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**WEATHER** Mostly sunny today, high in 70s; mild tonight, low around 50; partly sunny tomorrow, high near 70.

**NO TONY DELK** Columnist gives account of his first step toward basketball stardom — or not. See column, page 3.



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## Small explosion empties building

### Basement lab site of incident

By Stephen Trimble  
Senior Staff Writer

An explosion that ignited two drops of chemicals in a Chemistry/Physics Building basement laboratory caused hundreds of students and faculty to evacuate the building for nearly an hour yesterday.

Some laboratory equipment in room 47 was damaged but no one was injured, UK spokesman Ralph Derickson said.

Investigators had not determined a cause for the explosion, Derickson said.

Scientists suspect that an unexpected electrical charge caused the glass beaker that contained the chemicals to explode, he said.

Details of the cause of the explosion should be announced today, said John Lowry, director of UK's Hazardous Materials Management division.

The explosion occurred after UK assistant professor Fola Ladipo conducted a routine experiment combining only a drop of silyl hydride and another drop of trityl chloride, Derickson said. The combined chemical, silyl chloride, is non-poisonous, he said.

At some point, Ladipo left the room and locked the door, leaving the chemicals inside a ventilation hood. Investigators were not clear yesterday whether Ladipo had finished his experiment before he left the room.

The ventilation hood's protective shield was left open improperly throughout the experiment and during the explosion, Derickson said.

"Anytime the experiment is in progress the shield has to be down," Lowry said.

Derickson added although the shield was left open, it could not have contributed to the explosion. However, had someone been in the laboratory during the explosion, they could have been injured from flying glass and materials, Derickson said.



GET OUT The Chemistry-Physics Building was evacuated for nearly a hour yesterday morning because of the explosion.

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Another assistant professor, Robert Toreki, heard the explosion about 10:50 a.m., Derickson said. Toreki unlocked the laboratory's door and discovered smoke and flames.

Toreki then instructed students to pull a fire alarm and call 911. Next the assistant professor grabbed a fire extinguisher and tried to stop the fire, Derickson said.

Nine emergency units, including a hazardous materials unit, arrived shortly after as hundreds of students and faculty waited outside the building.

Emergency crews wearing gas masks and white laboratory coats entered the building about 11 a.m. The fire was extinguished quickly, Derickson said.

The building was ventilated for about 40 minutes before students were allowed inside again at roughly 11:45 a.m.

The experiment that combined the chemicals in common place in the Chemistry/Physics Building, Derickson said, but the fiery reaction has never happened at UK.

Last year a radioactive contamination closed the building's basement over a weekend. The contamination was discovered about 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8. The building opened for classes the following Monday. Derickson yesterday couldn't recall other serious emergencies in that building during his 16-year career at UK.

## SDC plans events for fund raising

By Charles Cooper  
Staff Writer

Last Saturday, the Student Development Council held its first event — the Senior Challenge, which was one of the five events sponsored by Kennedy Book Store meant to bring seniors together and raise money.

The SDC is a fundraising organization that promotes participation while raising money for campus improvements and scholarships.

"The program seems like the type of thing where the university reaches back to the students and rewards them for staying with school and acknowledging the effort it took to get this far," said Canupp, a political science major who won a 19" RCA television in Saturday's drawing.

There will be four more drawings throughout this year. To enter in any future giveaways, seniors must get a Big Blue Pass, which automatically enters



COME ON DOWN Senior Brian Canupp won a new television set, the first prize awarded during this year's Senior Challenge.

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## Sanders-Brown Center receives \$1.7 million grant

By Stephen Trimble  
Senior Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved a roughly \$1.7 million grant for UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging, U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell's office announced yesterday.

"The Sanders-Brown Center is achieving dramatic progress in the fight against Alzheimer's disease, and I am pleased to have played a part in funding that effort," McConnell said in a news release.

The Center will use the grant to help pay for the construction of a \$6.9 million Extramural Research Facility, which will add about 18,000 square feet of space to the overcrowded building, said Dr. David Wolkstein, the center's assistant director.

