

# KENTUCKY Keeneland

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**WEATHER** Mostly sunny  
today, high 53. Mostly clear  
tonight, low 30. Partly sunny  
tomorrow, high 50 to 55.

**ROCK MY WORLD** Country superstars  
Reba McEntire and Brooks and Dunn played  
Rupp Saturday night. See review, page 2.



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## Phone lines out in residence hall

### Lines cut Friday

By Brandy Carter  
Staff Writer

All but two of the 157 Keeneland Residence Hall phone lines went out of service down on Friday evening, but how they went down is still being contested.

"According to repairmen who looked at the communications boxes and residence advisors in Keeneland the phone lines were deliberately cut at 6 p.m. Friday night," said Ralph Derickson public affairs coordinator.

No complaints have been filed with the UK Police Department, but they will investigate, Derickson said.

"I think the phone lines were cut, but we don't know who did it since the lines are in the basement. It could have been anyone," said Keeneland Hall resident advisor Robert Wess. "Right now we aren't

actively looking for the person who did it."

He expected the phone lines to be back up on Thursday.

However, Billie Pennington a telephone operator supervisor for UK gave the Kernel a different report than Derickson.

"We don't know what happened. We are currently investigating. There have been problems with Keeneland's phone lines in the past and we feel it is a problem with the system and we are working to repair it."

"Right now we have no conformation of foul play and we have no reason to believe the lines were tampered with," Pennington said.

The downed phone lines have caused several inconveniences for not only residents, but also for residence hall employees.

"With the phone lines out it has caused a lot of problems with trying to set up interviews with potential residence hall assistants for next school year," Wess said.

With Saturday night being a prime night for

guests in the residence halls, this caused problems when residents tried to check in their guests.

"Originally we were letting resident's guests check in with an ID, but now residents must meet their guests down in the lobby," Wess said.

Residents trying to make plans stood in line to use the desk phone Saturday night with a three-minute limit. Frustrated residents have had to make other arrangements to use a phone. "I don't appreciate this at all — it will take a long time to fix," said Eric Madison a history senior.

The projected Thursday repair date further angered residents.

"I think its horrible that its taking so long to get them back up. It has to be someone who lives in Keeneland who cut the lines," said Michael Schuerle a computer science senior.

Other students enjoyed the tranquility of not having working phones.

"It's peaceful for a change, but then again its kind of a pain to lurk around in the lobby to meet people," said Toby Brown an English junior.

## NEWSbytes

### STATE Police to check handicap parking tags

Kentucky is using a new system to stop the misuse of handicapped parking stickers in a state where about 400,000 have been issued in the last six years.

"I just can't believe there are 400,000 physically impaired people in this state," roughly 10 percent of the population, said Ed Logsdon, commissioner of vehicle regulation for the state Transportation Cabinet.

The system installed in February will allow police in all counties to run electronic checks on handicapped parking tag numbers through a statewide database.

But real enforcement begins in the doctor's office, said Assistant Lexington Police Chief Billy Burton. He said doctors are too liberal and too quick to sign handicapped parking stickers brought to them by their patients. Kentucky law limits issuance of tags to "persons with disabilities which limit or impair the ability to walk" and specifies conditions — including respiratory, cardiac, arthritic, neurological and orthopedic — under which a licensed physician can determine eligibility.

"I have never seen any official guidelines issued by any state agency. It has never been publicized with specific criteria," said John J. Vaughan, an orthopedic surgeon at the Kentucky Spine Institute.

### NATION Shuttle to return to Earth early

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia and its seven astronauts will return to Earth tomorrow, 12 days earlier than planned, because of a deteriorating and potentially explosive power generator.

It is only the third time in space shuttle history that a mission has been cut short by equipment failure.

While NASA considered commander James Halsell Jr. and his crew to be in no immediate danger, shuttle managers did not want to take any chances with the generator and, on Sunday, cut short the 16-day science mission.

"The conservative thing to do is land on Tuesday," shuttle program manager Tommy Holloway announced at a hastily arranged news conference.

Holloway said a landing today was ruled out in order to allow for an orderly return, and because Columbia's two other electricity-producing fuel cells were working fine.

The fear was that hydrogen fuel and oxygen in the degraded generator could mix, overheat and blow up if voltage in the unit dropped far enough. Flight controllers had the astronauts turn off the unit Sunday to reduce, if not eliminate, that risk. The crew also shut down all non-critical equipment to conserve power.

### WORLD Rebel leader objects to U.S. troops

GOMA, Zaire — Rebel leader Laurent Kabila objected yesterday to the presence of American troops on Zaire's border, calling them a threat to his country's integrity.

"They could move in at any time. They don't recognize the sovereignty of our people," Kabila said at rebel headquarters in eastern Zaire.

"For us it is a threat to our territorial integrity," said Kabila, whose forces have taken control of the eastern third of Zaire during their seven-month campaign to oust dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

Kabila also said there should be no international intervention in Zaire.

About 1,200 U.S., Belgian, French and British soldiers forces have set up camp in Brazzaville, Congo, across the Zaire River from the Zaire capital of Kinshasa, in case Westerners have to be evacuated. The U.S. warship Nassau is also stationed off the coast of the central African nation, with about 1,000 Marines aboard.

## Keeneland opens with new flavor

By Jason Feldmann  
Contributing Writer

Things are changing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Basketball season has come to a close, and the Cats are no longer national champs.

Horse racing is under way, and Keeneland is no longer the same racetrack.

April marks the beginning of the gradual shift in public attention from one sporting event to another. As basketball slowly relinquishes its hold on Lexington natives, live horse racing now takes center stage in the Bluegrass.

The spring session at Keeneland lasts until April 25.

The 61-year-old race track offers thoroughbred fans the same excitement that it has in the past but with a few changes.

This year marks the first year that Keeneland has a track announcer calling the races; Kurt Becker, 28, left the NASCAR circuit in hopes of bringing a new tradition to the once-silent race track.

Racing purists argue that the new announcer ruins the tradition and beauty often associated with Keeneland.

The question in many people's minds is whether or not Keeneland will be the same.

"I think the new announcer takes away from what once made Keeneland special," said economics junior Scott Colvin. "All the other tracks had race-callers, but Keeneland didn't. Now it's just like all the others."

Some fans disagree, however, and think the race track is changing with the times.

In their minds, Becker is a welcome addition who will hopefully rejuvenate the atmosphere. Like Wrigley Field's adding new lights, Keeneland has added new sound.



