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## More break-ins reported at University sororities

By Stephen Trimble  
Contributing Writer

Sorority house officials and UK police are stepping up efforts to protect house residents after two break-ins yesterday morning.

The incidents continue a three-month rash of burglaries at the houses, police say.

A resident of Alpha Kappa Theta social sorority house told police she awoke at 2:15 a.m. yesterday when someone brushed against her back as she lay in bed.

The woman opened her eyes to see a black man fleeing her room.

Minutes later, a resident of

Chi Omega social sorority house was startled when she saw a black man peering through the house's dining room windows.

Both women immediately called UK police.

UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said three officers arrived at the Theta house within three minutes of the phone call.

"Somebody removed the safety bars from the sliding glass door, and that's how entry was gained," McComas said.

Officers found footprints leading from the sliding glass door, located in the back of the Theta house, and

followed them to the nearby Chi-O house.

McComas said officers then observed a "suspicious individual," whom they wanted to question, in the Chi-O area. As officers approached, McComas said the individual ran, and police engaged an unsuccessful, 45-minute foot race across campus.

Police say this incident bears striking similarity to a string of burglaries in November and December. But a major difference, McComas said, is the description of the suspect involved.

In the previous burglaries, the suspect was described as a black male, more than six feet tall with a muscular build.

The alleged burglar in yesterday's incident is still being sought. See **SORORITY**, Back Page



## Jones seeks 2% hike in higher ed budgets

By Brian Bennett  
Senior Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Higher education officials finally got some good news last night, but not before a stern lecturing.

Gov. Brereton Jones delivered his State of the Commonwealth and budget address last night at the Capitol. In his speech, Jones proposed a 2 percent increase in next year's net operating budgets for the state's eight public universities, including UK.

In 1996, state universities will receive a 3 percent budget increase, but the distribution of funds would be based on a new performance-based formula recommended by the governor's task force on higher education reform last month.

Jones criticized the management of Kentucky's universities, saying there is "too much duplication and too much mediocrity." He lauded the task force for its recommendation to eliminate more than 200 degree programs across the state, but he added, "I believe they can do more."

"There is too much hand-wringing and too little forceful leadership, too much blaming, finger-pointing and too little positive action (at the state's universities)," Jones said.

If universities need additional money over the next two years, Jones said they could find it by cutting more duplication.

Jones also promised to put a halt to rising tuition costs. The state Council on Higher Education has recommended tuition hikes in each of the past two years. For the 1994-95 academic year, tuition will rise by 11.2 percent.

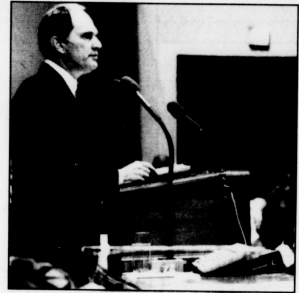
Jones' budget calls for prohibiting any tuition increases the next two years.

"Too often in recent years, our higher education administrators have postponed tough management decisions by increasing tuition charges to our students," the governor said, drawing applause from the joint session of lawmakers. "I think that's wrong."

Despite the criticisms, higher education advocates are likely to uncork the champagne at Jones' proposal of a budget increase. That's because budget cuts have become a way of life at state universities the past two and a half years.

At UK, for example, more than \$26 million has been sliced in that time frame.

More good news for UK: Jones included the University's proposed Commonwealth Library in his \$474 million capital projects list. The governor's plan also would fund a new mechanical engineering



JAMES FORBUSH/Visual Staff  
Gov. Brereton Jones speaks to the General Assembly last night during his State of Commonwealth address.

education building on campus and increase the budget of UK's 14 community colleges by 3 percent over the next two years.

Also in Jones' budget is more than \$1 million to begin course offerings in engineering at Paducah Community College. UK must find internal sources to match the state's funds, Jones said.

Other highlights of Jones' 65-minute speech:

•As expected, the governor focused first on health care, his pet issue.

"There's no greater impact on our ability to manage our budget than our lack of control for health-care costs," he said. "I'm confident we will pass a meaningful health-care reform in this session."

