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-Compiled by: Ron Nerton

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Thanksgiving break is only a few days away. But that's no reason to forget about the rail editor. If anything funny or exciting happens to you over the break e-mail and let me know. Who knows, it could make a good piece for LOC. Please include your year and major.

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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ELECTION 2000

Florida recounts complete by tonight

Who will it be? Overseas ballots must be in by midnight on Friday; UK professor discusses the state of the election, previous panel predictions

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

While Al Gore fights to keep recounting ballots in Democratic Florida counties, UK professor Penny Miller fights to keep her mind focused on the results of what she says is an election to learn from.

"I've hardly focused on anything else," said Miller, an associate professor of political science at UK. "I'm consumed with the election," she said.

She's not the only one. Gore and Bush are consumed with the results, too. Whoever wins Florida's 25 electoral votes will become the 43rd president of the United States.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush held a 300-vote lead Thursday in Florida.

A lead that three UK political science professors predicted before the election in a panel that debated who would win. Two other professors predicted Gore would win. Miller was one of the professors who chose Gore. She predicted that Al Gore would win the Electoral College and George W. Bush would win the popular vote.

But it hasn't worked out that way. Polls show that Gore is leading in the popular vote.

"I never imagined the opposite happening," Miller said.

Miller wasn't the only professor surprised by the election

outcome.

Assistant Professor Stephen Voss, who was also a panelist, gave a correct prediction on which states would carry Gore or Bush except for three states: Pennsylvania, Iowa and Tennessee.

"I thought Gore would have his home state (of Tennessee)," Voss said.

Many voters are anxious for the recounts to stop and a president to be named. Katherine Harris, Republican secretary of state in Florida, promised Thursday to certify the race by Saturday. Harris' weekend deadline says that all overseas absent

See RACE on 2



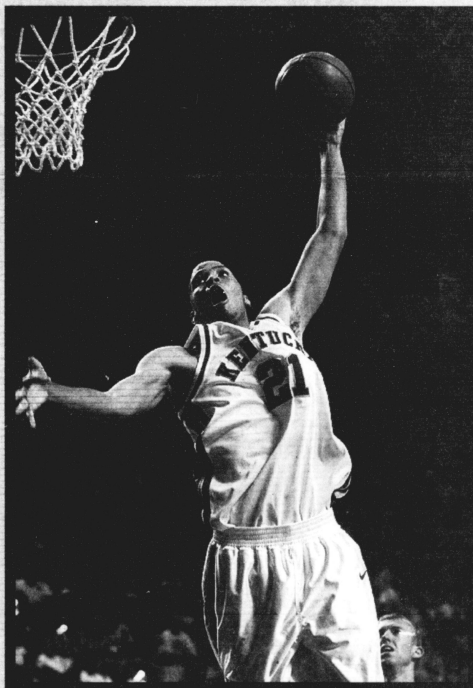
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You can call me Al...

Vice President Al Gore stands with his running mate Joseph Lieberman as he makes a statement from Washington on Wednesday regarding the Florida recount controversy.

BASKETBALL

Cats bounce back



Go blue

Junior forward Tayshaun Prince puts one up for the Cats in Thursday night's exhibition game against Athletes in Action. Prince scored 19 points for the team. The Cats play Jacksonville State at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Cincinnati.

NICK TOMACEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Cats win 94-84: UK came back from disappointing New York weekend and defeated Athletes in Action at Thursday night's exhibition game

By Ron Cox
STAFF WRITER

Putting the two losses in New York behind them, the Kentucky Wildcats took care of Athletes in Action 94-84, last night at Rupp Arena.

The win over AIA makes the Cats 2-0 in exhibition play, and they will resume regular season play on Nov. 21 when they take on Jacksonville State in Cincinnati.

"I like where we are right now," UK guard Keith Bogans said. "We're 0-2 right now, we're working and we are going to continue to work so things have to get better."

AIA started out of the blocks, hitting two straight three-pointers and taking an early 6-0 lead.

They would stretch that lead to only seven, going up 13-6 with 14:35 left in the first half.

But that would be the largest lead they would hold. The Cats would go on a 16-6 run, highlighted by two threes from both Saul Smith and Keith Bogans.

The run allowed the Cats to take a six-point lead, a lead they held until the end of the game.

The Cats stretched it to 21 with 8:47 remaining in the game when freshman Gerald Fitch nailed a three from the left side, making the score 74-53.

AIA made a small comeback, and cut the lead to nine, but the Cats held on for the 10 point win.

The team shot 50 percent from the field, and 44.4 percent from behind the arc.

