

What's Up

Thursday

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WADLEY BLOOD DRIVE: Will be at the MSC and Sbis Dining Hall.
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 604 (LRD) Evans Library to see the film "Fight for Food." For more information call 846-6427.
ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, AND FREETHINKERS SOCIETY: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 604AB Rudder Tower to discuss knowing God through drugs.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS: Will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 230 MSC. For more information call the Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Will meet at noon for a general discussion. For location and more information call The Center for Drug Prevention and Education at 845-0280.

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Richards get coached by Governor Cuomo

AUSTIN (AP) — State Treasurer Ann Richards, tapped this week to deliver the keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention, has gotten a little coaching from the last person to make that speech — New York Gov. Mario Cuomo.

Cuomo telephoned Richards on Tuesday, the day after she was chosen for the Atlanta address, to offer his advice.

It was Cuomo's electrifying keynote speech to the 1984 convention in San Francisco that

prompted talk of a possible 1988 presidential bid.

Another call came from producers of the CBS-TV "Face the Nation" program, which tentatively plans to include Richards in the network's Sunday morning program. And on Tuesday, the treasurer was up at 4 a.m. to prepare for a live appearance on the "CBS Morning News."

"It's just incredible," said Treasury spokesman Bill Cryer as he read over a list of news organizations seeking interviews.

Review: 'Bull Durham' too predictable

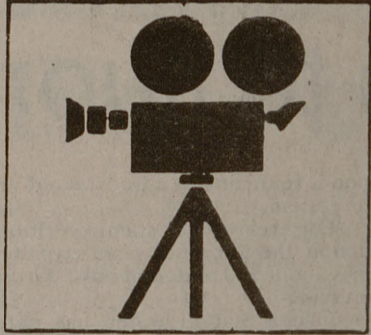
Review

By Staci Finch
Reviewer

Basketball season is over, and football season is still a few months away, but baseball season is in full swing; both on the diamond and on the big screen.

Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon star in "Bull Durham," one of the few movies out this summer without a Roman numeral attached to it. Set in the world of minor league baseball, the movie shows a side of the game not often seen on a television screen.

Kevin Costner is Crash Davis, a minor league veteran called to the Carolina league to season a young, brash, but extremely talented pitcher, Ebby Cary Laloosa (Tim Robbins). Upon arrival in Durham, Davis and Laloosa are confronted by Annie Savoy (Susan Sarandon), a follower of the team who every year chooses a player to "coach" through the season. Davis and Laloosa are the top candidates, but Davis isn't interested in being selected like a steer



Graphic by Taani Baier

for slaughter. Laloosa wins the prize, somewhat to the chagrin of Davis, who is still interested in Annie, and thus the triangle forms.

But the movie is much more than a love interest. The movie is really about America's sport, and the love players have for it, whether they play in Little League, the minors or the Major league. Most of the players in the Carolina league will never make it to "The Show," as they call the majors, but they play the game season after season, because it's their life.

Tim Robbins gives a memorable performance as "Nuke" Laloosa, the young pitcher who couldn't hit the side of a barn but can throw balls at 95 mph. Averse to taking the advice of Davis, whom he considers a has-been, he learns the hard way that there is more to being a pitcher than winding up and throwing a ball. His character is well-developed throughout, and is especially appealing in the scene where he is called to the majors, and is faced with the jealousy of his teammates.

Sarandon is excellent in her portrayal of Annie Savoy, the sexy-but-not-cheap follower of the team. Although her southern accent may be too thick to swallow at times, Annie is the quintessential groupie, whose main interest in life is the baseball team: not only the players, but their careers, and the team's record. Go to any ball game in any town in America, and Annie Savoy will be there.

And of course, there's Kevin Costner. Costner's acting has garnered much acclaim lately, and this effort is no exception. His character, Crash Davis, is a little bit tired of always being called in to help talented newcomers because there is nothing he wants more in the world than to

be called back to the majors, he once spent "the best 21 days of my life." But Davis will play the game wherever he is, and he'll play his baseball. Costner's best scene in the movie is when he arranges a "snout" to give the team a sneaking peek into the stadium and turning on the sprinklers.

Director Ron Shelton did a excellent job of giving all this time of room to work, but it was a little too much room. Baseball has never done well at the box office, and this one is not one of the top-grossing movies of the summer. It gets a little long, and a little predictable. There's your skin-deep movie: those movie-goers who think a movie is complete without one or two "R" ratings. And the ending may give it away, but it is just too traditional.

