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U.S. forces find, capture a 'tired, resigned' Saddam in Iraq

Saddam Hussein was found in a hole and surrendered without fire; President Bush says it's the end of an era

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Without firing a shot, American forces captured a bearded and haggard-looking. Saddam! They got Saddam! They

arms in the air in celebration

B a g h d a d and toppled S a d d a m's regime. "In the history of Iraq, a dark and painful era is over. A hopeful day has ar-rived."

Washington hopes Saddam's capture will help break the organized Iraq resistance that has killed more than 190 American soldiers since American soldiers since Bush declared major combat over on May 1 and has set back reconstruction efforts. But Maj. Gen. Ray Odier-

no, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, which captured Saddam, said the ousted leader did not appear to be directly organizing resistance—noting no communication devices were found in his hiding place. "I believe he was there more for moral support," Odierno said.

Saddam's capture was based on information from a member of a family "close to him." Odlerno told reporters in Tharit.

The crucial information came after prisoners from raids and intelligence tips led to increasingly precise information, as CLA and military analysts gradually narrowed

down their list of potential sites where Saddam was staying, a U.S. official said.

The capture took place at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at one of dozens of safehouses Saddam is thought to have: a walled compound on a farm in Adwar, a town 10 miles from Tikrit, not far from one of Saddam's former palaces, Odlerno said.

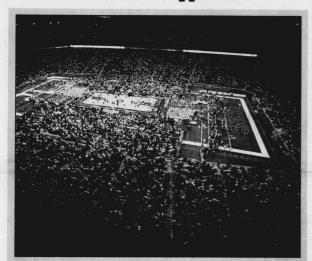
"I think it's rather ironic that he was in a hole in the ground across the river from these great palaces that he built." Odlerno said.

The event comes almost five months after his sons, Qusat and Odai, were killed July 22 in a four-hour gunbat-

the with U.S. troops in a hideout in the northern city of
Mosul. There was hope at the
time that the sons' deaths
would dampen the Iraqi resistance to the U.S. occupation.
But since then, the guerrilla
campaign has mounted dramatically.

In the latest attack, a suspected suicide bomber detomated explosives in a car outside a police station Sunday
morning west of Baghdad,
killing at least 17 people and
wounding 33 more, the U.S.
military said. Also Sunday, a
U.S. soldier died while trying
to disarm a roadside bomb

A swarm of supporters





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Former SG president will be hard to forget



the Law School's court-rooms. After serving three years with 50 during his four and a half years at UK, Robinson will finish his requirements this winter. Robinson leaves behind memories full of street parties, fighting the Lex-ington Area Party Plan and being charged for not turn-ing in hundress of student

Tim Robinson's time with SG, from his controversial budget to his courtroom battles, is over, and so are his years at UK

Last spring former Student Covernment President Tim Robinson dropped out of sight. After pleading guilty in Fayette County Circuit Court to charges of interfere with the pleading guilty in Fayette County Circuit Court to charges of interfere with the pleading guilty in Fayette County Circuit Court to charges of interfere with the county of the county

Remembering the good ... and the bad

Every time Robinson proposed ideas to UK administrators, community was his top priority, said Pat Terrell, vice president of student affairs.

"One of the great things that Tim did was to refocus the university on building community" she said. "He gave students a sense of beinging."

Karen Slaymaker, an international affairs officer who worked with Robinson on several projects, said the former president went to great lengths to pull in students from the international community." "Tim for the first time got some programming in the budget for international students," she said. "He was very supportive and welcoming."

Ask Robinson and his supporters about his accomplishments, and they'll tick off a long list. GS new office spaces and logo, the development of a mission statement, big student events, the DVD service and improved legal services and the students about Robinson's accomplishments, and some have trouble remembering them. Their list usually stops at the voter card fiasco.

"When I think of hin, I think of controversy," said Ronnie Dickerson, an integrated strategic communications junior. "He probably tried, but things just got too political, too ridiculous."

got too political, too Functions.

The case of the missing voter cards

When Robinson began his fight against the city's plan to curb student partying, he had no idea he would end up in a court battle of his own.

But two months after the Lexington Area Party Plan passed last December, Robinson was charged with willfully failing to turn in 747 student voter registration cards to the county clerk. So members had collected the cards from students to threaten the ousting of council members who supported the party plan.

"I wish I would have followed that up and made sure those cards were turned in," Robinson said. "Because that's what it was, it wasn't a crime; it was.

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an administrative mistake."
He said that after the plan
passed, SG dropped the issue
and forgot about the cards.
Robinson's forgetfulness
earned him a \$500 fine and a
County Clerk's processing fee
of about \$60.
After his resignation on
Feb 21., Vice President Mary
Katherine Thompson finished
out the year as president.
While most students said
Robinson's forgetfulness probably wasn't intentional, rumors still circulate about his
guilt.

guilt.
"Some people say that the voter cards were mostly Democrats so he didn't want them to get to vote," said Jessie Phelps, a political science senior. "But even if he didn't do anything wrong, he was responsible for it and did the right thing by stepping down."

Facing Criticism

way online. An anonymously posted Web site that decried the corruption of Robinson's "regime" included a cartoon of the former president's head on a cataput. "We all had a good laugh over that one," said Justin Resner, the chief of staff un-der Robinson.

sight, drawn way out of pro-portion, destroyed what Tim has been working on for so long—to be in politics," said Phillip Wheeler, Robinson's close friend and current SG

Questions & Answers

As his time at UK draws to a close, former SG President Tim Robbnson reflects on his time spent with SG and what his future holds. Robbnson was SG president from spring 2001 to spring 2008, when he resigned. Two months after the Lexington Area Turty Plan was passed by the Lexington Payer. If this control was the special property of the president of the control of Facing Criticism

Robinson's bold style and initiatives prompted criticism from several corners. Street corners were considered in the state of the



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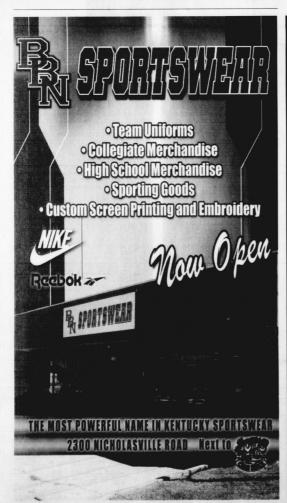
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doors, fearful that the shoot-ing would make the streets unsafe.

"I'm evry happy for the Iraqi people. Life is going to be safer now," said 35-year-old Yeltya Hassan, a resident of Baghdad. "Now we can start a new beginning."

Still, many Baghdadis were skeptical.

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"Ening will be better for my son," said Ayet Bassen, a"Things will be better for my son," said Ayet Bassen, 4. "Everyone says everything will be better then Sad-dam is caught. My son now has a future."

After invading Iraq on March 20 and setting up their headquarters in Saddam's sprawling Republican Palace compound in Baghdad, US. troops launched a massive manhunt for the fugitive leader, placing a \$25 million bounty on his head and sending the same should be solders to Saddam proved elusive during the war, when at least two dramatic military strikes came up empty in their efforts to assassinate him. Since then, he has appeared in both video and audio tapes. US. officials named him No. 1 on their list of 55 most-wanted Iraqis.

Saddam's capture leaves 13 figures still at large from the list.

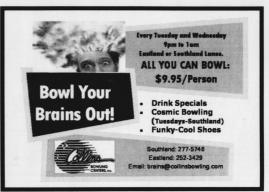
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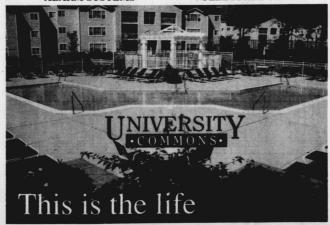
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Committee seeks retirement benefits solutions

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Wille opinions are scattered on UK's proposed retirement health care benefits cap, most faculty and staff recognize a change is needed.

With increasing health care prices, UK can't foot the same bill many retired faculty and staff are used to, said Josey Payne, director of university benefits.

To qualm fears, the Retired Health Benefits Task Force Committee has held Errone Committee has held to held to held to held to held to held to held the Employee Benefits Committee make the best recommendation.

dation to President Lee Todd
about UK employees' healthcare benefits.

The change would directly affect the 2,300 retirees and
1,600 faculty and staff eligible
for retirement.

UK's current retirement
plan is on a 'pay as you go basis,' which is a problem.
Payne said

The complete of the staff of the staff of the staff
asside mough money to pay
for all employees' future retiree health benefits.' he said.

One idea is for employees
who retire before the proposed Jan. 1, 2005 start date to
get a "single-credit" monthly
cap of \$825 a month, amounting to \$7,500 a year in health
care.

Once the cap is reached,
retiress will pay 100 percent
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person will be available for UK to pay its monthly contribution toward the cost of the monthly premium until the account runs out.

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You can't expect New Year's to always be perfect

covered bathrooms or police busts.

Maybe you'd just rather forget the bad stuff. After all, you have year to put it all in the past.

When I was little, my

You look forward to it all year, but when it comes, it won't just magically be great — it takes some planning

By Andrea Unde

EMINE ROWST

Too many times in my
life I have told myself that the next New Year's would be my best.

And too many times I have awoken Jan. I, wondering why in the world I ever thought that.

You look forward to New Year's for months — even a whole year — wondering who your first kiss of the year will be with, where the big party of the night will go down, what flashy costume you'll be wearing.

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New Year's than you with the same ol' group.

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Take a breather and blow off the stress

We got tips from students and others on how to get rid of stress during finals

With final exams lingering and grade point averages on the line, stress is almost inevitable during finals week.

But don't fear — there are a number of ways to cope with the pressure.

We looked into everything from physical activities to mood-boosting herbal pills. Take a drive. Emily Schoen, a psychology junior, suggested going on a 30-minute drive. Tilke to make a relaxing CD and use a relaxing CD and use a relaxing the time I get back, if feel much better."

Take yoga or Pilates.

get back, I feel much better."

* Take yoga or Pilates
class. Robert Hayslett, fitness director of the Johnson Center, suggested these
classes as a quick way to releas. "Physical activity is a
great outlet," Hayslett said.
With yoga and Pilates, you
get more into the psychological benefits of exercise
but still get the physical
benefits of stretching."

Hayslett said these
classes work to make participants put stress into a
big picture perspective,
thereby making all of the
little items not so stressful.

* Get some sleep, Ac-

little items not so stressful.

• Get some sleep. According to the University Health Service Web site:
"Getting just six to eight hours less sleep in a week can impair mental efficiency and reaction time, causing depression, anxiety and irritability.
"Skinning sleep also

irritability.

"Skipping sleep also can cause academic failure." Hence, pulling "all-nighters" may not be the best way to get that A.

• Relax at a local restaurant. "Chamomile tea is a good stress reliever," said John Scalf, a biology



major at Lexington Commu-nity College who works at Alfalfa Restaurant.

"Also, it seems like peo-ple who are stressed out al-ways come in and order soul food, like a cup of potato soup and grilled cheese."

cheese."

• Get a massage. "The goal of a massage is to lower your energy, which allows your muscles to relax," said Tonya McCoy, a massage therapist at Posh Salon and Spa.

"You are in a relaxed environment. We meet your renergy level. We get you to breathe slower until you fall into relaxation," McCoy said.

• Try an herbal remedy.

said.

• Try an herbal remedy.
Zack Chappell, a business sophomore and employee of General Nutrition Centers, recommended St. John's Wort as a mood lightener and mild anti-depressant.

"It may be something you would want to start taking now because it takes a few days to go into effect," Chappell said.



