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## SG court upholds Nash disqualification

Elections Board of Claims now expected to certify Becky Ellingsworth as president

By Tricia McKenny  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The Student Government Supreme Court late last night upheld the SG Elections Board of Claims' decision to disqualify president and vice president-elects Will Nash and Michelle Bishop, who received 1,307 votes in the election.

As a result of the decision, the SG Elections Board of Claims is expected to certify

the election in favor of the runners-up, Becky Ellingsworth and Kyle Burns, who received 1,136 votes. Neither members from Ellingsworth's campaign nor from that of third-place finisher Tommy Cunningham spoke at the hearing.

"The students' voice was silenced," Bishop said after the verdict was announced.

In a split decision, the court "affirmed the opinion of

the Board of Claims," sending a roar of disapproval through the 100 students and Nash/Bishop supporters awaiting the decision.

"We are disappointed that the court threw out the 1,307 valid votes," Nash said. "We encourage those students to not turn their back on the process but instead try to understand it and correct it."

Before the hearing, Nash and Bishop presented the court with a motion, which was later denied, asking three justices to recuse themselves from the hearing because of varying conflicts of interest.

Herb Miller, a Lexington lawyer who was asked to represent Nash and Bishop, discussed the motion at the beginning of his argument and was told by Supreme Court Justice Tony Stoeppel that the motion had been dismissed and to move on with his argument.

Miller urged the court to look at precedents set in previous elections when looking at the punishment the board handed down to Nash and Bishop.

"There is a long history of precedents where violations

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Chris Rambicure (left), a second-year law student, vice-presidential candidate Michelle Bishop (center) and presidential candidate Will Nash listen as the Student Government Supreme Court disqualifies their victory in the SG elections. Their campaign was found to have spent over the limit.

"The students' voice was silenced."

- Michelle Bishop, former vice-president-elect, after the SG Supreme Court upheld the disqualification of her and running mate Will Nash last night.



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In her second year of Division I play, UK senior tennis player Aibika Kalsariva has risen to the No. 5 ranking in the country after transferring from Lewis and Clark, an NAIA college.

## all she SEES

As senior tennis star's stock rises, she fixes her focus on a bright future

By Derek Poore  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Aibika Kalsariva laughs it off, but she means it. She's good. She tries to contain herself, but relaxing in the lounge of UK's Boone Indoor Tennis Center, she smiles and tells it like it is.

How great has her season been?

"I mean, I'm not really in a flow, but I just expect to win," the marketing senior says.

And does anyone blame her? Winning at tennis is about all she knows. At 13, Kalsariva was No. 1 in her native Kyrgyzstan. Then she garnered a No. 1 International Tennis Federation (ITF) junior ranking before she came to college.

Women's tennis coach Mark Guilbeau vouches for her with pride and certainty.

"She's earned the right to be confident," Guilbeau says. "She's worked for what she's had. She has a high standard."

This year, Kalsariva is the fifth-best player in college tennis and is regarded within the UK

tennis organization as its best player ever. Her team is ranked second nationally. It won UK's first Southeastern Conference women's tennis title and is on pace for one of the best records in school history.

FOUR HOURS A DAY, pretty much every day. That's how much Kalsariva has put into her tennis game since she fell in love with the sport.

Kalsariva, like most collegiate student athletes, has lived and breathed her sport for a majority of her life. Born in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, her parents wanted her to get in shape, and when she took to tennis, her first coach saw overflowing potential.

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## When gas prices go up, drivers pay

By Jenisha Watts  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Some local delivery drivers said they might soon be giving up their routes because of rising gas prices. The cost of filling up the tank is taking too much of a chunk out of their tips, they said.

"Hardening of gas prices has turned me against delivering," said Jon Burba, a hospitality management and tourism junior who works at Pita Pit on Limestone Street.

The average gas price in Kentucky is now \$2.26 per gallon, according to the American Automobile Association. That's up 23 cents from a month ago and 48 cents from a year ago.

Since the gas prices have increased, Burba has had absolutely no interest in delivering for Pita Pit, he said.

Burba wasn't actually hired as a delivery driver at Pita Pit, he said.

He usually makes

pitas and gets a regular wage. However, when Pita Pit needed drivers, Burba was the guy they would call on. But when Burba was delivering, he was paying for gas with tip money.

"Without some compensation, it's not worth it," he said. "I feel the employers should compensate their delivery drivers for gas prices."

Most delivery drivers pay for gas out of tips, the drivers said.

Drivers at Papa John's on Euclid Avenue face similar dilemmas.

"It's obvious that delivery drivers are losing money since they are paying for their own gas," said Robert Reeves, manager at Papa John's.

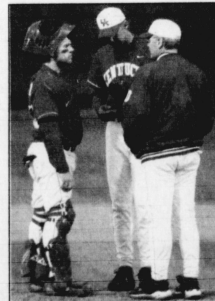
He suggested that drivers find another job.

"It isn't worth it to deliver," Reeves said.

And while Reeves dissuaded against delivering, he also doesn't see an end

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## Tenth-inning single lifts Cats over Cards



By Chris Johnson  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Ryan Wilkes had the situation Little Leaguers dream about in their back yard.

Up to bat for UK. The score tied. Two outs. A 3-2 full count and the bases loaded in the bottom of the 10th inning against Louisville.

Wilkes knew his job was just to make contact.

"I just had to put it in play," the short stop said. "I had to make it happen."

UK pitching coach Gary Henderson (right) and junior catcher Justin Scutchfield meet with freshman pitcher Alex Jordan. The Cats used eight pitchers in a 10-inning 4-3 victory over Louisville last night at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

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Wilkes did put the ball in play, beating out an infield single to deep short that scored first baseman Kevin Caldwell and earned UK a 4-3 victory and a season sweep over Louisville last night at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

"This is my first game-winning hit," Wilkes said. "Caldwell did a good job getting down the line."

"I knew that anywhere Wilkes hit the ball in the infield, he'd have a chance to beat it out," UK

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## German cardinal's book hints at quest for papacy

By Tracy Wilkinson and Richard Boudreaux  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

VATICAN CITY — When he led the funeral Mass for Pope John Paul II, he spoke emotionally of his departed brother and quoted Jesus: "Follow me."

Every day since, he has been seen directing the business of a fatherless church.

And on Wednesday a newspaper published excerpts of his latest book, *Values in Times of Upheaval*, ruminations on the besieged soul of Christian Europe.

With such hints, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became the focus of speculation Wednesday that declared him a leading candidate to succeed John Paul and become history's 265th pope.

The formal balloting will not begin until Monday when cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church will gather in the Sistine Chapel to pray and select their new leader in an assembly known as a conclave.

By all accounts, many of the 115 voting cardinals have not yet made up their minds.

But in the secretive world of papal politics,

and with cardinals officially sworn to silence, Vatican-watchers must content themselves with telltale signs and semi-educated guesswork. And on Wednesday the buzz swirled around Ratzinger, the German-born conservative theologian who has served as chief enforcer of church doctrine for more than two decades.

Vatican experts at several of Italy's leading newspapers reported that Ratzinger was gaining support among his red-hatted colleagues.

Luigi Accattoli, writing in *Corriere della Sera*, Italy's largest daily, said that Ratzinger had won the support of about 40 cardinals in pre-conclave jockeying — still short of the two-thirds majority needed.

Ratzinger represents the camp of cardinals who advocate hewing closely to John Paul's most traditional policies. An opposing bloc of cardinals is said to prefer change and "collegiality," which refers to decentralization of Vatican power and the restoration of more independence to local dioceses.

Ratzinger, who turns 78 on Saturday,

also may appeal to those seeking an older pope and a shorter "transitional" papacy that would give the church time to calm the waters and absorb John Paul's legacy before charting a longer-term future.

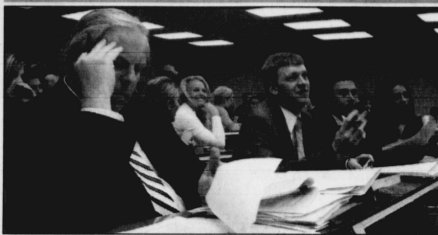
The cardinals are meeting in daily closed-door sessions and exchanging ideas "on the situation of the church and the world," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls. Ratzinger, as dean of the College of Cardinals, usually directs the meetings.

On Wednesday for example, he received official condolences from diplomats representing some of the 174 countries that have relations with the Holy See.

In one meeting earlier this week, a catalog was distributed to the cardinals with biographical information on each of them.

All of the "princes" of the church are technically candidates for the papacy.

"We are still getting to know each other," said one cardinal from a Latin American country, who spoke to the *Los Angeles Times* this week despite a news blackout imposed by the prelates last week.



Will Nash (second from left) won the SG presidency in elections March 30 and 31. Last night, the SG Supreme Court upheld his disqualification for overspending and misusing a tax exemption during the campaign.  
KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

## SG

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of certain constitutional provisions have not resulted in the disqualification of a candidate or the nullification of an election," Miller said.

In rulings in 2000, 2001 and 2002 the Board of Claims and the Supreme Court issued punishments to other candidates for violating similar elections rules.

In these cases, the violations ranged from excessive spending to using SG resources for a campaign. In all of the cases, the punishment was either a monetary fine or community service.

"We urge you to look at precedent to determine whether the punishment fits the crime in this situation, and we believe it does not," Miller told the court.

"If we can't rely on limitations set by precedent, (we can't) know what conduct is permissible," he said.

The Board of Claims disqualified Nash and Bishop on Monday based on three claims filed against him by presiden-

tial candidate Tommy Cunningham.

Corey Fannin, a member of the Board of Claims, presented the board's findings to the court. He said the board found evidence that Nash and Bishop had used an SG tax exemption form to purchase campaign signs, had gone over the spending limit of \$600 after this tax was added back into their expenditures, and had neglected to account for helium purchased for balloons on their expenditure list.

Fannin explained that after all of these items were accounted for, the Nash/Bishop ticket spent \$616.37 — \$16.37 over the limit.

"The facts before us were unique," Fannin said, referring to the use of the tax exemption form.

"This added to the weight of it being a violation," he told the court.

In its statement, the board ruled that the combination of the offenses added up to a felony violation, as defined by the SG constitution, punishable by disqualification.

The board also found evidence that the Ellingsworth/Burns campaign committed overspend-

ing misdemeanors and fined them a total of \$75.

Miller argued that the board did not sufficiently justify the difference between felony and misdemeanor violations.

"There is no explanation in the findings of why the violations of the other candidates constitute misdemeanors and why the Nash/Bishop violations are felonies," Miller said.

Nash told the court that he and Bishop admit they committed violations but that the board's punishment was too harsh.

"We should be punished and punished in a fair manner, and we don't feel we have been punished fairly," Nash said.

Anticipated president-elect Becky Ellingsworth said she has expressed condolences to Nash and Bishop and realizes the situation is tough to step into and comes with great responsibility for her and Burns.

"We believe students on both sides of the issue will be able to come together and be cooperative," she said.

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## Deliveries

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of delivery at Papa John's.

"Honestly, if they end up having to compensate drivers, they'll just raise prices for the industry," he said.

Michael Jenkins, a manager at Pizza Hut on South Limestone Street, could see

the price of his pizza going up a few cents to cover the gas prices.

To John Blickenstaff, a delivery worker at Jimmy John's, the cost of gas "isn't that big of a deal."

Ryan Bowers, a manager at Jimmy John's, sees it differently, though.

"The gas prices are affecting the money the delivery drivers are making," said Bowers, an English sopho-

more. "Many drivers are asking for less hours."

Pizza Hut delivery driver Chris Carson agrees.

"It's becoming to where you're not making enough money," he said. At Pizza Hut, it's against company rules to tell customers that the drivers pay for their own gas, he said.

"The problem is, where gas is going up, everybody has problems giving tips."

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## Race a factor in organ availability

By Mark Kenneth Matthews  
SPECIAL TO THE BALTIMORE SUN

Last May, when Elizabeth-Ann Mohammed learned that her kidneys were failing, she was given two choices by her doctor: endure years of dialysis or find someone to donate a kidney.

But because she is black, finding a kidney wouldn't be easy. On average, black patients wait nearly five years for a kidney transplant — about 18 months longer than their white counterparts.

The reasons for this disparity, experts say, involve genetics, economics and donor rates. Regardless, the numbers reveal a harsh reality.

More than 3,500 patients died last year waiting for a kidney transplant, and one-third of them were black. Yet black Americans make up only 12 percent of the nation's population.

The most common explanation for the difference in wait times is that the needs of the black community far exceed its current donation level, making transplants more difficult because organs tend to transplant better between members of the same ethnic groups. Indeed, only about 700 kidneys were taken from deceased black donors in 2003, compared with 4,000 white donors.

But that is only part of the explanation, says Dr. Clarence Foster, a transplant surgeon at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

"Diseases that can cause kidney failure are more common in African-Americans and people in lower socioeconomic conditions," Foster says.

Such diseases include diabetes, obesity and high blood pressure and may be influenced by a "lack of primary health care," Foster says. And these conditions are often treated at later stages, when kidney failure can't be

avoided. Patients without kidney function must either go on a dialysis machine, which filters the body's waste, or seek a kidney donor. Organs can come from live donors (humans have two kidneys but need only one), such as family members, or patients can join a national waiting list for kidneys and other organs usually donated by the deceased.

Although kidneys are the most commonly transplanted organ, with thousands of operations performed each year, about 61,000 Americans needed a kidney as of March 11. About 21,000, or 35 percent, were black, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing, a nonprofit organization under contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

UNOS, based in Richmond, Va., keeps a list of patients waiting to receive organs from those who have volunteered their organs after they have died. UNOS helps determine who gets an organ through a formula that examines such factors as blood type, time spent on the waiting list, and the distance between the potential recipient and the donor.

