



Human body, pt. 1

Problem explained

Do not try to deny it, we all have our bouts with a little gastrointestinal discomfort. Here is an explanation about the gas that smells up the stalls:

Where does fart gas come from? The gas in our intestines comes from several sources: air we swallow, gas seeping into our intestines from our blood, gas produced by chemical reactions in our guts, and gas produced by bacteria living in our guts.

What is fart gas made of? The composition of fart gas is highly variable.

Most of the air we swallow, especially the oxygen component, is absorbed by the body before the gas gets into the intestines. By the time the air reaches the large intestine, most of what is left is nitrogen. Chemical reactions between stomach acid and intestinal fluids may produce carbon dioxide, which is also a component of air and a product of bacterial action. Bacteria also produce hydrogen and methane.

But the relative proportions of these gases that emerge from our anus depend on several factors: what we ate, how much air we swallowed, what kinds of bacteria we have in our intestines, and how long we hold in the fart. The longer a fart is held in, the larger the proportion of boring, inert nitrogen it contains, because the other gases tend to be absorbed into the bloodstream through the walls of the intestine.

What makes farts stink? The odor of farts comes from small amounts of hydrogen sulfide gas and mercaptans in the mixture. These compounds contain sulfur. The more sulfur-rich your diet, the more sulfides and mercaptans will be produced by the bacteria in your guts, and the more your farts will stink. Foods such as cauliflower, eggs and meat are notorious for producing smelly farts, whereas beans produce large amounts of not particularly stinky farts.

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RESEARCH

Bringing in the big bucks

By John Wampler
NEWS EDITOR

\$132.2 million. That's how much money UK's faculty and staff gained in research contracts, grants, and gifts from outside sources during the 1999 fiscal year, according to a report released by the university earlier this month.

That's a 10.4 percent increase over last year, and is the sixth consecutive year UK has broken the \$100 million mark in research funding.

"This is one of the finest faculties in the world, and it is reflected in the phenomenal growth of UK external research support," said Jerry Bramwell, vice president for Research and Graduate Studies.

The report for the fiscal year runs from July of the previous year to July of the present, was not issued until September because it takes a while to tally up all the awards.

Bramwell said that UK has 441 research faculty that have been funded for at least five consecutive years, and out of that 441, 149 have been funded for 12 consecutive years or more.

"We have an excellent faculty and a very responsive administration, particularly in research and graduate studies, and that's a great combination," Bramwell said.

In addition to the \$132.2 million awarded to UK faculty and staff, an additional \$2.6 million in royalties was earned by UK

originated technologies licensed for use by companies.

Bramwell said that this was about a \$200,000 increase over last year, and it placed UK 21st nationally in terms of money earned.

"We're just at the door of being a Top 20," Bramwell said.

UK issued nine new license agreements during the 1999 fiscal year, Bramwell said.

Joe Fink, assistant vice-president for Research and Graduate Studies, said that UK has license agreements with a number of national companies. They include Bristol-Myers-Squibb, and Control Delivery Systems, which is in a marketing partnership with Bausch and Lomb.

UK was issued 21 patents this year, and applied for an additional twenty, Bramwell said. He added that UK currently holds over 170 different patents.

The patents that came in this year, however, are actually the reflection of work done in years past, Fink said, explaining that a patent usually takes at least four years to be issued.

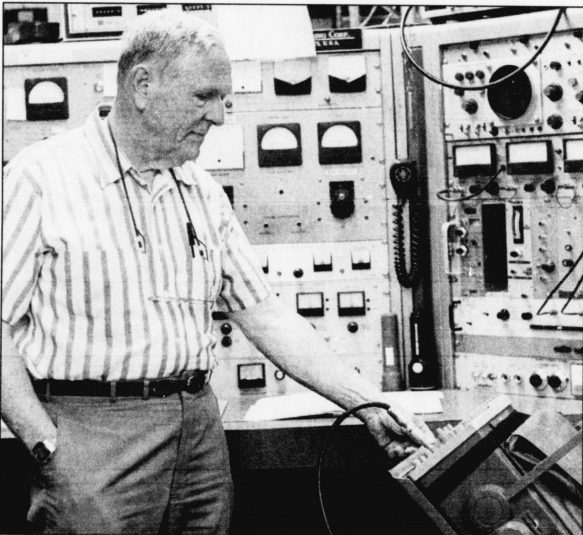
So while UK is working on gaining new research faculty the ones currently in place have been doing a good job, Fink said.

"What this shows is that the people that have been here for a while have been extremely productive in commercializable developments," Fink said.

"The new people coming in will only add to that," he added.

CAMPUS

Old equipment forces cancellation



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

Look like a scene from a sixties science fiction movie? Old equipment may work, but some think it's time to update.

Sometimes, it's just enough to get by in the Chemistry-Physics Building

By Chris Markus
STAFF WRITER

The glass-encased scientific tools used in experiments scores of years ago that decorate the halls aren't the only antiques in the Chemistry-Physics Building.

Some of the tools and equipment currently used by students and professors in the lab classes are outdated or broken. Because of this, some classes have been forced to cancel their lab component.

Dr. David Robertson, director of general chemistry, said that all sections of Chemistry 620 have dropped the lab portion of the class because the equipment used is so outdated. He also said chemistry faculty voted to modify a chemical instrumentation class to cut out the lab component. This proposal is still pending in the College Council and University Senate.

"We are the only school amongst our old benchmark schools that does not teach a lab with both semesters of general chemistry. We're way behind," said Dr. Robertson.

Some students taking lab classes have echoed the gripes

heard from the faculty. Sarah Mello, a history senior who is taking an organic chemistry lab, expressed frustration with the outdated lab tools.

"All the boiling point machines in my lab are broken," she said. "It's a total pain in the ass."

More than causing frustration, broken and ailing lab equipment has caused other concerns for students.

"All of the machines in one class give totally different results. Our lab grades might really suffer from this," said Adam Pierce, a mechanical engineer sophomore, of his Physics 242 lab.

The lack of funds appropriated for scientific equipment by the administration, which Dr. Robertson called "a mis-emphasis on priorities," has forced the chemistry department to delve into their own research funds in order to provide adequate tools for students.

"There are lots of things that need to be done that we're doing out of our own pockets," said Dr. Robertson. "We used research dollars to buy a \$10,000 server for our new TopClass program."

That program allows Chem-

istry 105 students to get instant feedback on homework assignments via the Internet.

Robertson said that an additional \$25,000 was drawn from chemistry research funds in order to finance the Smart Class program, which allows professors to transmit multimedia onto projection screens in their classrooms.

Although some faculty and students have expressed dissatisfaction with lab equipment, these concerns are not shared by all.

"Everything in my physics lab is very well kept," said Courtney Stoll, an undeclared sophomore. "I haven't had any problems with the equipment."

Despite the administration's inadequate funding for new equipment for the lab classes, Robertson said they did put forth \$2.1 million to renovate two organic chemistry labs in the College-Physics.

Dr. Robertson praised the renovations as being "beautiful, and much safer for the students." He also acknowledged that getting the necessary equipment for the labs might take some time because it is so expensive.

KIDS IN THE HALLS

Blanding Tower ready to rumble

Residence hall celebrates Monday night athletics to a different drummer

By Will Messer
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Blanding One's basement had all the basic elements of a Monday Night Football party last Monday: chips and salsa, hot wings, soft drinks and, of course, rowdy adolescent males.

