



Wise words

New words, definitions

AQUAEXTRIOUS (ak wa deks' tris) adj.

Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub faucet on and off with your toes.

CARPERPETUATION

(kar' pur' pet u' shun) n. The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum one more chance.

DISCONFLICT (dis kon fekt') v.

To sterilize the piece of candy you dropped on the floor by blowing on it, assuming this will somehow remove all the germs.

ELBONICS (el bon' iks)

n. The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theater.

FRUST (frust' n.)

The small line of debris that refuses to be swept onto the dust pan and keeps backing a person across the room until he finally decides to up and sweep it under the rug.

LACTOMANGULATION

(lak' to man gya lay' shun) n. Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk container so badly that one has to resort to the "illegal" side.

PEPPER (pehp ee ay')

n. The waiter at a fancy restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want ground pepper.

PHONESIA (fo nee' zhuh)

n. The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.

PUPKUS (pup' kus' n.)

The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.

TELECRASTINATION (tel e kros tin ay' shun) n.

The act of always leaving the phone ring at least twice before you pick it up, even when you're only six inches away.

—Source: <http://members.aol.com/funnyfilm/bits.htm>

—Ron Norton

Feed the rails

I need you

Look, things have been going well, but student input is what we are all about here, and we would love some suggestions and topics. Send them to kernel@pop.uky.edu. Thanks, pal.

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather

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Come on get happy, it's gonna be beautiful on Wednesday.

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UK defends its
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against EKU
at Rupp 13

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STEINMETZ, BROCK DEATHS

Deaths shock UK students

Pure sadness: Students share thoughts, take look at value of own lives after weekend accident

By Pat Clem

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many UK students are shocked and saddened by the deaths of fellow student Arthur Steinmetz and former student Christopher Scott Brock in an automobile accident Sunday morning.

"It kind of surprised me to see all the football players partying and celebrating Saturday night and grieving Sunday. It's amazing how quick it all happened," said Brian Gaykins, a finance junior. Arthur Steinmetz was a business sophomore who had recently transferred from Michigan State and was a probable starter at defensive tackle next year.

Christopher Brock transferred from UK after the 1997 spring semester and enrolled at Eastern Kentucky University.

The two were passengers in a truck driven by UK starting center Jason Watts, who is in fair condition at UK Hospital.

The accident made many students take a look at their own lives.

"I thought it was tragic. It really made me learn to appreciate my friends," said Sarah Francis, a communications sophomore. Danny Sharpe, a business management junior, said he was stunned by the accident. Sharpe grew up in Independence, five to 10 minutes away from Edgewood, Steinmetz's hometown. "I didn't know him enough personally to experience a lot of grief, but it's surprising to have someone whom you're acquainted with die," Sharpe said.

Watts underwent a surgical procedure yesterday to clean out a laceration on his right forearm. Glass, rocks, dirt and dead tissue were removed and some tendons were repaired.

"I'm glad that he didn't die, but I really feel for him in that he will be dealing with the loss of his friends for a long time," Sharpe said.

Surgery will be performed again today and could be performed a few more times, if necessary.

"It depends on what we find. If after doing the procedure tomorrow we feel that we can leave it closed, we will," said Dr. James Lovett, the plastic surgeon who performed the surgery.

Visitation for Brock will be from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. today at Dwayne Walker Funeral Home in Hyden. Funeral services are on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Thousandsticks United Methodist Church in Thousandsticks.

Visitation for Steinmetz will be from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at St. Pius Church in Edgewood, followed by funeral mass at the same location.

PIZZA DEAL

Judge halts PLUS account buying

Temporary restraining order stops UK, Papa John's Pizza deal; no timeframe established

