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How to deal with stress

Use your Mastercard to pay your Visa and vice-versa.

When someone says "have a nice day", tell them you have other plans.

Make a list of things to do that you have already done.

Dance naked in front of your pals.

Put your toddler's clothes on backwards and send him to preschool as if nothing is wrong.

Leaf through "National Geographic" and draw underwear on the natives.

Buy a subscription to "Seizoid Weekly" and send it to your boss's wife.

Pay your electric bill in pennies.

Drive to work in reverse. Tell your boss to "blow it out your mule" and let him figure it out.

Start a nasty rumor and see if you recognize it when it comes back to you.

Stare at people through the lines of a fork and pretend they're in jail.

Make up a language and ask people for directions in it.

Replace the filling of a Twinkie with ketchup and put it back in the wrapper.

Bill your doctor for time spent in his waiting room.

Do your assignments in binary code.

Find out what a frog in the blender really looks like.

Make a list of things to do that you have already done.

Retaliate for tax woes by filling out tax forms in Roman numerals.

Tape pictures of your boss on watermelons and launch them from high places.

Drive to work in reverse. Relaxing by mentally reflecting on your favorite episode of the "Futurama" during an important finance meeting.

Sit naked on a shelled hard-boiled egg.

Make a tape recording of a lion roaring and play it while frolicking with your kitten in front of the neighbors.

Ask your neighbor if anything got broken in last night's earthquake.

Ride up the escalator facing backwards.

Phone the minister of finance and demand a tax increase.

Send a letter of resignation from your boss to your boss's boss.

Phone your dentist and tell him you've changed your mind, you want that wisdom tooth back.

Tell your husband/wife he/she was adopted.

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AMERICA'S FUTURE

Plan aims to strengthen success

Reaching out: Group presented plan to Board of Trustees to improve undergraduate retention, graduation rates

By Chris Markus
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A group created by UK President Charles Wethington and headed by Phillip Kraemer, dean of undergraduate studies, has recently presented a plan to the UK Board of Trustees designed to improve the undergraduate experience.

After a year of trouble-shooting, the group presented their findings and recommendations to the board on March 7. Kraemer said the plan, which is titled the "Swift Report," was well received by the board.

The group's findings focus on improving student retention and graduation rates.

The report also outlines ideas on how to involve undergraduates in research work more often.

Additional proposals concerned with enhancing undergraduate living/learning communities have also been proposed.

The group hopes the communities will successfully link the academic and residential aspects of undergraduate life.

UK's retention and graduation rates currently rank at the bottom of the list of its benchmark schools.

Right now, UK's graduation rate is 53 percent, a number that falls far short of the 73 percent benchmark average.

Kraemer believes his proposals will boost UK's rate to 55.7 percent within the next six years by stopping the problem at an early stage.

"If you get students hooked on this right away, they'll continue to stay involved," he said.

Kraemer feels that the academic problems that many undergraduates encounter stem from the student's inability to make the transition from high school to college.

The report compiled by Kraemer's group suggests the implementation of an "aggressive" recovery program in an effort to assist students who are in academic jeopardy.

Kraemer's group also wants to add

more sections of UK 101 so that incoming freshmen will have an easier time registering for the class, which Kraemer said is a valuable tool in student retention.

The "Swift Report" is designed to strengthen undergraduate success by means of student involvement.

Kraemer also expressed the value of having undergraduates involved in research work at the university.

"When you include the undergraduates in research activity it's not just throwing information at them and having them regurgitate it back, it's a real learning experience," Kraemer said.

And that, he said, is good for the University.

"This will be taking a big step forward in the University's goal of becoming a Top 20 (public) research institution," he said.

LEARNING 21ST CENTURY STYLE

Computers give children 'head start'

By Lamin Swann
 STAFF WRITER

Two possible future UK students were given a head start in the world of computers and technology at Lexington's Center for Training and Employment on Friday.

When Devin Byrd and Austin Beavers were presented new computers for their Head Start program at the center, they probably did not realize they were helping close the digital divide.

"Computers, like the ones donated today, will help children who would not be exposed otherwise," said Congressman Ernie Fletcher, R-Ky., and J.C. Watts Jr., R-Okla., presented two computers to the center's Head Start program, donated by the computer manufacturer, Gateway.

Gateway was able to present the computers in part of the New Millennium Classrooms Act, presented by both the House and Senate, to allow corporations receive tax credits when donating computers to schools and public libraries.

Fletcher, who interacted with the children while using an educational computer program, said the children might know more about the computers than he.

"It seems the digital divide is with me," joked Fletcher, of Kentucky's sixth congressional district.

Fletcher and Watts support the Commonwealth Postsecondary Education Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund, signed last week by Governor Patton for pre-payment of tuition that could assist present and future UK students in the rising costs of tuition.

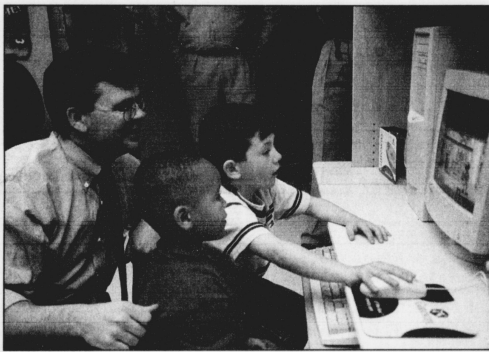
"When Congress comes back from recess, one of the issues in the Senate will be the Education Savings and School Excellence Act," Fletcher said.

The act will allow individuals with educational savings accounts to contribute up to \$1500, where the current maximum limit to contribute is \$500.

"These acts will help people across the nation, especially my state of Oklahoma and Ernie's state of Kentucky to succeed in education," Watts said.

The Center for Training and Employment (CTE) works with those who have experienced significant barriers to acquiring and maintaining gainful employment. It also offers programs such as job preparedness and placement, building maintenance and automated office skills, in a self-paced environment.

"Students at CTE are in a simulated work environment," said Aaron Cox, director of CTE.



Techno kids

Senator Ernie Fletcher, R-Ky., plays with Devin Byrd (left), age 4, and Austin Beavers (right), age 6, on one of two computers donated to the Head Start daycare center by Gateway computers.

GET UP, STAND UP

Anti-sweatshop protests to escalate

What's the big deal?

Why does the Leftist Student Union, along with many other student groups across the country, think the Workers Rights Consortium is a better monitoring organization than the Fair Labor Association?

They base their argument on three points, said Susan Roth, LSU member.

The FLA calls for corporate monitoring. Roth explained that this means that representatives from the corporation goes into the corporation's factories and reports back to the FLA on its conditions. Essentially, it's a system whereby the fox is watching over the chicken shack.

The FLA requires corporations to disclose only 10 to 12 percent of its factory's locations. The corporation can choose the factories that are monitored, when they are monitored and who monitors them, Roth said.

The FLA does not require its corporations to pay workers living wage. One of the major pushes of human rights groups is for workers to be able earn enough money to rise out of poverty.

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A little help: Rep. Kathy Stein to join students in persuading Wethington to help end sweatshop labor

By Tracy Kershaw
 ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Tulane students staged a sit-in, Purdue students went on a hunger strike and Syracuse students bared it all for the anti-sweatshop campaign.

Now it is UK's time to turn up the heat.

Though they began their anti-sweatshop campaign last year, members of the UK Leftist Student Union (LSU) have recently increased pressure on the administration to withdraw from the Fair Labor Association and join the Workers Rights Consortium.

The students think the FLA is an inefficient monitoring system. Clearly President Wethington has ignored this issue, so we hope that the Board would address it," said Luke Boyett, a history and sociology junior.

The LSU has a full day of events planned for the day, including a rally in the free speech area at noon

and a candle light vigil on the Administration Lawn at 6 p.m.

Tomorrow's rally is the first in a string of protests next week, Boyett said, each of which will begin at noon in the free speech area.

The rallies will employ a diverse network of support, from keynote speaker Kathy Stein, a representative in the Kentucky House, to religious leaders and students from area colleges.

Meanwhile, students on about 200 campuses across the country will demand their universities join the WRC.

At Tulane last Wednesday, members of Tulane United Students Against Sweatshops staged a sit-in and refused to leave Gibson Hall until Tulane President Steve Cowen agreed to withdraw from the FLA.

Boyett hopes UK students won't have to go that far.

"At Tulane, they have thrown down the gauntlet," he said. "They have pretty much taken the strongest tactic, and that makes sense for their campaign. But it doesn't here. Hopefully at UK it will not necessitate that. We are stepping up the pressure in other ways."

One of those ways was a "sweatshop strip-down" skit performed by LSU members last week in front of the White Hall Classroom Building.

Two students stripped off layers of UK-logo clothes and delivered, barely dressed, a letter to the President's office requesting UK to withdraw from the FLA and join WRC.

President Wethington had Dean of Students David Stockham request a meeting with the students. The meeting is planned for today.

Susan Roth, a biotechnology sophomore and LSU member, said tomorrow is the optimal time to get involved.

"If you ever wanted to support our campaign now is the time to do it. We are hoping for the rally on Tuesday to be the most visible point of our campaign yet," Roth said.

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Schedule of events

Anti-Sweatshop Rally
 Noon, Tuesday April 4
 Free Speech Area

Anti-Sweatshop Candlelight Vigil
 6 p.m., Monday April 3
 Administration Lawn

Rallies will be held Tuesday through Friday at noon in the Free Speech Area

"Something to Hide"
 A film about sweatshop labor
 6 p.m., Monday April 3
 Student Center Theater

A 25-minute discussion and question session will follow

These schools have joined the WRC:

Syracuse University
 Loyola University-New Orleans
 Oberlin College
 Indiana University
 University of Michigan
 University of Wisconsin
 Smith College
 Macalester College
 New York University
 Transylvania University
 Western Michigan University
 Loyola University-Chicago
 Middlebury College
 Tulane University
 San Francisco State
 DePaul University
 Western Michigan University
 Miami of Ohio
 Carham College
 University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 The College of the Holy Cross
 University of Minnesota
 Georgetown University
 Northern Illinois
 Cornell University
 Albion College
 Saint Mary's College
 Boston College
 University of Illinois
 Columbia University
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 Tulane University

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Thrashers beat Islanders 5-4

ATLANTA — Donald Audette scored on a third-period breakaway as the Atlanta Thrashers beat the New York Islanders 5-4 yesterday, snapping a 17-game winless streak at home. Audette took a pass from Ray Ferraro at the New York blue line and skated uncontested before zipping a shot past Kevin Weekes. It was Audette's 17th goal and fifth since being acquired from Los Angeles on March 13. Ferraro had a goal and two assists for the expansion Thrashers, who were 0-15-2 at Philips Arena since beating Philadelphia on Jan. 14.

Microsoft ruling expected soon

WASHINGTON — People close to the Microsoft suit said that talks between the computer giant and government lawyers failed Saturday after the company insisted on its own proposal to settle the antitrust lawsuit and not because of disputes between state and federal officials. This sends the case back to U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson in Washington, who last fall issued a finding of fact that Microsoft used its monopoly powers to thwart competition. A decision on the lawsuit is expected any day.