The new addition will provide more space for research on Alzheimer's disease and strokes. It also will provide a place for students and faculty to develop more cost-effective health care methods for

elderly people, McConnell's release said. Paul Holsinger, chancellor of UK's Chandler Medical Center, requested the grant, Wolkstein said.

Holsinger could not be reached for comment because he is in England this week attending a conference, said Mary Margaret Colliver, the medical center's spokeswoman.

Colliver said she did not know how much money had been raised for the facility.

Since May 1, the Center has received more than \$5 million in grants to continue its research into Alzheimer's disease and its work with elderly health care since, Wolkstein said.

The Center was established in 1980, and it's one of only 15 federally-funded national Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers.

## New senators reprimanded

By Allison Knight  
Senior Staff Writer

The Student Government Association Election Board of Claims decided to officially reprimand and keep the \$25 deposits of freshman senatorial winners Ashley Fortney and Holly Harris after hearing complaints filed by three other candidates last night.

Robert Younger, Vanessa Varble and Mike Walker, all members of the "Final Four" senatorial platform, filed similar claims against Fortney and Harris after elections were over.

The claims stated Fortney and Harris violated SGA constitutional bylaws by hanging posters on glass surfaces, trees and sidewalks around campus, and by failing to turn in proper receipts, which is required for submittal at the end of elections.

Election Board of Claims Supervisor Kristy Rogers said the written reprimand, which would go in Fortney and Harris' SGA files, was a result of the claims concerning Fortney/Harris posters hung on trees and glass, which Harris admitted to hanging.

"I'm very sorry for doing that," Harris said. "I was unaware of the rules, and I did not think two posters hung in illegal locations would make a difference. If I had known, I never would have done it."

Fortney and Harris said they lost their deposits after failing to turn in proper receipts with their expenditure reports.

Another of the claims said Fortney, Harris and their supporters ripped down other posters.

Rogers said the board decided not to punish Fortney and Harris for that particular claim, saying the evidence presented was unsubstantiated.

"We felt the evidence presented did not prove whether or not anything of that nature even happened," Rogers said.

Younger, who placed sixth in the election, told the Board of Claims he and Walker, who placed eighth, were bicycling around central campus around 2 a.m. on Oct. 4 with SGA senator at large Kevin Kidd hanging up posters and patrolling for violations when they saw Fortney/Harris signs posted over "Final Four" posters.

Walker, who produced photographs taken on the night of the alleged violation, said he witnessed Fortney and Harris leaving the scene after hanging posters over their own.

"We were talking with (Fortney and Harris) previous to the incident, saying that we didn't know who did it," Walker said.

Harris denied the allegation in tears. "I'm not a malicious or vindictive person at all," she said. "I've been really hurt by the things that have been said tonight."

## NEWSbytes

### NATION Marchers hope message of event stays

WASHINGTON — Black men energized by the huge rally in the nation's capital began spreading the spirit yesterday, making plans to clean up inner-city neighborhoods back home, register voters and simply help each other survive.

As Washington got back to normal, meanwhile, both black and white members of Congress urged President Clinton to create a commission to study America's racial divisions.

Organizers of the "Million Man March" celebrated their success and accused the government of a racist undercut — the 400,000 estimated by the U.S. Park Service.

After Monday's long day of prayer, songs and speeches, many men traveled all night by bus, car or train to return home in time for work yesterday, tired but still inspired by the brotherhood they felt on the national Mall. Others who only saw the event on TV said they too were uplifted.

"I hope it reverberates around the country in energizing people right where they are," Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, told ABC-TV.

Some men said they already are volunteers in their communities but left Washington determined to take on more responsibilities.

### Republicans try to save budget plan

WASHINGTON — Determined to ensure passage of their huge budget-balancing bill, House Republican leaders agreed yesterday to boost Medicare reimbursements for rural America and considered other late changes in Medicaid and environmental provisions.

Speaker Newt Gingrich and other GOP leaders are meeting daily with rank-and-file lawmakers nervous over numerous pieces of the seven-year package of spending reductions and tax cuts.

The House plans to vote Thursday on extracting \$270 billion in savings from Medicare, the biggest portion of the deficit-cutting bill.

