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## Dining, housing projects on hold

By Sara Gividen  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's Dining and Housing Services are searching for other options to move forward with several campus renovations after the state legislature failed to pass a budget granting funds for the projects in its March 1 session.

Among the projects that need funding are air conditioning installation in Keeneland Hall and renovations to campus eateries, including K-Lair Grill, Blazer Courtyard, the Student Center Food Court and Commons Market.

Each of the projects exceeded the university-set \$400,000 spending limit, and so each must obtain state approval before taking place. The approval for projects is separate from actually receiving funding. Out of the proposals submitted, only one project — \$5.1 million in bonds for K-Lair renovations — received approval. None of the projects received funding.

Jeff DeMoss, executive director of Dining Services, says he will continue to push forward plans for changing the four dining facilities. "Negotiations — it all comes down to negotiations," DeMoss said.

DeMoss envisions ex-

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## Beaux Arts: gaudy get-ups galore

By Elizabeth Troutman  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Artists, break-dancers and revelers of the university community will pull out their most outrageous attire to bring an outrageous annual event to a revamped parking garage.

Students are invited to party at the Beaux Arts Ball this Saturday, an event organized by the College of Architecture and co-sponsored by WRFL and Red Bull.

John England, president of the architecture committee that organized the event, said the new downtown location enhances the theme of the party.

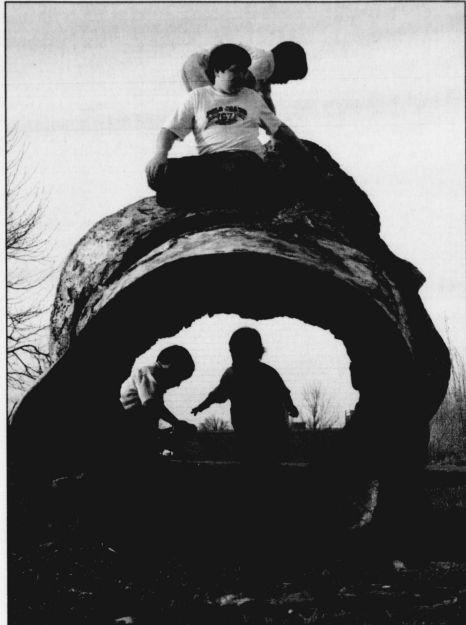
"It's downtown; it's got that warehouse-industrial-urban theme," he said. "And it's right next to the Arts Place (on Main Street)."

The ball is infamous for wild costumes and abstract decorations provided by the UK College of Design. An open bar will provide drinks, and food is free with the purchase of a ticket. Graffiti artists will arrive at 7 p.m. to display extemporaneous art on sheets of plywood.

The building's distinctive structure adds to the artistic atmosphere of the party. Past balls were held at the Radisson basement, but the new location on North Mill Street offers an innovative look for the urban fling.

"It's a very large-corridor, snake-like space," England said. "The ceiling height is 15 feet, and at the other end it terminates into a really big space. There is also an exterior space, and graffiti artists will be there."

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JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

A big attraction, other than the trails and flowers at the arboretum, are the giant hollowed-out trees. Laifto Lucero, 1, of from Lexington (bottom middle); Christian Lucero, 4, of Lexington (bottom left); Muhammed Gurzakovic, 11, of Chicago (top front); and Nick Lucero, 7, of Lexington (top back), played on a log as the sun set Tuesday.

## coming into Spring

By Jonathan Palmer  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As April rapidly approaches, the warm weather brings the cabin-fever-ridden Fayette County residents out to the UK Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Arboretum.

The temperatures yesterday reached well into the 70s. The arboretum is located on Alumni Drive near Commonwealth Stadium, and it offers a variety of events for the year, including weddings and guided tours.

Free tours are given weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 257-9339 to schedule a tour.

## Cats out-slug Cards

By Ryan Mabry  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

LOUISVILLE — John Shelby didn't even know it was a home run.

"When I hit the ball, I'm just trying to run to first as fast as I can," Shelby said. "They get on me about not pimping it or whatever, but I'm not into that, really. I just hit the ball and run to first."

Shelby might have been the only person in Cardinal Stadium who didn't know his fifth-inning blast was gone as soon as he hit it. The 415-foot moon shot home run was one of a season-high 10 extra base hits on the night for the Cats, capping a three-run inning for the

Cats (14-9) and helping them beat the Louisville Cardinals yesterday, 12-11.

"I was kind of frustrated after my second at-bat, when I popped up to get an out," Shelby said. "So I was like, I'm not going to get a pop up — I'm going to hit a line drive, ground ball. I'm just trying to hit a line drive right there."

Head coach John Cohen was impressed with Shelby, who added a single and triple to his home run to go 3-for-4 on the night, but he also seemed to think his star middle infielder could play better.

"John's doing a great job, but

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UK 12, UoFL 11



UK catcher Justin Scutchfield fouls off a pitch in the Cats' 12-11 win over Louisville at Cardinal Stadium yesterday. The Cats used 10 extrabase hits to defeat their intra-state rival.

KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

## No one breathes easy dangling from the top of quirky Cardinal Stadium

LOUISVILLE — Five steps away from what could have been my untimely demise, I said a little prayer.

Atop the grandstand at Louisville Cardinal Stadium, my destiny awaited more than 100 feet away. Nothing supports the press box located behind home plate, underneath the overhang. But there is a bridge connecting a life of caution to a stint as a daredevil.

The baseball game between UK and UofL, miles below was the furthest thing on my mind. It takes 39 steps to cross

this walkway/death-trap. Remember the scene in *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* where Indy tells Short Round to grab the ropes before taking a sword to the bridge. Well, that's what you need to do on this wobbly contraption.

But you haven't exactly reached safety upon making it to the press box. The only thing separating the floor and the seats 100 feet below is air.

That's not a good thing.

When the wind swirls, the floor shakes. And any sudden movement can make your stomach ache.

The joke around here is that the press box has fallen a few times. I wouldn't doubt it.

You have to lean dangerously close to the window to see the catcher and batter. I don't know

whether I'm going to watch UK's Jesse Barber double in the alley or see my life flash before my eyes.

Welcome to Louisville Cardinal Stadium, celebrating half a century of futility.

Over the years, it has hosted a minor-league baseball team, the UofL football team and state fair events. There are barns out back. And just getting to the stadium is half the battle.

The parking here is an adventure in itself. There are no signs telling would-be fans where to park or if there was even a game. A little flag like the Wooden O would do.

It only gets better once you step into the stadium.

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## Halfway done, SG elections problem-free

Election official: 'Machinery worked well;' limited poll hours don't cause long waits

By Tricia McKenny  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Despite limited hours at some polling locations and one closed poll, students did not seem discouraged from voting in the first day of Student Government elections yesterday.

About 1,350 students participated, yesterday, a number comparable to elections in the past, said Cody Belcher, SG Election Board of Supervision chairman.

Some polls were open for a limited amount of time, and the poll at Lexington Community College was closed all day due to a lack of volunteers to work the polls, Belcher said. But he felt that those changes did not seem to affect the voting process.

"The machinery worked well, and the revised poll schedule worked well," Belcher said.

This smooth process was a change from some SG elections in the past.

Last year's election was met with criticism about a referendum placed on the

ballot at the last minute.

The 2003 election had a 171-vote discrepancy between the votes registered by poll workers and the number of ballots actually counted.

In 2002, polls at LCC and the UK Medical Center failed to open at all.

"This year, we really didn't have any problems to speak of," Belcher said. The limited hours and locations, which were announced Tuesday night, may have contributed to students having to wait in line at the polls.

"I noticed between classes a really big rush, and I saw a couple of people leave because of the line, but I hope they would come back to vote later," said Phil Heavrin, an undeclared freshman who worked the poll at the library for about two and a half hours.

Heavrin said some students voting at the library had to wait in line for 10 to 15 minutes during busy

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### Yesterday's Vote Totals by Poll Location

College of Agriculture: 58  
College of Business and Economics: 39  
Commons: 236  
White Hall Classroom Building: 419  
Medical Center: 50  
College of Law: 47  
Lexington Community College: Closed  
Student Center: 306  
W. T. Young Library: 202

Total Votes: 1,357

## Projects

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panding K-Lair by converting the food services warehouse that currently adjoins K-Lair into a Starbucks with lounge area and pods to serve Mexican and Italian cuisine. DeMoss is also hoping to continue the pod concept of specialty food stations at Blazer Courtyard, the Student Center Food Court and Commons Market.

Dining Services will also look at receiving funding from various corporate chains to supply each pod. DeMoss said he hopes to have many of those corporations on board sometime in May.

"We're looking at that group to help us move forward," DeMoss said.

Parker Edwards, a Dining Services business officer, said other methods are under consideration in acquiring funding, such as from a savings-type account.

"We can get money from that, so smaller renovation projects we can handle ourselves," Edwards said. "The question is, do we have enough money in it to tackle these projects?"

Edwards believes Dining Services has enough money to work on some facilities, but it doesn't have the funding to add pods to all four locations just yet.

### PROPOSED AND FINAL STATE BUDGET FUNDING (in millions)

PROJECT	HOUSE	SENATE	JOINT
Blazer Hall cafeteria renovations	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$0
K-Lair renovations	\$5.1	\$0	\$0
Keeneland Hall renovations	\$5.1	\$0	\$0
Student Center Food Court	\$1.6	\$1.6	\$0

Unlike Dining Services, Campus Housing doesn't have any money to begin installing air conditioning in Keeneland Hall, said director Brenda Stamper.

"We're disappointed because we had already really wanted to be able to take Keeneland offline next year," Stamper said. Keeneland Hall was going to be closed while the air conditioning was installed, Stamper said.

"The timing for doing Keeneland would have been perfect for next year because of our new housing coming online for fall," New residence halls are currently being built on North and South campuses.

Stamper said the reason the Senate did not pass the proposal was because improving Keeneland ranked lower on the state's priority list than other UK

projects.

"The Keeneland project will be re-submitted, and we hope the authority level for that project may be enhanced over what it was this year," she said.

The Dining Services plan will also be resubmitted next year.

In the meantime, Dining Services will persist in moving its projects forward. Dining Services will not let the current lack of state funding prevent improvements, DeMoss said.

"We're trying to be as creative as possible to find money to make it happen," he said.

"Whatever we negotiate, we will negotiate very hard to make sure we get the best opportunity for the students. It all comes down to the students."

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## Elections

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times, but most students were able to vote relatively quickly with no wait.

Some SC candidates were concerned about the limited hours of polling locations but hoped students would be motivated enough to vote despite the limitations.

"I am a little disappointed because I know students who planned their schedule around voting at a certain time, but I hope people will be adamant enough and excited enough about voting to get it done," said Jaclyn Minch a physical therapy junior running for College of Health Sciences senator.

All full- and part-time

students at UK are eligible to vote.

The earliest poll opens at 9 a.m. at the College of Agriculture.

The latest polls close at 5 p.m. at the Commons and Student Center.

The poll at LCC will be open today; the College of Law poll will be closed.

Some students did not mind a short wait in order to vote.

"It is important to vote for those in charge of our government," said Betty Jo Allen, an elementary education junior.

"They are our peers, spending our money and hopefully looking out for our best interest," she said.