Ugandans mourn mass cult deaths

KANUNGU, Uganda — Thousands of townspeople gathered on a hilltop soccer field Sunday to mourn the mass murder of neighbors they barely knew. Dignitaries joined residents of Kanungu and nearby villages to deplore the deaths of 324 members of a reclusive Christian doomsday sect who authorities say were murdered by their leaders. A March 17 blaze inside in the chapel of the sect's secretive compound in Kanungu burned 530 sect members alive. Authorities initially termed the deaths a mass suicide, but the discovery of the bodies of six slain men in a compound latrine soon shifted that assessment to murder.

Elian's father criticized by relatives

WASHINGTON — Elian's Miami relatives continued their fight to keep the 6-year-old refugee in the United States yesterday by alleging that his Cuban father was unfit to care for him. The White House responded that there is no evidence of the sort, and the father's lawyer said the "outrageous" allegations were a sign the Miami relatives are getting desperate. The U.S. Justice has given the relatives until Tuesday to sign such a promise and has threatened to revoke the boy's permission to be in this country if they do



I have a little belly. A tiny little bit of a pooch. It's the one thing I don't want to lose."

Nicole Kidman, assessing her body, in the May issue of Women's Sports and Fitness.

RUNAWAY: Actress Halle Berry was charged Friday with the misdemeanor of leaving an accident scene, rather than a hit-and-run felony, in connection with a Feb. 23 crash in which she and the other driver were both injured.



PRIME TIME: Mary Tyler Moore could be headed back to series TV after all. Squashing speculation about a series revival of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," the veteran thesp is instead set to star in "Good as Gold," a half-hour comedy pilot that's being put together at Columbia TriStar Television for fall.

not agree. That deadline has been extended already.

Hundreds protest Confederate Flag

CHARLESTON, S.C. — More than 600 people set out yesterday on a five-day, 120-mile protest march to Columbia to urge state lawmakers to move the Confederate Flag from the Statehouse dome. The marchers will walk only during daylight hours and plan to arrive in Columbia for a rally on Thursday, when pro-flag supporters have also scheduled a Statehouse rally. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has called for a tourism boycott of the state, saying the Confederate flag above the Statehouse in Columbia is a racist emblem. Flag defenders say it is a symbol of Southern heritage and honors Confederate war dead.

Russia criticizes Chechnya blunder

GOISKOYE, Russia — Russia's defense minister on Sunday sharply criticized the military command in Chechnya for an operation that left at least 43 Russian servicemen dead after an ambush by Chechen rebels. Defense Minister Igor Sergeev, who was observing military maneuvers in Tajikistan, said there will be an inquiry to determine who is to blame for the ambush and to what extent. Interfax news agency reported. The ambush was the latest in a series of attacks that inflicted heavy losses on the Russians.

'Brockovich' retains top spot

LOS ANGELES — Julia Roberts' "Erin Brockovich" remained the nation's top movie for the third straight weekend, according to studio estimates yesterday. The legal drama took in \$14.2 million to hold off the debut of the animated buddy flick "The Road to El Dorado." The heavily hyped "El Dorado" grossed a soft \$12.5 million to finish in second place. Erin Brockovich, the story of a real-life single mother who led a court battle over polluted water, has grossed \$76.2 million in 17 days. It is poised to become Roberts' third straight \$100 million movie.

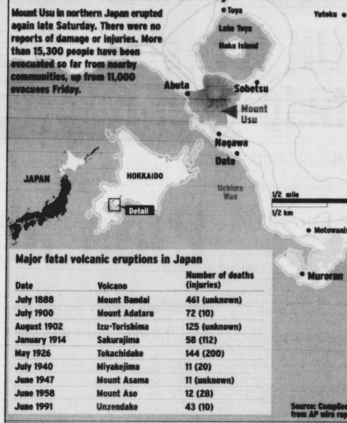
Suns Beat Timberwolves 87-86

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Johnson returned from a two-year retirement and played the entire fourth quarter yesterday as the Phoenix Suns, getting 23 points from Rodney Rogers and 22 from Penny Hardaway, rallied past Minnesota 87-86. Rogers hit two foul shots with 16.6 seconds left for the final margin as Phoenix won for the ninth time in 11 games. Hardaway also had nine assists and seven rebounds. Malik Sealy had 19 points. Wally Szczerbiak added 18 and Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who blew a double-digit lead for the ninth time.

Compiled from wire reports

Mount Usu continues to erupt

Mount Usu in northern Japan erupted again late Saturday. There were no reports of damage or injuries. More than 15,300 people have been evacuated so far from 11,000 communities, up from 11,000 evacuees Friday.



START

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rector of the center. "Students would use skills appropriate in a regular office at the CTE."

Watts, who delivered the Republican response after President Clinton's State of the

Union Address in 1997, was pleased with the center's success and programs it offers.

"When I was elected to come to Washington (in 1994), I toured the country visiting facilities that offer programs CTE has, but I have never seen a facility like CTE offer these many programs under one umbrella," Watts said.

GOOFS

Corrections

An article in Thursday's Kentucky Kernel entitled "Club aims to educate others on environment" should have said Tom Gregory manages the campus recycling program. Green Thumb endorses the program and campaigns to improve it, but has no direct role in the program.

To report an error call The Kentucky Kernel at 257-1915.

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Senator Mitch McConnell Says Yes. What Do You Think?

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Senator McConnell's talk and the follow-up discussion on election campaign funding reform are part of a First Amendment Celebration hosted by the School of Journalism and Telecommunications with funding from the Scripps Howard Foundation.

ENVIRONMENT

UK forestry students help plan reforestation

Nealy 1,000 volunteers planted 33,000 tree seedlings at Masterson Station Park Saturday

By Crisly MacDermott
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There was more going on Saturday at Lexington's Masterson Station Park than the creation of some additional shade along a branch of North Elkhorn Creek.

Nearly 1,000 volunteers came together at the park to help plant 33,000 tree seedlings to aid in an ecological restoration along the stream that runs throughout the park. The program, entitled "Reforest the Bluegrass 2000," is a project initiated by Lexington Urban County Government's Divisions of Engineering and Planning.

The program was a collaborative project that UK forestry students and Charles Rhoades, who specializes in restoration ecology, helped organize along with the support of community organizations and businesses.

The "Reforest the Bluegrass" program has sparked interest across the country in other cities, according to Fayette County urban forester Dave Swenk.

"These are big events that are citizen-generated," Swenk said. "They depend on the volunteers in order to make these projects successful."

The seedlings, a majority of which were donated by the National Tree Trust, were planted to develop zones along the creek that would absorb harmful runoff that would otherwise enter the water. The future trees will provide shade and be

enjoyed by future generations, said several volunteers who turned out that spring morning.

"I'll look forward to coming back and laying under these trees in 10 years," said Vicki Woods, a Boy Scout mother who brought her son Jeremy Woods and his friend Josh Johnson.

Woods said the program was a good educational opportunity for the Boy Scouts to go into the community and volunteer. "The Boy Scouts have to do 12 service hours to obtain their 'Service to America' badge," she said.

Elizabeth Buckner, a Lexington resident and student at Lexington Community College, said she would encourage others to volunteer and give something back to the community.

"It's fun and you get to meet new people while bettering the environment," Buckner said.

While planting the seedlings is a good community effort, the program is designed to restore and preserve quality green space.

The Masterson Station site for this year's program, which was also done last year at Cold Stream Park in Lexington, was chosen because federal regulators said it was Fayette County's most needed stream for water quality improvements. Even though only 10 to 20 percent of the seedlings planted will survive, those that do will help the stream flourish in the future, said Darryl Bennett, a volunteer who works at Lexington's

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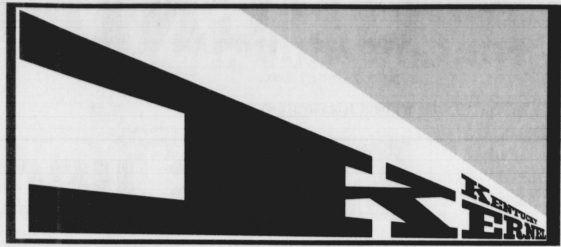
- Vicki Woods,
Boy Scout mother

Division of Engineering.

"The closer the trees are planted together the better the survival rate," Bennett said. "Volunteers will provide 4,000 to 5,000 new trees along the creek. Last year, we received the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award and this year it looks like we have done much more."

One volunteer said he hadn't decided to come out until the day before when he heard a representative of the project on the radio describing the benefits of participation.

"Driving to work the other day I heard someone say it would be nice to come back in 50 years and show your grandchildren what you helped be a part of," said Lexington resident Tom Law. "So I thought I'd come out and be a part of it."



Race, politics and the First Amendment

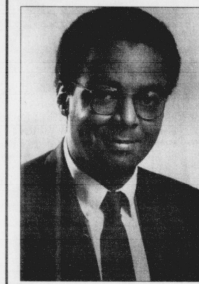
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THE REAL WORLD

Fair attracts employers

School representatives interviewed aspiring teachers for national positions on Thursday

By Mark Boxley
STAFF WRITER

Representatives from approximately 125 school systems scattered across the United States staked out Thursday the third floor of the Student Center, ready to snatch up a valuable resource: aspiring teachers.

The school representatives were attending a career fair put on by the Kentucky Teachers Network, hoping to find much needed teachers to fill positions at schools from as far away as Nevada.

"Our teacher to student ratio has just been changed from 1 to 25 to 1 to 15 so we were looking to fill several new teaching positions," said Larry Prather, principal of an elementary school in Cherokee County, Georgia.

Prather said the job market looks very good for students looking for teaching jobs.

Al Kennedy, the associate director for certified personnel for Fayette County, said Fayette County wants to fill 200

new teaching positions this year. "We expect to employ several of the people we interviewed today," Kennedy said.

The career fair presented a winning situation for both the students and the schools — students searching for teaching positions met prospective employers and the school systems got to know prospective employees.

Students from UK, EKU, Morehead and Kentucky State University attended the fair, which ran from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Grand and Small Ballrooms of the Student Center. Five hundred students attended the fair, said Diane Kohler, senior associate director of the UK Career Center. The center helped coordinate the fair.

"The recruiters that we've talked to seem very excited about our students," Kohler said.

"Some schools just took resumes, but others actually interviewed students for teaching positions."

When asked about the success rate of the fair, Kohler



sounded more than optimistic. "If you are a qualified, good student, I could almost say that your chances of finding a job would be around 100 percent," Kohler said.

Jason Chapman, a UK music education senior, was searching for a job among the clusters of tables.

"I just want to get an idea of what's open and where," Chapman said. "There are a lot of schools that need teachers right now."

Austin King, a UK physical education senior, had nothing but good things to say about the career fair.

"It greatly increases the chance of getting a job," he said. "You get to meet prospective employers in a one on one atmosphere. This is a stepping stone to future endeavors."

AMERICA'S NEXT GREAT

Nursing program improves ranking

Movin' on up: Dean credits strong faculty, innovative program and dedicated students

By Tracy Kershaw
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

U.S. News and World Report ranked the UK College of Nursing master's program 36th among 60 graduate nursing programs. The program was ranked 48th last year by the magazine.

The rankings are listed in the "America's Best Graduate Schools" issue, which hit the stands yesterday.

U.S. News determines the rankings by sending surveys to deans, faculty and administrators of accredited graduate programs. More than 900 nursing masters programs were eligible to be ranked this year.