Jones' second topic was primary and secondary education reform. He urged legislators to continue supporting the Kentucky Education Reform Act of 1990 and said pay raises for teachers are a top priority. Higher education was third on his list.

•Jones said he wants to continue restructuring state government, especially the Cabinet for Human Resources, but give state employees a 5 percent raise.

•On a controversial issue in Jefferson County, the governor proposed the state fund \$7 million toward construction of a new University of Louisville football stadium.

## Foreign students increasing

Number triples over 10 years

Associated Press

The number of foreign students attending UK has more than tripled in the past decade to 6.1 percent of the total student body.

Among all universities, UK ranked 60th in the nation in numbers of foreign students during the 1992-93 academic year.

UK's foreign enrollment was 2,956 foreign students, according to a recent study by the Institute of International Education.

Many international students say that UK's relatively low tuition of \$5,880 is one of its main attractions.

Among 19 benchmark schools — doctoral schools that UK com-

pared itself with — only Georgia State, Houston, Tennessee and West Virginia have lower out-of-state tuitions.

Non-resident tuition at Kentucky will increase to \$6,540 in the 1994-95 school year.

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University wants to increase its international student enrollment as a matter of philosophy.

"Any university that aspires to be a great university is going to have to be an international university," said Robert Hemenway, chancellor of UK's Lexington campus. "The world our students are going to be entering is one which operates in an international context."

He said the number of foreign students at UK was way below that of research universities four or five years ago.

"If we are now 60th that means we have risen to the point where we are approaching comparability with other major research universities in the country," Hemenway said.

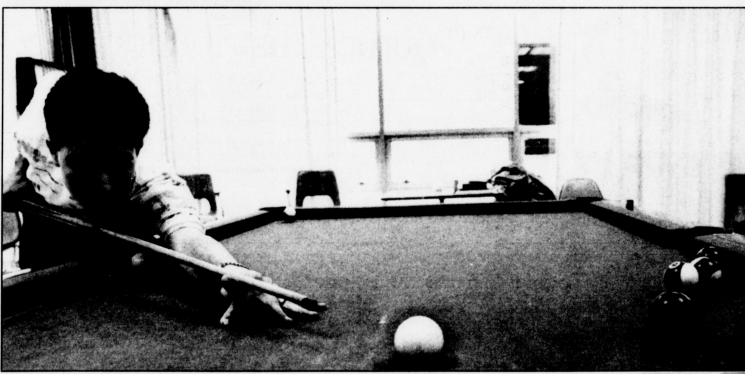
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## CORNER POCKET



Food sciences sophomore Jesus Aguilera shoots pool at the Student Center pool room yesterday.

DARREN BURCH/Kentucky Staff

## Racketeering suits OK'd to halt abortion blockades

By Richard Carell  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A unanimous Supreme Court ruled yesterday that protesters who block access to abortion clinics or in other ways conspire to stop women from having abortions may be sued as racketeers.

The decision, which could threaten Operation Rescue and other anti-abortion groups with financial ruin, also allows federal courts to order a halt to illegal protests at clinics.

Although focused only on interpreting a federal anti-racketeering law, the decision is a big victory for the National

Organization for Women and the Clinton administration.

NOW had taken the case to the high court, and the administration had sided with NOW's view of the disputed law.

Lower courts had thrown out the nationwide class-action lawsuit that tried to invoke the anti-racketeering law against Operation Rescue and other groups.

Yesterday's decision reinstated the lawsuit, which stems from anti-abortion protests in Chicago and other cities.

"The court has added another weapon to our arsenal for attacking the terrorism of extremists in the anti-abortion movement,"

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## Congress may face crime, health fights

By David Espo  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With midterm elections looming, Congress convenes today for a session likely to be dominated by President Clinton's call for radical health care reform and by partisan wrangling over crime — and spiced by probes of two powerful lawmakers.

Proposals to overhaul the welfare system and the financing of congressional campaigns also dot the agenda, and leaders hope to complete action on a package of changes covering Congress itself.

The aftershocks from the Los Angeles earthquake will reach the

Capitol as lawmakers debate whether to finance the cleanup and reconstruction costs by cutting elsewhere in the budget. A Senate debate is set for February over a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

But when Clinton delivers his State of the Union address tonight, he is expected to put particular stress on health care and crime. And even before he clears his throat to speak, the election-year jockeying has begun.