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### Today's Poll Hours

College of Agriculture: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

College of Business and Economics: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Commons: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

White Hall Classroom Building: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

College of Law: closed

Lexington Community College: 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

UK Medical Center: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Student Center: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

W.T. Young Library: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Students must have a valid Wildcard student ID in order to vote in the election, and students who do not have a valid ID must have one made in the Student Center before they can vote.

Students may vote at any campus polling location with the following exceptions: LCC students must vote at the LCC polling location in order to vote for their college senator, and students enrolled in the College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Nursing, College of Dentistry, College of Public Health and College of Health Sciences must vote at the Medical Center polling location.

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In fact, some people were inspired to create works of art while I enjoyed my lunch.

It must be difficult to not feel uplifted and stimulated in an atmosphere like the one in Third Street Stuff. I actually felt smarter after my visit and learned a few new words too.

Walking into the gift store and cafe located on North Limestone is like stepping into a scene from *What Dreams May Come*, where everything is brilliantly painted in cheerful colors.

The many tables and chairs located throughout reflect the lively theme of the business. Bright, bold colors swirl and intermingle on the furniture, walls and floor. Shades of orange blend into shades of red and green. The owner seems to have covered all the primary colors and some in between.

Even the trashcans are decorated with friendly flowers, faces and buildings. You'd hardly recognize it as a dispenser for trash if it weren't for the triangular-shaped hole in the lid revealing the contents of the container.

Interesting newspaper and magazine articles have been pasted in various locations on the walls on chairs. Snippets from books, random photographs and eccentric artwork can be found on any seat on the walls.

There are also two large floor-to-ceiling metal boards filled with "create your own poetry" magnets and other fun magnetic items to entertain yourself while you wait for your food or while you spend time with friends.

I actually learned two new words while enjoying my sandwich and watching other customers: parorexia and parapraxis.

The first means the desire to eat strange foods, and the latter is a blunder error or mistake. Wow, it's even educational.



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This is the type of place I enjoy visiting by myself because I wouldn't have time to pay attention to another person if they were sitting at my table. My eyes and ears were too busy feasting on the other patrons and the thousands of visuals.

I especially enjoyed the Ale-8 bottles used as vases on the tables for the fresh daisies.

The menu is simple but offers a variety of choices for all sorts of customers. The choices range from fresh sandwiches and bagels to bowls of cereal.

The eatery also offers a nice selection of beverages, including flavored coffee, espressos, frozen lattes, tea and hot chocolate.

There is even an evil dessert case filled with delicious sweets such as Derby pie, lemon lust cake and petite fours.

OK, maybe it wasn't evil, but it constantly called to me while I consumed my yummy and much-better-for-me chicken salad sandwich. The sandwich was just what I wanted for the warm spring weather — small chunks of chicken breast with celery, walnuts and purple grapes tossed in a light, creamy sauce served on nutty wheat bread.

When I've visited other coffee shops in the past, I've sometimes felt out of place or not distinctive enough to feel comfortable hanging out there. However, dressed in my trusty blue jeans, T-shirt and flip-flops, I felt relaxed and part of the element.

I'm guessing that's the general vibe for everyone —

people of all ages, sizes and backgrounds shopped and ate with me.

A mom and her two daughters sat near me and had an iced latte and sandwich. Her youngest daughter had a big bowl of cereal and must have enjoyed it — she drank the milk from the bowl when she was finished.

Behind me, a young woman created beaded jewelry while she sipped her flavored coffee.

Next to her, another woman typed away at her laptop and sipped on an iced beverage.

It seems that people from all walks of life feel comfortable and motivated to create something in the vibrant atmosphere.

If you don't have anything with you to indulge your imagination you can use the vast selection of markers and supplied paper to invent something spectacular. Or you can use the materials to make a suggestion for the suggestion box located at the side entrance.

If I were to make a suggestion it would be to place a sign on the front door that reads: Warning — entering this establishment may stir your imagination and cause you to feel inventive.

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## 50 Cent 'massacres' Billboard competition

By Robert Hilburn  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Three new albums soared into the Top 10 of U.S. sales charts yesterday, but none came close to ending rapper 50 Cent's four-week hold on the top spot.

50 Cent's *The Massacre* sold an additional 329,000 copies last week, bringing its total to 2.6 million, according to Nielsen SoundScan.


That meant the 18th volume in the *Now That's What I*

*Call Music* compilation series, which entered the chart at No. 2 last week, had to settle for second place after selling 289,000 copies last week.

The new albums in the Top 10 this week are by Frankie J (No. 3 with sales of 130,000), Queens of the Stone Age (No. 5, sales of 97,000) and Lifehouse (No. 10, sales of 63,000). Other artists breaking into the Top 30 this week are Trace Adkins (No. 11 with 63,000), Tweet (No. 17 with 55,000) and Moby (No. 28 with

37,000). Green Day's *American Idiot* passed the 3 million mark this week to place No. 4 on the current chart. Gwen Stefani's solo album, which had fallen to No. 17, rebounded to No. 9 after selling 68,000 copies.


To make room for the new arrivals and Stefani in the Top 10, albums by these artists fell out of the ranking: Jennifer Lopez (now No. 12), rapper the Game (No. 14), Ray Charles (No. 16) and John Legend (No. 21).



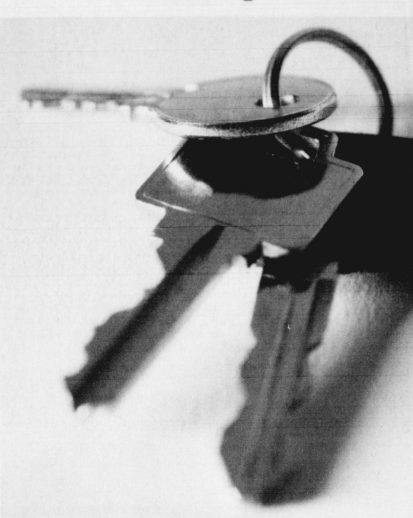
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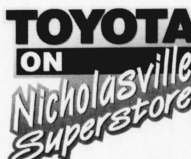
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



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# Killer costumes for double feature

By Ashley Graves  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Activities Board presented a *Kill Bill* Double Feature and costume contest last night in the Worsham Theater.

Participants in the costume contest were given free admission to the show. Two look-a-likes participated in the contest. About 25 people attended the showing.

"The weather is so nice outside; people have cabin fever," said Jennifer Danhauer, director of Cinema for SAB. "The obstacles that we do run into, we can't predict."

The showing started 15 minutes late because of the turnout.

Chris Soergel, an engineering freshman who was a look-a-like of Crazy Eighty Eight's, an assassin in the movie, won the contest.

Soergel was dressed in a black mask, black wig and black suit, and he carried a sword.

"I like *Kill Bill* and didn't want to pay, so I dressed up," Soergel said. "I

wanted to win the prizes, but I am upset that I didn't get to use my sword."

Prizes for the winners of the costume contest were gift certificates from Mellow Mushroom, Tolly-Ho, Chipotle, Qdoba, Mexican Grill and Kennedy Book Store.

Brent Lengel, who dressed as Bud, an assassin in the movie, was the runner-up in the contest.

In the past, SAB presented Creature Double Feature during the Halloween season and included the Monster Mash Fashion Bash, Danhauer said. Classic Tuesday is also sponsored by SAB and features classic movies each month.

"Bringing current critically acclaimed movies that are fun and contests is our way to get student involved with SAB and excited about the events," Danhauer said.

Quentin Tarantino, the film's writer and director, is known for the quirky angles within his films.

His cast features the chief heroine Uma Thurman, Vivica A. Fox, Lucy Liu, Daryl Hannah and David Carradine.

*Kill Bill Volume 1* begins with Uma Thurman's family being gunned down by the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad on Thurman's wedding day.

After five years in a coma, Thurman — The Bride — awakens and vows to punish every assassin involved in the tragedy.

After seeking out two of the five members, she finds herself closer to Bill, her former employer and most desired target.

The second volume resumes with Thurman working her way up the chain of command within the circle of assassins and her chance to finally "kill Bill."

Throughout the volume, more is revealed about The Bride's past and why her wedding day became such a tragedy.

"It is a wonderful movie," Lengel said. "More people should get out and see the movies and dress up."

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"I am upset that I didn't get to use my sword."

— Chris Soergel, engineering freshman, on winning SAB's *Kill Bill* costume contest

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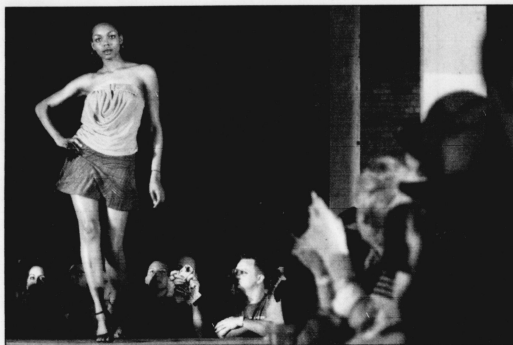
England encourages students to exercise creativity when devising a costume for the masquerade.

"People come in whatever — from lingerie to plastic wrap," he said. "It's almost required, but I think Lexington has a lot of creative people, especially among students. It could be anything from wild hair to your entire body."

The Imperial Court of Lexington and a Sexy Sultry Fashion Show will entertain the runway along with the UK Dance Ensemble. Live music will feature local bands and DJs, including C-Funk, DJ Deceit, Diplo and I-Inside, a band comprised entirely of architecture students. The bands will start playing at 9 p.m.

The menu includes various hors d'oeuvres such as hot dogs, cheese, crackers and sandwiches. Students 21 and older may pick up a wristband to order drinks from the bar. Security officers will be present to prevent the exchange of illegal substances and keep the atmosphere safe, England said.

"Security is not the police," he said. "They are not there to keep people from having fun. They are actually looking forward to it."



JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF

Last year's Beaux Arts Ball featured a fashion show that showcased designs by students and clothing from local boutique General Eccentric. This year's Beaux Arts Ball will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday and continue until 4 a.m. Sunday.

Architecture students raised money for the event by having baking sales and fundraisers. The college does not provide funding, and proceeds will go to the Lexington Community Action Council.

England said he anticipates the most successful and colorful turnout yet.

"We've worked our butts off this year," said England. "I think this will be the best one yet."

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### Beaux Arts Ball Rundown

When: Doors open at 7 p.m. Saturday and close at 4 a.m. Sunday

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## Cats open spring practice

By Jeff Patterson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The deep passes fell perfectly into his receiver's hands.

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One day into spring practice, sophomore quarterback Andre Woodson has made it known that he intends to be the starter by the time the Cats open their season Sept. 3 against Louisville.

"I was very impressed with the way Andre threw the ball," said UK head coach Rich Brooks. "He made some good decisions."

Woodson, who started one game last season, completed 54 of 88 passes for 492 yards with two touchdowns and one interception in 2004.

He was second on the depth chart behind senior Shane Boyd in the fall. But now he is the No. 1 guy with redshirt freshman Joe Joe Brown and incoming freshman Curtis Pulley, Kentucky's Mr. Football, challenging for the starting spot.

"You come here to compete for the job," Woodson said.

During the offseason, Woodson worked closely with his receivers. "Andre is a natural leader and is growing into himself," said sophomore Keenan Burton.

Burton, along with senior Tommy Cook, spent the 2004 season on the sidelines with injuries. Cook missed all of the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Burton played in just two games after breaking his wrist before the season started.