By Jason Feldmann

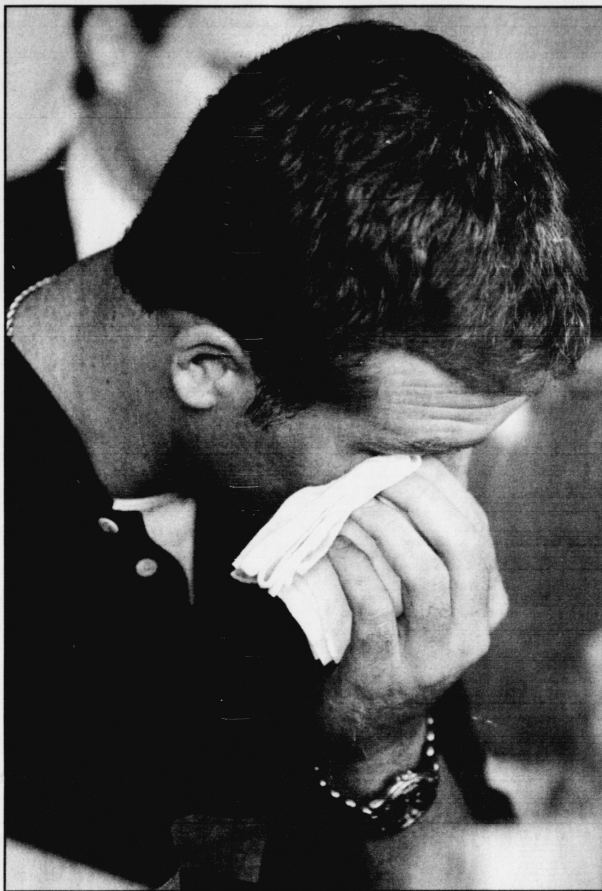
STAFF WRITER

Domino's Pizza was granted a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction yesterday on the UK's exclusive PLUS account contract with Papa John's Pizza.

Fayette County Circuit Court Judge Gary Payne issued the order with no specific time limit. Domino's asked the court for a restraining order on Oct. 15 to prevent UK from accepting student pizza purchases on PLUS accounts that were exclusive to one vendor, Papa John's Pizza.

"All along, we thought it was in the best interest of students, the University and taxpayers to have more than one vendor," Domino's attorney Tom Bullock said. "Before the bids were placed or the University announced who won, we voiced the opinion that it should be open to anybody."

According to the court order and opinion written by Payne, the court awarded the order in part because Domino's presented evidence that it was losing profits because of the exclusive contract with Papa John's. Payne wrote that the court was not opposed "to allow-



'Nobody's fault'

Heart of a lion: Couch and Mumme give emotional news conference on student, player deaths, Watts injury

By Aaron Sanderford

SPORTSWRITER

The swells of red around Tim Couch's eyes made the UK quarterback look more like a man than a machine.

The hurt in Hal Mumme's stare made him look more like a father than a coach. And the sympathy in Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer's voice made him sound more like friend than foe. "I certainly sympathize with all of the Kentucky family," Fulmer said. "But there is no way I could feel because I haven't been through it."

A day after the deaths of Wildcat redshirt freshman Artie Steinmetz, 18, and Eastern Kentucky University student Scott Brock, 21, UK players and their coach talked about the car accident

they say put everything in perspective. "God has a plan for everyone's life, and some plans are shorter than others," Mumme said. "I think it only serves as a reminder to each of us that we are only one brief heartbeat from eternity, so we better be ready for it."

Senior center Jason Watts was driving his 1985 Chevrolet pickup Sunday when his wheels drifted off the roadside and he overcorrected, sending the truck across the road where it flipped and hurled its three passengers out of the vehicle. Watts, the only survivor, suffered a 30-centimeter laceration on his right forearm and had surgery yesterday at UK Hospital to clean the wound.

Mumme and several players visited Watts Sunday to show support for their fallen teammate in his time of need.

Mumme said.

Results from a post-accident blood test are expected today or tomorrow, but the UK coach declined comment about unclear circumstances surrounding the one-car accident. He said his only concern is for the living: Watts and the two families who lost loved ones.

Mumme met with his players shortly after his noon news conference yesterday, and senior safety Jeff Zurcher said it started in total silence.

"There were 100 guys in there, and not a word was spoken," he said. "In respect to Artie and Scott, it was appropriate."

When the silence stopped, talk turned to. "The last time I saw him ...," Zurcher said. And the majority of talk centered on Steinmetz.

Most remembered the Michigan State University transfer for his comedic approach to life. The scout

See WATTS on 3 >>>

IN KEG

Dave Matthews

After a short hiatus from the Bluegrass state, The Dave Matthews Band returns to Lexington for a live concert. Check out our killer coverage Thursday.



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down



MAKING FRIENDS: Vice President Al Gore angered his Malaysian hosts yesterday at the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit by praising the country's anti-government protesters. Malaysia's trade minister told reporters, "It's the most disgusting speech I've ever heard in my life."

U.S. urges test of Iraqi promises

WASHINGTON — Skeptical that Saddam Hussein will keep his word, the White House pressed for a swift test of Iraqi promises to cooperate with U.N. arms inspectors. The United States stopped its military buildup in the Persian Gulf but warned it could strike "at a moment's notice." The Clinton administration said it would be up to U.N. chief arms inspector Richard Butler and his team to judge whether Iraq, in fact, allows unrestricted access to all sites the inspectors choose. Butler is to return to Iraq tomorrow.