The trouble from the line

continued. They missed 19 free throws.

The Cats had four players in double figures in the game, with Bogans leading with 24, followed by Tayshaun Prince with 19 and a team high 9 rebounds. Saul Smith and freshmen Cliff Hawkins each contributed 12.

Fitch and fellow freshman Eric Daniels, came off the bench and gave head coach "Tubby" Smith quality minutes. These two lead the team in assists with four apiece.

The 6'3" Fitch, who played 22 minutes, also picked up eight rebounds, four from the offensive end.

"He's a very aggressive player," Tubby Smith said. "He really sticks his nose in there he's going to get a lot of quality minutes."

EMPLOYMENT

Education put on the UPSwing

By Ashley York
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

United Parcel Service just made education easier for their employees.

Program officials of UPS, along with Lexington Mayor Pam Miller, officially implemented a partnership Thursday among UPS and three local colleges that will enable UPS employees to take college courses at work through the Delivering College at Work program.

Chuck Howson, a UPS Lexington recruiter, said that along with LCC, Midway College and Kentucky Central Technical College, they hope to increase their already existing 45 percent of students, classified as full-time workers at the Lexington UPS headquarters, to 80 percent by providing them the facilities to obtain onsite college credit.

"We're making it as easy as we can to educate as many people as possible," Howson said.

The distance learning program will work like any other off campus course. The employees, or prospective students, will apply to the college, and will register through that college to take courses at the off campus site located at UPS on Mercer Road, he said.

"With time being as precious as it is, we want workers to be able to come to work then

go to class and not even have to leave the site," Howson said.

Rachel Mullins, a psychology junior and part-time supervisor at UPS, said the program will benefit the workers who don't have access to personal transportation and want to attend classes.

"It's right there," she said. "Not only can they take the bus to work, but they can go to school, too."

Howson said the schedule of classes hasn't been determined at this point because they are unsure of how many students will enroll. However, they are still working to condense schedules, as well as to manage them around the employees' work schedules.

The classes will follow a 10-week schedule that meets twice a week for an hour and a half.

"We're really optimistic we can make this work," Howson said.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Students say thanks

By Matthew London
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Agriculture majors will have an opportunity Saturday to thank those who made approximately \$325,000 in scholarships possible.

It is the largest event of its type on campus where students can meet the people who made their scholarships possible, said Joe T. Davis, associate dean for instruction.

The College of Agriculture will host the 2000 Scholarship Banquet Saturday evening at the Griffin Gate Marriott Resort on Newtown Pike. Attendance is expected to reach 750 at the 10th annual event.

The program will include a keynote address from state Rep. Stan Cave, an agricultural economics graduate of the College of Agriculture and scholarship recipient. Other speakers will

represent donors, students, faculty and parents.

"It's a celebration of excellence," Davis said.

This year the college has 100 scholarship donors and will be represented by 50 donors at this weekend's banquet. UK President Charles Weatherington, Chancellor Elisabeth Zinser and Dean Oran Little of the College of Agriculture will attend.

"It takes a lot of time and effort to put the scholarship banquet together but the rewards make it all the worthwhile," said Susan Skees, director of academic services and event coordinator.

Lemlie Batchelor, an animal sciences and agriculture communications senior will be joined by her parents at her fourth scholarship banquet.

"It is really the only time we get to say thanks face to face," she said.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Court: Vote recounts allowed

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Al Gore won a fight today to quicken the pace of manual recounts in his effort to overtake George W. Bush' 300-vote lead before Florida's secretary of state certifies the marathon White House race Saturday. GOP lawyers had asked courts to stop the counting and "the disintegration" of the presidential election system. The Florida Supreme Court handed Gore a modest victory, giving authorities in Palm Beach and Broward counties permission to recount ballots by hand. The ruling did not say whether any votes found in the recount can be added to Gore's totals — the heart of the legal clash.

Palm Beach, Broward count votes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Within minutes of a Florida's high court giving the go-ahead to manual ballot recounts in the state's disputed presidential election, officials in Palm Beach County announced they would swiftly begin counting. A recount was underway in Broward County. Combined, the two counties account for 1 million of the state's 6 million votes. The ruling is a victory for Al Gore, but does not settle whether the recounts may ultimately help his attempt to poll ahead of Bush in the state vote count. George W. Bush has a 300-vote lead, with about 2,600 overseas absentee ballots uncounted.

