

# THE KENTUCKY KERNEL HOOPS PREVIEW

## College life leaves Morris with no regrets

By Ben Roberts  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Randolph Morris doesn't have to be here. The McDonald's All-American and freshman center could have easily followed his friends Dwight Howard and Josh Smith to the NBA, but he chose another path.

After months of deliberation on his future and speculation by recruiters as to where he would ultimately end up, Morris finally announced his decision to come to Lexington May 6, choosing UK over the pros and his hometown university, Georgia Tech.

While many scouts were surprised Morris, who was ranked among the top-10 players in the nation, passed on the NBA for college, the UK center said he knew he wasn't ready for basketball as a full time job.

"Kentucky Georgia Tech and the NBA were all on an equal plain," Morris said. "But I don't think I was ready for basketball as an occupation. So I made the decision to come to UK."

If the decision to forego the NBA was an easy one for Morris, picking the right college was not.

Georgia Tech was thought to be at the top of the list, especially after its run to last season's NCAA Championship game and the school's proximity to Morris' family.

But the Atlanta native looked at other criteria when making his final decision.

While he was participating in the McDonald's All-American festivities last April, two UK recruits, Rajon Rondo and Joe Crawford, spent the weekend lobbying Morris to join them in Lexington.

Rondo was Morris' roommate at the event and assured the post player he would get plenty of scoring opportunities if he came to UK.

"I wouldn't say I'm the reason he came," Rondo said. "I just tried to put a bug in his ear and let him know that we're going to be good, that I love to pass the ball and that I led the nation in assists last year."

"That's what every big guy wants — to get the ball."

Another key factor in Morris' decision was the ability to play right away.

With the departure of Erik Daniels and limited contributions from sophomore centers Sha-

gari Alleyne and Lukasz Obrzut, the door was open for Morris to come in and make an instant impact.

UK head coach Tubby Smith, who has been reluctant to rely on freshmen in the past, has already mentioned Morris when asked about possible starting lineups.

"He's a guy that we need a lot of minutes out of," Smith said. "He's an aggressive rebounder, and I think he can be a great rebounder. As far as running, jumping, competing — he's very good."

But even with that endorsement from their head coach, Morris' teammates are making sure to remind him he still has a lot to learn before he can contribute.

"He's still a freshman," junior guard Ravi Moss said. "You can't just throw him out there to the wolves. It's going to be a tough transition, but I think he'll be able to handle it."

So far, Morris said the most challenging part of college basketball is competing against bigger opponents.

In high school, the 6-foot-10 Morris grew accustomed to dominating his competition on both sides of the court, but he hasn't been able to do that against the taller Alleyne and Obrzut.

"The toughest challenge so far has been adjusting to the size of post players," he said. "In high school, a lot of those guys weren't as tall as I am, and they weren't as strong as I am."

As Morris has progressed around the basket, some of his own skills have rubbed off on his fellow centers.

"He's very versatile," Alleyne said. "I'm glad that he came here because he's shown me a lot of stuff that other big guys do. It's a beautiful thing."

Morris' teammates have no doubts the newcomer will play a large role this season, and Smith knows he won't have to worry about Morris' off the court behavior as he has for past freshmen.

The center posted 23 points, 16 rebounds and eight blocked shots per game in his senior year at Landmark Christian High School, but it was his work in the classroom that impressed UK's coaches the most during the recruiting process.

Morris earned a 3.7 high school grade point average, scored a 1270 on his SAT and was a member of the National Beta Club.

He hopes to continue his success in the classroom at UK but gives no guarantee that he'll be here long enough to earn a degree.

And while Smith has always counseled his players to stay in school as long as they can, he understands this freshmen class, and Morris especially, isn't typical.

"You realize they have that potential to move to the next level at an earlier age than some of the previous players we've had," Smith said.

"But I contend they're better off staying and being more mature players physically and emotionally."

"I think that was the key to (former UK players) Tayshaun (Prince) and Keith (Bogans)."

But Morris has convinced his coach and teammates he isn't letting all the hype go to his head, and his concentration is centered solely on making UK a better team.

And as Morris focuses on going to classes and watching Howard and Smith play on television this year, it may not be long before he joins them at the next level.

"I'll step back and assess my situation at the end of this season," he said. "It will come based on how far we go in the tournament, and I want to stay until I get a national championship. But I like where I am right now."

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"I don't think I was ready for basketball as an occupation. So I made the decision to come to UK."

Randolph Morris  
UK freshman center



## Potts poised to lead Cats in her final season

By Lindsey Keith  
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While at UK, Sara Potts has never had a winning season, never been to the NCAA tournament, and never been a ranked team.

However, Potts, a pre-season All-Southeastern Conference second-team selection does not regret her time spent as a Wildcat.

"I don't think there were any low points per se — stuff happens and you fight through it," the senior forward said. "That is what people in this program have done, that is what I have done, and that is what this team has done."

The 6-foot senior from Rochester Hills, Mich., has kept fighting through all of the losses and finds herself as the leader of the Cats, a team that finally finds optimism surrounding them.

"Expectations for the team are high because we have a really talented group of freshman coming in," said sophomore guard Angela Phillips. "And we have some veterans that have a lot of experience from last year and that play really important roles on the team."

Potts has started 65 straight games for the Cats, and she led the team with 16.8 points a game last season, including a 30-point game against No. 1 Tennessee.

"I think right now is really exciting," Potts said. "We were even excited for practice to start. The first three practices, coach would be like, 'OK, practice is over,' and we would be like, 'We've only been here for an hour,' and really we had been there for like three (hours)."

She may have never had a winning season, but Potts has done everything she can do to help the Cats be successful. She holds numerous 3-point records for the Cats, including the most 3-pointers in a game, season and career.

But Potts is not content with her records — she wants to improve her game even more.

"I want to keep being a leader by example and continue to work on being a leader vocally," Potts said. "Making sure everybody is doing what they should be as a team, and everybody is working as a team."

"I want to continue my leadership role, and try to help the freshman as best as I can to help them fit in and do the best they can."

Potts will have only one familiar face in the starting lineup this season — Phillips.

Phillips, a 5-foot-5 guard, started 21 games and averaged 34.5 minutes a game in her freshman season. However, the point guard only averaged six points per contest.

"I think I need to try to take a little bit of a scoring role," Phillips said. "I did not really shoot the ball enough last year."

Phillips, who turned her high school program around in Oak Ridge, Tenn., has set her sights on changing the luck of yet another basketball program.

"We are working so hard and just continued to lose, and that was really hard for me," Phillips said. "Now we are going up and it is really exciting."

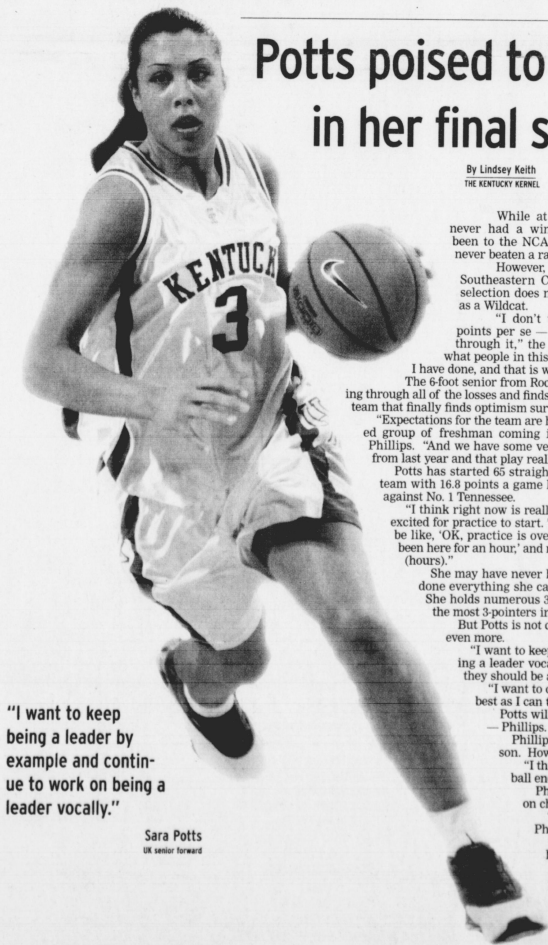
Potts and Phillips credit the new excitement and competitive spirit to the freshmen who have just joined the Cats.

"I think that our competition level is so much higher than it was last year just because of the incoming freshman," Potts said. "They have really come in here and competed against us in practice. It was kind of (freshman) against us, and it has really helped us."

Potts hopes to land some punches in her last round of her heavyweight fight and leave the UK program with the imprint of a prizefighter.

"I want to be remembered as one of the hardest workers that has ever been here," Potts said. "And known as the person that would never give up no matter what was going on."

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Sara Potts  
UK senior forward

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# Sparks will fly in backcourt

By Chris Fisher  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

When you take a look at Patrick Sparks, the junior guard doesn't look like much. Even he will attest to that.

But don't be fooled — UK freshman guard Joe Crawford was.

"He doesn't look as good as he is," Crawford said. "He's got one of the quickest first steps I've ever guarded. He passes the ball and he can shoot it. He's a very smart basketball player."

UK head coach Tubby Smith will tell you the same thing. But Smith will also not hesitate to tell you that it will be tough to get Sparks out of the lineup this season.

"Patrick does not look like a very athletic guy but his basketball IQ is important," he said. "He's got a leg up on the other guards because he's been in the system for a year."

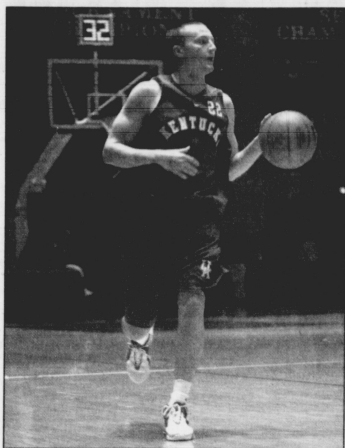
Sparks said he doesn't feel slighted or overlooked — he embraces the sleeper role.

"I'm just going to play my game and use that to my advantage," Sparks said. "Some people might be surprised, some people might not. I know I don't look like much of a basketball player, but I bring a lot of intangibles to the game."

Sparks gives Smith the luxury of having a consistent shooter at the point, something Smith has yet to enjoy as UK coach and something fans haven't seen since Anthony Eggs. Sparks is crafty defensively and has deceptive speed and quickness.

"Patrick is a very versatile player," Smith said. "We can play him at the point because he's got great leadership, great ball handling and passing skills. But he's also a good shooter as we have on our team. He's going to be asked to score a lot of points for us because he's capable of putting points on the board."

Just because Sparks didn't play in games last season, don't think he took the year off — not when he practiced



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UK junior guard Patrick Sparks, of Owensboro, Ky., native, sat out last season after transferring from Western Kentucky.

against a competitor and tenacious defender like Cliff Hawkins.

"Cliff Hawkins was a great player," Sparks said. "He brought his defense and tenacity to practice everyday and it really helped me. He took it at me, and I took it right back at him and I think it made both of us better."

Sparks has also bulked up his slight build to 180 pounds and spent hours perfecting his jump shot. He bristled at the notion that he might be rusty.

"I don't know yet," he said. "I guess we'll see the first exhibition game. I've definitely benefited from the year I sat out. I had a lot of time to get up extra shots so I don't think there will be."

His first blip on the radar screen came in the 2001 Kentucky-Indiana High School

All-Star game in Owensboro, Ky. Sparks nearly recorded a quadruple-double in Kentucky's 103-90 upset win, as he tallied 15 points, nine assists, eight rebounds and eight steals.

Some question Sparks' transition from the Sun Belt Conference to the Southeastern Conference. But he's no stranger to big shots or big games.

Just ask UK. As a freshman at Western Kentucky in 2001, he led the Hilltoppers into Rupp Arena and handed the No. 3 Cats a 54-42 defeat.

Later that season, he buried a fall-away jumper as time expired to beat New Mexico State in the semi-finals of the SBC tournament.

He followed that by capturing Most Valuable Player honors in the conference tournament the next season.

Sparks, a first team All SBC selection as a sophomore, averaged 13.6 points per game and led the SBC in assists at 5.9 while helping then-head coach Dennis Felton and the Hilltoppers to two NCAA tournament appearances.

After Sparks' sophomore year, Felton accepted the job at Georgia, where former head coach Jim Harrick and NCAA sanctions had devastated the program.

Sparks said he seriously entertained ideas of following Felton to Athens, Ga. "It was definitely something I thought about," Sparks said. "There was definitely a recruiting process, but in the end, I felt like this is where I needed to be."

He also said the similarities between Smith and Felton have steadied the transition.

"Their philosophies on the game of basketball have a lot of the same ideas," Sparks said. "Their defensive and offensive philosophies are very similar."

Sparks, nevertheless, admits it wasn't easy sitting out but says he's moved on.

"It was real tough," Sparks said. "It is something you don't know how tough it is until you experience it. But now I'm not thinking about that anymore. I'm thinking about what I can do to help the team. I'm expecting to have a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to it."

Senior forward Chuck Hayes knows how important the addition of Sparks was to the team, and said his hard-nosed play is contagious.

"Sparks is a huge addition for us," Hayes said. "He's a scrappy player and a real student of the game. We are going to really depend on him to knock down shots."

"You never know what he is going to do offensively or defensively. He gives his all on the court, and that makes me give mine."

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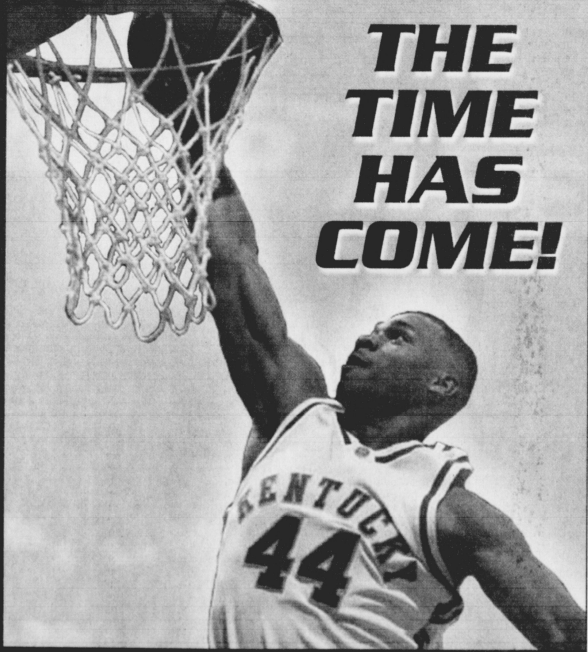
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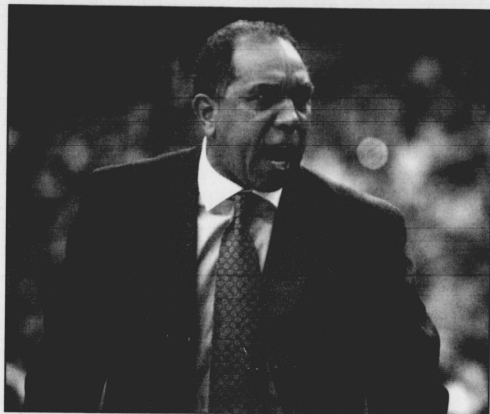


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## READY TO ROAR



**JONATHAN PALMER | STAFF**  
UK head coach Tubby Smith enters his eighth year as head coach with a 191-52 record with the Cats. Smith's overall record is 315-114 in 13 seasons as a college coach.

