deep emotional experiences but allowed others to see or hear or share little of their internal world of reactions. Some reached out to those in need, through community service, blood drives or volunteerism.

Some became anxious and hyper-vigilant because the U.S. obviously was not immune to attack, but vulnerable. For many, that was a new reality and perhaps humbling to realize that the "World Super Power" could sustain coordinated terrorist attacks on its native soil. For at least a moment, some considered that we are citizens of a world in which war is an everyday experience. Some expressed hatred or fear of anyone who appeared to be non-American citizens. And some appeared to be completely untouched by the sudden deaths of almost 3,000 people.

My hope is that all of us are still moved by the tragedy we now call "9/11." Not moved by hate nor by an entitled sense of self-importance as "Americans." Nor moved by excessive anxiety nor by thinking that war is the answer. But moved by a shared remembrance of those who died and of those survivors left behind by the events of 9/11 and by all acts of violence. And moved by a deep awareness of the preciousness of life.

I am privileged to be writing this on a sunny, peaceful (at least in my yard) Sunday afternoon, watching an enormous bumblebee and several small white butterflies on native wildflowers and listening to the sound of flowing water in a small pond. I am thankful to be alive and sad for the lives around the world lost to violence and hatred.

On this second anniversary of 9/11, please take a moment to be aware of your own emotional experience. Reach out to others. Offer support if you can. Ask for support if you need it. The Counseling & Testing Center provides ongoing counseling to UK and LCC students and is available for consultation with others in the university community.



Mary Bolin-Reece
DIRECTOR, UK COUNSELING AND TESTING CENTER

America took wrong turn in the name of security

Two years after Sept. 11, 2001, "America's War against Terrorism," "War against Iraq" and "War against Afghanistan" have not gone the way the neo-conservative planners in the Pentagon thought. Under the umbrella of its "War against Terrorism," the U.S. has run into trouble in four areas.

First, it hasn't achieved the degree of control it sought over the distribution and marketing of energy supplies from the Middle East and Caspian regions. Second, it has not brought the Palestinians and Israel into earnest negotiations. Third, it is facing opposition to the privatization of the energy sources of Middle East countries and attempts to limit French and German participation. Lastly, it is facing opposition to its "bracketing" of China and Russia to limit their influence in the Middle East.

Lesson of 9/11: domestic tragedies should not serve as cover for grabs of global geo-strategic advantage serving, largely, certain corporate interests.

Honor those who sacrificed by upholding our values

I am still trying to assimilate the meaning and understand the tragedy that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. In retrospect, much good emerged from such unbelievable and unspeakable horror. First, there were heroes — common, everyday folks who looked like you and me. Some wore badges and had special training. Others had an implacable will and extraordinary courage. They climbed even higher in the inferno or declared "let's roll." Some spent their last moments saving others while knowing that they would be unable to save themselves.

There was also humanity and compassion. Our community demonstrated the values we hold dear in higher education: respect for difference, the right to dignity, freedom and justice. There was also a renewed understanding of the fact that one member's beliefs do not extend to the entire group. Instead, we recognize that each person is an individual and makes their own choices. Let us resolve to find a way to ensure that such great sacrifices were not in vain.



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Commitment to country rock solid after 9/11

Sept. 11, 2001 dawned bright and refreshingly clear. Walking to work through campus that morning, my eyes were drawn to the sky and the sunlight glinting off an airplane flying over Lexington.

Every American woke up to a changed world on Sept. 12. A friend of mine once told me, "Sometimes you just have to pick a side." I took a look at myself in this new light. I had enrolled as a cadet in UK Army ROTC in Jan. 2001, and I spent that July at Fort Knox, Ky. testing the Army waters. By that fall I was not sure if I was going to sign a contract and get a commission in the Army.

Sept. 11 was the catalyst I needed. Soon after that day I signed my name, swore an oath and conclusively chose a side and am now an officer in the U.S. Army. The U.S. military will defend this nation against the zealots who have adopted murder as a policy. I can't wait to help in this great effort.



Seth Bowden
UK ARMY ROTC RECRUIT



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New York pride was stirred after home state was struck

As I walk across campus, there is not one day that passes by that I don't see someone wearing an "I Love NY" t-shirt and I think to myself, "Do you really love NY?" Have you ever even been there? Being from NY myself, I truly know what it's like to love NY and my pride has only gotten stronger since Sept. 11. I was in my senior year in high school. It was spirit week to be topped off with our Pep Rally on Friday Night.

With it being my senior year, my friends and I dressed up extravagantly as did the other seniors. On this tragic day, the news was brought to us at 10:02 a.m. Our principal came over the loud speaker and delivered the news. I was standing in the hallway this being my off period. As the news was being delivered to us, I started looking around the room at the stillness and the shock that was plastered over everyone. Before the realization had time to hit me I looked over to my left and standing there were two of my fellow classmates, dressed up as the Twin Towers.

WALKNTALK

Now that it's been two years since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, do you feel safer? Various Students share their insights on how vulnerable they feel to more terrorist attacks in the United States.

"I'm not scared at all. What's in Kentucky, anyway?"

- JEFF SOGAR, SOPHOMORE



"I live in the towers and every time I hear a plane pass by I still get nervous."

- CHRIS WHITE, SOPHOMORE

"I feel a lot safer now in the airports than I did then."

- STACEY EDWARDS, FRESHMAN



"After we bombed the hell out of 'em I don't think they're gonna mess with us anymore."

- MARCUS ALLEN, SOPHOMORE

"I feel safer because of the Homeland Security Act. Plus, we're in Central Kentucky."

- RYAN CUNNINGHAM, FRESHMAN



"Even though it's been two years people still have to be on the alert."

- DUPREE DONEGHY, JUNIOR

Vandy nixes athletics dept.

Commodore athletics will remain but will be under central university control

By Derek Poore
STAFF WRITER

The foundation of Commodore athletics shook this week as Vanderbilt University decided to eliminate its athletics department and transfer control to the central administration. The move came amid a time in a rash of recent college athletics controversies in schools across the country.

Vanderbilt Chancellor Gordon Gee cited the faults in athletics as the reason for the change.

"There is a wrong culture in athletics, and I'm declaring war on it," Gee said at a news conference Tuesday.

No NCAA sports programs will be eliminated, but just about everything else will change at a school that has run one of the country's cleanest programs in the last 50 years.

Vanderbilt athletics director Todd Turner's position was also eliminated — a position he held for seven years. A special assistant to the chancellor for athletic and academic reform position awaits Turner if he chooses to take an advisory role in Vanderbilt athletics.

Vanderbilt athletics have had varied success over the past few years, losing 18 straight games in football, including the last 27 of 28 Southeastern Conference games. The men's tennis team was second in the nation, though the men's basketball team was 11-18 last season. The women's basketball team went to the NCAA regional tournament last year and lost in the second round.