Civil Rights leader Williams dies

ATLANTA — Hosea Williams, a top lieutenant to Martin Luther King Jr. who battled for civil rights for more than three decades after King's death, died of cancer today at the age of 74. Despite being diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997, Williams never lost the combative spirit that boosted him from the obscurity of a government agricultural chemist's job in Savannah to the front of the civil rights fray of the 1960s. Williams served in the Georgia Legislature, on the Atlanta City Council and on the DeKalb County Commission before retiring from politics in 1994.

Jet Collides With Florida Plane

SARASOTA, Fla. — An Air Force F-16 fighter jet collided with a small plane today and crashed into flames. One person aboard the small plane was killed, while the military pilot parachuted to safety and walked to someone's house to use the phone. Parts of the small plane, a Cessna, landed on a golf course. The wreckage of the military jet



HONORED: Kurt Vonnegut has been named the State Author for New York. Vonnegut, best known for his 1969 novel "Slaughterhouse Five," has written more than two dozen books. Vonnegut has spent much of his life in upstate New York. He graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca in 1944 and later lived in the village of Alpina, where he worked for General Electric.



ROLLING STONE: For sale: swimming pool tiles, slightly used, place in rock infamy. The Brian Jones Fan Club is selling tiles from the pool where the charismatic Rolling Stones guitarist was found dead on July 3, 1969.

started a fire in the woods a few miles away. No injuries were reported on the ground.

Crowds welcome Clinton to Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Thousands and thousands of people gathered in clusters along the route taking President Clinton from Hanoi's international airport just before midnight in what was believed to be the largest turnout ever for a foreign head of state. Hanoi isn't known as a late-night city, with traffic virtually vanishing after about 10 p.m. on weekdays. But the crowd — the vast majority under age 30, which means they would have no memories of the Vietnam War that ended in 1975 — started assembling at 9 p.m. outside the Daewoo Hotel, where Clinton is staying.

Board selects new Internet names

MARINA DEL REY, Calif. — The Internet got its first new batch of international domain names today with the selection of .biz, .name and five other suffixes that will enable a lot more web site variety. The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers approved .info for general use, .biz for businesses, .name for individuals, .pro for professionals, .museum for museums, .coop for business cooperatives and .aero for the aviation industry. The new suffixes, which could appear in use by mid-2001, are designed as alternatives to .com, a crowded suffix with some 20 million registrations.

Dot ends down 52, Nasdaq falls 134

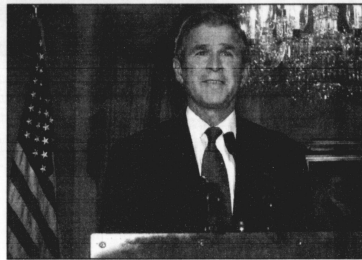
NEW YORK — Stymied by concerns about interest rates and earnings, investors sold stocks lower today, focusing once again on technology issues. Investors were still shaken by the renewed prospect of higher interest rates that would further cut into corporate earnings. The Nasdaq composite index fell 138.61 to close at 3,031.88, according to preliminary calculations. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down 51.57 at 10,656.03.

Yanks, O'Neill finalize \$6.5M deal

NEW YORK — After contemplating retirement late this season, Paul O'Neill instead will play one final year, signing a \$6.5 million contract with the Yankees on today. O'Neill has been one of the primary pieces of the Yankees' World Series run, since coming over in a trade from Cincinnati after the 1992 season. He has hit .309 for the Yankees and manager Joe Torre calls him the "heart and soul" of the team that has won four World Series titles in the last five years.

RACE

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George "the animal"

Republican presidential candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush concludes his live television remarks from the governor's mansion Wednesday night.

tee ballots are due Friday at midnight. There are about 2,600 overseas ballots that are outstanding. Both sides believe a majority of the overseas ballots will go to Bush.

Bush supports the deadline.

"Once these votes are counted, we will know the final result of Florida's election and the nation's election," Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said.

But the roller coaster ride of an election has been an enjoyable and educational experience for Miller and her students.

Miller said her students are in tune to the election coverage, and through dialogue she can see their party affiliation.

"Today, more students live and breath politics than ever before," Miller said.

Miller, a supporter of the current political system, visited Milwaukee, Wis., days before the election. Miller worked to get people to vote.

"I did phone banks and also handed out neighborhood leaflets in areas where the unions and black votes are strong," Miller said.

Miller said she supports the recounts in Florida because it shows voters that the Electoral College is not the only vote needed in a presidential election.

"It's a demonstration of every vote counts," she said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Suspects arrested

UK Police made two arrests Wednesday night related to the robberies that have occurred on campus. The investigation continues with other arrests pending. If you have any information call UK Police at 257-1616.