"To be ranked 36th in a

large field of 317 master's programs in nursing eligible for a ranking is an outstanding tribute for our college, the Medical Center and UK," said Carolyn A. Williams, dean of UK College of Nursing.

The masters program began in 1971. It was one of the first in the nation to offer a nurse practitioner and a midwife practitioner and a midwife practitioner and a midwife practitioner. In 1987, UK began offering a doctor of philosophy in nursing. It was one of the first in the region and remains the only program of its kind in Kentucky. Dean Williams said this ranking means that the program is highly competitive on a national view.

"If you look at the rankings and take away the private

schools, then we would be 25th among public universities," she said.

Despite the jump in rankings, Williams is not complacent. "That is good, but we want to get better," she said.

Williams said the strong faculty in the program attributed to the rise.

"Our faculty is very strong. They are viewed as leaders and are productively engaged in the program. They have been recognized nationally for their leadership nationally," she said.

The program, Williams said, is ahead of the field in developing critical care nurses, a type of nurse who is going to be engaged in key decision making in critical situations. Williams said she has noticed that doctors are giving nurses more responsibilities.

"We have to have a nurse that is more educated," she said.

Campus Calendar

April 3 - April 9, 2000

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities, Registered Student Orgs., and UK Depts. can submit information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MONDAY information is to appear on: <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter/StudentActivities> call 257-8867 for more information.

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TUTORING *French, 6-9pm, Blazer Lounge & 4-6pm, Keeneland *Eng 101, 6-9:15, Holmes Lounge & Commons Ballroom *Math, 6-9, Holmes Classroom MEETINGS *America International, 7:30pm, Rm 228 Student Ctr. *Grace Bible Study, 7:30pm, 113 Stud. Ctr. *SAB Concert Comm., 4pm, 203 Stud. Ctr. LECTURE *Architecture, 5:30, Pence Hall SPORTS *Kemp's Self-Defense Club, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft *UK Water Ski Team, 8pm, SC downstairs lobby ARTS/MOVIES *Spirit Dance at Mecca, 6:30pm, call 254-9790	TUTORING *Orientation for Internships and Shadowing, 2-3 pm, 111 SC *Maximize Your Test Scores Workshop TUTORING *Math 109-3 3:50 & 123-4 4:50, 203 Frazer Hall *Eng 101, 6-9:15pm, Holmes Lounge & Commons Ballroom *Spanish, 5:7, Holmes Lounge & Commons Ballroom *History 104 8:00-9:30, Holmes Lounge *History 104 8:00, 6-8pm, Commons *Physics, 7:30pm, Holmes Lounge *Math & Chem, Commons 208A MEETINGS *Alpha Phi Omega, 7:30pm, 359 Student Ctr. *TKU, 7:30pm, Reginald Stud. Union *Lafayette Student Union, 6:30, 228 Stud. Ctr. ARTS/MOVIES *Movie: Full Metal Jacket, 7:30pm, Warshaw Theatre SPORTS *Hugly Practice, 5-7, Club Sports Field
Wed 5	Thurs 6
ACADEMIC *LEAP, 1:50, Frazer Hall TUTORING *History 104 8:00-9:30, Holmes Lounge *Eng 101, 6-9:15pm, Holmes Classroom & Commons Ballroom *Spanish, 5:7, Holmes Classroom & 4:50-7:30, 306 Commons *Chemistry, 7:30pm, Reginald Computer Lab *Math, 6-9pm, Commons Ballroom *Physics, 8:00pm, Commons Ballroom MEETINGS *Dinner at the Dorms with the Hillel/Jewish Student Org., 6:15, Blazer Hall *Folio Francais, 3-5pm, Magic Beans Cafe (SR Station) *UKNOW, 7pm, Rm 115 Student Ctr. *Pre-Physical Therapy Assoc., 7:30pm, 205 SC *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9pm, CSF Bldg. *RHS, 7pm, 101 Biological Sciences SPORTS *Kemp's Self-Defense Club, 8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft *Tan Boxing, 9pm, Reginald Stud. Union *UK Baseball vs. East York, 4pm, Hugen Field SPECIAL EVENTS *WRF Live Remote & Bands, 8:30-9pm, SC Commons INTRAMURAL/RECREATION *Golf Doubles, Tees Creek Golf Course, 12-2 Tea Times ARTS/MOVIES *Mule Movies, 8pm, 205 Student Center	TUTORING *Math 109-3 3:50 & 123-4 4:50, 203 Frazer Hall *Chemistry 7:30pm, Holmes Lounge & Commons Ballroom *Math, 6-10, Holmes Classroom & Commons 208A *History 104 8:00, 4-4:45, Holmes Classroom & 6-8 pm, 306 Commons *Spanish, 6-8pm, Reginald Computer Lab & 4-8, Commons 208B *History 104 8:00, 7-4, Commons Ballroom *French, 4-7, Keeneland MEETINGS *Thursday Night Live, 8pm, Christian Student Fellowship *Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Reginald Stud. Union *Devotion and Lunch, 7:30pm, Reginald Stud. Union, 51 *Compass Crusade for Christ, 7:30, Warshaw Th. *SR Luncheon, 7:30pm, 231 SC SPORTS *Kemp's Self-Defense Club, 8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft *Tan Kwan Do Club, 5-6:30pm, Alum. Gym Basement Rest *Hugly Practice, 5-7, Club Sports Field INTRAMURAL/RECREATION *Golf Doubles, Tees Creek Golf Course, 12-2 Tea Times SPECIAL EVENTS *Karaoke Night, 7-9pm, Student Center Commons
Fri 7	Sat 8
Academic *Architecture, 12-1:30pm, 218 E. Main St. *Orientation for Internships and Shadowing, 10am-12pm, 111 SC SPORTS *Baseball vs. Florida, 6pm, Hugen Field SPECIAL EVENTS *MEA Spring Even., Louisville, call 7-3792 LECTURES *Robert C. Mory Photography Series Presents: William Christenberry, 4pm, Warshaw Theatre, 4pm, Warshaw Theatre	MEETINGS *Catholic Mass, 6pm, Newman Ctr. SPORTS *Baseball vs. Florida, 2pm, Hugen Field ACADEMIC *Master Student Program, 8am-4pm, 103 Barker Hall SPECIAL EVENTS *MEA Spring Event, Louisville, call 7-3792 *Annually International Afternoon of Action, Phoenix Park (in front of library), 3-5pm
Sun 9	Next Week!
TUTORING *Chemistry, 7-9pm, Holmes Lounge *Spanish, 5:7, Holmes Classroom *Math, 6-9pm, Commons Ballroom *Math, 6-9pm, Commons 208A MEETINGS *Sunday Morning Worship, 10am, Christian Student Fellowship *Newman Center Mass, 9am, 11:30pm, 5pm, and 8:30pm *Phi Sigma Psi, 7pm, Rm 230 Stud. Ctr. LECTURES *Campus Reform, 3pm, 230 SC, free to public SPORTS *Baseball vs. Florida, 2pm, Hugen Field ARTS/MOVIES *UK Percussion Ensemble & Steel Band, 8pm, 257A *Guest Artist: J. Fisher, 8pm, SCFA	Next Week! Mingus Big Band 8 p.m. 257-TICS



Chicks dig 'em

"I want a ring. I've got plenty of division titles. I don't have enough rings."

-Greg Maddux, Atlanta Braves pitcher. The Braves have made the postseason every year since 1991, but have won the World Series only once.

True

"Griffey is the best player in the game today, but that doesn't mean the Reds are going to go to the playoffs."

-Mark McGwire, St. Louis Cardinals.

More so

"If we get the pitching, it's not whether we win the division, it's by how many games we win the division."

-Barry Larkin, Cincinnati Reds.



Larkin

TODAY'S NL GAMES

ALL TIMES EST

MILWAUKEE	1:00	ESPN
CINCINNATI		
SAN DIEGO	1:10	ESPN2
NY METS		
COLORADO	4:05	ESPN2
ATLANTA		
CHICAGO	4:10	ESPN
ST. LOUIS		
SF GIANTS	7:05	
FLORIDA		
LOS ANGELES	7:05	
MONTREAL		
HOUSTON	7:05	
PITTSBURGH		

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NATIONAL LEAGUE PREVIEW

Braves under seige in NL

Cincinnati, Arizona, New York latest challengers to Atlanta's tradition of success

Atlanta Braves
 Manager: Bobby Cox (10 years, 900-589)
 Last Season: 103-59 (1st Place, NL Champions)
 Staff Ace: Greg Maddux (19-9, 3.57 ERA in '99)
 MVP: Chipper Jones (.319, 45 HRs, 110 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Braves take division, but find trouble in playoffs.

New York Mets
 Manager: Bobby Valentine (4 years, 285-233)
 Last Season: 97-66 (2nd Place, NL Wild Card)
 Staff Ace: Mike Hampton (22-4, 2.90 ERA in '99)
 MVP: C Mike Piazza (.303, 40 HRs, 124 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Mets hang with Braves but end up with Wild Card.

Philadelphia Phillies
 Manager: Terry Francona (3 years, 220-266)
 Last Season: 77-85 (3rd Place)
 Staff Ace: Curt Schilling (15-6, 2.54 ERA in '99)
 MVP: CF Doug Glavine (.325, 204 hits, 77 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: A dark horse contender for the Wild Card.

Montreal Expos
 Manager: Felipe Alou (8 years, 603-590)
 Last Season: 68-94 (4th Place)
 Staff Ace: Dustin Hermanson (9-14, 4.20 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Vladimir Guerrero (.316, 42 HRs, 131 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: A team on the rise. Shame they're in Quebec.

Florida Marlins
 Manager: John Boles (1 year, 64-98)
 Last Season: 64-98 (5th Place)
 Staff Ace: Alex Fernandez (7-8, 3.38 ERA in '99)
 MVP: CF Preston Wilson (.280, 26 HRs, 71 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Next year is not this year in Miami.

Cincinnati Reds
 Manager: Jack McKeon (3 years, 206-182)
 Last Season: 96-67 (2nd Place)
 Staff Ace: Pete Harnisch (16-10, 3.68 ERA in '99)
 MVP: CF Ken Griffey, Jr. (.285, 68 HRs, 154 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: If pitching holds up, the Series will be at Cinergy.

St. Louis Cardinals
 Manager: Tony LaRussa (4 years, 319-328)
 Last Season: 75-86 (4th Place)
 Staff Ace: Andy Benes (13-12, 4.81 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 1B Mark McGwire (.278, 65 HRs, 147 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Ready to assume Central crown if Reds stumble.

Houston Astros
 Manager: Larry Dierker (3 years, 283-201)
 Last Season: 97-65 (1st Place)
 Staff Ace: Jose Lima (21-10, 3.58 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 1B Jeff Bagwell (.304, 42 HRs, 126 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Too many deletions but still a decent ballclub.

Pittsburgh Pirates
 Manager: Gene Lamont (3 years, 226-259)
 Last Season: 78-83 (3rd Place)
 Staff Ace: Jason Schmidt (13-11, 4.19 ERA in '99)
 MVP: CF Brian Giles (.285, 39 HRs, 115 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: NL Central champs, in 2001.