"The American people want the health care system changed and I think anybody who prevents that or contributes to its prevention runs a political risk," says Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

## Amnesty official: Cultural attitudes are impediments

By Anne Jackson  
Contributing Writer

Differing cultural values are one of the main obstacles facing organizations that monitor human rights, an official of Amnesty International said during a campus address Friday.

T. Kumar, who also is an employee of the United Nations, said during a meeting with students and faculty of UK's Patterson School of Diplomacy that these cultural differences raise major questions about the concept of universal human rights.

Kumar said Amnesty International believes human rights are universal. Nevertheless, some non-Western countries believe that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to which Amnesty subscribes, is, in fact, built around western cultural values.

Speaking of his native Sri Lanka, Kumar said, "We don't think we should be held accountable to Western ideas of human rights."

The issue at stake, then, is one of

perceived cultural imperialism versus the protection of perceived universal human rights.

"(This has) to be handled very delicately because of the sensitivity of different indigenous groups that outsiders don't understand (their values)," he said.

Kumar said Amnesty International's mandate is fairly limited — a fact which he attributes the organization's effectiveness.

Its mission primarily focuses on the unconditional release of prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trial for political prisoners, and an end to torture and inhuman treatment.

This includes opposition to the death penalty in the United States — a position that has resulted in a great deal of criticism.

"Amnesty International takes hell in America for (its) position on capital punishment," Kumar said.

But he cautioned that "society is using death as a punishment ... which is very dangerous."

Kumar recalled a Palestinian

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•Mild today with periods of rain likely; high around 50.  
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# SPORTS

## Cool Cats take Flyers for a ride

By Chris Tipton  
Staff Writer

Although the UK Cool Cats spend most of their time on an ice rink, their footing has never been more solid than it is right now.

UK's hockey club continued its recent winning streak last weekend with a two-game, home and home sweep of the 19th-ranked Dayton Flyers, 5-3



and 6-1. These two wins put UK at 12-1 for the season and in first place in the Western Division of the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association.

The No. 7 Cats are in the middle of a crucial stretch run as they attempt to gain an invitation to the American Collegiate Hockey Association Tournament March 5-7 in Albany, N.Y. If UK can climb into the top six nationally or win the SCHA tourney, which will be held in Knoxville, Tenn. at the end of February, they will be assured of a spot.

This weekend, UK plays another big series against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. The two games are important because

Tech is currently in fourth place in the Cool Cats' division. A sweep of this series would virtually lock up the Western Division Championship for UK and make them a top seed in the SCHA Tournament.

"Georgia Tech is really the last obstacle to keeping our top ranking in the division," said Cool Cat president Chris Boyd. "If we can beat them, it will help us a lot in getting a bye in the first-round of the tournament."

The series is a neutral-home set. Friday night's game will be held in Louisville.

The Cool Cats arranged to play before a Louisville Icehawks game because they have a large following in that part of the

state. Faceoff is set for 5:30 p.m.

But Saturday, the visiting Yellow Jackets must play in the Lexington Ice Center, where UK has been almost unstoppable this season. The Cool Cats have won all but one of their home games this year, most of them by convincing margins. The only blemish was a 5-4 loss to Tennessee during the season opening series.

Boyd said the key to beating Tech lies in the Cool Cats' frame of mind.

"Georgia Tech's a very solid, consistent team, much like Tennessee," the sophomore said. "We can't look at this weekend like just another game. It has to be do or die."

## No. 13 riflers defeat Xavier

Staff report

The 14th-ranked UK rifle team defeated No. 2 Xavier (Ohio) 6,125-6,114 Saturday at Buell Armory.

Erik Anderson led the Cats with a range record 391 in the air rifle competition.

"This is a good win to start the second half of our season," coach Harry Mullins said. "Our smallbore needs a little work but we were pleased with the win."

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## Snow thaws Lady Kats' poor shooting

By Brett Dawson  
Assistant Sports Editor

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.