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MUSIC

Band makes the move and attempts to break through

So far away: Power pop band Chester relocates from Louisville to Lexington and tries to establish their act and their music

By Charlie Bradley
STAFF WRITER

What do you get when you combine sugary sweet pop melodies with raw emotion? If you guessed "A Chapel Hill Band" you were close. The answer, of course, is Lexington's own Chester.

Originally from Louisville, four-fifths of the band has moved to Lexington to attend UK and LCC. Since coming to town Chester has gotten people's attention as Lexington's best pop band (not Britney Spears type pop, Superchump pop). It was to gain this type of attention that Chester started

playing here and not Louisville.

"We've all been playing together since we were about 13. When you're that young you have trouble getting shows, or any kind of respect in general," said singer and guitarist Brett Wolf. "We've only begun to be able to play more than four or five shows a year since we're in Lexington now. It was a lot harder in Louisville."

Chester has come a long way since starting up in about 1983. They've had three different lineups (although the current one has been the same for five years), released four albums and played innumerable shows.

"The people who have probably helped us out the most by setting up shows have been Ross Compton and Mark Savage from Yat's," said bassist Stephen Osborne. "They obviously helped us by setting shows up there, but Ross is also helping us get shows other places."

However, now that Yat's is closed indefinitely, Chester is faced with a new problem. Lexington has been good to the band, but they've only really played at Yat's. Osborne is confident that Yat's demise is not the end of Chester in Lexington.

"I kind of feel like now we could play anywhere," he said. "All we've got to do is actually

make the effort to do it."

The efforts to get out appear to be coming in the form of a tour planned for next summer. Though there are no set dates, Wolf said that the band plans to be touring around the East Coast and the Midwest.

"This is the first time we've ever really tried to plan a tour," he said.

For the time being though, Chester is going to stay right here, and continue to give pop-rock fans in Lexington something to be happy about.

"We're probably going to just try and find some different places to play around here and wait until Yat's opens back up," said lead singer and guitarist Kevin Kraus. "The ultimate goal is to get out of Kentucky, and here is as good a place as any to work toward that."



Face lift

The Gulgnol Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Building, is being renovated. The theatre's facilities are currently being updated and refurbished. The theater is scheduled to re-open next semester. In the meantime plays have been performed in the smaller Briggs Theatre.

TIM STALEY | KERNEL STAFF

FILM

Award-winning film from India making its way to the Bluegrass

Foreign fun: Film explores the intricate relationship between a mother and her child

By Bryan Marshall
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students will get a chance to grasp a better understanding of the culture of India when an award-winning film screens on campus this weekend.

Janmadinam or *The Day of Birth* will be shown at the Student Center's Worsham Theater this Saturday as a part of Cultural Awareness week.

The film, written and directed by Suman Josson, focuses on a mother/daughter relationship set in the southern India state of Kerala.

"It is this untold, unseen, subtle tension between mother and daughter, and a slow psychological unfolding of the personal histories of the main characters, which form the content of the film," Josson said.

The narrative takes place one night where a daughter, Sarasu, is giving birth to her child with her mother, Amma, by her side.

The story includes flashbacks showing Sarasu's struggles to be with a man that her parents do not want in her life, as well as glimpses of the future, to give viewers an idea of Sarasu's life and the status of

the relationship she has with her mother.

"The film is hard to understand sometimes because it goes back and forth through time," Josson said, "but in the end everything comes together to make a connection."

Josson has also published two books of poetry and a novel along with directing documentaries on a variety of social pertinent issues.

Josson's 1993 documentary film, *Bombay's Blood Yatra*, dealt with the communal riots in Bombay, while her 47 *Seconds and After: Latur, Osmanabad* documented the earthquake in Maharashtra.

Janmadinam is Josson's first feature film but that is not stopping it from becoming a success.

The film has received a tremendous reception, winning three awards in the Kerala State awards and being accepted into the Berlin and Cairo film festivals in 1998.

The film also is screening at Duke University and the University of Los Angeles.

Josson is currently working on an international collaboration with four women film makers from the United States,



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A little culture

The film *Janmadinam* will be playing at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Worsham Theater. The film is about a mother/daughter relationship in India.

Africa, China and Germany on an experimental documentary on what she calls the "woman's space."

Josson will conduct an informal discussion directly after the screening of her film to answer any questions audience members may have pertaining to her film.



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Party crasher...

Rat disrupts audience at performance of musical

NORFOLK, Va. — Opening night of "Fiddler on the Roof" had well-heeled men and women bounding to their feet and climbing on their seats — all before the close of Act 1.