PHOTOS BY MATT BARTON, Kernel staff

### OFF TO THE RACES Keeneland featured some new faces this year including its first announcer, below, Kurt Becker.

"I really don't mind the change," said Jennifer Clouser, a family studies senior. "I love the beauty of this racetrack; that's why I go. No amount of noise from a PA speaker will be able to take that away."

Regardless of one's opinion of the new announcer, fans receive the same pleasure they always find at Keeneland. Spectators still see a showcase of spring fashion as people fill the crowds wearing the outfits that make Keeneland famous.

"For me it's not about the money; it's about the atmosphere," said Lynn Weaver, communications senior, who goes to Keeneland twice a year with her family. "Keeneland is definitely a place to people-watch."

The surroundings of Keeneland make it a popular racetrack. You don't have to be a devoted racing expert to enjoy an afternoon at the track.

Spectators range from small children to grandparents. And because the track is located right here in Lexington, it's an ideal place for book-wear-sty

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## AA pregnancy center offers women a place to turn

By Ginny Tatum  
Staff Writer

While having a baby represents a major life change for women, the whole experience doesn't have to be difficult for those who can support their new child.

But what about the women who did not plan on having a child? How do they deal with the upcoming role of motherhood? Where do women in crisis pregnancies turn?

AA Pregnancy Help Center offers free services to women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies.

Being a friend to pregnant women is one of the goals at the AA Pregnancy Help Center.

"I think the most important thing is we want to offer love and support to young women in crisis and to let them know that we care," said center counselor Dawn Mertz. "We're not going to judge them."

Harris said the center can refer women to other services they may need, such as adoption or medical assistance.

The center helps women deal with their unexpected or crisis pregnancies through counseling. Mertz said counseling is one of the most important services the center provides.

"As they face talking to their boyfriends, as they

face talking to their parents, we just encourage them to be open with them," she said. "We want to offer as much support and encouragement as we can."

The center understands that a main concern for women in crisis pregnancies is confidentiality.

By keeping everything confidential, it serves to put the pregnant women at ease.

"Everything is very confidential, and we treat everyone with respect," Mertz said.

The AA Pregnancy Help Center will accept anyone who needs their services.

"You don't need to qualify for our program," Mertz said. "You don't have to meet any certain criteria."

According to its brochure, the center offers a wide range of services to mothers in need.

For present needs, they give free pregnancy tests, counseling with the family and/or boyfriend, help in locating medical care, help in locating alternative living arrangements.

**▼Ongoing care:** information adoption childbirth classes for information on breastfeeding, clothing and furnishings for mother and baby.

services, education on pregnancy, abortion and alternatives.

The center also provides ongoing personal counseling, information on adoption, prenatal information and guidance, childbirth classes for information on breast feeding, clothing and furnishings for

mother and baby, if needed, and support groups for future needs.

Although the center is close to campus, it receives no funding from UK.

"We are funded strictly by contributors," Mertz said. "We get contributions, and people donate to us; that's how we're funded. We receive no state funding or government funding."

Harris said the center's contributors are just "loving and caring people who care about girls in crisis."

All the services the center provides are free of charge, including pregnancy tests.

Mertz said the center caters to women of all types.

"I would say that all ages come here," Mertz said. "If I had to pick a target age range, I would say between 18 and 22. But we get from one end of the spectrum to the other."

The center was incorporated in 1984 and opened its doors in March 1985, said office manager Janet Harris.

Four women, Patty Gilpin, Susan Wiley, Garnet Langley and Shirley Daniels, are responsible for opening the AA Pregnancy Help Center, Harris said.

Mertz said the four women thought there was a need to open a help center for women in crisis pregnancies.

"Every situation is different," she said. "As a girl comes in with a crisis pregnancy, with whatever needs she has, our goal is to attempt to meet those needs and to help her kind of sort through the situation."

## NAMEdropping

### NBC reporter and Fed chairman wed

WASHINGTON, Va. — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and NBC reporter Andrea Mitchell were married yesterday inside a cozy inn as a light rain fell outside on blooming dogwoods in the rural Virginia countryside.

Among the scores of the rich and famous attending the wedding were ABC's Barbara Walters and Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and his wife, Nancy. Most of the guests boarded a chartered bus for the 1 1/2-hour trip through Virginia hunt country to the Inn at Little Washington — where the best rooms go for \$590 a night — in the tiny village of Washington, Va.

Kissinger had hosted a dinner for the couple in New York City on Wednesday night and ABC's Sam Donaldson spent a "stag" party last week for the bride and her journalism buddies.

Greenspan and Mitchell met in 1983 when she interviewed him about the future of Social Security while he was serving on a commission to save the system. He asked her out two years later and they dated for 12 years before he popped the question last Christmas Day.

It is the second marriage for both. Mitchell celebrated her 50th birthday last October, Greenspan turned 71 last month.

Compiled from wire reports.

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## Cowboy hats invade Rupp

By Rob Herbst  
Weekend Sports Editor  
and Gary Wolf  
Associate News Editor

Erupting from the rafters of Rupp Arena, country superstars Reba McEntire and Brooks and Dunn exploded for nearly three hours of twang, heartbreak and booze.

The country legend, McEntire, and duo burst onto the stage opening with a fiery rendition of Credence Clearwater Revival's classic "Traveling Band."

Although the two acts co-headlined, McEntire took center stage after the song as Brooks and Dunn exited stage left.

McEntire received more praise on Saturday for her older tunes compared to her latest work. Pre-

haps the highlight of the night came from a duet with backup singer Linda Davis and their hit "Does He Love You?"

From her latest album titled, "What If It's You," McEntire sang two up-tempo songs, "How Was I To Know?" and "The Fear of Being Alone." Both pieces earned McEntire an ovation from the audience but by no means were the cheers overwhelming.

Still, after nearly 20 years on the road McEntire proved she still had the energy to perform a solid show.

"I may not be fast anymore, but I'm still feisty," she admitted to the crowd.

Ending with her signature song "Fancy" she worked the crowd into a frenzy as they awaited Brooks and Dunn to take the stage.

They didn't have to wait long, because as McEntire descended underneath the stage, Brooks and Dunn ascended. Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year for 1996 showed exactly why they deserved the award opening up with "Little Miss Honky Tonk." The duo didn't stop there. They continued their set with

their smash hit "Boot Scootin' Boogie" where fans stood and boogie-scoted in the aisles.

Whereas McEntire's set remained somber and serious, Brooks and Dunn's was playful, fun and wild.