It will vote next Tuesday on the entire \$894 billion measure, just as the Senate debates a similar bill.

No one doubts that majority Republicans will force both measures through the House, ignoring President Clinton's veto threats. But Gingrich and his deputies may change provisions on health, labor protection, oil drilling and other items to ensure against significant defections.

### Possible 'Thrill Killer' arrested in Texas

DALLAS — A murder parolee killed 11 people for their money or just the "thrill of killing," authorities said as the man was jailed yesterday, charged in six slayings.

"Robbery was the motive in at least some of these," said Greg Davis, a Dallas County assistant district attorney. "But in others, it was just the thrill of killing."

Juan Rodriguez Chavez, 27, was being held in lieu of 600,000 bond, charged with capital murder, which could bring the death penalty. Prosecutors were preparing to charge him in the five other killings.

All 11 people were killed between March and July, including five on a single day, July 2.

"As far as killings, we believe this is the most prolific suspect in recent times," said police spokesman Ed Spencer.

### Jury chosen in school arson case

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A jury of four blacks and eight whites was chosen today to hear arson charges against a black man accused of burning down a high school whose principal had criticized interracial dating in recent times.

After individually questioning about two-thirds of the 67 prospective jurors, U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson announced the panel of 12, plus two alternates, had been chosen for the trial of Christopher Lynn Johnson.

A large number of potential jurors stood up when asked if they were familiar with the case, which drew widespread attention to the rural east Alabama town of Wedowee.

Johnson was charged in federal court with burning down Randolph County High School in Wedowee on Aug. 4, 1994, after weeks of racial protests over the principal's stand against interracial dating at the spring prom.

## NAMEdropping

### Allen has own line of tools

LOS ANGELES — Tim Allen has built a career poking fun at handymen. But he's serious about his real-life line of tools.

"I didn't want it to be a joke," the star of "Home Improvement" said in a recent interview. "I mean, I do enough about jokes, and this is one thing I do take pretty seriously."

Allen's hammer features a handle that is more comfortable to hold, he said. He didn't say that when the tools will be in stores, but he is already planning to add screwdrivers and a power drill to the line.

Allen said his workbench is his sanctuary, a place for the guys.

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# Almost a Wildcat basketball player

**H**mmm, I wonder. I think that sentence has great potential. Some people went to the moon after letting those words slip into their minds. I went to Memorial Coliseum.

I write a lot of sports stories, you see. Since high school I have sat on the sidelines, recording the words of others, wondering ...

What would it be like to be on the court, on the field, in the ring — anywhere except sitting on a folding chair with a pen and notepad on the table before me.

At UK's Midnight Madness on Saturday I sat with other reporters about three feet from the Bluegrass blue sidelines. We scribbled notes. The players clapped, laughed and shouted in front of us.

Above them, all around, fans danced, whistled and cheered for the hardwood skills of these athletes. I wondered ...

About six hours later, I stood on the same court — minus the fans, minus the players, plus a few hours of sleep. It was just myself and about 40 other college guys, trying out for UK's junior varsity basketball team.

We were wondering. I, for one, was very nervous, even frightened. I hadn't played on a team — for any organized sport — since eighth grade. I played basketball that year, sort of. I was listed on the team, anyway, but mostly for moral support. (I grew fond of keeping the bench warm and tidy.)

And worse, there is ample proof that my bench experience was the highlight of my athletic career. I didn't have to wonder about the guys around me as we waited for the tryouts to begin at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday. These guys, I later learned, were very good and very fast. And each of them wanted — very badly — his name penciled onto the junior varsity team's

roster by the next morning. The guy sitting next to me was tall, and he looked older. I asked if he'd played basketball in high school. He said yes, but only for one year.

But, "that doesn't matter," he said. "They don't ask."

True, they didn't ask. I told them anyway. "They" refers to UK assistant coach Delray Brooks, a Rick Pitino protege from Providence, who is leading UK's junior varsity team in its inaugural year.

Brooks laughed over the phone when I told him a few days before tryouts that I intended to attend. Diplomatically, he said everybody who comes has a chance. Politely, I informed him I didn't, but thanks anyway.