It wasn't the musical play's debut performance at Chrysler Hall that moved folks but a rodent run amok among the rows. It all began quietly enough, Lynda Lineberry said. Twenty minutes into the show Tuesday night, she bustled in her seat and her husband John asked: "What's wrong?" "He just grabbed my leg," she said, blaming a man in the row behind them for bugging her.

She slipped out, returning from the restroom in time to join a leaping, shrieking chorus line of theatergoers. Apparently, a woman in Lineberry's same row had spotted the show's real nemesis: a big, fat rat scurrying from section to section between stalks of pantyhose and slacks. The rat raced to the rear of the auditorium after wreaking a bit of havoc in the audience. An usher captured the unwanted guest in a box for safe removal later.

In the second act, the actor portraying Tevye the Milkman improvised a prayer, pleading deliverance from pestilence — specifically, from squirmy vermin.

Cheap housing

Homeless man steals to go to jail; it's warmer

PORT CLINTON, Ohio — A drifter who had been living in a field behind police headquarters wormed his way behind bars and a warmer place to stay by stealing weapons from the department, according to the chief.

"When you spend two days out in the damp, 30-degree temperatures, you do stupid things," Police Chief Walter Bahnsen said. Anthony Wyckoff, 36, was released last week from the Ottawa County Detention Facility where he had been serving time for a domestic violence offense. On Saturday — less than 48 hours later — he was found with a handgun, knife and empty tear gas can and arrested for theft and criminal trespassing on city property.

Bahnsen said, Wyckoff took the weapons from a storage room that is normally locked, police Sgt. Mike Toney said. The gun's firing pin had been removed for training purposes so it didn't work. "If he had stepped forward and talked to anybody in the department we may have been able to help him," Toney said. "I don't think anybody really knew he didn't have any place to stay."

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KERNEL COLUMNIST

The rotten cores of Florida decadence

Oh, Pat Robertson was truth from the start, his words broadcast over stereo and by stereotype and through steering wheels from AM dials.

The world is damned indeed and George W. Bush triumphant in the purgatorial state of orange sunshine, getting lap dances from welfare queens who get paid with his stash of Yale cocaine.

Decadence has descended over the Crisco-coated Everglades, bathed in by Mickey, while commercials are filmed to promote real estate development sponsored by the Republican National Committee.

The mobs of electoral dropouts have abandoned college and enlightenment and commenced to emptying elementary schools to provide more workers to construct the missile defense system necessary for keeping out shipwrecked Elians and Gloria Estefans.

Now that's a cause we can promote with sloganized t-shirts. The trailers of Florida have been washed away by mudslides of compassionate refusal and placed in a lockbox.

The few remaining in the apocalyptic peninsula of seniors, Hispanics, and Spring Broken frat children sit in sealed condominiums and flip the remote control from CNN to "The Grind," and subsequently to The Weather Channel, as the forecast is made.

Extended showers, followed by a 60 percent chance of Dooomsday and Damnation. Bush and Gore and Meijer have arrived.

Board up the windows and get Dorothy into the storm cellar before the recount is finalized, so black and white paint trees can be uprooted and introduced to Technicolor in a whirlwind of singing midgets, driving chariots of fire to Munchkin Land.

But wait, this article is a bit dramatic and contrived, don't you think? It may mean something that my hand toward a faux election is manifested in a piece of writing with this obscene degree of angst. I am not sure what.

I hold such animosity toward the two candidates at hand because...

Were I in a three-piece suit and given back rubs by corporate communists, while blank checks are slipped into my boxer shorts, I would tow the line as

well. So would you.

As I do now.

When someone told me yesterday that I have a rotten core, I tended to agree. Not completely, because of feelings of self-respect and preservation, but the merit of her statement was strong.

The Florida election is inherently America and has the color of its soul. The clawing and pecking and gristle that has collected in pools around Bush and Gore has contaminated the drinking water and we are all infected.

We have been for years. From the first time I put on the mask (more like face paint) of charm and contrived competence to win friends and influence freshmen, I was infected by that same American sense of illusion that has smudged the borders of Florida and its hanging chaos.

When Bill purses his lips and waters his eyes to feel the pain of the crippled American public, I applaud him, because his face paint does not run.

My paint had a good life, free from smears or flakes or clumps at the corner of the eye. My self-imposed persona had worked consistently, acting without the need of conscious evaluation.

It's much easier to fall back on crafted catch phrases and practiced gestures than to risk personal connection and true exposure.

It's much easier to do evil behind a mask than to brave it with a conscience uncovered.

But that's over now. Bush and Gore can wear their badge of strength and charm over a critically injured soul.