States outline big tobacco deal

WASHINGTON — Cigarette makers have agreed to a \$206 billion settlement with eight states that could be expanded to include others. The proposed deal will ban tobacco advertising on billboards, buses, T-shirts and hats. President Clinton considers the state settlement "a step in the right direction" but still wants Congress to do more to curb teen smoking, the White House said. Eight state attorneys general reached the proposed deal and have sent the proposal to other states in hopes they, too, will join in. Thirty-nine states now are suing the tobacco industry, and seven that have not sued can participate. Four states have reached their own settlements.

Israel, Arafat urged to honor pact

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration clashed yesterday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over his suspension of a troop pullback in the West Bank. Netanyahu announced earlier yesterday he was suspending the onset of Israel's withdrawal this week until the Palestinians dropped plans to declare statehood in May.

But State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the withdrawal Netanyahu agreed to is a commitment without conditions. Rubin also said Arafat was also wrong to declare "our rifle is ready" to defend Jerusalem.

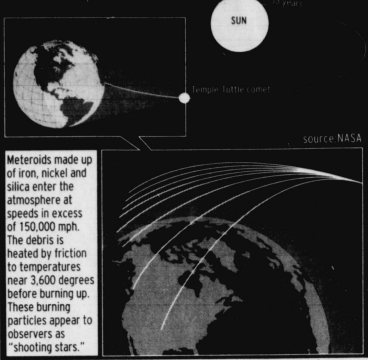
Court: No election spending limits

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is standing by its landmark 1976 ruling that banned campaign spending limits in federal elections, refusing yesterday to let Cincinnati impose such limits for City Council elections. The court, without comment, rejected a challenge in which lawyers for Cincinnati argued that unlimited spending over the past two decades has "seriously undermined public confidence in our electoral process and in our democratic institutions."

Compiled from wire reports.

Star light, star bright

Before from the Temple, little comet will hit the Earth's atmosphere tonight and tomorrow. While no meteors are expected to hit the surface, the potential of damage to satellites does exist. The best time for observation will be just before sunrise in the Eastern sky.



Meteoroids made up of iron, nickel and silica enter the atmosphere at speeds in excess of 150,000 mph. The debris is heated by friction to temperatures near 3,600 degrees before burning up. These burning particles appear to observers as "shooting stars."

CHRIS ROSENTHAL | KERNEL STAFF

Leonid meteor shower tonight

By Amber Scott
STAFF WRITER

If you're in need of some serious wishes, get up at 3 a.m., drive out Winchester Road, stop in a vacant, flat field and just look up at the sky.

Multiple shooting stars will be falling from the sky as the Earth passes through the tail of Comet Temple-Tuttle. Although the comet orbits the sun every year, it puts on a show for the Earth only every 33 years.

These shooting stars are actually meteors from the comet's tail that burn up in the Earth's atmosphere. As Earth passes through the comet's orbit, it draws the comet's particles to and through its atmosphere, creating the illusion of falling stars.

The shower will peak above this area at 3 p.m. today, when the sun's light would overwhelm the light from the burning meteors. But the shower can still be seen in the pre-dawn hours, away from the glow of the city lights.

"I would drive east from here so that Lexington is behind me," said Suketu Bhavsar, a UK physics and astronomy professor. "It's anybody's guess how many meteors you'll see. I might say three a minute, maybe more, maybe less."

The best time for viewing is 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. tomorrow, and the best place would be out of the city to the east.

The meteors will appear to come out of the constellation Leo, which is in the eastern sky. They are called Leonids because of their apparent place of origin.

"Every 33 years, this meteor shower gets very intense," Bhavsar said. "It's a spectacular one."

Bhavsar said a full moon will be in the sky as well, which makes it even more necessary to go to a place where there is little light illuminating the sky. He does not recommend the UK Arboretum, because it is in the center of the city.

ACADEMICS

Women holding potluck dinner

Program faculty hosting event to thank students helping push women into forefront

By Matthew T. Patton
STAFF WRITER

Students in the Women's Studies Program are helping the voice of women be heard across campus, and tonight the faculty wants to show students they appreciate it.

A potluck dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Birmingham-Davis House on Maxwell Street. All Women's Studies Program graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to attend the free event, where food will be provided.

"All past, present and potential WSP students are warmly invited to join us," said program director Joan Callahan. "We don't have many opportunities just to be together and for the faculty to do something for our students."

"The WSP is the primary place at UK where students are really shown the gender dimensions and social arrangements, from organized religion to University athletics or to elementary teaching."

"It's important to see how those gender dimensions as well as race and class dimensions favor some groups and disfavor some groups," Callahan said.

The potluck was originally suggested as a welcoming event for those minor in

Women's Studies, said Jan Oaks, a joint appointment instructor in the WSP and English departments. It's purpose has been broadened, and that is why everyone associated with the WSP is now invited.

"It's a 'thank-you' and show of appreciation for all the students who have supported the Women's Studies Program," she said.