I just wanted a story. The day after the phone call with Brooks, I checked in at the University Health Service to get my physical.

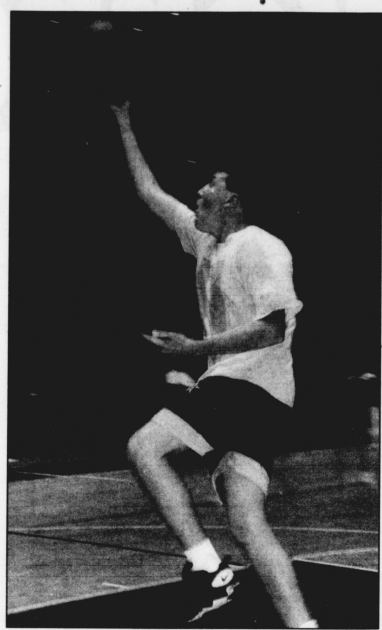
If there is one thing I remember about eighth-grade athletics, it is that guy doctors always did physicals on the guys. This situation was one of those unwritten laws of the universe — never broken.

I guess that's one of those differences between college and grade school — girls are allowed to give physicals (blush) to guys: blonde girls, kind of young, too.

Yeah, next story. I woke up about 5:30 a.m. Sunday. I turned off my alarm clock, went through the morning routine. I dressed like I thought a basketball player would — sweatshirt and sweatpants hiding a T-shirt and shorts.

Tryouts began inside the Coliseum at 7:30 a.m. Clean-up crews still were picking up the refuse of the basketball madness that ended less than seven hours before.

We stretched first. I was sweating by the end of it. Then we started the drills.



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**FUTURE STAR?** Columnist Stephen Trimble goes in for a layup during tryouts for UK's junior varsity basketball team Sunday.

What follows is much too unflattering to mention. Besides, I don't remember much of it. I think I made a couple of shots during the scrimmage. I know I missed a lot more.

The coaches stood back and watched — seldom interrupting the drills.

Afterwards, Brooks said that was because he didn't have to interfere.

"It's nice to see when you tell a group of guys to go out and do something and they do it as hard as they can," he said. Does that mean the UK's varsity

players are a little slack? "Sometimes when a you get a highly recruited prep player they've been babied somewhere along the way and you have to break them," he said.

I asked what he thought about my performance.

Diplomatic again, he grinned and said he didn't critique the players individually.

I thanked him for running my butt off.

Now I don't have to wonder anymore. *Sports Columnist Stephen Trimble is a journalism sophomore.*

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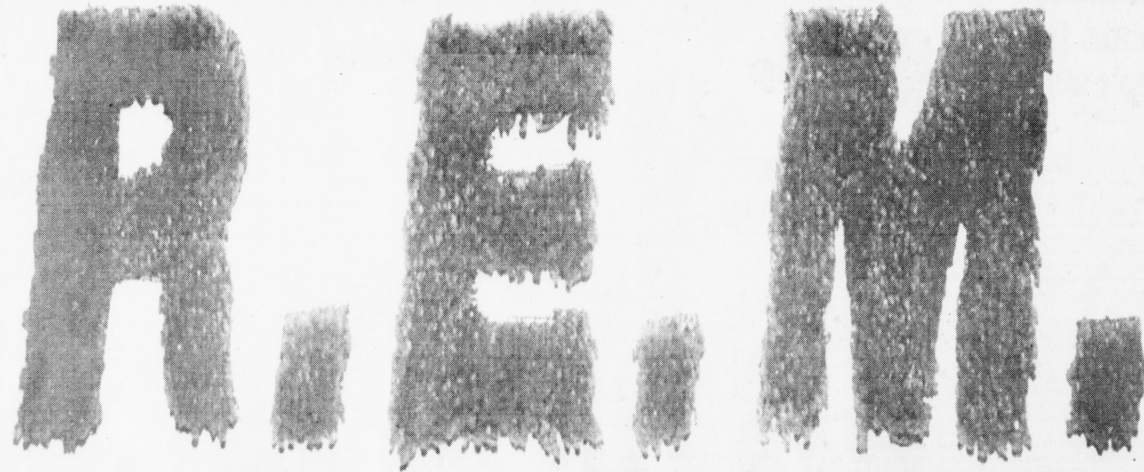
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**HEAVEN SENT** Blue Miracle, a Washington, D.C., based Southern groove and funk band, will be playing at Lynagh's on tomorrow night in support of the group's recent self-titled album.