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All-Nighter

The ball games (and strangely, a Baldwin) kept coming during a round-the-clock college-sports-TV odyssey



WHAT IS CSTV? The fledgling station says, “The new home of college sports.” To which I said, “That sounds sooo SIOC.” To see if it lived up to its hype, I spent 24 straight hours last week with College Sports Television—a commitment I have yet to make to a girlfriend. Armed with a laptop, a cell and a ham-and-cheese Hot Pocket, I settled into the SIOC TV lounge. Here’s what went down:

8:00 a.m., Sept. 4 First up: the 1975 Rose Bowl, hosted by Alec, no, Daniel, no, Stephen, no, wait . . . Billy Baldwin! Why? Because when Billy Baldwin says, “Don’t you go anywhere,” before a commercial, you listen.

9:52 a.m. After taking in the best game on TV in years (USC beat Ohio State 18–17), Billy strikes a Heisman pose. I think I’ve peed myself.

10:26 a.m. I make a list: “Things I’d rather do than watch *The Bill Snyder Show* again.” (Peel off my fingernails, lick Snyder’s balding dome . . .) A glance at today’s schedule reveals the Kansas State coach is on again at one and I inspect my nails. “God? I have a proposal . . .”

1:04 p.m. God clearly has better things to do. Snyder’s on.



Shaq (lower left) and Snyder (top left) were two of CSTV’s repeat offenders.

3:07 p.m. *Crystal Ball’s* Sid Rosenberg calls cohort ex-Notre Dame lineman Aaron Taylor “devastatingly handsome.” (He looks like Godzilla.) My self-esteem futures skyrocket 20 points.

3:51 p.m. Sid’s crystal ball says (duh) Michigan State over Rutgers and Iowa over Buffalo. I consider asking Sid for his take on Aaron Taylor versus me.

12:01 a.m. Baldwin’s back, hosting an LSU-Auburn hoops

game from 1992. He’s already called Shaq “physically well-endowed.” I think he has the hooch I’m looking for.

1:29 a.m. My MP3s are my only respite. I celebrate a Shaq dunk by playing air guitar to Journey’s *Any Way You Want It*. What I really want? Sleep.

8:01 a.m. LSU-Auburn again. If anything could possibly keep me here past my 24-hour sentence, it’s Billy Baldwin. But sleeper heads prevail, and Billy prances through my dreams instead. —Adam Duerson

▶ BIG WEEK

Places to Be, Things to See

PARTY

Ag Kickoff, Sept. 13, Texas A&M It’s billed as “The world’s biggest back-to-school party,” but “Beers and steers” might be more appropriate for this bash in Brazos Valley.

FOOTBALL

North Carolina State at Ohio State, Sept. 13, noon, ABC Will a Rivers—Wolfpack quarterback Philip (below)—run through the Buckeyes? We say yes.



Notre Dame at Michigan, Sept. 13, 3:30 p.m., ABC The annual nail-biter between college football’s two winningest programs.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE Club Series Sectionals, Sept. 13–14 The sport’s top tournament (students, alums and hobos welcome) begins with sectionals on or near the campuses of Illinois, East Carolina, LSU, Iowa, Howard and SUNY-Purchase.

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Why is Herbie Husker smiling? Because he's performing for the most rabid—not to mention friendliest—fans in the land.

> Road Trip

Lincoln, Nebraska

BY LARS ANDERSON

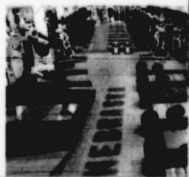
THEY ARE SOME OF THE FRIENDLIEST PEOPLE on the planet. Ask a Nebraskan for directions and don't be surprised when he draws you a map and hands you his phone number, insisting that you give him a ring to let him know you arrived "all super safe and sound."

But when 73,918 Nebraskans assemble in Memorial Stadium, as they will Saturday to watch their beloved Huskers play Penn State, these very nice folks will make more noise than any fans in the country. Dressed in red shirts, red pants (often of the polyester variety), red overalls, red cowboy hats—and anything else in fire-engine red they can get their hands on—they produce three hours of thunder, creating one of the great spectacles in college football. Nebraska has no other major colleges or pro franchises, so the state's

POINTS OF THE ROAD

5 Things Every Visitor Needs to Know

- ▶ **1. EAT LIKE A LOCAL.** Try a Runza (no, this beef-and-cabbage sandwich, which will cost you \$3 at the stadium, won't give you the run-zas) and a Fairbury hot dog (\$2), famed as the reddest wiener in the world.
- ▶ **2. TAILGATE AT THE LOOP.** Nebraska is a dry campus (wink, wink), but the adult beverages flow freely here (just east of the stadium) before kickoff.
- ▶ **3. GET TO THE STADIUM EARLY.** It's the only way to check out the tunnel walk, the players' grand entrance onto the field—to the accompaniment of the Alan Parsons Project's *Sirius*—that some find as entertaining as the game.
- ▶ **4. CHECK OUT THE WEIGHT ROOM.** Located beneath the West Stands, Nebraska's 30,000-square-foot weight facility (*right*) is one of the nation's biggest.
- ▶ **5. TOM OSBORNE IS KING.** The only way you won't make friends in Nebraska is to disparage the former coach, now a U.S. representative, who won his most recent election with 93% of the vote.



sports identity lies exclusively with the Big Red, which explains why the team's media guide is annually a best seller at the university bookstore and why Memorial Stadium has been sold out for

every game—258 in all—since 1962.

It's the fans, in fact, who make a road trip to Nebraska so worthwhile. In 1980 Bobby Bowden brought his Florida State team to Lincoln for the first time and eked

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> WHEN & WHERE

The 48-Hour Guide to Lincoln

FRIDAY,
4 P.M.



MUST SEE

THE STATE CAPITOL. You'll get a terrific view of Nebraska's golden prairie from the top of the 400-foot capitol, which is known to locals as—we're not kidding—"The Penis of the Plains."

7:30 P.M.

MISTY'S RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE.

Members of the Nebraska marching band have been belting out tunes—ranging from fight songs to pop numbers—on the eve of home games here since the 1960s. Order the king cut of prime rib. It's pricey (\$19.95), but it's bigger than your head, and if there's one thing Nebraskans know, it's beef.



SATURDAY,
12:45 A.M.

SANDY'S. Before the bars shut down at 1 a.m., stop in at this place on the strip (which runs along O Street from Centennial to Ninth streets). Order an Elk Creek, a diabolical concoction that mixes orange juice and several different alcohols. After imbibing you'll head straight to bed—whether you want to or not.

10:05 A.M.

LAZZARI'S. Hang with former players in town for the game and eat some of Lincoln's best pizza. Give the spicy chicken slice a try (\$2.50).

1:10 P.M.

NEBRASKA VS. PENN STATE. The Huskers will try to avenge last year's 40-7 drubbing.

6:37 P.M.