For the actual day of a final. Chappell suggests an energy-boosting drink such as Up Your Gas to give you the energy you need to get through a long exam.

Herbal remedies or not, students handle the pressures finals put on them differently.

But by heeding the advice of fellow students who have found their way out of the stress, it may be a little easier to see what will work best this week to rid your life of stress.



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Coffee

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four 200mg pills **News Editor**

Emily Hagedorn
Mmmm, coffee. Of all
caffeinated drinks, coffee is my favorite. It
kept me up and not
too jittery. But, alas, after drinking four cups,
my stomach hurt.

Red Bull strung me out more than it kept me awake. It also kicked in and wore off quickly. And by bed-time, I was shaking and felt sick. Not good.

strokes, heart attacks and seizures.

The biggest danger is uncertainty, Kindy said.

Since it isn't approved by the FDA, those who take the drug can't be sure of the pills' ingredients and dosages, Kindy said.

While the box may say 25 mg, it could be less than or many times that in each pill, she said. Also, it could be laced with other unknown ingredients.

"The Vivarin (caffeine pills) is regulated by the FDA. You know you're getting 200mg of caffeine in each tablet," she said. "Ephedra is unregulated.

Kindy said other com.

Operation stimulation: Kernel editors test uppers

Kernel News Editor Emily Hagedorn and Photo Editor John Foster put coffee, Red Bull, varin and Ephedrine to the test to see how well they kept them awake and alert. Jill Kindy, untritionist at University Health Services, also weighed in on the effects and effectiveness

Photo Editor John Foster

Two cups made me feel happy, energetic, even witty. A few more and I was irritable and jittery. It woke up my mind but sure didn't focus it.

Five cans or \$10 worth was not enough to give me much energy, only to keep me awake. Al-though that may be be-cause I woke up at noon. A rip-off.

ous as ephedra.
The trick is to know your body, she said.
"Try to at least have a feel for what your limit is," she said.
Instead of stimulants, she suggests a 10-minute study break and exercising "to get the blood flowing."
Also, students can rejuve-nate the body by eating more protein and carbohydrates such as peanut butter and crackers, sandwiches or a bagel and cream cheese, she said.
"You don't want anything

said.
"You don't want anything that's high in fat, like meat-covered pizza or chicken wings," she said.

Nutritionist Jill Kindy Caffeine is hard to shut off. When you're trying sleep, it's still coursing through your body. Side effects; jitteriness and not being able to sleep.

The thing that makes Red Bull stand out is that it contains taurine — which is an amino acid — caffeine and vitamin B. That's a pretty natural thing.

They say it's just as safe — whatever that means. You might feel your heart racing, but as far as we know, no one has died from caf-

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Vivarin left the least amount of side effects. While I wasn't jittery, I didn't notice any more alertness than usual. Still, I wasn't tired, so I guess it worked. This made me irritable and unfocused but kept me awake enough to write an essay on the drug trade. At this point, I was officially strung-out. Ephedrine — while dangerous, it did deliv-er the best results. I felt energized and could focus easier. It did leave me spaced out at times, though. Instead of unfocused energy like the others, it heightened my men-tal awareness and fo-cus. Hey, my heart did-n't even explode. three 225mg pills in 10

Emily and John: Our suggestion is to pay attention to your body. Only take enough to stay awake. More will only make it tougher to focus. Also, stimulants will only keep you "up" for a certain amount of time. Once you come down, you will be more fatigued than you were originally. Have fun studying.



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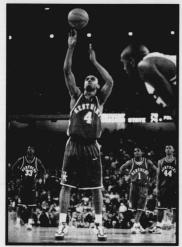
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UK goalie can't save Bearcats

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on their teammate for a 3-0 ex-hibition victory over Cincin-

The switch in goal came after several Bearcat players, including both goaltenders, left for Cincinnati after Friday's game and did not return for Saturday's series closer. Despite coaching against one of his players, UK head coach Mike Sosnowski never questioned Ebelhar's competi-

"We hate to hang a loss on one of our own goal-tenders but if elt good." Sosnowski said. "I know Simon is as competitive as anyone on our team. I know he wanted to win."

Ebelhar admitted feeling nervous about playing in front of the UK fans, who are known for tormenting opposing goalies.

But he said the only negative comments came from members of area rock band Lucid Grey who performed in between periods.

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Ebelhar said. "I think a few people from Lucid Grey were giving me some hell. I don't think they knew I was one of UK's goalies. That was pretty funny to hear."

Ebelhar said most of the verbal abuse actually came from his teammates before and during the game.

"They were just like, "I you don't let u sscore, if you make us lose, don't expect to be around next semester," he

said. "They wouldn't let me hear the end of it. I'll probable hear cracks about it for the rest of the year."

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UK freshman forward Adam Engels and junior forwards Matt York and Mark Marfise now have braging rights over their teammate after scoring one goal apiece.

Marfise said he had mixed emotions after scoring at hird-period goal on Ebelhar to set the final score at 30.

"It felt bad at first." Marfise said. "But if felt be used to set the final score at 30.

"It felt bad at first." Marfise said. "But if felt really great to look down there and see Simon shaking his head." But if felt really great to look down there and see Simon shaking his first expert start in a Cool Cats uniform.

Lyons, UK's third string goalie behind senior Justin Clark and Beblan made the most of his opportunity by stopping 21 Cincinnatis shots en route to recording his first career shutout.

Sosnowski was not surprised by Lyons' performance.

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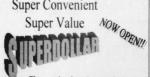
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Battle-tested seniors hush MSU

DETROIT — With a swish and a smile, Gerald Fitch silenced the largest crowd in basketball history. On a day when 78,129 fans. Shattered the £2-year-old atjendance record. It is a state of the £2-year-old atjendance record 25 points to lead. With less than 30 seconds left, MSU sophomore center Paul Davis scored to bring the £4 points for the first state of the first swished both. And as he smiled and laughed, most of those fans began heading to the exits.

All day, Fitch was there whether the when the wants to be, he said.

"That's when you show

when the Cats needed him—just where he wants to be, he said.

"That's when you show people what you are made of and show your teammates why they trust you." Fitch said. "I want the ball. I want it all the time, but especially in hose situations."

When MSU pulled to within three points with just evident minutes remaining. Fitch you minutes remaining. Fitch you minutes the case one breathing room. That was the story of the second half. Every time the Spartans mounted a charge, the Cats turned them back. For much of the first half, the game was never that close. Coming off their worst shooting performance in nearly 20 years, the Cats rediscovered their range early against the Spartans. Shooting 66,7 percent from the field in the first half, the Cats roared to a 15-point lead with six minutes left in the half.

Up to that point, UK held Davis in check, as the leading scorer for the Spartans had only two points. Davis then



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record-setting crowd of for UK to get caught up in the circus-like atmosphere surrounding the BasketBowl. A record-setting crowd of 78.129, a halftime laser show and a resulting five-minute delay in getting the lights back on (the Cats quite literally shot the lights out) all would have been ample distraction.

UK and Michigan State battled it out in a style fans have come to expect from this new rivalry.

Solid basketball this season, shooting 96/1 percent. Gone were the bad shots that the very short of the result of the state of the short of th



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QUOTE OF THE DAY The former dictator of Iraq will face the justice he denied to millions,"



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What to do with Saddam?

We asked various UK students for their takes on Saturday's capture of former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

Coalition troops discovered Saddam hiding in a hole below a walled compound on a farm
in the town of Adwar, about 10 miles from his hometown of Tikrit, the Associated Press reported.



"I think it gives the Iraqi people more positive notions of America, that we're going to do the right thing.



"It means nothing. That whole weapons of mass destruction thing was a lot of B.S., but I'd rather see him locked up than running around.



"It's a stone toward the greater good, but you can't pinpoint it to one man... Why did we attack Iraq (and not North Korea as well)?

- Jesus Acosta, political science senio



"Can we torture him?"

- Chris Hesler, political science and history senior

LETTERSTOTHEEDITOR

Cartoon made false implication; homosexuals aren't pedophiles

We are writing in regard to Friday's (Dec. 12) editorial cartoon.

The cartoon depicted two Catholic priests suggesting that their "problem priests" be sent to the Episcopal Church.

This cartoon was obviously created in the wake of the ordination of Dr. Gene Robinson as Bishop of New Hampshire and referenced the sexual abuse scandals of the Catholic Church that have come into the public eye.

profess heterosexuality. Homosexuality has no more correlation with child molestation than heterosexuality, and implying that all homosexuals are child molesters is irresponsible and unfounded. This illogical leap is akin to comparing all conservatives to Nazis. In 14 words, the cartoonist implies that homosexuals are without moral fiber and are disturbed enough to molest children. In addition to suggesting that he-

Church that have come into the public eye.

The first glaring error in this
cartoon is that it equates homosexuals with child molesters.

As almost everyone (except the
cartoonist) has learned in the past
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The prayerful ordination of a homosexual does not make the Episcomosexual does not make the Episcomosexual does not make the Episco-

pal Church, or any other, immoral.
Only God can judge, and no one
is bold enough to claim to understand the will and decisions of God.
In conclusion, we believe the cartoon chosen for Friday's Dialogue
page is deceptive and offensive to all
parties involved.
The Kernel was negligent in publishing this cartoon because of the
implications contained within.

JIM POOLE

As almost everyone (except the cartoonist) has learned in the past four decades, most child molesters profess heterosexuality."

- Mandy Gatewood and Jim Poole, UK sophomores

LETTERSTOTHEEDITOR

NCAA computers right to leave USC in the cold

The following is a response to Kernel columnist Tim Wise man's Dec. 9 article on NCAA football's computerized rank ings and determinations of championship contenders. — Eds.

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Before we go comparing the Bowl Championship Series to evil French figure skating judges, let's think with our heads outside the turf.

The University of Southern California, voted No. 1 in all the land by coaches and writers, finished No. 3 in he BCS behind Oklahoma and Louisiana State University. Instead of fighting for the national championship in the Sugar Bowl, they will battle Big 10 champions Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

So how did USC get left out in the cold? With the smoke starting to settle, the explanation is becoming erry clear. Each team had only one loss, which was vital in the final equation.

Oklahoma lost to a very strong Kansas State team, which will battle defending national champ Ohlo State in the Fiesta Bowl. LSU lost to (cringe) Florida, which finished No. 15. USC's loss doesn't fare as well, as they were beat by California, which finished only one game above. 300.

Conference championships also had a hand in the

were beat by California, which finished only one game above. 500.

Conference championships also had a hand in the final standings. Oklahoma and LSU hurt themselves by playing in a conference championship, while USC didn't even have a final melse for the Pac-lo crown. With a win over Georgia, LSU was actually penalized. Georgia's second loss to the Bayou Bengals bumped them out of the BCS top 10. This move caused LSU to give up a quality win bonus for their first victory over Georgia. USC watched safely from a distance while LSU and Oklahoma duked it out and was almost rewarded for it. Instead, the lack of a Pac-10 title game probably hurt the Social and the path of least resistance. The 57th toughest schedule led the Trojans to an 11-1 record. Meanwhile, LSU (29th) and Oklahoma (11th) had a rockier road to attain a 12-1 record. The computer and voters basically canceled each other out, leaving strength of schedule to rank the three teams.

USC's schedule, with games against Auburn, BYU, Notre Dame and Arizona St., looked ruthbes before the eason opener. But these teams failed to live up to ex-

Notre Dame and Arizona St., looked ruthless before the season opener. But these teams failed to live up to expectations, hurting USes strength of scheduled but the end, they controlled their fate with a loss to Cal. Many bashers of the BCS complain that too many games are taken into consideration. For example, had 5' Notre Dame defeated 6-6 Syracuse, USC would be in the title game. The BCS is unique in that every game can impact who matches up for the championship, all eyes are attracted to games that are otherwise meaningless— games like Notre Dame vs. Syracuse and Hawaii vs. Boise State.