"UK needs classes like this so people can be made aware of the strength and intelligence women possess, since it is all too often overlooked," said Amy Combs, an English junior whose taking a class from Oaks called "The Woman Writer."

Combs' classmate, middle school education junior Shelle Fair, said more speakers and activities related to women's studies at UK will make the program more noticeable on campus.

"UK needs a strong women's studies program because most English courses have left out the woman's voice," Fair said. "They are usually based upon the white male's perception of things."

For more information about the program, call 257-1388 or visit the program's web page at <http://www.uky.edu/ArtsSciences/WomenStudies>.

GOOFS

Corrections

An article in yesterday's Kernel should have identified Christopher Scott Brock as an Eastern Kentucky University student.

To report an error, call the Kernel at 257-1915.

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TIP-OFF

Title defense starts vs. ECU

Fourth-ranked Wildcats start 1998 first of two games without three players tonight at Rupp

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Rupp Arena benches may look like the set for "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" when No. 4 Kentucky meets Eastern Kentucky on Tuesday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Wildcats, seeking their third national title in four years, will open the season without center Jamaal Magloire, forward Myron Anthony and guard Ryan Hogan. The three are serving four-game suspensions handed down by coach Tubby Smith for off-season troubles.

The 11 Wildcats expected to dress will give them a one-man edge on Eastern. Injuries and academic troubles are expected

to leave second-year coach Scott Perry with just 10 players available for the 30-mile trip from Richmond to Lexington.

"I know he (Smith) is down a few, but we're down a few too," Perry said Monday. "I wish we had all our players."

Academic ineligibility benched 6-foot-7 forward Ibrahim Myles, a sometime starter for Eastern last year, while back problems have claimed Perry's most highly touted player, transfer Charles Thomas.

Thomas, a 6-4 swingman from Harlan, played on Minnesota's 1997 Final Four team, but has been plagued by back pain since starting workouts in August. He is not expected to be available until January at the earliest.

The Colonels were 10-17 in Perry's first year as a college head coach. He came to Eastern from Michigan, where he had been an assistant and recruiting coordinator under Steve Fisher.

Perry has used his old recruiting network to stock Eastern's roster with a number of Michigan natives, including sophomore guard Darius Acuff of Detroit, who sat out last season while becoming academically eligible.

Another Prop 48 sophomore making his first start for



NOBLE HILDER | KERNEL STAFF

Heshimu Evans (center) will lead the Cats in their national title defense when they play Eastern Kentucky University tonight at Rupp Arena.

Eastern against Kentucky is 6-9 center Ronnie Griffin, a former Louisville prep standout.

Smith said he anticipates Griffin being able to challenge his big men.

"Michael Bradley, Scott Padgett and Jules Camara will have their hands full trying to defend them inside," Smith said.

Smith has praised the pre-season play of freshmen Camara,

Tayshaun Prince, Todd Tackett and J.P. Blevins, but was critical of his upperclassmen in last Wednesday's 88-74 exhibition win over the Australian All-Stars, which was close until the final three minutes.

Since then, he said, "I've been very pleased with practice. I think the players have turned up the intensity somewhat."

UK vs ECU

Cats and Colonels

UK leads series 5-0

No. 4 KENTUCKY 0-0

ECU 0-0

Tuesday
8 p.m.
Rupp Arena

WATTS

Continued from page 1

team defender used to joke with Mumme before every practice, the UK coach said.

"I saw Artie when we walked off the field after the game," said fellow defensive lineman, sophomore Matt Layow. "I told him that I would see him Monday."

Dealing with the loss of a teammate is not something you can prepare for, Zurcher said,

but it's something the team must overcome. UK took Monday off to mourn, but a date with No. 2 Tennessee looms.

The player with the longest road to recovery could be Couch. In addition to losing a teammate and facing an injured friend, the UK injury quarterback must cope with the loss of Brock, his closest friend.

"Being a football player, you think you've been through a lot, losing games in the last second, taking big hits," Couch said. "You think you are tough until you've had to walk into your best friend's house and

talk to his parents after he's passed away."

Brock and Couch were high school teammates at Leslie County High School. Brock was Couch's Craig Yeast before he had Craig Yeast. The pair of Hayden friends grew up less than a mile from one another, as Couch described it "just down the road and around the curve."

They hung out every Monday in Richmond for ABC's Monday Night Football and saw each other at least twice a week until this weekend. An early phone call woke Couch up Sunday morning with the

news, and he immediately set out for Hyden. He had to see Brock's parents.

"We started as friends in preschool," Couch said. "They had to tie our cribs together so we wouldn't fight. There is no doubt; this is the toughest thing I've ever been through."

But the UK quarterback said he has no ill will toward Watts. In fact, Couch visited his injured teammate Sunday night.