The only thing missing was the football. The rowdy adolescent males were dressed as professional wrestlers. Instead of football, they were watching wrestling and doing a little wrestling themselves.

DeWayne Frazier, an RA in Blanding One and a graduate student in the Patterson School for Diplomacy, organized the wrestling party. Frazier said the party was intended to "help build community in the hall because people can come down, relax, goof off and be themselves."

"One of the chief responsibilities of an RA is community-building," Frazier said.

This was the second wrestling party Frazier has sponsored since he has been an RA at UK. "Last year I did a small-scale one and this one was a lot bigger. All together we had about 40 people come down," Frazier said.

Frazier decorated the basement walls with posters of the most popular wrestlers and even set out action figures of the wrestlers. There was also a cameraman from the Office of Residence Life to videotape all of the action. Frazier said that the idea came from student requests.

The participants at the wrestling party switched back and forth between the two Monday night wrestling programs, WWF Monday Night Raw and WCW Monday Nitro. They also performed some of the wrestling moves on each other.

Frazier said he decided to have a second wrestling party because of the sport's booming popularity. "Neilson ratings show that RAW and Nitro now pull a combined nine to 10 percent of the Monday night market. WWF Raw is the highest rated program on cable," said Frazier.

"Many people can't understand the reason that wrestling is so popular," Frazier said. "People always ask, 'Why in the world do you watch wrestling?' They say that it's fake and scripted."

Frazier likened professional wrestling's popularity to that of the Harlem Globetrotters. "They haven't lost a game in 10 years, everybody knows they're going to win, but it's sports entertainment."

Frazier added that pro wrestling is very similar to a soap opera, in that there are heroes and villains and the fans root for them religiously.

"It's a morality play that mirrors society and gives the average guy what he wants to see," said Brian Raho, a math freshman who came dressed as WCW wrestler Rick Flair.

Frazier said that he did not want all the costumes, horseplay and free food to distract from the true goal of his party.

"The main goal is to build community because college is the most important transition of your life. The hall ultimately becomes your home away from home, so you have to feel comfortable there," Frazier said.



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

Not the village people

Rick Flair, the Undertaker... some UK students have taken their passion for the athletic soap opera of professional wrestling to new heights by dressing as their favorite characters. They even practice the moves.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

South Korea nuclear plant reports leak

SEOUL, South Korea — Radioactive water leaked inside a South Korean nuclear power plant during repair work, exposing 22 workers to small amounts of radiation, the government said. It said the radioactive water was contained inside the plant and did not escape into the environment. About 12 gallons of so-called "heavy water" was leaked during the accident last night at a nuclear plant in Wolsung, 190 miles southeast of the capital Seoul, the Science and Technology Ministry said in a statement.

Clinton warned on test ban treaty

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Democrat on foreign affairs issues said he told President Clinton the votes aren't there to ratify an international ban on nuclear testing. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said that, while all 45 Senate Democrats are prepared to support the treaty next Tuesday when a vote is scheduled, Republican support appears to be disappearing. The White House indicated that Clinton would continue to fight for the Senate to ratify the treaty.

London rail crash kills 26

LONDON — Two London commuter trains smashed into each other during rush hour yesterday, killing 26 passengers and injuring 160 on the same rail line as another fatal crash two years ago. Ambulance and fire crews, police and rail workers swarmed around the overturned, mangled rail cars for hours, locating and freeing survivors in the smoldering wreckage near the Ludbrooke Grove residential area in west London. It was Britain's worst train accident in more than a decade.

FCC warns on telecom merger

NEW YORK — The Federal Communications Commission warned MCI WorldCom Inc. and Sprint Corp. that they "bear a heavy burden to show how consumers would be better off" as a result of their merger. MCI WorldCom forged the largest corporate takeover in history, a \$115 billion acquisition of Sprint, the country's third-largest long-distance company. But FCC Chairman William E. Kennard said MCI WorldCom and Sprint will have to make a strong case for approval.



Bush chides GOP on social issues

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush accused his own party yesterday of being dull, pessimistic and focused on expanding the nation's wealth "to the exclusion of all else." It was the second time in as many weeks that Bush has taken his own party to task. The Texas governor last week criticized congressional Republicans' plans to save money by delaying tax credit payments to the working poor. Bush also said he would tie testing results to federal education money.

Clinton OKs military pay raises

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is offering pay raises and other incentives in hopes of attracting more military recruits and keeping troops in uniform longer. President Clinton signed a \$289 billion spending bill yesterday that includes a 4.8 percent pay raise for the 1.4 million men and women on active duty. The move came after the Pentagon announced that the Air Force ended the 1999 fiscal year with a manpower shortage of about 10,000.

Ethnic Albanians attack Serb convoy

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Ethnic Albanians stoned a Russian-Serb convoy in northern Kosovo yesterday, injuring some Russian troops and French police trying to stop the clash. At least one Serb was killed, according to Yugoslavia's Beta news agency. Seventeen Serbs were injured, two of them critically. A French military officer said the trouble started when 5,000 ethnic Albanians gathered near the town of Kosovska Mitrovica for the funeral of 18 of 28 Albanians found last week in a mass grave. Four Serbs have been arrested in the case.

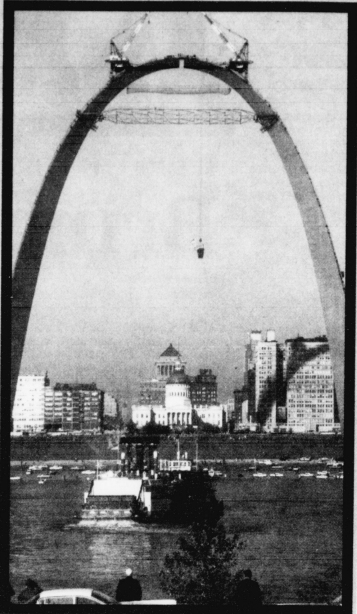
Dow Ends 0.64 lower at 10,400.59

NEW YORK — Stocks fell yesterday in volatile trading after the Federal Reserve decided against raising interest rates again but left open the possibility of a third rate hike later this year. The Dow industrials closed 0.64 lower at 10,400.59. On the NYSE, losers led gainers 1,794-1,241. The Nasdaq rose 3.70 to 2,800.16. The Fed pointed out that the labor market is still extremely tight, and that threatens to push up wages and prices.

Jim Brown sentenced to probation

LOS ANGELES — NFL great Jim Brown, convicted of smashing his wife's car with a shovel, was sentenced yesterday to probation and ordered to receive batterer's counseling, perform community service and pay \$1,700 to aid domestic violence victims. His attorney told a Hollywood Municipal Court judge that Brown is appealing the sentence and will not accept any domestic violence counseling.

LOOKING BACK



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I think he's full of elephant dung."

— Alan King, on New York City's Mayor Rudy Giuliani's opposition to the controversial "Sensation" exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art.



KEEPING IT REAL: Brittany Spears is once again making an effort to stop the gossip that she had breast implants, explaining that her enlarged cup size is simply the result of growing up. "When I first signed with the record label, we took a lot of photos, and those were the pictures that got used," she told TV Guide.

CAMPUS

Feed your brain

The Advanced Science and Technology Commercialization Center will present two seminars this week. Lucio Cocco will speak on "Nuclear Inositol Lipids" today at 4 p.m. in A149 ASTeCC and David W. Scropter will speak on the "Anatomy of a Start-up Product" Thursday at 4 p.m. in the same room.