Ronnie Dunn said their music had very few sensitive songs and focused on honky tonks and auto racing.

For the sensitive listeners the duo sang "My Maria" and "A Man This Lonely." However, they forgot their sophistication for "Rock My World (Little Country Girl)" as stage hands shook inflatable country girls three times the size of a regular person.

Brooks and Dunn finished their set with "Hard Workin' Man" before descending underneath the circular stage.

However, Dunn would return for an encore with McEntire joining in for a slow country ballad.

Kix Brooks returned donning a Ron Mercer basketball jersey as the stage lit up with fireworks to close the show.

Although the rest of the show was decent, their encore would have used a little work, like actually singing a song everyone knew.



THREE AMIGOS Reba McEntire joined Brooks and Dunn to put on a solid show at Rupp Arena Saturday night.

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## 'Abbotts' attempt to reinvent small-town USA

By Matt Mulcahey  
Staff Critic  
★★★ (out of five)

*Inventing the Abbotts* is a charming little sleeper about coming of age and innocence. It tells the story of two families—one rich, one poor—and their relationship in a small Pennsylvania town in the 1950s.

The story centers on the three daughters of wealthy socialite Lloyd Abbott and the two sons of working-class mother Helen Holt. The two families have a checkered past, and trouble erupts when the oldest son sleeps with the "black sheep" of the Abbott family.

The meticulous attention to detail of director Pat O'Conner (*Circle of Friends*) creates a vivid, nostalgic look at small-town life in the 1950s with vibrant, interesting characters. To bring to life these characters O'Conner assembled a fantastic cast of young talent.

Joanna Going is solid as the oldest Abbott daughter Alice; Jennifer Connelly is tantalizing as the "bad daughter" Eleanor. But the best performance belongs to Liv Tyler as the youngest daughter, Pam. Tyler brings a sense of innocence and vulnerability, which is perfect for the role.

*Inventing the Abbotts* is at its best when it concentrates on the relationship between the two brothers, played by Billy Crudup and Joaquin Phoenix.

Phoenix, younger brother of the late River Phoenix, is equally good as the quiet, younger brother Doug.

Phoenix shares Tyler's sense of innocence, and the two have great chemistry together.

The supporting cast is rounded out by the always watchable Will Patton. Patton, who has an uncanny resemblance both physically and stylistically to the great

Robert Duvall, turns in a characteristically good performance as controlling patriarch Lloyd Abbott.

Although the story is slow at times, *Inventing the Abbotts* creates unforgettable characters and gives an insightful look at small-town life. The young cast members' mesmerizing performances, coupled with a timeless story, make *Inventing the Abbotts* a movie you won't want to miss.



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# CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is a free service which appears in the Monday edition of the Kentucky Kernel. All registered organizations wishing to publish meetings, lectures, special events and sporting events, must have all information to Student Activities room 203 or call 257-8867 one week prior to publication.

### MONDAY 4/7

**ACADEMIC**  
-Priority registration for the 1997 Fall Semester and the 1997 Summer Sessions (thru 4/18)  
-Accounting Club/College of Business & Economics Open Session & 97-98 Elections, 4:30-5:45pm, 148 B & E Bldg.

**ARTS & MOVIES**  
-SAB Baseball Gallery/Crystal Ball, 257 Student Ctr (thru 4/24)  
-Center for Contemporary Art: Sculpture by Lawrence Hawthorne. MFA exhibition (thru 4/11)  
-Fine Arts Institute classes, Dates/times/fees vary. CALL 296-7831 to register (thru 4/18)

**MEETINGS**  
-Newman Ctr Catholic Mass every weekday, 12:00pm, 320 Rose St. 255-8566

**LECTURES**  
-Career Center Orientations, Mon-Fri, 8:30am & 2:00pm (thru 2/21) 257-2746

**RECREATION**  
-Aikido Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, 269-4305

**SPORTS**  
-Men's Basketball NCAA Final Championship Game  
-UK Men's Tennis vs. Alabama (Indoors), 2:30pm; Lexington, KY

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
-Alkido Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, 269-4305

**WEDNESDAY 4/9**  
-UK Saxophone Quartet & Mega-Sax: Miles Osland, director, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Recital Hall; FREE

**MEETINGS**  
-SAB Cinema Committee Meeting, 4:00pm, SAB Board Rm, 203 Student Ctr  
-DESIRE TO STOP DRINKING? Try A-A-I (workshop), Every Wed., 5:00pm, Rm 4 Newman Ctr  
-Counselor General Meeting, 7:30pm, 245 Student Ctr

**LECTURES**  
-UK Career Ctr Workshop: "Second Step" Interviews and Plans/Videos, 1:00pm, 011 Matthews Bldg, 257-7416  
-Women's Law Caucus Spring Luncheon featuring a witness speaking on "Thelma, Louise & the Law: Some Tricky Sit'ns", 1:00pm, 203e Faculty Ctr; \$15 public; \$12 students; tickets available at the law office

**RECREATION**  
-UK Intramural Swim Meet, Lancaster

**THURSDAY 4/10**

**ACADEMIC**  
-Last day for candidates for a May degree to schedule a final examination in The Graduate School

**ARTS & MOVIES**  
-Student Public Interest Law Foundation play: "Inherit The Wind," by Jerome Lawrence & Robert F. Lee, 5:00pm, Law Bldg Courtroom #4  
-UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 8:00pm, Fine Arts Bldg, Guignol Theatre; \$10, \$8.50 & \$7  
-Student Public Interest Law Foundation play: "Inherit The Wind," by Jerome Lawrence & Robert F. Lee, 8:00pm, Law Bldg Courtroom #4  
-Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra: Lexington Singers, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall. Previews at 7:15pm, \$26, \$23, \$20, \$15. FREE for first 120 UK Students at ticket office beginning 4/9; 253-4226

**MEETINGS**  
-International Christian Fellowship Meeting, 7:00pm, Kolonia House, corner of Rose St. and Rose Ln.

**SPORTS**  
-UK Men's & Women's Diving Senior Zone Diving, All day (thru 4/06)  
-UK Men's Tennis vs. Auburn (Outdoors), 2:00pm; Lexington, KY  
-UK Baseball & Alabama, 7:00pm, Tuscaloosa, AL

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
-Residence Life Top of the Tower: Casino Night with Live Band, refreshments, and more, 8:00pm, Nirvan Tower 23rd floor, 22 at the door. All proceeds go to a local charity. Prizes will be awarded to participants