Senior Scott Mitchell, who caught nine passes for 111 yards against Tennessee, is slated to start, and senior Glenn Holt, who led the Cats with 49 receptions in 2004, will also return.

Now that spring football has started, Woodson has a full stable of receivers.

"This is a very good receiver corps," Burton said. "Maybe one of the best UK has had."

"I'm super-confident with our receivers," Woodson said. "This is something we didn't have last year."

"Now that we have that, we feel we have all the things to be successful."

Mitchell has bulked up to 222 pounds, but his added weight isn't necessarily a good thing, said offensive coordinator Joker Phillips.

"His 15 pounds is not a good 15 pounds," Phillips said.

Banged up with a few injuries, Mitchell didn't fully work out with the team during offseason conditioning.

"He has been running in the pool, and everyone else has been running on the field," Phillips said.

### Johnson to miss spring

Senior linebacker Dennis Johnson will miss spring practice after undergoing back surgery. Brooks announced yesterday Bulging discs in Johnson's back forced him to have the surgery.

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## Slugfest

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at the same time, he's still trying to find his stroke a little bit — he's not as good as he's going to be," Cohen said. "But, boy, he's an exciting athlete."

The game with in-state rival Louisville was a reunion of sorts for pitcher Craig Snipp, who went to Pleasure Ridge Park High School in Louisville with two of the Cardinals, Nick Haley and Isaiah Howes.

"We were pretty good friends in high school, and it's always fun to come back and play against them," Snipp said. "You try your best to just focus in and get them out, like anybody else."

Snipp (1-1) was credited with the win, as he worked

two innings in relief of starter Alex Jordan. The Cats held leads of 6-1 and 12-5 over Louisville, but couldn't completely close the door, as the Cardinals came storming back with five runs in the sixth and another in the seventh, to make it a 12-11 game.

The Cats soon found the answer for the Cardinals' offensive prowess, however, as they called upon Brock Baber (3) to pitch the final inning and two-thirds, earning his second save in as many nights.

Snipp said that the win meant a lot to the team.

"We try and take the same type of intensity and focus every game," Snipp said. "But deep down, you know you really don't want to lose to Louisville."

Snipp also offered his thoughts about the team's chances of starting a new winning streak.

"I just think we need to stay positive as a team and just believe in ourselves," Snipp said. "We have the personnel, we've just got to hit a hot streak."

The game marked the second straight that was played in reasonably warm weather, and Cohen took notice.

"I think everybody gets excited to play in this kind of weather in this area of the country," Cohen said. "I think it does make a difference, especially offensively."

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## Stadium

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um.

There are airplanes flying nearby over the field. The seats are a rainbow splattering of red, green, blue and yellow. The dugout has a roof the size of a gutter. The warning track doesn't look real. The grass definitely isn't.

The ball moves so fast on the green plastic that a fifth-inning double by UK catcher Justin Scudette could have made it safely to Indianapolis had it not been for the outfield fence.

I'd be ashamed to play here.

"This is not our home field," UofL athletic director Tom Jurich said of this archaic facility.

The Cards will move into the brand new Jim Patterson (no relation) Stadium next season. I didn't contribute any of my vast income to the stadium bearing my last name, but I hope it's better than this one.

"It's going to be fabulous," Jurich assured. Plus, he said, it'll help with recruiting.

Of course it would. There are penal-league teams that wouldn't play here.

And I'm sure they would hate to trek the bridge.

On the way back to the perch to pull off my best Evil Knievel impersonation, Jurich gave a warning.

"Hey," Jurich said smiling and pointing his finger, "be careful."

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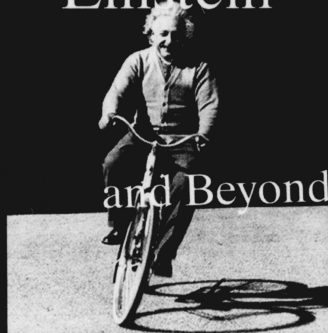
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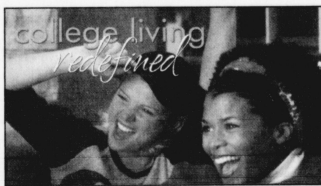
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### IN OUR OPINION

## New code could jeopardize student rights

There could soon be stiffer penalties for students who run into trouble with the law if a proposal to the student conduct code passes. The proposal would give UK jurisdiction to punish students over criminal acts committed off campus.

The new code would also get rid of the lengthy reviewing process in place now and replace it with a board of hearing officers who would hear the case and make a decision. Tony Blanton, assistant dean of students, has also said simplifying the language of the code would be a part of the changes.

Though the current review process has never actually been used, according to Blanton, it seems unnecessarily time-consuming. Depending on how serious the penalties are for the student, the decision should be made quickly so the student would be able to either appeal it or move on. The changes to the wording would be a positive change as well — if the

code governs students, they should be able to understand it easily.

But the main code changes may be over-reaching.

As it is now the only action UK can take with regard to a crime committed off campus is to pull a student out of a class if he or she is the victim of a violent crime committed by someone else in that class. The change would allow for more action against the offender, but those actions have not yet been outlined.

While he did not give examples of penalties that might be used, Blanton gave one example of the kind of crime the code changes propose to address.

"Right now if a student raped another student in the middle of Rose Street, the university couldn't do anything because it's public property," Blanton said.

This is a rather extreme example for a policy that could turn out to be too extreme. If the proposal is not more specific in what it addresses and what the punishment would be, there is a chance for creating a situation where the university could tack extra punishments onto lesser crimes — crimes the offender is already addressing through traditional legal outlets.

Brad Hartsock, a student member of the Student Code Committee, points out the poten-

tial for abuse.

"I am against such a provision except in extreme cases," he said, "as this could open the door to the university disciplining students for drinking violations or other nonviolent crimes which the Lexington government has already dealt with and the university has no business dealing with."

It is understandable to want to punish offenders of crime, but this policy seems dangerously close to a new form of double jeopardy where the offender is tried and penalized twice for the same crime. Without more specificity, this new policy could get grossly out of hand.

UK should review the code to clean up the language and potentially change the student review process to make it easier. But issues of jurisdiction should be carefully discussed, and any potential abuse should be routed out before any more power is given to UK when it comes to punishing students.

**While reforming the code language and review process is positive, enhanced UK authority could be prone to abuses.**



MATT CAREY, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

## Schiavo case an opportunity for revenge

A few more words about Terri Schiavo, if it's all well and good with the Florida courts.



Stephen Burnett  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

As of this writing, it appears the Florida woman's family members have been defeated for the last time by one court that had given them a small amount of hope for replacing Schiavo's critical feeding tube. That also gave hope to the thousands of people nationwide who have coalesced into the "Save Terri" movement. They're mostly pro-life Christians, of course, but the cause has some unlikely supporters also, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson — no friend of the "religious right."

Meanwhile, multiple causes and activists on the other side still support Michael Schiavo's wishes to prevent replacement of Terri's feeding tube and let her die.

From a variety of medical, legal, ethical and political perspectives, they argue that Terri is too far gone to save, that her facial gestures and verbal interactions mean nothing, that Congress and other government bodies were going too far to keep her alive, and that she deserves the "right to die."

It turns out they were all just kidding.

For far too many, the real issue isn't living wills or health care or even the "right to die" debate.

Instead, it's all about getting back at those right-wing bigoted American Taliban fundamentalist Christians, dang it! — supposedly for scoring so many recent political victories.

Sound too radical? Take two anti-war activists named Debra Sweet and Sunarsa Taylor, who were on the "Hannity and Colmes" debate show this week. Taylor, in a black "Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade" T-shirt, said little

about the facts of the case or Schiavo's "right to die," but instead stressed how disgusting it was that people of faith were even involved. The other protester just expressed her irritation with conservative Christians altogether — especially because they "stole" the 2000 election from usss, preciouss.

Or take this excerpt from a letter I received myself, whose author will be quite thrilled to find himself in print like this. Backhanded compliment in three, two...

"What brings a smile to my face is the fact that this woman will die next week, like (she) should have when it became apparent she was incurable, and despite the Christian Right's veritable control of all three branches (of government), they are totally powerless to stop it."

The Wall Street Journal's Peggy Noonan wrote last week that such responses are typical.

"Everyone who has written in defense of Mrs. Schiavo's right to live has received e-mail blasts full of attacks that appear to have been dictated by the unstable and typed by the unhinged," Noonan wrote. "Why are they so committed to this woman's death?"

I know — from those of you on the political left who are not so disgusting. I hear the collective grumbling. Something like, "(expletive deleted) columnist — thinks all liberals hate Christians."

How many liberals do hate Christians, then, and are willing to stoop this low? A few thousand? Maybe only a few dozen?

One murderer in America is too many. One racist in America is too many. And therefore even one Christian-hating liberal in America who wants to sacrifice Terri Schiavo just to score political revenge is too many.

They know who they are. And I'll surprise those who think this way by suggesting this: Come on out and just say what you believe, just like many brave bloggers and letter-writers have, instead of acting like

it's only about health care and the "right to die." Unlike others, I do not demand conformity from you, nor will I scream at you to shut up and get out of the country. Yet I will request authenticity.

Yes! It sounds disgusting! "Hi, I want Terri Schiavo to die only because it'll make the Christians upset and sad, and then I will be happy."

But by admitting that sick vitriol, they would be telling the truth. Then maybe we could calmly discuss why they hate the "religious right" so much.

If they refuse, then perhaps faith-based conservatives should exact their own revenge and start hiding their true motivations as well. Or even better, they could play off the haters' irrational fear and loathing and turn it against them, by pretending to support causes they actually oppose.

For example, Christian conservatives could start throwing their support behind the scandal-plagued United Nations. That would immediately make many liberals, who haven't otherwise been paying attention, very suspicious of the United Nations and those Christian conservatives who are intent on world domination! And eventually the liberals would join forces to get rid of that useless organization forever — only to discover later that ha ha, April Fool, that's just what the right-wingers wanted them to do.

Could we try that tomorrow, just in case?

No, it wouldn't work. Most conservatives, especially the faith-based ones, just don't hide their motivations like this. They'll admit who they are and what they believe, and they'll match their words with actions, regardless of the hatred from their enemies.

And that authenticity should be something we can all admire. Even after it seems they've lost this battle.

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## Ignoring shrinking oil supply will put U.S. over a barrel

Democracy invading the Middle East, the dethroning of the King of Pop, a horrific tsunami disaster, Hunter Thompson blowing his brains out — and we're only on the cusp of April.



Jonathan Meador  
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So far, this year of our Lord 2005 has seen its fair share of historical goings-on, and it's a testament to the glory of our beloved news media that we've been treated to such spectacular coverage of these events, live and in living color, ranging from the compelling (to pull the tube or not to pull the tube?) to the not-so-compelling (Brad and Jen calling it quits? Say it ain't so!).

At this rate, by June I'll need a Tivo just to keep my head above the water.

But in the midst of all this glorious uber-coverage, there lurks a story of such monumental proportions, reeking of catastrophe and utter Armageddon, of such doom and gloom, that I'm surprised the media, with their sixth sense of sensationalism, haven't bitten.

I'm talking, of course, about the issue of peak oil. This is the year that the entire world's production of oil reaches its absolute zenith, also known as the Hubbert peak, meaning that 2005 is the last year in which oil will ever be produced at this high a level on the global scale. And with half of the world's supply of oil left, each subsequent year oil production will begin its slow and steady descent until all the petrol-dinosaurs and crude-mastodons are (finally) extinct.