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Thursday, Oct. 14: From 9:30 - 11 a.m. in the UK Student Center Theatre, professional journalists and the associate director of the Pew Center for Civic Journalism will be on hand to discuss "Civic Journalism and Economic Development in Your Community."

Thursday, Oct. 14: From 1 - 2:30 p.m. participants will return to the Student Center Theatre for a panel discussion titled "Winning the Pulitzer Prize." This discussion will involve UK alum Angelo Henderson of the Wall Street Journal, the 1999 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing.

Free registration is available through the School of Journalism. For registration and more information, see Greg Herron in Room 134 of the Grehan Journalism Building.

THE NEWSPAPER DESIGNER'S WORKSHOP

REGION

Cleaning up their stacks

UK professors say lawsuit may cost consumers money, may benefit environment

By Greg Burgett
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A recent decision by New York to sue coal-fueled power plants should have no immediate economic effects in Kentucky and is warranted, some UK professors say.

On September 15 New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer announced his state's intention to bring a suit against seven coal-fueled power plants located in the Midwest, among them The Big Sandy Power Plant, owned by The Kentucky Power Company, in Paintsville, Kentucky.

"Air pollution does not respect state boundaries. We are

under siege by airborne pollution originating far beyond our borders. The time has come to act decisively," Spitzer said.

New York's decision to sue in federal courts stems from its belief that power plants in Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky acted in violation of Environmental Protection Agency statutes developed from the passing of The Clean Air Act of 1990.

The complaint said plant emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides traveled upwind to New York state, causing smog and acid rain, destroying forests, harming wildlife, increasing the rate of asthma, and disfiguring public buildings and monuments.

Specifically, New York contends the plants failed to obtain permits necessary for allowing substantial alterations or additions.

UK Professor of Political Science Ernest Yanarella said that the action is "probably quite warranted."

"It is not at all surprising that New York is taking the legal route to get some sort of compensation," he said. "This seems to be the latest example of the ongoing politics of acid rain."

Mike Healy, a UK law school professor, said the specifics involved "a very complicated factual question," but that section 304A3 of the Clean Air Act "very clearly anticipates 'citizen suits' with the action brought against the source."

"This is part of a long-term struggle of the Northeastern

states against the Midwestern states, with the Environmental Protection Agency caught in the middle," Healy said.

Healy believes the suit may lead to more stringent emissions control.

Some suggest part of the New England area's pollution problems may stem from automobile emissions more so than far away coal-fired plants, but most agree people will never give up their cars and resist emissions standards they think will cost them money.

"This sort of dispute is supposed to be decided by the EPA," said Frank Scott, a UK economics professor.

"If the suits are successful then obviously they will have to retrofit the plants, which would raise electricity prices," Scott said. "It won't reduce the demand for coal, though, I think."

UNITY

Diversity at UK will be topic of symposium

Oct. 7 symposium at Recital Hall in Singletary Center ties in with Top 20 goals

By John Wampler
NEWS EDITOR

A key element for UK's graduate school will be diversity in striving to reach its goal of becoming a Top 20 research institution, university officials say.

"Diversification at UK in its graduate school parallels its research growth," said Jerry Bramwell, vice-president of Research and Graduate Studies.

To this end, a symposium will be held tomorrow addressing the long-term consequences of race, diversity and inclusion in graduate education.

The symposium will be addressing such issues as the inevitability of diversification in the face of changing student demographics and academic competitiveness and diversification.

Mike Nietzel, dean of UK's graduate school said that in 1989, the University created an associate dean for recruitment and diversity to increase diversification.

Denese Jones currently holds that position.

"It's been an effort, particularly in the past 10 years, to address the diversity of graduate students here," Nietzel said.

As a result of such efforts, UK was ranked 44 in the nation

this year in production of Ph.D.s by African-Americans in Black Issues in Higher Education magazine, Nietzel said.

Nietzel said that UK's diversity greatly helped those in the graduate school.

"When you have students of very different cultural or racial backgrounds, they contribute to each other's education in ways that a homogeneous population cannot," Nietzel said.

Bramwell said that diversity is not just a matter of race, however. He said that while for many years there existed in Kentucky a visible legal barrier to African-Americans in graduate school, there was also an invisible barrier that affected women.

Today, this is hardly the case. Nietzel said that currently more than half the total number of graduate students at UK is over half female.

Another component of the symposium is inclusion. Bramwell said that inclusion means having a policy of including the best and brightest, rather than seeking to exclude based on some arbitrary standard, such as race or gender.

"By increasing our diversity we increase the pool of excellent students which comprise our graduate programs," Bramwell said.

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WEDNESDAY 10/6
Academic: Eng 101, 6:30-8; Western Union and Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: Chemistry, 5-7:30pm; Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: French, 7-9pm; Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 8-10pm at Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: Math, 8-10pm; Reggie Lounge; Res Life Tutoring: History 104/105, 8-9:30pm; Holmes Study Lounge
Meetings: S&B Inboard Activities Committee Meeting, 7pm, 203 Student Center; Epistol Delta Kappa Meeting, sponsor for admission into U of I, Med School, 7:30pm, W.E. Young Library
UK Care Advocates Meeting, 7:30pm, Call 7-8765 for details
S&B Environmental Concerts Meeting, 7pm, Rm 119 Student Center
Intramurals/Recreation: Golf Singles Tournament, Fates Creek Golf Course, Tee times 12-2
Sports: Fair-Boating, 8pm, Baptist Student Union
Arts/Movies: UK Shakespeare Opening Concert, 8pm, Singletary Center, Free; UK Theatre Dept presents: DESEREGRATION, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info
Special Events: Spanish Men Are Suck, 8pm, Winslow Theatre, \$3, sponsored by S&B; Greek Book Sale sponsored by Greek Theta and Appalachian Student Council, 8-10:45, third space area; Student Organization Center Open House, 4-5:30pm, Rm 106 Student Center

THURSDAY 10/7
Academic: Free Math 109 and 123 Tutoring, Rm 119 Student Center, sign up in advance, call 7-9959 for more info; Res Life Tutoring: Chemistry, 5-7:30pm; Reggie Lounge; Res Life Tutoring: French, 4-6pm; Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 8-10pm at Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: History 104/105, 8-9:30pm; Commons 308
Meetings: S&B Inboard/Seniorboard Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 245 Student Center; Devotion and Lunch, 12pm, Baptist Student Center, \$1; Freshman Focus, 8pm, Baptist Student Center; UK Lambda, The Love and Lesbian Student Org. Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 231 Student Center; Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 8-10pm, Rm 123 Student Center; Appalachian Student Council Meeting, 8:30pm, Conference Rm of Appalachian Center
Arts/Movies: UK Theatre Dept presents: DESEREGRATION, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info
Intramurals/Recreation: Golf Singles Tournament, Fates Creek Golf Course, Tee times 12-2
Sports: Fair-Boating, 8:30pm, Baptist Student Union; UK Rugby Practice, 6-8pm, club sports field
Special Events: National Depression Screening Day, W.E. Young Library, Inside Univ. Drive Entrance, 10am-3pm, call 257-8703 for more info

FRIDAY 10/8
Academic: Director Delta Kappa Applications due
Arts/Movies: UK Theatre Dept presents: DESEREGRATION, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info
Sports: UK Men's Soccer vs. Kentucky, 7:30pm, UK Soccer Complex; UK Women's Volleyball vs. Arkansas, 7pm, Memorial Coliseum; UK Ice Hockey vs. Buffalo, Montrail, Lexington Ice Center, \$4 at door
Special Events: Homecoming Ball, Memorial Hall, tickets into 257-166, Sponsored by S&B