BARRY'S BAR AND GRILL. The drink du jour at this postgame hot spot is red beer (tomato juice and beer, which will run you \$3). Barry's also offers burgers and sandwiches (about \$5), not to mention the opportunity to rehash the game with more than a thousand die-hard fans.

SUNDAY,
11:56 A.M.

LAZLO'S BREWERY AND GRILL. Located in the historic Haymarket section of town, Lazlo's is the oldest and largest brewery in the state. On the way out of town, drop in for its renowned French dip (\$8).

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: TED KIRK (2); RICK STEWART/GETTY IMAGES; MIKE BLAKE/REUTERS; TED KIRK



The pizza ovens at Lazzari's make it a pregame hot spot for former Huskers.

out an 18-14 win. As Bowden jogged off the field he saw something he'd never seen before: thousands of fans standing on their feet, clapping and saluting the victorious opponent. Bowden was so moved he wrote an open letter to the fans in the *Lincoln Journal Star*.

"I have never seen people with more class than I saw at Nebraska," wrote Bowden. "The Nebraska fans, players, cheerleaders, band, officials, coaches, etc., gave me living testimony of what college football should be all about." Twenty-three years later, those words still ring true.



When it comes to fashion, cornucopia headwear is a major Husker do.

The Vitals

- **BEST LODGING:** *The Embassy Suites*, just south of campus. Doubles start at \$169.
- **BEST MUSIC:** *Zoo Bar* offers the best blues in Lincoln.
- **BEST WEEKENDS:** Oct. 18 vs. Texas A&M; Nov. 15 vs. Kansas State
- **DISTANCE FROM:** College Station, Texas: 807 miles; Manhattan, Kans.: 135; Boulder, Colo.: 503

Next Week's Road Trip:
Eugene, Ore.

THIS week

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PRO FOOTBALL

Complete coverage of the season's first Sunday (above) and picks for this weekend's games. Plus, Peter King's Monday Morning Quarterback and Dr. Z's power rankings at si.com/football.

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ELITE EIGHT

Jock
Classes

Wanna rub elbows with a jock? Here are eight stimulating classes that athletes are notorious for flocking to.

1 **History of the American Dixieland Jitterbug.** Truly The Land of the Lost.

2 **How to Sing the History of Country Music.** Worth the effort. And if you pass this, History of Western Music?

3 **Introduction to the History of the Richmond Spider.** Did you hear the one about the Wolfpack hoopster who brought in a Richmond Spider for show-and-tell?

4 **How to Catch a Gator.** Gator receivers have got to learn those end zone dances somewhere.

5 **The course that teaches itself.**

6 **A.k.a.: Clap for Credit.**

7 **Shortest lecture?** Lou Henson's Hair and American Tonsorial Trends.

8 **Week one: skipping class.**

ANNALS OF SCHOOL SPIRIT

Pajamarama in Alabama

THE NEXT BEST THING to nude campus events? Pajama events, of course. They're not quite as sexy, but for an Auburn-Georgia Tech football game tradition trumps being in the buff.

Why the pj's? When Auburn hosted Tech for the first time in 1896, legend has it a group of Auburn students, who were sick of being looked down upon by the city slickers, snuck out in their skivvies on the eve of the game and greased the railroad tracks leading into town. The next morning Tech's train overshot Auburn and, after a five-mile hike back to town, the Yellow Jackets limped to a 45-0 defeat. Since then Auburn students have gathered in their slumber-wear for a "Wreck Tech" pajama parade and pep rally before every Tech game. It did little good this time around, however, as the Yellow Jackets buzzed the disappointing Tigers 17-3 on Saturday. —Russell Moore



Auburn's pj party is one of college's oldest, most colorful traditions.

VIDEO GAMES

It's All Madden

A DECADE AGO, you swore the only way they'd take your *Tecmo Bowl* from you was to pry it from your cold, dead hands. Then came *Madden NFL 94*, which blew *Tecmo* out of the water with its vastly superior graphics. As this year's crop of football games hits shelves, we see if *Madden* is still top dog.



MADDEN NFL 2004
(GameCube, PS2, Xbox; \$49.99)

New stuff Select plays while instant replays run to keep the action moving. **Frivolous feature** Owner mode: Aspiring Art Modell's can screw fans by charging \$50 for a wiener. **Play control** Same simple *Madden* moves, straight out of 1994. **Commentary** John Madden and Al Michaels. The big man's still as subtle as a bag of bricks. **Web play** Online games on PS2 only. **Grade A-** *Tecmo*, Schmeemo. This may be the best football game ever.



NFL FEVER 2004
(Xbox; \$49.99)

New stuff "Read and lead" passing allows you to throw to specific spots on the field. **Frivolous feature** Check online league scores via cell phone. **Play control** "Read and lead" takes a while to master, but pays dividends. **Commentary** Kevin Calabro and Ron Pitts. Ho-hum. **Web play** Head-to-head matches and online leagues, plus running stats and scores at XSNSports.com. **Grade B** Extensive web features elevate a mediocre game.



ESPN NFL FOOTBALL
(PS2, Xbox; \$49.99)

New stuff First-person, inside-the-helmet perspective. Great when running, but it'll drive you batty when passing. **Frivolous feature** The Crib. Big plays net you booty (like an air hockey table) that you can use to decorate your pad. **Play control** First-person's separate head and body controls are tricky. **Commentary** Fictional Dan and Peter are as moronic as ever. **Web play** Head-to-head online. **Grade B-** First-person: great gimmick in need of tweaking.

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> ASK MILO



Here's Something Out of the Blue

Is it true Boise State has problems with ducks and geese killing themselves on the football field, mistaking the blue turf for water?

—Matt, Ohio State '04

Your question reminds Milo of the time he tried to run a post pattern on Lake Michigan after mistaking it for Bronco Stadium. Ha. Boise State's home turf is, in fact, blue—just like the Boise River, which runs behind the stadium. But contrary to popular sports mythology, no bird has ever been known to attempt a triple Lindy into it. The story started when Boise State athletic director Gene Bleymaier—who came up with the idea of a blue field to match the team's uniforms—joked that the newly laid turf looked just like a lake. The azure field, originally installed in 1986, is popularly known around campus as "Smurf Turf." In the end, Milo thinks it was just an elaborate plan to get one dazed QB to come to and say, "I see blue. It looks *glooorious*." **G**



GOT A QUESTION FOR MILO? Ask him anything at askmilo@sioc.timeinc.com.

> TALK

FRESHMAN FOIBLES

IT DOESN'T TAKE A SCREENING of *Revenge of the Nerds* to hammer home the point that it's not easy being a freshman. Several first-year athletes talked to SIOC about the trials and tribulations of becoming a small fish in a big pond.

"The food . . . well, you get used to it. There could be more variety but, hey, if you're hungry, you're going to eat anything."

Jen Harris, Penn State basketball

"All the newcomers had to hand out schedule cards [downtown] while we were in our spandex. I didn't want to do it in the first place, let alone in spandex."