However, baseball fans would not miss this one, and Costner can see yet another dimension of a talented actor. But being through two hours of tobacco-chewing, line-drive hitting baseball, cause that's what this movie is about.

TDC axes building supervision group

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The Texas Department of Corrections is removing Brown & Root from supervising the building of new prisons, reportedly after the company failed to advise officials of substantial changes in the estimated cost of four proposed units.

Prison board Chairman Charles Terrell of Dallas said Tuesday that

Houston-based Brown & Root, headed by former TDC board chairman T. Louis Austin, would not be permitted to manage the construction of two 2,250-bed, maximum-security units that it had been hired to oversee.

While Terrell declined to comment on the reasons for Brown & Root's dismissal, other sources told

the Dallas Times Herald and Houston Post that prison officials are blaming the company for faulty estimates on the cost of four 1,000-bed, medium-security units.

Terrell said last week that contractors' bids on the first of the four units were \$3.5 million over the estimated costs, which forced him to withdraw temporarily a request for

bonds to build the medium-security units.

"The scope of the units changed, but the estimates changed accordingly," Terrell said.

Steve Zander, a senior vice president at Brown & Root, said he was surprised by the state's action against the firm.

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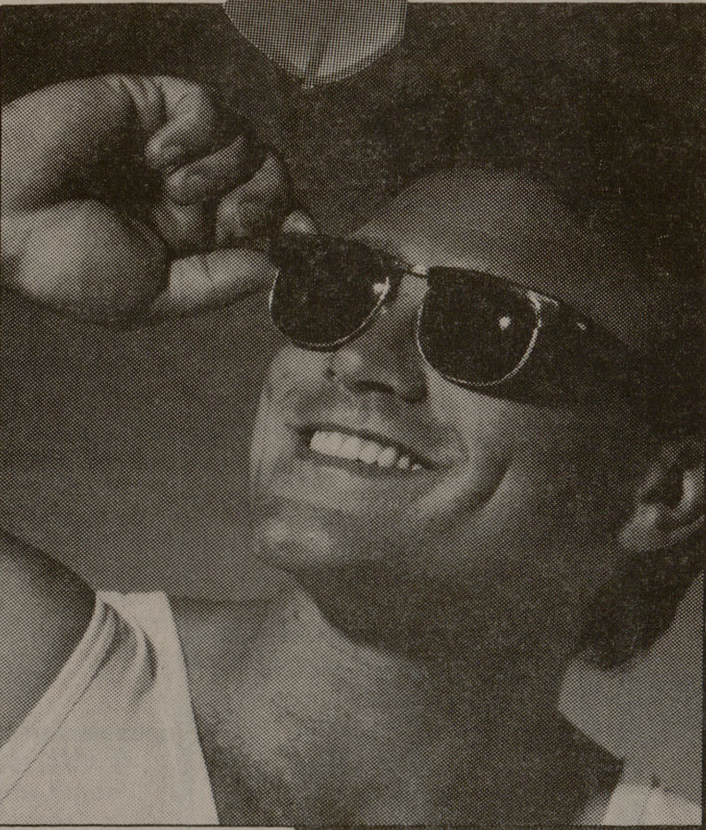
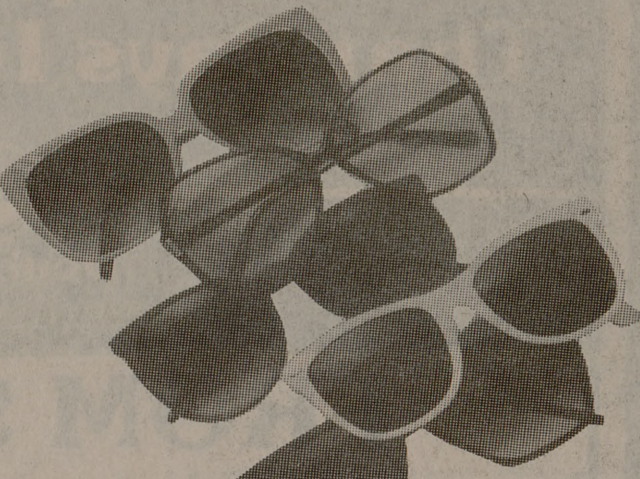
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