SATURDAY 10/9
Meetings: Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 6pm
Sports: UK Football @ South Carolina, 1pm; UK Rugby vs. Wakeham, 7pm, Club Sports Field, Free; UK Ice Hockey vs. Buffalo, Montrail, Lexington Ice Center, \$4 at door
Arts/Movies: Homecoming Choral Music Festival, 4:30pm, Singletary Concert Hall, Free; UK Theatre Dept presents: DESEREGRATION, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info

SUNDAY 10/10
Academic: Eng 101, 8:30-9; Western Union and Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 5-7pm; Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: Math, 8-10pm; Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: History 104/105, 8-9:30pm at Commons 308 & History 104/105, 2-5pm at Commons 308; Res Life Tutoring: Chemistry, 5-8pm, Reggie Lounge
Meetings: Sunday Morning Worship, 11am, Christian Student Fellowship (502 Columbia Ave.); S&B Inboard Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 245 Student Center
Arts/Movies: Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 8am, 11:30am, 8:30pm
Sports: UK Women's Volleyball vs. LSU, 2pm, Memorial Coliseum
Friday, October 8, 8:00pm Memorial Hall

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CINDERELLA GOES HOME

Reds October ends early for team, fans

Cincinnati's unlikely ride comes to a halt, but players, management say future looks bright

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sheets of plastic intended to protect the Cincinnati Reds' cubicles from champagne were rolled out, ready for deployment at the final out.

They weren't needed. Instead of champagne, the clubhouse quickly filled with tears.

The Reds' passenger-class ride toward the playoffs ended emotionally Monday night. After 54,821 fans stood and applauded them one final time following a 5-0 loss to New York, players tossed caps into the stands and headed for the clubhouse to pack, to hug and to weep.

"It wasn't so much losing as it was the season's over," first baseman Sean Casey said, his eyes brimming with tears. "It's tough when you realize that such a special season has come to an end."

Once the tears dry, Casey will realize that 1999 was more of a beginning than an end. It was the year that Cincinnati

turned back into a baseball town.

"This is certainly a springboard to leap off of," managing executive John Allen said Tuesday. "Everybody I've talked to feels that yesterday's crowd sent a message: Baseball is certainly not dead in Cincinnati." For the first time in years, it's wonderfully alive again. There's new ownership, a new ballpark in the works and a sense that the franchise is headed in the right direction after years of lurching from crisis to crisis under Marge Schott.

Schott transferred her controlling interest to three limited partners last Friday. She still owns one share but has no authority and no spotlight.

She retains a block of 21 seats behind the Reds' dugout and can use the owners' luxury box. She'll have to give up her office at the stadium and her practice of going on the field.

New owner Carl Lindner plans to remain behind the scenes, allowing Allen and general manager Jim Bowden to

continue rebuilding a front office and farm system gutted by Schott.

"Last year, the question was: Will Jim Bowden be back?" Allen said. "This year it was: Will John Allen be back? Those uncertainties are behind us now."

In the short-term, it will be difficult for the Reds to repeat '99. Greg Vaughn is a free agent and has dropped hints that he'll be moving on. Starter Juan Guzman, obtained in a July 31 trade with Baltimore, also is a free agent.

Keeping the young core intact will become expensive because of salary arbitration. The payroll might increase a little, but the Reds will remain a small-market club competing on a limited budget while they rebuild the farm system and prepare for a new ballpark.

"I'm not sure there can be any solid rationale for deviating from that plan after this season, based on what people saw," Allen said.

What they saw was a preview of the future.

"We weren't expected to do a lot, and it went down to the final game," Casey said. "Hopefully, this was such a special season that we'll be able to do it

IN BRIEF

SportsBytes

Former UK football player Jeremy Streck still in critical condition after being hit by car

Jeremy Streck, former UK offensive tackle, is in critical condition, said officials at University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Streck, 23, was hit by a man who was charged with driving under the influence at 3:10 a.m. EDT Friday in Columbus. The family has asked that no information other than his condition be released.

Soccer Cats honored again

For the second consecutive week, a member of the UK women's soccer team has been named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week. Forward Keri Boyce received the honor.

Boyce scored the game-winning goal in both UK victories over the weekend in Las Vegas, Nev. On Friday, the freshman scored the game's only goal as the Cats defeated host UNLV, 1-0. In the Cats' 3-2 win over San Diego State, she broke a 2-2 tie at the 76:42 mark, lifting UK to its seventh consecutive victory tying the school record.

"Keri really stepped up for us this weekend with two big goals," UK coach Warren Lipka said. "She has been a consistent presence in the lineup for us all season and is one of our best at tackling forwards. She makes things happen when she's on the field."

The Birdsboro, Pa., native is tied for the team lead in goals scored this season with seven and is third on the squad in points with 16. Boyce's four game-winning goals this season are one shy of the UK school record held by Karin Schneider's five in 1985.

This is the first time in school history two Cats have been named the SEC Player of the Week on back-to-back occasions.

Allen out for the season

Sophomore wide receiver Dougie Allen is out for the season with a torn posterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Allen will have reconstructive surgery in 2-3 weeks. If all goes well, he will be able to run by the spring and participate in the non-contact portions of spring practice. His playing status for the 2000 season will be decided in August.

Allen is Kentucky's second-leading receiver during the 1999 season with 25 catches for 263 yards and three touchdowns. He leads the SEC and ranks eighth nationally in kickoff returns with a 30.8-yard average.

Men's golf finishes 7th

The University of Kentucky men's golf team completed a great showing at the Legends Invitational with a 7th place finish after a season-best round of 288 on Tuesday. The Cats had a three round total of 885 (308-289-288).

Ron Layman was the low man for the Cats as he posted a final round of 70, a season-best, giving the senior a three round total of 218 (75-73-70) good for 9th place. Layman finished just four strokes behind the winner, Steve Ratay of Notre Dame who recorded a 214 (71-70-73). Freshman Andy Dustman also scored well in the final round with a 71 that moved him from 27th place after day one, to 23rd and a three round total of 222 (78-73-71).

The Wildcats return to the links on Oct. 11-12 when they head to Kings Island, Ohio for the Xavier Invitational.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

WE GOT GAMES

UK makes the grade

Sporting News gives UK Athletics high marks in article

By Travis Feldhaus
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University of Kentucky athletics department received high marks in a recent article from Sporting News magazine ranking the 112 collegiate athletic departments that field Division I-A football and men's basketball teams.

The UK athletics department was ranked 14 in a tie with the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin.

Sporting News awarded Penn State the number one ranking, followed by North Carolina, Notre Dame, and Stanford. The University of Florida, ranked at number five, was the only Southeastern Conference school ranked ahead of Kentucky.

Rankings were based on four separate criteria. Grades were assigned, and grade point averages were computed to determine the overall rankings.

The "Do We Win?" category was based on the success of the football and men's basketball programs over the last four seasons. The magazine gave UK an "A" on the strength of the UK men's basketball team and by the improvement of the UK football team.

The "Do We Graduate?" grades were assigned according to the graduation rates of football and men's basketball players, as published in the 1998 NCAA Division I Graduation-Grades Report. As evidenced by the "B" grade, the UK men's basketball and football teams put as much time in their studies as they do in practice.

The "Do We Rock?" area consisted of support from administration and fans, the size of the athletic budget, the total number of men's and women's teams, and merchandise sales. With an always-frenzied fan base packing Rupp Arena and Commonwealth Stadium on a regular basis, UK received an "A" in this category as well.