I can't anymore.

I'm too tired for a recount.

And now, as I have been discovered and exposed, as was Nixon, I have no helicopter with which to make a grand exit.

I can only wait at the American Embassy in 1975 Saigon, as they come for me, while politicians crack screwdrivers in Washington and are carried upon a dais to golf outings in Hollywood.

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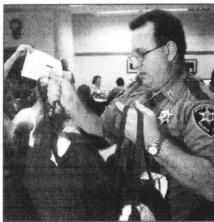


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A Florida official carrying bags of ballots. Some people see the chaos over this state's votes as a reflection on America.

Alan Slone

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Some simple life lessons learned

I don't know about you, but being in college is equipping me for life more than I can believe.

No, I'm not talking about learning maxima and minima in my Calculus I class. I'm talking about things that you would never know unless you've actually experienced them.

Things like: "If you take cream cheese and crackers and eat them when you're half drunk, you won't know it's not a gourmet meal." Or: "It takes half an hour to feel your face again after you walk from the Student Center to the Biological Sciences building in the freezing cold."

Regardless, here are some life lessons that I've learned from my year-and-a-half stint in college:

First, the one class that you need to take will always be closed at the time you need to schedule it. Prime examples of this are people who try to plan their whole schedule with a schedule book. After painstakingly taking into account work, social activities and other class

as you hoped to take, you call UK-VP only to hear that lovely feminine voice on the phone tell you (rather cheerfully) that your

is then offers to tell you what other sections are meeting the same time, but by the time you listen and write all of the information down, you have to hang up and plan your schedule from scratch all over again. (More than likely, the next section you try and schedule will be closed, too.) The life lesson in this is simply Murphy's Law — what can go wrong, will.

Second, partying on Thursday nights is the scholastic equivalent of kicking yourself in the face. I really wonder who came up with this idea. Sure, I like to party. I even like to party a lot. But if you've

got class on Friday morning at 8 or 9, getting up is hard enough without having to figure out where you are first.

I learned this lesson my first month of college after partying way too hard one Thursday night and not waking up for an 8 a.m. quiz until noon. Since then, like a complete and total slacker, I've repeated that scenario too many times to count.

Life lesson? You're going to do dumb things to yourself, even though you know it's dumb. Get used to it.

Third, Student Health Services won't write you an excuse to class even if you're missing an eye. Well, I can't really attest to that one. I've never lost an eye, much less taken it to SHS.

However, when your professor tells you to get a note from them if you miss class for sickness, realize that if you ever are sick you have two options — go to class anyway, or take a hit to your grade.

Believe me, I've asked, pleaded, begged, demanded and cried for a written excuse for my professor, but they don't give in. And when you try to explain this to

professor, you most often will get "We really don't care" (that's an actual quote from one of my professors upon explaining my situation). The theory of "Catch 22" is this life lesson learned — a sort of "damned if you do, damned if you don't" philosophy.

Life seems to be quite a lot like one big class — a class that teaches you whether you want it or not.

So, keep partying, studying and getting sick; learning isn't just in the books, but how you deal with what life throws at you — regardless of whether it's a weakright bender or the inability to take COM 181.

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PARTING SHOTS

Final Word

The Question:

"In a story published this week by the Associated Press, school officials in a Kentucky county reported that they are currently looking into a program that would allow them to randomly drug test all students who drive to school.

"We hope to be the first to take the step and be an example for not only Kentucky, but the rest of the nation," said McLean County School Superintendent Earl Melloy. While the proposal is still only in the planning stages, school officials believe that the random testing will help curb rising drug use in McLean County. The county is in the middle of Western Kentucky's rising methamphetamine trade, which law enforcement agents say is reaching a critical stage.

While other schools have implemented programs to randomly drug test student athletes, the McLean proposal is the first of its kind. "It's pretty much uncharted ground," Melloy said. "A lot of people will be upset. But I think it's well worth the effort to try to save kids from things they may not realize will be detrimental to them in the future."

What do you think? Should McLean County be permitted to test a large part of its student population for drugs? Does the fact that the county is in the middle of an area where drug use is a major community problem make a difference? Can drug testing really make a difference in the number of children and teens who try drugs? Or is drug testing invasive and ineffective, period?"

What They Said:

I think they should drug test all high school principals, teachers and other faculty. If they'll agree to that, then we'll talk about students."

Andrew Grossman, Assistant Dialogue Editor

Drug screening is fruitless in high schools. Everybody knows that you wait to try the hard-core stuff until you get into college. Once you get to a Kentucky city college, no one cares if or what you shoot, smoke, snort or swallow."