**LECTURES**  
-Donovan Forum: "Asian Philosophies," Don Oles, 4:00-5:00pm, 203 Student Ctr

**RECREATION**  
-Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

**SPORTS**  
-UK Outdoor Tennis/Texas Relays, Austin, TX (thru 4/25)

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
-Jewish Student Organization Hill Foundation Dinner at the Donovan Forum, 7:30pm, Donovan Hall, 203e Faculty Ctr; \$5-\$8.48, All are welcome

**FRIDAY 4/11**

**ACADEMIC**  
-Graduate Record Examination (GRE) Exam

**ARTS & MOVIES**  
-UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 8:00pm, Fine Arts Bldg, Guignol Theatre; \$10, \$8.50 & \$7  
-UK Trumpet Ensemble: Terry Everson, director, 2:00 pm, Singletary Center Recital Hall, FREE  
-UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 2:00 pm, Fine Arts Building, Guignol Theatre; \$10, \$8.50 & \$7

**MEETINGS**  
-Newman Center Catholic Mass, 9:00-11:30 a.m., 5:00 & 8:30 pm  
-Christian Student Fellowship University Pralse Service, 11:00 a.m., 502 Columbia Ave.; 253-0313

**RECREATION**  
-Aikido Club, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

**SPORTS**  
-UK Men's Tennis vs. Tennessee, 2:00 p.m.; Lexington, KY

By Jr Staff  
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# 'The Saint' doesn't answer prayers

By Josh Herr  
Staff Critic

I admit to being a fan of action movies. I can put up with lapses in logic, physical impossibilities, corny lines and bad acting if they will just deliver the goods. That's the problem with the new Val Kilmer movie, *The Saint*. It has all the disadvantages of action movies, but it never really delivers the action.

What it does deliver is a dim-witted, hi-tech caper involving Simon Templar, a.k.a. The Saint. Templar is a master of disguise and an expert cat burglar — imagine James Bond without a gun. He is hired by a Russian politician to steal the formula for cold fusion from the young scientist who just made the incredible breakthrough.

And that is where the cheese begins. The scientist, Dr. Emma Russel (Elizabeth Shue), is of course gorgeous. In the process of seducing her to gain the formula, Templar falls in love. The theme of a professional man forced to choose between his cold-hearted business ethics and the love of a woman is hardly new to the action movie.

Director Philip Noyce, who steered the excellent Aussie thriller *Dead Calm*, as well as the last two Tom Clancy films, lends some impressive shots of Moscow, where half of the movie was filmed. But the action scenes that would have made the cornball factor palatable are too few and lackluster to carry the film.

Kilmer does a fair job as the lead, displaying his gift for mimicking about any accent as he pretends to be various characters all named after Roman Catholic saints. The problem with Kilmer,



**GOLD KILMER** Elizabeth Shue and the ultra-icy Val Kilmer get intimate in the Bond wannabe action film 'The Saint.' The film plays at Sony Southpark and Woodhill Movies 10.

though, is the iciness he can't shake. Viewers are impressed by his skill, but we can never seem to like him. Tony Scott had the right idea when he cast him as Iceman in *Top Gun*; his Teutonic looks are statuesque, but there is no warmth behind the stone.

Another problem is Shue as the scientist/love interest. First of all, she is just too darn sweet to be in an action movie. In one of the few great scenes in the movie, her pain is almost unbearable as she realizes that the man who swept her off her feet was not the man of her

dreams, but a con artist and a thief. Unlike the vacuous Bond girls, I can't believe that Shue could so easily forget that pain and go back to the action movie world.

Beyond that she has another problem. Now, don't get me wrong; there are parts of my body I would donate to medical experimentation for Shue. She is lovely, but it was impossible for me to believe that she was a scientist who invented cold fusion.

*The Saint* is not a bad film; it just fails in so many ways that the result is outstandingly mediocre.



MOVIE review

★ ★ 1/2  
(out of five)

'The Saint'

# IRA film gives sharp look at hunger strike

By Dan O'Neill  
Arts Editor

Conflict in Northern Ireland has become a popular subject in the film industry. Whether it be the glossy American version presented in *The Devil's Own* or the more graphic, intimate one found in *In the Name of the Father*, the

IRA vs. Britain struggle has frequented movie screens with a main theme taking the side of the Irish.

True to form, *Some Mother's Son* tells a fictionalized account of the 1981 IRA hunger strikes in a Belfast prison with an obvious one-sided tone. As with others of its kind, *Some Mother's Son* por-

trays the broader scope of events through the relationship of two central characters.

In this case, two mother's Kathleen Quigley (Hellen Mirren) and Annie Higgins (Fionula Flanagan) whose son's were imprisoned for IRA involvement, comprise the two leads.

The character of Britain lawmaker Farnsworth states early in the film, "these men are not soldiers or guerrillas, they are criminals." This is where the conflict arises. The prisoners' refuse to wear criminal uniforms as they fight for POW status over that of a criminal. In an attempt to dissuade them, the cold-hearted British lawmakers take away bathroom privileges from the inmates.

When that doesn't work for either side, several of the ragged, "Jesus Christ"-looking prisoners go on a hunger strike to gain public attention. From there, religious and political figures enter into the picture, campaigning each side while prisoner after prisoner lapses into coma from starvation.

The ultimate moral dilemma, however, lies not in the issue of whether to grant POW status, but the mother's decision to let doctor's feed their son's through



MOVIE review

★★★★  
(out of five)

'Some Mother's Son'  
Castle Rock Entertainment  
Directed by Terry George



**THE HUNGER** Helen Mirren (left) and Fionula Flanagan (right) raise support in the Irish hunger strike of 1981. The film plays at Sony FayetteMall.

## DIVERSIONS bytes

### Talk heats up on Star Wars cast

Though Kenneth Branagh was the oft-mentioned candidate to play young Obi Wan Kenobi in the next three Star Wars prequel films, talk is building about *Trainspotting* star Ewan McGregor, who has met with George Lucas. A Lucas representative acknowledged the meeting, but said he's one of several being considered. Of those other considerations, Liam Neeson of *Schindler's List* leads the race to win the much sought after spot.

### Taft Theatre announces acts

Cincinnati's Taft Theatre announced Crosby Stills & Nash will perform a rare intimate concert on May 8th at 8 pm. Their Taft performance will be just two days after the ceremony for their induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Other shows include Laurie Anderson on April 10th, Widespread Panic on April 16th and Collective Soul on April 27th. For ticket information call Ticketmaster at (606) 281-6644.