The "Do We Play Fair?" grades were determined by a number of factors, such as rules compliance, gender equity, and a four-class graduation rate for all student-athletes. In addition, the graduation rates for all student-athletes entering school from 1983 to 1992 were considered. Points were deducted from schools currently on NCAA probation and also for schools that eliminated sports during the 1997-98 academic year. Schools were rewarded if sports were added to their athletics departments.

Sporting News gave UK a "C-" in this area.

Florida and Kentucky were followed in the SEC by South Carolina (30), Auburn (31), Vanderbilt (33), Georgia (34), Tennessee (37), Mississippi (47), Mississippi State (54), Alabama (65), Arkansas (74) and Louisiana State (86).

The other Kentucky school in the rankings, the University of Louisville, was ranked 85.



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THE CHEAP SEATS

It's right this time, really

By John Dobson
ASST SPORTS/SEASONAL EDITOR

Wrong. In an ugly, carrying-the-ball-into-the-opposition's-end-zone kind of way.

That sums up yesterday's National League playoff analysis.

No, I haven't changed my mind — the Astros will beat Arizona, and the Braves will triumph over Bobby Valentine's Mets team.

That is, if one of those matchups happens to take place in the second round.

You see, I failed to take into account one very important statute when evaluating the possible series. As Major League Baseball's web site so eloquently states:

"The Wild Card team — New York — will NEVER have home field advantage OR play a team from its own division in the Division Series."

Major League Baseball doesn't want teams from the same division playing each other in the first round. My failure to remember that fact seriously hampered my ability to assess the situation.

The system is set up so that the team with the league's best record, the Eastern Division Champion Atlanta Braves, plays the wild

card — the team that didn't win its own division. That team is the New York Mets, also from the Eastern Division. That means that they can't play each other.

That means that my pairings were totally wrong.

Fear not, though. I will at least provide those who still have the courage to read content bearing my name with the correct pairings and analysis.

Along with my apologies — I'm sorry.

New York vs. Arizona

The Mets are fresh off a Lazarus-type comeback that clinched the NL's final postseason spot. That gave Bobby Valentine and John Franco their first taste of October champagne, but it puts them in no position for postseason success.

The Diamondbacks have been lying in wait since clinching their division a couple of weeks ago. With their Randy Johnson-led rotation set, their players rested — it doesn't look good for New York's NL entry.

The Mets will put up a decent fight. Postseason veterans Orel Hershiser, John Olerud and Rickey

Henderson, along with Mike Piazza and Robin Ventura — players with less-than-stellar playoff experiences — will see to that.

Arizona, though, will advance on the strength of their stellar pitching and solid offense. Hershiser, Al Leiter and Kenny Rogers are adequate hurlers — but I don't think they can overcome the advantage Johnson brings to the desert.

Mets lose in five.

Houston vs. Atlanta

The Astros have been here before. Atlanta swept them out of the first round for the past two years.

That won't happen this year, though, as they defeated Greg Maddux yesterday to take a 1-0 series lead. That win was crucial for Larry Dierker's team, as it gives them home field advantage in the series and assures that the Braves will have to defeat either Jose Lima or Mike Hampton just to stay alive.

Glavine and Smoltz have been solid October pitchers in the past, as they will continue to be. Kevin Millwood, Atlanta's most consistent starter, also will do well.

Before yesterday's Houston victory, I would

have picked the Braves. Now, though, the Astros look as if they are ready to do away with their reputation as postseason underachievers. The Braves' dominance in first-round play will come to an end this year, as they lose the series 3-2.

New York Mets vs. Arizona

Records:
New York: 97-66
Arizona: 100-62

Season Series Record: Arizona won, 6-1

Comparison:

Category	Advantage
Pitching	AZ Diamondbacks
Batting	AZ Diamondbacks
Defense	New York Mets
Experience	New York Mets
Series Winner	AZ Diamondbacks

Houston vs. Atlanta

Records:
Houston: 97-65
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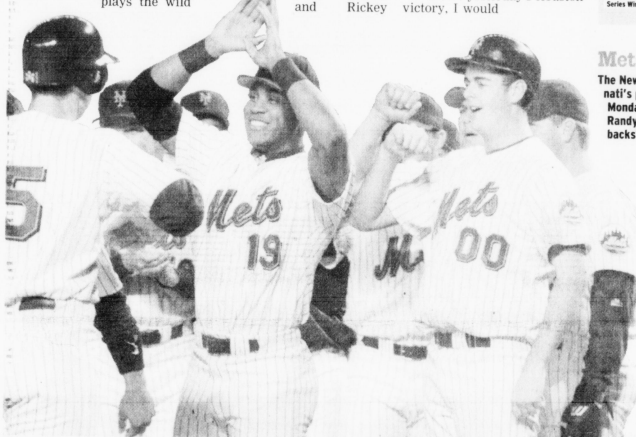
Comparison:

Category	Advantage
Pitching	Atlanta Braves
Batting	Houston Astros
Defense	Atlanta Braves
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LOCAL MUSIC SERIES

The CoPilots keep it real for the kids

By Robert Quan
SCENE EDITOR

Ben Phelan shrugged slightly as he put another forkful of a vaguely exotic-looking Cajun dish in his mouth.

"A friend thought of the name," he said. "We debated a bit about the punctuation. It's Pontius CoPilot, big C, little O, big P and no dash. It seems people never spell it right, some element is always fucked up, I don't like you can't find the name, it's only in the most read and printed book of western literature."

"That, of course, would be the Bible, and Pontius Pilate the man who condemned Jesus to die."

Pontius CoPilot has functioned as a regular playing band for almost a year and a half with one lineup change.

Their sound could be described as 'indie' rock or pop, but that doesn't really cut to the essence of it.

"Power pop-rock, that's my favorite description," Robby Cosenza said.

The influences they cited are wide and varied.

"Pavement is an influence. Gang of Four, Camper van Beethoven," Phelan said, pausing for a second. "Some directly influenced our sound, others have idiomatic aspects such as Gang of Four's sense of rhythm or The Replacements' attitude at live shows or particular aspects like how the lead singer of Blur writes lyrics."

Phelan feels that it's important to approach every song lyrically as if you intended to record it.

"I think, for everybody who writes songs, lyrics are the most agonizing part. If you're going to say something it's important to say something coherent," Phelan said.

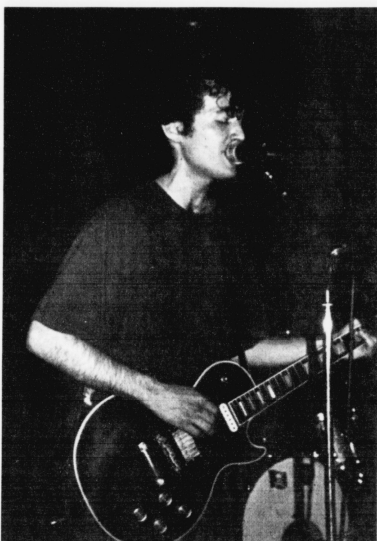
Early on, the band had a more straightforward sound, said Phelan. Faster.

"It's slightly different now," Phelan said. "Our new songs tend to be slower, not a lot slower, but slower. The instrumentation is more robust."

The CoPilots also do something fairly unusual in a local scene in that they change instruments regularly during the course of a set. Guitars, bass and drums see the attention of different members of the trio as a set progresses.