## Lynagh's to witness Miracle

By Brian Privett  
 Arts Editor

'Groovy' Blue Miracle Autonomous Records, home of another popular Southern groove band, Jupiter Coyote.

When rhythms meet melodies, something miraculous happens. People join en masse to dance and, for just a second, forget their differences and get together in one big, group love-fest, one great big communal hug.

But Washington D.C. based band Blue Miracle go past all the hippy jargon.

The members of Blue Miracle are more interested in kicking' out some Southern rock and soul than getting everyone to get all touchy-feely.

Blue Miracle hopes to bring a little wonder in Lynagh's tomorrow night and won't need any divine intervention to get the college crowds dancing.

There is a current trend among hippies lost in the aftermath of the death of Jerry Garcia to follow bands that sound nothing like the Dead, but focus on jamming.

Concerts by the Allman Brothers now have more tie-dye than flannel, more pot-heads than rednecks.

Blue Miracle would fall into this category of music.

The group sounds like a mix between Earth, Wind and Fire and Lynard Skynard, like the Allman Brothers with a bit of funk added over Dickie Betts' guitar.

Their Southern groove rock would obviously attract hippies, but a Bubba would feel just as at home.

The group tours extensively on the East Coast and all over the Southeast, playing over 200 shows a year.

With such an extensive touring schedule, Blue Miracle has developed quite a fan base throughout the South and garnered attention from critics and record companies alike.

This attention landed them a contract with Atlanta based record company

Autonomous Records, home of another popular Southern groove band, Jupiter Coyote.

Recognition also has earned Blue Miracle the spot opening up for big-time groups like Blues Traveler, Digable Planets, the Band and the Byrds. Blue Miracle's self-titled debut album on Autonomous was recently released, giving the group exposure on radio stations all over the East Coast and the South.

The album is a mixture of the best of Southern rock and the best of funk.

The song "Jenna" does not really seem to fit in with the grooving sound of the rest of the album. The groove is still there, but it is underneath a flute track, sort of Jethro Tull-ish, but definitely Earth, Wind and Fire inspired.

The album is definitely funky, from the James Brown horn licks in "The Jonez" to drummer Ryan Wick's multi-beat artistry on "Good Thing."

Add this on top of a bluesy, Allman Brothers-type Southern groove and you have Blue Miracle.

The connection with the Allman Brothers Band goes a little bit farther than just the song structure, though.

Longtime Allmans' producer Johnny Sandlin produced the album, adding his Southern groove expertise to the mix.

Blue Miracle has been compared by critics to everyone from James Brown to Santana, but the influence lies in a deeper shade of soul.

Blue Miracle is Little Feat on funk steroids.

Fans of local psychedelic-funk group Catawampus probably will love this band. Both have the same funk background, but Blue Miracle goes a bit deeper into the Southern hillbilly sound than anything in the Catawampus Universe.



**LOOKING ahead**  
 Blue Miracle will be at Lynagh's on Thursday night, performing the group's brand of Southern groove funk.

## WHAT'S your sign?

By John Abbott

**Aries** (March 21 - April 19) The astrologer is tired today. Feel free to think up your own horoscope.

**Taurus** (April 20 - May 20) Bored in class one day, you start scribbling pictures of large, ferocious, fire-breathing tigers with huge poison fangs and bat wings. Then, grabbing a pinch of that voodoo pixie dust you always carry with you, you bring your big cats to life and send them to attack your boring professor.

**Gemini** (May 21 - June 20) You miss 12 out of 15 questions on the test, but the professor gives you full credit anyway because "you probably knew the right answer."

**Cancer** (June 21 - July 22) You are stricken with a burning desire for someone you cannot have. Day and night, night and day, your thoughts are possessed by this unwinable treasure. This person is all you talk about. The longing eats away at your sanity like a... well, like a cancer, until you can take no more and throw yourself off a bridge to end the pain.