Compiled from staff reports.

The Contemporary Affairs Committee of the UK Student Activities Board proudly presents an evening with

**Reverend Dr. Cecil "Chip" Murray**

on  
**Thursday, April 10th 1997 at 8:00 p.m.**  
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- The Rev. Dr. Murray is the minister of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles.
- The AME Church was recognized in 1990 as Pres. Busb's 177th "Point of Light."
- The Rev. Dr. Murray and his parishioners stood in the street outside their church following the Rodney King verdict, forming a human buffer between rioters and police.

For more information, please contact Craig Dylan Wyatt at the Student Activities Office at (606) 257-8867

\*The views expressed by Rev. Dr. Murray are not necessarily the views of the Student Activities Board or the Contemporary Affairs Committee.

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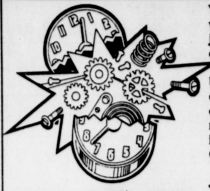
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## Couch, Cats shine with new offense

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

New football coach Hal Mumme said things would be different for the offense. Different is an understatement.

The new-look Cats with their new-look offense took to the Commonwealth Stadium field on Saturday for a two-and-a-half-hour scrimmage, and they didn't fail to impress.

Despite having had only four practices prior to the scrimmage, UK's three quarterbacks — Tim Couch, Ryan Keller and Brian Siddens — combined to complete 67-of-102 passes for 770 yards and five touchdowns.

"It's great," said Couch, who on Saturday was 44-of-57 for 469 yards and four touchdowns with only two interceptions.

"It's what I always dreamed about. Growing up, I wanted to be a college quarterback and play in this type of offense. It's a lot of fun."

Couch's performance was a far cry from last season, when he attempted only 84 passes, completing 32 for 276 yards and one touchdown.

"Everyone's real excited about this year's team," he said. "We've put the past behind us and we're looking forward to this upcoming season."

Mumme, who has never been bashful about singing Couch's praise, was impressed with the freshman's performance only a week into workouts.

"I think he sees the field real well," the UK coach said. "He's

very cool in the pocket. He can get a lot of velocity on the ball, but it's a soft ball to catch."

If the passing numbers were the biggest surprise of the afternoon, the play of Keller, the backup quarterback, had to be the second biggest.

The 6-foot-2, 192-pound red-shirt freshman from Long Grove, Ill., completed 19-of-39 passes for 248 yards. He also hit Norman Mason for a 57-yard touchdown strike.

"I think Ryan's going to make a good one," Mumme said.

"The thing he does is he moves his feet so well. He's got three or four things in our offense he can master and be real good at. And that's kind of what we need if disaster happens and we get Couch hurt."

Among the receivers who had a standout day were Mason, who caught nine passes for 144 yards, and junior Kevin Coleman, who caught nine for 121 yards.

Mumme said he has "about 90 percent" of the offense already installed.

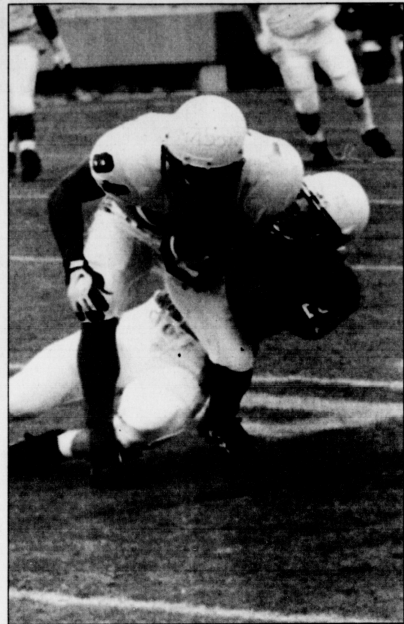
### Notes:

▼Defensive end Lamont Smith suffered a broken fibula in his right leg during Saturday's scrimmage.

The 6-foot-2, 240-pound senior from Cincinnati will be out "three to four weeks," Mumme said.

Smith started in the first eight games of last season before being sidelined with a sprained ankle. His fourth-quarter interception against Indiana set up the game-winning field goal.

▼A couple of players have



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**GET A GRIP** UK's Norman Mason stretches for an extra yard despite the efforts of a Wildcat defender. Mason caught nine passes for 144 yards.

asked to be released from their scholarships.

Lawrence Chamberlain, a 6-5, 333-pound redshirt freshman who was slated to be starting at one of the offensive tackle positions, has

left the team, according to UK Sports Information Director Tony Neely. Also leaving is Tony Staton. The outside linebacker from Bonifay, Fla., was listed as No. 3 on the depth chart.

## Bulldogs shocked in NCAA Regionals

By Aaron Yellon  
Staff Writer

If history repeats itself, the University of Florida gymnastic team should win a national championship this season.

On Saturday the No. 10 Gators upset No. 1 Georgia in the NCAA Southeast Regional Tournament, held in Memorial Coliseum. Ironically, the last time Florida beat Georgia in a regional match was in 1987, when it went on to win its first championship.

Florida head coach Judi Markell said the team's slow start concerned her, but they were able to finish strong.

"It was a little bit shaky on beam in the beginning," Markell said. "I knew we were going to have to dig ourselves out of a hole, but they came back."

Even though Sybil Stephenson was the only Gator gymnast to win an event (9.925 on uneven parallel bars), the team had solid enough performances in the other events to give Markell her first coaching victory over Georgia.

A second-place finish would be considered an accomplishment for many teams, but it was a huge dis-

appointment for Georgia. Head coach Suzanne Yoculan said it was the three points deducted due to faults that put the "Dogs on a leash."

"Georgia lost as a team tonight, not just one individual," said a teary-eyed Yoculan. "We've only been averaging .04 faults over the past eight meets. Six different players committed six different faults."

If the Georgia is fortunate enough to be invited to the NCAA Championships, Yoculan said the scenario will be different.

"If we do have an opportunity to compete in the national championships, I think you'll see a different team out there than you did tonight," she said.

In the midst of a sub-par team effort, Georgia gymnast Kim Arnold was the bright spot of the team's night.

She posted a perfect 10 on the floor exercise and she won the all-around competition with a score of 39.175. That finish will put her in the championships as an individual competitor.

The UK Gym Kats also suffered an off-night with a fifth-place finish. They set a season

high of 49.025 on the floor exercise, but they failed to hit their average on the other events.

Head coach Leah Little said it was a disappointing effort by the team, and the little mistakes sealed their fate.

