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AMISH PARADISE 'Weird AF' Yankovic's latest release contains a new collection of crazy parodies and other tunes. Review, page 2.



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Plus/minus grading plan passes

By Kathy Reding
Staff Writer

Nearly a year after it was originally proposed, a plus/minus grading system was approved for use in the College of Arts and Sciences.
The University Senate overwhelmingly passed the proposal yesterday to establish the system, which will take effect this fall.
With plus/minus grading, an A will be a 4.0, an A- a 3.7, and a B+ will be worth 3.3 points, with the same pattern being used for the entire grading scale.
The grading scale will apply to all students who take classes offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, even if they are enrolled in another college.
Steven Hart, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said the goal is to introduce greater accuracy into grading.
"It is a major change," Hart said. "It cuts both ways. It would let me give an A- to a student when a

B or B+ is too harsh."

Hart said the system will be evaluated continuously once it is in place. In four years, the program will undergo a larger evaluation and kept in place if it has led to greater grading accuracy.

Last year, when Arts and Sciences made the plus/minus proposal, the Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards committee recommended that the change be implemented University-wide.

In October, however, the Senate raised concerns of grading equity and whether or not weaker students would fall below 2.0 grade-point averages under the plus/minus system.

After seeking input from college deans, faculty councils, student government and other universities with comparable systems, the Senate Council "concluded that there was no compelling rationale to recommend instituting such a system University-wide."
"The Council agreed that the original proposal made by Arts and Sciences should be reconsidered.

The colleges of law, fine arts and architecture, as well as the landscape architecture program, already use plus/minus grading.

Senate Council research found that although they are satisfied with the system, it was not sufficient justification to propose the scale for the entire system.
The proposal says the plus/minus system in Arts and Sciences will not change college requirements or the method used to figure out GPAs.

The proposal stated that "the use of the plus/minus system does not change any college of university grade point average requirements, not the method by which grade point averages are computed, nor the interpretations of other grades awarded."

Those in favor of the proposal said the system would lead to more fair and accurate grading, especially in large classes.

Opponents to the proposal said student's transcripts would appear inconsistent because not all classes would be graded on the same scale.

Students line up for UK tickets

By Gary Wulf
Staff Writer

John Kirtley took a chance by staying home during Spring Break in order to have a chance to follow UK in the tournament.
The Wildcats' win on Saturday meant his bet paid off, and he was one of about 40 students in line to buy tickets for UK's next two games in Minneapolis.
"I'd rather go to the ballgame than go to Florida," Kirtley said. "It gives us two Spring Breaks in a row."
The tickets cost \$68 for two sessions to attend the UK-Utah game Thursday evening and the possibility of seeing UK compete against the winner of the Louisville-Wake Forest matchup Saturday.
Students did not receive actual tickets, but vouchers to be redeemed at the Metrodom Box Office, where they will be exchanged for tickets.
The 13-hour trip to Minneapolis could be exhausting, especially if the snowstorms which could hit Kentucky tomorrow head north. However, this didn't prevent some UK students from purchasing the vouchers.
Kevin Reed, a finance senior, saw it as the last chance to see the Cats play this season.
"We've been saving up and we've got our friends' van, so we're ready to go," Reed said.
Why not watch the game on television?
If you ask civil engineering junior Brendon Brown, he will tell you there is a different atmosphere at the game.
"It's just that you're (in the middle of the) action up there."
Communication junior Holly Ratliff had already bought upper level tickets three weeks ago, but was hoping that the tickets she received would be better.
"My dad bought tickets about three weeks ago, so we've been planning this for a



while," she said.
Rodney Stiles, coordinator for administrative services, said the tickets will be much better than those given to the general public. The students who go to the game will be sitting behind the UK band on the floor.
One freshman who stood in line for about 20 minutes decided against going to Minneapolis after realizing she had an exam Thursday.
"I didn't realize I had an exam on Thursday," said chemical engineering freshman Joanna Kennedy. "I had tickets for the games here ... and I really didn't have enough money for both (games)."
Mathematics freshman Jessica Stewart joined Kennedy in stepping out of line, but had plans to attend the Final Four in the Meadows.
"I got out of line when I heard they had 650 tickets for the Final Four," Stewart said. Those who did not get tickets through yesterday's lottery can still purchase upper level tickets for \$20 a piece or \$40 for two session tickets on Wednesday at 9 a.m. by calling (612) 948-5455.



TICKET TAKERS UK student Kevin Reed (top) is interviewed while waiting for the ticket lottery. Students (above) listen to lottery instructions.

UK Med School listed in Top 10

Staff report

Rankings from U.S. News & World Report have listed the UK College of Medicine as one of the Top 10 best primary care medical schools in the country.
UK, which tied for third in the rankings last year with Michigan State, is ranked 10th this year. Michigan State fell to ninth. UK has been ranked as one of the Top 10 medical schools for primary care for six consecutive years.
The primary-care category involves 62 medical schools with a high percentage of students entering primary care after graduation. Primary care doctors include those in family practice, general internal medicine and pediatrics.
The schools were also ranked by student selectivity, faculty resources, reputation and other measures.