In fact, if Kentucky had beaten Florida our SEC.

less — games like Notre Dame vs. Syracuse and Hawali vs. Boise State.

In fact, if Kentucky had beaten Florida, our SEC ally LSU would be shut out of the Sugar Bowl. Buzz is created over games otherwise irrelevant, focusing more eyes on college football.

To those who think it's ridiculous that OU has a chance to hold the Sears Trophy on Jan. 4, compare the Sooners to another team. An absolute dominant season was blemished by a beat-down in the conference championship. The basketball Cats of '96, coached by cringe, Rick Pittino, were in the same position as the Sooners before March Madness.

As we all know, the Cats proved their doubters wrong, coasting their way to their sixth national championship, Maybe it's wrong to draw comparisons between the two teams, but know that losing a conference championship shouldn't spoil title hopes.

While there are legitimate argumentsor satch the colin, mow that the sold tox are in the same division as the Yankees, the NBA West is stacked and NFL teams with ten wins can be shut out of the playoffs. Absolute fairness is an itch that we can't scratch, and sometimes things should be accepted for what they are.

Wildcat band members are 'courteous, clever and kind'

My family and I were fortunate enough to be able to attend the UK-Vanderbilt football game in Nashville in November.

As we were checking in at our hotel we were surprised to find that the Wildcat Marching Band would also spend the night there.

And although the hallway, elevators and stairways were crowded with young people, we could not have asked for a better group of folks to share space with. To the person, they were courteous, clever and kind. Their performance at half-time was superb.

Too often folks of our generation fail to point out when we truly enjoy such interactions with a younger generation.

generation.

UK can be very proud of our marching band as they travel outside of Lexington. We enjoyed our experience with them very much.

REP. KATHY W. STEIN

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Tar Heels, led by net
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Williams, head to
Rupp Arena to face
UK at noon Jan. 3.



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Wright (4), Ryan
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IU Hoosiers will pla
UK at noon Dec. 20
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ior forward Keiko Tate and the UK women's basketball tear home matches against Austin Peay (Dec. 30) and High Po n. 6). UK opens its conference season Jan. 8 at Vanderbilt.

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Many of those students had vicel for one of only 10 elevator putch compettor doss available (an eleventh slot was added to the noter at the last minute.) The surviving entries qualified to pitch their business ideas to a live audience. The winners would carn cash prizes and a covered cover appearance on YOUNG MONEY magazine.

"To get my idea in frost of an andience and get feedback," explain Janya Payne, a sensor from Middle Tennesee State University who want to start a health food diver-dirength restaurant called

to impose the pitch and the venture."

2:55 p.m. Lunch is over and most students are busy mixing their final preparations. However, presenter Mark Celos seems surprisingly clain as the heads of its arread a conference workshop.

Luncevity senior will be pitching his Dimes and Draum concept, an onepoid forganization declicated to forging partnerships among non-profit groups in order to increase domations and draw good publicity for their causes.

Celio had a friend record his presentation weeks earlier so that he could work on his delivery. However, the young entrepreneur is prepared to make adjustments during his presentation.

"I don't think memorization really works," he says, "It's like a football team that plars out their first 20 offensive plays of a game. You can run the plays but that doesn't account for changes that happen during the game."

remarkably cool and relaxed as he brezes through a Powerbluit* presentation for his 24-hour mobile aircraft deading service. On the other hand, one student's hands are shaking noticeably as he shuffles his more cands during a pitch. Another competitor loses his train of thought momentarily and suffers through an awkward silence before regaining his composure.

Overall, the quality of the presentations impresses even the experts on hand. You can't escape the feeling that one of the competitors in that room is going to be a millionaire someday.

7:45 p.m. The awards ceremony is underway and several honors have already been amounteed, including best CEO chapter, best Web page and best business plan. The convention hall begins buzzing with excitement in anticipation of the final award presentation of the evening.

All the competitors are called up to the stage and recognized one final time before the winners are amounteed. For are to see so many sweary pales and nervous glances in one place other than a hospital watting room. The specifight shines brightly on the ernees as lee calls out the results. "And the fire place winners". Brigham Young University."

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THE COST OF LOOKING GOOD



By Shari Biediger

Kristi looks like a million bucks, and it's no wonder.

She's young, she's fit, she's fun. And she spends more than \$45 a month on cosmetics, almost \$100 for each hair salon visit, and more of her parents' cash than she realizes at regular visits to the skin doctor.

"I spend most of my money on foundations. But my favorite thing is lip gloss and I don't mind how much they cost," says Kristi of Colorado. "The last one I got was \$24."

But it's all about priorities for people like Kristi, who are willing to pay whatever it costs for products and services that promise the glam look. And they may be right.

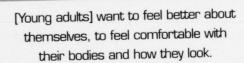
Some research by economists Jeff Biddle and Daniel Hamermesh showed that "ugly" women earn about 5 percent less than other women, and "ugly" men earn about 10 percent less. Better-looking men get better job offers and higher salaries, and better-looking women get better raises.

Not looking to be a supermodel or state governor? It still holds true – beauty pays when entering the job market.

These days, beauty can be bought at any mall near you. At Sephora – a nationwide cosmetic retailer that carries young adult brands like Urban Decay, Stila and Hard Candy – it comes in all shapes and shimmers.

"Unlike department stores," says Sephora manager Shara Christiansen-Benavides, "here you're free to scratch-n-sniff every blush and every eye shadow, get a professional makeover in the latest shades, and fill your basket to the beat of your favorite recording artists."

Graduates of Hard Candy's famous nail polishes are now buying Urban Decay's XXX Shine Lip Gloss (\$15) and edible body powders (\$25). According to a company spokesperson, you'll soon see the cosmetics tie in with Vans shoes in a promotion to further reach its 16- to 32-year-old market.



"There's also a growing interest in spas and salons for this age group," says TRU's Wood. "It's a whole new movement now."

Take Seventeen. That's the new salon concept, not the magazine, although it all started with those in the specific age demographic. "We noticed they had an increased spending power and there was a void in the marketplace," says owner Susan Tierney. "And the research supported that."

The first Seventeen shop, in Dallas, offers hair cuts and color, manicures, pedicures, waxing, facials and more in a party-like amosphere. Teirney says they get students from several nearby universities, and the salon is exceeding expectations – it was recently named Salon of the Year by Modern Salon magazine.

When it comes to beauty, there is one significant change between the younger teen and a college-age person, says TRU's Wood. "And that's the fact that they are in full control of what they are buying for the first time."

Whatever they buy, college students spend a weekly average of \$145, according to TRU research — money they get mostly from their parents, part-time jobs and gifts (in that order).

And looking good is, without a doubt, very important to young people. That's not necessarily because they want to impress their peers, as younger teenagers do, says Wood, but because they want to feel better about themselves, to feel comfortable with their bodies and how they look.

So when spa-style skin treatments and sweat-surrender Bikram yoga aren't enough, plastic surgery is an option many young people are turning to. Even at \$422 for the average Botox* injection to \$3,500 for a new nose, the numbers of people who seek these procedures are big.

Last year, 24 percent of all cosmetic patients – surgical and non-surgical – were between 19 and 34 years old.

Not alone in her quest, Kristi admits, "I spend quite a lot of money on beauty supplies. But it's about the same as my friends.

"I just think it helps to look the best you can look; it seems to make you more approachable." Θ

"Marketers are getting wise to this age set," says Jon Harris, vice president of the popular Bally health and fitness clubs. "[Young people] want more and deserve more. We have to stay on top of the trends to follow and adapt to their ever-changing fitness needs and

That's why 40-year-old Bally looks so young, says Harris. The average new member at Bally Total Fitness is between 18 and 34, about evenly split between men and women. They enjoy the hip environment at Bally new music and dance classes – and the easy payment options. Bally promotes its "college memberships" on campuses alongside special promotions featuring musical talents like singer Pink.

Working out or not, men are using one of the biggest products of its kind to hit shelves in decades – Axe body spray and deodorant. "This is a new category altogether," says Teenage Research Unlimited's Michael Wood.

It's proof that products and services that promise young people good looks – not just good fashion – are taking off.

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STUDENTS THE ABCHES OF CHEDIT & DEBT

By Arek Sarkissian II, University of Arizona

Students at the University of Arizona have found refuge from the credit card offers, interest rates, and debt monsters that await their perusal every month as they adjust to college and a world without allowances. They're seeking help from a group of fellow students on how to find their way around credit management.

The group, Credit-Wise Cats, has guided more than 1,000 UA students down the road of safe money management, teaching them everything from how to manage money on their own, to understanding financial terms such as annual percentage rate. And according to the group's faculty adviser, Melinda Burke, director of the Southwest Retail Center for Education and Research, the counseling given to students by trained students couldn't have come at a better time.

"I think that credit card companies know where the money is. If they're going to generate money, they've got to be young," Burke said.

A recent Fannie Mae Foundation report stated that 78 percent of college students have a credit card, up from the 67 percent reported in 1998. The same report showed that the average college student is about \$3,000 in debt, not including student loans.

Burke said Credit-Wise Cats had been in existence for about a year when then freshman James Tang-Mills approached her with a plan to have students teach other students how to recover or stay away from credit debt.

"I just saw that a lot of my friends were running into problems, so I wanted to find a way to help," Tang-Mills said. After two years, he has become one of the coordinators for the project.

From there, his idea exploded into a group of at least nine counselors who hold sessions with students each semester. Some sessions consist of PowerPoint presentations that enlighten students on some of the terminology and general ways to balance their budget. Others consist of one-on-one consultations, where debt-ridden students are told to bring everything relating to their finances to work out a battle plan for debt

Aside from being trained by other students and faculty, all of the Credit-Wise Cat counselors learned from their own experiences. For instance, Teresa Teso was just another face in the crowd of the debt-plagued students looking for help from the project. But after successfully completing the program, she decided she, too, wanted to help others.

Teso's story about credit debt was one she has now heard over and over again. "I just ignored it, and then something major happened. I couldn't hide from it anymore," she said.

Teso also became president of the UA's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, of which Credit-Wise Cats is a part. SIFE is an international non-profit organization supported by people, foundations, and corporations whose mission is to build collegiate teams who teach free enterprise in order to better people in their communities.

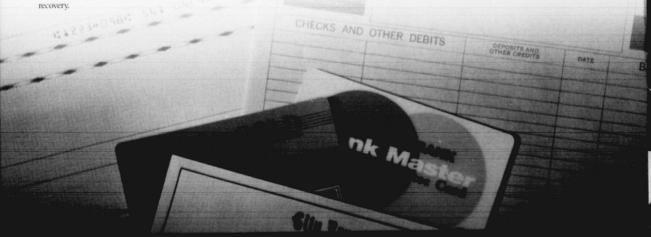
The good done by these credit savvy scholars doesn't end with money crunching either. The group has also held campus taste test fairs that compared the quality of generic products to name brands. Student reaction has been consistently positive.

"They don't know that the cheaper brand is normally just as good as the name one," said Tang-Mills.

Burke said the group plans to continue to work with students at the local community college and area high schools. She said what's particularly unique is that UA's program is primarily run by students. Everything, even managing their own \$75,000 budget donated by a local non-profit credit counseling agency, is left up to the participants.

Tang-Mills, who spent the summer working at that same local non-profit credit counseling agency, suggest that students need not shy away from credit cards all together despite the potential debt risks.