## Success hinges on Hayes

Nothing keeps Chuck Hayes out of the starting lineup. For 76 straight games, the senior forward has been a fixture in the UK starting five.



**Tim Wiseman**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Not even Matt Heissenbuttel on Senior Day could get Hayes out of the lineup.

Hayes is UK basketball. He belongs on the floor. If UK head coach Tubby Smith designed his ideal player, it would be Hayes.

On defense, Hayes always wants the toughest assignment. Most of the time, he gets it, whether it's a speedy guard or a big-bodied post player.

And almost every time, he rises to the challenge.

On offense, Hayes' unselfish play keys the Cats. His offensive numbers are not gaudy (he has averaged 8.1 points per game over his three-year career), but he makes up for them in clutch offensive rebounds, bone-jarring screens and deft passes.

For the last three seasons, Hayes has been the hardest working Cat.

This season, UK may need even more from him.

On opening day, Smith will have one of his thinnest (and youngest) front lines in recent memory.

Sophomore forward Shera Thomas is still recovering from offseason surgery and looks like he will not be ready for game action for quite a while. Sophomore centers Shagar Alleyne and Lukasz Orbutz have yet to prove

they're ready for prime time. Freshman center Randolph Morris may have trouble living up to the immense hype created since he signed.

And so, as always, it comes down to Hayes. This year, the Cats will go as far as Hayes can carry them.

In UK's five losses last season, opponents held Hayes under 10 points four times. And he failed to reach a double-double in points and rebounds in all of those losses.

As Hayes goes, so go the Cats. Every time, he had more than 10 rebounds and more than 10 points, UK pulled out the victory.

UK's young guards may have attracted all the attention in the preseason, but UK's recipe for success still

revolves around Hayes.

He is what UK basketball should always be about — hard work, respect and sportsmanship.

He will never be the biggest player on the court. He will never be the flashiest. He will never provide the most highlights for SportsCenter.

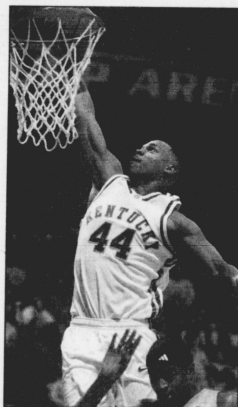
But he'll come to work every day for the Cats. He'll do his job the right way and with a smile on his face.

He'll clock in every night for UK.

If he can pass his work ethic on to the rest of the Cats, he may get the chance to work overtime — long into March and April.

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**UK forward Chuck Hayes** has started 76 straight games for the Cats. The senior leader has averaged 8.1 points per game in his career.

Although he isn't a prominent scorer, Hayes' rebounding ability and passing skills will be a valuable asset to the Cats.

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## Cats' leftovers are appealing

They say, "you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone," and for the last half of the 2003-04 season and this year, the loss of Jenny Pfeiffer will be an obstacle for UK women's basketball to overcome.

But ... here come the freshmen, and for some it's love at first sight.

A 1-though ... **Derek Poore** was a solid starter, averaging nearly 12 points and 30 minutes per game before she became ill with mononucleosis and missed the rest of the season. She played in only four Southeastern Conference games.

But ... what about the freshmen? Well hang on a minute. As a prolific 3-point shooter, Pfeiffer was an experienced asset to the team. UK's record could have been different if Pfeiffer hadn't suffered the

unfortunate luck of being on the bench for health reasons her second straight year.

Pfeiffer's freshman season suffered a similar fate, when a broken hand kept her sidelined.

But none of this matters anymore as Pfeiffer left the team this summer and went to Louisville at the beginning of the semester to play for the Cardinals. Two weeks and one team picture later, Pfeiffer left Louisville as well.

Hey just ... bring on the freshmen!

I'm getting there. UK's incoming class is impressive, but UK coach Mickie DeMoss will rely on many options to fill the gap Pfeiffer left.

"We played 13 games without her," DeMoss said. "So we've had a lot of time to figure it out."

DeMoss also had guard Danielle Payne, who as a junior started 18 points in her first start against South Carolina and dropped a career-high 20 on Arkansas.

"Payne stepped in last year and did a nice job," DeMoss said. "And then this year with our recruiting class we have a lot of options."

Now ... that recruiting class — ranked as high as seventh in the nation — will most likely be the biggest wild card for UK this season.

Freshman guard Sade (pronounced SHAR-day) Buley has the ability to fill many positions on the team, including at guard and small forward. Buley could be what UK is looking for as an immediate spark.

If Buley can impress DeMoss on the court like sophomore guard Angela Phillips did last year, Buley could fill a scorer's role as a shooting guard.

But the Wildcats shouldn't fall back on freshman talent just yet. Senior forward Keiko Tate streaked off the bench last season and was UK's best spark for much of the season.

Consistently a post scorer and rebounding threat, she averaged more than 20 minutes a game last year.

Tate will most likely start this year, and expectations should be high.

Well ... UK may be deeper than it appears at first sight.

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# Walk-on surprises friends, family

By Ben Roberts  
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Nobody in Decatur, Ala., believed Eric Allen when he first told them the news.

The freshman guard had been working out with the UK basketball team since the beginning of classes, but he knew he was no lock to make the roster. Those back home were pessimistic of his chances.

"People close to me really were surprised, and I don't think a lot of them back home still believe I'm on the team," Allen said.

It wasn't until the week leading up to Big Blue Madness that Allen himself found out he had made the squad as a walk-on. Head coach Tubby Smith, impressed with Allen's work ethic, notified the lifelong UK basketball fan he was a part of the team just before the start of official practices at Lexington.

Allen met Smith over the summer after participating in a basketball camp in Lexington, but the UK head coach was no stranger to Allen's family.

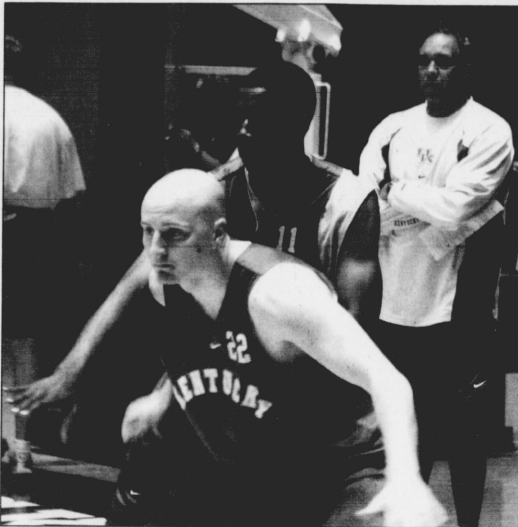
Allen's father, Billy, played for Smith when he was the coach of Great Mills High School in Maryland. Billy Allen told his son he would have to compete as hard as he could to make the team, but it would be worth it for the chance to play for Smith.

Now that he's overcome the first hurdle by making the UK roster, Allen's fellow walk-ons say he can't let up on the court.

"He just needs to go out there and play his hardest at all times," said junior guard Preston LeMaster. "Do whatever he can to make this team better."

Allen joins LeMaster and junior guard Ravi Moss as UK's only walk-ons. While he said veteran guards Josh Carrier and Patrick Sparks have been supportive in helping him improve his game, it's from Moss that Allen has learned the most.

"Ravi has been like my bigger brother since I came



Freshman guard and walk-on Eric Allen (No. 22) defends junior guard Patrick Sparks during practice last week at Memorial Coliseum. Allen was placed on the roster in the week leading up to Big Blue Madness Oct. 15.

here," he said. "He was a walk-on too, and he's been teaching me a lot of things. It gives me a lot of hope seeing Ravi."

Moss, who joined the Wildcats two years ago as a little-publicized walk-on, said he sees the conditions Allen is under as similar to his own.

"I just look out for him and do everything I can for him," Moss said. "He's coming in the same way I came in and I understand what he's going through right now."

And although Allen has only been working with the team for a few weeks, Moss feels he'll be able to make a considerable contribution to the program as long as he

keeps up the hard work. "I definitely think he can contribute," he said. "He's pretty athletic, and he's got a lot of talent. I think he'll be all right as long as he just sticks with it."

Allen describes himself as a good outside shooter who loves to hustle and scrap for loose balls. He also promises UK fans that he'll play every minute with "a lot of heart," regardless of how much playing time he gets.

And though Allen speaks with the utmost confidence of his ability to compete with Division I players, there is one aspect to UK basketball he admits he may have trouble with — the 24,000 screaming fans he'll encounter when he first steps on the

Rupp Arena court.

"It will be something real new," he said. "I know I'll be really excited that first time. I'll probably have to get out there two or three times before I get used to it."

It may take the visual of Allen standing on the Rupp Arena floor for all of his friends and family to believe he's really a part of the UK basketball program.

But until that moment comes, Allen has a message for all the naysayers back in Decatur.

"I just want to tell them I made the team — so they can all stop hatin' now."

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# Cats boast talented backcourt

In addition to Patrick Sparks and Eric Allen, there are other guards in UK's loaded backcourt.

With the loss of Gerald Fitch and Cliff Hawkins, the Cats will rely on several veterans and three freshmen to fill the void.

**Rajon Rondo**

Some think Sparks will move to the two-guard slot as soon as Rondo is ready to take the reins at the point.

Rondo has an uncanny ability to break down defenders off the dribble and distribute the ball. Rondo's long arms make him a hawk on defense and allow him to finish in traffic.

Rondo is as athletic as he can be at 6-foot-1, and he showed that by winning the dunk contest at Big Blue Madness.

A very unselfish player, he must brush up on his outside

shot to open up the driving lanes.

**Joe Crawford**

Imagine Keith Bogans' clone. Crawford is an explosive athlete.

He has the ability to shoot from the outside, and with an explosive first step, he can get to the basket and finish.

Even though Smith will look to him to replace some of Fitch's scoring punch, he will probably see action at the two-guard spot early because of his defense and physicality.

**Ramel Bradley**

Bradley's a vintage New York City point guard who can get to the bucket and finish in the lane.

He has been somewhat overlooked, but he looked solid in the Blue-White scrimmage, even flashing a nice shooting touch — making six of 11 shots from the field and

scoring 19 points.

Stripping junior guard Ravi Moss twice for easy layups in the scrimmage, Bradley has shown a big-play ability defensively. He is a heady combo guard who can play at the point or shooting guard positions.

**Ravi Moss**

Moss is not your average walk-on. As a sophomore last season, he stepped out of nowhere and made big plays in some big games.

He's a tenacious defender and solid rebounder who plays hard and can shoot the 3-pointer.

Look for Moss to provide experience in the backcourt, and he'll seriously contend for playing time.

**Brandon Stockton**

The Glasgow, Ky. guard passed a kidney stone last Wednesday night. Although

he didn't play in the Blue-White scrimmage, he will be expected to provide depth at the point guard position.

The streaky senior scored eight points against Louisville's pressure defense last season.

He's a very solid shooter from the outside and from the free-throw line. Plus, he knows Smith's system.

**Josh Carrier**

As one of only two seniors, Carrier will be looked to provide leadership on and off the court.

He was labeled as an excellent 3-point marksman coming out of high school, but so far he hasn't lived up to the billing.

He hit three 3-pointers and scored 15 points in the Blue-White scrimmage. If he gets his confidence on the court, watch out.

— Chris Fisher

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# East meets West

By Derek Poore  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

They've had 59 wins in two years — 25 of those in the Southeastern Conference.

No team came close to matching UK's SEC dominance the last two years, and with a top-ranked recruiting class, UK is the favorite again in many preseason magazine and Internet polls.

Senior forward Chuck Hayes and junior guard Kellena Azubike both made the preseason all-SEC teams, as voted by conference head coaches.

But around the league, UK is a Goliath to be slayed.

Florida head coach Billy Donovan sees the entire SEC as a sleeping giant.

"Our league is an incredibly gifted league, and we are nationally underrated," the Florida head coach said at SEC media days yesterday in Birmingham, Ala.

Donovan's Gators, who finished four games behind UK last season, return all five starters.

"We are fortunate to have a very gifted offensive team," Donovan said. "We have our three guys who shoot very well, and when they are on, we are hard to beat."

But Donovan said Florida's depth may stop there.

Georgia's problem is just the opposite. The Bulldogs will rely on underclassmen in Dennis Felton's second year as the head coach in Athens, Ga.

"I came to Georgia knowing that I was going to have to start over two years in a row," Felton said. "Though it may not happen this year, we are building a championship team."

Last season the Bulldogs finished fifth in the East.

Felton also commented on UK newcomer Patrick Sparks, Sparks, who played his first two seasons under Felton at Western Kentucky, sat out last season for NCAA transfer rules.

"I wish him all the best, and I would like to see him do well," Felton said. "But my job is to make sure his team does not beat mine, and that is what I will focus on when we see him."

Felton has a right to be confident. Georgia beat UK twice last year, before losing to the Cats in the SEC Tournament.

"We had a lot of wins last year — many were unexpected like the Kentucky game," he said.

Vanderbilt ended a streak of mediocrity last year by landing in the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time since 1993, ousting third-seeded North Carolina State.

The Commodores lose All-American forward Matt Freije, who averaged 15.6 points per game in four seasons in Nashville. Junior guard Mario Moore — a second-team all-SEC pick — and senior center Dawid Przybyszewski will lead Vanderbilt this year.

"I don't know if I've ever had a team that has looked forward to getting out on the floor for practice as much as

this one," head coach Kevin Stallings said last week. "We're all excited to be out here. It's what the coaches love to do and it's what the players love to do."

If preseason predictions hold true, Tennessee has an edge in talent level. The Vols had three players — senior guard Scooter McFadden, senior forward Brandon Crump and junior guard C.J. Watson — earn all-SEC honors, tied for the most from any team with Alabama and Florida.

The Vols also have Kentucky's Mr. Basketball, Chris Lofton. Lofton, a Mason County, Ky., product, averaged 27 points and 10 rebounds per game in his senior year of high school.

At South Carolina, senior center Carlos Powell has already entered the Gamecocks' 1,000-point club. Powell looks to lead USC to another 20-win season.

Last week, Powell said USC's athleticism will surprise the league.

"We are more athletic, we get down the court," Powell said. "We have a good team, we will be alright."

If the SEC title is UK's to lose, then Georgia sophomore forward Steve Newman may have the answer.

"Last year was definitely a big deal for us beating big teams like Kentucky," Newman said at Media Day. "It just shows us that no matter what people say about you, if you go out and work hard then you will be successful."

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By Adam Sichko  
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It wasn't midnight, but for Mark Gottfried, the sun hadn't risen yet, so it was close enough.

The Alabama head coach eschewed all the hoopla and fanfare associated with a "Midnight Madness" practice, preferring instead to give his players a 6 a.m. start time for their first practice in an empty gymnasium.

Quite simply, "We're just going to work," Gottfried said.

That strategy seemed to work last year. Widely predicted to finish in the basement of the Southeastern Conference's West Division, Alabama came within a win of making the Final Four.

Four starters from that team return this season.

"There's a lot of talent on the floor," said senior guard Earnest Shelton. "But the key is going to be getting everybody to play together and getting that talent to gel together on the court."

Alabama should ride the performance of junior Kennedy Winston — a first-team All-SEC pick — deep into the NCAA Tournament again, but the forward may not return from knee surgery until as late as January.