The organization looks at the compatibility of the donor and recipient using antigens as genetic markers. Historically, blacks didn't often receive organs from white donors because of the differences in genetic markers. And because there were fewer black donors, blacks waited longer for transplants.

In the past few years, better surgical techniques and drugs aimed at lowering the chance of organ rejection have decreased the reliance on genetic markers in matching donors with recipients. In 1996, UNOS eliminated the importance of four of the six antigens used to measure compatibility, making interracial

donations easier. "We've increased the number of ethnic minorities receiving transplants annually with only a very slight decrease to allocation" to whites, says Dr. Winfred Williams, who heads UNOS's minority-affairs committee. Trying to make the system fair, he adds, is "a constant effort."

Cliff McClenney, past president of the American Society of Multicultural Health and Transplant Professionals, says progress has been made, but there is still much to be done.

"If it's a four-lap race," he says, "we've got around the first lap." The UNOS waiting list is not the only obstacle for blacks who need an organ transplant. Williams, a kidney-transplant specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, says a person's income may determine whether he or she receives a kidney in a matter of months — or never.

He calls it the "green screen." Patients who are poor and uninsured rarely consider transplant surgery because the procedure costs too much, Williams says. And because black Americans are disproportionately poor and are less likely to have insurance than white Americans, according to U.S. Census statistics, this barrier hits the black community especially hard.

Even with insurance, a patient could face other impediments, Williams adds. Deductibles may be too expensive. Or in some cases, the insurance policy will pay for the surgery but not for the essential post-transplant medication.

"These are systematic barriers to transplantation," he says. In addition, there is often resistance within the black community to donate organs, especially when it comes to donations after death.

## House vote repeals estate tax; contentious Senate debate ahead

By Jonathan Weisman  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The House on Wednesday voted 272 to 162 to permanently repeal the estate tax, throwing the issue to the Senate where negotiations have begun on a deep and permanent estate tax cut that can pass this year, even if it falls short of full repeal.

The House vote pitted repeal proponents, who held that a tax on inheritances is fundamentally unfair, against Democrats, who questioned how Congress could support a tax cut largely for the affluent that would cost \$290 billion over 10 years, in the face of record budget deficits.

"This is reverse Robin Hood," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "We're taking money from the middle class and giving it to the super-rich."

"The death of a family member should not be a taxable event, period," said Rep. Kenny Hulshof, R-Mo., the bill's sponsor.

By a 194 to 238 vote, the House rejected a Democratic counteroffer, which would have shielded \$3.5 million of an estate's value from taxation, enough to exempt 99.7 percent of estates from the inheritance tax, according to the Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center.

Members then approved the measure, strongly backed by the White House, that would make a full repeal permanent. The repeal is currently scheduled to take effect in 2010, then disappear in 2011.

The real fight will come in the Senate, where repeal supporters still appear just short of the 60-vote majority needed to break a promised Democratic filibuster.

The Republican leadership, backed by Senate Finance Committee Chair-

man Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, has authorized Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., to strike a deal that will win 60 votes.

"He's got wide latitude to see what he can get," said Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, the Senate majority whip.

For the Democrats, Sen. Charles Schumer, N.Y. is leading negotiations, which have raised the prospect that the long-standing stalemate on the estate tax could be broken this year.

President Bush's 10-year, \$1.35 trillion tax cut in 2001 included a slow phase-out of the estate tax by 2010, but the tax is reinstated in 2011 when the entire 2001 tax law expires.

As those dates approach and concern grows over record budget deficits, some family-owned businesses and affluent heirs have begun appealing to lawmakers for a deal that would provide estate-planning certainty, even if it means setting aside full repeal.

Grassley has thrown his weight behind that effort. "We need certainty," a Republican Finance Committee aide said. "We cannot continue on with this course."

That uncertainty has begun splitting the once-steadfast coalition of affluent families, small business groups and farming organizations that have pushed full repeal for more than a decade.

Lobbyists from Patton Boggs, backed by the heirs of the McLean, Va.-based Mars candy fortune, among others, are pushing the lowest estate tax rate they can get.

Small-business lobbyists want the highest exemption they can get.

In deference to both those positions, the Republican starting position would set the value of an estate excluded from taxation at \$10 million, with a 15 percent tax rate for estates larger than that.

## House could ease oil drilling restrictions

By Tom Hamburger  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Despite rising complaints that a common oil and gas drilling technique threatens drinking water supplies, the House Energy Committee appeared poised Wednesday to approve legislation exempting the practice from future regulation.

The technique, developed by Halliburton Co., involves injecting pressurized fluids deep underground to encourage oil and gas to rise to the surface. For years, Halliburton and other energy companies have been fighting efforts to regulate the practice under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The practice, known as hydraulic fracturing, is generally considered safe. But there has been growing concern as its use has proliferated.

On Tuesday, the House Energy Committee rejected proposals by Democrats to modify the proposed exemption. The first, by Rep. Diana DeGette of Colorado, would require a scientific study of the practice before the exemption goes into effect. The second, by Rep. Hilda L. Solis of California, would prohibit use of diesel fuel in underground injection.

Both amendments were defeated on party line votes.

Republican Reps. Heather Wilson of New Mexico and John Sullivan of Oklahoma argued that fracturing is safe and there is no evidence of problems.

Oil companies and their backers point out that the United States' three leading fracturing companies, Halliburton, Schlumberger Technology Corp., and BJ Services Co. have signed an agreement with the EPA promising not to inject diesel fuel in future fracturing operations.

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## China: no more rights abuses

By Edward Cody  
THE WASHINGTON POST

BEIJING — The Chinese government, frequently criticized over its human rights record, declared Wednesday that it has brought rights violations "under control" by prosecuting more than 1,500 officials accused of abusing prisoners or holding them without legal grounds.

The assertion came in a white paper on human rights issued one month after a U.S. Chinese bargain under which the government freed a well-known prisoner, Rebiya Kadeer, in return for a pledge from the Bush administration to abstain from seeking a resolution condemning China at the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. Carrying out the promise, U.S. officials in Geneva filed a resolution Wednesday urging the commission to condemn Cuba but were silent on China.

The white paper, the eighth in a series since 1991, depicted human rights violations by China's security organs as criminal aberrations by wayward officials.

The judiciary, it said, carried out a campaign of "vigorous measures" in 2004 to make sure police and prison authorities were punished for any illegal detentions, torture, disruption of elections or negligence that caused loss of life or property.

"In total, 1,595 government functionaries suspected of criminal activities were investigated and prosecuted, thus effectively bringing under control offenses of infringement on rights," the report said.

Human-rights organizations and foreign governments repeatedly have depicted rights violations in China as a reflection of government policy. The court system and police, they have noted, remain under control of the government and Communist Party, depriving citizens of recourse to an independent authority in case of official abuse.

Kadeer had been sentenced to an eight-year prison term under legislation making it illegal to reveal "state information" to foreigners, including that contained in clippings from censored newspapers that she sent to her husband in the United States.

Her supporters said that, in fact, she was prosecuted for speaking out against government actions that favor China's ethnic Han majority over its Muslim minorities, particularly in her native Xinjiang province.

Two U.S.-based rights groups, Human Rights Watch and Human Rights in China, charged Tuesday that Beijing is waging "a crushing campaign of religious repression" against Muslims in Xinjiang's

Turkish-speaking Uighur ethnic group under the guise of acting against separatism and terrorism.

"China is using the suppression of religion as a whip over Uighurs who challenge or even chafe at Chinese rule of Xinjiang," Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement. "In other parts of China, individuals have a little more space to worship as they choose. But Uighur Muslims are facing state-ordered discrimination and crackdowns."

The government white paper, however, said ethnic minorities "enjoy all the rights accorded to Chinese citizens by the constitution and laws."

In addition, it said, minorities enjoy special privileges such as free textbooks, free room and board at regional schools and extra investment in transportation, health and education.

China's Communist government, in defining human rights, traditionally has emphasized social welfare over individual freedoms.

In that light, it listed as its premier accomplishment in 2004 that "people's rights to subsistence and development were improved considerably."

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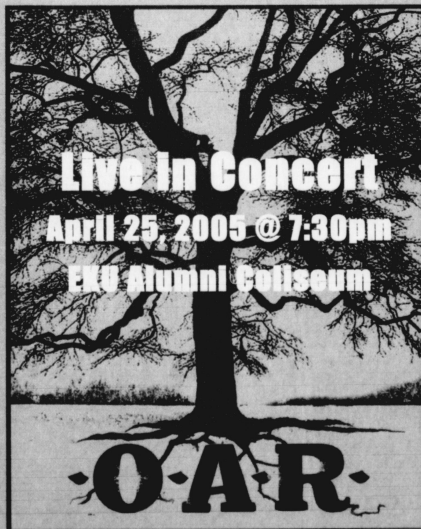
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**Elizabeth Troutman**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

They are as American as apple pie. They are full of fat and carbohydrates. They are rare and bloody or black as the charcoal beneath the grill. Not cozy.

Kittens are cozy. Hot chocolate with toasted marshmallows is cozy. Warm banana bread is cozy. Fluffy pink icing on top of a vanilla cupcake — that is cozy.

So how does Cozy Burger on Nicholasville Road manage to make its burgers warm and fuzzy?

Cozy is about being comfortable, and being comfortable means engaging in an activity that puts you at ease. The thought of driving through McDonald's (which I never do) and shouting for a Quarter Pounder with cheese does not put me at ease.

Burgers are a staple of pop culture that symbolizes a harsh reality of society: We are boring. We idolize the simple concept of meat with bread. When Burger King vows you can "have it your way" they mean you can choose between lettuce or tomatoes, not customize your reheated frozen patty.

Cozy Burger takes an original and much-appreciated approach to quick burgers. The small eatery offers chicken burgers, garden burgers and traditional hamburgers — all with extra options and unique twists to optimize the "comfort" of your choice. Cheese lovers have the option of the "Cheese Amore" burger. Adventurous burger lovers can try the "Franco Burger" with blue cheese and bacon or the "Teriyakiburger" that incorporates bell peppers, onions and mushrooms with a teriyaki glaze.

The restaurant gives customers a choice of bread, including rye bread, French rolls, baguettes or traditional buns. Burgers vary in size, flavor and ingredients. Like fast-food restaurants, Cozy Burger produces quick burgers at reasonable prices — but, in contrast, it also diversifies the burger while main-



**ROBIN BAKER | STAFF**  
Cici Zeynalzadeh, one of the owners of Cozy Burger on Nicholasville Road, prepares one of the many available burgers.

taining traditional quality and heartiness.

Perhaps I am biased because of my longtime hatred of the American hamburger. I haven't had a real hamburger in ages. I am hesitant to admit that my "diy assistant" was the one to interpret the taste of Cozy Burger ground beef to me, while I enjoyed the taste of the Garden Burger.

I am skeptical of the hamburger because it has always seemed too ordinary and uninteresting to pay any attention to. Distancing myself from the burger has been both a downfall and benefit. It seems that I have not been missing out on anything until now.

Living as a vegetarian for two years prohibited my hamburger intake and restricted my indulgence in other typical college favorites such as pepperoni pizza and hot dogs. Most college students aren't concerned with where their meat comes from or how it was processed, but I was.

Cozy Burger takes pride in quality products and fresh USDA ground beef. The open kitchen allows customers to watch as their made-to-order burgers are grilled and prepared on the grill.

Even a nonvegetarian may find the Cozy Burger's alternative versions of the — gasp! — Garden Burger tasty,

satisfying and indisputably healthy.

The chicken burger, which seems like an odd concept, is a healthier version of char-broiled chicken. Flavors range from tangy to spicy and will satisfy the middleman who opts out of beef but is not into vegetarian alternatives.

Fresh, crisp fries go perfectly with any version of the Cozy Burger. The restaurant also offers salad options and turkey sandwiches. Prices range from \$3.95 to \$5.95. Students may order the Cozy Burger for delivery or call in for carry-out.

I had lost all hope for the American burger before realizing that maybe it can adapt to my preferences. Cozy Burger revitalizes the burger and proves that even ground beef can snuggle up to the American appetite.

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## Humanitarian architect builds houses of paper

By Linda Hales  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Shigeru Ban is a maverick among modern architects. Others build with steel, glass and titanium; he made his mark with recycled cardboard tubes.

Ban has used them to construct a simple refugee tent, a luxurious weekend retreat and a soaring exhibition pavilion.

Images of these unlikely structures — they are elegant, economical, environmentally attuned and quite solid — have cemented Ban's global reputation as "the paper architect."

"I hate to be called that," he says with a grimace.

In fact, the Japanese architect builds with bamboo, wood, metal and glass as well. But his unconventional work with paper is central to his

latest achievement.

Ban's signature contribution is humanitarian: refugee housing constructed with paper tubes.

After the 1995 earthquake in Kobe, Japan, Ban responded with ingenious designs for temporary houses and a community center, all with cardboard tubes. His "Paper Log House" design was adapted successfully in Turkey and India after earthquakes struck those countries in 1999 and 2001, respectively. Pictures of Rwandan refugees struggling to survive with little more than plastic sheeting sparked another Ban design: a framework of cardboard tubes to turn sheeting into tents.

His newest concern: Sri Lanka. A neat pencil sketch outlines a square building, which will replace 100

dwellings in a fishing village devastated by the December tsunami.

This time the structure will be mud brick, not paper. Brick construction provides jobs, Ban says, which will not only aid the economy but also include people in the building of their own future.

"He has achieved a unique position in architecture today," Karen Van Lengen, dean of the architecture school of University of Virginia says, one that may open up new avenues of thought and practice for others. "He does both high-end work and humanitarian work," she says, and "he somehow finds a thread that links them."

Ban is not the least conflicted.