"You're going to need to build credit anyway; you just have to be smart about it," he said. "Don't be afraid to ask questions." ③



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Tom Phillips

Dear Tom,

Thank you for writing! I usually do not like to provide specific vehicle recommendations because I do not know your specific transportation needs. There are two parts to getting a "good buy" on a vehicle. First, buying a vehicle that truly meets your driving needs and, second, then buying it at a good price. This results in maximum driving pleasure at a reasonable cost.

I would suggest that you visit your local public library and check out the April 2001 "vehicle edition" issue of Consumer Reports (www.ConsumerReports.org). Identify the category of vehicles that will best meet your needs. Check out the repair history on vehicles in that category and pick 2-3 vehicles to zero in on and drive.

I can recommend a vehicle that gives me or someone else much driving pleasure. I could also recommend one that is dependable and at a good price. However, if it does not give you the same driving pleasure, how good is it really even if the price is right? Concerning prices, check out the current month's N.A.D.A. Used Car Price Guide at the library or online at www.nadaguides.com. If you shop carefully, you should be able to buy the vehicle that meets your driving needs for 20-25 percent below retail price.

All that being said, I would consider a 1996 Toyota Camry LE for about \$5,500-\$6,000. You should also look at a 2000 Toyota Camry or 2000 Honda Accord that sell for roughly \$10,000-\$10,500. If you want more of an SUV (college people need to move stuff), consider a 1998 Subaru Outback or a 1997 Nissan Pathfinder for \$7,000-\$7,500. Again, I do not know your driving needs. You need to consider how much passenger room, cargo area, front-wheel drive, all-wheel drive, etc., you will need.

I would try to buy from a private owner who has owned the vehicle since it was new. I would also avoid dealers because they generally want to make the maximum profit possible, which means the buyer pays more for a given vehicle. Also, in many instances, dealers do not have complete maintenance information about a used vehicle. The more information that the buyer knows, the better their chances of making a good purchase. I hope that this helps you.

All the best driving,

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DREAMING OF A BIG PAYCHECK?

KNOW WHAT SKILLS EMPLOYERS LOOK FOR

By Sara Faiwell, University of Iowa



If you can't live without spell check, aren't sure of the difference between a salad and dinner fork or have a difficult time carrying on a meaningful conversation, then it's important to get your head on straight before marching into the job world.

"You really have the edge if you're able to write well or communicate well verbally," said Amy Glass a corporate trainer with Brody Communications Ltd. "Since we're all so dependent on technology, it's getting worse and worse."

Spelling, speaking and good manners aren't the only skills that will be imperative for college graduates who are looking for jobs in the coming years, said Glass. The Pennsylvania-based company she works for teaches skills like business etiquette and team building to large corporations.

Glass said flexibility is one characteristic all employers will be looking for in coming years. Graduates need to be adaptable in different job and social situations to succeed. This is important because many larger companies are now starting off their employees in rotating positions, for example two years in sales and then two years in marketing.

The ability to converse on a global scale is another important ingredient for success.

"People need to look out of the American spectrum and into other parts of the world," said

Glass. "That's why it's so important to be involved in a variety of activities at the college level."

NACE, the National Association of Colleges and Employers, ranks the top qualities/skills employers look for in order of importance. The top five are as follows:

- 1) Communication skills
- 2) Honesty/integrity
- 3) Teamwork
- 4) Interpersonal skills
- 5) Motivation/initiative

But when talking about future trends in the job market, college graduates might be thinking of something else besides qualifying skills: the paycheck.

Graduates who hold degrees in business are seeing some increase in their salary offers, according to an April report by NACE. Starting salary offers for those in the technical field are continuing to fall, as they have for the past several years.

NACE's Spring 2003 Salary Survey shows that

business administration graduates received the highest overall increase of 3.7 percent. On average, these majors earned \$36,515 to start off. Accounting majors average beginning job offers of \$41,360 for those in public and private accounting positions. However, bigger paychecks are more likely for grads in areas of consulting and financial analysis. These fields, on average, were offered \$45,680 for consulting and \$45,761 for financial analysis.

For the past six years, starting job offers to computer science majors have dropped. Now, these majors will earn an average of \$46,536 out of college, a 7.6 percent decrease from a few years ago when this major was in high demand.

As a whole, most liberal arts graduates receive starting offers of \$29,543, according to the NACE study. Sales, management trainee and teaching positions are some of the most common jobs for these grads.

Other than a few specific areas such as accounting and nursing, most employers are looking for specific skills mentioned above, rather than specific majors, according to Jane Schildroth, director of career and education programming at the University of Iowa Career Center.

Schildroth and her staff say the top five places employers find new hires are company's internship programs, co-op programs, on-campus interviews, employee referrals, and career fairs.

Even with all the necessary knowledge in the world about what to do in order to land that great job, the fact still lingers: the job market is not booming at the moment. Although some predictions say that hiring will improve in 2004, no one really knows for sure. The whole theory is sort of like gazing into a crystal ball, according to the career center staff.

The impact of the war on hiring is still unknown because of the complicated connections with the economy as a whole, career center officials say.

"We've also told students for years that the job they may have someday may not have been invented yet," Schildroth said. ③



Holiday Jobs: Ways To Make Extra Cash

Many companies need a

little extra help around the

holidays when employees take

their vacations.

By Kate Tobin, New York University

The fall semester is winding down and in between studying for exams, packing up your stuff and saying *arrivederci* to all your homies, something truly terrible happens. You realize that it's time to start searching for a winter break job.

So go make yourself a cup of java, knock those textbooks off your bed, unplug the phone and prepare to be enlightened. Finding the money to buy those "Christmas / Chanukah / Kwanzaa / cuz I wanna" gifts shouldn't be half as hard as you think.

Retail stores need extra help. First, start thinking seasonal. It's wintertime so people are buying stuff. They'll also be returning lots of gifts after the holidays. Therefore, other (and more) people are needed in the selling, stocking, wrapping, exchanging and transporting areas of community commerce. To put it more simply: Got a mall nearby? Call them.

Get into show biz. Become a movie or TV show extra! Garner some fame and acclaim from family and friends, lounge around in the background and get paid to do it. If you live in the LA-area, try www.epservices.com/extras.htm. Or, if you're East coast or otherwise based, check out www.filmfaces.com or

www.caryn.com/biz for free listings.

On a smaller scale, many towns put on religious or holiday-themed plays and musicals. Even if you don't see yourself leaping like a Sugar Plum Fairy, Scrooging it up, resting in the Nativity, or helping Charlie Brown decorate the world's tiniest tree, there's plenty to do behind the scenes.

Especially if your town has a community theater or a local school is putting on a holiday show.

Put your skills to work by filming and then selling copies of the production, organizing ticket sales, making costumes, building sets, or even casting and directing. Don't expect to earn a bundle but a small fixed or hourly salary shouldn't be out of the question.

Jump start your career. Another option is to give yourself the ultimate holiday present: a career. Start an internship in the winter

months that you can continue in the spring semester by checking out www.monsterTRAK.com or www.internships.com. These websites have freely accessible listings of short-term, part-time and starter gigs that can, at the very least, beef up your résumé. For a swankier gig (pouring coffee for celebs), try www.EntertainmentCareers.net, or specialize your job search through the career guidance center at your university.

Use your family to network. Are you at your wits end for a job that satisfies the cool quotient without paying you in breadcrumbs? Practice a little nepotism. Yeah sure, everyone says they don't, but they do. 'Cept for the rest of us it's called "networking.' Call that friend of the family who works for NBC or Rolling Stone or whatever, and offer your services. Many companies need a little extra help around the holidays when employees take their vacations.

Contact a previous employer. Have you thought about returning

to your old summer job? Swallow your pride if you have to and go back. There's nothing like doing what you know. Or, consider a stint in the food service industry, such as waitressing or serving at a local hot spot. Want to be outdoors? Try working on a tree farm.

If your goal is just to get out of the house and keep yourself occupied, consider

working a volunteer job. Soup kitchens and homeless shelters always need extra hands to make the holidays special. For other volunteering ideas, try www.servenet.org or www.americorps.org. The rewards are endless, even if the pay isn't.

No matter what you choose to do with your time off from school, remember this: There are many opportunities out there, so don't waste time on one that's going to make you miserable. The holidays should be enjoyed.



COLLEGE STUDENTS' TOP TEN

JOB SEARCH MISTAKES

By Peter Vogt, MonsterTRAK Coach



It's easy to make job search mistakes when you're a college student. After all, you've never really learned how – or how not – to look for a job.

In my six years as a career counselor working with college students, I've found there are at least 10 job search mistakes students commonly make. So here's a crash course on what not to do or think while searching for a job:

1. Don't Think You're Entitled to a Job.

Maybe you've fallen into the trap of believing the world owes you a job, because you've done all the right things like earning your degree and gaining relevant experience while in school. But employers don't share this perspective. They want you to prove yourself and demonstrate you're the right person for the job. Employers don't respond well to a give-me-a-chance type of thinking. They want to know what you can do for them.

2. Don't Assume You Have No Valid Work Experience.

If you don't believe you have any skills, experience or education that employers want, how will you convince employers to interview you, let alone hire you? You do have skills and experience to offer, perhaps through your academic background, internship or part-time job.

3. Don't Fail to Explore All Career Possibilities.

College students never learn about careers that might really interest them, because they don't explore career paths beyond the few they already know Give yourself the opportunity to truly explore all your career options.

4. Don't Use Passive Job Search Methods.

In this difficult entry-level job market, you must diversify your job hunt. The more search methods you use — particularly networking activities — the more likely you'll find the job you want.

Don't Worry About The Rest of Your Life Before It Unfolds.

Very few people work in the same organization, or within the same career field, for 30 or 40 years. Don't stress yourself out unnecessarily by trying to

figure out what to do with the rest of your life. A much better question to ask yourself is, "What will I do first?"

6. Don't Ignore Your Campus Career Center.

Almost all colleges and universities have a career center staffed by counselors and filled with career-exploration materials. Are you tapping into your career center? If not, consider the fact that your tuition dollars are going towards a resource you're not using.

7. Don't Treat Less-Than-Knowledgeable People as Career Experts.

College students take career advice from incredibly uninformed people—roommates, friends, family members and other relatives. Make sure you critically evaluate each source of career information you use so you make your career decisions based on verifiable facts, not ignorant opinions.

8. Don't Let Opportunities to Gain Experience Pass You By.

If you graduate without getting some field-specific experience, you'll have difficulty competing with candidates who do have some. Remember: By itself, your degree is only a basic credential for an entry-level position. In most cases, employers demand more.

9. Don't Neglect to Talk to People in Your Chosen Field.

It's one thing to read about a specific career on the Internet or in a book. But you won't get a true feel for what a career is all about unless you talk to someone who's working in that field or at the company in which you're interested.

10. Don't Believe Your Major Limits Your Career Options.

With only a few exceptions, your major doesn't box you into career options. Sure, you probably need to be an accounting major to go into accounting or a law degree to practice law, but in most cases, the major you choose can be applied to many career paths.

Have you fallen into any of these traps? If so, do something about it, either on your own or with the help of a career counselor at your school or in your community. While there's no need to dwell on job search mistakes, there's no need to keep making them, especially when your future job is at stake. ③

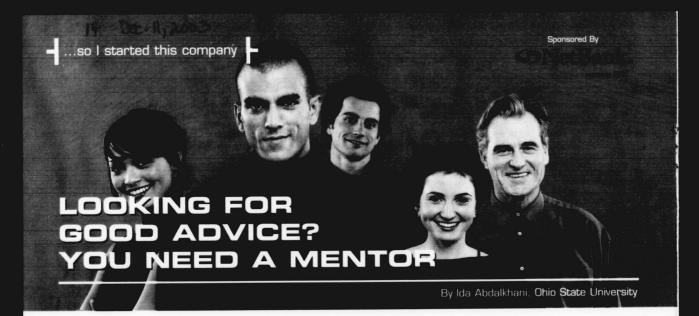
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Discover the Importance of Mentors, Where to Find Them, and What Qualities To Look For

Friend. Confidant. Teacher. Coach. Role model.