"I think it hurt him to see me, because he knew how much Scott meant to me," Couch said. "I just told him it's not his fault, it's nobody's fault."

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TUESDAY 11/17

ACADEMIC
Creative Writing Workshop, 8:00pm, The Writing Center-Room B108-C.W.T. Young Library.
Free Math Tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazier Hall, call 257-8703 for times.
Internships and Shadowing Orientation, 10-12 noon, Rm 111 Student Center
"First Impressions of Kentucky Higher Education" Presented by Dr. Gordon K. Davies, 4pm, Rm. 109 Dickey Hall

MEETINGS
SAB Concert Committee meeting, 4pm, 206 Stud. Ctr.
Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30pm, Room 350 Student Center
Young Life First Year Fellowship meeting, 5:30pm, Rm 115 Student Center
TNT Tuesday Night Together at Baptist Student Union, 7:30pm, BSU Chapel
PHAT Tuesday meeting sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, 7:30pm, Rm. 245 Student Center

UK Snowed and Snowboard Club meeting, 8pm, Rm. 228 Student Center
Green Thumb SEAC meeting, 7pm, Room 106 Student Center
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:15pm

SPORTS
UK Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Ky, 8pm, Rupp Arena

ARTS
Exhibit: Tim Springstead "What Was Is To Will Be" at UK's Rasdall Gallery in Student Center Great Hall; Open weekdays 11-5pm
Piano Kaleidoscope, 8pm, Singletary Center

INTRAMURALS
3 on 3 Basketball, entries due today at 4pm for tournament beginning Nov. 30
Turkey Trot Race entry deadline for race on Nov. 19, register in Rm. 145 Seaton Center
Racquetball tournament entry deadline for tournament on 11/21-11/22, Room 145 Seaton Center

WEDNESDAY 11/18

ARTS & MOVIES
UK Jazz Combos, Miles Island Director, 8pm, Singletary Center
UK Men's and Women's Chorus Concert, 8pm, Singletary Center Concert Hall

MEETINGS
SAB Indoor Activities Committee meeting, 6:15pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Spotlight Jazz Committee meeting, 7:30pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Visual Arts Committee meeting, 11am, Rm. 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Multicultural Committee meeting, 5pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9:00pm, CSC Building (corner of Woodland & Columbia Ave.)

INTRAMURALS
UK Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Ky, 8pm, Rupp Arena

SPORTS
UK Women's Basketball @ Ohio State, 7:30pm
UK Swimming and Diving @ Nike Cup

SPECIAL EVENTS
Devotion in Lunch, 12:15pm, BSU
Coffeehouse at Student Center, 8pm, 8-10pm

THURSDAY 11/19

ACADEMIC
Free Math Tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazier Hall, call 257-8703 for times.

MEETINGS
Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre
SAB Contemporary Affairs Committee meeting, 4pm, King Cultural Ctr.
SAB Next Stage Committee meeting, 5:30pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
Amnesty International meeting, 7:00pm, Room 113 Student Center
UK Lambda meeting for Lesbians/Gays people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
Wesley Foundation Dinner and Prayer, 6pm, Wesley Foundation Center
Thursday Night Live sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship, 7pm, 502 Columbia Ave.

RELIGIOUS
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:15pm

SPORTS
University Artist Series Features: Dawn Upshaw, 8pm, Singletary Center, Tickets \$25-\$24, call 257-4929 for info

INTRAMURALS
Turkey Trot Race, 4pm, UK Arboretum

SPORTS
UK Men's Basketball vs. Mercer, 8pm, Rupp Arena
UK Women's Basketball @ Ohio State, 7:30pm
UK Swimming and Diving @ Nike Cup

SPECIAL EVENTS
Devotion in Lunch, 12:15pm, BSU
Coffeehouse at Student Center, 8pm, 8-10pm

FRIDAY 11/20

ARTS
Exhibit: Tim Springstead "What Was Is To Will Be" at UK's Rasdall Gallery in Student Center Great Hall; Open weekdays 11-5, Special Reception Today 5-8pm during Gallery Hop featuring a new installation
Music for Fun, vocal recital by Phyllis Jenness with Alan Hersh on piano, noon, Pearl Gallery

MEETINGS
Information Session on UK In France, 5pm, French Residence, Bldg. 1 basement

RELIGIOUS
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:15pm

SPORTS
UK Volleyball @ SEC Tournament
UK Rifle @ Walsh Invitational

SPECIAL EVENTS
"King Court" featuring Affiliated Poets, 7pm, Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, Rm 124 Student Center

SATURDAY 11/21

ARTS
UK Dance Ensemble Fall Concert, 8pm, Singletary Center, Tickets \$10 are available at SCFA Box Office