Kristen Karlik, Colorado State volleyball, on a team tradition designed to generate interest in the program.

"The cost of condiments has floored me. Who knew that someone would put a price on a ketchup packet or a saltine cracker? I actually think a plain hamburger or soup tastes better knowing I'm saving five cents."

Justin Stadt, Ball State cross-country

"Not too much has gone wrong. Just a couple of bathroom floods. I don't know how it happened. I woke up and the floor was wet."

Brandon Teamer, Nebraska football

"All of the shirts and shorts they give us have the number so printed on them, so I'll sit in class and someone will tap me on the shoulder: 'Ingle, how's it going?' I'll tell them I'm not Ingle, and they'll say, 'Sure you are.' I think I'm giving Ingle a bad reputation."

Eric Wilbur, Florida football, on sharing a number with starting quarterback Ingle Martin

"The biggest thing that surprised me is that no one goes anywhere alone. You invite one person to your dorm room and 15 show up."

Leah Badalich, Houston track and field

▶ Sound Off

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Will Smith

OHIO STATE '04

Sport: Football; Lombardi Trophy candidate at defensive end. Let's get right to it, how many *Fresh Prince* jokes do you hear a day?

"About a million. It happens all the time: *Fresh Prince* this, *Fresh Prince* that. But no one has ever called me that on the football field." Is it true that parents just don't understand? "Yes, it is. Yes, it is."

You play the wrong way, you like to run? "No, I like to run."

What's the deal? "I'd say I'm a *Bad Boy* on the field and a *Man in Black* off." You're a criminology major who wants to be an FBI agent. Would you prefer *Bad Boys*-type work or *Men in Black*-type work? "I'd prefer *Bad Boys* work; *Men in Black* work is kind of weird." If Will Smith were a football player, what position would he play? "He'd probably be a kicker."



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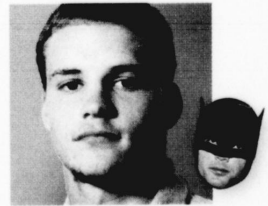


faces

IN THE CROWD

THOUGH THE NAMES scream out at you, the corresponding faces are certain to leave you scratching your head. Is it time to schedule a visit with your optometrist? Hardly. These athletes may not be celebrities, but their names grant them fame by association. Without further ado, welcome to Lifestyles of the Not-So-Rich-or-Famous. —*Albert Lin and Richard Deitsch*

PHOTOGRAPH BY AL TIELEMANS



think it might be a little too tight." **What would you want on your utility belt?** "A little radar so I could tell when all the cute girls are around me." **Think you could pick up girls with, "I'm Batman"?** "Yeah, it's worked before. One time for Halloween I dressed up as Batman. It went on from there." **Have you ever wanted to shout, To the Batcave, Robin!** "No, I haven't had that urge."

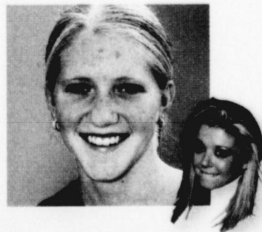
Kelly Rowland

FLORIDA STATE '07

Sport: Soccer. **Do you get teased about your name?** "All the time. They ask me how Beyoncé is, all



that stuff." **Kelly or Beyoncé, who's the better singer?** "Of course Kelly." **Who's the better actress?** "Probably Beyoncé." **Does Beyoncé hog too much of the spotlight in Destiny's Child?**



Tara Reid

BALL STATE '07

Sport: Field hockey. **Are you a Tara Reid fan?** "Yeah, I like her. She's a good actress. I think she's talented." **Ever thought about trading places with her?** "It would probably be a great experience—she's a celebrity, she has everything. Just to be in a different position, so rich and famous, would be awesome." **American Pie or The Big Lebowski?** "American Pie." **You're a freshman. Do you think Van Wilder accurately depicts college life?** "Not really, but maybe to a certain extent." **How could Carson Daly have broken up with**

Tara Reid? "I didn't even know they were together." **Does Tara Reid play the field too much?** "Sometimes, but pretty much all famous actresses do." **Should she try to settle down?** "Whatever she feels is right." **If you were Tara Reid, whom would you go after?** "Vin Diesel. He's got a nice body, I like his voice and he's really hot."

Adam West

WASHINGTON STATE '06

Sport: Football. **Adam West's birth name is William West Anderson. Yours is Adam William West. Coincidence?** "Coincidence. In the hospital when I was born, the nurses wrote BATMAN on the card above my head. My parents thought it said BADMAN and that I was a bad kid. They never made the correlation." **You're a 6'6", 242-pound tight end. How would you fill out that old Batman costume?** "I

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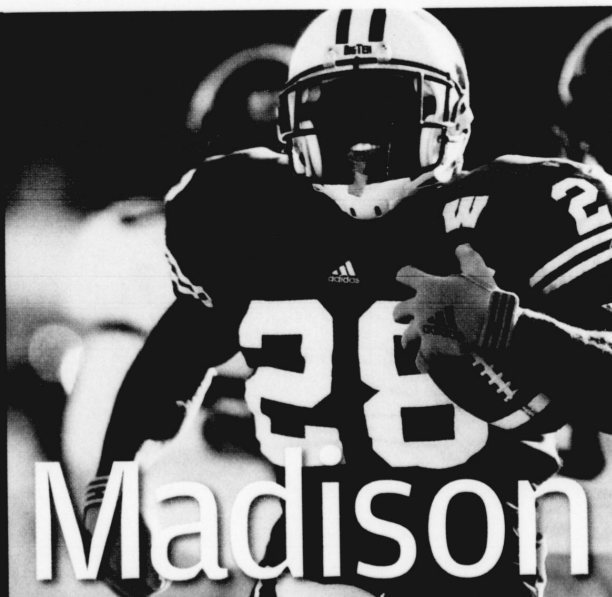
For good teams, good times and good cheer, there's no place like the home of the Badgers

by CHRIS BALLARD

photograph by JAMES SCHNEPF



The Badger brigade ensures Madison's status as the red and white capital of the college world.



WISCONSIN

YOU COULD MEASURE IT

by the number of face-painted tailgaters hooked up to kegs as if to IVs, or by the biting wit of students taunting opposing teams, or by a campus's blind, orgasmic support for anything displaying the school logo or mascot. But we prefer to decide the country's best college sports town based not on its strength in any one of these categories, but by the necessity that it be strong in all of them—and many more. In that regard, one place stands out above the rest, a lakeside burg in the south of Wisconsin where athletes and intellectuals and activists and granolas and good ol' Midwestern boys all come together in support of one thing: the Badgers.

A former Wisconsin governor once described Madison as 89.4 square miles "surrounded by reality," and he was right. What lies within that space, and specifically the 933 acres of the University of Wisconsin campus, is indeed surreal, a little universe in which red and white seem the only allowable colors and the TV ticker on the afternoon of Sept. 11 read AIRPORT CLOSED... STATE CAPITOL CLOSED... NO WORD YET ON BADGERS GAME. If the question is, What makes a great college sports town? and the answer is Madison, then the next question, of course, is, What is Madison?