As the temperature dropped to below freezing levels and snow drifts piled up outside, the UK Lady Kats finally started heating up last week, sandwiching a victory over in-state rival Louisville between wins over Southeastern Conference opponents Mississippi State and Georgia.

And as the weather got more and more frightful, Stacey Reed's play was nothing short of delightful. The junior guard netted 29, 11 and 29 points respectively in the three UK wins and yesterday was named SEC player of the week.

Against Mississippi State last Sunday, Reed had to step up her play to keep pace with State's Tiffany Booker. The 5'11" senior scorched UK for 28 points and 10 rebounds before fouling out late in UK's 81-79 victory.

Senior forward Tendra Eberhart (16 points) and junior forward Stephanie Baker (12 points) joined Reed in double figures as rallied from as many as 10 points down to win despite being outbounded 54-39.

The Lady Kats were even sharper against Louisville last Tuesday, riding Christina Jansen's 17 points to a

### LADY KATS' LAST THREE GAMES

Jan. 16	UK 81, Mississippi State 79
Jan. 19	UK 95, Louisville 62
Jan. 23	UK 71, Georgia 70

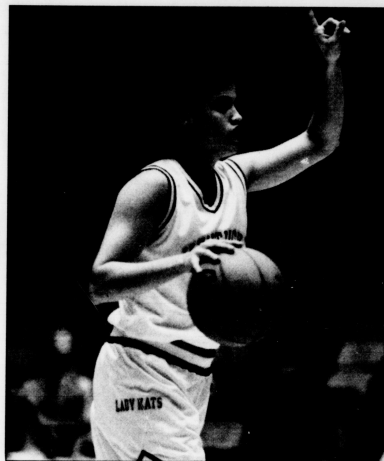
95-62 rout of the Lady Cardinals.

Jansen, who went to high school at Mercy Academy in Louisville, hit four of eight three-point shots and added seven assists.

UK had its most balanced scoring output of the season against U. of L. Junior center Karri Koach scored 14 points and senior center Christie Jordan had 10, while Eberhart pitched in 14 to go along with Reed's 11.

On Sunday, UK got a tough conference road test at Georgia. With Eberhart suffering a rare off night, Jansen and Koach picked up the slack.

Eberhart finished with five points on 0-for-8 shooting, but Jansen



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scored 11 points and Koach hit for double figures for the second straight game with 10 as the Lady Kats held on for a 71-70 victory.

The three-game winning streak has pushed UK's record to 10-7 overall and 3-3 in the SEC.

Despite their winning ways, the Lady Kats continued to struggle shooting the ball. Though Reed shot well in all three games, UK's shooting percentage over the stretch was only 38.2 percent.

UK head coach Sharon Fanning said the low shooting numbers don't concern her team as long as the wins keep coming.

"I think if you look nationwide, you've got free throw percentage is probably down, and then so is field goal percentage," Fanning said.

"I've looked at a lot of Top 25 teams and I've seen scores and I think if you look at those, you're going to see a lot of people in the 30's (in field goal percentage) right now."

Reed suffered through a shooting slump over Christmas break, but is finally shaking it off, as her recent tear would indicate.

"You hear that thing, 'if you're off, just shoot 'til you're on,'" Reed said. "I know I can shoot, so I'll just have to keep trying it."

**Note:** Last week's win over Mississippi State was Fanning's 300th career victory. Fanning is now 302-208 in 18 seasons, including 113-79 in seven seasons at UK.

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## SEC Tournery distribution Feb. 1

Staff report

A student ticket lottery for the 1994 Southeastern Conference Tournament will be held Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. Director of Administrative Services Rodney Stiles said yesterday. The lottery will be in Memorial Coliseum.

The tournament will be held March 10-13 in Memphis, Tenn. Vouchers will be sold for all sessions at a cost of \$150 per pocket.

Tickets may be picked up in Memphis. Each student must have a full-time ID and activity card for the spring semester to purchase tickets.

There will be a limit of two tickets per person at the lottery. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard will be accepted.

Ticket orders are being accepted by mail for the first and second rounds of the 1994 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament to be held in Rupp Arena March 17 and 19.

UK Ticket Manager Barbara Donnelly announced.