These are just a few of the words used to describe one's greatest asset in the business world—a mentor.

Mentors, wise and trusted advisors that they are, serve as the cornerstone to a successful young professional life. However, though mentors are easily accessible, they are vastly underutilized. Whether it's the hectic nature of a college schedule or a lack of business contacts, the influence and importance of business mentors in one's personal and professional growth, especially young adults, should not be underestimated.

What does a mentor do?

Classes, work, extra-curricular activities, and going out with friends often keep students so busy that they have little time for anything else. However, many of the problems faced in these everyday tasks are exactly what a mentor can help one deal with. A mentor can give advice to help tackle these responsibilities and provide clarity to one's personal and professional goals.

Rich Langdale, CEO of NCT Ventures, an Ohio-based operating and investment company, is a mentor and trainee alike. Having had the opportunity to benefit from mentors himself, he attempts to give back to the community and

other individuals looking for guidance. Langdale believes that "business mentors are of great importance because no one has all the answers. It is very valuable to assess your limitations and then seek out mentors in the areas where you need the most improvement and knowledge."

Mentors are excellent sounding boards. They provide listening ears, helping hands, and understanding and insight that are priceless.

But what's in it for you?

Having a business mentor can help one understand the relevance of academic studies and the implications of career path moves. Moreover, it can help one gain exposure to people and resources within the business community and to get honest feedback about the business world and issues one may face.

What's in it for them?

At the same time, mentors benefit through their service. Many individuals who become mentors had mentors themselves and want to show their appreciation for the mentoring they had received. In addition, many mentors enjoy staying connected with students and the college atmosphere and learning about others. It also gives him/her a chance to guide someone who is interested in the same career field.

Where can mentors be found?

Professional associations (e.g. chamber of commerce, an academic related organization), professors, and non-profit and community organizations are good places to start. Friends and family are also great initial contacts. Mentors can evolve through already existing relationships or through referrals to others.

Keep in mind that finding a mentor takes active involvement—you will have to seek them out. However, usually a simple and genuine request is all it takes to make the connection.

I've found mentor connections, now what?

Start by identifying the areas you need advice/coaching in. Once you identify what you need help with, you will be better able to seek out individuals that can complement those areas.

Moreover, there are certain qualities you can look for in a mentor to ensure an optimal mentor-trainee relationship.

Mark Stempel, a fee-only financial advisor who provides objective financial advice is a top business mentor, according to a recent selection by Mission Publishing. Stempel suggests to "search for a business mentor who is successful and enjoys teaching. [Find] someone who wants to share their knowledge and experience with others."

Other key qualities to look for include background similarities, career path objectives, and availability to mentor on a consistent basis.

Once found, a mentor will undoubtedly become a close friend and teacher. If both the mentor and trainee do their part in nurturing the relationship, their efforts will be rewarded 10-fold—every time. ③

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By Geoffrey Ritter, Southwest Illinois University



noman Brzozowski used to bag groceries. He once was paid to ride forklifts. He even sold hammers at one point.

For this Chicago native, though, none of that was quite enough. Driven by an urge to leave his own mark, Brzozowski, now 26, scored his bachelor's degree in management and marketing in 2002 from the University of Illinois at Chicago while at the same time laying the groundwork for a business of his own, Extreme Auto Detailing Service, which he started in 2000 in the Chicago suburb of Plainfield, Ill.

Now, three years into his little venture, the future looks bright from Brzozowski's point of view. Using a very simple business plan — wash and detail people's cars, but bring the service directly to them at their home or office — he has found success through his own means. He says the rewards of starting his own business, working for himself and looking at future possibilities has made it all more than worth the effort.

He now has six employees of his own. And, if nothing else, he's not forced to bag groceries on somebody else's watch.

YM: So, how did Extreme Auto Detailing Service start out? BRZOZOWSKI: It started out as a hobby. My first car was an '88 Ford Mustang GT, and I wasn't too mechanical, but I liked to keep it clean. Every week, I was out there washing it, waxing it, whatever. One day, my neighbor, a sweet little old lady, asked me if I'd wash her car. I did it for free. She gave me a \$10 tip, word started spreading, and I started thinking that I could make some money doing this.

YM: How did you find the money to start this all up? BRZOZOWSKI: I really just started buying store products with my own money. In the first year, all I invested was about \$500, and that was just to have enough for a vacuum, a hose, buckets, different things like that. We started from there, and all of our financing up to now has been internal. We just take the money we get from business and reinvest the majority of it.

YM: Where did you get the motivation to pull something like this off?

BRZOZOWSKI: I guess part of it was seeing my folks not really making it in the world of working for someone. I know my mom worked at a clothing manufacturer, and without notice, they just let go of

"Desire is No. 1. You can't just start a business, hire a bunch of people and just sit back and make money, because you're not going to make it."

- Roman Brzozowski, Extreme Auto Detailing Service

her. Same with my dad. He was making transmissions for helicopters and was one day just laid off. These experiences from my parents provided motivation, and I've always liked to do my own thing. I'm motivated by being different from other people.

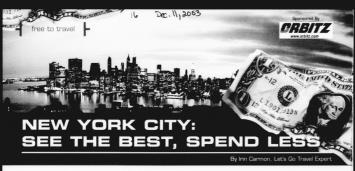
YM: What advice would you offer to people coming out of college who are interested in doing something on their own like you've done?

BRZOZOWSKI: Desire is No. 1. You can't just start a business, hire a bunch of people and just sit back and make money, because you're not going to make it. Another thing is to learn, and not just from college textbooks, but really learning from a mentor or from somebody who's done what you want to do. I've worked for several people who have been mentors to me for free, but the information I got was invaluable.

YM: So, what's the future from here?

BRZOZOWSKI: I pretty much have a vision set up. As the business goes, the primary goal is to eventually get it where we can franchise it out and really replicate our system. One of the things we envision in the near future is developing what we call the Extreme Leadership Development Program through which we'd set up an internship program where somebody who is really committed to learning about entrepreneurship can come work with us and become part of our team. It might help them to create a business of their own or even realize that they don't want to start a business. ©

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try getting student rush tickets, which are given away 30

minutes before the

The best things in New York City, like those in life, are free. The city may have its quota of high-living socialities and Wall Street money-wielders, but a visitor doesn't need a wad of cash to see what's best also America's quintessential metropolis. Bisscally, a series of openness, adventurie, and a willingness to walk will

suffice. Simply walking through the neighborhoods, especially downtown, is the best way to experience the color and vibrancy of the city.

While it may be impossible to hit everything the average tourist wants to experience without dropping any money at all, it is possible to do things on the

while it may be impossible to in Georgian waverage tourist wants to experience without dropping any money at all, it is possible to do things on the (redative) cheap. Here are some insights, gleaned from a historia New Yorker as well as the budget-conscious gens in the Lat's Go New York Cary 2003 guidebook.

GET HUSE APPLICIALS: Despite what you may have hapfing the NYC subway system is generally a blessing. A mere \$2 will get you just about anywhere in the five boroughs, but the best bet if you're moving around enough is to pick up an unlimited ride pass from any subway station vendor or muchine. Paying \$7 gives you an unlimited day, a week will set you back \$21.

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ENTERTAINMENT, Once you're in the city, free print copies of the Village Voice are on nost street corners—their pull-out Choices section has weekly are and entertainment listing. Take a chance on a new indie hand of ringary show, which will always cost less and usually will be competing you can't see elsewhere. For Broadway shows, try getting the competing of the control of starts. Many shows hold a ticket lottery instead of making you wait, those are sold at cut-rate prices of \$20-\$25. A word of advice: arrive early.

walking through the theater district around show time, where theater goers with extra tickets may be giving them away or selling them cheaply. A more risky option is sneaking in after intermission (usually

Off the beaten tourist track, Williamsburg is the acknowledged hot Brooklyn neighborhood, and is les expensive and commercial. Take the L train and check out Galapagos, a performance/DJ space (70 N 6th Street). Pets Candy Store (70) Lorimer Street) is a quirky, railroad-car-style spot with free live music

show starts. every might.

ART MUSEUMS: Even the bigger museums, whose mormal admission price are steep even for students, and unlimited risk with freday (47-58) pm at the Masserian of Moster Ane Cos pm at the students.

The Brooklyn Museum of Art has free admission on the first Saturdaycevery month 5-11 pm, and the Metropolitan only ask, for a voluntary domation, though the suggested admission price is \$7-12. The stellar, if small, New Museum for Contemporary Art is free for those under 18, and many of the galleries in Chebes and the Village don't charge admission. A complete list of cheap-to-free museums is available at https://www.theimisder.com/nw/scw.9095freen.htms.

SHOPPING: It doesn't cost anything to gape at the architectural marvel that is the new Prada Soho store (575 Broadway), but should you actually want to take something home without breaking the bank, affondable style is mere steps away. At Find Outlet (229 Mort Street) pay 50-80 percent less for boutique finds.

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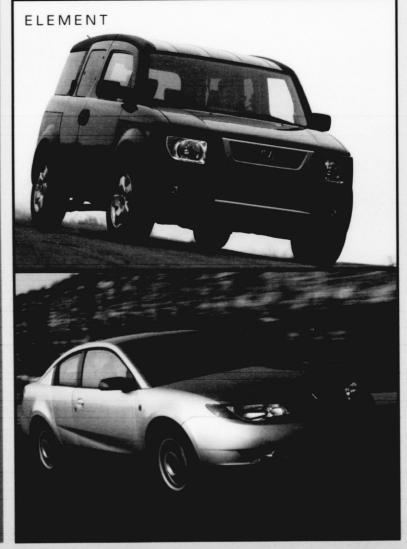
Car Dealers Lure Students With Special Price Incentives

which school loans, rent and other bills monopolizing a college student's wallet, how can a person afford a new car? Recently, carmakers have addressed this problem by creating discount programs specifically for recent graduates and students closely within reach of a diploma. Hyundai, Ford, Mazda, Honda and GM all offer special rebates or discounts to people who fall into one of the two above categories. In addition to these unique markdowns, car manufacturers such as Honda, Saturn, Toyota and Hyundai are catering to students by offering more options in sleeker looking vehicles with lower price tags.

Hyundai promises a \$400 rebate off any new vehicle to those who have graduated within the past 24 months from an accredited institution and to current students who plan to graduate within the next six months. To obtain this rebate, Hyundai requires an official letter from the registrar's office, or a copy of your diploma, and proof of current or prospective employment, at the time of purchase.

Ford offers a very similar discount, promising a \$400 cash bonus to people who have graduated, or plan to graduate, from an accredited college, graduate school, junior college, community college, nursing school or trade school between May 1, 2001 and January 2, 2004. Ford, like Hyundai, also requires proof of graduation and employment, but excludes certain higher-priced vehicles.

"The program has been very successful," said Steve Rennells, a salesman at Joe Machens Ford dealership in Columbia, Mo. "Because we don't require of lot of established credit, students take



By Jason Mann University of Missouri-Columbia advantage of the rebate. We've offered this discount for several years now and each one has been successful."

Another incentive attracting students to sign the dotted line and purchase a new car are the increased features, lower prices and more unique designs that stray away from the conventional four-door vehicle.