Madison is eating thick, red bratwursts and watching games on the twin 10-foot TVs at State Street Brats. It's doing the slow-motion wave, jumping around to

Local flavor: Wisconsin brats



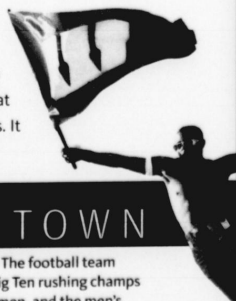
Every week during football season is Rush Week in Madison, which this year is home to Anthony Davis (left).

House of Pain and taunting the underclassmen in Section O at Camp Randall, the giant horseshoe of a football stadium that holds 76,634 fans and rarely a soul less. It's sitting in a sunburst chair outside the Memorial Union, gazing across the expanse of Lake Mendota, listening to live music, drinking your favorite beverage and seeing the beautiful girl in front of you proudly sporting a red-and-white Bucky Badger tattoo on her shoulder. It's trading elbows with an offensive lineman in pickup hoops games at the SERF, the enormous campus gym honeycombed with so many basketball courts you can get disoriented trying to leave,

leading to the happy realization that you might as well play another game.

It's walking over to the venerable Kollege Klub on a Saturday night to see the football players arrive in a flourish—as Heisman winner Ron Dayne often did—and then disappear into a bar as unpretentious as any you'll find on this good green earth, a place where a 16-ounce cup of Miller High Life is always \$1 and the carousing is so enthusiastic that *Playboy* once deemed it one of the top places to meet Mr. or Miss Tonight. It is a national-title-winning Ultimate Frisbee program that takes over three fields on the far west side of campus. It is Badgers hockey fans who research the name of the mother of an opposing team's winger so as to better inform their heckling. It is no one caring if you have dreadlocks or wear Birkenstocks or sport six piercings or own the entire *Star Trek* DVD catalogue, for tolerance is the order of the town, and be you a nerd or a jock or a stoner or a neo-punk, you can all come together on game day.

It's over half the crowd staying after football games to engage in the Fifth Quarter, a choreographed, mass sing-and-dance-along in which students flail about as the band plays everything from



TOWN

Dean's List: The football team churns out Big Ten rushing champs and NFL linemen, and the men's ballers have ripped off five straight NCAA appearances. The women's ice hockey team ended last season ranked sixth in the nation. **The Spot:** For a simple night of postgame debauchery or the occasional "We just made the Final Four" riot (students hang from trees like monkeys), it all starts and ends on State Street. **Extra Credit:** The Rodney Dangerfield opus *Back to School* was filmed here. **If Madison Were a Celebrity It Would Be...** Will Ferrell—his genial, gut-busting mentality embodies old school.

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polkas to fight songs. It's drinking Spotted Cow and having a beer gut as a matter of pride, whether you're a man or a woman. It is the crimson-and-white tie-dyed masses of the Grateful Red at the Kohl Center summoning un-Dead-like displays of roof-raising fervor during basketball games. It's bundling yourself in duffel-bag clothes and playing ice hockey on the lake in the winter and rowing on it in the summer.

But most of all, Madison is a town where everyone you meet is your friend as long as you know those nine magic words: *How ya think the Badgers will do this year?*



Thoughts of Uga are never far from the minds of the rabid Bulldogs fans.

2 Athens, Ga. UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

ROAM, IF YOU WANT, to the spiritual home of alternative rock and the canine abode of Uga VI, where "How 'bout them Dogs?" is a rhetorical question and the soft Southern sun bathes eclectic, athletic student bodies. **DEAN'S LIST:** The Dan Magill Tennis Complex has hosted 21 of the past 25 NCAA men's championships, with the Bulldogs winning four times and finishing in the top five on another 13 occasions. On the women's side the Gym Dogs have placed in the top three at the NAAs in 15 of the last 17 years. **THE SPOT:** Three stories tall, Tasty World literally and figuratively stands above its peers on the nightclub scene. The downstairs TV stays tuned to *The Simpsons* or CNN. **REQUIRED COURSES:** The milk shakes at The Grill (open 24 hours) and the sweet potato casserole at Weaver D's Fine Foods, where proprietor Dexter Weaver's motto (Automatic for the

People) became the title of an R.E.M. album. **FANDEMONIUM:** The hedge-lined field at always-packed Sanford Stadium, located in the heart of the campus, is as charming as any gridiron venue in the SEC. In 1983 Uga IV, the Bulldogs mascot, vomited on the cleats of then UCLA quarterback Rick Neuheisel. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Visit the 40 Watt Club, the cornerstone of alternative rock, where the B-52s and R.E.M. got their starts back in the gridiron glory days of Herschel Walker and Buck Belue. **IF ATHENS WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Jack Black—a hip, bohemian man of the people.

3 Austin, Texas UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

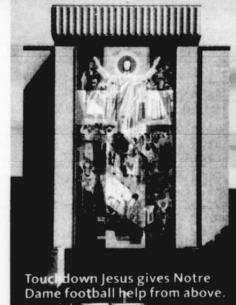
IF THE UNIVERSITY was located in, say, Abilene or Galveston, the city could still survive on pure originality and its status as the state capital. But Austin and UT go hand in hand. The vibe given off by students meshes with the liberal attitudes of many residents. A popular bumper sticker implores KEEP AUSTIN WEIRD. **DEAN'S LIST:** Football is a religion in the state of Texas, but the university is good at everything, as befits a school that SPORTS ILLUSTRATED last year ranked as having the country's best Division I athletic program. **THE SPOT:** Sixth Street, one of the most famous streets in the world and home to more bars than one could physically get through in any given night. **REQUIRED COURSE:** The South by Southwest Music and Media Conference, which takes over the city each March, is the showcase for up-and-coming bands. Established acts also polish their chops at the festival. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Though known for its incredible live-music scene, Austin—which has more movie screens per capita than any city in the U.S. and nearly 80 production companies—is a Hollywood incubator too. Actors Matthew McConaughey, Renee Zellweger and Owen Wilson are UT grads, as are directors Joel Coen and Robert Rodriguez. Actress Sandra Bullock and writer-director



When Longhorns games aren't reeling in the fans, music mecca Sixth Street (below) is hooking 'em.



Bad Town



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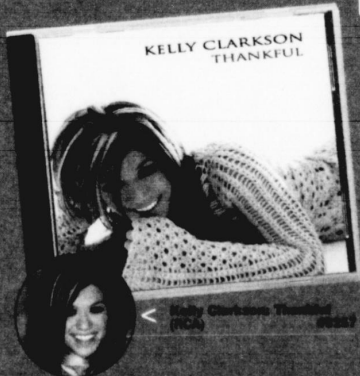
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The Swamp monsters give the Gators one of the nation's biggest home field advantages.