For those three of you that are still reading — God bless you economics majors — you can guess where I'm going next. The oil that's left after this year is what we call "bad oil," insofar as it's (a) not the primo crude we're currently pumping into our Escalades, (b) mainly located in areas where the resident population (Arabs, wildlife protesters, etc.) won't easily hand it over to us, and (c) much harder to extract and therefore much more expensive.

Consider this: The flux price of a barrel of black (or Texas) Tea, depending on your preferred nomenclature) has skyrocketed more than \$20 per barrel in a little over a year; the United States currently imports two-thirds of its daily diet of 20 million barrels; the moon has turned blood-red.

Scary stuff. Yet some of you may think that I'm exaggerating, that I'm espousing leftist scare-propaganda, that I'm "legally unfit to be around and/or operate heavy machinery," and that the American way of life will continue unabated, well through the day of rapture, if we just close our eyes tight enough.

Yet bubbles, for all their intrinsic value, inevitably burst. This month, the International Energy Agency raised its projection of annual global oil demand to 84.3 million barrels per day, putting consumption dead even with production, leaving no room whatsoever for an oil surplus of any kind.

Even the Department of Energy has gotten the wake-up call — their recent report on peak oil states that this is a problem that "will be pervasive and will not be temporary."

In sum, we're on the brink of getting what some may call "screwed."

Envision the Australian outbreak of *The Road Warrior*, that timeless Mel Gibson post-apocalyptic cult classic where roving gangs of gas-hungry marauders rape and pillage and kill in the pursuit of more gas, all the while wearing leather chaps.

Scariest stuff. And if this whole "hydrogen economy" stuff turns out to be nothing but hot air, you'd be well off if you started taking your shootings-a-double-barreled-shotgun-with-great-accuracy-while-riding-a-motorcycle lessons right now.

So where's the media in all of this? If the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are being fitted for new spurs, shouldn't we be treated to the footage? Isn't the end of civilization as we know it front-page material?

The trouble is that, like peak oil itself, we won't know about it until it finally happens. It will continue to get buried in lieu of more succulent stories; celebrities ad nauseam and "culture of life" political pyrotechnics are, sadly, much more entertaining and coverage-worthy than a story whose only superstar is a late geophysicist from Texas.

And until President Bush delivers his State of the Union address within Thunderdome, I'll keep watching the gas prices rise and rise and rise.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Boxers eye national titles

The UK boxing team begins competition at the national championships today in Colorado Springs, Colo.

UK boxers Kamal Ahmad, Chad Gilpin, John Paul Hart, Nick Hundley, Russel Lamont, Steve Sampson and Billy Spalding all qualified for nationals.

Gilpin, an All-American and defending national runner-up, won his third straight regional final March 5 in Louisville.

He defeated defending national champion Greg Watten of Navy in a decision to win the 195-pound class.

The victory gave Gilpin a 4-2 record against his rival, but the two losses came to Watten in the championship bout.

"I hope we can stop that," Gilpin said of the championship losses. "We'll just have to see."

At regionals, Hart won the 147-pound class for UK, while Ahmad, a former UK football player, won the heavyweight division — five days after having an appendectomy.

UK boxing coach George Ginter — an anesthesiologist — had no idea Ahmad had the surgery.

"I want to see the scar," he said after the fight. "He should have told me. I'll kill him."

"But you got to admire the heart."

**Softball loses to No. 4 UT**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The UK softball team dropped the decisive game of its series at No. 4 Tennessee yesterday with a 3-1 loss to the Lady Vols.

The Cats split Tuesday's double-header with a 2-1 win in the second game.

UK (15-27, 2-13 Southeastern Conference) outhit the Lady Vols (39-5, 9-2 SEC) 8-6, but the Cats were able to score just once.

The eight hits were the most All-American UT pitcher Monica Abbott (27-2) had given up all season. On Tuesday, Abbott pitched a perfect game against the Cats.

UK's Samantha Allen (10-12) took the loss, giving up two unearned runs on four hits in 2.2 innings.

"We can't play any harder than that," said UK head coach Eileen Schmidt. "We played some great games and



UK boxer Chad Gilpin poses in Louisville before the team competed in regionals March 5. Gilpin, the defending national runner up, and six of his teammates qualified for the nationals this weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo.

with a break here or there, we could have won the series against the No. 4 team and beat one of the best pitchers in the nation twice.

"There is no looking back now — we need to continue to build and get better."

UK hosts South Carolina this weekend for a three-game series. The series begins with a doubleheader at 1 p.m. on Saturday and wraps up with a single game on Sunday at 1 p.m.

**Men's soccer schools traveling Canadian team**

Days after the start of spring practice, the UK soccer team defeated Erin Mills, a Canadian traveling squad, 5-0.

The game was the first of the spring for the Cats, which won their fourth Mid-American Conference Championship in five years a season ago. UK finished last season 11-5-3 and lost in the semifinals of the MAC Tournament.

Against Erin Mills, UK also played without standouts Michael D'Agostino and Riley O'Neill, who are each on the under-20 Canadian National Team this spring.

First-team all-conference performer Thomas Senecal and Matt Baum led the way with two goals each while Chris Okamura tallied one. UK led 3-0 at the half and cruised to the victory.

Brannan Sapp and Grant Ward, both redshirt freshmen who saw no action in goal a year ago, combined for the shutout.

UK continues workouts this spring in preparations for the 2006 season.

This year, the Cats make the jump to Conference USA, which features eight teams that held a top-25 ranking during the 2004 campaign.

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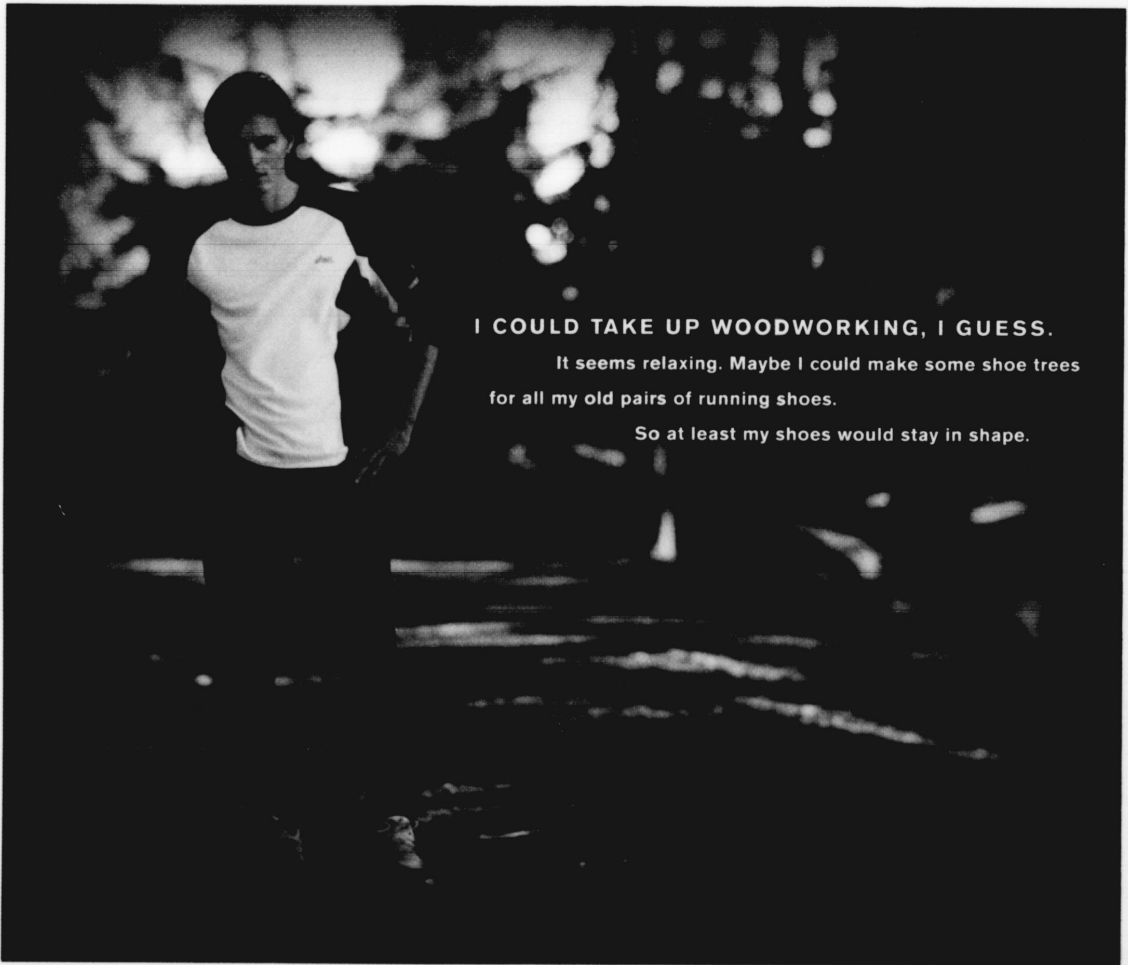
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# the A List

by ADAM DUERSON

**THE ROAD FROM** the Midwest (Chicago) to the Southwest (Austin) is long. No, really. It's like 1,200 freakin' miles. But if that's what it takes for The A List to take in NCAA games live, then so be it. Hell, while we're at it, let's head back to St. Louis for the championship game. That's right, I'm meeting up with the SIOC Ultimate March Madness Road Trip (page 15), serving as map man, escort, bellboy, in-car personal masseuse, whatever the job calls for. So keep up with The A List and crew on the road daily at SI.com.

## A VIEW FROM THE Cheap Seats

Michigan grads Randy and Jason Sklar are the snark-slinging, twin brother hosts of ESPN Classic's *Cheap Seats* (10 p.m. ET nightly). For SIOC, the Sklars watched last Thursday's Sweet 16 games, *Cheap Seats*-style

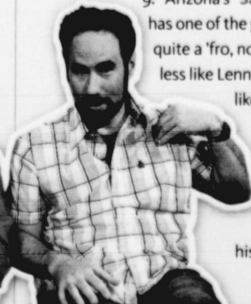
1. CBS Sports's preproduced opener: You gotta hand it to CBS—with all the crazy graphics technology that has come out in the last few years, they're still sticking with the old "smoke around the trophy" image as their runner. There was more smoke and less action in that opener than at a seventh-grade dance.

2. Is it us, or is Greg Gumbel's hair glistening?

3. Taquan Dean is one of the great three-syllable college basketball names. Right up there with Luol Deng and Uwe Blab (pronounced "blahb"), which got us thinking: If Uwe Blab were to start his own blog, would he call it "The Uwe Blog" or "The Blab Blog?"

4. Hootie of Hootie and the Blowfish is now singing about the new Tendercrisp Bacon Cheddar Ranch sandwich. You want to feel sorry for the guy until you realize that the song is way better than *Hold My Hand* because he gets to say the line, "The breasts, they grow on trees."

5. Thank goodness they are



6. You'd hate to have to sit behind the Oklahoma State Cowboy mascot at a game with that hat. That's like sitting behind Erykah Badu (right) at a Dodgers game.

7. We love Washington guard Nate Robinson's behind-the-back pre-free throw ritual. Shades of Curly Neal. We half expected him to throw a bucket of confetti on the back end of the one-and-one.