Chicago Cubs
 Manager: Don Baylor (1st year)
 Last Season: 67-95 (6th Place)
 Staff Ace: Isumai Valdes (9-14, 3.98 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Sammy Sosa (.288, 63 HRs, 141 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: If Wood is OK, if Valdes is OK, if ... too many ifs.

Milwaukee Brewers
 Manager: Davey Lopes (1st year)
 Last Season: 74-87 (5th Place)
 Staff Ace: Steve Woodard (11-8, 4.52 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Jeremy Burnitz (.270, 33 HRs, 103 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: That new logo is spiffy, Right?

Arizona Diamondbacks
 Manager: Buck Showalter (2 years, 165-159)
 Last Season: 100-62 (1st Place)
 Staff Ace: Randy Johnson (17-9, 2.48 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 3B Matt Williams (.303, 35 HRs, 142 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Diamondbacks take NL West once again.

San Francisco Giants
 Manager: Dusty Baker (7 years, 558-512)
 Last Season: 86-76 (2nd Place)
 Staff Ace: Russ Ortiz (18-9, 3.81 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Barry Bonds (.282, 34 HRs, 89 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Dusty Baker does more with less than anybody.

Los Angeles Dodgers
 Manager: Davey Johnson (1 year, 77-85)
 Last Season: 77-85 (3rd Place)
 Staff Ace: Kevin Brown (18-9, 3.00 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 1F Shawn Green (.309, 42 HRs, 123 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: It's too bad that FOX money is going to waste.

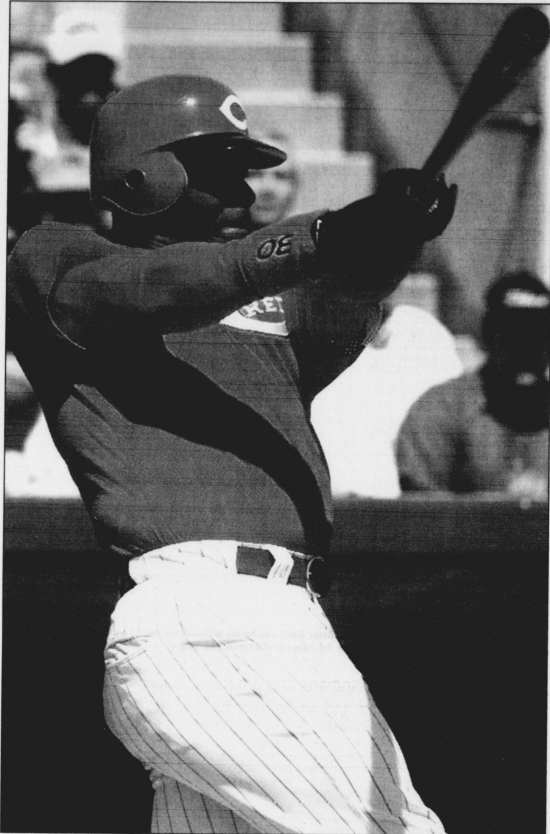
Colorado Rockies
 Manager: Buddy Bell (1st year)
 Last Season: 72-90 (5th Place)
 Staff Ace: Pedro Astacio (7-11, 5.04 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Larry Walker (.379, 37 HRs, 115 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Speed and defense at MLB's highest elevation.

San Diego Padres
 Manager: Bruce Bochy (5 years, 409-383)
 Last Season: 74-88 (4th Place)
 Staff Ace: Sterling Hitchcock (12-14, 4.11 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Tony Gwynn (.319, 19 HRs, 62 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Pads down but future, new ballpark look good.

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Rip city

The Reds added hometown hero Ken Griffey Jr., arguably the best player in baseball — to a team that won 96 games last season. Cincinnati has assembled what many believe to be the best everyday lineup in baseball.

Is the end near? Despite injury to Smoltz, Braves still the best — but improvement of rivals brings doubts as to continued supremacy

By John Dobson
 SPORTSWRITER

Once again, the barbarians stand at the gate. For the first time in recent memory, their target has taken a key blow to its most precious resource.

Once again, Atlanta expects to win anyway.

The Braves, whose annual October appearances have more than qualified the team for its recent addendum to the old death-and-taxes maxim, have withstood challenge after challenge to their claim to National League supremacy.

Although their place in the World Series has been usurped on occasion, the teams responsible for those anomalies — the Phillies, Marlins and Padres — have fallen by the wayside in the ensuing years while the pitching-rich Braves continued to compete for the title with a consistency that showed little respect for the passage of time or the consequence of injury.

The chances are good for change this year, however. It seems this year's crop of barbarians is better equipped for the task of storming Atlanta's gate.

Experienced ballclubs from New York and Arizona have returned for another stand at the league's forefront. Major additions to teams in Cincinnati and St. Louis have bettered their chances immeasurably, while emerging threats hail

from places like Montreal, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, ready to feast on the scraps left behind. The Braves won 103 games last season with injuries to catcher Javy Lopez and pitcher Kerry Ligtenburg, and a season lost to first baseman Andres Galarraga due to his recovery from cancer.

All three of those players are back this season, which should compensate for the higher team ERA afforded by the loss of John Smoltz and the resulting rotation tandem of Terry Mulholland and Bruce Chen. Atlanta might not win 103 again, but the division title should remain theirs.

The Mets, Atlanta's strongest intradivision competition, gained the respect of fans nationwide with their gallant push in last year's playoff series with the Braves. Down 3-0, the NL Wild Card representatives forced games four, five and six in classic fashion.

This off-season, the Mets added staff ace Mike Hampton, a 22-game winner with Houston last season. New York took a defensive loss in replacing departed free agent first baseman John Olerud (.298, 19 HRs, 96 RBI) with journeyman Todd Zeile (.283, 24 HRs, 98 RBI) but the former Cardinal phenom is more than capable with the bat.

Look for the Mets to push Atlanta for the NL East crown — and settle for their second consecutive Wild Card playoff

berth after a close finish.

Ken Griffey, Jr.'s new team, the Cincinnati Reds, are all-too-familiar with the Mets' playoff fate last season. Their stumming run for the postseason ended with a loss in the Wild Card tiebreaker game last fall.

Junior (.285, 48 HRs, 134 RBI) joins a team that sports baseball's best everyday lineup. A most ordinary starting pitching rotation is helped by an excellent bullpen.

Great pitching wins championships. Good pitching combined with great offense isn't too bad, either. Barring a total meltdown on the mound, the Reds will win out in a battle for the NL Central with the vastly improved Cardinals, a depleted Astros team, and an up-and-coming Pirates club.

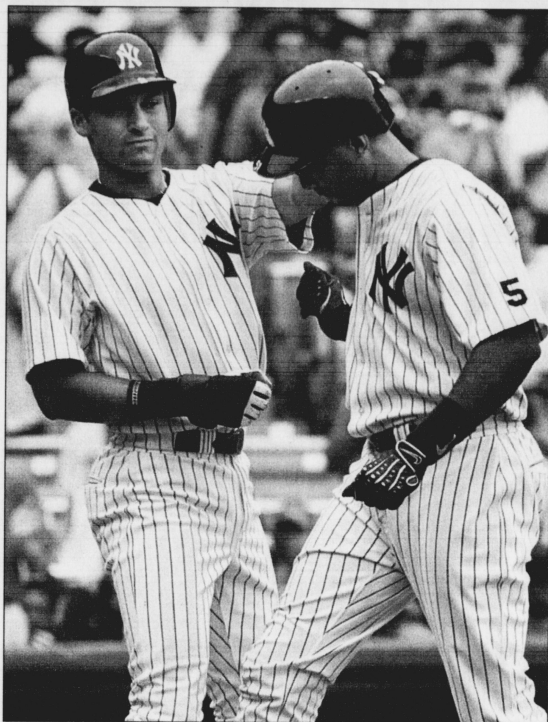
In the NL West, the defending champion Diamondbacks return with essentially the same team. That isn't such a bad thing considering their 100-62 mark in '99. The loss of Matt Williams (.303, 35 HRs, 142 RBI) until June hurts, but Jerry Colangelo's baseball entry will prevail once again, winning out over another overachieving Giants team.

Cincinnati will emerge from the playoff mix to represent the National League in this year's Fall Classic. While Atlanta is not finished by any means, they will not get a chance at the Series this year.

Consider the gates penetrated, if not entirely stormed.

AMERICAN LEAGUE PREVIEW

AL has caught up with Yankees



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Superstars

Going into the 2000 season, all-stars Derek Jeter (left) and Bernie Williams are two of only a few Yankees that are still in the prime of their careers for the defending World Series Champions.

Top spot up for grabs: Indians and a herd of teams will make a charge at the weakened and aging New York Yankees.

By Travis Hubbard
ASST. SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

At last, the Yankees are human.

For the first spring in four years, fans believe a number of teams can catch the dreaded New York juggernaut. After racking up three World Series titles, a 85-10 post-season record and an average of 100 wins a year, the baseball world feels the Yankees have lost a step.

The Yankees only lose DH Chili Davis (retired) and outfielders Darryl Strawberry (drug suspension) and Chad Curtis (traded), but George Steinbrenner's team may be vulnerable for other reasons.

With aging starting pitchers Roger Clemens (37), David Cone (37) and Orlando Hernandez (approximately 35) the Yankees have an over-the-mound pitching staff and their lineup is not much younger.

The Boston Red Sox also proved that the Yankees could be pushed to the limit in the 1999 ALCS. Pedro Martinez's pitching dominated Game 3 and the Yankees escaped with one-run wins in the first two games.

The Red Sox traded for centerfielder Carl Everett to bolster the middle of their lineup, while New York is depending on minor leaguers to patch their microscopic holes. The Red Sox know all of their hopes are depending on 1999 Cy Young winner Pedro Martinez, but hope Everett can help super shortstop Nomar Garciaparra produce more runs.

The Texas Rangers also made roster moves in order to catch New York. Texas dealt

disgruntled outfielder Juan Gonzalez to the Tigers for youngsters Gabe Kapler and Justin Thompson, who may be the best young left-handed pitcher in the AL.

There are several teams trying to catch up to the Yankees. Baltimore has the talent led by Albert Belle, but that is precisely their problem. Belle leading a team does not make for good chemistry. In fact, the Orioles had bad chemistry before Belle arrived and things have only gotten worse.

The Oakland Athletics are the most upstart team in the AL. They made a run at the Red Sox for the wild card last year and added pitchers Kevin Appier and Omar Olivares. The A's also have a complimentary lineup filled with young potential stars. Jason Giambi, John Jaha and Matt Stairs all hit more than 30 home runs last year and Ben Griever had 20.

Ironically, the most improved team in the AL is the same team that traded away its best player. The Seattle Mariners lost Ken Griffey Jr., but received pitcher Brett Tomko and centerfielder Mike Cameron, who recorded career highs in home runs (21), RBI (66), runs (93), and stolen bases (38). They also added all-star first baseman John Olerud and all-star pitcher Aaron Sele. Sele joins Freddy Garcia, John Jaha and veteran lefty Jamie Moyer to form a stellar staff.

Seattle's only distraction is all-star shortstop Alex Rodriguez's ongoing contract disputes. Despite having enough talent to win the AL West, Seattle management could be faced

with trading Rodriguez at the trading deadline instead of losing him at the end of the season with nothing in return.