Mike Judge live nearby. Richard Linklater's seminal *Slacker* and Judge's cult favorite *Office Space* were shot in town. **IF AUSTIN WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Chris Rock—a little loud, a little outrageous and popular with every clique.

4 Gainesville, Fla.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

BILLY DONOVAN HAS revived the men's basketball program, and the women's teams are both successful and thoroughly supported. But Florida is a football school first. To wit: In 1994, on the night the men's basketball team clinched its first Final Four appearance, students went to the football field looking for goalposts. Unfortunately for the crowd, the goalposts had been removed for the foot-

ball off-season. **THE SPOT:** At The Swamp Restaurant, located two blocks from Florida Field, more than 200 cases of beer, 20 kegs, 15 cases of liquor and 1,500 burgers are consumed on a football game day. **FANDEMONIUM:** Gator Growl, the world's largest student-run pep rally, on the Friday of homecoming weekend, annually draws A-list acts, including the likes of Jerry Seinfeld and Jay Leno. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Gatorade was invented on campus in 1965 by a university research team. **IF GAINESVILLE WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Brittany Murphy—pretty and a little debauched, but smarter than you think.

Town

Oxford, Ohio

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

The quintessential quaint, bucolic college town, Oxford was created in the early 1800s for the university, and everything in the village revolves around Miami. The police department even welcomes back students with an annual Pig Roast. (Get it?) More than 44% of the population of 22,000 is between the ages of 20 and 24, which means the Gen Y crowd runs the show. Admission to all on-campus sporting events is free, and the school is known as the Cradle of Coaches for having spawned the likes of pro football's Paul Brown and Weeb Ewbank, college football's Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembechler, and baseball's Walter Alston.



Boulder is renowned for its powdery peaks, its rich football tradition and, of course, Ralphie.

5 Boulder, Colo.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

FOR STUDENTS WHO appreciate the outdoors, this is Shangri-la. Located in a dramatic mountain setting, Boulder is lauded for its 100 miles of nearby trails and easy access to hiking, biking, climbing, fishing, kayaking and skiing. **DEAN'S LIST:** The football team is a regular contender in the Big 12, and the cross-country teams are among the nation's best every year. Jorge Torres won the men's individual NCAA title last November. **THE SPOT:** University Hill, located just west of campus, is literally a hot spot. Last year the Boulder City Council passed an ordinance banning the use of upholstered furniture outdoors in response to more than 100 couch-burning incidents in the neighborhood over a recent six-year period. **REQUIRED COURSE:** The Pearl Street Mall Crawl, a bar-hopping odyssey that is a rite of passage into the over-21 scene. **EXTRA CREDIT:** In 1976 the American Institute of Architects recognized the campus, which includes more than 200 rural-Italian-style buildings, as "one of America's most significant works of architecture." **IF BOULDER WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Brad Pitt—rugged good looks, mellow, likes to have a good time; the essence of detached cool.

6 Bloomington, Ind. INDIANA UNIVERSITY

A YEAR AGO *The Princeton Review* named Indiana the top party school in the country. When students aren't trying to live up to that lofty mantle, they spend plenty of time enjoying the beautiful campus and taking advantage of perhaps the nation's top recreational-sports program. **DEAN'S LIST:** Indiana is synonymous with basketball, and the men's team has won five NCAA titles. But the men's soccer players (five championships) and men's swimmers (six) are no slouches either, even if the football team (no winning seasons since 1994) is. **THE SPOT:** The gathering place for postgame festivities is Nick's English Hut on Kirkwood Avenue, where you can



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play Sink the Bismarck, a drinking game unique to IU in which people pour beer into a glass that is floating in a wine bucket. Whoever "sinks" the glass has to drink its contents. **REQUIRED COURSE:** Watch, if not participate in, the Little 500, the springtime intramural bicycle race which inspired the movie *Breaking Away*. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Rocker John Mellencamp is a Bloomington resident and frequently attends Hoosiers football and basketball games. The school's indoor practice facility and training center is the Mellencamp Pavilion. **IF BLOOMINGTON WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Jason Biggs—a little square at first glance but with a surprising capacity for dangerous behavior.

The Little 500—subject of *Breaking Away*—is the nation's premier intramural event.

7 Eugene, Ore. UNIVERSITY OF OREGON



LIKE BOULDER, Eugene is an outdoor enthusiast's mecca. The Willamette River runs through town, which means great rafting and fishing, and miles of nearby trails are ideal for running or mountain biking. Eugene also has a burgeoning art scene and, like any good city in the Northwest, a host of bars and coffee shops that cater to the student population. **DEAN'S LIST:** Several programs have enjoyed a renaissance in recent years, including football (No. 2 national finish in 2001), men's basketball (Elite Eight in 2002), softball (regional finalist in 2003), track and field and cross-country. **THE SPOT:** Hayward Field has hosted nine NCAA track and field championships, six U.S. nationals and three Olympic trials, and it gave birth to the legend of Steve Prefontaine. Oregon may be the only university where track and field is as big as football or basketball. **FANDEMONIUM:** Crowds in the venerable bandbox that is McArthur Court (9,087 capacity), built in 1926, can become so raucous that the rim has been known to shake during basketball games. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Eugene is the birthplace of Nike, whose founder, Phil Knight, was a runner for the Ducks from 1957 to '59. **IF EUGENE WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Bob Marley—practices an alternative lifestyle; very organic, very cool.

8 Knoxville, Tenn. UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

THE COLOR ORANGE can be found anywhere and everywhere, especially on football Saturdays, when fans pack 104,079-seat Neyland Stadium and sing along to the strains of *Rocky Top*. How important are Tennessee's sports heroes? Take a stroll down Peyton Manning Pass or Chamique Holdsclaw Drive. **DEAN'S LIST:** Though the Volunteers excel at several sports, Knoxville is the epicenter of women's basketball. The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame is located just east of campus, convenient for Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt, who has more victories (821) and national titles (six) than anyone in her sport. **THE SPOT:** Cumberland Avenue, a.k.a. the Strip, a student playground of restaurants, bars and clubs that separates the campus from the outside world. **REQUIRED COURSE:** Do something in the new 148,000-square-foot Tennessee Recreational Center for Students, a state-of-the-art facility that boasts all things athletic, including a golf simulator. **FANDEMONIUM:** The Volunteer Navy, 200 or so boats of all shapes and sizes, is a giant floating sailgate party on the Tennessee River just south of Neyland. **IF KNOXVILLE WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Tim McGraw—a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n' roll.

The Best

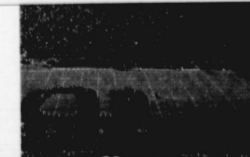


11. Ann Arbor, Mich. UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Michigan Stadium has the nation's largest seating capacity (107,501). Yost Ice Arena (above) is home to a nine-time NCAA-champion hockey program. Would rate higher if crowds made a little more noise.