Phelan and Cosenza both enjoy the local music scene and playing out, but they noted the lack of places to play or see live music that has haunted Lexington for years now.

"It's better than it was five years ago," Cosenza said. "But it's worse than it was five years before that. There's just not as many places to play. There's Ly-



Ben Phelan, top on guitar, and Robby Cosenza, left on drums, are two members of local group Pontius CoPilot. Note the spelling of the band name, which the band says is often subject to an array of novel punctuations and spellings at the hands of club promoters and advertisers.

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nagh's and Yats is fabulous because it's 18 and over."

The band, which just released a 7-inch split ep with Speedtrain on local label Jet Glue Records, has ideas for other projects. The CoPilots, if anything, don't give the impression of being a throw together local band with just the aspiration of playing a few shows at Lynagh's.

"We'd like to do one more 7-inch," Cosenza said. "Maybe do a longer 5-song ep and then going for a full length CD. We also want to do more out-of-town stuff, weekend tours. Just concentrate on getting out of town as much as we can. It would be preferable to do this for a living."

The band is currently looking into the possibility of relocating. Ideas were thrown out like the Research Triangle in the Raleigh-Chapel Hill area of North Carolina or Chicago.

"I think it'd be nice to be Firehose big, or Pixies big," said Cosenza. "These bands could pack Bogart's, but they could walk around in the mall and no one would know them."

You can see Pontius CoPilot live at Yat's this Friday at 10 p.m. The 7-inch can be obtained at CD Central on Limestone or at their live shows. If you're interested in Jet Glue Records their website is Fly-to-jetglue.

LOCAL MUSIC SERIES

Veterans of CMJ

By Rich Gentner
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Different, original music is not easily found here in Lexington. You could probably go out on almost any night of the week and hear a decent rock or rock cover band. Lexington has a pretty good rock music scene, but what about the people who want the alternative? Some people want to see bands that are more progressive — not necessarily common crowd pleasers.

With this thought in mind, I present the Veterans of Future Wars, a band whose sound can be characterized as nothing but progressive.

"It's kind of like the antithesis of pop-rock," said VFW violinist, Joe Coleman.

The Veterans mesh guitar, violin and drums into a sound that is purely instrumental and very orchestrated.

"There are rock elements at times, Joe lends a huge classical flavor and there are definite melodic pop moments interspersed between a lot of pieces," said guitarist Will Buchard.

Though the band formed only last February, with their first show in March, VFW has already been recognized by College Music Journal (CMJ) as an up-and-coming act. On Sept. 17, the Veterans played the CMJ

Musicfest in New York City, a four-day festival showcasing the old and new from every music genre imaginable.

Performers must submit recordings to play at the CMJ Musicfest, and it is hard enough to make the cut with a professional studio recording.

"I didn't tell these two guys that I [submitted a recording]," said drummer Jay Voskuhl as he motioned to his band mates.

The Veterans were accepted on the merit of a low-quality tape recording made at one of their live shows.

Now that VFW is back in Lexington, you can catch them about once a month at their favorite Lexington venue, Yat's, in South Hill Station. They will also begin recording their first CD in November for the Doom Nibbler label with a release coming as soon as January.

What does the future hold for the Veterans of Future Wars?

"I was kind of thinking that the CIA would regress back into the OSS and ask us to front a coup in a foreign land under the guise of a touring band," said Buchard.

This feat doesn't seem unreasonable for a band that has accomplished so much in such a short time

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I like the night life, baby

A smattering of hot-spots around campus to check out a little night-time entertainment

By **Jodi Grillert**
STAFF WRITER

The live music scene in Lexington is more than what meets the eye. I set out faced with the challenge of discovering a few places with good live bands. The criteria: low cost, good music, close location to campus and the chance of finding munchies on the premises (the last one was mine). I found four places that meet those criteria. They are AIA, Llynagh's, Magic Beans and Yat's.

Each business described the music scene in Lexington as varied or as having a little something for everyone. They also stressed the number of truly good bands.

"There are groups happen-

ing that aren't household names, yet are playing music that is better than what is on commercial radio," said Booby Ray of Llynagh's.

AIA promotes both local and national acts on their three stages. AIA's new rooftop garden presents jazz and reggae in a relaxed, upscale bourbon and cigar atmosphere. Meanwhile, downstairs in the club, a more rock 'n' roll style prevails. If you would rather hear some old favorites, swing by their Sandbar and Grill and make a request to the small cover band on the corner stage. You can start with a plate of hot wings and then travel from one band to another as the evening progresses.

Llynagh's Bobby Ray takes pride that the music club pro-

motes bands creating original music. If dancing on the floor works up your appetite, you can go next door to the pub section for a bite. Bands featured at Llynagh's range from alternative country to jazz on into rock with funk influences.

For those under 21, Magic Beans and Yat's, both located in Lexington, are viable alternatives to Richmond. Magic Beans, a coffee shop that opened this summer, features performance art and free jazz in the evenings. The best bet is to stop by and ask what is planned for the week since they have not established a schedule.

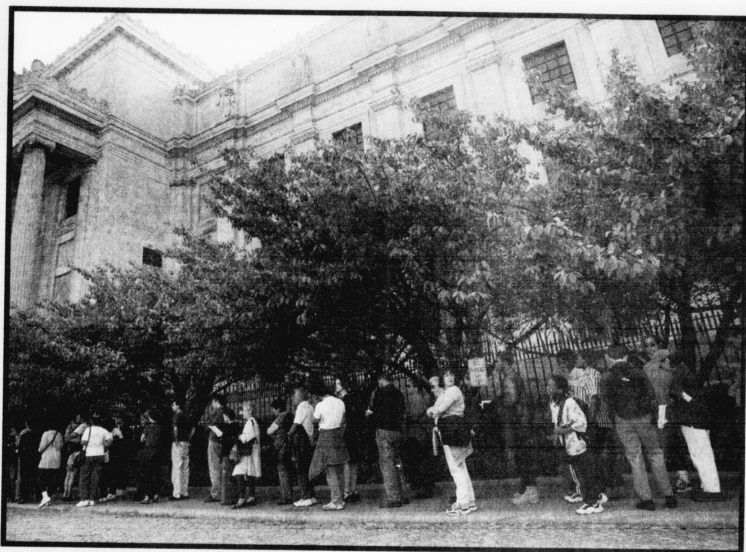
Yat's, with red, ivy-covered walls and colored lights, hints at its New Orleans roots. Along with spicy Cajun food and the largest bottle of hot sauce I've seen north of Biloxi, Yat's serves up live music weekly. Fridays feature independent rock bands that you won't find

on major music labels. One of the styles featured is cuddle core — a happy softer style of rock. The music provided, says Ross Compton, Yat's booking manager, is "eclectic and can't be pigeonholed."

When asked about some of the better local bands, club managers came back with one for almost every genre of music. Some of the names mentioned were Kissing Book, Autumn Rising, A Force of One, Taildragger, Catawampus Universe, Green Genes and The Mertons. The best way to discover your favorite is to see some of these new talents — before you have to pay \$25 for nosebleed seats in an arena.

My Music 300 instructor says, "Recordings are false...The real music is live, where the musician interacts and reacts with the audience."

Finally, I understand what he means.



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But is it art?

Museum-goers wait in line to enter the controversial British "Sensation" exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, in New York Sunday, Oct. 3, 1999. The curious gathered in long lines for a second day to see the art exhibit Mayor Rudolph Giuliani found so offensive he cut the museum's funding.