Tickets are \$60 for each session. There is an additional \$2 charge for postage and handling per order. Checks should be made payable to the UK Athletics Association.

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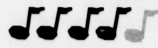
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## DIVERSIONS

# Quest questions rap clichés



A Tribe Called Quest  
*Midnight Marauders*  
Zomba Records

By Ernest Jasin  
Staff Critic

With its third album, *Midnight Marauders*, A Tribe Called Quest has outdone itself and come up with an instant hip hop classic.

The group previously had built a name within the industry with off-beat lyrics an unorthodox samples, paving the way for such rap/jazz fusion acts as Digable Planets and Us 3.

But don't let the fact that the group has joined the rap establishment and raced to the top of the pop charts fool you. Quest still goes in

new directions with a sound all its own.

The album, produced by Quest, has a sound full of old-school beats, heavy bass and mellow samples that no one would have associated with rap two to three years ago.

The result is a distinct sound that overshadows most rap productions today. It even rivals the multi-million selling production of hardcore rapper Dr. Dre.

But, unlike Dre and his up-and-coming sidekick,

Snoop Doggy Dogg, Tribe has historically avoided controversial "gangsta" depictions of street violence.

Instead the Questers recite down-to-earth lyrics that a wider audience can relate to.

From "8 Million Stories," where the group gripes about the troubles of living in New York, to the smoothed-out vibe of Electric Relaxation, a song about sex (minus the sexism and graphic depictions that characterize many hardcore

groups), Quest's songs are accessible to many listeners turned off by gun-toting hip hoppers who have crawled out of the woodwork in recent years.

The album kicks off with "Steve Biko (Stir it Up)," a song that is surprisingly non-political given the title and doesn't lose stride anywhere along the way.

*Marauders* isn't two-dimensional like many albums by rap groups whose sounds are formula rehashes of the same thing.

And there are no filler cuts like you find on albums of many of these "here today, gone tomorrow" rap crews.

With Quest's willingness to experimentation, and its respect of its audience, it is no wonder the group is re-establishing the industry's standards and becoming icons in the process.



PHOTO COURTESY OF HOMESTEAD RECORDS

A Tribe Called Quest offers an eclectic mix of jazz, funk and rock on their third album.

# 'Porgy and Bess' beseeches love



### Staff report

It's summertime and the livin' is easy  
Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high  
Your daddy's rich,  
Your mama's good-lookin',  
So hush, little baby don't you cry.  
— "Summertime" from "Porgy and Bess"

though Bess is drawn to Porgy's generous, simple-hearted love, she eventually is enticed into the arms of a glamorous gambler.

"Porgy and Bess," which premiered on Broadway in 1935, was the first opera to incorporate black gospel, jazz and blues music into

the score.

The score, written by George Gershwin, has produced such memorable songs as "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So" and "I Got Plenty of Nuttin'."

"Porgy and Bess" is based on a novel by DuBoise Heyward.



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'Porgy and Bess,' a Broadway musical about the inhabitants of a Charleston ghetto, begins tonight at 8 at the opera house.

Students may receive 50 percent off remaining tickets for "Porgy and Bess" 15 minutes before evening performances begin. Call 233-3535 for ticket prices. "Porgy and Bess" is showing 8 tonight and 2 and 8 p.m. Wednesday at the opera house.

A welcome relief from the monotony of cabin fever, Broadway Live presents the first national tour of the exuberant folk opera "Porgy and Bess."

"Porgy and Bess" centers on the lives of poor black fishermen in sully Charleston, S.C. Romance blossoms between a crippled beggar, Porgy, who falls in love with a prostitute, Bess. Al-

# Freshman farce 'Hound' returns to UK

### Staff report

"The Real Inspector Hound" will be staged this week after being postponed because of last week's fierce winter weather.

The first all-freshman drama in 12 years, "The Real Inspector Hound" played to sold-out audiences during its first run in early December.

Russ Jones, acting chairman of the UK theatre department, said he has never experienced such delays in reprising a performance.

"It's just been a nightmare," he said. "It's been a real mess."

Although class was officially in session last Wednesday, when "The

Real Inspector Hound" was scheduled to begin, inaccessible roads and the bitter cold led to low ticket sales.