Still, the battle for first place in the West may be fought between Mississippi State and Louisiana State. The Bulldogs captured the regular season conference crown last season with a 14-2 mark, led by big man Lawrence Roberts. The se-

nior forward — one of two unanimous first-team All-SEC selections — should defend his conference MVP award, and his team is in prime position to lock up the conference title again.

In neighboring Louisiana, the Tigers should keep themselves near the top of the West. But head coach John Brady isn't satisfied with last season's second place finish in the division.

"Since the last three weeks of last season, our commitment now is we don't want to be good anymore," Brady said. "We want to be great."

SEC Freshman of the Year Brandon Bass said he benefited from participating in the NBA's pre-draft camp. Bass' play will largely determine whether LSU can write their name on the NCAA Tournament dance card.

"(The camp) toughened me up mentally and physically," Bass said. "Just being in that type of atmosphere every day helped me tremendously."

The West Division's other Tigers, at Auburn University, are looking to turn their program around with the hiring of Jeff Lebo as their new coach.

Lebo must replace the three starters and 10 letterwinners who graduated after last year's 14-14 regular season.

"Our freshmen are going to be thrown to the wolves this year," Lebo said. "They are going to have to play and they have a long way to go."

Lebo also must figure out exactly who he intends to put in the frontcourt. On its 15-man roster, Auburn boasts one true center and one true forward. The other 13 players are guards.

Lebo said he intends to "pray a lot" when trying to keep the opposition from scoring inside.

"We will have to do some doubling in the post," he said. "There is no doubt about that."

"We will have to find ways to keep it out of there by changing defenses to keep people off balance."

Some praying could also be in order for Arkansas and Ole Miss.

With one senior on the roster, the Razorbacks will have to rely on guards Ronnie Brewer and Jonathon Modman to play better than their second-team All-SEC status.

Ole Miss didn't fare much better overall or in conference play than Arkansas last season, finishing two games under .500 overall.

More bad news: head coach Rod Barnes must replace two starters from last year's squad.

But one newcomer is freshman guard Brian Smith, youngest son of UK head coach Tubby Smith, so at least that will give Dick Vitale something to talk about for the Reds.

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Florida junior forward Matt Walsh drives against Vanderbilt senior guard Corey Smith during the Gators' 91-69 win in 2004's SEC Tournament.

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## Southeastern Conference Preview

Predicted order of finish by the Kernel sports desk

**Mississippi State**  
 Coach: Rick Stansbury (126-64)  
 2003-04 record: 26-4 (14-2 SEC)  
 Key player: Lawrence Roberts, senior forward and 2003 MVP.

**Kentucky**  
 Coach: Tubby Smith (191-52)  
 2003-04 record: 27-5 (13-3 SEC)  
 Key player: Chuck Hayes, senior forward, has 76 straight starts.

**Alabama**  
 Coach: Mark Gottfried (119-74)  
 2003-04 record: 20-13 (8-8 SEC)  
 Key player: Kennedy Winston, senior guard, is out with injury.

**Florida**  
 Coach: Billy Donovan (169-84)  
 2003-04 record: 20-11 (9-7 SEC)  
 Key player: Anthony Roberson, junior guard, 17.9 ppg last season.

**Louisiana State**  
 Coach: John Brady (120-92)  
 2003-04 record: 18-11 (8-8 SEC)  
 Key player: Brandon Bass, sophomore guard, 12.8 ppg last season.

**Tennessee**  
 Coach: Buzz Peterson (47-42)  
 2003-04 record: 15-14 (7-9 SEC)  
 Key player: Scooter McFadgon, senior guard, 17.7 ppg last season.

**Arkansas**  
 Coach: Stan Heath (21-35)  
 2003-04 record: 12-16 (4-12 SEC)  
 Key player: Jonathon Modica, junior guard, 16.5 ppg last season.

**Georgia**  
 Coach: Dennis Felton (16-14)  
 2003-04 record: 16-14 (7-9 SEC)  
 Key player: Levi Stukes, sophomore guard, 9.5 ppg last season.

**Ole Miss**  
 Coach: Rod Barnes (113-76)  
 2003-04: 13-15 (5-11 SEC)  
 Key player: Justin Johnson, senior guard, 5.3 ppg last season.

**South Carolina**  
 Coach: Dave Odom (57-42)  
 2003-04 record: 23-11 (8-8 SEC)  
 Key player: Carlos Powell, senior forward, 12.3 ppg last season.

**Auburn**  
 Coach: Jeff Lebo (first year)  
 2003-04 record: 14-14 (5-11 SEC)  
 Key player: Ian Young, senior guard, 10.0 ppg last season.

**Vanderbilt**  
 Coach: Kevin Stallings (85-69)  
 2003-04 record: 23-10 (8-8 SEC)  
 Key player: David Przybyszewski, senior forward. Buy him a vowel.


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# Keeneland wraps up fall meet



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This weekend marks the final weekend for the fall meet at Keeneland Race Course. Though the meet has endured several rainy days, Keeneland spokesman Jim Williams said overall attendance is up this year. FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM KEENELAND, SEE PAGES B AND C.

By Joshua Worthington  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The 2004 fall meet at Keeneland Race Course closes Saturday afternoon, and students are gearing up for the last races while reflecting on what Keeneland means to Lexington and the community. "Keeneland is a very intricate part of the Central Kentucky community," said Jim Williams, director of communications for the Keeneland Association. "From an economic standpoint, all the horsemen and the wagering public who come out for the meets bring money to the community through patrons staying at area hotels, eating at local restaurants and seeing local attractions before and after the races." Keeneland was even more popular this year. "Our attendance for this meet is slightly up from last year," said Williams, who pointed out that the current meet has been bombarded by frequent rain and cloudy days. Students have attended races this year for a multitude of reasons. "I went with a group of about 30 girls to watch a few races one afternoon," said family studies senior Lauren Waldman. "I go more for the atmosphere and to hang out with friends. For college students it is more about atmos-

phere than actually betting on the races."

Communications junior Casey Graf agreed. "I went on college day and it rained all day," Graf said. "I bet sometimes, but I mainly go for the social aspect."

Graf and other members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority will join their parents at Keeneland Saturday afternoon for the group's parents' day.

"We are going to have a brunch and then go to the races," Graf said.

Despite the opportunities for social interaction, many students find themselves at the betting window at Keeneland.

"It is an opportunity to come out with more money than you went in with," said mining engineering senior George Caylor. "I only take what I can afford to lose."

Keeneland will run the Bourbon County Stakes on Friday and the Fayette Stakes on Saturday. They will also simulcast the Breeder's Cup from Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, Saturday afternoon.

"The coupling of the live racing and the Breeder's Cup simulcast on Saturday is a popular conclusion to the meet," Williams said. "We are expecting a large crowd."

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## UK Law hosts debate on water company

By Troy Lyle  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

About 100 students heard both sides of the possible condemnation of Kentucky American Water Company at the UK College of Law courtroom yesterday.

"The citizens of Lexington should have control of their water," said Foster Pettit, chairman of Bluegrass FLOW (For Local Ownership of Water). "Of the top 100 cities in the U.S., 95 percent own their water system."

Pettit, the first mayor of the merged Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, debated Warren P. Rogers, president of the Coalition Against a Government Takeover. The Federalist Society sponsored the debate.

If the city purchased the water company from German conglomerate RWE, the water company would bring in nearly \$5 million in revenue, remove the absentee ownership currently in place, decrease the present rates and provide citizens with local representatives to deal with problems, Pettit said.

"City government will not manage the system once it has been taken over," he said. "Managers will be appointed to oversee its operations just like with the Lexington Center and Blue Grass Airport."

Condemnation is the wrong direction for the city, said Rogers, president of W. Rogers Company, a municipal utilities contracting firm based in Lexington.

"The city of Lexington is my largest client," he said. "I've lived in Lexington my entire life and Kentucky American has done a great job."

Lexington needs to be focused on more important issues, he said. "The city has lost 40 percent of its police force and LexTran is suffering, he said. "City council has already spent \$1.3 million on this condemnation proposal, with no end in sight," Rogers said. "Not

to mention this council can't manage what they already have control over."

Clint Quarles, a third-year law and agriculture economics graduate student, agreed.

"This condemnation makes no sense economically and is nothing more than partisan politics," he said.

"Regardless of ownership, the company is still a local service, and water will always be local. Our actual water will not be relocated to Germany."

However, local ownership only makes sense, said Robert James, an undeclared sophomore.

"Control of water is not a free enterprise," he said. "As a customer of Kentucky American, I can't go to another company to get my water. If you don't like their service, you have no option but to go without water or dig a well."

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**"City council has already spent \$1.3 million on this condemnation proposal, with no end in sight."**

Warren P. Rogers  
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## UK men's soccer beats Cincy 2-0

By Chris Fisher  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Owners of a six-game unbeaten streak and fresh off a 6-0 shellacking of Bowling Green, the University of Cincinnati came to Lexington last night on fire.

It didn't take UK long to put that fire out. The Cats got early goals from junior defender Brandon Stewart and freshman midfielder Michael D'Agostino and jumped all over the Bearcats early en route to a 2-0 win.

"We jumped out pretty well and got two good goals," said UK coach Ian Collins.

"The second half we got a little bit more conservative, but I'm happy with our guys — we did what we had to do to win."

"This was a game that scared me because Cincinnati is one of the hottest teams in the country right now."

"I think we're moving on. I think we're coming together and I think we're in a

great position to get an at-large bid into the NCAA tournament."

UK got on the board in the 18th minute when Stewart headed in a Jamal Shteiw corner kick.

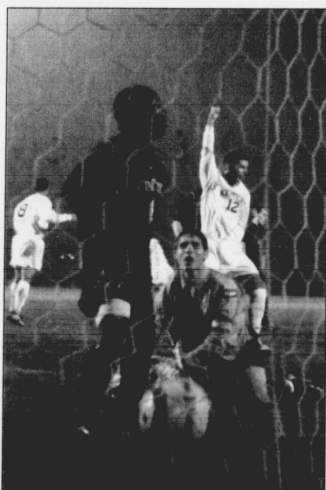
Shteiw, a Cincinnati native, recorded his seventh assist of the season on the play. "It always feels good to score," Stewart said. "Because (as a defender) you don't get many chances up there."

"We just try to take advantage of every opportunity we have."

Bearcat midfielder Jeremiah Gallegos thought he knotted the score two minutes later when he beat UK junior goalkeeper Andy Grunehausen off a rebound, but he was called offside.

The Cats tacked on another goal in the 28th minute when D'Agostino fired a rebound past Bearcat keeper Mike Vessels.

The Bearcats had a



SCOTT LOUWIER | STAFF

Junior defender Adam Walker (No. 12) celebrates after a goal on an assist from senior midfielder Jamal Shteiw (No. 8) in UK's 2-0 win.

See Soccer on page B5

## UK health study says air is cleaner since smoking ban

By Darin Shaf  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Since the smoking ban went into effect, air pollution in area bars, restaurants and other establishments is down 91 percent, according to a study conducted by the UK College of Public Health.

Researchers sampled air in Lexington bars and restaurants on weekend nights before and after the ban using a tool called a photometer.

Air quality was tested in three restaurants, three bars, a music venue, a coffee house and a bowling alley.

On average, the amount of fine particles — the particles that cause air pollution — in the air was 11 times lower after the smoking ban.

Dr. Timothy Mullett, director of cardiothoracic surgery, said the study gives hope that the smoking ban will drastically improve air quality.

"This is a dramatic impact. I think it's more than anyone would have predicted," he said.

"For us to be making an improvement on that locally is a huge statement to the rest of the country."

Dr. Ellen Hahn, an associate professor of nursing, said the study proves the smoking ban has worked.

"When (people) go out, I think they can be assured it's a healthier place to go and the air is cleaner," she said.

Another doctor said he hopes citizens and policymakers use the study in their decisions.

"We're sure there is a significant decline in pollution by applying this smoke-free law, so we don't want to go back to previous circum-

stances and maintain the smoke-free law," said Dr. Kiyoung Lee, an assistant public health professor.

Dr. Daniel Kenady, a surgical oncology professor, said the study proves what physicians are driving for concerning smoking.

"This is one of our primary goals, to significantly cut down on smoking, and smoking bans help to do that," he said.

Though many restaurant and bar owners have said the smoking ban violates a person's right to smoke, physicians said that is not the heart of the issue.

"This isn't about right or wrong," Hahn said.

"It's about public health, and that's what it's been about from the beginning."

Dr. Thomas Whayne, an internal medicine professor, works with patients with heart problems every day and agreed with Hahn.

"It isn't just about smokers' rights," he said. "It's about the rights of people at risk."

Robert Ramsey, owner of Ramsey's restaurants, did not agree with the study's findings.

"All I can say is that it differs from restaurant to restaurant, and they probably have tainted information," Ramsey said.

John Tresaloni, manager of The Fish Tank bar, said the difference is noticeable.

"All my bartenders like it. Sometimes it would get so smoky in here it would choke you up," he said.

"Your eyes don't burn and your clothes don't stink, but it hits us where it hurts the most — in the pocketbook."

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**"It isn't just about smokers' rights. It's about the rights of people at risk."**

Dr. Thomas Whayne  
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## FLY ON THE WALL Kashmir cuisine fine fare

Kashmir Indian Restaurant is a quiet eatery in the middle of one of the busiest pedestrian sidewalks on South Limestone, next door to Chipotle.

Outside, Kashmir gives the impression of a Halloween celebration — the miscellaneous woodpile, rampant vines and wild shrubbery, grungy sign and what appears to be a vacant building really make for a chilling effect.



**Anthony Bauman**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

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When the restaurant reopens at 5 p.m. for dinner, expect to pay close to \$10 for the same items in larger quantities.

Service is quick and friendly, but language barriers can come into play at times with particular staff members. When a mix-up occurred with our group's order, we were left puzzled as to what solution our server had offered. It corrected itself shortly after when the entrees had merely been switched around.

Once it was said and done, the lamb masala I ordered was surprisingly good. I'm a picky eater, so when it comes to food, I'm not very lenient to whether it is good or bad.

Diners also have the option of making the food spicier, with the choice on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the spiciest.

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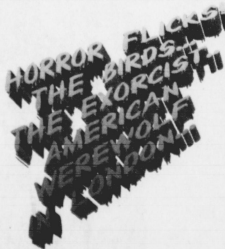
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## Red Sox end curse, win the World Series

By Dan Shaughnessy  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

ST. LOUIS — They did it for the old folks in Presque Isle, Maine, and White River Junction, Vt. They did it for the baby boomers in North Conway, N.H., and Groton, Mass. They did it for the kids in Central Falls, R.I., and Putnam, Conn.

While church bells rang in small New England towns and horns honked on the crowded streets of the Hub, the 2004 Red Sox Wednesday

night won the World Series, completing a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals with a 3-0 victory on the strength of seven innings of three-hit pitching by Derek Lowe. Playing 1,042 miles from Fenway Park, the Sox won it all for the first time in 86 long and frustrating seasons.

New England and a sprawling Nation of fans can finally exhale. The Red Sox are world champs. No more Curse of the Bambino. No

more taunts of "1918." The suffering souls of Bill Buckner, Grady Little, Mike Torrez, Johnny Pesky, Denny Galehouse, and the rest are released from Boston Baseball's Hall of Pain.