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Not diverse enough

Kentucky schools lack minority educators

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A report prepared for the state school board says Kentucky teachers and school administrators, as a group, remain overwhelmingly white.

Of Kentucky's 1,034 minority teachers, nearly seven in 10 teach in Louisville or Lexington. The same communities have nearly two-thirds of the state's minority administrators.

Seventy-two school districts had only white teachers and administrators, though they had 3,500 minority students, the report said.

Growing up in Hart County, Tonya Howard saw only one black teacher in 13 years as a student in the county schools. Students today see the same figure in her — the only black educator in Hart County, a district with more than 120 minority students.

"I would have liked to have had more teachers like me growing up," said Howard, a fourth-grade teacher at LeGrande Elementary in Ashland, parent Maynard Thomas said there was a bigger issue than numbers of minority educators — the wide and growing achievement gap between black and white students.

The report, expected to be received by the Kentucky Board of Education today, said 28 of Kentucky's 116 school districts have minority administrators.

There are about 234 minority administrators in all, or 6 percent of those positions. The number of minority teachers has stayed near 4 percent for the past five years, compared to a statewide minority student population of between 11 and 12 percent.

Nationwide, there are only 238 black local superintendents, according to the National Alliance of Black School Educators. Kentucky is the only state in the South without at least one.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Dialogue page. Address comments to: "Letters to the Editor," Kentucky Kernel, 35 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042

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Letters should be about 200 words; guest opinions should be no longer than 600 words. All material should be type-written and double-spaced.

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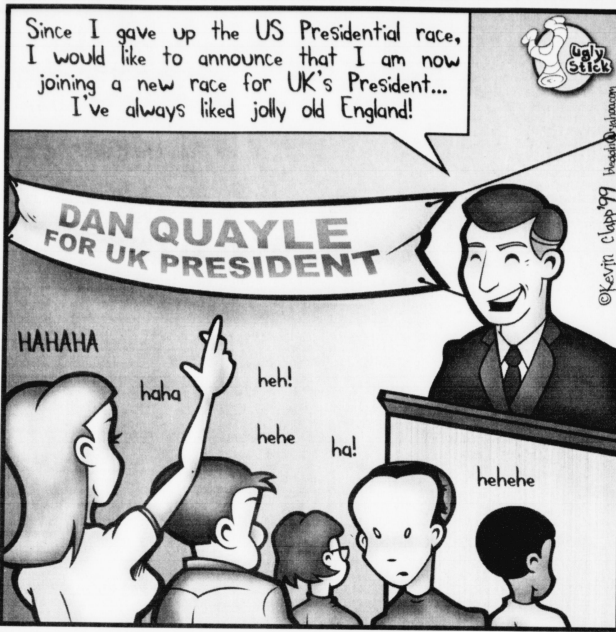
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Who Should Lead Us?

In the next several weeks, the UK Futures Committee will be holding forums in order to determine student, faculty and staff opinions on the next UK President's qualities and attributes. The Kernel will help facilitate this debate by opening a special "Presidential Qualities" forum that will run in the paper and also online at <http://kykernel.com>.

All persons affiliated with UK are invited to submit letters to the editor explaining the qualities they feel the next university president should have. The letters will be part of a week-long series, which will be published Oct. 11-15.

Deadline: Thursday, Oct. 7

READERS' FORUM



Teens, guns do not necessarily equal danger

To the Editor:

The recent Kernel editorial regarding the FFA accepting gun ads in its magazine reflected all of the "popular" misconceptions regarding teenagers and firearms. Thousands, if not millions, of high school students live in homes where they have access to firearms. The vast majority of these young adults, if they are involved with firearms at all, use them responsibly.

There are thousands of young people who use guns for hunting

or target shooting, including in organized competitions.

Particularly in rural areas, where it would be expected that there would be more interest in FFA and its magazine, many young people have grown up around guns, and have been taught to use them responsibly and treat them with respect.

In fact the most important factor in firearms misuse may be how the person is taught about firearms. In a survey of 9th and 10th graders in Rochester, NY, the students who had been taught about firearms by their parents were no more likely to be involved with crime, gangs, or drugs than children with no exposure to guns.

The children who were taught about guns by their peers, on the other hand, were at high risk of all types of crime and improper be-

havior, including gun crime. The vast majority of high school students with access to firearms use them responsibly, thus why shouldn't they be legitimate targets for gun ads? Savage Arms' firearms are all designed for hunting and target shooting. The only semi-automatic rifle in their product catalog is a .22, the smallest practical gun caliber, hardly the weapon of choice for anyone wanting to kill people. The fact that a few unstable students resorted to shooting their classmates should not be used to paint all high school students as irresponsible sociopaths waiting for an excuse to go off.

There are thousands of students who give lie to the "clear message: kids and guns are a formula for disaster." How many people are killed or injured by the misuse of cars by high school students? Should car ads then be banned from any magazines with high school aged readers?

JEFF SPITLER
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Exclusive Christians, open your eyes

Here they come. Bopping down the street, off to Worship Theater to begin another Campus Crusade for Christ meeting.

Bibles in hand, they smile as they greet their fellow Christians with a "great day" or a "great to see you, my brother in Christ."

They sit attentively and listen to this week's speaker. He tells of "once being lost and now being found" in the great tradition of Amazing Grace, and all heads nod or hands raise with whispers of "Praise Jesus."

After a quick closing prayer, the group dismisses with goodbyes followed by "God Bless!" and "Onward Christian Soldier!" They walk home, too busy planning Bible studies and church retreats to notice anyone else around them.

Oh, can't talk to you. Not part of the crowd. You don't go to my

Christian meeting or my Bible study where all the "good" kids come. Oh no! Move out of my way. I've got a world to save from the pits of Hell.

Already I can hear whispers of "she's gonna burn." And yet, I know otherwise.

You see, I'm "anyone else around them."

They may not believe it, but I believe in God. I love God and spend time with him every morning, in my car, in class, at the store.

As a matter of fact I'm talking to him right now as he helps me write this column.

As suddenly as I had become best friends with my fellow Christians, they dropped me.

No longer was I "part of the crowd" or one of the "regulars."

These Christians no longer considered me part of God's family.

Bible School and Sunday School always taught that Jesus loves everyone no matter what and as we strive to be like Him, we, too, should love all.

And yet there are people on campus that "talk the talk" but neglect to "walk the walk."

I know that at times I slip up in my Christian duties, so it's great to see people like this.

A girl I know spent her summer at an inner-city camp helping out kids less fortunate than her.

One girl with whom I worked glowed and radiated such happiness and goodness she didn't have to tell me she believed in God.

Her actions spoke for her. Another spent his summer in Florida serving those around him by working in a local store and sharing the Word with his customers.

This was truly Christian according to Matthew 20:28, which reads, "The son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

There is nothing wrong with Campus Crusade or FCA; as I said before — I loved them. Some

Meg Marquis
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Attack of bad seafood unite friends

Two weeks ago I warned you about cruelty to seafood. The abused lobster of which I wrote had its revenge this weekend in the reincarnated form of a seafood buffet.

This weekend six friends and I drove to the lovely town of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We did not expect the trip to be perfect; every vacation has problems, and ours was no exception. When our suite was the size of a shoebox (No, I'm exaggerating—it was definitely smaller than a shoebox), we slept well on the floor anyway.

When I took a slightly wrong turn towards Nashville, we caught up to the other car later in high spirits — we had simply taken the scenic route. Two wrong turns later, I cheerfully explained that I was only inspecting the rustic byways of Highway 321. We met these problems with ease. However, one negative experience nearly broke our spirit permanently.