The Honda Element is being heavily promoted as the perfect student car. With more than 60 possible seating and cargo configurations, this very boxy vehicle is ideal for the multiple moves to and from college and home.

Other features that appeal to students can be found in the higher level EX model, which includes multiple outlets for an MP3 player and video game system, CD player and accompanying 270 watt audio system with seven speakers and an independently controlled subwoofer. The Element is priced at \$16,000 for the DX model, while the option loaded EX costs \$23,000.

Hyundai has recently reintroduced the sleek, sporty Tiburon to the auto market. Starting at \$16,249, this two-door sports car comes standard with power windows and locks, a six-speaker stereo system with CD player and keyless remote entry, while the GTV6 edition includes the above features plus aV6 engine, spoiler, 17" pilot summer tires and leather seating surfaces for a price tag starting at \$18,599.

"I recently got a new Tiburon," said Aric Maiden, a student at the University of Missouri-Columbia. "I love it. It drives well and looks great and I've noticed a few heads turning in my direction when I drive around campus."

Toyota recently expanded its fleet of vehicles by adding the Scion to its collection. Currently, the car is available only in California, but will soon be for sale at dealerships in 23 other states in February of 2004, and the rest of the country in June. The two new models, the Scion xA and xB, are a hybrid of an SUV and a sports car.

The four-door hatchback features many possible seating arrangements, power locks, windows and exterior mirrors, a six-speaker sound system with CD player with MP3 and satellite controller capability as standard options in the xA. The xB is quite different from its counterpart, with a more square-shaped body style and longer list of standard features. The xA has a base price of \$12,965 while the xB carries a \$14,165 price tag.

Another popular car among college students is the Saturn Ion series, which is available in five different models, including three sedans and two coupes. The vehicle is priced between \$11,995 and \$16,095, though costs can go higher depending on specific options added. The Ion features driver and passenger airbags, dent resistant fender, bumper and doors, and a 140 horsepower engine.

"Tve had an Ion for about two years now," said Colin Galbraith, a student at the University of Beloit. "It's still fairly new, but I've never had any trouble with it." @



STUDENTS SLACK-OFF ON CAR MAINTENANCE

One-third of college students who had a car on campus last year said they should have changed their vehicle's oil more often, according to a recent online survey. Here are the reasons they gave for not having changed their oil more often.

Meant to change it regularly, but simply forgot	1/0
Too busy	
Lack of money	1/0
Thought someone else was going to take the car in, but it never happened15%	10
Didn't know their oil needed changing	10

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Ask the Pro: How can I reach my short-term investing goal?

Dear YOUNG MONEY,

I plan to save \$1,000 a month for my wedding in December 2004. What is the best type of short-term savings account for it to go in, where the interest can increase my balance with little financial risk for me?

Thank you, Esaluh

Dear Esaluh.

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding. We wish you adventures and joy.

In answer to your question about saving \$1,000 monthly for the next 12 months for the wedding, first, I am very pleased that you are saving. Second, where to save depends on when you will need to start writing checks for the deposits for the caterer, banquet facility, etc. Your time frame for using the money within one year limits your choices. If in addition you need to guarantee the principal, that will further limit your choices.

Do you have a budget for the wedding expenses? Is it a range? Meaning, have you said to yourselves, "If we have \$8,000 saved we will do this, if we have \$13,000 saved we can do that." What is the minimum dollar amount you need to have for the basics of what you would like, and then what dollar amount would be closer to the more lavish design?

The reasons for asking these questions are:

- To state a target dollar amount, and to feel you are on track for your goal because you have considered all the types of expenses
- To decide whether you want to take any risk with the principal.

 Can you manage with less than \$12,000 saved up?

If you need to have the principal guaranteed (12 months multiplied by \$1,000), you can deposit everything into a savings account and then purchase Certificates of Deposit (CDs). At the end of the term you will have at least the \$12,000 you saved plus whatever interest it earned.

Depending on the banks you are reviewing, you will find that they have different minimum deposits for CDs and different numbers of months for the holding period. For instance, suppose that on

December 1, 2003 you have \$2,000 already saved. You could purchase a six-month CD that matures in May 2004 or a ninemonth CD if those are available at your bank of choice.

You can continue purchasing the six-month CDs while scheduling them to come due when the first deposit money is due. However, if you need to put down a deposit in February for a December banquet room, then you must hold that amount in cash.

If another deposit is due in May, then a six-month CD purchased in December should be scheduled to mature then. Be careful not to get charged penalties for breaking a CD before it matures. Ask bank officials what the penalties are should that happen. Generally, you will lose some interest earnings.

CDs usually offer a little more return than a savings account because you are willing to tie up your money for those months. The principal is secure and the interest is declared for that period of time. In addition to checking local banks, two websites that you might search for CD rates are: www.bankrate.com and www.USBankingNews.com.

Know the tax rules of your state and be sure that there is no extra tax for using a bank outside of your state. That added tax could eat up your earnings. Check that the institution is offering a CD covered by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation).

Also, look for the highest APY, Annual Percentage Yield, in addition to checking the FDIC coverage on your CD. Two institutions may advertise the same interest rate, referred to as the nominal interest rate. The second number in the ad will be the APY, which states the interest that the CD would earn if it were invested for a year given the compounding offered. If the interest is compounded more frequently, the APY will be higher and you want the highest APY.

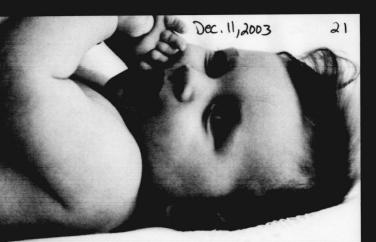
If you know that you could cover your wedding expenses with less than \$12,000, then you could invest some of the monthly amount in a guaranteed setting and some in a riskier setting, such as a money market fund or an ultra short-term bond fund. Otherwise, continue in the conservative way and be proud of yourself for being a disciplined saver.

Other choices like stock mutual funds [1] would be much riskier than considered appropriate for a 12-month savings plan.

We wish you great happiness.

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By Leah Gliniewicz, Northwestern University

n a time where the average college graduate carries at least \$20,000 of debt, University of Michigan sophomore Chris Stallman bucks the trend.

In just six years of investing, the 20-year-old has paid for nearly two years worth of his share of undergraduate education, which is also supplemented by a partial school scholarship. The pre-business major plans to graduate with minimal debt — a mission he sought at age 14.

Stallman then spent three months researching the stock market and companies. Next, he collected his college savings, birthday money and other gift money — totaling about \$3,000 — and placed the sum into a Roth IRA and the Stein RoeYoung Investor mutual fund.

"My mindset was I was looking for companies I wouldn't mind holding all through high school and if the situation was right, holding all throughout college," the self-taught investor said.

His quest for college cash through investing became a lifestyle, and life lessons to teach other teens. At 15, he and his friend Dan Bassett started TeenAnalyst.com, a resource for young investors, which Stallman still runs today. The site has received praise from The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times.

"At that point, I felt I had a very strong understanding of money basics and would do a good job teaching others my age," Stallman said.

The prodigal investor has been featured on CNBC's Squawk Box, CBS News, Money magazine, Bloomberg Personal Finance magazine, and Barron's. Stallman's portfolio now is made up of 50 percent stocks and 50 percent cash, so he can make tuition payments.

In addition to maintaining his website and going to school full-time, Stallman plans on working again this year at Michigan's business school. And he's begun fostering an investment community on campus. This fall, he and some friends launched the university's first investors' group, called the

Michigan Investors Club (www.michiganinvestors.com).

He plans to graduate in two years with a degree in business administration, and is interested in pursuing a career in venture capital or investment capital.

Here's our interview with Chris Stallman, including his words of advice for young investors.

YM: What would you say was the best part about deciding at age 14 to save money to pay for college?

STALLMAN: The best part has been the lessons it's taught me. Sure, financially, it's nice to know I can pay tuition. But I know that that takes a backseat to all of the money lessons I've learned. I've learned to set goals and take the steps to achieve them. I've learned to manage my money wisely. Looking around, I see tons of other college students weighed down with credit card debt. And it feels good to know that I don't have to worry about that because I've made good money decisions.

YM: Has your portfolio changed at all since you started investing? What about your strategies?

STALLMAN: My portfolio has changed a little. I began investing with the idea that my money would go towards college. So now that I'm in college, I'm starting to put some of that money to use. About 50 percent of my portfolio is kept in cash for that reason. But as for my investment strategy, it still remains the same. I still look for stocks I can see myself holding for five, 10, or even 20 years.

YM: How would you answer skeptics who think that students are too young to invest because they don't truly understand the stock market?

STALLMAN: I think it's pretty easy to stereotype students as impatient investors who are just going to "gamble" their money away. But young investors today have far more resources available to them. There are websites, magazines, mutual funds, books, etc. geared specifically towards them. I've noticed a considerable change over the years. It just seems like young investors today take advantage of these resources and have a better understanding than those five years ago when I was starting to invest.

YM: What are your investment goals?

STALLMAN: My financial goals are to graduate from college with little debt, buy a house, have a family, and eventually retire. I use investing as my means to achieve that. I hope to earn a high enough rate of return to afford a good life without too many worries about money. And hey, if I make a few million bucks along the way, that won't be bad.

YM: How do you describe your investment style?

STALLMAN: I consider myself a buy-and-hold investor. I take a fundamental approach by trying to "value" a business. I do this by reading through their annual reports to get a sense of what the business is doing, how it stands financially, and what its growth prospects are. If the company is financially sound, has growth potential and I feel that it's undervalued, I invest in it. But I never invest in companies I don't understand. I wouldn't invest in some biotech company I know little about because I feel that investing in what you don't know is inherently risky.

YM: How have corporate scandals affected your thinking, and when you buy investments?

STALLMAN: It's unfortunate that such corporate scandals have happened and have affected so many people. But it hasn't had too much of an effect on me. Sure, I'm a little more hesitant now, but I don't let it deter me too much. I feel that if I invest in a company with a lot of integrity and good management, I'll avoid that. @



SO YOU WANT TO BE A ROCK STAR?

By Grant Schulte, University of Iowa

It takes hard work, talent and some luck to reach the top

niversity of Iowa senior Brian Korey reads "War and Peace" and "To Kill a Mockingbird" by day, hitting the books in class as he advances toward an English degree.

But a few nights every month, he trades classroom literature for a 1974 Rickenbacker 4001 Bass and takes center stage at Gabe's Oasis, a downtown Iowa City bar known for its bustling music scene. On those nights, the band often launches into its popular song, "Upon Deaf Ears," and the crowd soaks up the sound.

"The group's chemistry really shows when we're playing," says 21-year-old Korey, whose band, Faultlines, recently signed with a small label in Chicago, "You've got to play wherever you can to get your name out there. It's all about making yourself known."

Strong promotion, coupled with the drive to practice and a well-thought attack plan comprise the key ingredients necessary to succeed in the music world, experts say.

That Korey and his band have signed with a label to produce as many as three albums shows they have already beaten the odds in the music business. Faultlines' ability to tour while promoting a record—Korey predicts the deal will allow them to do so for the next four or five years—makes them only one band out of 50 who will unsuccessfully try, says Bill Carlton, a representative for the New York-based BookingEntertainment.com.

And of those who can tour, "only one in 50 will ever appear on MTV," says Carlton, a 30-year industry veteran who has worked with performers such as Eminem and Sister Hazel.

The odds may seem challenging, to say the least, but "don't buy into the Big Brother system about the industry," he says. "The underdog [in music]

Bands that have already toured and released albums often need a strong business team, typically consisting of a public relations representative, attorney, business manager, and manager who oversees them all, Carlton says.