8. UW-Milwaukee's Joah Tucker is sporting the headband-with-no-hair look (the Bonzi Wells). That's like putting a belt on a cantaloupe—it just doesn't work.

9. Arizona's Salim Stoudamire has one of the great haircuts. Not quite a 'fro, not quite dreads. It's less like Lenny Kravitz and more like the woman in his band who plays the drums.

10. Is Bobby Knight wearing a red collar, or is his neck exploding?



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## Facts of the Week

### FLORIDA SWIMMER

RYAN LUCHEE could use a lesson in humility. Says his profile: "I am very laid back. I go with the flow. I hate frat guys. Love to party. I have an Olympic gold and silver medal from 2004 Olympics."

BOOKS ARE NOT SO POPULAR. "Who reads nowadays?" asks Miami volleyball's



Not Arizona basketball's

He claims not to know how. Among those who do are Stanford guard Candice Wiggins (above; her favorite: *US Weekly*), N.C. State two-sporter

(*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*), UConn football's

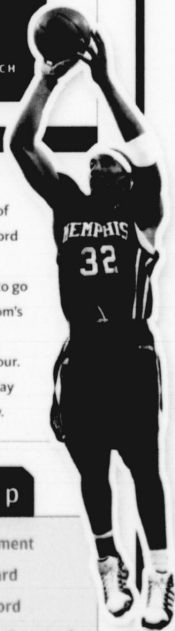
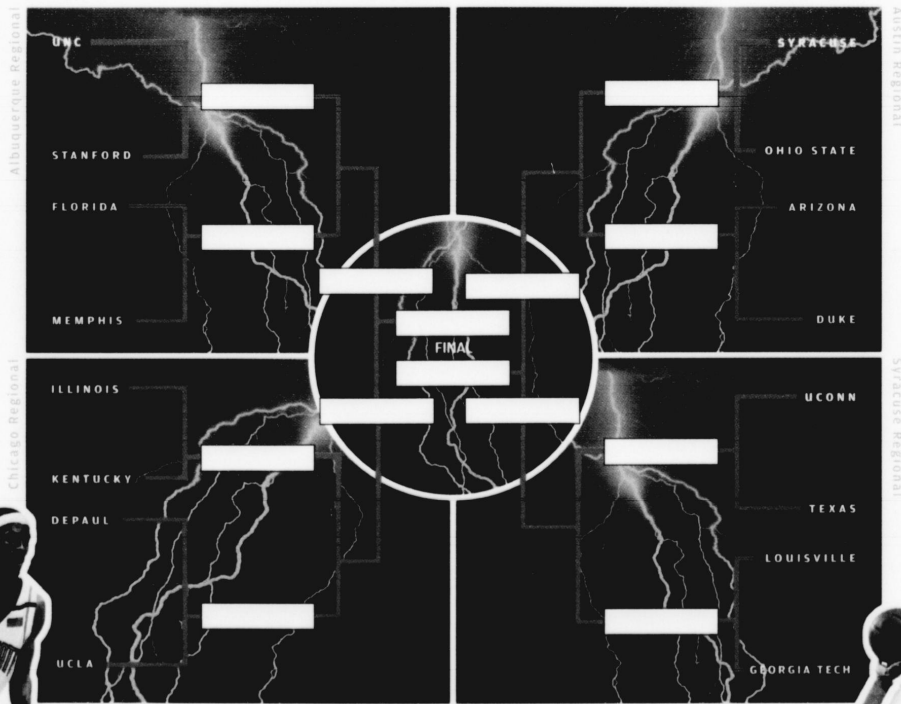
(*Playboy*) and Cornell wrestler

(books on tape)

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The Fantasy Bracket

**KANSAS AND 'CUSE** sink faster than a Kevin Pittsnogle cannonball. Pretty boy Matt Walsh blubbers like a baby while baby-faced Mike Gansey lays claim to the title "Mr. Double Overtime." Bob Knight hugs his wife, then self-immolates on national radio—after a win, mind you. And all those Tendercrisp Bacon Cheddar Ranch commercials to boot! This, you say, is your fantasy March

Madness. With all due respect to Hootie, SIOC begs to differ.

In our March 10–17 issue we presented our first fantasy NCAA tournament, which asked the following question: What if every pro prospect stuck around for four years? In the end we had Carmelo Anthony and Syracuse edging out a UCLA team with Tony Parker (never mind that those schools' real squads flamed out in

the first round). Some of you said we were crazy, so we took the query to the masses, posting a flushed-out 64-team bracket online and asking SI.com readers, What's your fantasy?

Turns out SIOC was less crazy than you thought. Through two rounds the voting stayed fairly consistent with our

thinking: Eddy Curry's DePaul, for example, edged

LeBron's Buckeyes, Dwight Howard's Heels and Amare Stoudemire's Tigers all advanced to our Sweet 16.

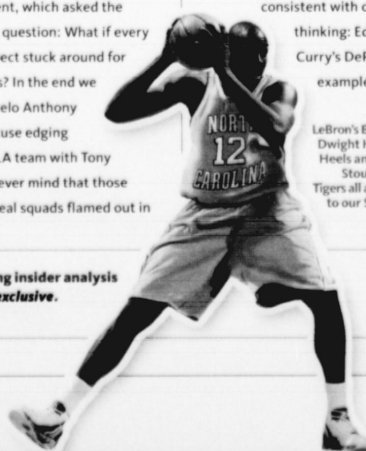
out Chris Paul's Wake Forest, and the return of Josh Childress to Stanford doomed Washington.

Now we need you to go online and vote as SI.com's fantasy tournament approaches the Final Four. So log on to SI.com today and tell us your fantasy.

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► **moment**

**3.26.05** Illinois guard Deron Williams capped one of the most dramatic comebacks ever in the NCAA's with this game-tying trey against Arizona in the regional final. Just over three minutes earlier the Illini had been down by 19 points, and overtime later they were on their way to their first Final Four in 15 years.  
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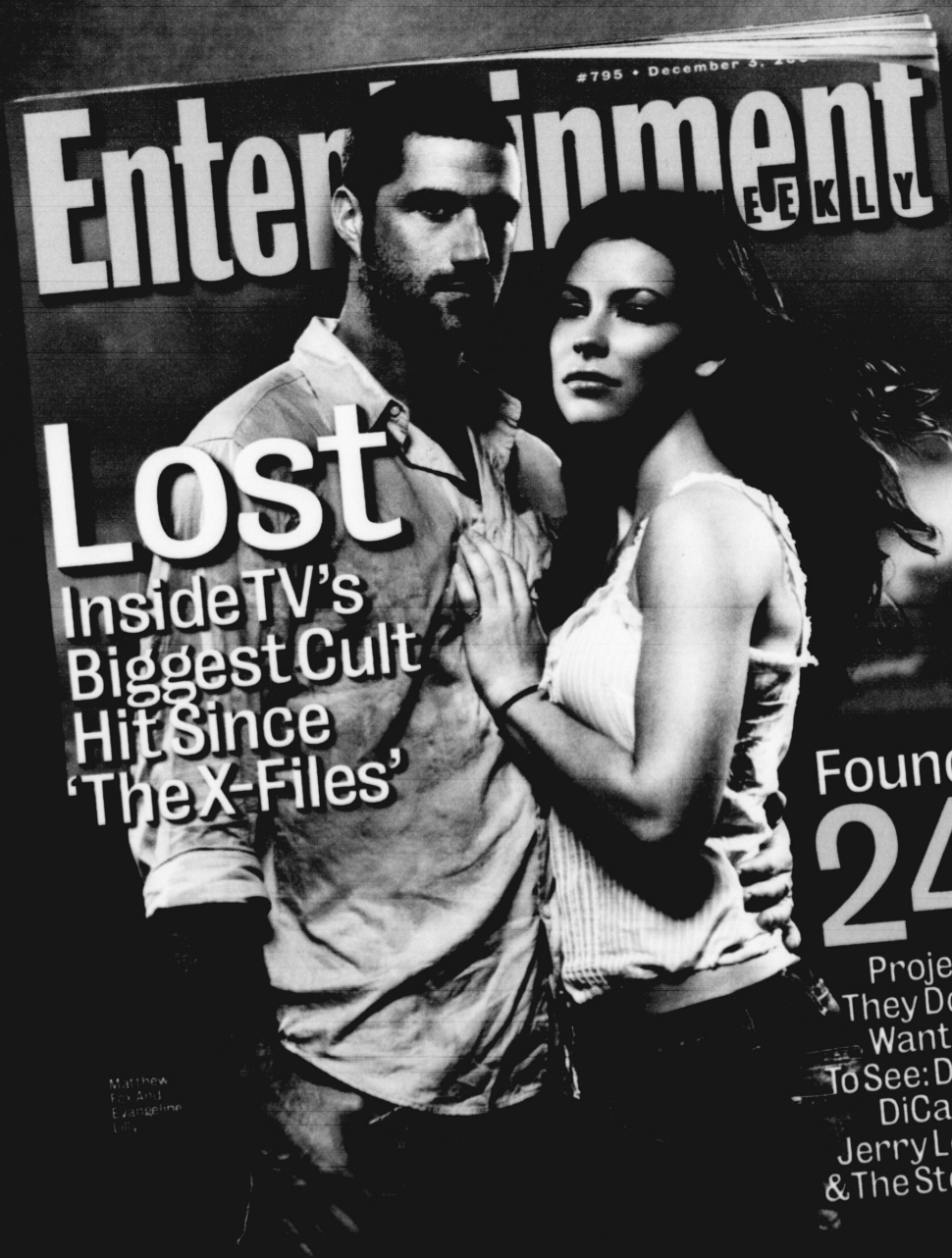
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# SCORECARD



Will Wakefield (left) and the Lords make a serious splash in the pool, but their streak has left few ripples, even on their own campus.

## masters of their Domain

...the pool for the 26th—26th!—straight year by Matthew Waxman

### KENYON MEN'S

...you've just... consecutive... national champi... you going to... know," says... a member... relay teams



at the NAAs in Holland, Mich. "We've got to get our schoolwork together now." This small college (enrollment: 1,550) in the no-stoplight burg of Gambier, Ohio, is putting together the greatest title run in NCAA history, and its swimmers are talking about schoolwork? Schoolwork?

The New York Yankees, the most successful franchise in pro sports, have also won 26 championships,


but it took them 78 seasons to do it. After Kenyon, the team with the second-longest active championship streak in college is the Methodist women's golf squad, with seven D-III titles. The last time a team other than Kenyon won the swimming championship, Jimmy Carter was still in office.

Coach Jim Steen has been at the helm for 24 of the 26 titles (he was on sabbatical for the other two) and makes John Wooden look like Tim Floyd. The women are top slouches either, having won

17 championships in a row from 1984 through 2000.

Just what is it in the water that has led to this dynasty in, of all places, central Ohio? Says Kenyon sports information director Marty Fuller, "We recruit saying, 'Hey, we just won our 26th in a row. Come swim for us.'" It's worked. Eight swimmers on the team grew up outside the United States, including Elliot Rushton of Canada, who won three events and a relay at the NAAs.

Now if the Lords could only get students to come cheer for them. Attendance at home meets resembles a cellphone plan: friends and family. "When people [on campus] see you, they'll give you a shout-out, say, 'What's up,' and, 'Thanks for bringing it home,'" Hunt says, "but they only recognize us because we have our heads shaved." How was the team greeted last week after returning home victorious? A ticker-tape parade? Legions of crazy Swimfans? "Nah. When we got back to campus, everyone was talking about what they did on spring break," Hunt says. "They got tans and we got to go to Holland, Michigan."