"For me, making a house for the rich or a victim of disaster is the same," he says. "I get the same satisfaction."

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## Rainy afternoon ends with split for Cats

By Ryan Wood  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Cold, wet and messy. Not ideal conditions for softball, but after a short rain delay, UK hosted Western Kentucky yesterday in a doubleheader at the UK softball complex.

Freshman pitcher Samantha Allen (10-13) had the start for the Cats in the first game, pitching 5.2 innings and surrendering seven hits for five runs and recording three strikeouts. The highlight of the game came in the bottom of the fourth inning, when junior left fielder Lori Melchi hit a two-run shot deep to left center field for her first home run of the season.

"It felt good," Melchi said. "The pitcher was coming inside on me, and I turned on it. I wanted to hit a line drive somewhere, but a home run was fine with me."

Still, the Cats (18-32) fell to the Hilltoppers (22-13) 5-2. Fellow freshman pitcher Kristi Warneke relieved Allen in the sixth and finished out the game giving up only one hit and no runs.

In the second game, Warneke got the start, pitching five innings and giving up four hits and two earned runs. Junior pitcher Amy Kendall came in for Warneke in the sixth and pitched a near-perfect two innings to help the Cats close out a 4-2 win.

Down 2-0 until the bottom of the sixth, the Cats found some offense. Sophomore shortstop Amber Janneck hit an RBI single, giving them their first run of the game.

One out later senior center fielder Jessica Nance batted in another for the second score. Sophomore catcher Calie Kovacs' RBI single put the Cats ahead 3-2, and Nance scored on a WKU error to end the scoring.

"It wasn't the hit I would have liked," Kovacs said. "I (really) just wanted to put the ball in play, and when I swung I did."

Now the Cats are a couple of conference wins away from clinching a berth in next month's Southeastern Conference Tournament, and head coach Eileen Schmidt hopes to make it to the postseason in her first year.

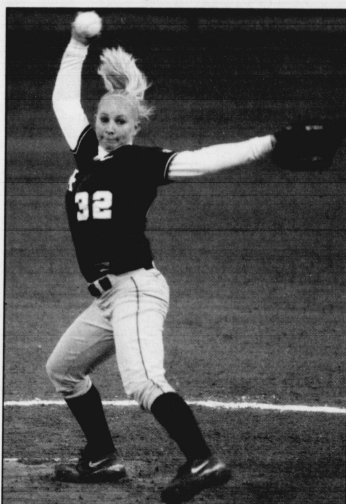
"We didn't play so well in the first game," she said. "They thumped us ... a smaller state school coming into play a bigger state school, they had nothing to lose."

"It's the staff's and my fault for not having them ready to play with the rain delay, we may have lost focus. We need to come out playing hard no matter who it is."

Playing three games in two days, the Cats will host rival Louisville today at 4 p.m. at the UK softball complex.

"Earlier this year in tournaments we played three (games) in two days — normally not mid-week though," Schmidt said. "Louisville is a good team that went to (the) regional last year, and we want to play teams like that which will help our RPI and help down the road."

After today's game, the Cats (3-17 in the SEC) get about a week off. Then they travel to Arkansas next weekend to resume conference



UK freshman pitcher Kristi Warneke started the second game of yesterday's doubleheader. The Cats split the two games with Western Kentucky.

play as they chase a spot in the SEC Tournament.

"Basically we have to believe in ourselves," Kovacs said. "We gotta do it together, all 20 of us. It's attainable; we just have to go for it."

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

**UK signs 7-foot center**  
Kentucky All-State center Jared Carter signed his national letter of intent to play basketball at UK, head coach Tubby Smith announced yesterday.

The 7-foot-2 Georgetown, Ky. native and Scott County High School senior becomes the third seven-footer on next year's roster, joining juniors-to-be Shagari Alleyne (7-foot-3) and Lukasz Obrzut (7-foot-1).

"We're very happy that Jared will be joining our program," Smith said. "He's a talented player who will fit well into our system. It's always exciting when we can bring in a young man from Kentucky who understands how important Wildcat basketball is to this state."

Carter chose UK over North Carolina, Illinois and Georgia Tech.

He was a first-team All-State selection in 2005 after guiding Scott County to a 27-4 record and the 32nd District title. He averaged 16.3 points, 9.8 rebounds and 6.4 blocks per game as a senior. He also had a state-record 200 blocks this season.

Carter was recently selected to play in the 2005 Adidas Kentucky Derby Festival All-Star game, which takes place on April 16 in Louisville's Freedom Hall. The game showcases 25 of the top basketball prospects in the country each spring.

Carter will join Adam Williams as a freshman in the fall of 2006. Williams signed outside rider in high school but will shift to a defensive role at UK. Pierce is a two-time first-team All-State selection and a standout club player at the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Association.

**Volleyball signs two**  
Canadian Tess Edwards and Louisville native Alisa

Pierce have signed national letters of intent to play UK volleyball, head coach Craig Skinner announced Wednesday.

"Tess and Alisa fit the mold of athletes we are recruiting to help us win championships at Kentucky," Skinner said. "We couldn't be happier with our first recruiting class."

Edwards, a 6-foot setter from Ottawa, Ontario, is a two-time member of the Ontario Provincial team and is the captain for her club team at the National Capitals Volleyball Club this season.

Pierce, a 5-foot-7 senior at Pleasure Ridge Park, played outside hitter in high school but will shift to a defensive role at UK. Pierce is a two-time first-team All-State selection and a standout club player at the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Association.

Edwards and Pierce join

fall signees Ashlee Fisher and Erin Turner in the 2006 freshman class.

**Chakouian earns SEC honors**  
Senior Jeff Chakouian was named Southeastern Conference Field Event Athlete of the Week yesterday for the second time this season and the third time during his collegiate career.

He received the honor for his performance at the Gatorade Classic in Knoxville, Tenn., where he took first in the shot put with a season-best toss of 66-02 1/2. That mark is also almost four feet farther than the nearest SEC competitor and is less than one inch away from his own school record of 66-03 set last year.

He will compete in the shot put at the NCAA Midwest Regional May 27-28 in Bloomington, Ind.

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## Focus

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Sometimes she couldn't find hitting partners who could keep up.

"She was so into it, and the coach said she had talent, so she started doing private lessons," Kalsariva's sister, Madina, said.

Her father planned tournaments and her mother traveled with her while she was competing from Central Asia to Europe.

Kalsariva loved it. "When you're little, everything is exciting," Kalsariva said.

Growing up, Kalsariva and her sister weren't very close — the tennis prodigy playing at tournaments far and away from the tennis non-hotbed of Kyrgyzstan, and the sister, a gymnast, staying behind with dad.

New York City reconnected the two sisters.

"When we came here, we got closer, because we didn't know a lot of people here," Madina said. "I went to see her play. I love to see her play and I always want to see all her matches."

Madina's love for her sister beams when she talks of Aibika's tennis success.

"She's a good player — she's great, actually. She's got such will power. When she's playing, it's like nothing else exists, just the tennis court, racket — and that's it."

When Aibika visits her sister in New York, Madina helps her with her homework. She even prods Aibika for a little tennis practice.

"Maybe eight years ago she would, but now she won't play me," Madina said with a laugh. "She knows that I'm not that good. She wouldn't waste her time playing with me. She's like a star."

There's no question in her sister's mind — Aibika will be No. 1.

"She's very persistent," Madina said.

When UK competed in Harvard's US Tennis Association tournament in Flushing Meadow, N.Y., Madina went every day to see her sister win.

"She won, it was so fun. The whole team was cheering, 'Aibika, you are my hero.'"

Madina is partial to sports clichés.

"It's like a Cinderella story."

SHE MET COACH GUILBEAU in 2000. As if Kalsariva's success in Central Asia wasn't enough for her tennis resume, something else caught Guilbeau's eye.

Kalsariva whipped a No. 1 seed in the first round of the Junior Orange Bowl in Miami.

Guilbeau said he received word Kalsariva was interested in attending college in the United States. He also realized Kalsariva wouldn't be able to pay for the wide traveling tennis pro fee.

"A lot of kids at that level have pro aspirations — sometimes incorrectly," Guilbeau said. "Financially she wasn't in a position to afford to travel. She had high regards for the American college system."

But Kalsariva's lack of English forced her to initially attend a state college. She dominated NAIA competition while playing tennis at Lewis and Clark in Idaho. After two years of collegiate play, Kalsariva had won the small-college national championship.

Kalsariva's parents stressed the importance of getting a degree before taking other paths.

"School comes first," Madina Kalsariva said of her parents' wishes for their daughters. "First get a degree, and then go and do whatever you want."

She kept in touch with Guilbeau during her time at Lewis and Clark via e-mail.

NCAA rules prohibited Guilbeau to speak to Kalsariva, but nothing forbade her to write the UK coach and keep him up-to-date on her studies and her success on the court.

Kalsariva came to UK as a junior, and Guilbeau was concerned about her adjusting to Division I opponents. To compound matters, Kalsariva didn't even hit the summer before her transfer to UK. For 60 hours a week, she was a tennis teacher herself.

In two years, Kalsariva has climbed to No. 5 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings and is 31-5 in singles and doubles play this season.

"She didn't face this type of competition for a long time," he said. "The quickness she rose to the top of this level was impressive."

HER FRIENDS CALL HER "Beeks." Her coach calls her fantastic.

He believes she's the best UK tennis player — ever.

"In the mid-1980s, there were some talented players," Guilbeau said. "But in two years, she's accomplished more than most at this level. There are tons of kids who may have the talent, but none are as confident."

And her confidence and focus may have caused her to lose sight of the team picture. Talking to people within UK tennis, one gets the sense Aibika has learned how to lead in a perceived individual sport.

"It's all for the team," Kalsariva said, with a serious air and a smirk, echoing media relations assistant Travis Feilhaus, who laughed from across the Boone lounge.

"This is an individual sport, but you want to beat everyone for UK," Guilbeau said. "She leads on the court."

Sophomore Sarah Foster is Kalsariva's doubles partner. Giving the best explanation of team play in tennis,

Foster emphasized simply being a fan of each other.

"We're an optimistic group. There's good accountability," Foster said. "We try to win for each other."

KALSARIEVA IS LEANING TOWARD a professional tennis life. Her favorite tennis pro is Roger Federer, whom she says has brought tennis to another level. If she could play anyone in the world, it would be Anastasia Myskina, the 2004 French Open winner. Myskina was the first Russian woman to win a Grand Slam title.

Visa arrangements are a snag and concern on her mind, as are the financial costs of traveling on the professional tennis circuit. But her abilities are not in doubt.

"She can be great at everything she does, if she keeps this type of work ethic," Guilbeau says. "She could certainly play at the pro level."

While in her own world during matches, Kalsariva still gets nervous before she walks to the net.

"Before matches I think about it," Kalsariva says. "Once I'm on the court, I'm fine. It's just the waiting and sitting that can make me nervous."

Focused, she laughs it off and plays.

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### Aibika Kalsariva

- Birthplace: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Year: Senior
- National Ranking: No. 5
- Season record: 31-5
- Major: Marketing

## Cats

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head coach John Cohen said. "They would've had a better chance getting Caldwell at the plate than (Wilkes at first)."

Cohen's Cats improved to 17-14 on the season, while Louisville dropped to 17-12.

UK used eight pitchers to complete the 10-inning contest, with starter Aaron Tennyson and reliever Adam Revelette the only pitchers getting more than one inning of work.

"You have to choose between getting guys work in the bullpen or work in an

actual game," Cohen said. "As young as this staff is, it's good for the club to have many people contribute."

Scott Green picked up the win for the Cats, getting the last two outs in the top of the 10th.

Caldwell led off the bottom of the 10th with a walk, which he said was harder than it looked.

"When you get up there, man, you're just thinking, 'All right, let's hit one out and get out of here,'" Caldwell said. "But you can't do that unless you wait for your pitch."

Caldwell waited four pitches until he worked his walk, then advanced to second when second baseman John Shelby received a four-pitch free pass from Louisville's Griffin Bailey, who was promptly removed.

Brian Halford came on in relief and faced pinch-hitter Jesse Barber, who

laid down a sacrifice bunt right back to the pitcher that moved Caldwell to third and Shelby to second.

Leftfielder Collin Cowgill, who came on as a defensive substitution, was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Catcher Justin Scutchfield then struck out to set the stage for Wilkes' dramatic hustle play.

"We're really competing," Cohen said following the game. "This team is young, but we're really competing."

Cohen said he now understands the significance of a midweek game against a nonconference rival in the middle of the brutal SEC schedule.

"I didn't get the Louisville thing when I got here ... but now I recognize the importance."

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Health Services due for checkup



Student health may not seem like a high priority for a top-20 school, but many other important facets — such as student life and teaching — deteriorate if students are sick.

The improvement of UK Health Services will therefore be a necessary element of UK's mission to become a top-20 school.

The current health services facility, with 0.5 square feet of clinic space per student, is clearly inadequate. The clinic has less space than any of UK's benchmark schools.

The University of Georgia, for example, has a similar amount of students to UK but five times as much space in its clinic.

The lack of space hurts students — crowded waiting rooms and a lack of privacy are standard fare at the clinic.

Luckily, improvements are underway for Health Services.

Electronic check-in, which began at the clinic in January, has helped streamline visits to the clinic and ensure that Health Services has the right contact information for students.

More significantly, UK has received \$24 million in

state bonds to begin expanding the facility from 16,233 square feet to 38,180 square feet, more than doubling the facility's space. The expansion will hopefully alleviate the lack of privacy and overcrowding that currently make visiting the clinic unpleasant.

Having enough space is not the only element of a healthy campus, however. Students must also be able to pay for care.

Students pay a mandatory \$96.75 health fee each semester; it covers unlimited visits at UHS, laboratory work, X-rays, mental health appointments and some medication costs.