The team with the best chance of topping the Yanks is still the Cleveland Indians, however. New manager Charlie Manuel inherits the most feared lineup in the majors and an all-star at every position.

Most importantly, the Indians acquired the biggest Yankee killer in the AL: Chuck Finley. He gives Cleveland three qualities they have lacked during this era of Yankee dominance. Finley is a quality left-handed starting pitcher, which the Indians have never had. Even though Bartolo Colon is a more dominant pitcher, Finley is a more reliable ace. Most significantly, he is 16.9 all-time against New York and has a history of beating the Yankees.

With Colon, Finley, Jarret Wright and veterans Dave Burba and Charles Nagy, the Indians arguably have the best staff in the American League. Each man in their rotation is capable of winning 10-12 games, and Colon and Finley could win as many as 20 and 16, respectively.

Ultimately, New York tends to have a lot of luck on its side. Last year Troy O'Leary and Jason Varitek hit balls that were inches from being home runs and could have changed the outcome of the first two games in the ALCS. The Yanks also benefited from two bad calls by umpires on Chuck Knobloch fielding miscues. As long as New York gets the calls and the breaks, no one may ever beat them.

Same old teams: Seattle looks to join perennial playoff teams Boston, Cleveland and New York for a chance at the AL crown

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New York Yankees
 Manager: Joe Torre (4 years, 400-248)
 Last Season: 98-64 (1st Place, World Series Champions)
 Staff Ace: Orlando Hernandez (17-9, 4.12 ERA in '99)
 MVP: CF Bernie Williams (.342, 25 HRs, 105 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Despite an aging roster, still the team to beat.
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Boston Red Sox
 Manager: Jimmy Williams (3 years, 264-222)
 Last Season: 94-68 (2nd Place, AL Wild Card)
 Staff Ace: Pedro Martinez (23-4, 2.07 ERA in '99)
 MVP: SS Nomar Garciaparra (.357, 27 HRs, 104 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Will win AL Wild Card if they get pitching help.
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Baltimore Orioles
 Manager: Mike Hargrove (1st year)
 Last Season: 78-84 (4th Place)
 Staff Ace: Mike Mussina (18-7, 3.50 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Albert Belle (.297, 37 HRs, 117 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Hurt by injury to P Scott Erickson.
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Toronto Blue Jays
 Manager: Jim Fregosi (1 year, 84-78)
 Last Season: 84-78 (3rd Place)
 Staff Ace: David Wells (17-10, 4.82 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 1B Carlos Delgado (.272, 44 HRs, 134 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Loss of Pat Hentgen weakens starting pitching.
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Tampa Bay Devil Rays
 Manager: Larry Rothschild (2 years, 132-192)
 Last Season: 69-93 (5th Place)
 Staff Ace: Wilson Alvarez (9-9, 4.22 ERA in '99)
 MVP: DH Jose Canseco (.279, 34 HRs, 95 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Made big move by signing Vaughn and Guzman.
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Cleveland Indians
 Manager: Charlie Manuel (1st year)
 Last Season: 97-65 (1st Place)
 Staff Ace: Bartolo Colon (18-5, 3.95 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Manny Ramirez (.332, 44 HRs, 165 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Will win AL now that they have superior pitching.
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Chicago White Sox
 Manager: Jerry Manuel (2 years, 155-168)
 Last Season: 75-86 (2nd Place)
 Staff Ace: James Baldwin (.213, 5.10 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Magglio Ordonez (.301, 30 HRs, 117 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Frank Thomas needs to revive his power stats.
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Detroit Tigers
 Manager: Phil Garner (1st year)
 Last Season: 69-92 (3rd Place)
 Staff Ace: Hideo Nomo (12-8, 4.54 ERA in '99)
 MVP: RF Juan Gonzalez (.326, 39 HRs, 128 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: No pitching depth, but Gonzalez is focal point.
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Kansas City Royals
 Manager: Tony Mauer (12 years, 167-234)
 Last Season: 64-97 (4th Place)
 Staff Ace: Jose Rosado (10-14, 3.85 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 1B Mike Sweeney (.322, 22 HRs, 102 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Young lineup is filled with run producers.
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Minnesota Twins
 Manager: Tom Kelly (14 years, 986-1074)
 Last Season: 63-97 (5th Place)
 Staff Ace: Brad Radke (12-14, 3.75 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 1B Ron Comer (.263, 16 HRs, 65 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Matt LeCroy is best catching prospect in majors.
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Seattle Mariners
 Manager: Lou Piniella (7 years, 440-525)
 Last Season: 79-83 (3rd Place)
 Staff Ace: Aaron Sele (18-9, 4.79 ERA in '99)
 MVP: SS Alex Rodriguez (.335, 42 HRs, 118 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: AL West Champs if A-Rod stays.
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Texas Rangers
 Manager: Johnny Oates (5 years, 424-368)
 Last Season: 95-67 (1st Place)
 Staff Ace: Kenny Rogers (10-4, 4.19 ERA in '99)
 MVP: CF Juan Rodriguez (.332, 35 HRs, 113 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Need to defend title from Seattle and Oakland.
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Oakland A's
 Manager: Art Howe (4 years, 304-334)
 Last Season: 87-75 (2nd Place)
 Staff Ace: Kevin Appier (16-14, 5.17 ERA in '99)
 MVP: DH Matt Stairs (.258, 38 HRs, 102 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: 1999 was not a fluke, but will be tough to top.
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Anaheim Angels
 Manager: Mike Scioscia (1st year)
 Last Season: 70-92 (6th Place)
 Staff Ace: Tim Lincecum (6-8, 6.73 ERA in '99)
 MVP: 1B Mo Vaughn (.281, 33 HRs, 108 RBI in '99)
 Outlook: Why did Mo sign with Anaheim instead of Boston?

TITLE DREAMS



Motivation

"We keep talking about doing it every year. It's about time we did it."

Sandy Alomar Jr., Indians catcher, on the Indians' inability to win the World Series despite five consecutive AL Central titles.

Join the club

"Who knows when God is going to give you another one of those? But personal stuff, I just don't care about. I just want to win a World Series."

Pedro Martinez, Red Sox pitcher, on his dominant '99 campaign and his hopes for 2000.



Martinez

Absolutely

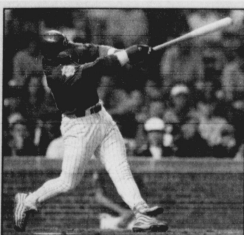
"Three straight is a dynasty-type accomplishment."

Tino Martinez, NY Yankees.

TODAY'S AL GAMES

ALL TIMES EST

CHICAGO TEXAS	3:05 WGN
CLEVELAND BALTIMORE	3:05
KANSAS CITY TORONTO	4:05
TAMPA BAY MINNESOTA	8:05
DETROIT OAKLAND	10:05
NY YANKEES ANAHEIM	10:35 ESPN2



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Ken Griffey Jr., Mark McGwire (right) and Sammy Sosa (left) might be the only ones tired of talking about the Home Run Central.

"It's not about home runs," Sosa insisted. "That's not why I play the game," McGwire emphasized.

"I can't control what they do, so why think about it?" Griffey asked. Don't worry, guys. Just go out and hit 'em. Everyone else will do the counting.

As McGwire and Sosa once proved, a homer chase is more thrilling than a pennant race. And boosted by Griffey, the NL Central is now baseball's most exciting place.

"The way the media portrayed myself and Sammy, now they're going to portray myself and Sammy and Griffey, and people are going to come see one aspect of the game," McGwire said. Probably so. Fact is, these are the greatest three sluggers ever in one division. Might be the most fearsome threesome in league history, too.

FILE PHOTOS



RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

Nothing less than a miracle

A great day for all of humanity: Junior Griffey's return to Cincinnati represents all that is right in sports, signals turnaround for Reds and fans



Luke Saladin
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Scene: Somewhere on the outskirts of Cincinnati. Year: Mid-'90s. Mood: Confused/comic. "Ken Griffey Jr. is on the trading blocks," screamed my best friend Sean, in an almost scary suspension of reality. "I'll call you back in 10 minutes."

Note: Sean operated in this alternate reality where his mind made up fictitious hard-facts to support his whimsical theories. He was not lying, mind you. He was basically hallucinating.

I didn't hear from my friend Sean regarding this supposed trade for six years. But on Feb. 10 of this year — perhaps the greatest day in the history of the human race — my friend Sean called me at 7:30 in the morning. Junior had come home.

But what many people don't understand is that the Reds unprecedented acquisition of Ken Griffey Jr., the best player in baseball, was a tantalizing fantasy in Reds country years earlier simply because of its plausibility.

Junior was born and raised in Cincinnati and spent much of his youth at the ballpark with his dad, Ken Griffey Sr., during his stint with the Reds' "Big Red Machine" during the 1970s. Junior played at Moeller

High School in Cincinnati, the same school that produced Reds star Barry Larkin a few years earlier.

The Cincinnati clubhouse has consisted of little more than vagabonds (Kevin Mitchell, Greg Vaughn, and Ron Gant) and has-beens (Benito Santiago, Jack Morris) over the last few years. Some didn't even get to make their obligatory "Marge is crazy" or "I'd love to stay in Cincinnati, if we can get a contract worked out" statements.

For years, general manager Jim Bowden was left to compete in the majors with minor-league resources because of Marge Schott's suffocating business practices and Cincinnati's small-market revenue.

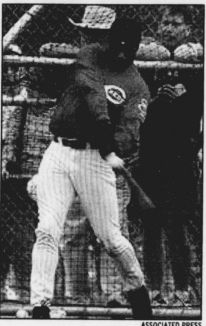
That is why Junior's "return" to Cincinnati is nothing less than a religious experience — a miracle — for baseball fans everywhere.

For years, Cincinnati fans have been forced to watch teams like the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees steal big-name free agents with their seemingly inexhaustible bank account.

Now the Reds have locked up the best player of our generation for the next 10 years — and at half the price. Marge Schott and her dictatorial powers are now a bad dream. Tickets are selling out — in freaking

Cincinnati, people! Note to all you Atlanta Bra ... I mean New York Yankee ... I mean St. Louis Cardina ... fans who suddenly want to become Reds fans — you must verify your loyalty with at least 5 Reds ticket stubs prior to the 1999 season.

Luke Saladin is a life-long Reds fan who is currently laughing in the general direction of all those people who said the miracle on Feb. 10 was nothing but an unattainable dream.



Get happy
New Reds centerfielder Ken Griffey Jr. plays his first game in Cincinnati today.

SHUTOUT

Cats take Ole Miss series with 3-0 win

By Travis Hubbard
STAFF WRITER

UK freshman Mark Michael pitched 8 2/3 shutout innings in a 3-0 win to give the UK Bat Cats a much needed series win against the Ole Miss Rebels on Sunday.

Michael only conceded three hits in his first eight innings, but after giving up two hits in the top of the ninth UK pitching coach Greg Goff elected to replace Michael with senior Breck Price.

"Before the game coach Goff told me he wanted a shutout, so I got the team the shutout," Michael said.

Goff filled in after coach Keith Madison was ejected in the sixth inning for arguing a non-call of a balk followed by a check swing strikeout call on the following pitch. Then in the top of the ninth, with runners on second and third, assistant coach Jan Weisberg was ejected for arguing with umpire John Kramer for not ringing up Ole Miss second baseman Clint Farrar on a check swing.