Another spring break. Another national title. Now, time for that schoolwork. 

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# the EDGE

California, here we come. The theme song from *The O.C.* might as well have been the rallying cry of the Iowa State women's basketball team two weeks ago when it flew to Fresno for its first NCAA tournament appearance in three years. SIOC asked the Cyclones to look for some Kodak moments, and even though they lost their first-round game to Utah, they came back with a photo album from their week



**1** Team manager Cassie Hall couldn't resist the mojo of Andy Bishop—even though Bishop is engaged to ISU forward Lisa Kriener. **2** The Cyclones were cell-happy after a flight during which their plane had to make an unscheduled stop in Albuquerque to refuel, delaying their arrival by two hours. **3** Practice at Save Mart Center, and—surprise!—no Allen Iverson. **4** The NCAA set up Iowa State and Arizona State at the Piccadilly Inn. The coolest part about the hotel? The bartender at Oliver's, where the Cyclones ate late Thursday night after their flight, was an ISU grad. **5** The Cyclones coerced the World Sports Cafe sports bar to open at 9:30 a.m. on Friday so they could watch the ISU men play their NCAA game. While there, Kriener (left) and Katie Robinette got firsthand knowledge of the size of Shaquille O'Neal's palms. **6** Brittany Wilkins (right) and Kandice Beenken were both raised on farms, which probably explains why they didn't leave home all season without their animals.



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> CROSSWORD

# March Madness

by Bill Syken

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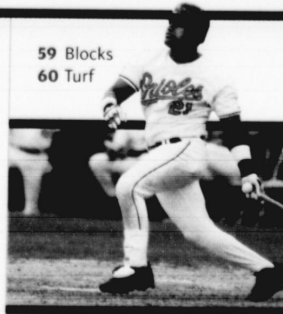
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faces IN THE CROWD

# OUT OF NOWHERE

UCLA quarterback Ben Olson went two years without reading a newspaper or surfing the Net and only recently found most intriguing newcomer

BY JACOB HARKAZI

**BEN OLSON IS SITTING** at a small table in the food court on the second floor of UCLA's Ackerman Union. While students pass by carrying trays of fish tacos and orange chicken, Olson keeps his head down, sketching arrows going in different directions in the corner of his playbook. He finally looks up and lets out a sigh as he shakes his head. ¶ "It's so frustrating," says the redheaded

6' 5", 235-pound quarterback. "I've never played in anything like the West Coast offense before. I have to think about things now I used to do instinctively." This spring Olson has been doing more than just learning

UCLA's complicated system. After returning in November from a two-year Mormon mission in Canada, Olson, the most touted high school quarterback from California since John Elway, is learning how to play football again. While his left arm still

zings passes to receivers with the velocity and accuracy that made him the nation's top recruit in 2002, he hasn't played a single down of football since then. "The whole process is like riding a bike," says Olson, who redshirted his first season at BYU before going on his mission. "I'm trying to get the training wheels off and get back on the two-wheeler again." Olson didn't have much time to train or practice football while he was in Canada. His days began around 6:30 a.m. and ended at 9:30 p.m. In that

time he would knock on doors and talk to people in the streets about his faith. On a good day, he estimates, he might be asked into one out of every 50 homes he approached. When Olson returned from his mission, plenty of coaches began knocking on his door, trying to lure him to their programs. For college coaches, Olson is the equivalent of a Peyton Manning, a can't-miss quarterback with excellent leadership skills. Even after committing to UCLA in December to be closer to his Thousand Oaks, Calif.,

home, Olson got a phone call from newly hired Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis, who attempted to persuade Olson to come to South Bend. Aside from reacquainting himself with football, Olson—who during his mission was allowed to call home only on Mother's Day and Christmas and had no access to television, newspapers or the Internet—also required a crash course in pop culture. "During one of my recruiting trips when I got back, one guy asked me what I thought of Paris Hilton, and I

“One guy asked me what I thought of Paris Hilton,” Olson says, “and I had no idea who she was.”

had no idea who she was,” Olson says. “It still happens today. If a song comes on that came out after I left, I’ll ask if it’s new, and everyone will look at me like I’m joking.” Despite his penchant for mistaking played-out tunes like OutKast’s *Hey Ya* as new releases and asking who Lindsay Lohan is, Olson has made a fairly smooth transition back into college life. He is taking three classes this semester and participated in the Bruins’ winter conditioning program before the start of spring drills.

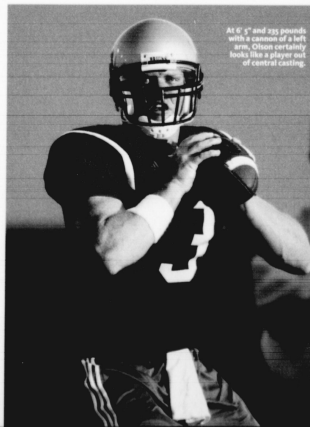
Sitting in the back of a large lecture hall on an early March morning, Olson perches his black shoes on the empty seat in front of him. He is wearing a black Quiksilver hat and shirt and a pair of blue jeans. He pulls a notebook and pencil from his backpack and gabs with classmates before the Atmospheric Environment class begins. As the lights are dimmed, the professor turns on an overhead projector to reveal the subject of today’s lecture: “Pressures and Heights.” This could just as easily be the title of Olson’s autobiography. “It’s going to take time,” Olson says later. “I’m confident that I’ll be better than I’ve ever been, but it’s not going to come overnight.”

With his first class out of the way, Olson walks across campus to his American Folklore lecture. “I’m probably going to leave early since I have to get taped up and ready for practice,” he says as he takes a seat beside tailback Maurice Drew and five other teammates. Because he has been up

since 5 a.m. to make it to the Bruins’ morning workout, Olson comes close to fitting in an unscheduled mid-afternoon nap during a video presentation on window screen paintings. He thinks better of it, however, grabs his backpack and politely bails out the back door before it’s too late.

Next stop: the Acosta Sports Training Center, next to Pauley Pavilion, to get ready for practice. Sitting in front of his locker, he pulls out his playbook and opens it. “What I’m doing right now is tougher than any class I’ve ever taken,” he says. “It’s not even close.”

Immersed in his football studies, Olson blocks out the teammates who are teasing him for having a reporter and a photographer following him



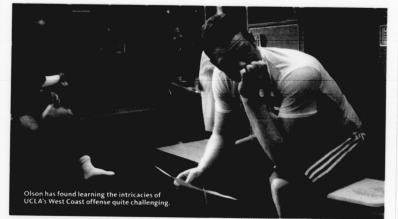
All 6' 5" and 235 pounds with a cannon of a left arm, Olson certainly looks like a player out of central casting.



SWEAT BEGINS DRENCH WHAT SPORT IS IN PLAY.

ALL I WANT IS HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON. ANYTIME THEY CHEAT  
THEY TAKE MORE THAN I DO WATER. I OPERATE WITH RAIN, THE MEDIUM AND  
I'M ALWAYS A BITTER TO SWEAT OUT WATER DRY HER.

FACES IN THE CROWD



Olson has found learning the intricacies of UCLA's West Coast offense quite challenging.

to draw up the play, cringing and wondering if he has the correct one. When he finishes, he looks at Svoboda and asks, "Is this right? Is it wrong?" Svoboda looks at the play, nods in approval and moves on to the next quarterback.

Following the meeting Olson goes back to the locker room, puts on his pads and his red number 3 jersey and walks to nearby Spaulding Field for practice. With last year's starter, senior Drew Olson (no relation, although Ben introduces him as his cousin),

still recovering from the torn left ACL he suffered during the Las Vegas Bowl, Ben splits snaps with the three other QBs. All the anxiety and uneasiness he showed earlier in the day melt away during the two-hour practice as he completes pass after pass, zipping the football to the outstretched arms of his receivers.

"I'm getting there," Olson says as he walks off the field. "I think I'm the best quarterback on this team. I have to keep that mind-set and know it's going to come together." **G**

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Who's No. 1 (again) in '05?

**FORGET ABOUT MARCH MADNESS.** Chances are, your school's history anyway. With spring football upon us, Arash Markazi drops his pre-season college football top 16 this week.

**1. USC:** It would take a minor miracle (or a major injury) for the headlines not to read **THREE-PETE** come the first week of January. Heisman-winning QB Matt Leinart joins All-World tailback Reggie Bush (right) and 13 other returning starters from a squad that has won 22 straight games. Offensive guru Norm Chow might be missed someday. Just won't be this season.



**2. TENNESSEE:** Erik Ainge (left) drew comparisons with Peyton Manning after he threw for a Vol's freshman-record 17 touchdowns before injuring his right shoulder. Back healthy, with the SEC's most talented trio of receivers and senior tailback Gerald Riggo Jr. primed for a breakout season, Ainge could do something Manning never did: win a national title.



**3. TEXAS:** If Vince Young (right) can be as accurate with his arm as he is elusive with his feet, it's hard to imagine any team corraling the Longhorns this season. After staging his breakout party at last year's Rose Bowl, Young hopes to lead UT back to Pasadena. He'll have plenty of help: 16 starters return from last year's 11-1 squad.



For the rest of Arash Markazi's Sweet 16 picks, go to [sl.com/scorecard](http://sl.com/scorecard).

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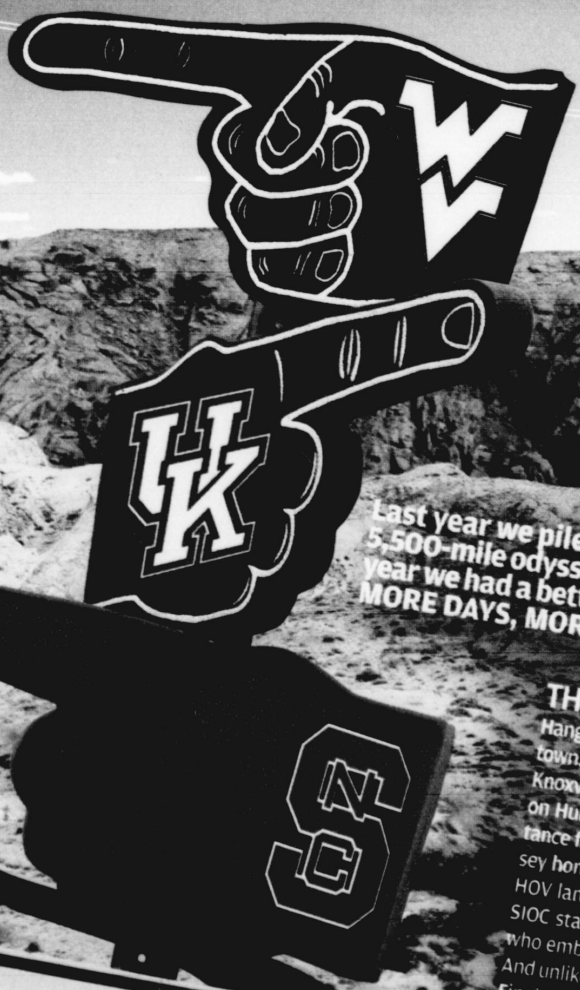
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Last year we piled three staffers into an RV for a 5,500-mile odyssey through March Madness. This year we had a better idea: **MORE ROAD-TRIPPERS, MORE DAYS, MORE MILES, MORE MADNESS**

**THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR?**

Hang a right on Jerry West Boulevard in Morgan town, W.Va. Then a left on Pat Summitt Drive in Knoxville, Tenn. Spend no more than three seconds on Hurley Lane, which is just a TV timeout's distance from Duke legend Bobby Hurley's New Jersey home. Drive as many hours as you can in the HOV lane. ¶ Why? Because we did—we being 12 SIOC staffers, six undergrads and six postgrads, who embarked on this mad dash through March. And unlike 61 other schools we could mention, our Final Four quest (or MapQuest) remains viable. More than just viable, in fact. Enviably. ¶ Not that it seems that way when our expedition, driving an Expedition, arrives in Dayton on the Ides of March for the play-in game. Hey! Look! It's two schools nobody's ever heard of (Oakland?) competing to avoid a premature evacuation from the NCAAAs. ¶ Is this any way to launch the most anticipated tournament in or outside of Medieval Times? I mean, the media are not issued credentials to this game: they're issued subpoenas. If there were an ancient Chinese proverb describing the Road to the Final Four, it would be: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with the worst step." ¶ And yet there's a buzz in the air—wait, that's an F-15 fighter jet taking off from nearby Wright-Patterson >>>

**MARCH TO THE ARCH**





Air Force Base. (Mach Madness?) Hold on . . . yes . . . now we hear it. ¶ "O-U!" (clap, clap). "O-U!" (clap, clap).