But that fee does not cover any of what happens at the hospital.

For that, students need health insurance — which 20 to 30 percent of college students don't have, Health Services Director Dr. Gregory Moore told The Kernel in January.

UK does offer students health insurance for about \$600 a year; the plan currently covers about 6,000 students.

Health Services needs to make the difference between the mandatory health fee and optional medical insurance clear to students. Uninsured students are at risk, especially if they think their health fee covers treatment that it doesn't.

The more Health Services works to alleviate that risk, the better — for both students and the university's top-20 goal.

**Expanding the Health Services clinic will increase the quality of student care at UK.**

## IN OUR OPINION

### Jaywalking program should look both ways

Look across Limestone Street on any school day, and it's clear — this can be a dangerous place for drivers and pedestrians.

"You drive down Limestone, and it's almost a mass of humanity crossing the street," said Ken Cleveland, director of public safety. "On Limestone in the mornings, it's like lemmings coming out of the Kentucky Clinic, and the same thing at B&E (Gatton College of Business and Economics)."

Five accidents on South Limestone Street within the past three months have reminded everyone how serious the situation is.

UK Chandler Medical Center employee Leroy Saunders was killed in one accident, and UK spokeswoman Mary Margaret Collier was seriously injured in a March 22 accident.

Last year, there were a total of nine accidents. In response, UK police have started a program to decrease accidents on

South Limestone Street by slowing down drivers and cracking down on jaywalking.

This program, called Pedestrian Awareness and Safety, is a positive move.

Hopefully, it will go into full effect, since last year's effort at a similar program never got off the ground.

Drivers and pedestrians are both at fault, and both should be held accountable.

If citations are handed out to jaywalkers, tickets should be given to those who drive recklessly.

This time, UK police should do more than talk about increasing awareness.

If this program takes effect, it should be seriously enforced.

Ultimately, it comes down to common sense for those on campus, because police can only do so much. This is not a complex problem — a little patience and a little thought from drivers and walkers could prevent most accidents.

**Safe walkways are the responsibility of both drivers and pedestrians around campus.**



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

### UK boxing deserves home in Memorial Coliseum

Their eyes have been focused on the white elephant.

Standing across the street on Monday backpack draped across his shoulder, Kamaal Ahmad, UK's heavyweight boxer, turned his head to Memorial Coliseum.

"That's where we need to be," said the football-turned-boxer.

He's right. But it should have happened by now.

Consistently ranked as one of the top 10 programs in the nation, the UK boxing team hasn't hosted a home bout all season. And the season ended two weeks ago, after fighting all over the country — but never in Lexington.

The season went as expected. Three regional champions crowned. Oh yeah, and one of them claimed the national championship, picking up the Most Outstanding Boxer honor in all of the land.

Just in case you missed it, there's a new national champion walking around on campus.

His name is Chad Gilpin, a senior All-American, and he's the national champion in the 195-pound weight class. He has a belt and trophy to prove it.

He just never had the chance to fight at home in his final year at UK. All he and his teammates had was a dingy old basement in Alumni Gym to practice in. And that was a step up from the year before.

Now it's time for them to get the chance to stay home and fight. Enough with fighting in run-down gyms in

Louisville. They deserve much better than that.

There is a simple solution to this mess. All the university needs to do is help its club boxing team host bouts in Memorial Coliseum.

There were only four Saturdays during the 2004-05 school year in which Memorial Coliseum hosted an athletic event — Sept. 11 for volleyball, Dec. 18 for women's basketball, and Dec. 4 and Jan. 8 for gymnastics. Plus, the basketball teams should have new practice facilities in the near future.

This can work, folks.

There's no reason it wouldn't.

People love watching other people fight. Why do you think UK's club hockey team does so well?

But it's deeper than that. There's the respect, the love of the sport. Navy's Greg Watten, last year's champ, and Gilpin have fought six times and are the best of friends.

Not that anyone really cares.

If UK's boxers are forced back on the road for another year, can we at least get them a panhandler's license or something?

Can you spare them some change?

It's not cheap getting out to Colorado Springs, Colo., after all. Two weeks ago, the team had to pay its own way out to the National Collegiate Boxing Association championships.

Head coach Dr. George Ginter, an anesthesiologist, used money the club made from a bout in Louisville earlier this year to help finance the trip, Gilpin said.

"I looked at the receipts for the tickets, and it was more than we made," Gilpin said. "Once again, he's putting money from his own pocket in there."

That's dedication.

That's why UK is a boxing powerhouse.

"There is no possible way that we would have a team, first of all, without Doc," Gilpin said. "He won't admit it to you. He says the club makes money. But it's not true. He puts a lot of personal money into it."

It's about time he got some outside help. The university needs to embrace this team.

It's not as if we are talking about the interpretive dance club here. These boxers are fighting varsity programs every bout. They are a club in name only.

Yet, when Gilpin returned from Colorado, there were no parades in his honor. Worse, his hometown newspaper, The Jessamine Journal, didn't even mention his feats.

He can walk around campus sporting his boxing gloves and championship belt, and people would just look at him like he's crazy.

Gilpin is not just an isolated incident for the program. That's why the white elephant would be a perfect home.

The team boasts more than 20 All-American honors and three individual national champions in the past decade. Jeremy Winton was a four-time All-American and won the national championship as a middleweight in 1999. Brant Dule won the national championship at the 119-pound class in 1996. Gilpin, a three-time All-American, just added his.

I can see the flyers already.

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Jeff Patterson  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

### Real-life tragedies have no connection to simulated *Sin*

When I go to the movies, I go to have fun. To enjoy the film. For two hours, I don't want to think about the world outside the darkened theater.

And over the weekend, watching *Sin City* was the best time I've had at the movies in quite a while.

That's why some disparaging comments about the film are really beginning to piss me off.

Lexington Herald-Leader film critic Rich Copley was particularly concerned about *Sin City*'s potential real-world implications in his April 1 review. In his review, he wrote, "For instance, Clive Owen's character, who's supposed to be one of the good guys, drives along wondering whether he should kill the cop who's following him. Didn't we just have a police officer gunned down in Louisville?"

"The main bad guy is a child molester who really makes off with a little girl and seethes about all the ones he's gotten away with. Didn't we just have a girl killed by a sexual predator who lived near her Florida home?"

"We have a soaring body count, like a war zone. Aren't we at war?"

Though the real-world atrocities Copley mentioned are infinitely terri-

ble, I'm not thinking about those things at the movies — and I'll bet the rest of middle America isn't either. We're more concerned with enjoying (or ridiculing, in some cases) what's on screen. Honestly, I don't think such sobering current events are applicable in critiquing such a stunning realization of Frank Miller's world.

*Sin City* has also been lambasted, by some, as a misogynistic gore-fest.

So, just because I enjoyed such a film — immensely, I might add — I suppose I'm intrinsically immoral, harbor secret (or not-so-secret) violent tendencies and appreciate the portrayal of women as nothing more than curvaceous, rapid eye candy.

Give me a break.

Contrary to popular belief, it is possible to enjoy "violent" media — which includes film, video games and music — without being forever corrupted and/or irreparably damaged. Those who blame the entertainment industry for their own lack of mental instability are just delusional.

*Sin City* is just the latest addition to a slew of controversy that surrounds the likes of all the *Grand Theft Auto* games, Marilyn Manson lyrics and Quentin Tarantino films.

Honestly, sometimes entertainment should just be taken at its face value: entertainment. If said entertainment happens to include gratuitous violence, so be it — functioning adults should be able to differentiate between fictional

characters and their fictional actions from reality.

Before condemning *Sin City* as a violent, misogynistic bloodbath, the nature of the story itself should also be taken into consideration; it's film noir taken to the extreme. That means, for the most part, anyway, all the men are tough guys, the women are "dames" and "broads," and the language is quite frank — and colorful. (And there's so much more to it.)

It's immensely entertaining. Most of the women are prostitutes, but they're not damsels in distress — these are tough, beautiful women who take care of their own with lethal loyalty.

Vigilante justice is the norm, and carried out in a manner befitting what the final arbiter of that justice deems necessary. It's morbidly poetic and viscerally satisfying to watch as child molesters and rapists are punished for their heinous crimes.

Still, the violence in the film is highly stylized to an almost absurd level so it loses much of its realism. The black-and-white frames are splashed with flashes of brilliant color. It's not so much stomach-turning as it is intriguing to see how directors Robert Rodriguez and Miller have managed to transform splattering blood into an art.

If this isn't your personal cup of tea, don't watch it. It's that simple.

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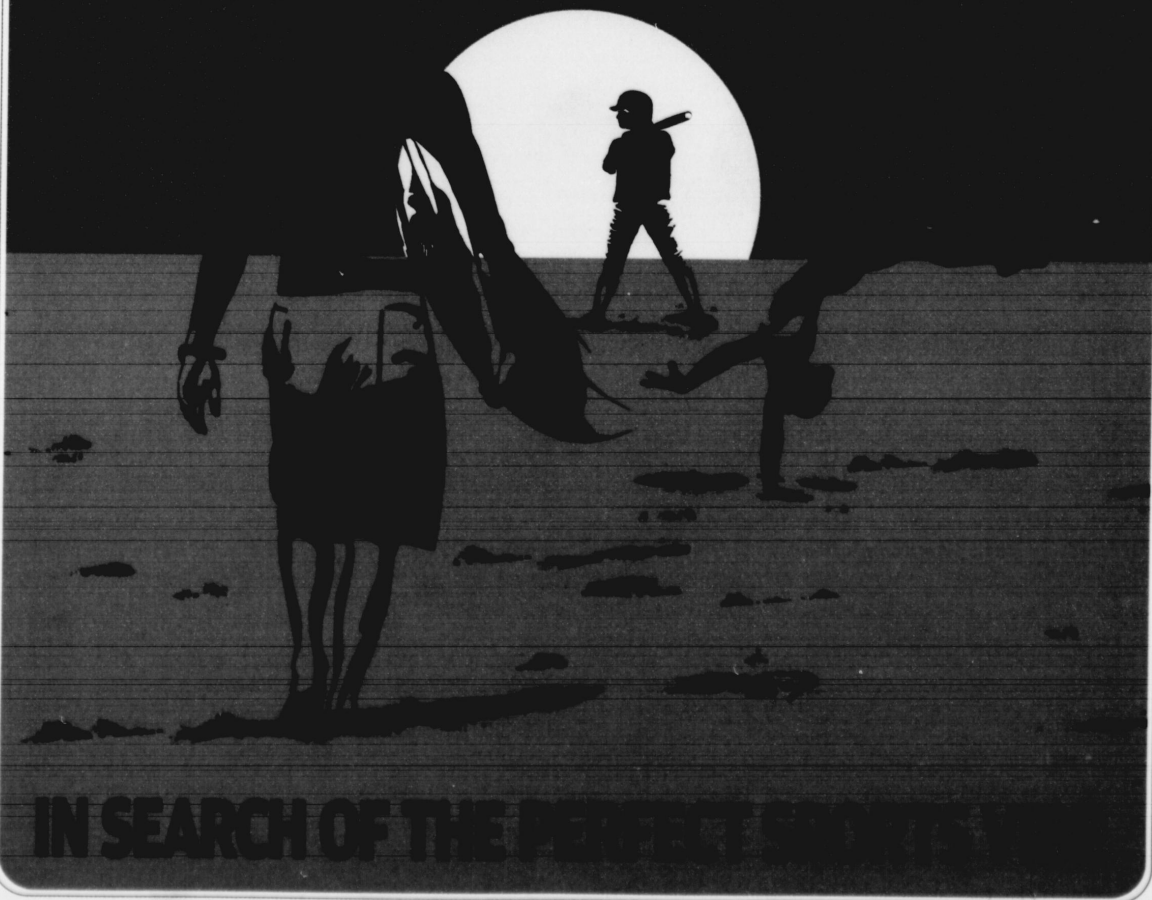
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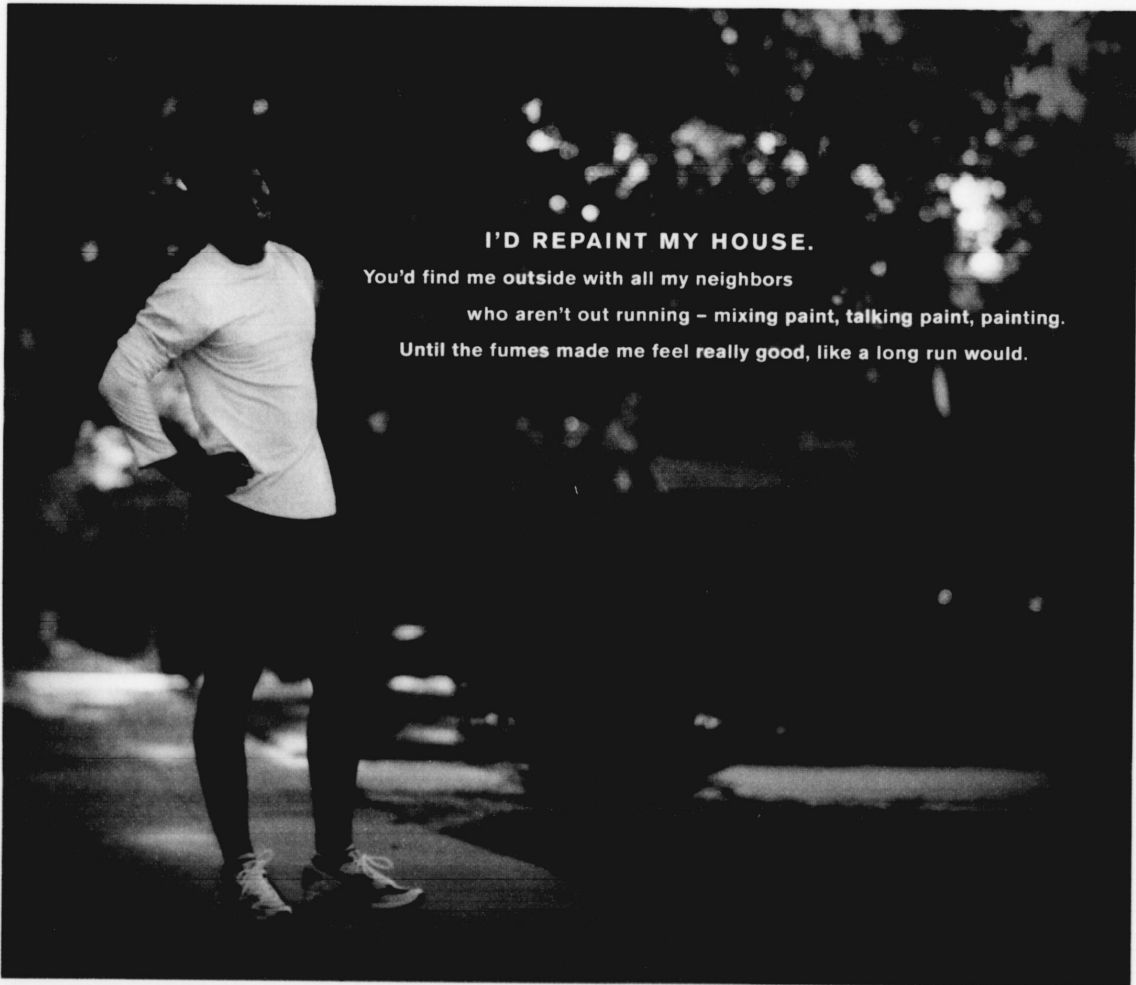
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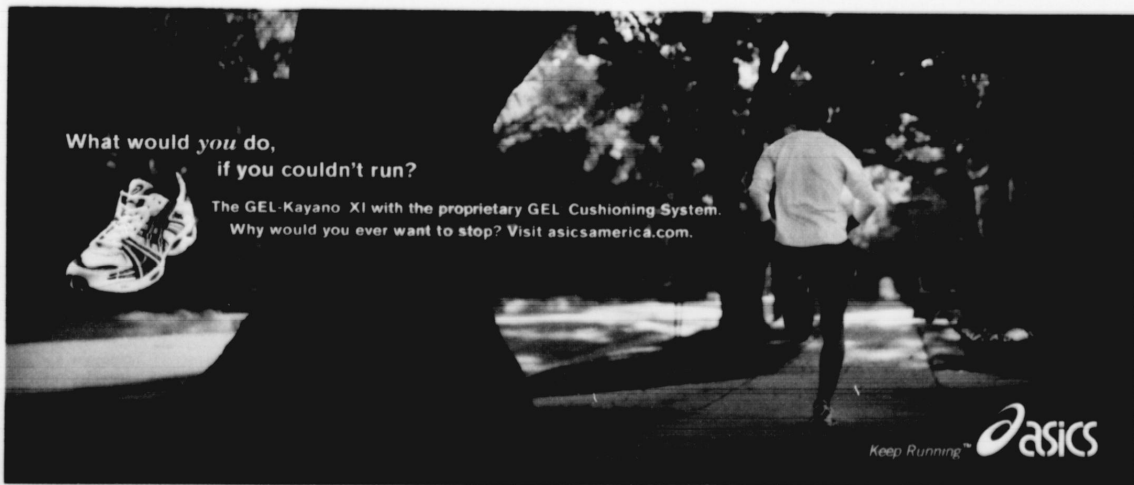