The Red Sox are champions because they engineered the greatest comeback in baseball history when they won four straight games against the hated Yankees in the American League Cham-

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## Krystal Ball

Staff picks for the weekend of Oct. 30, 2004



**Leslie Wilhite** (43-13)  
last week: 6-1

Mississippi St. 27, UK 13  
Oklahoma 28, Oklahoma St. 10  
Tennessee 21, South Carolina 20  
Georgia 30, Florida 20  
Stanford 24, UCLA 13  
Missouri 20, Nebraska 17  
North Carolina St. 21, Clemson 16

**Sara Cunningham** (40-16)  
last week: 6-1

Mississippi St. 70, UK 10  
Oklahoma 28, Oklahoma St. 17  
Tennessee 35, South Carolina 14  
Georgia 21, Florida 10  
UCLA 17, Stanford 14  
Missouri 28, Nebraska 21  
North Carolina St. 14, Clemson 10

**Derek Poore** (40-16)  
last week: 5-2

Mississippi St. 20, UK 16  
Oklahoma 23, Oklahoma St. 14  
Tennessee 23, South Carolina 17  
Georgia 26, Florida 27  
UCLA 17, Stanford 6  
Missouri 21, Nebraska 20  
North Carolina St. 30, Clemson 21

**Jeff Patterson** (39-17)  
last week: 6-1

UConn 21, Syracuse 20  
Oklahoma 31, Oklahoma St. 21  
South Carolina 24, Tennessee 17  
Florida 31, Georgia 23  
UCLA 24, Stanford 13  
Nebraska 31, Missouri 30  
North Carolina St. 28, Clemson 27

**Tim Wiseman** (39-17)  
last week: 5-2

Mississippi St. 12, UK 6  
Oklahoma 35, Oklahoma St. 17  
Tennessee 20, South Carolina 18  
Florida 31, Georgia 21  
UCLA 24, Stanford 14  
Missouri 17, Nebraska 10  
North Carolina St. 14, Clemson 10

**Steve Ivey** (38-18)  
last week: 6-1

UK 7, Mississippi St. 3  
Oklahoma 31, Oklahoma St. 29  
Tennessee 21, South Carolina 18  
Georgia 28, Florida 17  
UCLA 33, Stanford 31  
Missouri 27, Nebraska 21  
North Carolina St. 24, Clemson 8

**Josh Sullivan** (38-18)  
last week: 6-1

Mississippi St. 24, UK 13  
Oklahoma 35, Oklahoma St. 31  
Tennessee 40, South Carolina 17  
Georgia 17, Florida 14  
Stanford 24, UCLA 10  
Missouri 21, Nebraska 20  
North Carolina St. 17, Clemson 10

**Ben Roberts** (38-18)  
last week: 5-2

Mississippi St. 44, UK 13  
Oklahoma 38, Oklahoma St. 12  
Tennessee 24, South Carolina 9  
Georgia 17, Florida 14  
UCLA 28, Stanford 17  
Nebraska 17, Missouri 6  
Clemson 20, North Carolina St. 19

**Lindsey Keith** (34-22)  
last week: 6-1

Mississippi St. 27, UK 14  
Oklahoma 14, Oklahoma St. 10  
Tennessee 31, South Carolina 17  
Georgia 38, Florida 24  
UCLA 14, Stanford 10  
Nebraska 24, Missouri 17  
North Carolina St. 21, Clemson 10

**Adam Sichko** (17-11)  
last week: 6-1

UK 17, Mississippi 13  
Oklahoma 42, Oklahoma St. 28  
Tennessee 21, South Carolina 20  
Georgia 24, Florida 21  
Stanford 24, UCLA 18  
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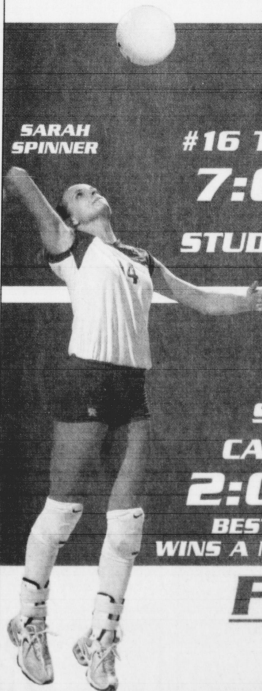
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## 'Stop Kiss' intrigues critic

By Melissa Smith Malley  
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Every night on the news, something tragic has happened to someone, somewhere. Murder. House fire. Hate crime. The reporters provide the bare minimum of facts to keep the audience in the know and rarely does a story go much further in depth. From these bite-sized reports, we as the audience make our assumptions, and from those assumptions, we judge.

But what little information we receive has been skimmed off the top to fit our short attention spans. In Diana Son's *Stop Kiss*, the rest of the iceberg is revealed, from the very beginning.

Sarah and Callie meet because fate has thrown them together. Callie is the tough New Yorker played by Sara Heifetz, and Sarah is the bright-eyed, eager teacher from St. Louis played by Laurie Genet. Callie has offered to take in Sarah's cat, Caesar, who is the excuse for the beginning of their friendship.

At the start of the play, both women are very hesitant and their dialogue is choppy, which steadily changes as they become more comfortable together. The development of their relationship makes their scenes easier to watch —

staccato conversations are tough to endure.

Sara Heifetz is in almost every scene and has complete costume changes in between each, yet she makes this feat seem easy. Not only would her entire outfit change, but also the mood of the scene would vacillate between the extremes of joyful and mournful. These shifts work Heifetz's strength, and she carries the weight expertly.

The plot unfolds like a novel that has had chapters taken from the end and placed between the beginning chapters. Final union of the cut-up story happens in the final scene, and it is beautiful.

As Sarah and Callie become closer friends, it is revealed that the two have endured an attack, because of which Sarah is in a coma. Through police investigation, we learn that the attack occurred just after their first kiss. News reports only say that two lesbians were victims of a hate crime, and they don't know enough to report otherwise.

George, Callie's friend with benefits, is played by Spencer Christensen and provides some much-needed comic relief. Christensen's excellent delivery made the jokes all the funnier. Also,

### If you go

**What:** *Stop Kiss*  
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**When:** Friday through Sunday until Nov. 7  
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Christopher Rose as Sarah's ex-fiancé Peter brings some poignant moments to the production.

One flaw was the ending of scenes. Many times I found myself wanting a little more from the moment, and the sudden blackouts didn't allow for much emotional impact.

*Stop Kiss* breathes new life into the art of storytelling, and the cast handles the quick switches between moods well. Presentation of facts is just as it sounds: removed. By exploring the deeper background, we are able to attain a better understanding of each person, devoid of the ubiquitous prejudice that arises with a general report of the facts.

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## DVDs to up holiday scares

By Jen Chaney  
THE WASHINGTON POST

Just in time for Halloween, Universal has released this year's *Dawn of the Dead* remake on DVD in an extended version of the studio claims was "too scary for theaters." With roughly 12 minutes of footage added to this version, it may be bloodier. Whether it's scarier is debatable.

Still, viewers seeking guts and gore this Halloween week could do worse than *Dawn*, an updated version of 1978's George Romero classic. In addition to the longer version of the film, the DVD offers a number of bonus features, some more entertaining than others. They include a commentary track by director Zack Snyder and producer Eric Newman; 12 minutes of mostly dull deleted scenes; an amusing "Special Report," 20 minutes of "news coverage" of the zombie infestation; "The Lost Tape: Andy's Terrifying Last Days Revealed," a documentary-style look at what happened prior to one character's untimely demise; and several behind-the-scenes featurettes that uncover the makeup tricks and special effects involved in bringing the undead to life.

Like the movie itself, *Dawn of the Dead*'s bonus material

alternates between gross fun and downright silly. Unless you're a zombie-movie freak, it may be wiser to rent this horror show than buy it.

**Funniest Bonus:** With just a pinch of *Daily Show* smarts, the aforementioned "Special Report" newscast could have been brilliant. Even so, it's pretty clever as far as extra features go. Perhaps the highlight is the live report from a medical examiner's office, which inadvertently broadcasts a brutal zombie attack while a rapid reporter yells, "Cut away! Cut away!"

**Lamest Bonus:** According to its title, "The Lost Tape: Andy's Terrifying Last Days Revealed" is supposed to be, well, terrifying. Instead it's just boring and an uninspired attempt to replicate *The Blair Witch Project*'s documentary-style creepiness. To make matters even less credible, the time stamps on the supposedly real video — allegedly made when the films action takes place — are in May and June of 2004, months after *Dawn of the Dead*'s March 2004 theatrical release date.

**Most Headstrong Bonus:** This special feature deserves a mention if only for its title: "Splitting Headaches: Anatomy of Exploding Heads." Yes, it's just what it sounds like: a nearly six-minute exploration

of how the filmmakers created realistic-looking head injuries. (Hint: Prosthetics and gallons of fake blood are involved.) Horror movie experts may already know these secrets, but zombie newbies will enjoy wrapping their heads around this one.

Other DVDs for Halloween: If you would rather see the original version of *Dawn*, check out *Dawn of the Dead: Ultimate Edition*, a box set released in September that contains the original and extended U.S. versions of the film, a European version and a fourth disc filled with features. If you'd rather laugh than scream this Halloween, there's the special edition of *Ed Wood*. Released Oct. 19, this amusing look at the life of the eccentric B-movie director includes deleted scenes; commentary with director Tim Burton, Martin Landau and other crew members; and a behind-the-scenes featurette hosted by star Johnny Depp. Craving Corey instead of candy? Then hook up with Haim, Feldman and the two-disc special edition of 1987's *The Lost Boys*, released on DVD last August. And what Halloween would be complete without *Halloween*? If you plan to revisit the Michael Myers thriller, try the two-disc, 25th anniversary edition, released on DVD last year.

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## Soccer

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chance to break through early in the second half, but Jeff Hughes' shot hit the crossbar from 20 yards out.

The Bearcats tried to make it interesting in the 81st minute, but Gruenebaum turned them away again with a diving save.

Gruenebaum recorded six saves and recorded his sixth shutout of the season.

"I thought our guys did a nice job of shutting them down," Collins said.

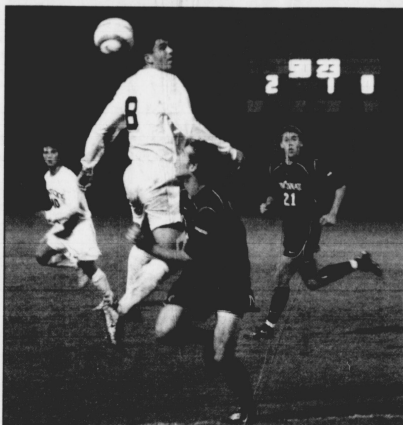
"We had a game plan to keep them out of the box."

The game was a rematch of the first round of the 2003 NCAA Tournament when UK advanced 4-2 on penalty kicks after a scoreless draw in double overtime.

UK's last tune-up before the Mid-American Tournament will come Saturday when the Cats travel to No. 17 Alabama-Birmingham.

Collins said UAB is a quality team in a hostile environment.

"We're going to play a really tough team in a really tough place," he said.



Senior midfielder Jamal Shteivi heads the ball last night against Cincinnati. Shteivi had an assist in the game. The Cats went on to win the match 2-0.

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## Champions

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championship Series. It was a baseball epic, an event for the ages that put the Red Sox into a World Series that was profoundly anti-climactic.

En route to eight consecutive postseason wins, the Sons of Tito Francona simply destroyed a Cardinal team that won a major league-high 105 games in 2004. The Sox did not trail for a single inning of the four-game sweep. No Cardinal pitcher lasted more than six innings and St. Louis's vaunted row of sluggers was smothered by the likes of Curt Schilling, Pedro Martinez, closer Keith Foulke, and Lowe.

In the finale, a game played under a full moon/lunar eclipse on the date of Boston's Game 7 loss in the excruciating 1986 World Series, Johnny Damon led off with a home run and the Sox were never threatened. Trot Nixon added a pair of runs with a bases-loaded double in the third. Lowe mowed down the Cardinals for seven, then let relievers Bronson Arroyo, Alan Embree, and Keith Foulke finish the job. It ended at 11:41 EDT when Edgar Renteria hit a grounder back to Foulke.

Statues — to be placed near those of Samuel Adams and James Michael Curley, are already on order for Messrs. Schilling, Martinez, Lowe, Foulke, Damon, Manny Ramirez (Series MVP), David Ortiz, Mark Bellhorn, Jason Varitek, Orlando Cabrera and the rest of members of the 2004 Red Sox. They did

something that had not been done in 86 years.

So now it's time to toast to Ted Williams, Tom Yawkey, Sherm Feller, Dick O'Connell, Haywood Sullivan, Joe Cronin, Eddie Collins, Tony Conigliaro, Ned Martin, Helen Robinson, Jack Rogers, and thousands of others who toiled for the team, but died before seeing their Sox win a World Series.

It's time for smiles on the faces of Carl Yastrzemski, Bobby Doerr, Dominic DiMaggio, Charlie Wagner, Gene Conley, Bill Monbouquette, Chuck Schilling, John McNamara and hundreds of other men who wore the Red Sox uniform, but never won in October. And don't forget Curt Gowdy, Lou Gorman, Dick Bresciani, Joe Mooney, and all the ushers and Sox employees who are as much a part of Fenway Park as the Green Monster and Pesky's Pole.

Time for the Nation to rejoice. Time to dance. Time to go to your window, open it wide, stick your head out and scream, "The Red Sox won the World Series." No one's been able to do that in Boston since Woodrow Wilson was president.

There was an air of inevitability about the Sox prospects before the final game of the Fall Classic. The Sox knew they had the Cardinals on the mat and they knew that no team in hardball history ever came back from a 3-0 World Series deficit.

Busch Stadium was a friendly venue for swelling ranks of road-tripping Sox fans. The Sox got off to a strong start when Damon led off the game with a home run to right field on a 2-1 pitch from Jason Marquis. Boston added two

more in the third when Nixon (three doubles), hitting with the bases loaded, swung at a 3-0 pitch and banged a double off the wall in right-center.

Lowe gave up a leadoff single in the first, then retired the next 13 Cardinals in order. St. Louis sluggers took a lot of bad-looking swings. The Cardinals did not put up much of a fight. After just three innings, it felt like it was already over, like the Red Sox were finally going to win the World Series. This is what it must have felt like in 1918.

While Lowe mowed down the Cards, fans back home in New England chilled champagne, slipped tapes into VCRs, and prepared to wake infants so they could someday tell them they'd witnessed a historic event.

After celebrating on the field and in the visitor's clubhouse, the World Champion Red Sox went back to their hotel, packed, and bussed to the airport for a charter back to Boston.

"We'll be arriving by dawn's early light," predicted club vice president, Dr. Charles Steinberg.

"We won't even need the airplane to fly home..." added owner John Henry. "The largest celebration in Boston's 374-year history is expected Friday when the team is honored with a parade and championship ceremony."

If form holds, the Red Sox' gaudy, well-earned rings will be handed out in a ceremony April 11 when the 2004 World Series championship flag is raised above Fenway Park for the home opener.