All tickets purchased for last week's performance will be honored this week, Jones said. "The Real Inspector Hound" is showing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at 8 in Briggs Theatre.

Tickets for last Wednesday's performance will be honored tomorrow, but if a student cannot attend tomorrow, Jones said exchanges for another night are available at the box office.

"The Real Inspector Hound" was scheduled to show Saturday also, but that performance is canceled because actor Andrew Gaukel had to

be in Madison, Wis., for a drum corps competition.

"The Real Inspector Hound," written by Tom Stoppard, is a comic farce spoofing detective stories.

Auditions for UK theatre's pro-

duction of "Our Country's Good" and "Pericles" also have been scheduled. Auditions are Jan. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.; and Feb. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Guignol Theatre.

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## Clinton's optimism spawned mood swing among Americans

### EDITORIAL

As President Clinton looks back tonight over the first year of his presidency, he ought to smile — then take a deep breath. This year will offer him little solace. His 1994 agenda bag is bursting with political hot potatoes.

But, somehow, Clinton doesn't seem to mind the heat. Any president who can survive the torrent of accusations, innuendos and character assassination attempts that he withstood in 1993 — and still come out on top in the end — must be doing something right.

Ultimately, the factor that was almost his undoing in the 1992 presidential campaign became his savior. Make no mistake about this, the man has character.

From his battles on gays in the military and the budget to his struggles with NAFTA and gun control, Clinton has proved that it doesn't take a tyrant to get things moving in Washington. It just takes guts, backed up by a keen visionary spirit. He may not always win, but Clinton pursues his ideas with vigor and compassion.

People can appreciate that.

What the United States has seen over the past year has been a subtle but definite mood swing. Clinton's optimism, his hope, has resparked a vital but long-ago doused flame in the hearts of his constituency. The area most visibly affected by this burst of energy is the economy, of course.

There is something greater here, however, something more precious than consumer spending, housing starts and job creation. Clinton has managed to generate enthusiasm on both sides of the political spectrum.

He doesn't ask that all people like he says — only that they listen and care. The public's outrage, if this is all that he can illicit from it, is much more useful than his apathy.

Clinton's adherence to this ideal makes him a sitting duck at times, yes. But it also makes him worthy of respect.

The president's state of the union address tonight will serve as a continuation of his ambitious domestic agenda. Crime and health care top the list of issues.

Listen to Clinton's ideas. Pick them apart, if you like. Get angry, if you disagree. Concern is the soul of politics. And it is the public's concern that makes government flourish.

## Winter storm displays dark side of greeks



**Jeff Jones**  
Kernel Columnist

As the recent earthquake in Los Angeles and the snow storms here in the East have shown, disasters can bring out the best and the worst in human nature.

Here in Kentucky last week, there were numerous incidents of kindness and altruism ranging from airlifting the sick to hospitals to people pushing strangers out of snow drifts.

Of course, there was also stupidity and apathy.

Even though all the other local colleges and universities paid heed to the governor's and mayor's calls to stay off unsafe and closed roads, UK still held classes from Wednesday onward. Although school administrators claimed a majority of students live on campus, this is not the case.

Nevertheless, the decision to hold classes placed the vast majority of staff and faculty living in the suburbs or outside of Lexington in the position of attempting to come to campus in life-threatening conditions of sub-zero cold and frozen roads.

There were, of course, other incidents showing the dark side of human nature — or at least the innumerate side.

A friend of mine lives near Aylesford Place, where the Sigma Pi social fraternity house is located. On the Friday prior to

the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the end of Aylesford (a one-way street) was covered with a thick sheet of ice not easily visible to drivers. A number of largely unreported car accidents occurred here on Friday.

So, what did the Sigma Pi boys do to aid their community? They stood on their balcony and cheered as cars continued to ram into each other.

They did not attempt to warn or stop motorists. They did not try to shovel or put down salt or sand on the ice.

Although a car could have been pushed into busy traffic on Euclid — causing a potential loss of life, the 15 or so guys at the Sigma Pi house on that day merely stood by and took joy in others' misfortune.

Giving weight to all the stereotypes of fraternity brothers as spoiled and immature, they showed themselves to be poor members of their community — and the human race.