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The First Word on the Big Names and Games

# the A list

by ADAM DUERSON



**AS THE** storytelling cliché goes, every death is accompanied by a birth. (See last week's *Lost*: Boone kicks the can; Claire has a baby boy.) To boot: The air goes out on hoops and hockey while baseball, softball, golf and lacrosse are all in the infant stages. So sit back and enjoy the early days of spring. Once you've recovered from the winter hangover, that is.

## Did You Hear...?

The A List found the personal web pages that Georgia Tech basketball players (clockwise from top left) Tyler Davis, Luke Schenscher and Isma'il Muhammad designed for a computer science class. A small—but sufficient—sampling: ¶ Muhammad's: "I have a friend name [sic] Jarrett Jack, he is very cool dude. . . . My other pal is BJ Elder. He is a very kick ass guy." ¶ Schenscher's: "I came to Georgia Tech on a football scholarship but the coach was upset with my poop mouth and I began playing basketball instead." ¶ Davis's: "Yo, wuddup? This is my CS webpage. . . . Right now I'm planning on going premed."

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## Facts of the Week

**WISCONSIN SNAPPER** STEVE JOHNSON, who is 6' 3", 297 pounds, gets his beauty sleep in an "inflatable princess bed."  
**THERE'S NOTHING** Central Michigan outside hitter MARY OCHMANEK enjoys more than knitting. Except, maybe, picking her nose.  
**THE NEXT GREAT** film critic named Roger: Florida State free safety BRADLEY WOODRUMS. Among his faves: *Pootie Tang*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and *All Dogs Go to Heaven*.  
**ALL BUT** one member of the **WISCONSIN** basketball team are waging a battle against the "ridiculous ban of cutoffs in the weight room." Why? We don't know.  
**OHIO STATE** pitcher (below) says he can eat three Chipotle burritos in one sitting. He also says, "Scented candles rock my world."



## THE LAST WORD FROM THE FINAL FOUR

What was your shining moment?

**"Watching Coach [Mike] Krzyzewski** cash in on the commercials."  
 —Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim

"Elizabeth, what was my favorite moment? Probably **[Raymond Felton stealing the ball]** at the end of the [title] game."  
 —2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards

"Every time **Wake Forest** won."  
 —Wake coach Skip Prosser (Um, that happened once, Skip.)

"The **West Virginia double-overtime win** over Wake. I didn't have any money on it, but I didn't see that coming."  
 —Jay-Z (left)



Look at what Tennessee is shelling out to bring in ex-Wisconsin-Milwaukee basketball coach Bruce Pearl (right): \$800,000 annually, \$194,000 to buy out Pearl from UWM and \$25,000 to a search firm that helped land Pearl. Then there's the cost of paying Pearl's predecessors: \$1.39 million to ex-coach Buzz Peterson and a remaining \$200,000 to ex-ex-coach Jerry Green.



**After Hobart's men's lacrosse team** had tied No. 8 Syracuse 12-12 late in the fourth quarter on March 29, a Hobart fan, following a longtime school tradition, threw a yellow-and-blue carp onto the field. Unamused, referees called a penalty on Hobart and gave possession to Syracuse, which promptly tallied the game-winner and beat Hobart for the 18th straight time since 1986.

**Quote of the week:** Former North Carolina hoopster Vince Carter on Tar Heel Sean May's saying that he's leaning toward staying in school for his senior year: "What can he do? Win another championship? Be the MVP again? It's boring."

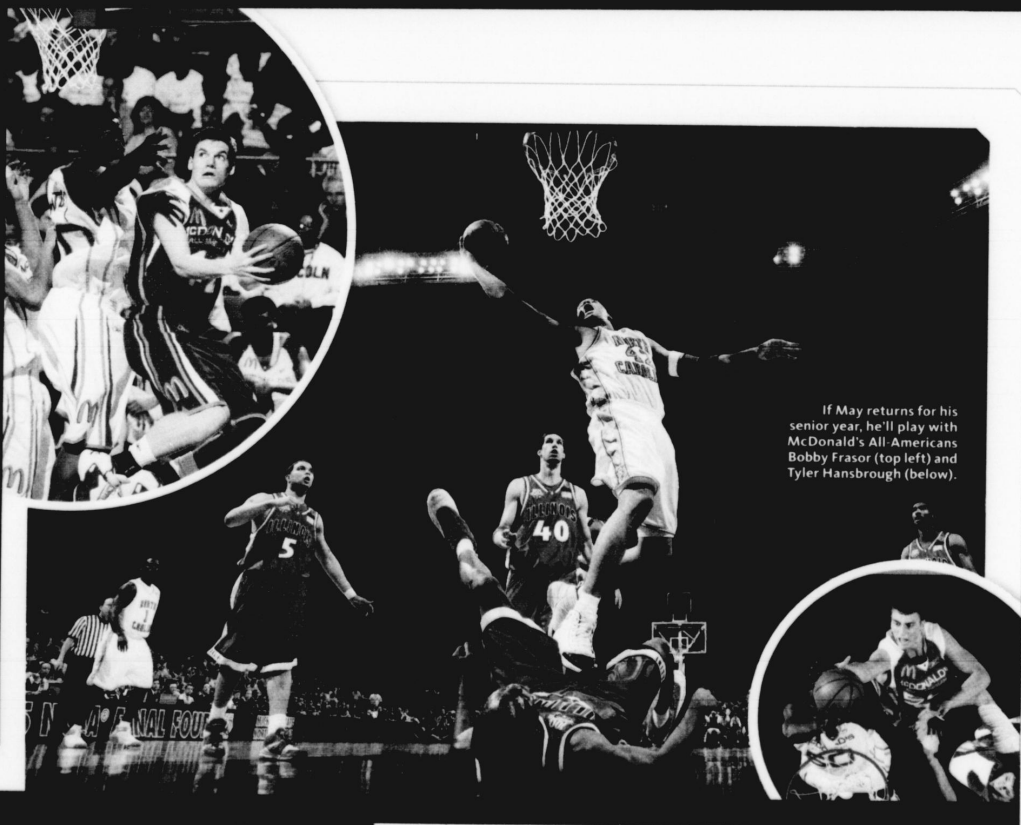


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If May returns for his senior year, he'll play with McDonald's All-Americans Bobby Frasier (top left) and Tyler Hansbrough (below).

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## May Day in April

*Hoops season is over, but awards season isn't. Last week SIOC anointed Utah's Andrew Bogut as our men's hoops player of the year. SI.com and CBS basketball analyst Seth Davis sees it a little differently.*

When the clock ran out on the 2005 season, the ball was, fittingly, in the hands of North Carolina center Sean May, whose 26 points and 10 rebounds had powered the Tar Heels to a 75-70 victory over Illinois. Cradling the ball, May dashed across the floor of the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis before being enveloped by North Carolina coach Roy Williams. "I just wanted to hug the big rascal as long as I could," Williams said later.

The coach undoubtedly had

plenty of company. North Carolina fans longed to embrace May after the 6' 9", 260-pound junior was named the Final Four's Most Outstanding Player. His impressive weekend (he also had 22 points and seven rebounds in UNC's semifinal win over Michigan State)

was merely an extension of a stellar season in which he averaged 17.5 points and 10.7 rebounds and shot 56.7% from the floor and 75.8% from the foul line. While Bogut collected most of the accolades that were based on votes cast at the end of the regular

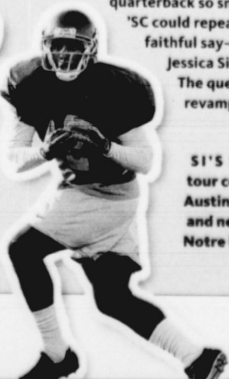
season, May's brilliance during the postseason is why he is SI's college basketball player of the year. "He wanted to win that national championship, there's no doubt," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said after the final. "He played like it the whole tournament."

**IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY** to look ahead to next season. Which freshman will make the biggest difference on Tobacco Road? (Hint: see insets above.) Which Big East team is destined for the top 5? Luke Winn has the answers at [SI.com/basketball/ncaa](http://SI.com/basketball/ncaa).

FROM THE PAGES OF **SI**

## Still No. 1?

**YES, USC LOST** five starters on defense, including four All-Americans. Yes, injuries and legal problems have left the team with one scholarship cornerback this spring. Still, with an offense like theirs, why shouldn't wide receiver Steve Smith (right) and the Trojans be wide-eyed with anticipation? The truth is, the USC offense is so loaded this season and its starting



quarterback so smart and seasoned that 'SC could repeat—or "three-Pete," as the faithful say—with Matt Leinart's pal Jessica Simpson calling the plays. The question is: Can this revamped defense stop people?

**SI'S SPRING FOOTBALL** tour continues this week with Austin Murphy's story from USC and next week with stops at Notre Dame and Washington.



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In the finals of the first Frozen Four to feature four teams from the same conference, North Dakota forward Mike Pirish crashed the crease of Denver goalie Peter Mannino but not the Pioneers' championship party. Behind Mannino, the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, and Brett Skinner (inset), Denver celebrated its second straight national title with a 4-1 win over the Fighting Sioux. PHOTOGRAPHS BY DAVID E. RUTNO

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# Long, Strange Trip

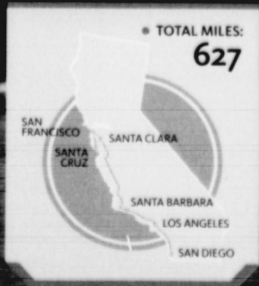
Our reporter escaped Manhattan for the West Coast and discovered that along with perfect weather and bronzed buff bods, California has the nation's wackiest college sports culture *by Clarissa Cruz*

**New York City** is a lot of things, but in late winter picturesque isn't one of them. Garbage-stained slush on every street corner, perpetually gray skies and an irritated, chapped-lipped populace with faded Mystic Tans is more like it. So imagine my delight when SIOC beckoned with this assignment: Tour a bunch of sunny California schools to unearth a college sports culture unlike any other. Hundreds of miles, three moving violations and one pair of ruined Kenneth Cole kitten heels later, I was thoroughly educated on the finer points of ultimate Frisbee, met a philosophical mollusk and developed a deeper appreciation of these badass athletes.