INTRAMURALS
Racquetball Singles tournament

RELIGIOUS
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 6pm

SPORTS
UK vs. Alaska, Lexington, KY

SUNDAY 11/22

RELIGIOUS
University Praise Service, Christian Student Fellowship, 11am, 502 Columbia Ave.
Sunday Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm

MEETINGS
UK Bowling Association meeting, 4pm, Room 124 Kastle Hall
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 8:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Center

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Aikido Club meeting, 1:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, for more info contact Chris Sweat at 245-5887

SPORTS
UK Women's Basketball @ Skyhawk Classic
SPECIAL EVENTS
Spaghetti Dinner, Newman Center, 6pm, 52

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Melanie Cruz, student at large
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On the record

Ivy League wannabe?

"I think it's poor for the school to define itself according to someone else's terms. We don't need to be compared to the Ivy League."

Greg Brodsky, a student at Wesleyan University, on Wesleyan University's new marketing slogan, "Wesleyan, the Independent Ivy." Brodsky helped lead a student group called Poison Ivy, organized to protest the new slogan.

Ivy League poisoning

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A Brown University graduate student has been accused of using a radioactive chemical to poison two other students, including a former girlfriend. Neither was harmed.

Cheng Gu, 24, placed a radioactive isotope of iodine in a dish of vegetables and chicken he gave to Yuanxuan Xiao, a fellow student in molecular pharmacology, police Lt. Stephen Campbell said Sunday.

Xiao's roommate, undergraduate James O'Brien, also ate the food. Gu was arrested Friday and charged with poisoning, assault and larceny. The attack apparently was motivated by "some kind of love interest," police Capt. John Ryan said. Xiao told police she had been Gu's girlfriend in their native China and, for a time, in the United States.

The isotope, iodine-125, is used to diagnose and to treat thyroid disorders, and the amount Xiao and O'Brien received was about the same as that given in such procedures, university spokesman Mark Nickel said.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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

Send electronic mail to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Letters should be about 250 words; guest opinions should be no longer than 350 words. All material should be type-written and double-spaced. Include your name and major classification (for publication), as well as your address and telephone number for verification.



READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Review of 'N Sync Christmas album was tasteless and poorly executed

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the review written by Clark Case of *Home for Christmas* by 'N Sync. This review was filled with ludicrous comments from an individual who should not have written this review in the first place; it would be impossible to listen to the album comprehensively, review it properly and have the review printed on the day the album was released.

Case has obviously not lent his ear or his mind to his review, because he spends more time making immature comments about the men and their image instead of their music.

The review is one-sided, biased and tasteless, as his reviews usually are.

One might ask Case if there is anything he actually likes, or if he enjoys slamming things of which he knows nothing about simply for the joy it brings him to see his name in print.

It must make him feel so important.

In my opinion, this review should have been printed in green ink, because that's the color that most suits Case — the color of jealousy.

AMY COMBS
ENGLISH JUNIOR

Article grossly misrepresented residents of Virginia Place

To the editor:

I am writing in response to an article that ran in the Friday edition of the *Kernel* titled "Retail class to model clothes to clothe kids."

I am a resident of Virginia Place, and I would like to start by thanking the retail class for the gift they provide for my son and the other children.

What I didn't appreciate was the manner in which this article was written or the headline that appeared with the article. Pickrell did not do enough research before writing this article.

The students in the class do not bring the gifts to the parents, they deliver them to the child care

center for them to be distributed.

It is not true that parents or students are unaware that the gifts are coming from UK students.

Believe me, we know. She made it sound as though if this retail class is clothing — as it also said in the headline — our children.

My son will still have a "good Christmas" if he doesn't receive the outfit from the retail class.

Pickrell should have interviewed some residents of Virginia Place before writing this story, then maybe her story wouldn't have had this slant to it that suggested this retail class is doing so much to help the residents of Virginia Place, and without them our children would be running around on Christmas day naked playing with twigs and dried leaves because they didn't have that outfit that was provided!

LISA GENTRY
JOURNALISM AND SOCIOLOGY SENIOR

Let us know what you think!

Do you have feelings or reflections about the tragedy over the weekend? Send the *Kernel* a letter to the editor or a guest opinion to share your thoughts with the entire campus. Remember: Letters should be about 150-200 words in length and guest opinions should be no longer than 600 words. E-mail those opinions to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Talk to us! Send letters to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Meg Marquis

KERNEL COLUMNIST

UK needs more female influence in mascots

The infamous Ashley Judd poster. What a lot of excitement over a so-so actress wearing not much more than a come-hither look and blue toenail polish. Strangely enough, there must be something more than just sex appeal involved in the commotion because a lot of women got just as excited about the poster as their male counterparts did. Heck, I even have one of the posters!