When the opportunity presented itself to help people and be mature, the "men" of Sigma Pi failed, instead showing themselves to be parasites taking pleasure in the risk and misfortune of others.

To say the least, I am glad that the ice and snow is melting.

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## Serious introspection would lighten us up



**Meredith Nelson**  
Kernel Columnist

It has been suggested to me several times this year, and frequently in the past, that I take myself too seriously. Well, I don't know about that, but I do know that it's very easy to take yourself too seriously.

Take, for instance, politicians. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kansas) takes himself much too seriously.

Politicians have to take themselves seriously, or they would never be able to stomach everything they're saying to the American public.

Taking yourself too seriously can be indicative of deeper problems, like a lack of self-confidence.

Before I go any further, let me just point out some warning signs that might help you identify if you're taking yourself too seriously:

•When psychology teachers describe case studies, and you think they're talking about you.

•When you spend three full days, 24 hours a day, working on a political science paper and still don't think it's good enough or philosophically deep enough when you turn in.

•When, in conversation, you intend to be sarcastic, it backfires, and you become offended by the scathing glances you receive.

but of the remark.

•When you write overly dramatic suicidal poetry and can't handle the inevitable critics who tell you to quit reading Sylvia Plath.

•When it takes you more than an hour to get dressed in the morning.

•When you write a column and actually answer the hate mail you receive. Just writing a column in general can indicate that you're taking yourself too seriously.

•When you argue the reasons for

why you're a herbivore or carnivore.

•When you think anybody but your closest friend cares how your day went.

•Or, back to my original point, when you decide that the best thing for you to do is to run for political office.

Normally, at this point, I would say something rude or uncompromising about someone on this campus who's involved in Student Government Association. I'll re-

turn to the Kennedy family. I would just like to point out to Brad that I once laughed at a joke I heard about Ted Kennedy, and I can't remember it now or I would print it.

If you decide that you are taking yourself too seriously, I can suggest a role model or two to help you get back on the right track. Just turn on any country music station on the radio or television.

There is only one country musician that I've ever encountered that takes himself too seriously, and that's Marty Stuart. Check out his soap opera diva hairdo sometime.

Country musicians are loose, calm and cool. Rap musicians are the worst in terms of taking themselves too seriously.

I realize that I've taken myself too seriously again in the last few paragraphs.

Last week, the president of this establishment took the goals of this establishment too seriously and decided to keep the University open. If he reads this and considers it, maybe it was worth it to write.

Meredith Nelson is an American Studies sophomore and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

## 'Ploskonkagate' death for UK's reputation

**Brian Manley**  
Kernel Columnist

What is up with this University?

With last week's resignation of Jim Ploskonka, assistant director of Residence Life, UK sure seems to be faltering for a school that claims its goal is to be the symbol of leadership for the state.

The question is, the leader in what? The apparent answer at the moment is the leader in crooked or warped officials.

In the past six months, we've already had three UK officials accused of various wrongdoings. I guess we can be proud that we've beaten the other state schools in this honor.

Taking a rational look at this accomplishment, we can brag to other institutions of higher education that we had a former athletics information official who's been accused of having pedophilic

interests in photography, and two "trustworthy" Residence Life officials — one of whom killed himself — who were caught misappropriating UK money.

This column probably has all the makings of merely another vehicle for the complaints of some cynic who enjoys reading his own whinnings in a college paper the next day.

Yet, cynic or not, it's just tough not to get a little angry when this type of thing happens repeatedly, especially when we've grown up in a society that makes it nearly impossible to trust any type of large governing body.

It's almost as though America has grown numb to the innumerable scandals that are thrown at us every year.

Whether it be Watergate, Iraqgate or Whitewatergate, this new Ploskonkagate stuff is just falling into a fray of happenings that continue to promote this common mistrust.

Perhaps it was my little run-in with Big Jim a few years ago that has provoked this criticism of our beloved school.

I still break into a sweat and clench my fists at the mere thought of the \$15 I was charged for leaving that empty garbage bag on the floor of my freshman residence hall room.