This slug is no slouch. He quotes Nietzsche and majors in molecular biology.

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Attracting brainy hippie types, UC Santa Cruz isn't exactly known for being an athletic powerhouse. The Division III school, located 90 miles south of San Francisco, doesn't even have a football team. So it's fitting that as we have lunch at Joe's Restaurant on campus, perhaps the best-named mascot in the country, Sammy the Banana Slug, is quoting Nietzsche to me, "If there is a must, then there is a can," says 21-year-old junior Farhad Ghafarzade, who dons the bright yellow, slightly phallic costume. He's talking about how he manages to perform at games, major in molecular biology and train for a triathlon on the side. And did I mention that he also converts used vegetable oil into environmentally friendly gas for his car? Not the typical profile for someone whom I will see a couple of hours later grinding his athletic director during a Jay-Z song at a women's basketball game—but I'm enjoying the contradiction.

mile / 74

**My next** stop is San Francisco. Enraptured by the multicolored sunset while driving on the Pacific Coast Highway, I don't notice the squad car trailing me until high beams flash in my rearview mirror. I pull over.

"Have you been drinking, ma'am?" the gruff officer asks, shining his flashlight into my (thankfully undilated) pupils.

"No, not at all," I say, shooting him a charming grin.

"You were going 75 in a 50-mph zone. That's \$150," he says.

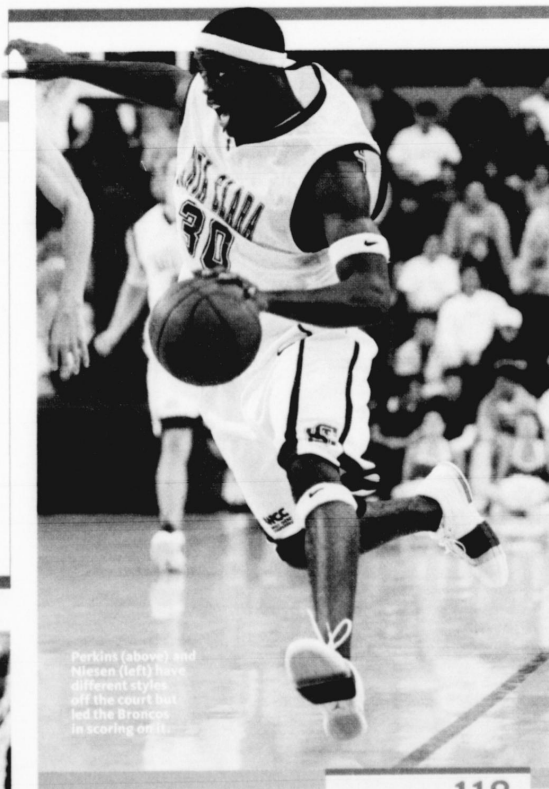
"You crossed a double yellow line—another \$150. And you failed to stop when I tried to pull you over—another \$150."

"I'm sorry," I say, trying another tactic. "I'm from Manhattan, and I'm not used to driving."

"I see," the officer says. "So you're not drunk, you're just from Manhattan."

"Yes," I say, hanging my head.

"O.K.," he snaps. "I'm not going to give you a ticket, but these roads are very twisty, so drive more slowly from now on." The Manhattan defense works every time.



Perkins (above) and Niesen (left) have different styles off the court but led the Broncos in scoring on it.

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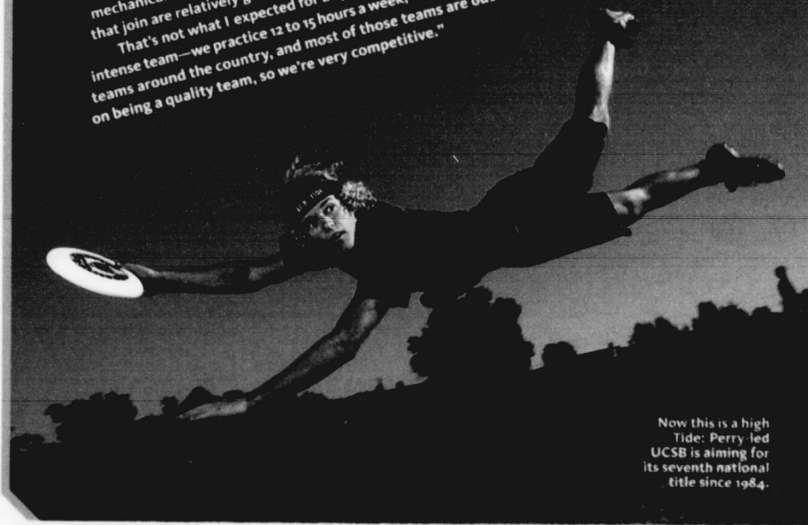
**Santa Clara**, 44 miles south of San Francisco, is known for its bucolic campus, its affluent, politically aware student body . . . and having the most fashionably quirky (see: Steve Nash) giant-killing (see: Santa Clara 77, North Carolina 66 on Nov. 19) basketball team this side of Beverly Hills. I meet the Broncos' two leading scorers, junior Travis Niesen and senior Doron Perkins, to discuss their fashion philosophies. "Reckless abandonment," says beachy blond Jeff Spicoli look-alike Niesen (nickname: Pretty Boy) when asked to describe his personal style.

Perkins, on the other hand, is a bit more high-maintenance. "I've always got to match," he laughs, flashing a Tye Diggis-esque grin and admitting to owning 40 hats and 30 pairs of shoes. "Some earrings, a jersey, and I always wear a hat or a headband."

Each guy's fashion sense mirrors his on-court persona. "[Perkins's style] goes along with his style of play," Niesen says. "He's going to be color-coordinated with his white headband and armband, and whatever he does on the court, he looks really good doing it. I may not look good doing everything I do, but I don't care what other people think. We both get the job done on the basketball court, but we go about our business in different ways." Ah, Lagerfeld and Galliano couldn't have said it better.

mile / 407

**Next stop: UC Santa Barbara**, home of the winningest ultimate Frisbee team in the country, the Black Tide. Since 1984 the Tide has won six national titles and finished in the top four 14 times. (The women's squad, the Burning Skirts, isn't nearly as accomplished, but it deserves props just for calling itself that.) On a drizzly Thursday night the men's team is holding a scrimmage, complete with flashy tosses and acrobatic receptions. "It's not something that natural talent plays as much a part in as drive," says junior co-captain and mechanical engineering major Scott Perry, who sports a huge mop of springy blond hair. "The guys that join are relatively good athletes who just didn't want to pursue their sport in college." That's not what I expected for a sport Harold and Kumar might participate in. "We're a pretty intense team—we practice 12 to 15 hours a week," says Perry. "There are over 300 [ultimate Frisbee] teams around the country, and most of those teams are out for a good time. We pride ourselves on being a quality team, so we're very competitive."



Now this is a high Tide: Perry led UCSB is aiming for its seventh national title since 1984.

mile / 512

**No trip** to California campuses would be complete (at least for Aaron Spelling acolytes like me) without a visit to Occidental College in Los Angeles, where 90210: The College Years was taped. The ground trod by Brandon, Kelly, Donna, Steve and Andrea is even more lush in person, and it turns out that the creators of California University aren't the only ones who found Oxy photogenic: Everyone from Charlie Chaplin to Katharine Hepburn to the Wayans brothers has filmed here. "It's close to the studios, it doesn't have palm trees, and it's got a classic academic quad," says Occidental spokesperson Jim Tranquada of the college's Hollywood appeal. "It can stand in for almost any school."

Interesting, but another factoid has caught my attention: Ben Affleck spent one year here in the early '90s after transferring from Vermont. I hike up to Stearns Hall, the Spanish-style dorm he lived in, and wonder what Jennifers Lopez and Garner would think of the modest accommodations. My musings aren't as far-fetched as I thought. "He still comes by occasionally," Tranquada says. "Earlier this year he was just wandering around campus, hanging out at the student union."



Once they graduated from the Peach Pit, the 90210 gang headed for Oxy, disguised as CU.



Warning: To watch UCSD surfers, don't wear heels.

mile / 627

**My journey** ends at UC San Diego, home to one of the top club surfing teams in the country. I get up at an ungodly hour to meet senior captain Danny Caldwell and the rest of the team at Black's Beach, where they are practicing for a competition the following week.

"Uh, are your shoes going to be O.K.?" Caldwell asks, looking down at my silver, pointy-toed Kenneth Cole kitten heels.

"There was a mudslide from the rain, so we have to hike down to the beach instead of driving."

"Of course they'll be O.K.," I say brightly. I am an intrepid journalist! I will do anything for a story! I can handle a little sand! But as I catch a glimpse of the steep, rocky, mud-filled path, I become frightened. No worries, I tell myself, surferlike, as I slowly make my way down to the beach.

The rest of the flip-flop- and sneakers-wearing group is way ahead of me. What if I slip and die? With nothing but my silver shoes and Seven jeans to ID my body?

After what seems like hours, I join the surfers, who are already peeling off their clothes and getting into their wet suits. My ordeal is instantly forgotten. Omigod . . . hot! Forget Pilates and Atkins—surfing seems the surefire way to get a rock-hard bod. O.K., focus. The story. I'm here for the story. "Compared to other teams, we don't have that much of a structure," says Caldwell, a structural engineering major who wants to be—sigh—a firefighter after graduation. "We don't all get together and practice that often, but everybody's surfing all the time. We're just really laid-back and kind of just stoked to be surfing and competing."

Also stoked is the lone female member practicing today, freshman Ashley Pardoen. So, Ashley, what's it like being one of the few women in this male-dominated sport? "I can't complain," she smiles, giving her well-toned teammates a once-over. I hear you, sister. **G**

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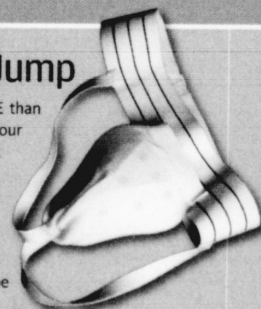
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Last week we introduced you to Union College's tradition of getting busy on the 50. Since then we've unearthed five more equally eye-opening underground traditions

by Jacob Kalish

## Florida: Jock Jump

WHAT'S MORE IMPRESSIVE than pole vaulting? Pole vaulting in your athletic supporter. Florida's Jock Jump started in 1996, when a senior, Troy Rumpfelt, said he'd once jumped naked. "We thought, We've got to do that," says Steve Mesler, then a freshman decathlete. "But maybe we shouldn't get arrested." Jock straps were deemed enough clothing for the vaulters to avoid trouble. Strings were pulled to get lights turned on at the stadium, and Mesler made up flyers and started a website. The first competition featured Lawrence Johnson, who earned a silver medal in the 2000 Olympics, and Mesler, who in 2002 made the Olympics in the bobsled. Tradition dictates that Jock Jump start with an announcer reading the jumpers' bios. At the post-party a "trophy" keg is bought in the name of the winner. The Jump went coed in 1999 (female competitors wear sports bras and underwear) and is going strong, albeit under constant fear of being shut down. "I have no idea how we never got in trouble," Mesler says.

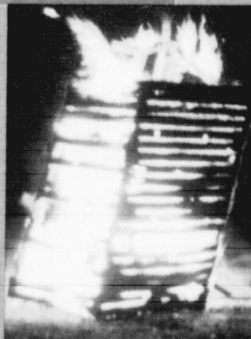


## SUNY Oswego: Bagel Throwing

FANS AT SUNY OSWEGO eagerly await the hockey team's first goal against rival SUNY Plattsburgh, as the score brings a torrent of bagels onto the ice. The tradition started in the 1997-98 season, when Oswego shut out Plattsburgh (hence the bagel). Seven years later fans are still flinging bread. "Hundreds came flying this year," says Oswego sports information director Lyle Fulton. "Goalies hid in the net. The refs had to dodge them."

## Franklin College: Burnin' Down the (Out)House

AT SMALL FRANKLIN (IND.) College (enrollment: 1,048), students have burned down an outhouse before the homecoming football game for over a half century. No s---. The privy-burning started in 1908: Female students had strict curfews, so the men had to resort to trickery to get the women out of their dorm rooms to party. They stole a privy from someone's property and burned it outside Bryan Hall, the women's dorm. The girls ran out and off with the guys, and a tradition was born. The practice of outhouse-stealing ended in 1961, and these days, thanks to increased plumbing in rural Indiana, Franklin builds and burns a nonfunctional privy during a pep rally before the big game.



## Yale: The Saybrook Strip

AT THE END of the third quarter of each football game, about 20 students from Yale's Saybrook College perform a striptease. The tradition, which started in the 1970s, begins with two minutes left in the quarter, when the cry of "Shoes!" goes up, and Saybrugians take off their footwear. At the end of the third the band strikes up some provocative number, and Saybrook's exhibitionists sing their song, which climaxes in, "Biff, bam, boc, bip/We are Saybrook, watch us strip!" During the Harvard-Yale game, it gets even better. The seniors take it all off. "This is what we're known for," says senior Annemarie Baltay. "If you love Saybrook, you'll strip for Saybrook."

## Kenyon: Shock Your Mama Party

THE KENYON MEN'S swim team has won 26 straight Division III national titles while the women have won 20 of the last 22. To achieve such dominance the teams abstain from alcohol during the season. "But once we're done, it's a whole different story," says senior Will Wakefield. The team throws a costume party called Shock Your Mama, where the drinks are plentiful and the clothing is sparse. At one SYM, one female wore only pages of a Kenyon admissions book. Another showed up in Saran Wrap while a guy in a priest costume handed out condoms. One attendee was asked to leave last year when he insisted on wearing his boxers around his head rather than his waist.