A little seafood place called The Calabash gave us bad seafood, bad memories and bad gas for the rest of the trip.

Passing McDonald's, The Golden Corral and even the always-delicious Cracker Barrel (our first real dining experience in Tennessee had to be something a little different, a little daring), we noticed The Calabash. Pigeon Forge is not exactly a major seaport, and we didn't put too much faith in the quality of the food. Still, it was dinnertime and we were hungry for some all-you-can-eat shrimp. We took a walk on the wild side, if you will.

The buzzing flies and dingy, yet nautical scene that greeted us in The Calabash should have set off alarms. However, we were blinded by starvation when the hostess told us that the all-you-can-eat \$14.99 buffet featured "soup, salad, three kinds of shrimp, two kinds of crab" and many other types of fish. The price, though steep, excited us even more. For about \$15, we knew that we were about to experience the best damn seafood in Tennessee.

Looking back, I recall an old family motto. Granny Marquis always said, "You may not get what you pay for, but you'll always pay for what you get." Pay we did. All three kinds of fried shrimp were cold, the two kinds of crab were imitation and the other fish looked as if it had been caught fresh two years ago.

I forced down several bites before I had to call it quits. I had eaten perhaps \$1.50 of the \$15 bill. With the partially digested "shrimp" fighting in my stomach like sea monkeys on crack, I asked to speak with the manager.

Although I would rather eat a stray hair in my food than complain and risk offending the chef, The Calabash was so unbelievably bad that I had to take a stand. Unfortunately, my act of bravery resulted in nothing. No discount. No apology. Even I was livid. Thus, I did what I had to do.

I meekly backed away and paid my \$15 for the worst meal of my life.

We left The Calabash that evening filled with noxious gases and intestinal distress. Our vacation was not ruined. It merely took on new meaning.

When we walked the strip in Gatlinburg the next night, we saw T-shirt shops, tattoo parlors and every bathroom up and down both sides of the street.

Back in our suite, we generously took turns using our lone commode in sixty-minute shifts.

The next day, we toured a Cherokee reservation and went to the Cherokee Museum. While we did not actually see the exhibits, we were quite intimate with its public restrooms. Our two-car caravan had a wake of poisonous fumes all along I-75 North as we sped toward Lexington and our own bathrooms.

I sincerely hope that all of you had as great a fall break as we did, although yours certainly can't compare to "The Great Smoky Toilet Tour '99." I'd like to remind you for when you plan your next trip that vacation gas from sketchy seafood *always* brings good friends closer together.

Kernel Columnist Meg Marquis is an English junior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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INTERNATIONAL

Monsanto kills seed

'Terminator' seed will not be marketed by agri-giant

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ST. LOUIS — In a move praised by farmers, agribusiness giant Monsanto Co. pledged not to market genetically engineered crops that produce sterile seeds.

Farmers and others oppose such products because they make a seed good for only one planting, forcing growers to buy more each year. There also is concern that pollen from such crops could render plants in neighboring fields sterile.

"This decision is a positive step, it does show that Monsanto is trying to remake its image as a company listening to what consumers want," Jane Rissler of the Union of Concerned Scientists said Tuesday.

Agribusinesses already make genetically altered seeds resistant to insects and herbicides. But to maintain a market for their product, scientists have designed some of these crops in such a way that farmers would have to buy new seeds every year.

Crops that are engineered to produce infertile seeds are nicknamed "terminator" technology by critics, a reference to the robotic killer played by Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"Terminator technology has become synonymous with corporate greed, and even Monsanto couldn't put a positive spin on it," said Hope Shand, research director at Rural Advancement Foundation International, an advocacy group for farmers in Pittsboro, N.C.

The terminator technology was developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Scott, Miss.-based Delta & Pine Land Co., the world's largest cotton seed company.

It was patented in 1998, two months before Monsanto offered to buy Delta. Monsanto's bid is awaiting antitrust review by the Justice Department.

Delta said it will continue trying to commercialize the seed sterilization technology.

"The system offers valuable uses for breeding and scientific purposes, as well as beneficial environmental qualities," said Harry Collins, Delta vice president of technology transfer.



Firefighters and local police assess the damage outside of a building where debris fell during an earthquake Thursday in the southern Mexican city of Oaxaca. The strong earthquake along the Pacific coast rattled much of Mexico on Thursday, killing at least 10 people and damaging hundreds of buildings. The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said the magnitude-7.5 quake was centered between the Pacific resorts of Huasteco and Puerto Escondido in Oaxaca state, 280 miles south of Mexico City.

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INTERNATIONAL

Catastrophic floods hit Mexico

Another natural disaster: After being hit by an earthquake last week, Mexico drenched by rains

ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILLAHERMOSA, Mexico — The Mexican government declared a state of emergency Tuesday in four states where the worst flooding in 40 years has killed at least 19 people and forced the evacuation of more than 100,000 others.

The flooding has caused seven rivers to overflow. In the Gulf coast state of Tabasco, residents were alarmed by reports of crocodiles up to 8 feet long roaming the flooded streets of the capital, Villahermosa. Local officials said Tuesday that police shot one of the creatures as it moved toward a populated neighborhood.

Warning that water levels would rise further, state authorities urged people to evacuate from low-lying communities along the Grijalva,

Usumacinta and Carrizal rivers in Tabasco.

"We cannot wait for the situation to worsen," Tabasco Civil Protection chief Sergio Jimenez Urgell said Tuesday in a radio address.

Besides Tabasco, officials declared a state of emergency in the Pacific states of Michoacan and Jalisco, and the central state of Puebla. Local officials said some people were trapped on rooftops by floodwaters in Puebla.

Some 55,000 people have been evacuated in Tabasco state, including more than 34,000 in Villahermosa, where the Grijalva and Carrizal rivers have flooded due to nearly a week of rain. Another 50,000 were evacuated in the central state of Hidalgo.

In addition to four flood-related deaths reported in Tabasco, at least

four people have died in neighboring Veracruz state. In the southernmost state of Chiapas, two elderly men drowned while trying to cross a flooded river on horseback while drunk, officials said. And in Puebla state, nine had died, the state Notimex news agency said Tuesday.

The army deployed troops to help refugees reach shelters. Tabasco schools were closed indefinitely in more than 140 communities along the Grijalva and Usumacinta rivers.

Though rains were weakening Tuesday, the National Water Commission maintained a red alert and warned that water releases from area dams could cause the state's rivers to rise by an additional foot.

"We could have a catastrophic situation," commission spokesman Gilberto Segovia said.

The southeastern Gulf Coast states were being inundated by the season's 11th tropical depression, which was centered about 85 miles east-northeast of the port city of Veracruz, according to the U.S. National

Weather Service in Miami.

The storm was expected to drift northwest toward land and dump between 10 inches and 15 inches of rain over southeastern Mexico. The weather center warned of the potential for flash floods and mudslides.

To the northwest, in the central state of Hidalgo, heavy rain forced authorities to release water from the La Esperanza dam Tuesday, causing the Tulancingo and San Lorenzo rivers to overflow and sending thousands of people to emergency shelters.

Firefighters, civil protection authorities and the Red Cross estimated that at least 3,500 Hidalgo homes were flooded, the government news agency Notimex said.

In Central America, meanwhile, several weeks of flooding and torrential rains have killed more than 50 people across the region.

In Guatemala, 13 people have died and the homes and plantations of some 6,000 people have been destroyed, officials said.

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