Yes, I know labor is expensive, but \$15 is a little ridiculous, especially when the rest of the room was scrubbed to perfection. (You know, they could have reused the bag).

Anyway, after several letters, Ploskonka coolly broke it to me that I would not be allowed to graduate from this University without the paying of this small, annoying and unjustified fee. I just hope you enjoy that new ceil-

ing fan, Jim.

The only question left to ask is, what's next? Is someone pocketing cash illegally? Are the librarians skimming from our book fines?

Is Financial Aid holding out on some monetary assistance? Is Food Services secretly injecting plutonium into our food? (That could explain a lot of things.)

It just makes my stomach turn knowing how much corruption goes on behind everybody's back. It's tough not being able to trust the leaders of an institution like UK.

After the computer problems in September with financial aid, the UK-VIP system failure, and now all of these in-school scandals, it almost makes wonder if UK is truly "worth it," like those little bumper stickers proclaim. (By the way, who really gets the money for those, anyway?)

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## Abortion

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said Helen Neuhome of the NOW Legal Defense Fund. "We're very pleased."

But Randall Terry of Operation Rescue said, "The Supreme Court has told civil protest to go to hell."

He said, "This is a vulgar betrayal of over 200 years of tolerance towards protest and civil disobedience. The iron heel of government now will be used to crush dissent."

Nothing in the ruling dealt directly with abortion. The court in 1992 reaffirmed the core holding of

its landmark Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973 — that women have a constitutional right to abortion.

The decision means: "Anti-abortion groups and individuals sued successfully over their conduct can be forced to pay triple damages. The NOW lawsuit alleges criminal violations dating back to 1982.

"The leaders of anti-abortion groups may be sued successfully as conspirators even if they are not physically present when illegal conduct occurs.

"Federal judges may invoke RICO to issue injunctions against anti-abortion activities.

## Foreign

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cruiting foreign students with its Office of International Affairs.

The office has sent teams of people to visit foreign embassies in Washington, D.C., to pass out catalogs and brochures about the services it could provide to foreign students, said Russell Brannon, director of the international affairs office.

"We told them we wanted students from their countries and assured them they would be well-

treated and get a good, quality education at a good price," he said.

UK also has assigned a full-time person to work with international student admissions.

In 1993-94, the number of international students grew by 10.3 percent, to 1,624 students.

The goal at UK is to have foreign students make up about 7 percent of the 24,000 students, Brannon said.

"We wanted to keep it at a moderate level — not so many that international students are all you are teaching in class, but enough that they can bring to that class and the discussions an international dimension," he said.

Mr. Bunny and Circle-Head



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Breakfast With The Boys

## Sorority

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day's incidents was described as a black male who stood 5-foot-9 and weighed 160 pounds.

The target, however, remains the same: UK sorority houses. The Theta and Chi-O incidents yesterday place them in a cluster of sororities near Columbia Avenue that have been victimized within the last three months. Others houses hit include include Sigma Kappa, Alpha Xi Delta and Alpha Gamma Delta social sororities.

"At least until this person gets caught, all the sororities are going

to be on edge," Chi-O president Michelle Powell said. "Is it going to take this guy hurting someone for something to be done?"

Alpha Xi president Alison Cleveland said her house has placed safety bolts on downstairs windows, and residents are becoming more safety-minded.

"We're all very concerned about it," she said. "It's a recurring problem."

McComas said he is very concerned about the trend, but added: "We're taking appropriate and responsible action."

He said this includes increasing security efforts and advising sorority house residents of proper safety rules.

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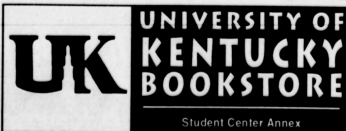
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## Speech

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friend who was attending a Texas university and was mistakenly arrested for murder.

"He was sentenced to death," Kumar said.

"He continued his defense. After 10 years, they found him innocent. He lost 10 years of his life."

Giving government the power to

end life is "a very tricky question," he said. "It can open the floodgates."

Kumar has been arrested several times in Sri Lanka for his student activities in promoting human rights.

He spent five years as a prisoner of conscience in Sri Lanka, where he was a victim of torture.

He is the first Sri Lankan to have received political asylum in the United States.

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