Christopher Emmick, Senior Kernel Columnist

What a marvelous idea! Let's further blur the line between Kentucky's public education system and prison!"

Jennifer Kasten, Kernel Columnist

If there were something else to do besides drugs in McLean County, then I might support it. Chances are there are two options — sitting in the Wal-Mart parking lot or getting stoned with the cows."

Alan Slone, Kernel Columnist

The ultimate purpose of this random screening is to make kids well-adjusted, contributing members of a non-criminal society, right? I don't see how treating all kids like potential criminals is going to help matters..."

Kevin Clapp, Kernel Cartoonist

I have an unlimited supply of clean urine, I could be sitting on a real gold mine here. But I am afraid that I agree with the spoofed sticker that says, 'Dare to think for yourself!'"

Joshu Goebeler, Kernel Columnist

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Consecutive UK losses to Tennessee. The last Cats win came in 1984 at Neyland Stadium.

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Cats who will suit up for their final game as collegiate athletes tomorrow. That includes 16 seniors and junior Jermaine White, who will be graduating in May and giving up his final year of eligibility.

6th

The Cats have sealed a last-place finish in the SEC Eastern Division for the first time in the Mumme era, despite finishing with conference-best in passing offense (335.9 yards per game), total offense (447.4) and first downs (233).

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Tennessee losses in November since 1985. Don't you wish you could finish up with the Cats and Vandy every year too?

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"It would make our season to go down there and do that."

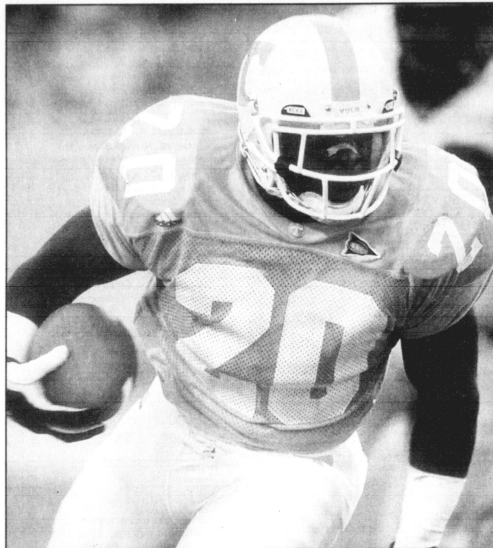
UK coach Hal Mumme, on what it would mean for the Cats to pull off an upset against Tennessee.

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ALMOST OVER

Cats set for last stand at UT



Legendary
Tennessee senior tailback Travis Henry is on the cusp of becoming the school's all-time best rusher. He needs 135 yards to eclipse James Stewart's 2,890 career yards.

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KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Player to watch



Layow
Player to watch: Matt Layow, Sr. DE
Outlook: The senior has quietly enjoyed a successful season on defense for the Cats. A sack or two in his final game could go a long way towards a UK upset over Tennessee.

Coach: Hal Mumme (20-25, 4 years)
Record: 2-8 (SEC East: 0-7)
Last week: Lost vs. Vanderbilt, 24-20
Yards gained per game: 447.4 (115 rushing, 335.9 passing)
Yards allowed per game: 387.5 (156.7 rushing, 230.8 passing)
Strengths: Better late than never — UK has finally developed a balanced offense. UK's 192 rushing yards against Vandy were the most it has tallied since 1998. The Cats also passed for 385 yards.
Weaknesses: Lack of execution, just ask Hal. "We've dropped nine balls in the end zone this year. We've lost four games by a total of 14 points," he said.
Injuries: Will not play — DE Dennis Johnson (ankle), C Nolan DeVaughn (knee), OT Matt Brown (shoulder), WR Dougie Allen (ankle).
Buzz: This is defensive coordinator Mike Major's last foray on the field before he's kicked upstairs to director of football operations. His players, especially the seniors, will look to send him off with a win.
Keys to win: Execute well on offense and find a way to ruin talented Vol tailback Travis Henry's Senior Day — putting the ball-game in freshman quarterback Casey Clausen's hands.

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

Player to watch



Clausen
Player to watch: Casey Clausen, Fr. QB
Outlook: Clausen has been key to the Volunteers' resurgence. The freshman is 4-0 as a starter and has already tied UT's record for TD passes in a game (5).