It wasn't until attending the last UK home football game that I figured out why people were so excited about this poster — we Wildcats are just itching for some kind of female mascot, and Ashley Judd just happened to be the closest thing to one that we've had.

The football game this weekend really brought to my attention two potential areas for female intervention: the Wildcat and the Blue Guy. For years, we have been entertained by the antics of our "official" mascot — I think it's time we gave him a girlfriend. Picture it: a seductive, yet tough, feline queen. With careful costuming, we can prevent her from looking too much like something from *Cats* or worse yet, like the original Wildcat in drag. I can think of nothing better to get our athletes' (men, women, football, basketball, soccer, badminton, etc.) blood moving than a blue and white kitten ready to pounce.

Except for maybe a Blue Girl. I am

talking to YOU, Blue Guy! Do you have a girlfriend? If so, you might try talking her into throwing on a blue bikini and a little body paint and accompanying you to a game or two. If not, consider this column to be a want ad for such a woman. Come on, ladies, it wouldn't be degrading — you'd be supporting your team here!

I'd offer to do the job myself, but I catch cold easily. Perhaps a bikini in November would not be the best attire for me. But I am certain that someone with a stronger immune system would be just fine. Maybe we can talk Tim Couch into cross-dressing for this role next year instead of leaving UK, or even staying and playing for us. He would be just as much of an asset to the team in a bikini as he is on the field.

If you don't like these ideas (and I have a feeling a lot of you women are probably not jumping at my Blue Girl plan), then come up with some of your own! Students, staff and other Wildcat fans, I put this to you as a challenge. Come up with a female mascot for UK and let us know what it is. Crazy, serious, silly, funny or insane, it doesn't matter — if you've got an idea, we want to hear it. We can come up with something better than a onetime-only "free" Ashley Judd-naked-as-the-day-she-was-born-except-for-a-hockey-jersey poster.

IN OUR OPINION

Memory remains

Memorial room has no personality

When a student dies, it always seems to hit home a little harder. There is always a sense of emptiness. The seat in your geology class is empty. There's no sign of your friend who was supposed to meet you for a little game of flag football. Your fraternity brother isn't in his usual corner for the Monday night meeting.

But just because there is emptiness doesn't mean that person is gone. Just because that person can't be with you now, doesn't mean they're not in your heart. And you shouldn't be the only one who bears the burden of carrying on that loved one's memory. UK and the Student Government Association helped create the Student Memorial Room in the William T. Young Library. It is located in the basement near the main computer lab.

But from this well-intentioned room, there is something missing — personality. Each student who has died since the library opened had a personality all their own. Like you, that person had a favorite shirt, a boyfriend or girlfriend, a lucky pen to take tests. There is more to someone who has died than just a room with bare walls.

A few floors up is a room called the Toyota Reading Room. It has egg-shell walls with a clock and large black letters denoting the company that donated to the library. It looks just like every room in the place. It looks just like the Student Memorial Room. Please UK, reconsider adding something to this room. Make it as vibrant and real as the students it represents.

A few suggestions come to mind: Build a display case in the room. Allow the families of each student who has died to place inside something to remember that student. By looking at it, students will be able to grieve over the friend they lost. And the students who didn't know the deceased students will have a closer connection to them.

Another way is a small plaque on the wall bearing the names and birth dates of the student. Place it on the wall so other students will be able to see.

Memorials are all over our country. All of them seem to reflect personality and dignity. They make the survivors strong and grateful. They bring people together to grieve.

At this point, you might as well take that room in the basement and call it the Room Next to Computer Lab.

It doesn't reflect the love and compassion all of us feel for the students who have died. It doesn't help us get to know them or honor them.

Kristopher Hall

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Co-ops can enhance traditional education

Tired of the monotony of classes? Stressed over exams? Exhausted from trying to squeeze that four-year degree into six years? Then take a break!

Am I urging you to become another college drop-out? Definitely not. I suggest an educational challenge — an internship or cooperative education assignment. The name may vary, but the essence is the same: A cooperative education assignment or internship will whisk you away from the normal grind of college for a semester and hurl you into your planned career after graduation.

It seems so much more real to me now, my future does. I entered UK as a freshman three years ago with a cavalier attitude. I declared electrical engineering as my major, as I knew that electrical engineers simply design and build electrical systems. I was so wrong.

My initial misgivings were corrected when I stopped by the engineering co-op office at 320 CRMS. I found that electrical engineers work in many vast areas, perhaps in communications, lasers and optics, and even super conductive research.

I've since completed three co-op tours with the Department of Defense for a total of 10 months of work. On one such tour, while in a lab surrounded by electronics and test equipment, I came to the sobering realization that this is my life

for the next 40 years. I am thus forever thankful to cooperative education, as I've seen what lies ahead.