**Leo** (July 23 - Aug. 22) As you are walking downtown, your wallet is stolen. As the mugger runs away, you coolly pull the remote control device out of your back pocket and activate the tiny electric shock device you had the foresight to wire into it. You retrieve your property and leave the thief twitching violently on the ground.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) While strolling in the forest, you chance upon the Tooth Fairy. You sneak up behind her and beat her over the head with a lead pipe, screaming, "You cheated me in seventh grade, you lying slut!" Then you steal all her quarters and leave her for dead.

**Libra** (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) You design a sophisticated pair of gloves which leave your roommate's fingerprints on anything they touch, and use them to commit a brutal series of strangulation murders which, happily, all get blamed on your hapless roommate.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) You receive five free years of season tickets to UK basketball games. Those years are: 2070, 2071, 2095, 1981, and 4003. Have a good time.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, you will hear country music in your head. Country when you wake up in the morning, country when you're eating lunch, country when you're watching television. No matter what you do, you won't be able to block it out. Just country, country and more country. How awful. The crappy music eats away at you until you can take no more and throw yourself off a cliff to escape the pain.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) You get up from your seat in the back of the lecture hall to pick up a handout from the front desk, trip on the first step, and bounce, bounce, bounce, bounce all the way down to the front of the room. On the upside, you can't hear the whole class laughing at you because you are unconscious.

**Aquarius** (a sign for my dad, and him only) You doctor gives you medication that enables you to eat that revolting peanut-butter-and-banana concoction you like so much without getting an upset stomach.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 20) Did I promise you I'd stop picking on you so mercilessly and go beat up on some other sign? Honestly? I must have been really drunk or something when I wrote that. I'm not so sure that I really want to switch. You've been such a great punching bag for so long. I don't see why we shouldn't keep such a highly satisfying (at least, for me) relationship going forever, for richer or poorer, till my resignation as astrologer do us part.

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# ViewPOINT



## Take the cut and shut up; federal aid needs reform

I'm a little sick and tired of all the whining and crying about Republican proposals to reform financial aid, particularly because I myself am a financial aid recipient.

Other government agency, their department will need to make some adjustments.

Nothing in the Republican plan requires that they adjust by raising tuition or forcing fewer loans.

If it means dealing with private banks or charging interest, that's a little inconvenience we're all going to have to suck up. Nothing in life is free.

But what's really funny is that opponents of Republican reforms act like

they're on some noble crusade to defend higher education itself.

While helping needy students go to college is a good thing, it does nothing to improve the education they receive once they get there or guarantee personal success.

Access doesn't automatically mean quality.

Besides that, financial aid isn't exactly the holiest and purest of government sacred cows. I've personally witnessed some

pretty disgusting abuses of the program. For instance, a girl I knew from work never went to school and somehow she used her federal money to buy a car. (She thought it was really funny when she told me this.)

I know others who have changed their entire status without reporting it to the financial aid office, as is required.

The FA office needs to find a better way to communicate with the registrar, rather than

passively relying on students' honesty and integrity. That's a problem with which the 104th Congress has no involvement. They have a multi-trillion dollar debt to tackle, and any money they continue to fork over to UK and every other school is a sheer act of grace.

We at UK ought to thank them, shut up and go about the business of making sure it's well spent.

Life is tough, and I'm taking all the help I can get. But whenever I hear anyone complain about Congressional cuts in federal assistance, I'd like to remind them that right now some bitch is cruising around town on my dad's taxes, which could have gone towards my education instead.

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**"SHE SAID,** 'The only excuse you could have is a quadruple amputation, and even then you could come in a basket.' So I thought I'd better show up."

Christopher Reeve, in his first public appearance since being paralyzed, telling a gala audience in New York that he decided to attend based on what a teacher once said about skipping school.

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As part of the celebration of Disability Services Month, Student Government Association leaders Shea Chaney and Heather Hennel participated in a wheelchair tour of campus.

Chaney and Hennel played the role of wheelchair users and were required to do everyday activities like using the elevator and getting a drink of water.