Coach: Phil Fulmer (55-12, 9 years)
Record: 6-3 (SEC East: 3-3)
Last week: Won vs. Arkansas, 63-20
Yards gained per game: 391.2 (103.9 rushing, 199.4 passing)
Yards allowed per game: 271.6 (73.8 rushing, 203.8 passing)
Strengths: The offense is finally playing as well as the defense. Travis Henry rushed for 214 yards and Casey Clausen passed for five TDs last week. On the other side of the ball, the defense is the league's best.
Weaknesses: The offense's success hinges on the play of freshman QB Clausen. If he can't open up the field with his arm, Henry will have nowhere to run.
Injuries: Probable — RB/WR Leonard Scott (right foot sprain), TE Neil Johnson (knee). Will not play — C Fred Weary (ankle), LB Keyon Whitelock (left knee ACL), DT Rashad Moore (left foot), OT Sean Young (left ribow).
Buzz: Senior Day in Vol country is like Senior Day at Rupp Arena. "A good portion of this class left early for the NFL," Fulmer said.
Keys to win: Make sure young QB Clausen finds his rhythm, which shouldn't be too hard. You remember UGA QB Cory Phillips, don't you? In his first-ever start he passed for 419 yards against the Cats. Clausen is already 4-0.

Wonder drug: Win over perennial bully Tennessee would cure the Cats' ills

By Will Messer
ASSISTANT SPORTSMANLY EDITOR

It won't give the Cats a winning record, a bowl bid or erase the hurt of last week's loss to Vanderbilt on Senior Day — but a win against Tennessee just might be the wonder drug UK is looking for. "We're just going to compete as hard as we can," coach Hal Mumme said. "We haven't beaten Tennessee in a long time and it's a rivalry game. It would make our season to go down there and do that. It would be a big boon for us, so that's what we're going to try to do."

For Mumme and company, unfortunately, there's a good reason the Cats haven't beaten the Vols since 1984 — they're really good.

Although Phil Fulmer's young squad got off to a slow start this season, falling to 2-3 and out of the Top-25, the Vols appear to have hit their stride.

They've won four in row, including last week's 63-20 whipping of Arkansas, and are ranked 25th

in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

"That's something we've managed to do pretty consistently, to place somewhere in the national rankings," Fulmer said. "We take pride in being ranked. The question now is 'How high can we finish?' The answer will come in the games that lie ahead, starting with Kentucky this Saturday."

So much for the Vols overlooking the beleaguered Cats — although Fulmer said his team has never looked past UK to the postseason.

"It's a natural rivalry that goes deep into the emotions of fans from both schools," he said. "I've never played or coached in an easy Kentucky game — this won't be any different."

One way for the Cats to make this game different would be to beat Tennessee, which could be a difficult task.

The Vols have the No. 1 defense in the SEC and a consistent, if not dominant, offense led by true freshman quarterback Casey

Clausen.

"They've changed quarterbacks and I think Clausen has played more steadily for them and that is probably the biggest thing," Mumme said. "Defensively, even in their earlier games when they were struggling, they were playing good defense. They're very talented on the defensive side of the ball."

On the defensive side of the ball for UK, coordinator Mike Major, who resigned Monday, will coach in his last contest.

There's no doubt his embattled players would like nothing better than to punctuate Major's tenure with a win.

A win would also help UK's 16 seniors cope with the disappointing season they endured, just ask linebacker Marlon McCree.

"It would erase some of the hurt, definitely," he said.

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S. Carolina 24, Clemson 20
Oregon 28, Oregon St. 24
Miss. St. 35, Arkansas 7

Ron Cox (50-27)

PREDICTION
UT 49, UK 30
FSU 27, Florida 13
UGA 28, Ole Miss 21
Auburn 27, Alabama 21
Clemson 20, S. Carolina 13
Oregon 24, Oregon St. 13
Miss. St. 24, Arkansas 13

John Dobson (50-27)

PREDICTION
UT 42, UK 30
FSU 31, Florida 21
UGA 13, Ole Miss 6
Auburn 28, Alabama 21
Clemson 24, S. Carolina 13
Oregon 33, Oregon St. 30
Miss. St. 42, Arkansas 24

Adam Spaw (49-28)

PREDICTION
UT 56, UK 10
FSU 34, Florida 23
Ole Miss 21, UGA 20
Auburn 28, Alabama 21
Clemson 24, S. Carolina 17
Oregon 23, Oregon St. 21
Miss. St. 17, Arkansas 10

Travis Hubbard (42-35)

PREDICTION
UT 20, UK 14
FSU 30, Florida 27
UGA 31, Ole Miss 26
Alabama 23, Auburn 21
Clemson 24, S. Carolina 17
Oregon 23, Oregon St. 21
Miss. St. 28, Arkansas 16

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