Price relieved Michael for the final out and earned his fourth save of the season by getting pinch hitter Craig Nugen to ground out.

The defense was aided by the fantastic pitching of Michael, who struck out seven. He improved his record to 4-0 and lowered his ERA to 1.42.

"I am really proud of Mark Michael and the courage he has showed," Madison said. Madison said Michael made a strong case for becoming the team's third starter in the pitching rotation.

"I still have a lot of confidence in (Rob) Corrado and (Joseph) Blanton and those three will compete for the spot all season," Madison said of his third pitching spot.

UK was led offensively by all-American catcher John Wilson, who was three for four. Rightfielder Seth Morris was two for three and helped produce runs at the bottom of the order.

In the first two games the top of the order had carried the offense, but with second baseman Andy Green losing his hit streak of 18 games and leadoff hitter Beau Moore going hitless, the rest of the lineup stepped up with nine hits.

"All good things come to an end," Madison said of Green's streak. "He put a couple good strokes on the ball today, but he's the type of guy who could start another streak like that the next game."

In fact, with his 18-game hitting streak on the line in his final at bat in the seventh inning, Green lined a sure base hit up the middle that deflected off of pitcher Joseph Libert's arm and was fielded in the air by Farrar.

"The hit streak is great, but what really matters is getting the win," said Green. "I just try to get hits and get on base."

Green called the match-up "a must-win game" and crucial to the team. "Any time a team comes in and you win a series 2-3 you can keep your head high," he said. "We need to do the same thing with Florida next weekend."

First, UK faces Tennessee Tech on Wednesday, but the home series against the Gators will be another tough SEC test.

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LAST OF THE DANCE

Present takes on future in final

Game pits State's destiny against Florida's dream

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

INDIANAPOLIS — Will the real Final Four contenders please stand?

That happened Saturday night, as Florida and Michigan State ended the upset bids of North Carolina and Wisconsin respectively, setting up an epic title game matchup tonight at the RCA Dome.

Michigan State showed that it could play a slow-down game and still come out on top, as the Spartans overcame a 35-percent shooting to knock off Wisconsin 53-41. After only scoring two points in the first half, Morris Peterson came back with 18 second-half points as MSU pulled away from a Badgers squad that never really could find a rhythm on offense.

Florida jumped all over North Carolina early, then watched as the Tar Heels took a five-point second-half lead before the depth of the Gators turned the legs of the UNC players into Jell-O. Mike Miller, Florida's leading scorer, finished with only 10 points on three-of-13 shooting, but the Gator bench outscored UNC's 36-2, led by frosh guard Brett Nelson's 13.

"I've watched Florida all year," said State's Mateen Cleaves. "One thing they do is play very intense defense. They're going to press you, they're going to be in your face. I think they have some bona-fide big guys down low, then they have guys like Miller and (Teddy) Dupuy that can step outside."

Although Florida's undersized front line was not effective in shutting down UNC's 7-foot center, Brendan Haywood (20 points), they were able to score inside enough to keep the defense from keying on the perimeter.

"We've got to stop them from penetrating on us," said MSU coach Tom Izzo. "We can't let them drive inside and get the kick-outs."

Wisconsin was able to penetrate very little against the Spartan defense, which left virtually no open shots for Wisconsin's perimeter players, including West Region

How they match up

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Frontcourt
If A.J. Granger (one point on Saturday) can draw Florida's inside players outside, MSU's Andre Hutson might have room to operate inside.

Backcourt
Mateen Cleaves has to be able to handle the Gator press and attack where possible. Not many teams can match Florida on the perimeter.

Depth
No team in the country can match Florida's depth, especially the quality of play in the NCAAs. MSU has some players up their sleeve, though.

Coaching
Cleaves is an extension of Izzo on the floor. In Florida's losses this season, they've looked to be in need of a true floor general.

Intangibles
This is Michigan State's destiny, or so it seems. This is Florida's dream, coming a year early. Destiny is a pretty tough force to combat.

MVP Jon Bryant, who was only able to squeeze off five shots (missing four). But the challenge of facing the Gators, almost complete opposites of the Badgers, is something the MSU players and coaches are concerned about.

"We really haven't faced a team like that this year," Izzo said. "Iowa showed us a little, but they're not the same as Florida."

"They've got a lot of athletes who can put the ball in the basket," Cleaves said. "It's going to be a challenge with us."

On the other hand, Florida probably hasn't faced a team with the kind of experience and will to win like State, as the Spartans now find themselves on the brink of what almost seems like their destiny: to win the NCAA title.

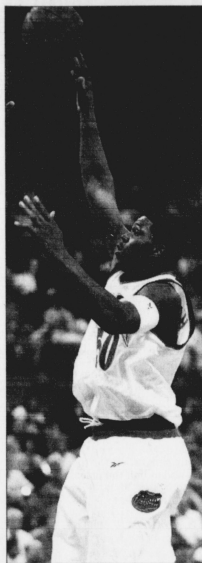
"They've been the top three, four or five all year long," Miller

said. "They've got seniors, which is important when it comes down to this. They've been here before."

"With Mateen Cleaves and Peterson and Charlie Bell, you know all the names," said Florida coach Billy Donovan. "They're terrific and do a great job defensively. They're great with their half-court execution. I think they're a team that, in my opinion, could play any way you want to play."

The ability of the Spartans to adapt to the Gators' style of play will be crucial in a game which will be both physically and mentally challenging.

"Their depth is so impressive," Izzo said, "that when they bring in another guy, it's like bringing in a clone. They can replace shooters with another shooter. They can replace an inside player with another great inside player."



Final tilt
Florida center Udonis Haslem scored 10 points and had 5 rebounds against UNC.

The edge for experience goes to MSU, but that's an edge that both coaches feel can be overrated.

"We've played a lot of basketball," Donovan said. "They're beyond the point of being freshmen or sophomores. They've been through a lot of experiences."

"When you've played as many games as they (Florida) have, I don't think it's an issue," Izzo said. "Remember, this is new for us. We've never been to the national championship game."

UConn 71, UT 52

Huskies win women's final game

Stellar finale: Lady Vols don't come anywhere near UConn

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Connecticut had too much talent, too much depth and too many quick hands. And now the Huskies have something else as well: a second national championship.

With an impressive display of ball-hawking defense and efficient, balanced offense — the foundation of UConn's play all season — the Huskies overwhelmed Tennessee 71-52 Sunday night to win the women's NCAA title.

The top-ranked Huskies (36-1) beat No. 2 Tennessee for the second time in three meetings this season and did it in a way that left the Lady Vols (33-4) dazed and looking helpless.

Tennessee was in the Final Four for the 12th time and was seeking its seventh national championship. But the Lady Vols could offer little more than token opposition to the UConn machine, which completed an impressive run through the NCAA tournament.

No one in the tournament came closer than 15 points to the Huskies, whose only loss was a 72-71 setback to Tennessee on Feb. 2.

Shea Ralph led the Huskies with 15 points on 7-of-9 shooting, and also had seven assists, six steals and one block. Svetlana Abrosimova had 14 points, and Asjha Jones had 12.

They built a 15-point lead a little more than 12 minutes into the game, and Tennessee never found a way to get back in it.

It was 25-10 when Tamika Catchings gave Tennessee a brief spark. She got inside for a layup, then hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 25-15. Ralph answered by converting a three-point play on a shot she made while falling to the floor, and the Huskies led 32-19 at halftime.

There was still time for Tennessee to regroup, but Ralph and her teammates quickly dashed those hopes by starting to second half with an 8-0 run.

Ralph made a layup, then drove into the lane. Jump stopped, faked once and banked the ball softly off the glass. Schumacher followed with a jumper and Ralph fired a two-handed overhead pass to Abrosimova for a wide-open layup.

That made it 40-19, and if it wasn't apparent before it was then: this one was going into the books for Connecticut.

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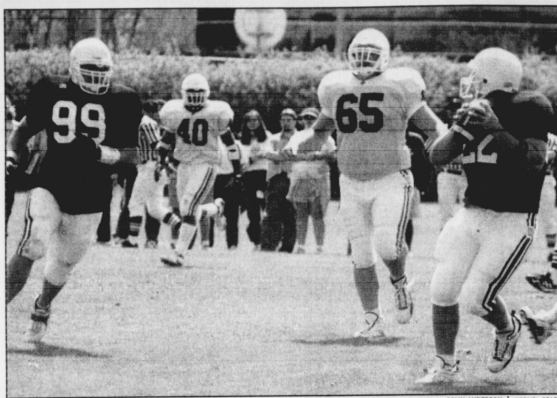
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Springtime action

UK freshman Jared Lorenzen (right) looks for an open man during Saturday's scrimmage.

Bonner early leader in QB race

By Will Messer
STAFF WRITER

Notes from Saturday's scrimmage:

After one scrimmage junior Dusty Bonner has emerged as the leader in this spring's battle for the starting quarterback job. Bonner completed 25 of 37 passes for 352 yards and one touchdown. Freshman challenger Jared Lorenzen completed 10 of 24 passes for 126 yards. Senior Mark Perry, who is ex-

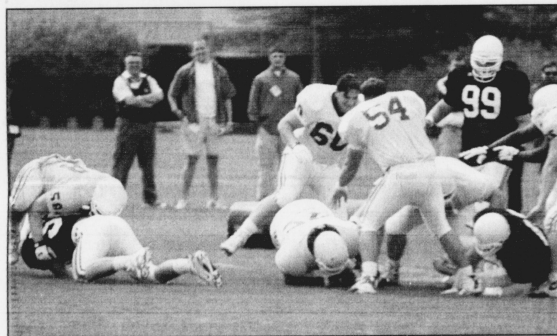
pected to be the third-string quarterback in the fall, completed 10 of 19 passes for 185 yards and one touchdown.

The running game was virtually nonexistent Saturday. The Cats gained only 27 yards on 18 carries. Sophomore Martez Johnson was the leader, rushing for 10 yards and one touchdown on six carries.

The UK defense held the offense scoreless on 18 of 21 possessions. Junior Dennis Johnson had three quarterback

sacks and the defense combined for 10. The defense also recovered three fumbles.

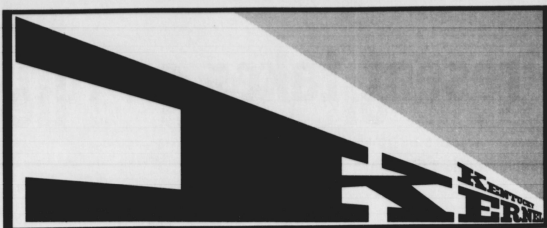
Two fights broke out in Friday's practice and another broke out Saturday between the offensive and defensive lines. Coach Hal Mumme does not seem to be worried about the aggression. "We're kind of glad to see it. Last year, we didn't have a whole bunch of fights," said Mumme. "I think so far this team has a more aggressive attitude, and that's good."



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That's the spirit

Practice was interrupted by fights three times over the weekend. "We're glad to see it," said coach Hal Mumme.



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FILM

'Here on Earth' a heavenly movie

Not on Mars: Piznarski's directorial debut a success

By Brandie Bright
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's about time a film had appealing, gratuitous chest shots. The fact that they are of actor Chris Klein, also seen in *Election* and *American Pie*, makes all the difference.