12. Baton Rouge, La. LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY In a 1988 victory at Tiger Stadium (a.k.a. Death Valley), the winning TD caused such an uproar that the LSU geology department registered a tremor on its seismograph.

13. Berkeley, Calif. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Fourteen NCAA titles in men's crew and 11 in men's water polo. Tight Wad Hill has provided gratis glimpses of gridiron glory at Memorial Stadium, such as The Play from 1982 installment of the Big Game.

14. Chapel Hill, N.C. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA Nothing could be finer/Than men's hoops at Carolina. Michael Jordan, anyone? The women's soccer team has won 17 national titles under coach Anson Dorrance.



15. Columbus, Ohio OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Pigskin traditions include dotting the *i*, Woody Hayes and the only two-time Heisman winner, Archie Griffin.

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16. Lawrence, Kans.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Unofficial hoops Hall of Fame boasts Wilt Chamberlain (player), Dr. James Naismith (coach) and raucous Allen Fieldhouse.

17. Oxford, Miss.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
Tailgating in The Grove and speed-limit signs (18 mph) that honor former QB Archie Manning. Literary locus and home to beauties ("We redshirt Miss Americas").

18. Iowa City, Iowa

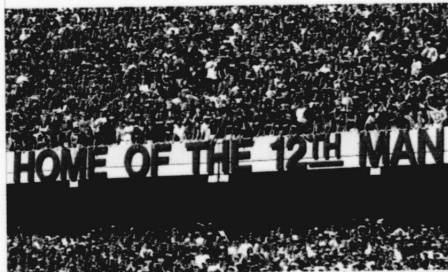
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
The Hawkeyes have pinned down 20 NCAA titles. The football visitors' locker room is painted pink.

19. Tucson, Ariz.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Lute Olson's Wildcats, a perennial softball powerhouse, major league baseball spring training and 320 annual days of sunshine.

20. State College, Pa.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
Leave it to Beaver Stadium, where throwback jerseys and a throwback coach (Joe Paterno) are always in fashion.



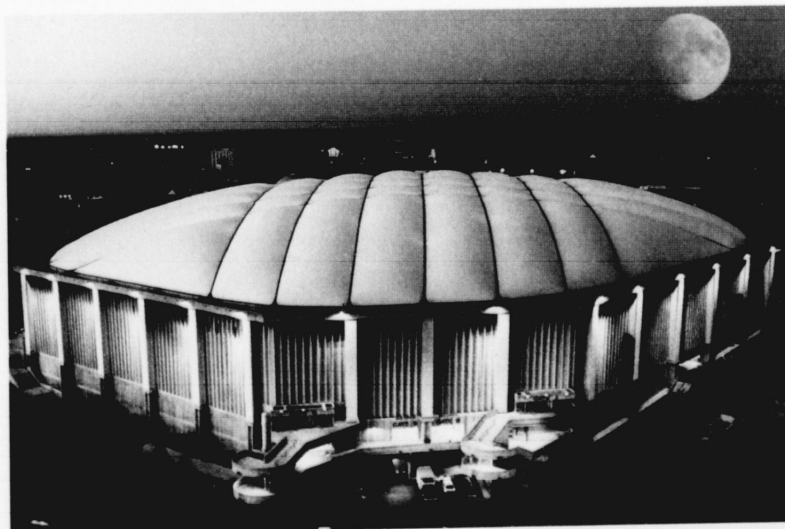
Even after yelling for hours the night before, Texas A&M fans, better known as the 12th Man, are in full throat come Game Day.

9 College Station, Texas

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING in College Station revolves around Texas A&M, making Aggies sports—particularly football—the signature of this student-laden city. But it's not just watching: Approximately 30% of the student body participates in any of 35 intramural sports. **DEAN'S LIST:** The women's volleyball team has played in the NCAA tournament 10 straight seasons; the women's soccer team has an eight-year postseason streak; and though it has not enjoyed as much recent success, the baseball

program consistently is among the national leaders in attendance. **THE SPOT:** The Dixie Chicken, on Northgate, claims to sell more beer per square foot than any other bar in the state. No wonder *Playboy* named the Chicken the No. 1 college bar in America last October. **FANDEMONIUM:** Fans whip themselves into a frenzy at midnight Yell Practice the night before home football games (SIOC, Sept. 9). On Saturday the student body—known as the 12th Man—stands the entire game. **IF COLLEGE STATION WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Barry Pepper—clean-cut, military look; focused and driven.

**10 Syracuse, N.Y.**

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

IN THE DEAD OF WINTER in central New York there isn't much more to do than cheer for the home team, which students and nonstudents do with flair despite the bone-jarring cold. Unlike most, Syracuse is the rare city that is identified by outsiders first as a university. **DEAN'S LIST:** The Orangemen have one of the nation's top lacrosse programs, with 21 straight Final Four appearances and eight national championships. Of course, the men's basketball team won the NCAA title last April. **THE SPOT:** Students always turn out in droves on Marshall Street, especially to celebrate big victories. **FANDEMONIUM:** Syracuse is home to a one-of-a-kind facility, the Carrier Dome, the largest indoor, on-campus stadium in the country. **EXTRA CREDIT:** If you want to be a sports broadcaster, SU is the place to be. Alums include the likes of Marv Albert, Bob Costas, Sean McDonough, Dick Stockton and Mike Tirico. **IF SYRACUSE WERE A CELEBRITY IT WOULD BE...** Adam Sandler—a loveable but slightly annoying partyer. **G**

The Carrier Dome packs plenty of excitement for football (capacity: 49,262) and especially basketball, which can draw up to 33,000 fans.

Worst

Carbondale, Ill.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
Waco, Texas (Baylor University), is wacky; Starkville (Mississippi State University) is aptly named; Fresno, Calif. (Fresno State University), is a no-no; and they only began calling it Storrs (University of Connecticut), Lou Holtz once joked, after the second one was added. (How can a college town be without a McDonald's?)

But if you really want to talk bad college sports town, as in Yuba City—least-livable sports town, we give you... Carbondale. The school has a sweet mascot (Saluki), a rising men's basketball program (two straight NCAA tournament appearances) and a wonderfully named football coach (Jerry Kill), but its 20,000-plus student body is notorious more for imbibing spirits than showing spirit. A local account of the Salukis' 64-14 season-opening gridiron win against Quincy College noted that in addition to the 7,854 who attended (the stadium seats 17,324), "approximately 1,000 more never made it out of the parking lot as their SIU spirit was shown in tailgate fashion."

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It's Getting Ugly

Bad units, bad starts, bad behavior. Pardon us while we rant

By John Walters
Illustration by Tim Bower

NOW EARTH HAS two man-made objects visible to the naked eye from outer space: the Great Wall of China and Oregon's football uniforms. We don't want to get all Carson Kressley on the Ducks, but those lightning-yellow and thunder-green ensembles should be worn only during blackouts or a Tour de France afterparty.