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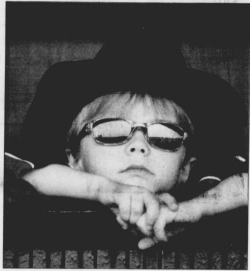
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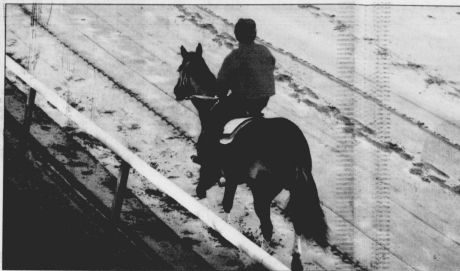
Right: In the grandstands, Russell Gibson, 6, watches races on Friday, Oct. 22 at Keeneland in style.



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Middle: During morning workouts, horses prepare for the day's races.

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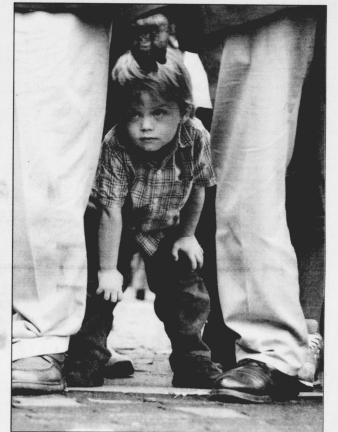


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Left: Patrons of Keeneland have a multitude of beautiful backdrops to choose from in the fall, making the horse racing experience something to enjoy.

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Below: Actor Adam Montague of the Lexington Children's Theatre sells newspapers for two bits (one quarter) on Founder's Day at Keeneland on Friday, Oct. 3.



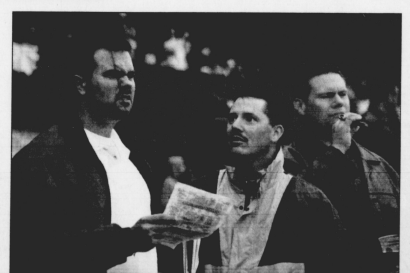
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Above: Gus Carlson, 4, from Edgewood, Ky., peers between Keeneland employees holding back the crowd as the horses leave the paddock during the 6th race on Friday, Oct. 23.

Left: Pat Day jockeys for position on Present Danger turning down the backstretch at Keeneland during the 5th race on Sunday, Oct. 17. Miss Wellspring, ridden by Rafael Bejarano, won the race.

Right: Government senior Katie Martin (front), elementary education senior Cara Mattiace (middle), merchandising senior Abby Bader (back left) and English senior Abby Lindsey cheer on their winning horse at Keeneland on Friday, Oct. 3.

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Above: After each race, Keeneland patrons squint at the tote board to see how their horses fared.

Left: Calvin Borel strips off his muddy poogies after the 6th race at Keeneland on Friday, Oct. 15. Borel was riding Bavarian Baron, and they finished as the show horse.

# Opinions

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### IN OUR OPINION

## Kerry offers a better hope for America

Throughout the campaign for the presidency, Sen. John F. Kerry has proven himself capable and ready to assume the Oval Office.

We endorse him for President of the United States.

Critics charge that Kerry's campaign is based on being "the guy who isn't President Bush." But if that were truly the case, Kerry wouldn't have been able to defeat former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who tried to move the Democratic Party to the left on an anti-war platform during the primaries.

Instead, voters were able to see Kerry as a reasonable and appealing alternative to poor leadership over the past four years.

Kerry has spent his adult life in public service. While others with privileged lifestyles such as his avoided service in Vietnam, Kerry volunteered. He returned to bring attention to the failures of leadership then and give a voice to those who desired a more just course for the nation.

He continues to be that force today. President Bush came to office on the promise of compassionate conservatism.

Following Sept. 11, 2001, Bush had the opportunity to unite the country like never before. Instead, he pursued a series of policies that

resulted in a more divided nation.

Bush has set the example of a leader who lives in a binary world. He seems to approach each issue as black or white, good or evil, with us or against us.

Kerry understands the nation and the world are far too complex to govern that way. He has proven an ability to evaluate each issue on its independent merits and come to a thoughtful conclusion.

Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Kerry like the rest of the country, wanted to make America safer. He supported action in Afghanistan to topple al-Qaeda and the Taliban, and, based on the intelligence available to himself and the president, supported action in Iraq should all other options fail.

With the United States committed in Iraq, Kerry has said he understands that pulling troops immediately would be devastating to world security. So, in trying to rebuild Iraq

safely and more effectively, he has promised to reach out to the nations the Bush administration alienated in its march to war.

But Kerry has made clear during his campaign that he would not offer any foreign entity or non-democratic body such as the United Nations a veto over national security matters. If the United States were in danger, he would act swiftly and decisively.

On domestic issues, Kerry also has a better plan for the future. Amid record deficits, Bush insisted upon pushing through Congress blanket tax cuts, including cuts for the upper-tier of taxpayers making more than \$200,000.

Kerry prefers instead to roll back the tax cut for the nation's highest wage-earners in order to pay for programs to cover more Americans with health insurance and shore up Social Security benefits for current seniors and generations to come.

Kerry has also vowed to close loopholes

that allow incentives for corporations that send jobs overseas. Bush inherited an economy that was beginning a recession, but his policies have led to the first net loss of jobs for any administration since Herbert Hoover.

When Bush compromised on the issue of stem-cell research in August 2001 — he allowed research on current lines of stem cells without creating any new lines — it seemed like the first victory for his "compassionate conservative" platform.

But scientists now say the current lines won't be enough to cure diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and diabetes. Kerry understands that the morally prudent action is funding that research further.

And whereas Bush would prefer drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve in Alaska to alleviate the country's dependence on foreign oil — posing a threat to the environment — Kerry supports actively searching for alternative fuels and using that burgeoning industry to grow the American economy.

A vote for Kerry on Nov. 2 will be more than a vote against Bush. It will be a progressive move toward making the United States better.

**Sen. John Kerry's understanding of both foreign and domestic policies make him the best choice to serve as president.**

## Q&A with Tom Buford

Candidate for 6th District Congressional Seat

*The Kernel Editorial Board sat down with 6th District Congressional candidate Tom Buford to discuss the war in Iraq, higher education and why UK students should care about this election, among other issues.*

**Q. Why do you want to be our 6th District Congressman?**

**A.** In my 44 years in the state senate, several things came across the floor. There are certainly a lot of things that take place that sometimes are and sometimes are not advantageous to all constituents as to some high-rolling companies.

To say the least, I've always been that Republican that championed those ideas for economically challenged women and children. My father died when I was 16. So I watched my mother take a job at UK at \$1.97 an hour in 1968. You get a different vision for life.

I found that working through government I was not always the person in the Republican Party that was held up as a poster child.

Sometimes Democrats and Republicans both have good ideas. We need more of that in Washington, D.C. Get away from Newt Gingrich and Nancy Pelosi and let these people do what their constituents want.

It's an old style of government that had a philosophy: "You honor god, you love your family, you protect your country." It's a simple process.

**Q. You have said that you support the war in Iraq, but in hindsight you aren't so sure. Could you explain that?**

**A.** My son's in the United States Navy. So if I'm elected to Congress, I would be only one of two congressional members that have a child actually in the service and in the war. And he's been in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He does search and rescue. A pilot goes down and his helicopter crew is on the way to pick them up and sometimes drop (the Navy SEALs) off.

The Afghan war, I think, was easy and had high public recognition because 3,000 people died here one day.

The Iraq war takes a different look. Now, the information given to the president, presented to Congress from the CIA, intelligence gathering information, the Soviet Union and some other countries had information.

It was evident from that information that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction. Now, maybe he didn't. But the evidence showed that he did.

Saddam used nerve gas — and that's a WMD — on his own people. He had done a good job of evading the U.N. if they had them, and the U.N. would drive up there

and we would see on the TV that they were not allowed in.

All indications were something was wrong. Maybe the U.N. was doing its job by driving further and further out and driving the weapons out of the country.

In my position, with a son in the Navy and his helicopter being shot at when they go in, I was a bit nervous to say the least.



HILLY SCHIFFER / STAFF

But I feel I would have gone along with the rest of Congress that supported it and said "Let's go."

Hindsight, 20/20 vision's great. Many wars get started and you wonder why. But my belief is that to bring them support and not withdraw too quickly and put those individuals at risk are the bravest people of Iraq.

(If we withdraw) the first step would be to assassinate all those individuals that they found had been faithful to what would be considered the enemy, the United States and the other countries that went in.

You would have a genocide; thousands of people would be killed. It's got to be done properly, but I would like to get out as fast as we can.

**Q. A lot of people say we need a broader coalition for support in Iraq. Do you think President Bush has that ability right now?**

**A.** I would assume that he would. There are some 22, 24 nations there right now. Now I know some of them are small, only 200, 400, 500 troops, I understand that. You do need to have wide support, there's no doubt about it.

You need to have more countries involved in it. And I think the more coun-

tries you have involved in it the more openness you will have, and things will be done properly in creating the new government.

That's why we need even more countries encouraged to come in. The more monitoring you have the better position you'll have in any type of war.

But I think we can do that. I think whoever's president is going to have to do that. I wouldn't say one person holds the advantage over the other in that area.

**Q. What do you think about reducing costs or finding more money for higher education?**

**A.** It's a long-range plan. It won't happen overnight. Unless you wanted to take bites out of the federal and state budget to offset the tuition, and that probably couldn't happen in one state without happening in all 50.

What I would highly recommend is a high influx of investment into schools like UK, which wants to be one of the top-20 research development schools in the nation. We want to get there in medicine. We want to get there in engineering, in other colleges and programs.

To make those infusions work, I'm the congressional member that's strongest to get this done, and that's another reason I favor myself over my opponent is that it is very likely that Hal Rogers (R-Somerset) may be up for chair of the appropriations committee.

With someone from his own party, I think that we could move roughly \$300 million toward UK to get you on that track. You've got to build the facilities, you've got to be ready, you've got to have those things done to attract endowed professors and research dollars.

With those dollars coming to UK, you really build your own economy. Hopefully the university would also spread that down to hold tuition more at ease. Tuition will probably never go down.

That's not going to help you. But the university needs a long-range plan.

I think it's great how advanced we are. We take it for granted. Most people don't realize what a treasure we have for the small investment so far.

**Q. Why should students vote for you?**

**A.** I have a great interest in creating good, low-income housing out of Section 8 housing. We need low-income housing, especially in large cities like Lexington.

It must be a cooperation between government and builders and private contractors, and give them tax cuts so they would go and build these facilities. Put them in decent places.

Second, provide job training in those locations. Fayette County has a problem with LexTrain.

We have got to make an investment in that is the federal government keep the routes open if we're going to lift those people up.

Again, it's a long-range plan.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DeCamp the wrong choice to represent UK students

I was surprised by your editorial statement about Councilman Dick DeCamp's Lexington Area Party Plan in your endorsement of him Monday. You cited DeCamp, saying that "he tried to talk to students about the plan; many of them, though, were uncooperative." Wow. That's enough spin to make me dizzy.

I was present for all of the hearings and drafting sessions on the Party Plan. Various students, and UK Student Government, advanced a number of options that DeCamp dismissed throughout the drafting process.

The Kernel's statement that the Party Plan "fines people who accrue numerous noise complaints" is misleading. You've fallen for some serious spin. The plan calls for a "No Party" designation to be put on houses with three or more noise violations. This penalizes subsequent residents for the actions of their predecessors and gives true party animals a fresh start whenever they move. It also adds a new layer of ordinance and law enforcement.

SG did indeed put forward the idea of simply increasing fines for repeat offenders, regardless of where they might live. DeCamp dismissed this alternative when it was advanced at each of the three drafting sessions in favor of the house penalty. He also dismissed other student ideas.

Regarding students being "uncooperative," students were involved from the beginning in the Party Plan hearings and meetings. They opposed the ordinance that was put forward. They advanced viable and fair alternatives. They tried hard, got involved, and got slammed. You bet they were uncooperative at the end! And mad!

But for DeCamp now to blame students somehow for being "uncooperative" is a serious distortion of the facts. DeCamp has never been a friend of college students and he seems unlikely to change.

ANTHONY A. MCINTIRE  
history Ph.D.

### Hale has supported students and deserves their votes

I was shocked and dismayed Monday when I read that The Kernel chose to endorse Dick DeCamp for city council. In doing this, The Kernel proved that it does not represent the best interests of students.

DeCamp was responsible for such anti-student legislation as the Party Plan and the keg tagging ordinance. He has said in the past that he does not represent the interests of students because students don't vote.

DeCamp's opponent, Dr. Robert Hale, opposes these restrictions on students and supports students' rights to have a little fun. Dr. Hale is a former professor who knows students well and understands our needs.

And most importantly, Dr. Hale respects us as people and is willing to speak to us and listen to our concerns. Dr. Hale cares about students and respects us as voters, and he showed this by attending the Ballot Bash Tuesday night.

I urge all students to ignore The Kernel's endorsement and vote for Dr. Robert Hale on Nov. 2.

JUSTIN SADLE  
history and political science senior

## Submissions

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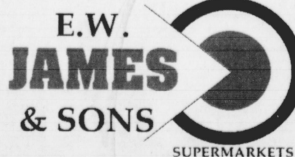