Two busloads of Oakland students emerge from their rides, frothing with fervor for their school. O.K., so that cheer is not *Boomer Sooner* (one fan actually laments, "I wish we had a song"), but guess what? The Golden Grizzlies will win just as many games (one) in this tournament as Oklahoma.

That's what makes this annual Carmelodrama so captivating: opportunity. No matter how big or small your school, if you belong here, the NCAA tournament provides you the chance to prove it. Doesn't matter if you're OU or . . . OU.

So now our journey has juice. In Indianapolis we watch Eastern Kentucky practice in Hinkle Fieldhouse (where the climactic moments of *Hoosiers* were filmed) and wonder why coach Travis Ford, whose underdog Colonels will soon face mighty Kentucky, does *not* break out the tape measure. We sit amid a sea of real-life Hoosiers in a half-empty Assembly Hall during an NIT game in Bloomington and listen as they explain with reverence, "It's not Bob Knight, and it isn't Bobby Knight. It's Coach Knight. And it always will be." Back in Indy we find first-round friendship with fellow pilgrims spending an afternoon in a saloon (Slippery Noodle Inn) that is older (est. 1850) than basketball itself (est. 1891).

*How far do you have Louisville going?*

*I didn't see Ashley Judd; did you?*

*I don't care if it is St. Patrick's Day—green beer is nasty.*

Living the tournament as opposed to watching it on TV, we discover that the Big Dance is about so much more than bracketball. It's about smiling at the 5' 9" walk-on who is the first one off the bench at every timeout to slap hands with his five teammates approaching the huddle. (Big ups to Adam Gracely of Texas.) Or hanging out in a bar in Nashville with a pack of George Washington students (one of whom puked under your stool when you left to use the men's room and is now attempting, in vain, to hide his egression) moments before their school attempts to Bucknell Georgia Tech ("G-W-U! G-W-U!").

**One shining moment?**  
We've had plenty more than that. —John Walters



Walters (right) and the gang dropped in on March icon Bobby Hurley, the first step on the road to St. Louis.

# Eight Things You'd Never Know . . .

. . . from watching March Madness on your couch

**College basketball teams bring serious entourages.** Each team apparently needs at least four assistants. No matter the size of the program, there are always a bunch of suits on the bench. At the Oklahoma-Arizona women's game in Knoxville on March 20 the OU suits practically outnumbered the players. And that's just the start of it. You should see the rest of these March Madness posses. Academic deans, provosts, school presidents, not to mention the families of these school officials. *Hi, I'm the wife of the assistant to the dean of facilities management. These are my 17 children.*

Worst of all, they get all the best seats. For Illinois's first-round game in Indianapolis the school was allotted 350 tickets. You know how many were offered to the Orange Krush, only the best student section in the country? Seventeen. Of course players' families should receive tickets, but giving even one seat to a dorky university bureaucrat who claps off beat and smiles as if he was responsible for the team's success instead of to any member of the Orange Krush is ridiculous.

**Size does matter.** On television each court appears filled with hootin' and hollerin' fans, but the experience at the 37,500-seat RCA Dome in Indianapolis felt quite different from that at the 18,000-seat Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville. The RCA Dome is Peyton Manning's house. To establish a modicum of intimacy, temporary seats were erected, rendering a third of the dome useless. Illini fans were barely audible in Indy, while Louisville fans in the Music City electrified the cozier arena. In college basketball, err on the side of small and intimate.

**Cinderella wears Nikes.** For the Big Dance, Nike takes on the role of fairy godmother and sends new kicks to the potential Cinderellas. For example, before Oakland's play-in game, Phil Knight & Co. shipped new shoes to the Grizzlies, who were psyched like kids on Christmas morning. Even if the Cinderellas falter early in the dance, they don't have to return the shoes. You might not think this is such a big deal. The players certainly do.

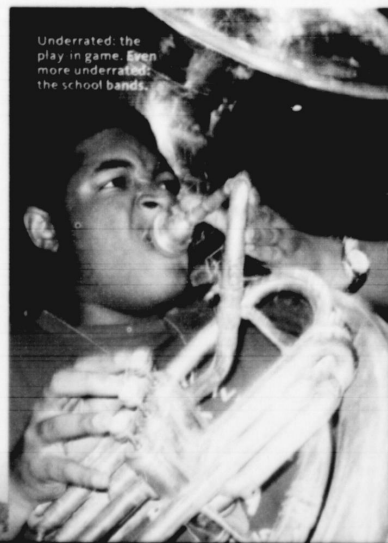
**Bands are cool.** From your couch at home the schools' bands seem nothing more than a nice cutaway while CBS tells you the tournament is sponsored by Cingular Wireless and Sahara. But at the games they're an integral part of the cheer squad. Fans play off the musical cues for cheers, and when not playing, the band spearheads the cheering effort. The horn sections shout as hard as they blow. Best band: Stetson's (in the women's tournament) or the cowbell of Indiana (in the NIT). More cowbell, please!

**Apparently, scalping is not illegal in certain states.** Who knew? (It was kind of a bummer, because I really wanted to break the law.) Also, scalpers will take pesos. On a day when we were \$10 short for tickets, one of our SIOC correspondents, Mac Caplan of Yale, had 100 pesos (worth roughly \$8.87) and offered them to the scalper. Boy, was the scalper excited. I don't know what he planned on doing with the pesos while in Indy, but he happily accepted them.

**Underrated: the play-in game. Even more underrated: the school bands.**



Look out, Jessica. Maggie's moving in on your man.







It's gotta be the shoes! Playing in fresh swooshes, Marshall scored 29 points in the play-in win against Alabama A&M.

ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP



# The Art of Scoring Great Seats

It's a lot easier—and cheaper—than you ever imagined

AS A POOR college student, the only front-row seats you're likely to get are in your living room. But with a little ingenuity you can land primo seats without having to exploit Daddy's law firm connections. Obstacle 1: the ticket. Put what you hope to pay in your right pocket and what you're willing to pay in your left. Offer what's in your right pocket first—say it's all you have. The left pocket is your last resort. The best technique is to find desperate scalpers and play them against each other. At the RCA Dome,

I got a free ticket; one scalper surrendered it just to spite his rival. Obstacle 2: personal seat upgrade. If you look like you belong, you do. One surefire way to get past the usher: Approach with hands full of food. "Ticket's in my pocket," you say in a harried voice. Once past the usher, take the seat like it's yours. Now it is. —Mac Caplan

Sixteen seeds are damn glad to be here. The prevailing thought around the country is that it blows to be a No. 16 seed. You're one-and-done, and the one is a blowout. But when I asked Oakland forward Rawle Marshall how he felt about being in the tournament, he couldn't contain his glee. And this was before the play-in game. That same glee was apparent on the face of Delaware State's Aaron Williams. In the future, when he looks back and tells his kids about 2005, he

won't remember the 11-point loss to Duke. He'll remember that he got to play in the tournament, that his winning shot that had gotten the Hornets into the Dance six days earlier appeared over and over on *SportsCenter* and that a school janitor practically fell out a window to congratulate him. So don't feel sorry for the 16 seeds. They don't feel sorry for themselves. **Nick Lachey is everywhere.** Nick cheered on his Cincy boys in Indianapolis on Saturday, March 19, but he was also in Nashville the night before for Louisville's and Georgia Tech's first-round games. Though he was among the common folk on Saturday, Nick watched from a skybox on Friday night. Pretty accessible, likable guy, too. In Nashville, SIOC talked his manager into a little face time with Mr. Jessica Simpson, who sauntered to the skybox door to reveal his Final Four picks.

"I got UNC, Syracuse, Wake and Oklahoma State," the spiky-haired hunk tells me as he takes a pull from his Miller Lite (just like on TV!).

"No Illini?" I ask.

He explains he wanted to go against the grain with some of his picks so he wouldn't have to deal with the tiebreaker nonsense.

Later that evening Vermont would bust Nick's bracket wide open, and West Virginia would do the same the following night. Don't worry though, Nick—Jessica, who correctly forecasted Xavier and Georgia Tech going deep last year, probably had the Catamounts over 'Cuse. She probably even called Bucknell.

**My traveling buddy John Walters is wrong about the play-in game.** No matter what he might say (yeah, the subpoenas in lieu of media credentials was a clever line), the play-in game offers a great basketball atmosphere. You ask, How can that be? Well, for one, a would-be 16 seed actually wins a tournament game. Also, the fans have a chance to go crazy for longer than the first possession of a game. If you were watching *Law & Order: Petty Theft* instead, you missed out. Never again will you see Oakland fans holding up North Carolina jerseys and asking the Tar Heels to bring it on.

—Maggie Haskins



Tickets were scarce in Chicago for the Sweet 16, but with a little resourcefulness, SIOC's Jaime Lowe was able to score some ducats in the nosebleeds and move closer to the floor.

# The Perfect 10

For the ultimate road trip, SIOC offers its ultimate March Madness mix



1. **One Shining Moment**, David Barrett
2. **Drop It Like It's Hot**, Snoop Dogg
3. **Like a Prayer**, Madonna
4. **I Wish**, Skee-Lo
5. **Lap Dance**, N.E.R.D.
6. **Friends in Low Places**, Garth Brooks
7. **Cinderella**, Britney Spears
8. **Basketball Jones**, Barry White and Chris Rock
9. **Magic Johnson**, Red Hot Chili Peppers
10. **Champagne Supernova**, Oasis





ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP

# Things I Hate About You

Anything Duke and UNC can do Cal and Stanford can do better, say two roadies

ON MARCH 21 the roadies hit Tobacco Road to get inside Duke-North Carolina, the most bitter rivalry east of Cal-Stanford. Which better candidates to look into the neighboring nastiness than SIOC correspondents Grant Marek of Cal and Scott Allen of Stanford, who found some similarities—and some differences—to the hatin' they know back home.