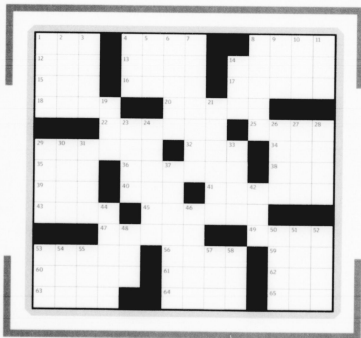


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by Bill Sykes

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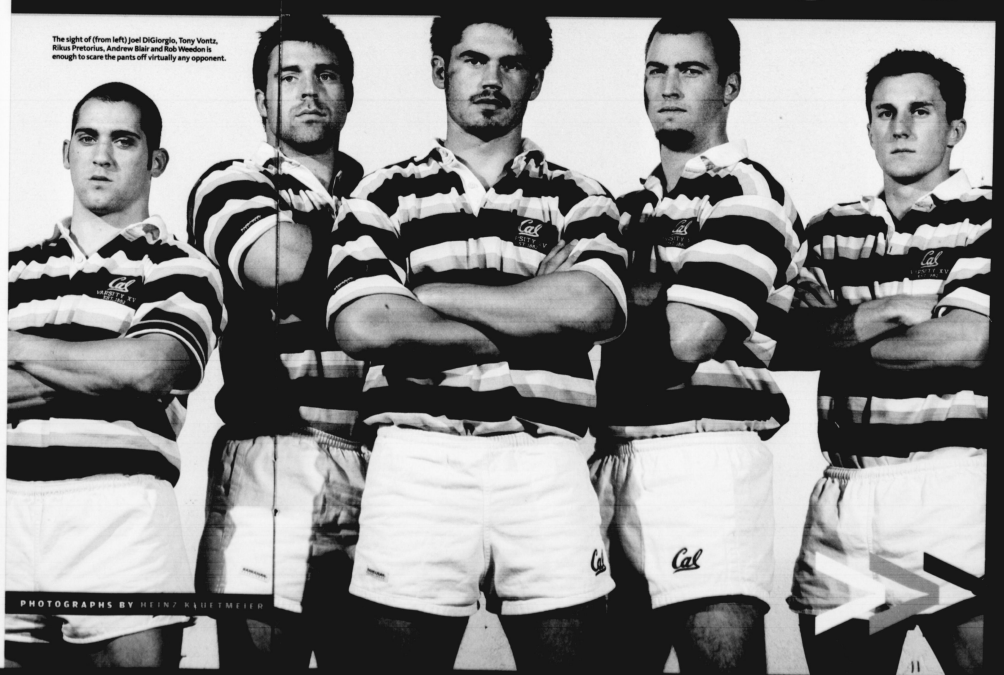


7 DOWN Michigan WR Braylon \_\_\_\_ likely top 10 pick

HOW SCARY IS THE CAL RUGBY TEAM? SOME OPPONENTS DON'T EVEN BOTHER SHOWING UP

# FEAR FACTOR

The slight of (from left) Joel DiGiorgio, Tony Vontz, Rikus Pretorius, Andrew Blair and Rob Weeden is enough to scare the pants off virtually any opponent.



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TO SWEAT, ALL ATHLETES LOOK THE SAME.

ALL ATHLETES HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON: ANYTIME THEY SWEAT, THERE'S MORE THAN JUST WATER. SWEATERS DON'T KICK THE BODILY AND RETURN TO BEING AN ORDINARY FLAVOR OF ICE CREAM.



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BY JAIME LOWE

**S**TRAWBERRY CANYON. The view is as pristine as the name. Set high above Cal's Memorial Stadium with a spectacular view of San Francisco Bay, these hills offer an idyllic tableau of wildflowers, eucalyptus, deer and Bears—though not of the cuddly variety. We're speaking of the Cal Bears rugby team, which is not only the nation's most feared college rugby program but perhaps the most dominant in any sport. Under coach Jack Clark, Cal has won 16 national titles in 21 years, usually in ridiculously lopsided fashion. This season, for example, the

Bears have outscored their opponents 1003 to 116. The talent pool runs so deep that Tom Billups, head coach of the U.S. national team, is a mere Cal assistant. There are many explanations for Cal's success, not least of which is this: For the past 22 years Clark has worked to preserve and promote what rugby should be, not what it is largely perceived to be. Clark, like his players, knows the stereotype of hungover hooligans savaging one another in the mud, their thoughts half on the match, half on the epic bacchanal to follow. There is the story of the South Carolina rugby club, which last winter failed to show for the second day of a tournament because the players were too hung over. There is the testimony of Benjamin McKenzie, the star of *The OC*, who as a

student at Virginia tried out for the rugby squad, only to regret his decision almost immediately. "I found out right off the bat that those guys are f----- crazy, and they will kill you," McKenzie told SIOC in the fall of 2003. "I was practicing with them, and this monster dropped his pants in the middle of the field and started pissing. I realized then: I can't do this. I might die." Such tales are greeted with scorn in Berkeley. "Missing a game because you're drunk? That just wouldn't happen," scoffs senior fullback Andrew Blair. "There's an elite handful of about 10 or 15 teams across the country that are of a higher mind-set and more like our program," says senior hooker Tony Vontz. "And there are hundreds of other programs that are more stereotypical—you



Andrew Lindsay (bottom) sees daylight, while Ryan Donnelly (right) prepares to set green.



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The Bears are a tight scrum, bound by a code that shuns the heavy partying of many of their peers. The result: 16 titles in 21 years.

know, they have the GIVE BLOOD: PLAY RUGBY stickers on their cars. Or OUR DRINKING TEAM HAS A RUGBY PROBLEM, or these awful things that make you want to choke somebody."

The intensity of the Bears can be traced to Clark, a 6' 5" bear of a man (he's a former All-Pac-8 offensive tackle for the Bears and member of the U.S. national rugby team) who

peppers his language with the words *bloody* and *lads*. When he's running drills he rarely screams, but he elevates the tenor of his voice as he stands imperiously on the sideline, arms crossed over his chest, commanding attention like a benevolent dictator. "There's some expectations when you're the custodian here," Clark, 49, says later, sitting behind an oak

desk in his stately office just inside the entrance to the team's clubhouse. "The standards are high, and the stakeholders—the alums—want Cal to be a great rugby program."

"Great" would be understating Clark's accomplishments. In the rugby community the man is a messiah, and the players and fans his disciples. "Coach is an intense man,"

says Vontz. When asked if the team fears Clark, Vontz snorts, "Yeah, of course." Two years ago the Bath Rugby Club, a pro team in England, offered Clark its head coaching position, which he turned down to stay at Cal. "This is his brainchild; it's his baby. This is what he does. He *is* Cal rugby," says Vontz. "There's no other person in North America who's built a program like this."

The numbers don't lie:



Clark's record at Cal is 365-63-5. There are those 16 national championships, that outlandish scoring margin. When the Bears played Arizona State on Feb. 26, they scored 121 points—and the scorekeeper had to hold the “1” for the duration of the game because the scoreboard didn't have a third slot for the placard.

How thoroughly does Cal emasculate its opponents? There is no better example than the Big Game four years ago, when archival Stanford forfeited the match. In an e-mail to

Clark, Stanford coach Franck Boivert wrote that his players didn't mind losing to Cal but were “very afraid to get injured.” Normally humble in victory, even Clark can't resist a dig when recounting the memory. “Some programs in rugby underachieve,” says Clark. “We should have a great rival across the bay at Stanford. We've been playing the Big Game for a hundred years. They have more money in the bank than we'll ever raise, new facilities and a long tradition. The forfeiture was sad because it makes the

game seem conditional, like you don't really have to play.”

Framed on a wall in the back of the clubhouse is a six-page feature from the *East Bay Express*. The writer contends that Cal is *too* good, that its dominance runs counter to the spirit of competition. The Bears, though, see their lofty status as a burden as much as a blessing. “I feel like I'm walking on eggshells every time I get out on the field,” Vontz says. “I feel like I have anvils on both of my shoulders just trying to live up to this crushing weight of expectation.”

After a 69–29 win over Oregon on the first day of the Cal Invitational, Clark is sitting in the common room of the clubhouse, smoking a cigar and surrounded by shiny goblets, reminders of past victories. There is a vase full of fresh-cut tulips on a table next to the

mid-century wood chair he fills out. An assistant coach is asked what the blossoming trees outside the windows are and answers “cherry blossoms” without batting an eyelash. The kegger-at-halftime mentality is nowhere to be found. “Nobody on our team would drink the night before a game,” says sophomore lock Louis Stanfill. “Those people get weeded out. I guarantee you that has never happened and never will happen. There's a lot of honor in playing our sport.”

Even off the field the players appear to live these maxims. Vontz and Blair are better known as “music nazis” than chuggers; both show a soft spot for sad, mellow indie groups like Iron & Wine. A few weeks ago Stanfill demonstrated his peacemaking skills as a bouncer at San Francisco's Fetish Ball. “If there was more sex, there'd be less war,” he says. “I mean, look at the bonobo monkeys.” Senior center Rob Weedon is a microbiology major preparing for a career in medicine. Clearly these guys are not your typical meatheads.

A short time after beating the Ducks, the Bears meet their vanquished opponents, now showered and changed, for a banquet meal. The postmatch gathering, in a dining hall located between two cement walls within Memorial Stadium, is a Cal tradition. Every one of the Bears looks sharp in a collared shirt, tie and his varsity cardigan, which sports 15 golden stripes. It's pretty clear these lads have earned theirs. **G**

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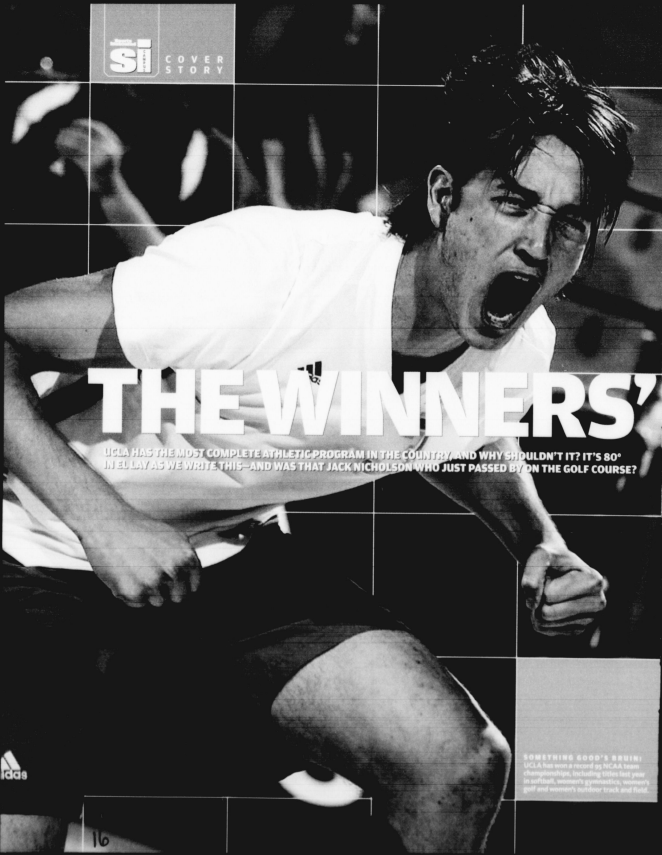


Ohio State was no match for Vontz (below) or Brian McClenahan (left), but who is? The Bears outscore their foes by almost 10 to 1.





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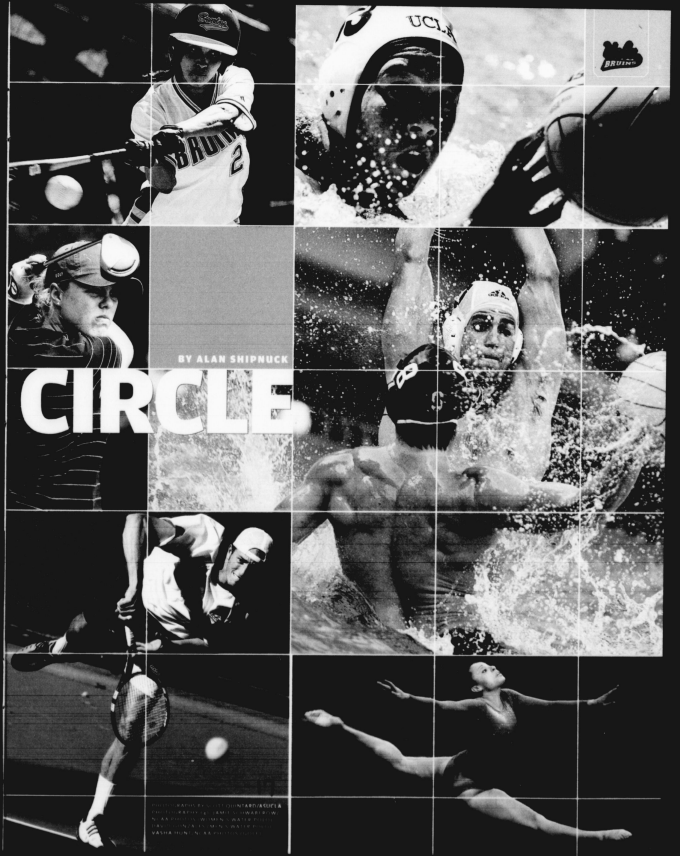
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USCA HAS THE MOST COMPLETE ATHLETIC PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY, AND WHY SHOULDN'T IT? IT'S 80% IN JULY AS WE WRITE THIS—AND WAS THAT JACK NICHOLSON WHO JUST PASSED BY ON THE GOLF COURSE?