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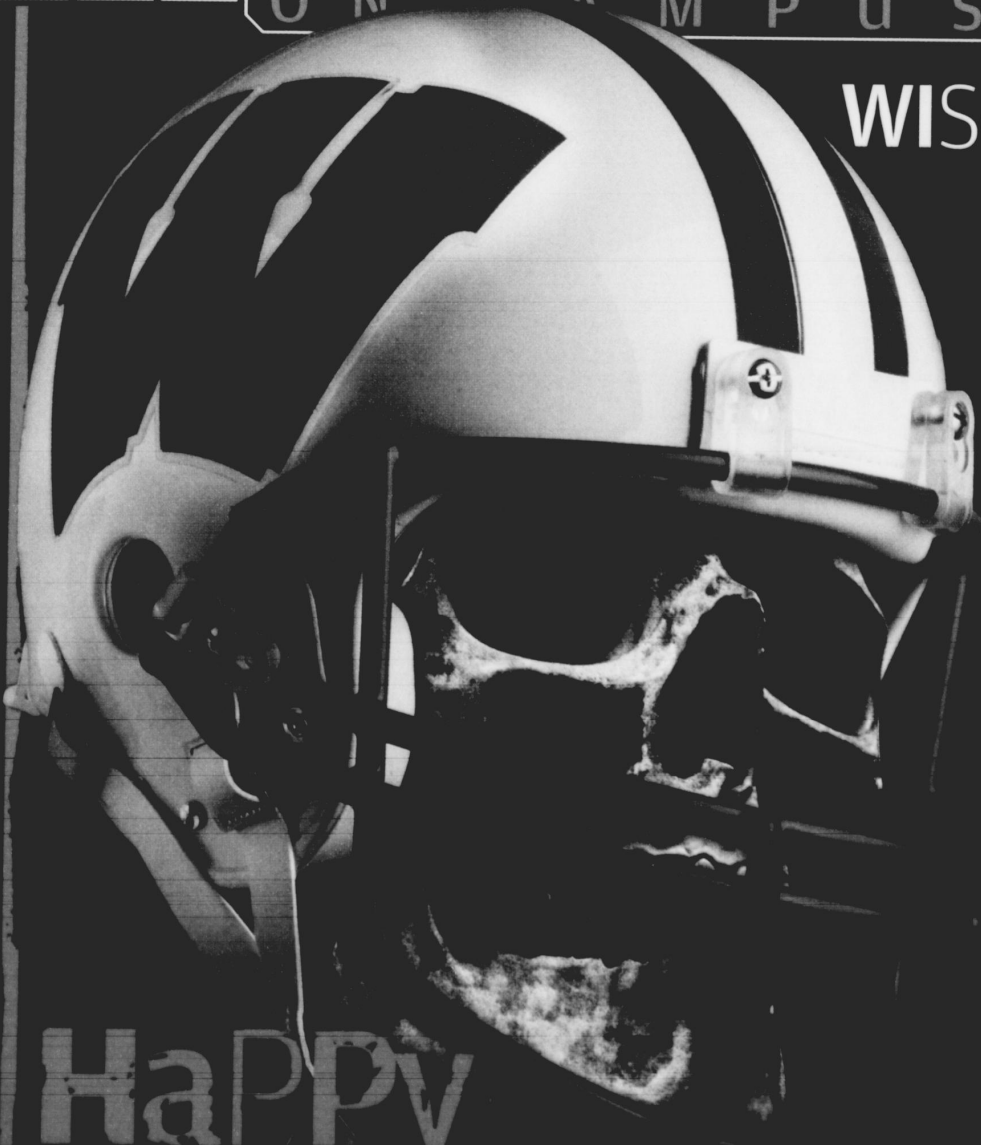
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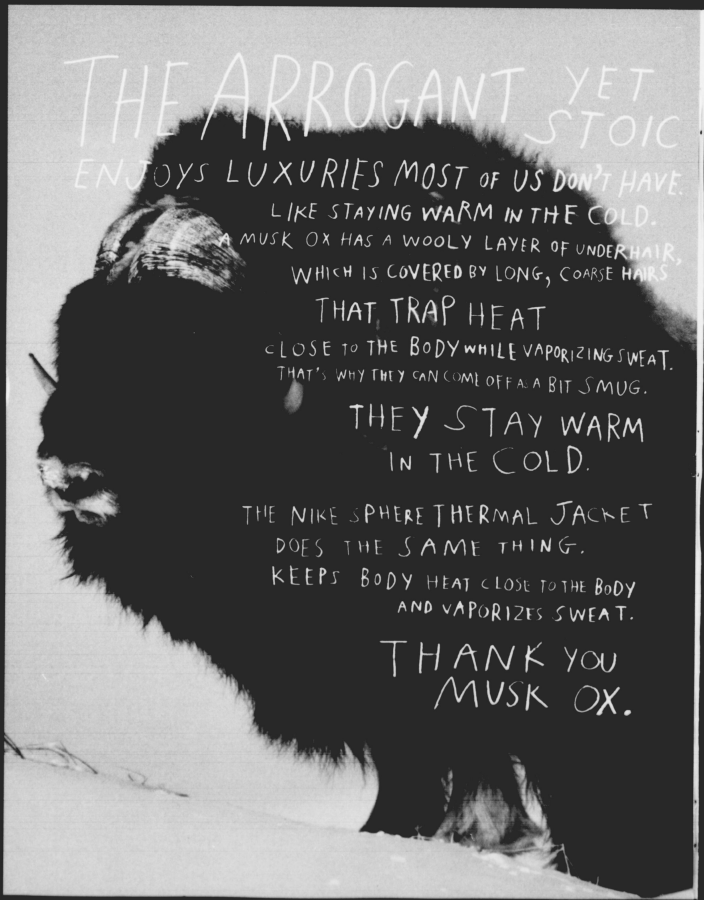
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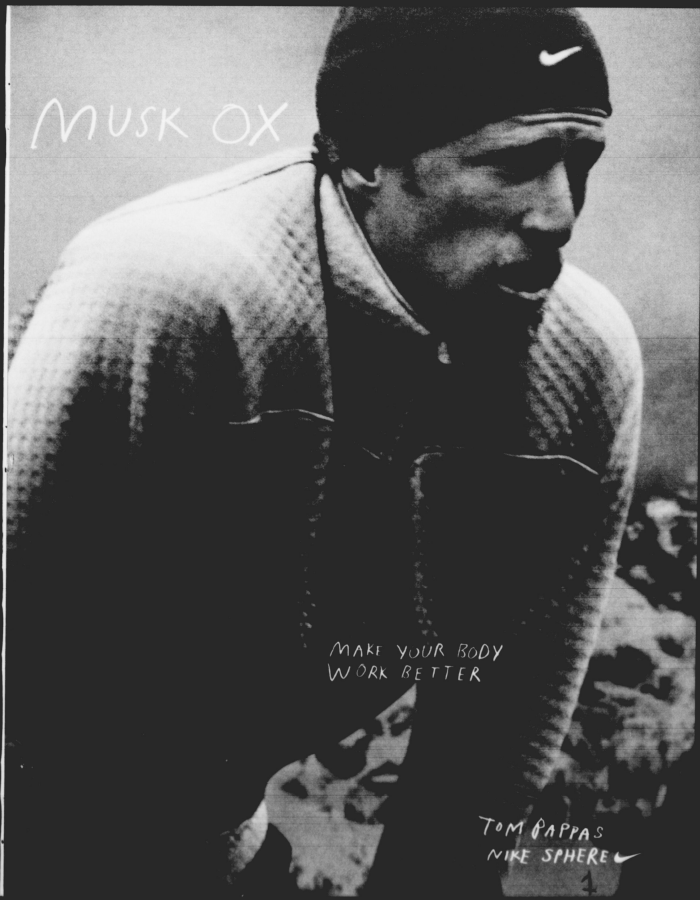
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by ADAM DUERSON



## 5 MONEY PICKS OCTOBER 30

**OKLAHOMA AT OKLAHOMA STATE, noon, ABC.** Together these two teams churn out more than 500 yards a game—on the ground. OSU's Vernand Morency finally gets some exposure, but Adrian Peterson and the Sooners win. **OU 31, OSU 20**

**FLORIDA STATE AT MARYLAND, 3:30 p.m., ABC.** (Did you know: An FSU QB got a parking ticket in Tallahassee last week, and it wasn't Chris Rix.) Terps coach Ralph Friedgen needs a win. **Maryland 29, FSU 21**

**FLORIDA AT GEORGIA, 3:30 p.m., CBS.** Sure, why not. The Gators aren't doing anything we've expected this year. **Florida 26, Georgia 23**



Florida's Ciatrick Fason

**TEXAS TECH AT KANSAS STATE, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Net.** When they write *The Ballad of Sonny Cumbie*, it just might reference this game. The Cats are giving up 29 points an outing. **Texas Tech 54, Kansas State 35**

**ARIZONA STATE AT CAL, 10 p.m., TBS.** Cal's Aaron Rodgers versus ASU's Andrew Walter. Rodgers in a landslide. **Cal 42, ASU 17**

ALL-TIME EASTERN

LAST WEEK'S PICKS:  
SEASON RECORD:

## Did You Hear...?

**Big Boi comes to the rescue at Middle Tennessee State** The Southern-playalistic OutKast rapper played the Blue Raiders' Floyd Stadium after last Saturday's game against Idaho in an effort to boost attendance beyond the 15,000 average needed to maintain I-A status. The Raiders were averaging 14,000 before Andre's sidekick helped bring in a season-high 16,718. School officials remain mum as to whether posses counted toward the figure.

**UCLA ponders Pauley Pavilion name change** The school is toying with the idea of hawking naming rights to fund arena renovations. Best scenario: Pauley Walnuts Pavilion, an HBO venture. John Wooden Court becomes Johnny Sack Court. Hair-sprayed cheerleaders in Bada-Bing tees. You get the idea.

**Rick Neuheisel's back** After the NCAA cleared him of gambling violations, the former Washington coach will be a hot commodity this off-season. I'd hire him—just for his college hoops picks. Dude won his last two pools. Hook a brother up! **Celeb students on the move** In a turnabout of Ricky Williams-ish proportions, the *New York Daily News* reports the Mary-Kate half of NYU's Olsen backfield is rushing out of school. Meanwhile Williams, the insouciant ex-Dolphins running back, turned up—as a student!—at an unspecified Northern California university. Somehow you can't help but feel the collegiate universe has gone



and balanced itself out karmically. Give a little, take a little. **Iowa, Penn State bottom out** Did the Red Sox really outscore these two on Saturday night? Combined? (The Red Sox won 11-9; the Hawkeyes eked one out 6-4.) If there ever was a cause for the low-score-hating antisoccer legion to resurrect itself, now's the time. Direct your comments c/o JoePa. **Quote of the week** Lionel Sullivan, a senior forward from Detroit De Porres High who has committed to play hoops at Bowling Green, on why he's so tough: "My mom told me, 'The ball is your food, and if you don't get it, you'll go hungry for a while.' I go get rebounds like I'm going to get food to eat."

## 2 MUST HAVES

**YOU HEAR "NOVEMBER"** and think tryptophan-induced couch comas. We hear "November" and think college hoops video games, which in excess may induce comas. A quick look at this year's two-game "crop":

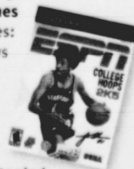
**NCAA March Madness 2005, EA Sports**

**Key new features:** Complicated Floor General play-calling system promotes game knowledge; 25 Toughest Places to Play makes for pants-peeing intensity. **Verdict:** Floor General will take some learning. We're willing to try.



**College Hoops 2K5, ESPN Videogames**

**Key new features:** Pass-N-Go allows you to hit Sean May in stride, adding some "Boom-shakalaka" to your baskets. Retooled Legacy Mode emphasizes scouting, recruiting. **Verdict:** Gaining ground on EA's game—like FSU's gaining on Duke.



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10.22.04 RALPH ENGELSTAD  
ARENA, GRAND

FORKS, N. DAK. The center of the college sports universe last Friday night was not South Bend, Ann Arbor or Norman but the home of the Fighting Sioux, where two of the nation's most bitter hockey rivals, North Dakota (No. 2) and Minnesota (No. 7), faced off. Garrett Smaagaard (17) and the Sioux prevailed 4-2. A night later, however, the Gophers struck back with a 6-0 victory.

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# scorecard

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SCORECARD 5

## THE VIBE AT YALE

### Fit for Office?

Newly unearthed secret documents reveal much about the Yale athletic achievements of the two men vying to be America's coach-in-chief **by Aryeh Cohen-Wade**

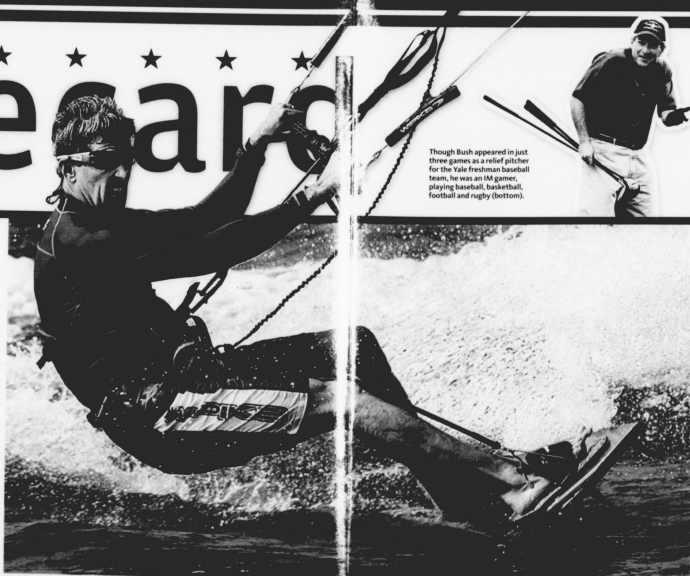
#### BY NOW MOST OF US

have read—or learned by watching *The Daily Show*—that both President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry spent their undergraduate years at Yale. Kerry (class of 1966) presided over the Yale Political Union while Bush ('68) was president of the rowdy Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE) fraternity. Both men were tapped to join Skull and Bones, the hyper-secret society whose alumni include three U.S. presidents and a slew of corporate and political potentates (but, alas, neither Jodie Foster nor Claire Danes).

After a daring late-night break-in at S&B headquarters, I was able to "borrow" a few documents from their toms that yielded some fascinating information: Apart from being the campus's best-known brainiac and boozier, respectively, the candidates made their marks on Yale athletics as well.



While neither man was a stud jock during his four years in New Haven, Conn., both contributed to athletics. Bush, a former head cheerleader at Andover, reveled in pumping up the crowd at the Yale Bowl—until the Harvard-Yale game of 1965, that is. On that afternoon, with the score 0-0 early in the



Though Bush appeared in just three games as a relief pitcher for the Yale freshman baseball team, he was an IM game, playing baseball, basketball, football and rugby (bottom).



Kerry, a center on the Yale freshman hockey team (left) in 1966, played hockey, lacrosse and soccer in college but made the varsity only in soccer.



first half, Bush approached the sidelines masquerading as an Elis football player. Clad in an oversized helmet, shoulder pads and cleats, he stormed onto the field and unfurled a banner that declared victory. Achievement: Harvard went on to win 13-0. "We underestimated them," Bush said. Kerry, then a senior contemplating law school at Harvard, never saw the incident. "I believe I was walking between the Harvard and Yale student

sections during that unfortunate display," he said. "I was originally in favor of the DKE president's authority to storm the field. But it was the wrong prank, wrong place, wrong time." Chastened, Bush thereafter limited his sporting pursuits to beer pong, beer frisbee and other "beer-related program activities." When, in 1967, fantasy football became wildly popular on campus, Bush abstained. During the draft,

he was busy running a friend's homecoming king campaign. Kerry, however, was a star on the intramural fields. And often sober. He gave long and thoughtful consideration to trying out for the hockey team. Then, taking into account his lithe 6'4" frame, he self-reassessed and considered crew. But he had played hockey in prep school. Yet he was built for crew. Hockey. Crew. Water. Rink. Row. "Confound it," he declared on a whistle-stop swing through Old Campus one morning. "I am plagued by equivocation!" So Kerry sated his appetite for athletic service by joining his dorm's IM hoops team, his only flaw being a tendency to see too much "nuance" when deciding whether to play a zone defense or man-to-man. His most celebrated moment came in 1965, in a game against a group of Laotian exchange students. Playing through a sprained ankle, with just seconds remaining and Yale

down by one, Kerry powered to the hoop, then leapt into the air and slammed the ball through the net. Kerry had not only won the game, he had also inadvertently invented the slam dunk. In recent months, however, a group calling itself the Court #3 Hoopsters for Truth has challenged the senator's version of events, charging that Kerry faked his injury and that the dunk had in fact been invented by Wilt Chamberlain. The Hoopsters, however, were exposed as a front group with connections to the Republican Party and Chamberlain's 2.637 children. The choices that today's college students make at the ballot box on Tuesday will shape the future of this country. I hope you will consider all the issues and choose wisely. And make sure to ask yourself which man you'd rather see facing Kim Jong Il in a pickup basketball game.