"If you were going into a business selling construction tools, you'd need a business plan with set goals," he says. "It's just the same with a band, except in this case the variable is a human as opposed to a widget."

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- Bill Carlton, BookingEntertainment.com

So where do musicians start?

In the beginning, "it is just a matter of becoming as good as you possibly can at your craft" with intense practice and work, says Elizabeth Neff, spokeswoman for Trans Continental Talent—the company that helped groups such as the Backstreet Boys rise to fame.

"Only time and dedication can separate the true aspiring musician from the average 'garage band," Neff says. "To achieve success, the artist not only has to possess an unusual amount of talent, but also the willingness to endure many personal sacrifices over a long period of time to develop his or her career."

That means starting small and honing a style with practice, she says. Musicians can—and should—find audiences at school concerts, churches, community events, and retail store openings, she says.

Don't try special images or gimmicks if you can't back them with a good performance, the company warns.

"The best way to stand out is to comport oneself in an extremely professional and dedicated manner at all times," Neff says. "Life has a way of sorting the wheat from the chaff very quickly and efficiently."

Aspiring young musicians should also remain aware of potential scams from false advertisers who prey on dreams and ambitions. "If anybody wants anything up front money-wise, run the other way as fast as you can," Carlton says.

Such scams are more common to modeling and acting, but musicians should also remain vigilant and not hesitate to ask questions, says John Sorensen, spokesman for the New York State Consumer Protection Board. "It does happen," he says.

The time commitment to become a major band varies too drastically to measure, but a "pretty fast track" would span 18 months, from a group's inception to its release, Carlton says.

Faultlines began two years ago in the living room of a friend's house, known as the "Theta Beta Potata." The four-man group now practices roughly once a week—"we'd like to do it more often, but our schedules sometimes get in the way" and is set to release its first album through Action Heights Records in early 2004.

"School and the band is definitely a tough balance," Korey says. "I'd love to dedicate to something I want, the band, but at the same time I need to focus on what I need."

One hardship came on a weekend tour through Wisconsin and Minnesota, when he tried studying between appearances and ended up returning to lowa City at 7:30 a.m. without sleep, four hours before a major exam.

"When I grow up, I know I want to be an English teacher or a rock star," Korey says. "But no more weekend tours before midterms."

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LANDING A SCHOLARSHIP: LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION CAN MAKE A BIG IMPACT

By Jose Vazquez, YDUNG MONEY Financial Aid Columnist

ollege students spend a lot of time getting to know themselves. Many like to think of themselves as true "individuals" doing their own thing. Whether they dye their harp turple, or wear the same pair of shorts three years in a row, students like to be themselves (We even had the same grungy hat on for the last four years).

Think about it. Most students will be in school about five years. That's five whole years to get to know people who may be able to help get you where you want to be in life. It's critical for students to learn how to develop the right relationships in college.

Professors, advisors and other college personnel are typically people we avoid getting to know well. But these are usually the folish that can help students get into grad school or even find their first job.

So, talk to your potential references. Learn about what their interests are and how they spend their time. In the case of professors, pays attention in their case of professors are their cases of their

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For example, the directors of the bounders where a student volunteered would be a great reference for an award spenored by a community service group. However, a person shouldn't necessarily use that reference for a scholarship application to an acconsemise honors conscire. Perhaps a professor in control or another professorial in the same field would be the best person for that purpose.

Trachers and professors are repitably excellent source, but also consider previous employers, coaches, clergy members and community leaders. Also, pick someone who can addess the awards special criteria or the sponsoring organization is puriodair interess.

2) When to ask for the letter

Knowing when a person will need a letter of recommendation is sometimes hard to estimate. In most cases, people ask for recommendations as they need them. But planning ahead may save you some time. Start by making a list of potential letter writers, including names, addresses, email and phone numbers.

In order to increase the chances of getting a strong letter of recommendation from someone, you must pay attention to three important right.

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3) How to make sure the letter shines





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Hollywood @ Home: A Beginner's Guide To DVD **Players**

By Dave Matthews, YOUNG MONEY Technology Editor

The term DVD stands for Digital Versatile Disc. Originally, before the computer industry got wind of the format, the acrosym was to mean Digital Video Disc, which is limiting considering the computer content that is added to the made-for-movie dusc. But this story does not end with a mere definition, but rather a discussion on the resolution of the format and how you can see the best quality video images. When you have your friends over for movie inglist, out want them to say "WOW!"

There is no question that the quality of images that you get from a DVD is revialed by no other medium. With high-definition TVs dotting the mation and special high-definition TDVD using either blue bases or red lesser MPEG-4 technologies not far away, there are some new products and techniques that can be used to improve your DVD video quality.

You may already own a progressive scan or 489 DVD player with component video connectors as they have been soulable since the year 2000. Using this output, a compatible high-definition TV will "feare" each video line on the screen sequentially all 489 of them, like a computer monitor rather than slapping between odd and even lines in original relevision.

This process improves video quality because your eyes no longer perceit the flicker of your TV screen drawing odd then even lines at the rate of 60 fleids per second. Instead, the new progressive output gives you a smooth, de-interlaced and flicker-free 60 frames per second of video.

But this video image could look even sharper were it not for the component video cable that connects the DVD player to your HDTV, which still operates in the analog world. That transmission signal is subject

to radio frequency interference plus a noisy conversion from digital bits to analog waves on the DVD player, followed by yet another conversion from analog to digital within the television set itself.

Would it not be better to send a direct digital signal from the DVD player right into the digital television? The answer is "yes" and as of 2013 two products are available with DVD or Digital/Wed butterface. I must point out that the innovators at Apple have been shipping computers with this interface since 2000, but it always takes a few years for the rest of the world to catch up. However, the versatility of this calle type between computers and television has caused some user confusion.

There are no fewer than six different DVI formats available, so look at your ports closely when you buy calbet. TV products usually work in the DVI-ID format and calbels for theme can be found of cheaply online. (Pictures of these different ports can be found at: http://www.datapro.net/dvi.html).

Samuing released its DAD-HD931 player with the all-important DAT output, JPEG, MJP and JPions CD capibilities starting at \$199.7 This player mates perfectly to their DLP line of decivious next, which use Texas Instrument' digital micro mirror technology to create a wonderfully bright and shapr image in a rear of frost projection format. Switching between component and DAT imputs on the Samsung player shows a noticeable video improvement in shapmes – especially in water and forest seenes where there are a lot of edges and details pictured.

If you buy the Sharp DLPTV, it needs to be married to the Samsung DVD player. So add this unit along with the required cable to your

purchase, as it also matches the silver finish of the television. Note that this player will simultaneously send component and DVI outputs for multi-room configurations. However, the older connections using the S-Visideo and composite ports will automatically shut off when the unit is set in progressive mode.

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Meanwhile,V Inc. his released a Bravo D1 player priced at \$199 and featuring component and DVI outputs but with a 480p, 72hp, 1080s and 852 x 480 (for Plasma monitors) up converted video signal. The Sursanga D1P televisions mentioned above run natively at 72hp, so this ser made a perfect test screen between a standard component 480p DVID player and these new super players.

For a product test, I chose two versions of the sci-fi thriller "The 5th Element," the standard IXD7 and a new "super-bit" release, which contains wideo encoded at double the normal 6-magashte per-second data rate. This improvement comes at a cost of fewer foreign audio tracks, which did not bother my English-speaking (and a but of rough French) self.

The V Inc. player had a noticeable improvement with its on-screen display when switching from 480p to 720p mode. Menus and text had fewer "jaggies," which are the stair-step lines that you see on the curves

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I also noticed a greater level of detail in the faces of the actors. The reason for this is because more information, via the up-conversion process, is being sent to the screen, which is not hampered by cable noise. The only analog signal introduced in the playback is from the screen to your eyed.

Your vyee. The Samsung player was much brighter and sharper when switching between 48% via component cobes and 720 via the DVI counter. These are both relatively inexpensive, and the VInc. unit plays additional MPEG-4 video formats, so "techie types" may opt for this player. If the counterts of your stemp are important, the V Inc. product is painted black as night, as are some of the video outputs.

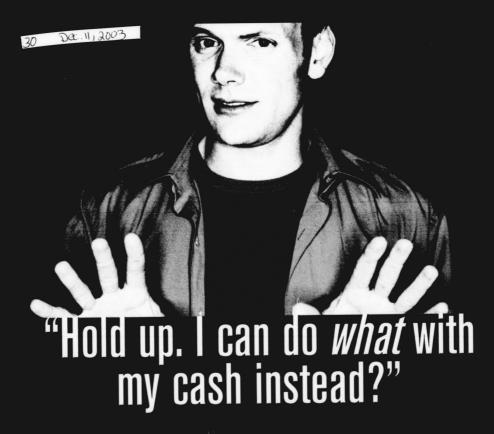
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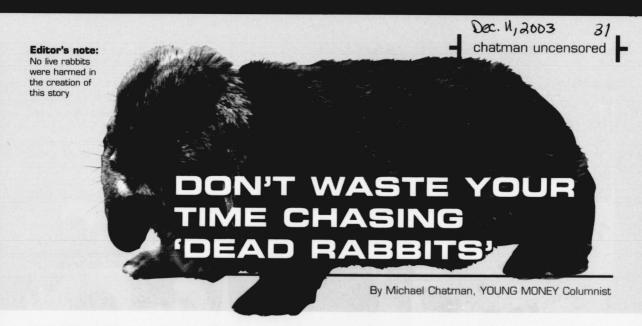
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Too many people spend their lives working for things that don't bring true fulfillment.

Awoman happened to be looking out the window of her home one morning. She was horrified to see her dog shaking the life out of the neighbor's rabbit. Her family had been quarreling with these neighbors; this was certainly going to make matters worse. She grabbed a broom and ran outside, pummeling the pooch until he dropped a rabbit now covered with dog spit – and extremely dead.

After a moment's consideration, the woman lifted the rabbit with the end of the broom and brought it into the house. She dumped its lifeless body into the bathtub and turned on the shower. When the water running off the rabbit was clean, she rolled him over and rinsed the other side.

Now she had a plan. She found her hairdryer and blew the rabbit dry. Using an old comb, she groomed the rabbit until he looked pretty good. Then, when the neighbor wasn't looking, she hopped the fence, snuck across the backyard, and propped him up in his cage. No way she was taking the blame for this thing.

About an hour later, she heard screams coming from the neighbor's yard. The woman quickly ran outside, pretending not to know what was going on. "What's happened?" she asked innocently.

Her neighbor came running to the fence. All the blood had drained from her face. "Our rabbit, our rabbit!" she blubbered. "He died two weeks ago, we buried him - and now he's back!"

Had the neighbor poked the rabbit or tried to play with him, she would have discovered the truth: The rabbit was dead. And playing with a fluffed-up dead rabbit isn't much fun.

The same is true for people trudging through fluffed up superficial lives. One of the disadvantages of living in an affluent society – meaning most of us – is that it's too easy to get dead and buried before we're dead and buried. We clutch our material possessions and social status tightly. Too often we're afraid to take risks, stand out in a crowd, or attempt anything that could make us look different. In a world of people whose first priority is to maintain the status quo, simply looking alive can be too dangerous.

I once spoke with a news anchorman who hated nearly every aspect of his job. When I asked him why he didn't quit, he said he'd come too far to turn back now. To search for something more significant in life would mean taking a pay cut and relinquishing a few job perks.

So every day he gets up and heads for a job he hates, so as not to lose what he's gained. And just what has he gained? It sounds like a fluffed-up dead rabbit to me. All over the country, college graduates accept jobs they hate so they can buy stuff they don't need to

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impress people who don't care.