**Marek:** We came, we saw, we rivaled. After a day spent in Chapel Hill with the No. 1-seed Tar Heels and a night at local brewery Top of the Hill with UNC's hottie-horned mascot Rameses the Ram, I can honestly say I've found a suitable replacement for toilet paper: Duke. The Carolina blue-clad masses, and Rameses (whose real name is Stephanie Wheeler) opened my eyes to the East Coast equivalent of your trust fund buddies at Stanford, Scottie. Allow me to offer the perfect metaphor for the public school-private school rivalry, East Coast or West: You remember that little arm wrestling match to which you so insolently challenged Rameses? And perhaps that big drum of whupass she proceeded to open on you?

**Allen:** Grant, my friend, while you were busy contemplating the possibility of you and Rameses getting comfy in the Blue Devil's costume, three ex-UNC men's soccer players were absolutely ripping on their own, a bunch of Carolina frat boys. It seems the hate in Chapel Hill is focused as much within as it is eight miles down the road. Carolina kids are Duke wannabes.

**Marek:** Careful there, Stanford, or I'll tie you up like Cal's infamous Phoenix Five roped the "Furd tree" in 1998. All right, enough with the hatin' already. Remember, the editors up in New York wanted to know what we thought about the Duke-UNC rivalry. I'll say this about the UNC folk: They've definitely got the rioting thing down (see East Franklin Street after the Tar Heels' win over the Dookies on March 6). But you know what's sorely lacking? The pranking. Nothing of their compares to the Cal fan who, during the Big Game in 1990, managed to override a referee's microphone and told thousands in the stands and many more watching on TV at home, "Penalty. Excessive arrogance. Stanford sucks."

**Allen:** I agree about the pranking. It sure makes the nation's best rivalry (that would be ours) a lot more fun. Pranking in the Blue Devil State leaves something to be desired. No stories like the Stanford band dressing in blue and gold—Bears colors—and blaring the Cal fight song off-key in San Francisco during Big Game week in '99. Gotta love it. So, Grant, those pictures circulating on the Internet of you and Cal's mascot, Oski, smeared in honey, just another Stanford prank, right?

# The All-Hair Team

SIOC unveils its mane men



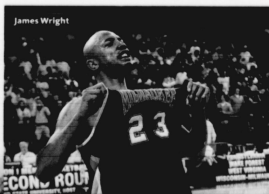
- THE FIRST two weeks of the tournament didn't lack for hair-raising moments—or coifs.
- Patrick Sparks, Kentucky** Big style points for that hint of a wave in his crew cut.
  - Taylor Copenrath, Vermont** Think Kris Kringle from that old Christmas special.
  - Andrew Bogut, Utah** Proudly sporting the just-hitting puberty teenstache.
  - Luke Schenscher, Georgia Tech** Lacks fellow Aussie Bogut's spiky but tops his mop.
  - Adam Morrison, Gonzaga** Randall Pink Floyd phoned. He wants his hairstyle back.
  - Jihad Muhammad, Cincinnati** His spotty play and locks inspire both dread and dreads.

**SI.com** FOR DAILY TALES From the Ultimate Road Trip, including a West Coast take on the Kentucky-Louisville rivalry and UNC star Sean May baking cupcakes to \*NSYNC, go to SI.com.

# Pop It Like It's Hot

Everywhere you looked this March, players were poppin' jerseys

**SPRING '05'S HOTTEST TREND?** There's no stoppin' the poppin'. How to celebrate a steamroller slam, a fallaway try or an upset of Kansas? Clutch these regions of jersey with each hand, then press outward to highlight the name of your school. It's called "popping." The ju'ry's still out on whether it's the summit of school spirit or the nadir of numskull narcissism ("Look at me!"), but popping has an entry in our March Madness glossary—directly below Pittsburgh. LW



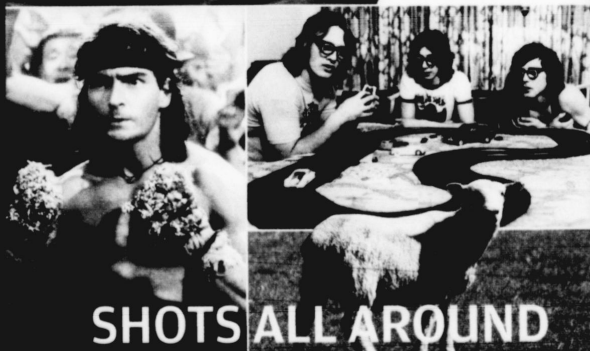
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# the final

Our pantheon of big shots included (clockwise from top left): Shannon Lucio of *Spring Break Shark Attack*, a bleating Knight, a hijacked sheep and the Hanson brothers.



## SHOTS ALL AROUND

From slap shots and strange snapshots to *Hot Shots!* and potshots, the author gets in the last shot on a memorable month **BY JOHN WALTERS**



**March 12, buckshot:** The U.S. Military Academy wins the NCAA rifle championship. It is Army's first title and biggest victory (depending on your stance on Iraq) in more than 50 years.

**March 17, rim shot:** Cincinnati wins its opening-round game over Iowa on the strength of guard Jihad Muhammad. Just by typing that, I've been placed on an FBI watch list.

**March 18, bank shot:** Describes the game-winning jump hook by Bucknell center Chris McNaughton over Kansas All-America Wayne Simien in the Bison's 64-63 first-round upset of the Jayhawks.

**March 18, tequila shot:** What a pair of well-heeled Temple law students bought

me in a Nashville bar to celebrate Bucknell's victory.

**March 19, bloodshot:** My eyes on this morning.

**March 19, Pop-A-Shot:** Sitting on the three-point line, his feet in the air, Hopkins (Minn.) High sophomore Blake Hof-farber sends the Class 4-A state championship game into double overtime by nailing an 18-footer with 0.2 of a second remaining. Hopkins goes on to defeat Eastview 71-60.

**March 20, big shot:** N.C. State's Hodge hits an off-balance layup (and is fouled) in traffic with 4.3 seconds left to upend defending national champion UConn 65-62.

**March 21, pot shot:** What ex-Indiana coach Bob Knight took at current Hoosiers head man Mike Davis, his former assistant, during a radio interview. "The guy that's coaching there is a guy," Knight told Sporting News Radio, "that I told Pat [Knight, his assistant] we were going to replace at the end of the [2001] season."

**March 25, slap shot:** First-round face-offs begin in the men's ice hockey national championships.

**March 31, parting shot:** *Spring Break Shark Attack II*. Make it happen, CBS. **Q**

### FOUL SHOTS, JUMP SHOTS, HOOK SHOTS,

eerie footage of ESPN.com's Jim Caple downing shots: all are intrinsic to March Madness. But there are so many others. The following is a roundup of snapshots of the month past, a shot-by-shot analysis.

**March 2, Hot Shots! Part Deux:** Actress Denise Richards files for divorce from this film's star, Charlie Sheen.

**March 6, cheap shot:** Wake Forest's Chris Paul decks Julius Hodge of N.C. State with a punch to the groin, the

**(March 7) upshot** of which was Paul's being suspended by the school for Wake's ACC tournament opener. The Demon Deacons lose five days later... to the Wolfpack.

**March 11, mug shot:** Oregon State football player Ben Siegert is charged with DUI. In the cab of his pickup police find a stolen 200-pound sheep, which happens to be a subject in an OSU study of homosexuality in sheep. Siegert is not charged for the latter incident. Apparently the AP headline, BEAVER LINE-MAN CAUGHT WITH STOLEN SHEEP, is punishment enough.

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**THE ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP, PART 2**  
The long march to the Arch comes to a close as SIOC's road warriors descend on St. Louis and the Final Four. Plus, our winter players of the year are recognized.

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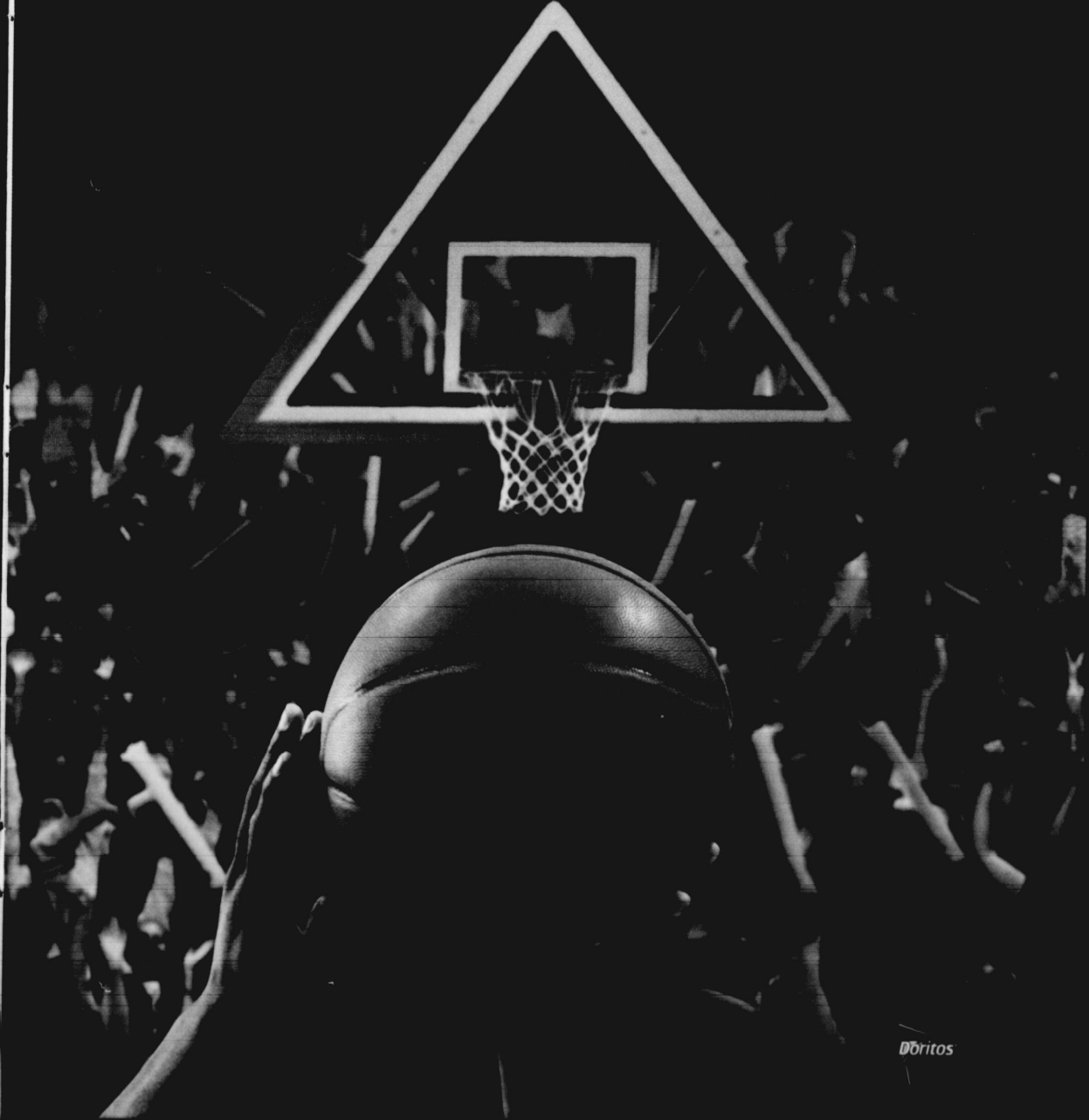
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