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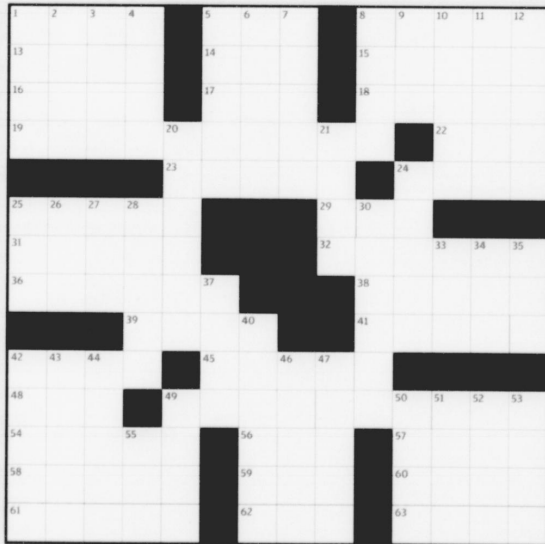
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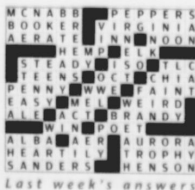
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On the eve of Halloween, certified sports astrologer Andrea Mallis ran readings for a cosmic look at six NCAA movers and shakers.

### Duke basketball coach

"Aquariuses can be very stubborn, which may explain why he passed on the Lakers job. I ran his forecast through March, and it's kind of a mixed bag: December looks quite strong [Valparaiso, Toledo], but in January and February [ACC time!], things really shift and he'll experience a rough Neptune aspect, meaning his confidence will decrease and he may lose determination and persistence. Oddly, after March things will pick up."   
 ACC play will be tough, and this just may be the year he says bye-bye to Duke.



### ABC/ESPN analyst

June 9, 1939  
(East Rutherford, N.J.)

"Dick, a Gemini, has been in a cycle of mental tension that occurs once every 248 years. It started in February 2003 and will go into February 2005. In this cycle he has to be aware of embracing fanatical ideas [Michigan State No. 67] and behaving self-righteously [Duke obsession!]. His intuition should clear up, and 2005 looks much better."

Don't put much stake in Dickie V's preseason Top 30, but heed his words come tourney time.



### USC quarterback

May 11, 1983 (Santa Ana, Calif.)

"Tauruses are stable and reliable but can be possessive and jealous, which may have conflicted with ex-girlfriend Veronica Kay, who is a Sagittarius. She appreciates her freedom. I'm not surprised they didn't work out; those aren't usually compatible signs. In terms of football, his career is looking very strong. He has a positive physical energy aspect to his Mars now through the end of this year—just about Heisman time. Matt's chart looks a little stronger than Reggie Bush's in terms of being victorious in competitive events and being resilient under pressure."

"Leinart-Bush in 2004" will soon become a Leinart solo act.



### Oklahoma running back

March 21, 1985 (Palestine, Texas)

"He was born on the first day of Aries, and his chart says his December should be a favorable period for recognition of one's performance. However, I see that in the last couple weeks of December he may be too optimistic and overexaggerate. I see an excellent aspect for all-around success in 2005, including favorable financial dealings. He may receive gifts, beautiful objects and comforts."

An early exit from Oklahoma? Gifts are NCAA no-nos, unless that gift is a trophy, perhaps?



### Wake Forest point guard

May 6, 1985  
(Winston-Salem, N.C.)

"I just want to tell Chris, 'Run for the hills!' He'll be in a low-energy cycle in January and February and will become sensitive, vulnerable and moody. His confidence will weaken, and he'll blow his failures out of proportion. Life will seem unfair. I think he'll be very prone to a sophomore slump. At the same time, if there's one sign that's drawn toward financial security, it's Taurus. If there are lucrative contracts to be had, Chris might be very tempted."

Scratch the Deacons from the No. 1 spot, and don't even think about 2006 yet.



### Tennessee forward

April 19, 1986 (St. Louis)

"Being an Aries, she's very competitive and won't want to wait out her recovery from knee surgery. She's also having a Saturn transit, which moves the bones, knees, teeth and joints. The cycle runs from October through November, and then again in June and July 2005, which might mean another injury-prone period. It's also interesting that she plays for Pat Summitt, who is a Gemini. Pluto opposes the sun right now, and when that happens—once in a lifetime—these Geminis are really fired up. It's not a very patient time, and these people are obsessed. Let's hope Coach lets this poor girl heal."

Most-hyped freshman hoopster in recent memory needs to take some "Candace time."



BOB ROYATO (KRYZEWSKI); PETER HEAD (MILLER/LEINART); CHRIS COVATTA (VITALE); BILL FRANKS (VITALE); DARRIN CARROLL (PAUL); GERRY GROFF (MALLIS); MANNY WILLIAMS (PARKER)

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# roadtrip



There are many reasons to jump around in Madison. For one, that scary good Badgers football team  
by Adam Duerson

**WHAT'S THE BIG** freakin' deal about Madison, anyway? There's no single adjacent body of water comparable to Washington's oft-cited Union Bay or Knoxville's Tennessee River. Wisconsin's rodent mascot, Buckingham U. Badger, a.k.a. Bucky, was named Weakest Mascot on Campus by *Muscle & Fitness* in 1999. Pregame libations are consumed largely in beer gardens—the Big Ten equivalent of the Martha Stewart Drink Experience if there

ever was one. And the fan base is a tie-dyed bunch of hippie-culture-embracing diehards who embody everything that comes with a conference (Big Ten) that still hasn't quite figured out how many members it has (11).

Here's the big freakin' deal about Madison. There is no one adjacent body of water. There are two: Lake Monona and Lake Mendota, one on either side of the city. When students aren't sucking the athletic marrow from these waters—canoeing, sailing, scuba diving—they're raising bottles of Spotted Cow Ale at the waterfront Memorial Student Union, counting on one



Halloween was no break for Madison last year: 400 people were arrested or issued citations.

hand the points their 8-0 Badgers' badass defense yielded in the previous game.

Oh, and the aforementioned sissy mascot was tossed from

the Sept. 25 Penn State football game and fined for—how cool is this—crowd-surfing. Furthermore, in 1999, when he was blindsided by a male cheerleader

from Michigan State, Bucky bounced back and mocked the security-shackled chump with a pair of boxing gloves. Game, set, match: Bucky.

Beer gardens? Merely an option, not a mandate. They're the ying to the frat boy-ish two-story beer bong's yang and a more chill option utilized, defensively, before the team's early-bird (11 a.m.) home kick-offs. Surely you've noticed the Badgers on ESPN nearly every Saturday morn.

On any given Saturday the routine in Section O, Camp Randall's rowdiest student section, goes something like this: Shout



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profanities at neighboring sections. Grab the shoulders of the person in front of you and make like you're rowing a boat. Then jump around to House of Pain's raucous anthem of the same name (a tradition halted for one game in 2003 out of fear the jumping might literally bring down the house) and lock arms and sway to larvity. It's part of a Fifth Quarter tradition that gets perhaps a little more attention

than it deserves. But just a little. The thing is, come the last weekend in October, the city of Madison has bigger and better things to attend to: Halloween. This season, unlike most years, the football team has a bye week on Halloween weekend, meaning the Badgers ballers will join the most impressive end-of-October celebration this side of Hades. Last year Badgers point guard and Big Ten Player of the Year Devin Harris dressed up as a French maid. This weekend wideout Jarvis Minton will be a red Power Ranger. A number of linemen will go as Harlem Globetrotters.

Here's a brief history of recent Madison Halloweenos to give those like Minton, a freshman, an idea of how things shake down: The party peaked at 100,000 visitors in the early '80s but was marred by violence and idiocy. (For example, revelers snagged the keys from a responding ambulance in '83.) In 2002 some 65,000 people tramped up and down State Street, popped in its bars and made a general mess of the place: overturned trash cans and bike racks, misplaced road signs, typical Big Ten riot stuff. Police used tear gas, marking its first use in Madison since the Vietnam war protests. In '03 riots caused thousands of dollars in damage, and police either arrested or issued citations to more than 400 people. All unfortunate events, given that Wisconsin Halloweenos—sans rowdiness—are about the greatest thing since... well, Saturdays in Mad Town. **B**

### 5 QUESTIONS FOR

#### Landon Lueck

**FOR THE REAL WORLD:** PHILADELPHIA uber-frat-boy Landon Lueck, 25, fall means going back to the lowercase real world: a four-year landscape architecture program at Wisconsin. The latest addition to the "reality-TV star" heap gives us the real scoop on Wisco.



**► You guys have a rep for a wild Halloween party. What advice would you give a first-timer?**  
**44 State Street's our little baby, our little jewel. All we're saying is, Have fun, just don't break our 5--. Have respect.**

**► How's the fall semester going? Funny you ask. I've actually dropped all of my classes. There's just too much stuff going on. I'm away Tuesday to Thursday with MTV appearances, and I was taking 14 credits. I just couldn't do it. The plan now is to stick around and finish up next year.**

**► One more year of student tickets! What's your game-day routine? If you live anywhere near downtown, you pretty much have no choice but to get up at the crack of dawn. I remember lying in my bed and hearing people partying at 7:30. So you get your red gear on and make your way to the game, stopping everywhere along the way. Dayton Street for beer bongs, Wanda's for pregame on ESPN, Breese Terrace for keggers.**

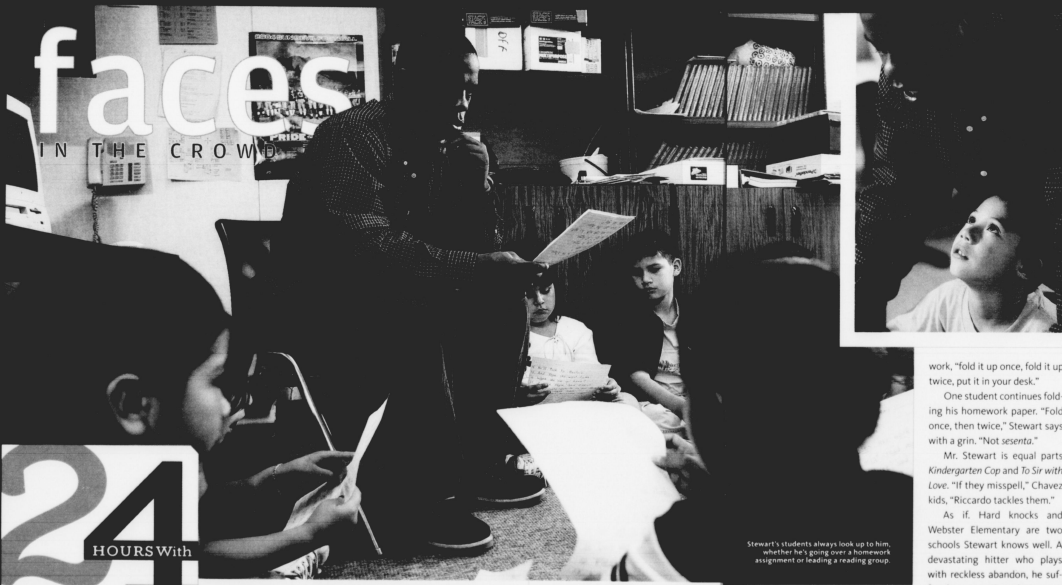
**► In your, um, six years of college, have you had a chance to play any sports? I came to Madison to, hypothetically, wrestle and play tennis. That didn't pan out. But eventually I found the UW water-ski and wakeboard team. I compete in men's water ski jumps. We took eighth in the nationals two weeks ago, which is pretty impressive for a Midwestern school.**

**► What are you going to be for Halloween? You can't just come as anything. We have high standards, and a good idea takes a long time, brother. Last year I was a speed skater in a full skin-tight bodysuit and rollerblades, and I was just buzzing around State Street. Back to the question: I'm still brainstorming.**



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## 24 HOURS With

### Riccardo Stewart

**WHILE THE TALE OF** Rabbit and Coyote may be recommended reading for children ages four to eight, the 32-page, brilliantly illustrated tome is re-quired reading for Arizona State strong safety Riccardo Stewart.

No, it's not like that at all. Stewart, a Sun Devils co-captain and two-time All-Pac-10 selection, is the antithesis of the semiliterate jock.

On the field Arizona State's All-Pac-10 safety strikes fear in the hearts of opposing ballcarriers and receivers. In the classroom he puts on an entirely different face, as a student teacher to 25 second graders **by John Walters**

"Sit up," Stewart instructs, as two dozen eager children gather around him in a semicircle.

Next he tells them how to arrange their legs: "Criss-cross, applesauce."

On this morning Stewart—or Mr. Stewart, as he is known inside Ray Chavez's second-grade classroom at Webster Elementary School in Mesa, Ariz.—is presiding over story

time. An elementary education major, Stewart is finishing his degree this semester by student teaching on weekdays. In other words, the only classroom he will enter this autumn is four miles east of ASU's Tempe campus and has crayon illustrations of Belle, Aladdin and Shrek hanging from its ceiling.

"My mother and my grandmother are preschool teach-

ers," Stewart says. "Teaching is great because you know you're helping somebody."

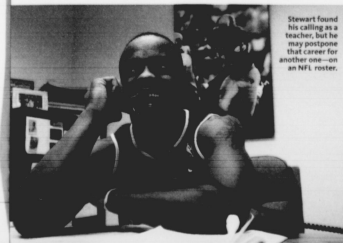
Most of the two dozen students in Chavez's class speak Spanish at home. Stewart's presence provides double coverage of these seven-year-olds who, because of their unfamiliarity with English, often must work twice as hard to keep pace. Stewart peppers his instructions with his limited Spanish ("Reading Group 3, come back with me, ahora") and is as patient and gentle with Mr. Chavez's students as Mister Rogers.

"That's a nice picture, Cait-

Stewart's students always look up to him, whether he's going over a homework assignment or leading a reading group.

lyn," he tells one student who displays a photo during show-and-tell.

"O.K.," he says after the class reviews its subtraction home-



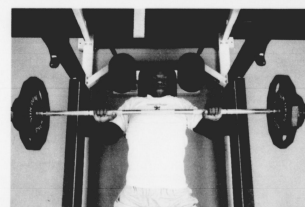
Stewart found his calling as a teacher, but he may postpone that career for another one—on an NFL roster.

work, "fold it up once, fold it up twice, put it in your desk."

One student continues folding his homework paper. "Fold once, then twice," Stewart says with a grin. "Not sesenta."

Mr. Stewart is equal parts Kindergarten Cop and To Sir with Love. "If they misspell," Chavez kids, "Riccardo tackles them."

As if. Hard knocks and Webster Elementary are two schools Stewart knows well. A devastating hitter who plays with reckless abandon, he suffered a severe stinger last year at Washington State—"the entire left side of my body was numb"—and had to be carted off the field. Turns out he had also broken his ankle earlier in the same game



The injury-prone Stewart, whose name still carries serious weight in the Pac-10, must wear a blue jersey in practice, during which he's forbidden to hit or be hit.

but hadn't realized it. Earlier this month he suffered a concussion at Oregon and still was at Webster on Monday in Time for the Pledge of Allegiance.

"That's just how I've always played," says Stewart, who is not allowed to participate in any contact drills at practice. "I get mad at guys when they don't want to hit real hard."

All teachers have long days, but Stewart's are longer than most. He's up at 5 a.m. so he can lift weights. Then it's off to position meetings with the Arizona State defensive backs and special teams coaches. A full day at Webster, which includes presiding over show-and-tell and reading groups and grading papers, is followed by football practice.

Back at story time Mr. Stewart

art is in command. "Is Rabbit telling the truth?" Stewart asks after reading a page from the book. "Does the farmer want him to marry his daughter?" Is that water in the big pot really for hot chocolate?

The students stare raptly at their well-muscled instructor. Hands fly up in the air at every question. When Mr. Stewart finally closes the book, one of the kids declares, "I like that story."