The "hard body" image made famous during the Reagan-era films is back in full force. This time, though, a younger version of the chiseled icon has come forth in director Mark Piznarski's *Here on Earth*.

Piznarski, whose credits include directing episodes of *My So-Called Life* and *NYPD Blue*, has made his feature film directorial debut with *Here on Earth*. Aside from the eye candy, this film presents the popular plot of young love and broken hearts.

A love triangle involving Leelee Sobieski, Josh Hartnett and Klein is set amongst small town life reflecting America's Golden Age image. Lunch is an event rather than a break. Community prevails as the dominant ideology. It's a place where a smitten boy will accept defeat to

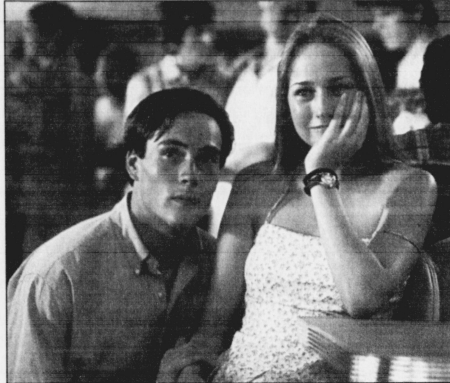
ensure the love of his life's happiness. Does the word Utopia come to mind?

Although the lack of realism strains the depth of the plot, the talent of the young actors makes the film a worthwhile endeavor. Sobieski has already received a Golden Globe and an Emmy nomination for her performance in the miniseries *Joan of Arc*. As the tragic heroine Samantha, this 19-year-old rising star captivates the audience with her elegance, charm and beauty. With their good looks and heart-breaking expressions, Hartnett and Klein also show promise for future Hollywood success.

Despite the unrealistic sentimentality of the film, there are lessons to be learned. First of all, follow your heart because your time on earth is limited. Second, always keep the best interest of those you truly love in mind. Finally, if you recite Robert Frost's "Birches," you are sure to get some action.

Piznarski and his acting troupe deserve credit for one more thing. The fashion in which your tear ducts are manipulated is unexpectedly successful. Hartnett, who plays Samantha's boyfriend Jasper, will boost the sales of Kleenex at least for a week. Considering this, *Here on Earth* becomes a worthy date movie. Klein's chest, however, is clearly the hook.

Rating: B-



Chris Klein of *American Pie* fame steals the spotlight with his chest in *Here on Earth*. Klein plays a wealthy student who falls in love with a small town girl played by Leelee Sobieski. PHOTO FURNISHED

MORE FILM

'Skulls' boggles mind

Be careful before you join the club, danger awaits

By Patrick Avery
STAFF CRITIC

Too many people judge movies based on whether they are realistic or not.

Movies are supposed to expand your imagination and make things unreal. When we go to the movies we shouldn't expect to watch the news—we want to be free from the harsh realities of the world.

The Skulls jumps far from reality into a world where a secret society rules over the entire world. The premise, ludicrous in the real world, entices an imaginative audience.

The Skulls stars Joshua Jackson (*Dawson's Creek*) as Luke McNamara, a crew superstar at Yale University.

His financial situation, which is lousy, may keep him from getting into law school. A secret society named the Skulls recruits Luke and a badass Caleb Mandrake (Paul Walker). On the last night of possible induction, the Skulls call Luke and Caleb and send them off on a scavenger hunt for initiation into the society.

The Skulls turns out to be a dream for Luke and Caleb. They get all the money, girls and cars they ever wanted. But nothing comes without a price.

Luke's friends, Chloe (Leslie Bibb) from *Popular* and Will Beckford (Hill Harper) from *He Got Game* disapprove of his membership into the Skulls. Luke loses their friendship when he refuses to drop out.

Luke continues his wonderful time with the Skulls until his friend Will bites the dust. The Skulls deny having a hand in the death, though

Luke refuses to believe it. Luke then must try to get back Chloe and fight the Skulls.

The car chase and crew scenes of the movie are very entertaining. They use typical music grabbers but that doesn't matter.

Joshua Jackson has a great character on *Dawson's Creek*. Pacey, but he's not typically a wonderful actor. His gives a good performance as the main character in this movie, though.

I will concede that Paul Walker's bad boy performance makes anything PeeWee Herman ever did Oscar-worthy.

The Skulls, not just for teenagers, remains an entertaining picture throughout.

Those who are capable of suspending their reality will enjoy *The Skulls*. Do yourself a favor and enjoy this one.

Rating: C+



The Skulls tells the story of a fictional society at Yale University that helps young men find their way into the world of the fortunate. PHOTO FURNISHED



The young men in the secret society must learn that nothing is truly free. PHOTO FURNISHED

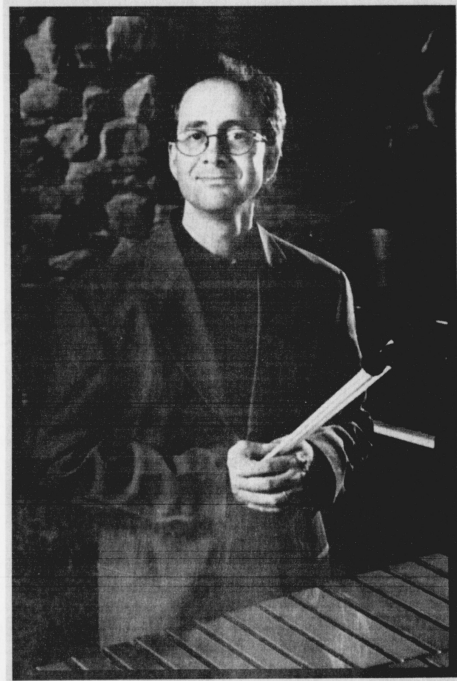


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Aries - (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

Today is your day to shine. Everything you do will be appreciated, regardless if it's a good thing or not. Take advantage of it; you've earned it. Your love life needs to take a breather. Break up with your significant other, and enjoy being single. Life is too short to be tied down to one person right now.

Days not to leave your house: the 4th, unless you like getting bitten by a dog.

Taurus - (Apr. 20-May 20)

You will receive a large sum of cash this month. It more than likely will be your tax refunds, but keep hoping. Somebody's got to win, might as well be you. As for your love life, prepare to keep your streak of being "scoreless" alive; you won't even get to the plate.

Days not to leave your house: 24-28. It's literally "dead" week for you.

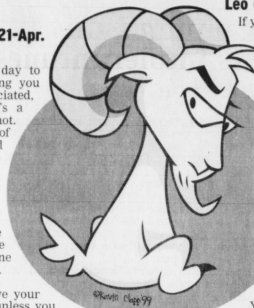
Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Hopefully you believe in soul mates; you will meet yours this month. Don't let them go, and don't do anything stupid to lose them. They will help you through some of the toughest months of your life to come. Save your money, too, as there will be a glitch in your payroll and you'll need something to pay the bills with.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

I don't usually advise people to buy guns; they hold bad karma and tend to lead to horrible events. But in your case, young Cancer, you need to pack heat. Your life has been perfect up to this month, and it's time for some serious retribution. The dark sides of life will mess with you; don't let the impending doom darken your outlook. You'll weather this time with grace and experience. Just hope you make it out alive.

Days not to leave your house: Any day between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. If you miss class, send your professor this article and tell them to call me. I'll explain.



Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

If you've been expecting a promotion, forget it. You haven't been working well both at work and at school; your ailing grades will prove it. Buckle down; summer school is not a viable option and you know it. You will also have financial duress, but you're well prepared for it.

Days not to leave your house: Feel free to leave your house any day of the week. You're a slacker anyway, so you need to get active this month.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your love life will be hotter than a Louisiana bayou in July. Buy condoms — lots of them, the more the better. S.T.D.'s suck and you don't need them at any time of your life. (You don't need pregnancy either.) You won't get anything done this month, but considering what you'll be doing, you won't really care. Money won't really bother you either, except that you won't be going to work.

Days not to leave your house: You don't have to stay in your house, per se, but you'll do it anyway.

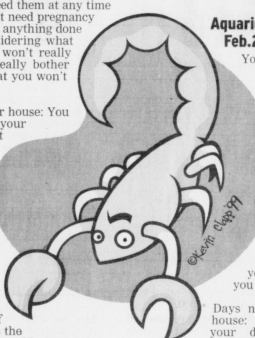
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Money, money, money! You will be the new Bill Gates of the college world, thanks to that hot stock tip your stockbroker gave you. Spend your wealth wisely, and sell all of the stock you have, as the stock market will be unstable next month. Take a trip to see an old friend far away. You just might find your future spouse on the trip.

Days not to leave your house: Today and tomorrow. You're in danger of catching a cold if you don't.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Hang on to hope for better days, because they're coming. Your life has been a living hell lately, but there's light at the end of the tunnel. In the next month, you'll deter-



Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 20)

Your life will take some serious swings and misses this month. Try to recover as gracefully as you can. Work smart, not hard, and your workload could be easier. Foster your attempts at love a long-term relationship is in your future, and you know it.

Days not to leave your house: Pick and choose your days. Some are worth taking off, some aren't.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

Live each day to the fullest, you don't know when your last will be, young Pisces. Moreover, tell all of your family and friends how much they mean to you. Love isn't spread around enough in your life, and it needs some serious attention. Don't let it get away. As for money, now worries this month. All will flow well.

Days not to leave your house: Fridays and Thursdays.

mine if it's the exit or another train heading towards you. Just subscribe to the famous Jimmy Valvano quote — "Don't give up; don't ever give up."

Days not to leave your house: Each day will be a hassle, so take one day out of each week to rest. You've earned it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You need to change your major next year. Might I suggest Journalism, or Communications? Both are great fields, and you get to work for the Kernel or WRFL (By the way, this isn't a shameless plug for either.) An internship you need will decide not to pay and you'll need something to live off of while you're there.

Days not to leave your house: Only leave your house if you feel that your karma can take it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Life is good. Relationships with people are good. Money is bad. All will be unstable in this world, and you need to find someone or something to be your foothold. Try to find something that's not addicting. (Never mind. Find whatever you can.)

Days not to leave your house: All of the even days. You can deal with the odd days.

AND MORE FILM

Don't talk about my momma



All About My Mother tells the story of a man's desire to meet his father.

Oscar-winning film explores aspects about the tangled webs weaved by our lives

By Patrick Avery
STAFF CRITIC

Life throws us unexpected turns left and right. We rarely see them coming, though we wish we could. We have to appreciate what we have, when we have it. One of the things we should treasure most is our mothers.

All About My Mother, winner of the Best Foreign Language Film at this year's Oscars, tells the story of a mother's undying devotion for her son. Cecilia Roth plays Manuela, a mother who succeeds at being her son's best friend.

She raises her son Esteban (Eloy Azorin) alone in Madrid because she abandoned the child's father, a transvestite named Lola, when he resorted to prostitution in Barcelona.

Esteban's prized possession, his notebook, remains his favorite place for his thoughts. He writes about his desire to meet the father his mother never tells him about.

On Esteban's birthday night, Manuela takes her son to the theatre for a showing of A Streetcar Named Desire. The storyline of the play hits hard with Manuela because she met Lola while performing in the play.