Like all wheelchair users, Chaney and Hennel found tasks which are easy for the non-disabled to master became very difficult.

Disability Resource Center and SGA should be commended for trying to open students' eyes to some of disabled America's problems.

Students who are not handicapped need to realize that the ability to perform daily activities comfortably should not be taken for granted.

However, acknowledging such problems is only the first step to providing a solution. The idea of supplying information through hands-on experience is a good concept.

But the wheelchair tour is only three hours out of 8,760 in a year.

If nothing is done to actually overcome obstacles the disabled must face, then all intentions and efforts of activities like the wheelchair tour have failed.

When beneficial events are turned into just another publicity stunt, they are doomed for ruin.

Hopefully action is taken and something is done beyond the "awareness" step to solve the problems. Seeing the campus through the eyes of a disabled person may be an interesting learning experience, but by itself it doesn't do anybody any good.

There is always the temptation to think that if you have raised awareness you have done enough, giving policy makers a good public image and an excuse to neglect any existing problems thereafter.

Chaney and Hennel's demonstration will not have been wasted as long as the University addresses the few problems they found.

### READERS' forum

#### Woody Allen and Don Bell exactly what we want

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Kenneth England's reply to David Samford's article that appeared in last Thursday's *Kentucky Kernel*.

The lack of understanding in England's reply just proves the old proverb "it is better to keep your mouth shut and let people think you're a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."

England goes off into a tirade because Samford said to elect a farmer.

England stated that it takes more than being a farmer to be a good politician.

He's right.

But hello, Mr. England, David Samford was talking about Commissioner of Agriculture.

A position for which being a farmer would be a great prerequisite.

England also didn't like Samford's endorsement of Don Bell for militaristic purposes as State Auditor.

The point Samford was making was that as a secret service agent for 20 years, Don Bell is more than qualified to fight corruption since it has been his life's work.

Since both Woody Allen and Don Bell are qualified and experienced in the fields that pertain to the offices they are running for, they are the best candidates for the job.

Jim Fannin  
Political science sophomore

#### A million thanks to a million men for being leaders

To the editor:

Looking back on the Million Man March and "day of atonement" for African-American males, I would like to remind my fellow Caucasians of how much we have to atone for.

After all, as a group, we have been persecuting for a long time. It is us who should feel morally obliged to first offer atonement to those deserving of it. I stand humbled by this event.

A million thanks to those who participated in the event for being spiritual leaders, and in the process giving everyone else this opportunity to silently join you and march together.

Daniel Piselli  
Architecture senior

#### TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person or by mail.

Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor," Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor; 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK; Lexington, Ky. 40506-0092. Send electronic mail to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Letters should be no more than 300 words; guest opinions should be about 850 words.

All letters should be typewritten and double-spaced, but hand-written will be accepted if it is legible.

Include your name and major classification, as well as your address and telephone number for verification.

## Farrakhan is the wrong man to follow

Monday the Million Man March bared it's ugly face in Washington, D.C. It was not a march for cancer, nor a march for world peace. It was a march filled with hatred, bigotry and contempt. It took the streets by storm, and hopefully, like all horrendous natural disasters, will never again wreak its havoc on the nation.

Four-hundred thousand black men marched on Washington. Some came to hear Louis Farrakhan, while others came just to be there. It was the largest march in Washington since Vietnam. While this march was very peaceful in nature, it was the hidden agenda of the leader that makes me squeamish.

While this march had been filled with controversy from the beginning, it is a shame that black America will be labeled as accept-

ing the hate speeches that were delivered. Louis Farrakhan is to black America what the grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan is to white America. Both are disgraces to this country and clearly speak for the very minute minority. At one time in the '80s, Farrakhan linked white people as devils and black people as their rightful assassins.

How can we as a nation expect to unite as one power, regardless of race and religion, when hatemongers like Farrakhan continue to spread their bigotry and corrupt innocent minds.

As sad as it is for progress in this nation, Farrakhan does have supporters. While his nation may only be 100,000 strong, his Hitler-like stances reach many more previously uncorrupted families.