Yet Oregon's new outfits were a fitting metaphor for the first few weeks of the football season, which were too frequently ugly—at times throw-up ugly. In the first quarter of the Tigers' 30-0 loss to Georgia on Aug. 30, Clemson center **Tommy Sharpe** vomited on the ball, then snapped it to quarterback **Charlie Whitehurst**, who understandably fumbled it. "That's my fault," Sharpe explained afterward. "I shouldn't throw up."



Ugly uniforms, unsightly spew, unseemly avarice. Last week Ohio State announced that tailback **Maurice Clarett**, the preseason Heisman favorite, may be suspended for the entire season for, among other potential violations, allegedly misrepresenting the value of goods stolen from a car he was driving in April. Meanwhile, the aptly named Buckeyes continued to

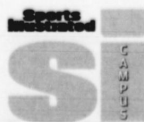
peddle number 13 jerseys for \$50. Apparently Clarett is not the only one in Columbus who can be accused of exaggerating the value of items.

Even the sports ticker has been hard on the eyes. Last Saturday there was IOWA 56, BUFFALO 7; MICHIGAN 50, HOUSTON 3; and BOISE STATE 62, IDAHO STATE 0. The weekend before that it was NEW MEXICO 72, SOUTHWEST TEXAS

STATE 8. Two days after that last game, in which kicker **Katie Hnida** became the first female to score in a Division I football contest—her watershed extra point put the Lobos up by 57—STSU changed its name to Texas State University—San Marcos. Coincidence?

Hnida added a second extra point in that game, which gave her exactly one fewer point than Auburn, the runaway choice for the season's ugliest start by a team. Auburn's point total in its two losses exceeds by one the number of major sports publications that fashionably picked the Tigers to win it all in 2003.

Auburn's meltdown, however, doesn't begin to approach that of **Rod Rutherford** outside of the nightclub Philthy McNasty's (apparently Shasta had a brother) in Pittsburgh. Early on Labor Day morning, the Pitt quarterback allegedly assaulted a woman and kicked in a window of the car in which she was sitting. Last Saturday, a day after he was charged with indecent assault, simple assault and criminal mischief, Rutherford was held out of the starting lineup in the Panthers' 43-3 win over Kent State. Alas, Rutherford's sentence was really no punishment at all, as he sat out all of one quarter before returning to throw four touchdown passes by halftime. Now that's really ugly. **G**



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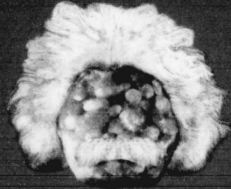
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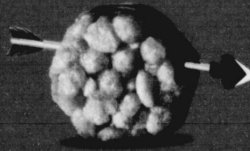
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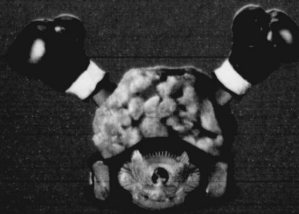
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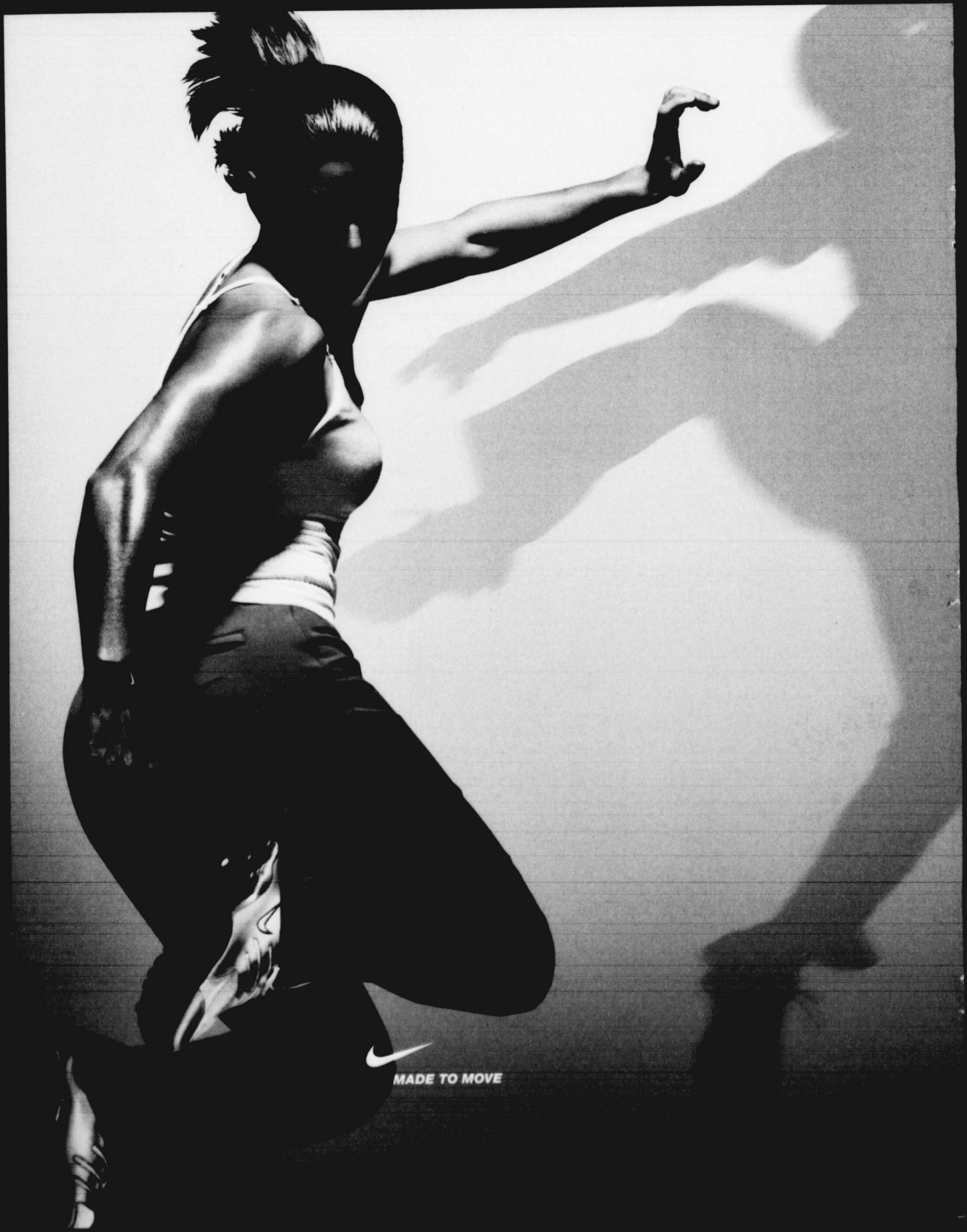
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