Afterwards, Esteban waits with his mother in the rain for an autograph of the main star, Huma Rojo (Marisa Paredes).

When Huma hops into a taxi, Esteban runs after her only to be hit by another car.

Manuela's life tragic halts tragically. She learns while reading Esteban's notebook about his yearning to meet his father, and goes to Barcelona to find Lola and tell him of his son's accident.

In Barcelona, Manuela meets Sister Rosa (Penelope Cruz). Manuela soon learns unexpectedly that Rosa became pregnant by Lola. Though disgusted with Rosa for making such a grave mistake, she allows Rosa to stay at her apartment because Rosa's mother disapproves of her. Rosa gives Manuela a chance to be a mother again, if only for a brief period.

The cinematography of All About My Mother remains breathtaking throughout the film. Scenes of old buildings and amazing architecture are worth the price of admission.

Penelope Cruz nails the part of Sister Rosa. We are frustrated at her for going against her oath as a nun, but sympathize with the pain she feels without a mother that cares.

All About My Mother stands as an achievement in foreign films. Movies like this allow viewers to be human and sympathize with characters in tragic circumstances. You won't find that in an action flick.

Rating: A

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Sweatin' to the pennies

US business criticized for sweatshops

Workers immigrate to the island of Saipan in search of better jobs in garment factories. Instead, they find working conditions including debt bondage, organized crime, corrupt officials, and sexual slavery. They live in guarded dormitories surrounded by barbed wire, facing inward, and work from 12 to 18 hours a day without overtime. While the clothes they make carry a Made in the USA label, the workers themselves labor in circumstances not even remotely close to U.S. labor standards. This is the situation in Saipan, which is part of the United States Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (US-CNMI). In January 1999, Saipan advocates filed two separate federal class-action lawsuits. The first one targets 22 garment-making factories in Saipan with failing to pay overtime and provide adequate living conditions for its employees. The second federal suit names 18 garment retailers and manufacturers including The Gap, Tommy Hilfinger, Sears, Wal-Mart, Oshkosh B'Gosh, and Dayton Hudson as part of a racketeering conspiracy to produce clothing under sweatshop conditions. Congressman George Miller, D-Calif., has been conducting hearings and sponsoring legislation to shut down these sweatshops. The companies below are named in a Federal lawsuit concerning imported goods from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (US-CNMI).

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THE GAP!

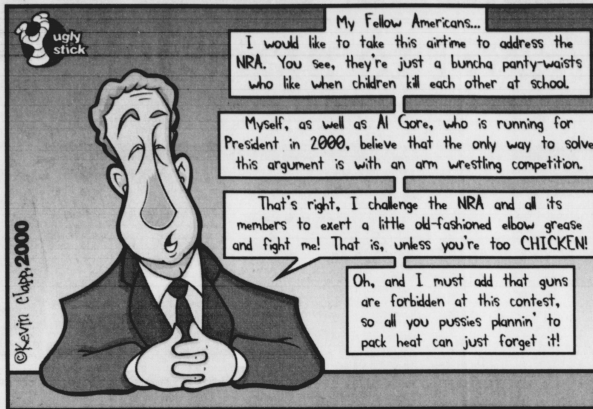


Four-year Wholesale Value of imports from US-CNMI (in millions)

The Gap	\$237.3
Dayton-Hudson	\$91.5
The May Dept.	\$46.7
Wal-Mart Stores	\$43.8
Jones Apparel	\$41.8
The Gymboree	\$30.5
The Limited	\$21.7
J Crew Group, Inc.	\$19.3
Nordstrom, Inc.	\$18.3
The Dress Barn	\$16.5
Warnaco Group	\$9.3
Oshkosh B'Gosh	\$8.8
Tommy Hilfinger	\$6.9
Sears Roebuck	\$2.6

-Source: <http://www.sweatshopwatch.org>

Compiled by: Chaz Martin



IN OUR OPINION

SGA gambit

Glenn must now fulfill promises and improve student seating

We congratulate Jimmy Glenn for his re-election as President of UK's Student Government Association. We are looking forward to watching Jimmy work hard for the students for another year. Over the course of this week we will be addressing Glenn's five-tiered platform—the goals he hopes to accomplish over the next school year. But before address his new platform, we want to review the one issue from his previous platform he did not accomplish: Changing basketball seating for UK Students.

His proposal was to move student seating from its current location to the baseline seats. The student ticket allotment would lose about nine hundred seats but would gain the benefit of being closer to the action. This school year, the proposal stirred some hopeful dreams, but has yet to be addressed by UK Athletics. Changing basketball seating was one of his key issues in getting him elected in 1999. However, he has not addressed this issue in his campaigning for 2000. We know that the cards are stacked against this proposal. The current baseline seat holders will not want to move. Nevertheless we want Glenn to finish what he has started—continue working with UK Athletics and the administration in order to get the student ticket change implemented.

David Lord
GUEST COLUMNIST

The first amendment protects intolerance

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — I never thought I'd see the day when I took the side of a conservative talk show host against gay activists. However, the recent protests by members of the homosexual community against Dr. Laura Schlessinger have simply gone too far.

I believe I speak with some authority on this topic. Like virtually every gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered person, I have faced firsthand the reality of anti-gay violence. Whether it was being called names, having graffiti scrawled on my door, receiving death threats on the phone or being discharged from the Army Reserves for violating "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," I've felt the pernicious effects of what bigotry can do.

However, we walk a dangerous path when we decide that we will try and eliminate hatred by silencing the voices of those we disagree with. There is a bit of hypocrisy in these activists' attitudes. I'm sure they were among the first to defend the sitcom "Ellen," which had the first openly gay main character on primetime television. But many people find the dialogue on that show or more contemporary comedies like "Will and Grace" to be as offensive to them as Dr. Laura is to homosexuals.

Schlessinger, who is more frequently referred to as Dr. Laura, is a popular radio personality who specializes in giving advice to people who have "moral dilemmas." Schlessinger, through her show and writings, including the best-selling book "10 Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives," has developed a large national audience.

By what right can we promote the ideas of people we like and exclude those of people we don't? Free speech does not exist to promote what we are comfortable hearing or what society readily accepts, it exists to promote the speech we hate and deplore.

I am willing to respect the rights of religious conservatives to be able to listen to Dr. Laura, because I want my own right—to watch what I want—protected as well.

As a result, Paramount Pictures has proposed giving Dr. Laura her own television show this fall. Guys have been protesting Paramount's move in newspapers, on the Web and in a series of street demonstrations. The homosexual community is angry because Dr. Laura has referred to homosexuality as a "biological error" and "deviant." Gay activists believe that comments like these promote anti-gay sentiment and lead to hate crimes.

Unfortunately, a well-intended desire to counter homophobic arguments has led many in the gay community to take a dangerous position that threatens the basic tenants of free expression.

If gay activists are successful in blocking Dr. Laura from having a national television show (something her ratings clearly entitle her to), a dangerous precedent will have been established that could end up destroying the marketplace of ideas that America so readily values.



Dr. Laura has been criticized for anti-gay comments

Expression of ideas does not hurt anyone. The way to counter offensive speech is with more ideas, not with less.

Guest Columnist David Lord writes for the Rocky Mountain Collegian (Colorado State U.). His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Kernel.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Column is insulting in its intolerant message

To the editor:

I must agree with Bryan King's letter of March 28, stating the arrogance of Joshu Goebler's column. Not only is Mr. Goebler including exactly what he says he doesn't like, he is also insulting what he calls in the beginning of his column a "noble cause."

It seems obvious that Mr. Goebler does not believe that our souls must be saved, or at the very least that they can be saved through an infinite number of ways.

On this point I must disagree. Not only are Mr. Goebler's statements arrogant, they are uninformed. Anyone studying different religions will soon realize that below the surface they teach very different things.

If truth is going to retain any meaning at all, they cannot all be true. God cannot be both an omnipotent, unique creator and member of a pantheon. Jesus cannot both be and not be God incarnate. If we follow Mr. Goebler's brand of truth, we are left with nothing at all.

Mr. Goebler's quote from Jesus was taken completely out of context. Though I do not know his other sources well, I suspect that he does not know them much better.

Regardless of that, according to Mr. Goebler's logic we all find or make our own path so the quotes are nonsensical in that context.

If Mr. Goebler has the right to propagate his brand of truth, why does he have a problem with others doing so?

His "compassion," along with his arrogance, is unwarranted and unneeded.

Beth Kudirka
SPANISH GRADUATE STUDENT

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Military is a haven of toleration, not hazing

To the editor:

In response to the editorial about gays in the military ("Gay, Sir" printed March 28) you begin by quoting a source that alleges that 40 percent of military men are persecuted for being homosexual.

Forty percent? Are you nuts? That's ridiculous. Who's your source, the Tooth Fairy?

Like it or not, homosexuality is, at present, incompatible with American military culture. It may not be in the future. The military is not a democracy. It never has been, and in order to be effective, it never can be.

Our society holds individual rights to be of topmost priority. In order to defend this ideal, the military must have a singular, cohesive state of mind. Some individual rights, of necessity, must be surrendered to insure that cohesion and to maximize the odds of survival.

Your editorial also accuses the military of "racial and sexual prejudice." I am appalled at this. It portrays a staggering amount of ignorance on the part of the author.

The military, as a whole, was racially integrated by 1948. Public schools can't make such a claim, nor can the rest of American society.

Incidents of racial prejudice and sexual harassment are fervently pursued and prosecuted, with expediency unmatched by civilian courts.

Believe it or not, the military has proven to be one of the most progressive and socially-conscious institutions of the past century.

Lastly, the military is not an on-going social issue for you to rail against whenever you get bored with whining about the whales, or baby seals, or whatever happens to be the Professional Protester's Flavor of the Week.

The military is present for national defense. Members are subject to different rules, responsibilities, and privileges than civilians.

If you haven't been there, done research on the topic, or talked to any veterans, then you can't even begin to pretend you understand the truth about life in the military, or the subsequent implications thereof.

So back off, and quit trying to fix what you don't understand.

Brian D. Padgett
ANTHROPOLOGY SENIOR

Dead birds do not need sympathy or wings

To the editor:

In response to Meg Marquis' article about dead animals on campus, allow me to present the following: What the hell?

This is exactly what I thought after reading the column. (Please note that I am not condoning the acts mentioned, nor do I feel that animals should be treated in cruel ways.) I'm just appalled at how un-journalistically the information was presented.

First, it mentions another column which addressed the dead starlings that were on campus. Does no one remember a few months ago when it was freezing cold and the birds were dying because of the weather?

As far as the wings, I don't think the starlings are caring that their wings are being removed. True, it's a strange thing to do, but if my arms get ripped off after I'm dead, I'm not going to care nor is it going to be written about.

The part of her column that really sparked my comment is the squirrel being hit. I just love how she described it as if the driver had his/her heart set on hitting the squirrel. No possible chance that the driver couldn't have seen the squirrel and hit it on accident.

No, a squirrel was killed, so it must have happened on purpose. Also, I find it hard to believe that as many times as Meg has driven, which I'm sure she has, she has never hit any animal.

She'd apparently rather run off the road, or into oncoming traffic, to avoid one.

Stephen Willems
COMPUTER SCIENCE FRESHMAN

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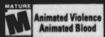


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