Chavez assesses Stewart's performance. "You controlled, as always," Chavez tells him, "but you were animated, too. Did you notice the students' body language? They were all leaning in toward the book. You totally had their attention."

Theirs, and every quarterback's in the Pac-10. **B**

ALL-ACCESS WEEKEND



# The Road Life Part 2:

## The (REALLY) Low-Budget Team

BY MAGGIE HASKINS PHOTOS BY DAVID L. KLUTHO

A 960-MILE BUS TRIP, 15 girls, 15 guys and a baby. Sound like a pitch for a crazy comedy caper? No, it's 54 hours with the Missouri cross-country team. The college athletes on this motor coach won't be obsessing over their *SportsCenter* highlights, their draft stock or how to spend their first signing bonus. At Missouri the men's and women's cross-country teams operate on a combined annual budget of \$36,000; the football team, by comparison, spent \$1.2 million last year. Needless to say, you will never find these Tigers on a chartered jet (SIOC, Oct. 21). A bus ride from hell is far more typical of a college road trip than the police escorts and adoring boosters of the football world. So grab your running shoes; we're going to South Bend. On a budget.



Despite 480 miles and more than nine hours on a bus, Tigers teammates Ramsey (228), Roles (233) and Ashley Patten (233) weren't running on fumes come race time.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**Hearnes Athletic Center, Columbia, Mo.**  
The bus is sorely in need of a visit from MTV's *Pimp My Ride*. There are no rims, and the nine-inch TV screens bear little resemblance to the latest plasma sets. The seats are upholstered in a pattern that looks like a Cosby sweater, and far too much time and energy is expended figuring out how to lower the armrests.

Xhibit would have a field day.  
But for the men and women of the Missouri cross-country teams, the coach is a step up from the vans they sometimes ride in—and it is the preferred mode of travel for most non-revenue sports programs. Unlike many of their football and basketball counterparts, these runners will have no personal DVD players or catered buffets. Instead they will subsist on a steady diet of Ben Stiller flicks and fast-food stops.

The freshman girls are the last to board. They survey the limited seating available, all next to boys, which creates that uncomfortable vibe so familiar to elementary school buses. Junior Matt Noonan, brandishing a newly shorn *Fu Manchu* 'stache (he assures me it's aerodynamic), invites one to sit with him. Summer Owens obliges.

Aside from a Y-chromosome and a Top 25 ranking (the women's team is ranked ninth nationally), the men and women are quite similar. At Missouri they act as one team—they share a budget—which is not surprising given that their coaches are married.



The Tigers usually get a nicer bus, but they had to surrender it to the football team, which needed it for a trip to a local hotel.



Cards, fast food and Ben Stiller flicks acted as bus fare for (from left) Smith, Petersen and Wilmes.

Jared and Rebecca Wilmes are a match made in Mizzou cross-country heaven. Rounding out the family—and the traveling party—is the Wilmeses' 11-month-old son, Garrett, the Tigers' mascot of sorts.

**9 a.m.** The VCR isn't working. Panic begins to set in.

Jared Wilmes sighs. "We usually get a nicer bus," he explains, "but the football team needs one this weekend too."

"They stay in Jefferson City [Mo.] before home games so the players won't get distracted," he adds with a hint of sarcasm.

**10:30 a.m. On Interstate 57 rolling toward Chicago**

"Do it!"

Thankfully, the VCR has been revived, and *Starsky & Hutch* is playing. I'm involved in a game of hearts as intense as the World Series of Poker. Jared Wilmes just shot the moon again. Redshirt freshman Nate Smith, senior Jill Petersen and I are in disbelief. Wilmes is Paul Newman in *The Sting* when it comes to hearts.

Everyone else on the bus is doing work or pretending to study while actually admiring the comedic genius of Snoop Dogg on the tiny TVs.

"I'm reading about babies born with their spines exposed," says co-captain Amanda Bales, a redshirt junior majoring in physical therapy.

Tipper O'Brien, a sarcastic sophomore who refuses to ever take off his black sunglasses, is clutching his *Advertising and Research* book. He will hold the volume for the entire ride without opening it.

**Noon Lunch break in Effingham, Ill.**

So a priest, a rabbi and a blonde are on a bus. . . . *Keeping the Faith*, the next installment of our Ben Stiller marathon, is on-screen when the bus pulls off the interstate onto the Avenue of Mid America. The monotonous landscape of cornfields breaks, giving way to a very un-Atkins-friendly environment. The team has 50 minutes to chow down.

The boys hit up Wendy's; the girls choose Quiznos. Both are cost-efficient moves, considering each athlete was given only \$52 for five meals (thank goodness for free hotel continental breakfasts) and any energy bars or Gatorade he or she might want.

**2 p.m. Somewhere in Illinois on I-57 (it all looks and sounds the same)**

Petersen points out that Ben Stiller has a cameo in *Orange County*. Three for three.

**4:30 p.m. 30 miles from South Bend**

"See what happens when we've been on the bus for too long?" says senior Serena Ramsey, who has just handed off a giant piece of gum to Petersen. Petersen adds a 19th piece to the wad and begins her futile attempts to blow a bubble.

I ask Bales if there is any sweet, sweet lovin' going on between team members. She points to two upperclassmen who she says used to hook up. The guy is napping with his head in the girl's lap. Used to, huh? Two

other runners dated this summer, and Bales is dating a former X-Cer. I'm a tad disappointed not to find a Dawson-Joey-Pacey love triangle.

**5 p.m. South Bend**

The bus pulls into a Quality Inn & Suites. No boosters greet the team. Players are quickly given room assignments. There is little time to inspect the lodgings, because the team has to hustle to Notre Dame's course to do a "little" seven-mile run-through.

**8 p.m. Fazoli's, South Bend**

While eating her \$6.59 meal, Ramsey confesses she has a problem with the bedding at the motel. "The top sheet gets funky!" she says.

Like many Americans, Ramsey has seen the *Dateline* exposés about the unmentionable stains left on unwashed motel comforters. Because the athletes sleep three to four in a room and often share a bed, Ramsey's paranoia affects junior Valerie Lauver as well. "She takes all the sheets," Lauver laughs, "because she is so cold and won't use the comforter."

"Don't worry," Ramsey says. "I brought my winter pajamas."

Somehow I can't imagine Matt Leinart and Reggie Bush having the same conversation.

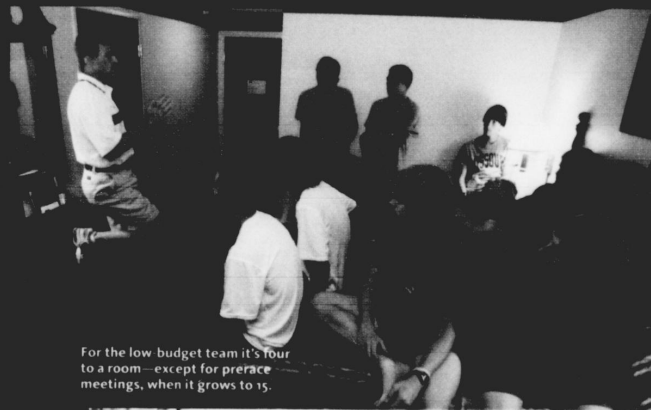
**9:15 p.m. Quality Inn & Suites, South Bend**

The women's team is having its prerace meeting in the track and field sports information director's room. The 14 runners are seated on the bed. "Grab something at the gas station after you run tomorrow morning," Rebecca Wilmes says.

Gas station minimarts are crucial sustenance stops for the Tigers. Team members usually come away with PowerBars and Gatorade, both of which fit into their budgets.



Far from home, the Missouri runners lean on each other.



For the low budget team it's four to a room—except for pre-race meetings, when it grows to 15.



**9:30 p.m.** It's the men's turn to strategize in Room 314. When conversation turns to the time of the race, Noonan pipes up: "Mom said she read that it started at 6 p.m. eastern."

With that kind of setup, redshirt junior Rem Moll can't resist. "Oh, really, Mom said that?" Moll asks.

Noonan, without missing a beat, turns to Moll and says, "I am going to hit you in the face."

The room breaks into laughter. The race is confirmed for 5 p.m. local time. And Noonan is reminded to tell Mom.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1



### 1 p.m. University of Notre Dame

Everyone on campus is wearing football blinders. Heisman hopeful quarterback Kyle Orton and the high-flying Purdue Boilermakers are in town, and the Irish faithful are itching for an upset tomorrow that might vault their team back into the Top 25.

It's not only the students who want to start tailgating a day early. Notre Dame alumni, parents and little kids clad in blue-and-gold are getting psyched to "wake up the echoes." The marching band can be heard in the background, performing at one in a series of pregame pep rallies.

Nearly 900 runners from 57 schools descend on the campus, yet not a head turns in the direction of the race. Orton himself would have to be running for the competition to generate more than a passing glance.

**3:15 p.m. Burke Memorial Golf Course, Notre Dame Invitational** Cross-country courses rarely include indoor plumbing, which explains the Porta Potties. At Notre Dame, 10 are lined up 100 yards from the start line and are shared by athletes and spectators alike. With lines typically 30 runners deep, many Tigers instead use the tall weeds located behind Missouri's home base. "When there's a long line at the Porta Potties, you just go where you can," Ramsey says.

She chuckles and alludes to a team poop-fest at their previous meet, the Nebraska Invitational. I'm afraid to explore the topic further. For cross-country runners, it turns out, knowing how to pop a squat



Run fast, eat faster might be the Mizzou runner's credo.

is almost as important as knowing how to kick to the finish.

The girls are getting pumped for their race. Lauver has given every teammate a mix CD that features one song for each member. Petersen, following in the footsteps of Michael Phelps, listens to Eminem's *Lose Yourself*. Bales prefers *Let's Get It Started* by the Black Eyed Peas, more appropriate than the *Let's Get Retarded* version preferred by drunk college kids pounding shots. The CD could also be used by the men to pump themselves up . . . until the mix arrives at *Ready to Run*. The boys don't listen to no stinkin' Dixie Chicks.

**4:15 p.m.** Cross-country is the ultimate spectator sport. It might not draw 60,000 fans, but those who do come are more than passionate. Coaches, friends, parents and grandparents turn into a golf gallery on speed once the women's race starts. They scramble from point to point along the course, shouting, "Let's go, Chase!" and, "Come on, Ashley!" Parents even yell out split times if a coach hasn't already.

Runners struggling at the back of the pack don't hear any shouts of encouragement. Instead they are shunned—and perhaps a tad embarrassed—as the gallery sprints away to cheer on faster runners.

**6 p.m.** Though both races are over, the running doesn't stop for the Tigers. Each team jogs two to four more miles as a cooldown. Gatorade cups and Nalgene bottles are strewn amidst a sea of Missouri backpacks and spikes.

The women's team had an exceptional day, taking fourth out of 24 schools in the 5K race. Bales, an All-America, led the way with a personal-best time of 17:01, good for ninth overall. Her top 10 finish earns her a free Adidas bag. The men also did well, finishing 13th out of 24.

### 11 p.m. Parking lot outside of Bruno's, South Bend

The team is about to hit the road after dinner at a local Italian restaurant. Parents and friends alike packed into the back room of Bruno's to eat pizza, pasta and salad, with the Missouri athletic department picking up the athletes' portion of the check. Score!

The bus smells a little because the Tigers didn't have a place to shower after the meet. The runners will have to inhale each others' essences until 1:30 a.m., when the entourage will stop at the Fairfield Inn in Normal, Ill., for a second night of four to a room and mysteriously stained bedding.

Garrett lets out periodic cries. Tootsie Rolls and cookies are passed back and forth. There is a brief mutiny over the movie choice. *Along Came a Spider* is put into the VCR, ending Stiller's streak.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2



### 10 a.m. Somewhere in Illinois on I-57 (still all looks and sounds the same)

With an anticipated arrival time of 2 p.m., many of the team members are getting psyched up for the Colorado-Missouri football game scheduled to begin at 2:30.

"I got in trouble for rushing the field after the Nebraska game," says Lauver, recalling the Tigers' 41-24 upset victory in October 2003.

Outside of the occasional patch of conversation, most of the runners are reading. Becca Miller, a freshman, is buried in David Hume's *Concerning Human Understanding*. O'Brien finally opens his *Advertising and Research* book. The team is tired. Jared Wilmes announces that they will stop for food after they drop off a pesky reporter at the airport. The athletes know it won't be champagne and caviar, but they don't mind at all. **G**

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## HIGHWAY

For college jocks, life on the road can be downright spooky. We asked them to share their worst horror stories. **COMPILED BY THE SI ON CAMPUS STAFF**

### ALABAMA softball team

**March 2002:** A quick hop to Atlanta for a connection to Little Rock and a game the next day against Arkansas turns into a 24-hour ordeal. The Tide arrives at the Birmingham airport at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m. their plane is grounded with mechanical problems. Everyone gets off. It takes six hours for a new plane to arrive, at which point team members look at their tickets and discover that they've all been rebooked in one seat (23D) under one name (head coach Patrick Murphy). The flight is full, so they have to stay overnight at a hotel (without luggage, which was already on its way to Arkansas) and fly out the next morning.

### ANONYMOUS PLAYER

**Grambling football team**  
**August 2003:** At Monroe (La.) Regional Airport for a flight to California, one player's bag is selected for a random search. Among the usual personal effects, TSA personnel find this: some adult magazines and a few risqué photos of the player's girlfriend. "I was so embarrassed that I just wanted to disappear," he says.

### BOSTON UNIVERSITY women's basketball team

**January 2004:** An hour into a return trip from Binghamton, N.Y., the Terriers hear a loud noise and their bus comes to a stop. A wild turkey has flown through the windshield and hit the driver in the face. (He

is not seriously injured.) The generator is damaged, so they wait four hours with no heat or lights for a tow truck. They wait another two hours in a rest area for a second bus, which is too small. The players squeeze in, drive to Worcester, Mass., change to a larger bus and get home at 2 a.m., 11 hours after the game ended.

### CHELSEA BACH

**Illinois State women's golf team**  
**March 2004:** A late addition to the field for a tournament in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Bach and her mother, Cheryl, endure a *Lost*-like odyssey to get to the event. Their plane's cargo hold catches fire en route to San Juan, forcing an emergency landing in the Bahamas. On a second attempt to reach San Juan, a volcano eruption in Puerto Rico diverts the jet to Atlanta, where the Bachs stay the night. The next morning they realize that their new tickets to St. Croix have been

issued for Jan. 11, 2005; by the time they discover the error, the flight is full, so they're put on a plane to St. Thomas. When they arrive and Cheryl tries to buy sea-plane tickets to St. Croix, her credit card is denied. The matter is straightened out and the Bachs finally make it to St. Croix—where Chelsea makes a hole in one.

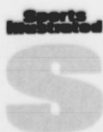
### MELISSA OLIVER

**Ball State volleyball team**

**September 2004:** Oliver is riding in one of three vans on the way back from a match in Dayton. She thinks she can make it to campus without a bathroom break, but she is wrong. With no rest stops in sight, head coach Randy Litchfield pulls over. Oliver exits into the night, runs down a hill into what she thinks is a cornfield . . . and sinks into what she believes is a swamp or marsh. "It was the blackest mud you've ever seen, and it smelled bad," the senior recalls. Her shoes and socks get pulled off her feet as she climbs out, and she nearly loses her pants as well. She finally makes it back to the road and takes care of business in full view of the vans. Her teammates snap pictures with her camera phone. **G**

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