"This is not the same team that was on the floor at the SEC (Southeastern Conference) championships a week ago," Little said. "When you get this far, you can't make mistakes. I think Georgia proved that tonight."

Senior Robin Ewing's below-average vault score set the tone for a struggling night. The senior All-American finished 23rd overall, and failed to finish in the top 10 of any event.

"(The vault score) kind of jugged my mind a little bit," Ewing said. "I tried not to let it affect me, but I let it get the best of me."

UK got a solid performance from SEC Freshman of the Year Kristen Hoeflerlin. But even though she finished seventh overall, Hoeflerlin didn't appear happy.

"I did what I hoped to do — I hit 4-for-4 — but it wasn't the performance I had hoped for," Hoeflerlin said.

### SPORTSbytes

## Alabama pounds Cats in baseball

Joe Caruso drove in three runs yesterday to lead Alabama to a 9-5 win over UK.

Alabama (29-5 overall, 10-5 Southeastern Conference) scored four runs in the first inning and never trailed in the game.

The Cats (9-22-1, 5-10) took one game against Alabama in the three-game series this weekend. After losing on Friday, UK drubbed the Crimson Tide 9-2 on Saturday.

### Softball breaks losing streak

On Saturday the UK softball team broke a 15-game losing streak by taking the second game of a doubleheader against Georgia by a final score of 2-1.

That was the Cats' (7-15, 1-11) only glimpse of success this weekend.

Georgia defeated the Bulldogs in both games of a doubleheader yesterday.

In the first game UGA drubbed UK 7-0, and rocked the Cats 13-8 in the second game.

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## Shower to help needy kids

By Kathy Reding  
News Editor

A 1994 Carnegie Corporation study regarding young children has spurred a national "Early Childhood Initiative" that UK family and consumer science students are taking an active role in.

The UK chapter of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Student Section is holding a baby shower today at 5 p.m. at the College of Human Environmental Sciences to collect items for young children of needy parents.

Amanda Williams, a home economics education senior, said students will collect items and compile them as care packages for the Virginia Place home for mothers and the Salvation Army.

"The number we do depends on how much we get in," Williams said.

"We'll have all the things mothers need." Williams, who serves on the national task force for AAFCS's Early Childhood Initiative, said UK's baby shower is one of many events student chapters are conducting nationally.

"I've asked every student chapter across the nation to do some type of project," Williams said.

The student activities, Williams said, coincide with the professional society's nationwide project to promote better child care from before birth to age three.

A study done by the Carnegie Corporation of New York concluded that "how children function from the preschool years all the way through adolescence, even adulthood, hinges in a large part on their experiences before age three."

Williams said the national effort to educate people about this finding begins April 28 with a prime-time special on ABC TV called "I Am Your Child."

The show will feature music, comedy and mini-documentaries addressing topics such as brain development and quality child care.

Newsweek magazine is also publishing a special edition to report on the status of young children and their families.

Other national information sources for the initiative will

include public service announcements, parental videos and a World Wide Web site.

"These childhood influences determine how you're going to grow up," Williams said. "Researchers found it important and necessary enough to be a national campaign."

Williams said a difference in a child's life development can be made easily by activities such as parents reading to the child before age three.

She said with declining social values and large numbers of troubled adolescents in the country, the research focus now is to look at early childhood as a contributor to the problems.

Williams was nominated to the national task force through her role as a national officer in the AAFCS student section.

The Kentucky and national chapters of AAFCS student and professional sections "are the main umbrella organizations for people in family and consumer sciences," Williams said.

Members include early childhood educators, dietetics and home economics educators among others.

"I didn't realize what was involved until I got into it," Williams said of the national initiative to bring awareness to the needs to children in their earliest years.



MATT BARTON Kernel staff

**GOOD TO MEET YA.** A jockey meets with one of the many patrons during Keeneland's opening weekend. The spring session lasts until April 25.

## Keeneland

Racetrack offers new ways to gamble cash

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dents just to hang out and relax for the day.

Students on tight budgets can have pleasant experiences at the track by simply watching their money. Those not familiar with betting strategies should be careful not to get caught up in the excitement of the crowd and stay away from complex wagering.

"The best bet is a simple bet," said Craig Tomasetti, biology junior.

"The goal is to not get too complicated and stick with the easy bets, such as win, place and show."

Those more familiar with racing lingo can be more adventurous in their wagering.

Keeneland offers a wide variety of betting.

Possible bets include the following: exacta, your horses must finish 1st and 2nd in exact order; triecta, horses must finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in exact order; and superfecta, horses must finish in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in exact order.

Keeneland also offers two new types of wagering: the "Rolling Pick 3," in which you must pick

the winners of three consecutive races, and the "Pick 6," in which you choose the winners of six consecutive races.

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"Things may be changing at Keeneland, but hopefully the winning streaks are not."

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## Poll: Kentuckians dislike Patton's plan

LOUISVILLE — Gov. Paul Patton draws support from less than a quarter of Kentuckians familiar with his plan to remove the community colleges from UK, according to a poll published yesterday.

Forty-eight percent of the 802 adults surveyed said they had heard about Patton's plan to put the community colleges under a separate board, according to the Bluegrass State Poll in The Courier-Journal.

The poll showed that 62 percent of Kentuckians who have heard about the plan are opposed

to it. Only 21 percent of the people who knew about the plan were in favor of it.

The plan has triggered a dispute between the governor and UK President Charles Wethington. The plan's prospects for legislative approval are in doubt because UK has used letters, TV and radio ads to persuade alumni to lobby lawmakers to defeat it.

Wethington said Friday that "the poll results show what I've been saying about the community colleges for a long time: that the people of this state want them to be a part of the University of Ken-

tucky."

Patton issued a one-sentence statement saying that the poll "reflects the intensity of the University of Kentucky's campaign of misinformation."

The level of opposition to Patton's plan was virtually the same regardless of race, gender, age, income or education level. Still, 52 percent of the urban group were against the plan.

The poll's margin of error is 3.5 percentage points for the full sample and 4.9 points for those who were aware of the governor's plan.

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# Over-regulation

Mayor Pam Miller and the Urban County Council just moved Lexington one step closer to the backward morally legislated city everyone wants to say it's not.

Last Thursday, the Council passed a package of strict laws in a covert attempt to shut down Lexington's 10 exotic dance clubs.

The most obscene of which requires dancers to pay \$100 a year for a license and clubs \$6,000 a year.

In addition, complete nude dancing and physical contact was abolished and clubs can only operate business until 1 a.m.