But don't take my word for it. Ask any of the 225 active co-ops in the engineering co-op program who, incidentally, cumulatively earn more than \$1,000,000 per academic year. I'll say, and I'm sure my fellow co-ops will agree, that co-oping is a truly invaluable experience.

Keep in mind that engineering isn't the only UK entity with such a program. A history major? Employ your research skills at the FBI or CIA. Earning a degree in biology? Look into internships with some major pharmaceutical companies such as Abbott, Glaxo and Pfizer. Further, the School of Biological Sciences offers an undergraduate independent study program, BIO 385. Here, students receive one-on-one mentoring in research labs across campus. Similar programs are offered in other disciplines.

If you have trouble securing a co-op through your college or department, visit the Career Center in 201 Mathews Building, or call 257-2746. The center is a 12-month operation that handles summer internships and part-time jobs for students, as well as full-time positions for both graduating students and alumni.

Thinking of your future? Get an education. Co-op.



Bernie Worrell, who was originally trained as a classical pianist, first gained notoriety as a member of George Clinton's legendary band Parliament.

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Funkin' awesome

Former member of Parliament Bernie Worrell comes to Lexington tonight to give up the funk

By Brenna Ohlson
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Bernie Worrell has been a modern-age musical prodigy.

By age 4, he was playing the piano and before his teens, composing. After years of training in classical piano, this musical genius joined forces with George Clinton to form Parliament Funkadelic, the super-funk band it is known as today.

Worrell brings his musical expertise to Lynagh's music club tonight at 10:30.

The Kernel interviewed Worrell about his life, music and pursuit of happiness.

Brenna Ohlson: You learned how to play music at such a young age, what is your earliest memory of playing music?

Bernie Worrell: I was 4 years old, at my mother's house on her piano. And I remember playing at my teacher's house. It was hard for my mother to find a teacher for someone so young.

BO: Who are some of your greatest influences that impacted both your life and your music?

BW: My mother and my godmother — who was the teacher my mother found for me — Jimi Hendrix, Mozart, Chopin, Bob Marley, the Beatles and Marvin Gaye, to name a few.

BO: How was daily life when you were growing up in New Jersey?

BW: I was raised very strict. I couldn't hang out on the corner with the guys until all of my work was done. Most of my fun came from playing in assemblies at school. I went to

catholic school and the nuns loved that I could play. I loved public high school though, because it gave me more freedom. Although I wasn't allowed to run track, because I could fall and hurt my hands, I would have liked to play sports so I could mingle more with my peers.

I still had friends. They were proud to say, "This is Bernie," because I played the piano.

BO: How did you first come to know George Clinton?

BW: We first met when I snuck to the barber shop where he and other members of what eventually became Parliament worked. I used to sneak there to get my hair fixed, but somehow, by mother's intuition or something, my mother knew I was there.

She'd walk down there with a switch me out of the barber's chair, and swiped at George a few times. It became a joke, "Here comes mom." They'd try to hide me if they saw her coming. I was not allowed to hang there. I was probably a freshman in high school.

The next time I saw him, I was in Bermuda on tour with Maxine Brown, and he called me. This was after he moved the Parliament to Detroit. So I accepted his offer, and I was a member of Parliament.

BO: In all of this time touring have you ever found time for a family?

BW: Yes. My wife, Judy, is also my manager. I have a son, Mischief Knight, and a daughter, Doreen. I also have three grandchildren.

BO: Who are some of the more profound artists that you

have worked with? Who are some of the whose musical style has inspired you?

BW: Pharoah Saunders, a jazz musician; (Rolling Stones guitarist) Keith Richards; and Herbie Hancock. Herbie and I are the same birth sign, which is Aries.

BO: Over the years, you have collaborated with a wide range of artists from Parliament, to the Talking Heads to Ice Cube. These artists gain your musical expertise, but what do you gain from them?

BW: I gain studio knowledge, different techniques from different engineers, insight how they write a song or a jam. I gain friendship, and most importantly, the chance to create something new.

BO: What do you like most about being a performer?

BW: I like traveling to different cities and countries of the world. I like seeing, touching and feeling new things — new horizons. That way you can pass those experiences on to your grandchildren.

BO: What do you like least about performing?

BW: Ignorant club owners that hassle the band and the people. They don't have the right equipment for a performer to give their best.

They make all of their money off of the alcohol, but they put it into their pockets instead of improving the sound system or the club.

BO: What can the city of Lexington expect when you play Lynagh's?

BW: Expect to have a funk'n' good time! Expect lots of jazz, funk, rock and cartoon music, with some impromptu. Come to have fun! We're there to entertain and to make people laugh, relax and enjoy.

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