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BY ALAN SHIPBUCK

# CIRCLE

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**PITY ADAM KRIKORIAN.** At the tender age of 30 the coach of the UCLA men's and women's water polo teams has won a mere six national championships. Most universities would have named a building after him by now, but around UCLA his heady accomplishments are lost among all the other sports dynasties. Krikorian's office is next door to that of Al Scates, the legendary men's volleyball coach whose 18 national championships are an NCAA record for any coach in any sport. Down the hall sits Sue Enquist, the softball coach with 10 national crowns and counting. If moments of self-pity drive Krikorian to stare out his office window seeking perspective, he has a prime view of the John Wooden Center, named for the

iconic symbol of UCLA excellence who notched 10 national championships in men's basketball from 1964 to '75. "It's humbling to be a coach at UCLA," says Krikorian, whose boyish looks and surfer-dude patois give him the air of a grad student. "How can I brag about my team? How can I get cocky? Al motivates me just by leaving his office door open so I can see all his awards and trophies."

Both Scates, 65, and Krikorian have a chance to add to their collections of hardware this year; the UCLA men's volleyball team is ranked second and the women's water polo team first in the country. With four other teams in their respective top 10s (and the men's water polo team having won the title in December), the Bruins have a chance to exceed last year's haul of four national championships, in softball, women's gymnastics, women's golf and women's outdoor track and field.

Says junior golfer Susie Matthews, "You hear the talk all around you, whether it's in the weight room or the [athletes'] learning center: 'national championship' this, 'national championship' that. Expectations are sky-high, and there is definitely pressure to keep up with these other great teams."

Championship tradition (the Bruins have won an NCAA-record 95 team titles) and peer pressure can have a tremendous motivating effect, but other factors are at work in UCLA's dominance of what Krikorian labels "the so-called Olympic sports." Sun-drenched La La Land is ideal for outdoor pursuits, including the quintessential beach game, volleyball. The mother lode of volleyball talent, according to Scates, is located in the 220-mile sun-kissed strip between San Diego and Santa Barbara, in which there are approximately 300 high school volleyball teams. "The blue-chip kids don't leave Southern California," Scates says, adding with a snort: "Why would they?"

Indeed, senior outside hitter Kris Kraushaar hails from Orange County, and of the recruiting process he says, "I thought Santa Barbara might be too far away."

From May through September, Kraushaar and his teammates strengthen their legs and work on their ball-handling skills playing two-on-two at Will Rogers State Beach in Santa Monica, the same sand Scates patrolled when he was a Bruin in the 1960s. Pasty gym rats at Penn State, Ohio State or other landlocked volleyball programs can only dream of this kind of preparation.

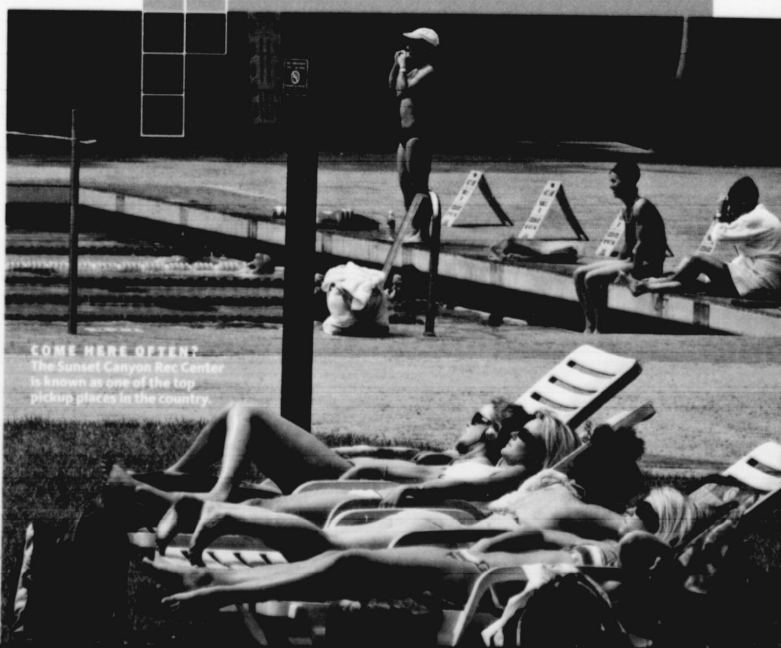
The allure of the El Lay lifestyle works for other Bruins teams, too. "Most water polo players love the whole beach thing," Krikorian says, "and if we're recruiting a kid from back East or up North"—that is, frigid Northern California—"we definitely sell the weather." The Bruins' water polo teams practice at Sunset Canyon Recreation Center on the northern tip of campus, a gorgeous hillside setting at the foot of Bel-Air. Additional scenery is provided by the spectacular array of bikini'd coeds who sunbathe on a vast lawn adjacent to the pool. Of all the bronzed flesh on display, Krikorian says, "It can be a major distraction for the guys during practice, but it's also good for recruiting. When I was coming out of high school and visited UCLA, I was told that Sunset Rec had been named one of the top 10 pickup places in the country." With a coy smile, he adds, "I'm sure that line is still used."

If a wayward pass winds up on the lawn, there is a mad scramble among the players to be first out of the pool to retrieve the errant ball and engage in furtive flirting. "But if one of the guys is too obvious about it, the whole thing backfires, because the team will just explode, yelling and pointing and drawing attention to this dude in a Speedo tiptoeing

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**THE BLUE-CHIP KIDS  
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around all these beautiful women," Krikorian says.

The golf teams have enviable facilities but for different reasons: The Bruins practice on some of the best courses in America. The men and women tee it up twice a week at Bel-Air Country Club, where the head pro emeritus is Eddie (the Little Pro) Merrins, who as UCLA men's golf coach won a national championship in 1988 and tutored future PGA Tour players Corey Pavin and Jay Delsing. On Wednesdays both teams practice at Wilshire Country Club, host of the Champions Tour SBC Classic from 1995 through 2000. On Thursdays the Bruins' women visit Hillcrest Country Club, site of the 1929 PGA Championship. Both squads also have occasional access to Riviera Country Club, the so-called Hogan's Alley that hosts the PGA Tour's annual Nissan (né L.A.) Open.

Such glittering venues produce the inevitable star sightings. At Bel-Air not long ago the women's team was walking toward the 1st tee when, from behind, an unmistakable voice cooed, "Well, hello, ladies."

The Bruins turned around to find Jack Nicholson, his leer only partially disguised by his signature shades.

One player said, "Hey, Jack, how you doing?"

"Better now that I've seen you ladies," he replied.

This does not happen at Oklahoma State.

"There's no doubt the excitement of L.A. is a big draw for some athletes, especially those from overseas," says women's golf coach Carrie Forsyth, who has recruited players from as far away as Australia. "They know UCLA. Just the name conjures up images of palm trees and *Baywatch* and all that good stuff."

Golf is not yet an Olympic sport, but UCLA cleans up in every sport that is. The 2004 Summer Games featured 56 current and former Bruins athletes, more than any other university, and they scored 19 medals. If UCLA were a country, it would have ranked 14th in the medal count. This kind of success translates to dominance in spring sports and highlights the paradox of UCLA athletics. "Our brand is even stronger internationally, because a school's athletic reputation in the U.S. is so reliant on football and [men's] basketball," Forsyth says.

It just so happens that football and men's basketball, once Pac-10 powerhouses, are now two of the weakest programs at UCLA. The once-proud men's hoops team barely squeaked into the recent NCAA tournament, its first appearance in three years. (It lost to Texas Tech in the first round.) The football team hasn't won more than eight games since 1997.

Scates does anything but gloat over the misfortune of the glamour programs. "Every time those teams play, I have a cheer: 'Go, budget!'" he says. "When football and basketball have bad years, it affects the overall athletic budget, and that affects a lot of other things."

Bruins coaches look out for one another in myriad other ways. There

## JUST WIN, BABY

HERE ARE THE D-I schools with the most NCAA titles in nonrevenue sports over the last five years:

► **UCLA: 17**  
Women's teams have won 12 of the Bruins' 17 titles. In all, UCLA has reigned in nine sports, with women's gymnastics winning four times.

► **STANFORD: 13**  
The Cardinal has won the Directors' Cup nine straight years and is six back of UCLA's record 95 NCAA team titles.

► **LSU: 9**  
Eight of the Tigers' titles have come in track and field (five indoor, three outdoor).

► **MINNESOTA: 7**  
The four hockey titles (two men's, two women's) are no surprise, but one by the men's golf team (2002)?

► **USC: 6**  
Last year alone UCLA's crosstown rival won women's volleyball, women's water polo and men's water polo titles.

► **AUBURN: 6**  
The Tigers are a pool powerhouse, with all six titles coming in swimming (three men's, three women's).



Auburn's Kurt Cady

is a monthly meeting to exchange ideas on recruiting, finances and other concerns, and impromptu seminars are often conducted in the hallway or in individual coaches' offices, where the doors are always open. "There's room for everybody here," Scates says. "It's a big campus, a big town. We're not fighting each other for money, for support. It's like a family." Scates's mellow demeanor and infectious laughter help set the tone, and he credits his openness to Wooden. "Coach Wooden talked to everybody," he says. In the early years of Scates's coaching career he used to audit Wooden's practices, glean ideas on structure and pacing. After Wooden retired, the Wizard of Westwood would hang out in Scates's office for hours, discussing coaching theory, among many other things. "He still calls," Scates says of the 94-year-old Wooden. "He tries to disguise his voice and pretend he's a disgruntled alumnus, but he's not very convincing. But I play along."

Among the athletes there is a similar camaraderie. "We're incredibly supportive of each other," says Matthews, the golfer. "We root for each other. When another team succeeds, we don't get jealous; we get inspired." The men's volleyball team occasionally shows up to cheer for the women's squad in zany wigs, nutty sunglasses and flamboyant thrift-store clothes. Members of the football team often can be found at women's gymnastics meets and softball games.

This kinship leads to strong alumni support. The men's volleyball alumni match has regularly featured Karch Kiraly (class of '82), undisputedly the greatest player in the history of college volleyball. A frequent visitor to softball practice is Lisa Fernandez ('93), widely

believed to be the preeminent player in college softball history. Star sophomore Lisa Dodd, whose 0.79 ERA ranked ninth in the nation last year, frequently bends Fernandez's ear on their sport's finer points.

Fernandez's advice will no doubt play a role later this spring when Dodd leads the Bruins in pursuit of their third consecutive national championship. "It's the ultimate goal," she says simply. "It always is." She is far more concerned with the title hunt than with winning a player of the year award. "Individual achievement doesn't mean anything except to that one person, but team success is celebrated by everyone at UCLA," Dodd says. "It's definitely nice to be recognized, but you can be player of the year and nobody really cares if the team doesn't win the national championship. That's how we keep score here." **G**

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At Notre Dame, April means hitting the quad, then maybe the Bookstore Basketball Tournament.

## GETTING A LIFE

With March Madness behind him, the author undertakes a long-overdue spring cleaning. The first thing to go: sports **BY JOHN WALTERS**

**WE ARE DONE.** Spent. Wasted. Our school spirit has been exorcised. What we need now is exercise.

For the first time since August we're operating in a Fowler-free zone. March Madness has yielded to April Apathy. *One Shining Moment* has been replaced by sun-shining moments, and suddenly that old adage (which I, in fact, just made up) of "Once you've seen the Final Four/All that follows is a bore" rings true.

Cheering sections for Bobcats, Bearcats and Wild-

cats have given way to review sections for MCATs, LSATs and GMATs, and no, Bonnie Bernstein is not standing by to interview the losers as they leave the lecture hall. And yet, if she were:

*Bonnie: "Scooter, you took a beating in the biology and physics tests. What's next for you: nursing school or pharmaceutical sales?"*

*Scooter: "To be honest, Bonnie, I don't really give a \*\$% about cardiology right now. I just know that I've got three chem lab partners back*

*in that exam room who I love."*

We all need a break, a one-week spring break, from watching sports. Pardon the interregnum, but our sports-addled minds need a spring cleaning, a restoration to sanity. Just yesterday I was wondering whether the most aptly named D-I athlete is Pittsburgh's Charles Small, who at 5' 7" suits up for the Panthers' basketball team, or Stanford middle-distance runner Amanda Trotter. I decided that the least aptly named D-I athlete must be Oregon hoopster and seven-footer Matt Short. (Yes, I live alone.)

Then I thought about that NCAA promo that ran during the men's and women's hoops tournaments. You know, the one with the voice-over that says, "There are 360,000 NCAA student-athletes, and just about all of us will be going pro in something other than sports." Here's the ad I'd like to hear: "There are 360,000 NCAA student-athletes, and just about half of us are attending school on scholarship. Meanwhile, you're pulling 20 hours a week in the cafeteria at minimum wage and staring at Kirstie Alley—sized student-loan payments after graduation. You should've stuck with those swim lessons."

I need a break. You need a break. Which is why April, for its lack of TV-friendly sports, is actually a blessing in disguise to those of us who have been welded to the couch since the BCA Football Classic. April is the month when we would rather play sports than watch them. We might actually get off the couch to train for the Little 500 at Indiana or take part in the Bookstore Basketball Tournament (the self-proclaimed "World's largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament") at Notre Dame. We might sneak into the Boston Marathon at Mile 21, then drop out at Mile 22 before dropping into Mary Ann's just off the Boston College campus for a brew.

There is one spring sport, however, that's exciting and eminently watchable, one that tempts us to return to being observers rather than participants. Certainly it's the most entertaining D-I sport of the season, the only one that draws actual fans, not just tanorexics looking to maintain their Cancun color: lacrosse. And yet as exciting as lacrosse is, its shorthand pseudonym sums up our school spirit this week: lax. **G**

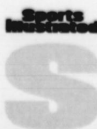


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### ATHLETE POLL

Embellished your athletic feats to hook up at a party? Who'd you rather be stuck on a desert island with: Jacko or Paris Hilton? SIOC put the tough questions to more than 700 jocks.

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