As if that wasn't enough, the council approved a five-month waiting period on allowing new clubs to open.

And they say it was all done to cut down on the illegal activity surrounding the clubs. When the truth lies in the fact that the lawmakers have exaggerated the dance clubs' negative influence on a community to support their own personal and religious beliefs.

The regulations passed have nothing to do with cutting down on the drugs, prostitution and other criminal activities associated with

exotic clubs. Instead, they are all geared toward getting rid of the clubs by using crime as the dressed up excuse.

The only rationale being guys who are forced to sit 5 feet away from a woman wearing pasties and G-strings have a much better chance of rejecting the needle and chaining down their sexual desire than those who have bare skin two inches from their face.

Forcing strippers and clubs to buy a license and limiting their hours of operation are blatant attempts to drive them out of business. They refuse to take a real stand by flat out banning strip clubs in fear of catching unfavorable heat.

Instead the council has taken a backhanded approach to undermine the very legal practice of exotic dancing.

Strip clubs are a business, a means of living for many, and more importantly an outlet for entertainment that should not be denied to anyone willing to pay for it.

The whole argument comes back to the basic rule of censorship — if you don't like it, don't watch it.

### IN OUR OPINION

## READERS' forum

### Emmick's tinkle story is right on toilet etiquette

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate Chris Emmick for addressing what seems to be a very prevalent problem here at UK. I have seen many a low-life \$60/\$85 walk pass a row of empty wall urinals just for the seclusion of the throne.

Why? Is it for privacy? Never have I had any "male" standing next to me at the urinal look over to see what I had in my hand. Is it because they have something "big" to hide? Most likely just the opposite. Could they be ignorant of a wall urinal's purpose? Possibly. In any event, they lack the common decency and proper parental training of civilized men. MEN, the next time you see

someone's feet pointed in the wrong direction and hear the sound of splashing water, hit the side of the stall loudly, laugh heartily and scream "Did you raise the seat 'little' boy." Perhaps after they have wet themselves a couple of times, the shame will get their attention.

J. R. Williams  
deception and information studies senior

### Kernel arena view foolish

To the editor:

I was appalled to see your editorial board take such a shortsighted stance in the April 2 editorial "Build It." While it seems that the on-campus basketball arena is a done deal, that does not mean that the Kernel should support it. Particularly foolish was

the closing comment, that "Regardless of the negatives for the city, UK needs to look out for itself."

UK is stuck with Lexington, for better or for worse. So while it's true that UK needs to look out for itself, part of that must be looking out for Lexington. You would leave Rupp Arena and the Civic Center hopelessly in debt, and seriously hurt many of Lexington's fine downtown businesses, and for what?

To save the athletic department \$1.2 million a year (as if it didn't have enough money), to eliminate the charges for parking (at least there is parking downtown — arena construction would leave even fewer parking places on campus).

Admittedly, scheduling would be easier, but is that really worth the millions of dollars to build and maintain the arena, the millions of dollars it would cost downtown businesses and the city, and the strained relations

between Lexington and UK? I think not.

Carter Adler  
fine arts freshman

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# Religious freedom as important as freedom of personal expression

Eight o'clock, Sunday morning. The alarm clock lets out a series of annoying beeps. Bob gets up and with depleted motor skills finds his way to the bathroom.

After the shower, Bob puts on a shirt and tie and drives to church.

After listening to a long sermon, Bob chats with other members of his church group. Later in the evening, Bob joins a couple of his friends for a drink at the bar. If your Sundays look like Bob's, do not be surprised. You are probably one of the several million Bobs in this country who follow religion with the same meaningless routine as described above.

Religion in this country seems to more a matter of habit than faith. Simply following a set routine because your dad and grandfather did so does not make a person religious and pious in any way. The way religion is followed in a country depends a lot on the existing moral standards of its society. If something is acceptable in a society by a majority of the people, it becomes OK to do it even if the tenets of religion do not allow it.

Freedom of expression is one of the basic ideals this country is built upon. So what do individuals who are dissatisfied with the way religion is practiced do about it? They form cults and include members who share views similar to their own. A lot of times, these views border on the ridiculous side.

The reason? Its freedom of expression gone haywire. As some famous guy once said, when people's actions lack cosmic significance, they begin to lean toward absurdity.

The cult in San Diego was an example of an outlet for people to practice their beliefs. Scientology and the Branch Davidians are other examples.

These should not be considered as religions. They are sort of like a club, which has members sharing similar interests. In these cases, the members happen to be disgruntled citizens who could not find inner peace through the major religion.

A country that is 300 or so years old lacks the tradition, values and beliefs of the older nations of the world. Therefore, its religion fails to have much of an impact on the daily lives of the average citizen. It becomes a mechanical series of events.

After the basketball championship game, students poured on the streets. Beer flowed like water and several women removed their clothes at the urging of the crowd.

**INFORMED SOURCES** "WE HAD just enough time to do the breathing therapy. Without that, we wouldn't have made it. Jean De Young, mother of the 12-year-old Henry De Young who uses a motorized wheelchair equipped with oxygen to be can breathe.

I am sure several of these students are going to put their shirt and ties on again and go to church on Sunday.

In a nation of sports cars, cheeseburgers and Budweisers, it is extremely hard for any religion to have an impact on the youth. It has to be a concerted effort by society as a whole.

All religions have the same fundamental principles. It is the social standards of a country that define how its people act.

Freedom of speech and expression has its drawbacks.

People tend to stop thinking about right and wrong simply because they are entitled to their individual beliefs.

Others choose to follow their leader and commit suicide after the sighting of a comet.

Real moral values cannot be attained from weekly visits to church. They have to

start at home.

Parents must teach their children by example and not just by reading passages from the Bible or goody goody bedtime stories. The family unit has to be strong and functional for the proper growth of a child.

People tend to learn from their environment. A divorce rate of about 50 percent in a country does not indicate a healthy environment for a child's growth.

Religion, however, does provide a means for an individual to make important choices in life. Having faith in a particular religion could make a person stronger and more able in times of personal crisis.

The important point is people need to implement the things they learn from their respective religions in their daily lives.

Plastering one's home with quotes from scriptures and other religious paraphernalia alone does not make someone more virtuous than the rest.

With the amount of corruption present in society today, it is hard to adhere to one's religious beliefs without being swayed by negative forces. One must have the will and mental toughness to stick to his or her ideals. People need to have clear and well-defined goals. They need to know where their lives are headed. Their futures have to be secure. The family plays an important part in molding someone's personality and attitude toward life. If the family is broken or dysfunctional, there isn't much that religion can do by itself to make individuals productive members of society.