You deserve so much more than that. Could it be time for you to take a deep breath and really live again?

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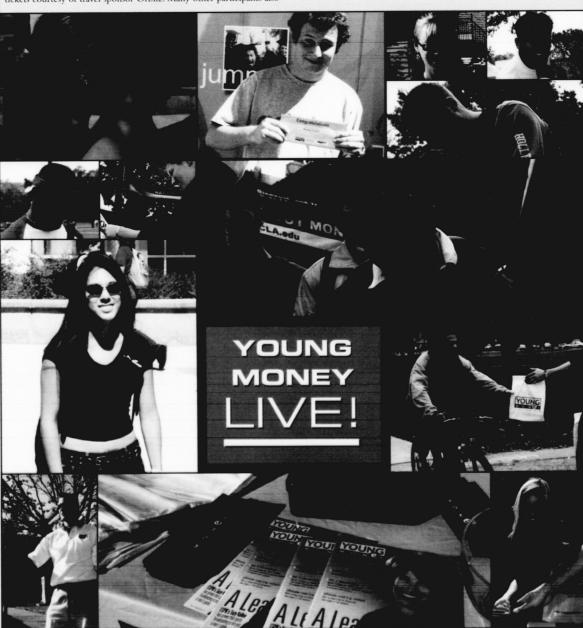
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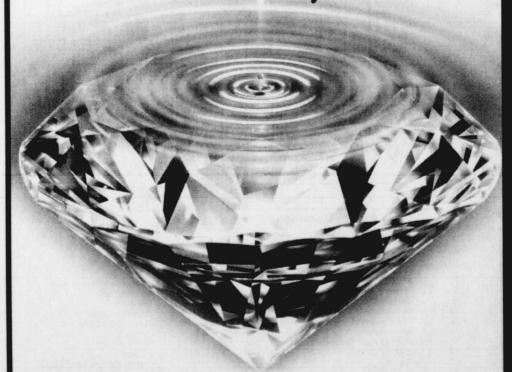
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	ACROSS
1	Recedes
5	Garlic-basil sauce
10	Mimic
14	Cambodian currency
15	Fall flower
16	Foal's mom
17	Russian-born violinis
19	Sch. orgs.
20	Universe
21	Superlatively wee
23	Picnic pest
24	Unruly crowd
26	Take the helm
27	Guadalajara bread?
29	Worked for
32	Separate
35	Carols
37	Actress Lupino
38	Vault
39	Gardner's Mason
40	Move
41	Adherent's suffix
42	"Two Women" star
43	Senior member
44	Inscribed monuments
46	Gets up
48	Of an ancient alphabe
50	Cantar etartar?

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62	Blackthorn
63	Missouri feeder
64	Ripped

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10 More spacious
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25 Stupid mistake
27 Tense beginning?
28 More tender
30 Singer Brickell
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33 Gone by 34 "The _ of a Faun" 36 Sergeant Bilko 39 Status

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By Philip J. Anderson Portland, OR

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CROSSW	ORD CLUES	5	Pedro's year
		6	Male sheep
	ACROSS	7	Feed the computer?
1	Turf	8	Oozed Computer?
4	Niles Crane's wife	9	
9	Out of order	10	Onassis, to pals
14	Swiss canton	11	Shea player
15	Lacking sense	12	Cupcake coverage Mall unit
16	Right-hand page	13	
17	Challenge for some CEOs	18	Sub detector
20	Close, in poetry	19	"The Gold Bug" author's monogram
21	Wire service letters	24	Duration
22	Gun lobby's letters	25	Dice toss
23	Marriage of CEOs	26	Toward shelter
28	Lon _ of Cambodia		Besides
29	Cut text	27	Brief looksee
30	Houston and Peckinpah	30	That woman
34	Guitarist Paul	31	Internet provider: abbr.
36	Solfeggio	32	NYC arena
40	Threat to some CEOs	33	Group of trees
44	English composer	35	RR depot
45	Nabokov book	37	Hail to Horace
46	St. Petersburg's river	38	3rd Bible book
47	Acts the shrew	39	Period
50	Ms. Gardner	41	"Dies _"
52	Lifesaver for some CEOs	42	Hebrew month
60	TV pioneering co.	43	Polynesian beverage
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62	Chalice .	49	Propagate
63	End of some CEOs	51	Means of entry
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69	City on the Rhone	53	Florida city
70	Mal de	54	_ and penates
71		55	Jetsons' dog
72	Desert spring	56	Hog thigh
73	"Guys and _" Candler of Coca-Cola	57	Muslim scholars
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By Annabel Michaels Williamsburg, VA

CROSSWO	RD CLUES	5	Skye Leitch
		6	Kiddles
	ACROSS	7	Component piece
1	Overacts	8 9	Monterrey money
9	Islands in the Atlantic		Blood conduit
15	In matched pairings	10	"The _ Story"
16	Mouse or rat	11	Peculiar
17	Legendary island	12	Material existence
18	So far	13	Cooperative agreement
19	Imitation diamond	14	"In the Heat of the Night" Oscar
21	Floral necklace		winner
22	Bell sound	20	Father of "Christina's World" painter
23	Working as a copyist	24	Weak in body
26	Consummation	25	Lugosi or Bartok
27	Mil. captive	27	Temporary stages
30	Singer Tammy	28	One with two left feet
31	Scandinavian rug	29	Forceful usurper
32	Shrewish woman	33	School grp.
34	Aviator	35	Rubik's toy
35	Lunchroom	36	Kind of whiskey
37	Top-grade topper	37	Deterioration from lack of use
	Half-goat man	38	Grasslands
40	Dissemblance	39	Colorado peak
41	1955 Wimbledon champion	41	Inclined toward love
44		42	Movie theaters
46	Skirt edge	43	Dangling ornaments
47	Possible 27A	45	Pertains
48	Kernel of an oil-yielding plant	49	Refuse heaps
50	Kitchen utensiis	50	· Metal disk
51	Tanker's cargo	53	Poet Teasdale
52	Thwarts	54	Remove fat
56	Commendation	55	"The _ of the Ancient Mariner"
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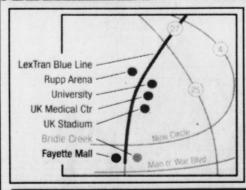


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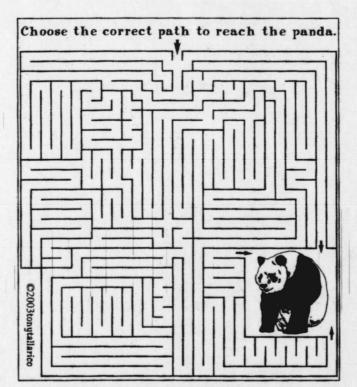
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MAGICWORD

THE CARIBBEAN (sol.: 8 letters)
A-Anguilla, Antigua, Antilles, Aruba; B-Bahamas,
Balmy, Barbados, Beaches, Belize, Bequia,
Bonaire, Breezy; C-Casinos, Coast, Cruise, Cuba,
Curacno; E-Exotic; H-Haiti; I-Islands, Islets; JJamaicis; L-Lush; M-Martinique; O-Ceen: PParadise; R-Reggae, Resorts; S-Saba, Sail, Sand,
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MAGICWORD

SPACE STATION (sol.: 13 letters)
A-Alpha, Ambitious, Assemble, Astronauts; B-Bull, C-Canada, Cargo, Cosmonauts, Costly, Crew; D-Dock; E-Effort, European; F-Flights; J-Japan; I-Laboratory, Learn; M-Microgravity, Modify; N-NASA; O-Orbit: P-Payload, Permanent, Ports; R-Robot arm, Russia; S-Science, Segments, Soyuz, Spacewalk; U-Unique, United States; V-Venture, Visitors

This Week's Answer:

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MAGICWORD

THE HOLIDAY SEASON (sol.: 8 letters)

A-Advent calendar, Angels; B-Boxing Day; C-Candles, Cheer, Christmas, Celebrate, Customa, Culture; D-December, Decorate, Dreidel; E-Elves, Evergreen; F-Family; G-Gifts, Greetings; H-Hanukkah, Happy, Holy, Hope, K-Kind, Kwanzan; L-Lights, Love; M-Mass, Menorah; N-Noel; P-Peace; R-Reflect; S-Santa, Shamash, Snow, Songs; T-Toya, Trees; W-Winter, Wish, Wreath

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By Matthew Higgins Concord, NH

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		3	Rake
	ACROSS	4	Conclusion
1	Cabby's rider	5	July 4 events
5	Neighbor of Del.	6	Dodger
10	Platitudinous talk	7	Scruff
14	Press	8	Pulls from a jug
15	Use	9	Every last one
16	Butter alternative	10	Interviewer Katie
17	Estee's acclaimer?	11	"M*A*S*H" star
20	Wind dir.	12	Intense longing
21	Loads, as cargo	13	Ripped
22	Slope	18	Best of the best
23	Helper	19	1958 Pulitzer winner
24	Canadian prov.	23	Peak
		24	Sleepwear, briefly
25	Arien's rebuffer?	25	Bundle
33	Mythological messenger	26	U.S. painter Rembrandt
34	Double curve	27	Former North Carolina senator
35	O.J.'s judge	28	Verso's opposite
36	Roof overhang		
37	Faise front	29	Approx.
38	Recapitulate	30	Shy
40	Mr. Baba	31	Musical composition
41	Well-honed skill	32	Thomas More's biographer
42	Long step	37	Circle part
43	Freddie's praiser?	38	"The Tales of Hoffmann" role
47	BPOE member	39	Samovars
48	Morays	41	Noah's craft
49	Peppard series, with "The"	42	Vilifier
52	Based on eight	44	Obituary listings
54	Consume	45	Sallor's saint
57	Max's disparager?	46	Strength of character
60	Rolling in dough	49	'60s hairstyle
61	Congregation separator	50	Rear part
62	Complexion problem	51	homo
63	Bullring cheers	52	Garfield's patsy
64	Poetic rhythm	53	It is French?
65	Quaker pronoun	54	Engrave
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	10	"Moonstruck" star	5	-relief
	14	Jamaican citrus fruit	4 5 6 7	Earth pigment
	15	Respond to	7	Direct
	16	Saint's glow	8	Cleansing agent
	17	Three lines	9	Word in partnerships
	20	Dine at home	10	Dept. head
	21	GOP member	ii	Three lines
	22	Employs	12	So what _ is new?
	23	Young cow	13	Goes bad
	25	Mint or sage, for example	18	Bring together
	26	Vallarta, Mexico	19	Cereal grain
	28	Argentine aunt	24	
	29	Long in the tooth		Crafty critter That man's
	32	Election winners	25	
	33	Deplete	26	Beach, CA
	36	Charlotte of "The Facts of Life"	27	Dismantled
	37	'60s radicals	28	Chance to play
			30	Davies or Ashley
	38	Fumble	31	Painter of ballerinas
	39	Tunneled	34	Actress Lamarr
	40	Pair of 501's	35	Exist
	41	Book supplements Memorable time	41	In flames
	45		42	E-mail period
	46	Uneven?	43	Blank reply
	47	Eddie of vaudeville	44	Warning
	48	Extremists	49	Inconsequential thing
	50	Send forth	51	Presbyterian parsonage
	52	D flat	52	Terra
	54	As yet	53	Glossy finish
	56	Large, extinct bird	54	Catch sight of
	57	"New Poems" poet	55	Exclamation of distress
	60	Three lines	56	Very small speck
	63	Burden	58	Gambling game
	64	Top room	59	North Carolina college
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