A New York Times poll last year showed that most blacks reject the notion that Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam represent their views but agree that they do share some of his racial beliefs. Farrakhan has always centered his attack on Jews. He recently said, "Jews are the backbone of the conspiracy against black America. Any black man 1930s. Why is Farrakhan not feel-

ing the same global pressures Hitler did? While it is true that he has not used violence, he does condone it, and we must remember that Hitler filled German heads for years prior to the horrific Holocaust.

I think the world needs to understand that Farrakhan is a raging lunatic, and a sanitarium is the only place in which he will receive his salvation. In a speech in Atlanta he told his followers that "Elijah, another Islamic leader, did not actually die. He was beamed aboard a UFO. The craft docked in the Motherplane, a plane-like object a half-mile in diameter. And inside I heard Elijah speak, telling me that Ronald Reagan met with the joint chiefs of staff to plan a war against Libya." Farrakhan claims to have warned Libya prior to the attack. Either Khaddafi lacks more intelligence than we think or he enjoys getting his nation blown to smithereens because the U.S. invasion met absolutely no resis-

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Jack Gatlin  
Kernel Columnist

Remember, when blacks were not at work or in class, they had heard his call and believed in the bigotry he exhorted. While it would be foolish to assume that all blacks at the march believe in Farrakhan, it would also be foolish to think that the majority do not.

I really hope that one day we can put all this ridiculousness behind and prove that America is still a nation of religious and racial freedoms.

Staff Columnist Jack Gatlin is a mechanical engineering sophomore.





# Police arrest laser gunmen

By Brenna Reilly  
News Editor

Early Saturday morning UK Police arrested four people inside Whitehall Classroom building with guns — laser tag guns.

While checking the building at about 4:30 a.m. Saturday, a security guard spotted the four suspects in the corridor connecting White Hall Classroom building to Patterson Office Tower, said Lieutenant Robert Abrams of the UK police department.

One of the suspects pointed one of the guns at the guard, who thought it was a large pistol. The security guard then called UK Police, who responded and apprehended the suspects, Abrams said.

"They found out the guns were laser tag guns," Abrams said.

Travis Aaron Richards, 20, of Patterson Hall, an agriculture sophomore, was charged with third degree burglary.

Marc Daniel Wellington, 23, Benjamin Tompkins III, 20, and

Carl Daylon Kinser, 20, all of 201 Woodland Ave., were also charged with third degree burglary, which is a misdemeanor charge.

Richards said he and his friends were playing with the laser tag guns in the classroom building.

"It was a test run to see if the guns worked," Richards said. Richards would not comment further on the incident.

They are all scheduled to appear in Fayette District Court on Oct. 31.

# Students get first look at UK

By Gary Wull  
Staff Writer

Questions rang from all around the room as high school seniors and their parents gathered in the Student Center for UK's Preview Night.

The event gave about 500 high school seniors and their parents the lowdown on UK.

The purpose of Preview Night is to showcase both the academic and the extracurricular activities at UK. The students were given a chance to visit with a representative from each college and see a slide presentation.

"One of the goals of Preview Night is to recruit," said Randy Mills, senior associate director of admissions. "This event is to get the ball rolling with the students.

From here, we encourage students to visit campus, sit in classes, and even spend the night in the dorm to get a glimpse of campus life."

The event started with parents and students visiting different booths that represented colleges and services on campus. Two deans were present to give their overviews, but the students were more interested in the real-life experiences of UK students. Several students came forward to present their experiences and comments about the University.

They focused on professors and class size, extracurricular activities and people during their presentation.

"I find the professors to be outstanding," UK ambassador Evan Reynolds said. "They are very accessible and care how you do."

Students and parents seemed impressed with the presentation and the general overview of UK.

"I wasn't really thinking about UK because it was so close to home and the size, but the presentation got me to think about UK seriously," said Ashley McCoy, a senior from Lexington Catholic High School.

"I've been looking at several schools and UK seems to have everything I need for my major of chemical engineering," said Stephanie Riggs, a Lafayette High School senior.

Kevin Wells, a student at Tates Creek High School, said, "I was surprised to hear about the size of the classes and how small they would be."

This was only one of 11 Preview Nights planned this year.

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