Contributing Columnist Manish Bhatia is an electrical engineering junior; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

# Having that urge for a booty call, here's the skinny on it

As the term "booty" has achieved a position of unusual prominence on the "Prince" editorial page of late, I thought it might be appropriate to ask: what does this word mean? And where does it come from? You might have heard of that masterpiece of postwar American film, "Booty Call," currently playing in theaters nationwide.

A compelling tale about love and war in urban America, or as one critic has put it, "booty and the pursuit thereof," the film is doing quite well. On its Wednesday opening night last month, "Booty Call" took in only \$750,000 from 1,272 screens. But by Sunday night, it had brought in \$8 million and was fourth at the box office.

In this space, we will explore a more pressing issue. It's something that good, hardworking, tax-paying Americans all over this nation of ours are wondering: what, precisely, does "booty"

mean? Jim Minge, a columnist for that great pillar of American journalism, The Omaha World Herald, asked his readers the other day if anyone was familiar with the term "booty call." (This was, of course, only after he had offered his first "nogginscratcher" for the day: "Have you tried Taco Bell's new 'Green Sauce'?" What do you think? And what the heck is it?")

Oh, the intellectual stimulation! A few readers sent in their thoughts on the matter: "A booty call is a late-night rendezvous," wrote Roland White. Roland may be a bit too specific in his definition. Why the temporal limit? Perhaps he hasn't yet heard the

quintessential musical expression of American life in the 1990s: "2 Much Booty (in da pants)," which was at No. 5 on Billboard's rap and billboard chart last time I checked. Or seen Carmen Electra, Jenny McCarthy's replacement "Single Out," MTV's latest offering to that most attractive of advertisers' demographic groups the "Generation Xers" (I prefer, with some defiance, to think of myself and my compatriots as members of Generation Y: why must we put up with this

drive?) Electra has recently raised the show's entertainment level a notch with her very own "booty shake": a pose in which she turns her back to the camera and wig-

gles. She'll have her own network television show in no time.

But the English language establishment seems now to have fully accepted booty; Britain's own Daily Telegraph stated in a recent article about Jack Nicholson and Warren Beatty that, despite their ages (both turn 60 this spring), "Jack and Warren can always be relied on to trip lightly through the sexual minefield and take home the babe booty."

So Roland's mostly right. But I decided to consult my Oxford English Dictionary to find out just where this word comes from. Evidently, it's been found in a number of forms over the years: booty, buty, boty, bootye, bootie, booty, or, as

we commonly know it, booty.

It seems that etymologists have now concluded (phew!) that the English word booty is really an adaptation from the German word "beute," or perhaps the French "butin." Butin, from the French, was used along with botye and booty in early British literature; the first known instances of both are found in Caxton's Chesse (not, as you might have just misread, Caxton's Cheese) of 1474. Caxton was an English printer who established the first printing press in

England 1476; in Chesse, he wrote "So shold the dyspoyle and botye be comune vnto them."

The final definition seems most apt here: "to play booty to

join with confederates in order to spoil or victimize another player; hence to play or act falsely so as to gain a desired object." And, my favorite sense of the term, "to play badly, intentionally in order to lose the game" (providing an excuse, of course, to those whose intention it was to lose all along — sure).

I always thought that when those buccaners of old sang, "Ho, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum," they were simply celebrating their newly plundered golden treasures. It seems that's not all they were celebrating. I should have known. After all, another word for pirate is "freebooter."

I'll leave that for those of you working on your JPs and theses to ponder as you furiously tap away on your keyboards.

Good luck with everything. And, while you're at it, try not to boot.

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# Rodman's 'Double Team' easily broken

By Matt Mulcahey  
Staff Critic

In the tradition of great screen pairings such as De Niro/Pacino and Newman/Redford, Hollywood brings us our next great acting tandem ... Rodman/Van Damme.

*Double Team* brings together the unlikely duo of action star Jean-Claude Van Damme and basketball player/weirdo Dennis Rodman. The result is embarrassingly bad.

The plot, if you can even call it that, is one of the most confusing and unrealistic ever to hit the screen. Basically, Van Damme hunts down an international terrorist who has abducted his wife and child.

I didn't expect to find interesting characters, dialogue or even a logical story, and true to Van Damme form, I wasn't disappointed. What was disappointing was the lack of original, exciting action scenes that usually highlight Van Damme movies.

Noted Hong Kong director Tsui Hark makes a lackluster American debut.

Hark's action scenes are excessive and overly stylized, especially in the constant of slow motion. Only a fight scene in a hotel room between Van Damme and a nameless thug shows any originality. The rest of the film is full of clichéd action and horrendous special effects.

*Double Team* is also marred by mediocre performances. In his film debut Dennis Rodman is absolutely terrible as Yaz, an arms dealer who helps Van Damme. Rodman has more hair colors than good lines.

It's almost painful to watch him struggle through this film.

Despite the fact that he's not a very good



**DOUBLE BAD** Dennis Rodman (left) and Jean-Claude Van Damme (right) star in the poor action film from Hong Kong director Tsui Hark, 'Double Team.' Below, Mickey Rourke, apparently on some kind of performance enhancing drug or with his head superimposed on Van Damme's body, plays the villain. The film plays at Lexington Green and Lexington Mall.

actor, I generally like Van Damme.

But in *Double Team* he has so little dialogue and his character is so underdeveloped that in the end you don't care whether his character lives or dies as the movie ends.

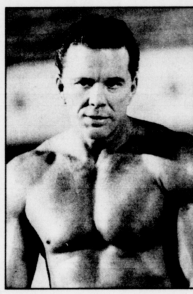
The only good thing about *Double Team* is Mickey Rourke's return to the big screen.

Even though he's basically reduced to a few good lines and an anticlimactic final fight, there are

glimpses of the Rourke of old. There was a time, before personal problems forced him to hit rock bottom, when Rourke was brilliant.

His is a misunderstood, unappreciated talent. If you want to see what a great actor and powerful screen presence Rourke once was, rent *Angelheart* or *The Pope of Greenwich Village*. Hopefully if Rourke can stay out of rehab and jail long enough, *Double Team* will mark the beginning of his comeback.

*Double Team* is confusing, boring and a disappointment for all involved. The only thing that keeps this dud from getting no stars at all is the presence of Van Damme and Rourke.



**MOVIE REVIEW**

★★★★  
(out of five)

'Double Team'  
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