Top 10 schools

- 1. U.S. News & World Report's list of primary care medical schools.
- 1. U. Washington
- 2. U. Mass at Worcester
- 3. Oregon Health Sciences
- 3. (tie) N. Mexico
- 5. U. California
- 6. Missouri
- 7. Southern Illinois at Springfield
- 8. Iowa
- 9. Michigan State
- 10. Kentucky

UK officials were said they were pleased to hold onto the Top 10 status.
"This national recognition by our peers acknowledges the emphasis the College of Medicine places on balancing its three academic missions of education, research and patient care," said Dr. Emery A. Wilson, the medical school dean.
"The fact that we provide care in complicated cases such as transplants, and can still excel in research and primary care is a credit to our faculty and our students."
Medical Center spokeswoman Barbara Grieder attributed UK's drop from third to 10th to constant fluctuation on the behalf of the magazine.
"Deans and Residency Directors are surveyed every year," Grieder said. "It's kind of a subjective thing every year, so the positions change."
Grieder said the drop had nothing whatsoever to do with the turmoil at UK's Medical Center this year involving all of the changes in the transplant department.
"The survey is based on academic criteria," she said. "The surveys were done way before what happened this year."

Assistant professor dies in crash

Staff report

Brien Ellis, a sixth-year assistant professor of marketing at the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics, was killed Sunday in an automobile accident in Georgia.
Ellis, 39, of Lexington, was traveling north on Interstate 75 one mile south of Ashburn, Ga., when his car hydroplaned on rain-slicked roads at 9:16 p.m.
The car crossed the median and sideswiped a tractor-trailer, the Georgia State Patrol said. Also killed was a passenger in Ellis' car, Mariam B. Carter, 25, of Lexington.
"Brien was one of our really good teachers, and an important person in our marketing area," said Fred Morgan, director of the School of Management at the Gatton College of Business.
"He was an active sponsor of the student chapter of the American Marketing Association and was always available for students."
Morgan said Ellis would be greatly missed by business students, especially undergraduates.

"Undergraduates will particularly miss him because of their involvement in the (AMA)."
Ellis co-taught Introduction to Business this semester, which Morgan said had an enrollment of about 800 students.
He also taught Marketing Management in the master's of business administration program.
"He's taught a variety of other things in our undergraduate school," Morgan said.
Ellis had taught marketing at UK since 1989, a year before he completed work on his doctorate at the University of Alabama.
He was a co-owner of Cajun Kitchen, a five-store chain with one operating in Lexington and another planned for the city.
He planned to leave the UK faculty in May to begin marketing menu items developed at Cajun Kitchen to restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores and cafeterias.
He had earned his bachelor's degree in communication in 1979 and his master's degree in marketing in 1986, both from the University of Alabama.

NEWSbytes

NATION Clinton budget includes new tax cuts

WASHINGTON — President Clinton plans to unveil a fiscal 1997 budget yesterday calling for nearly \$100 billion in tax cuts over the next seven years, documents show. The plan also projects a balanced budget by 2002 and assumes Clinton will strike a deal with Republicans for some quick savings.
Pages from the president's election-year budget, obtained by The Associated Press, show that Clinton expects a \$164.2 billion deficit in fiscal 1997, which begins Oct. 1, dropping to a \$7.6 billion surplus in 2002. That would be the first year the government completed with black ink in its ledger book since 1969.
Fiscal 2002 is the same year Clinton and Republicans aimed at for balancing the budget during their yearlong, inconclusive fiscal battle last year. The president's decision to retain 2002 as a target — which congressional Republicans plan to do as well — reflects a desire to avoid accusations that they are letting the budget-balancing deadline slip.

NAMEdropping

Sex Pistols coming back for the money
LONDON — The Sex Pistols are back, and it's not anarchy that's driving them — it's money.
The seminal punk-rock band formed 21 years ago and released a few singles starting with "Anarchy in the U.K." before disintegrating within a few years. Its members had little solo success, and bassist Sid Vicious died of a drug overdose in 1979 while awaiting trial on charges of murdering his girlfriend.
"We have found a common cause, and it's your money," lead singer John Lydon, again using his nom de punk of Johnny Rotten, said yesterday.
Compiled from wire reports.

Service group crosses nation

Don't have a job lined up for after graduation? Instead of sending out resumés and stressing over interviews, you could spend your time helping others.
Serve Across America, Inc. is a Christian-based service organization that allows volunteers to choose from a wide range of activities, from helping to build low-income housing to acting as a mentor to runaway kids. Participants work in three different locations for four to six months each, for a total of 14 months.
Volunteers live together in communities, usually consisting of a house of five to 20 people. Each member of the community is responsible for household chores and duties.
This arrangement allows the participants to develop close interpersonal relationships. By living in the community that they are serving, volunteers also can affect the people they are helping on a personal level.
Volunteer communities are spiritually based and encourage the examination, development and expression of faith. Groups often conduct daily prayer sessions, hold group discussions and have guest speakers.
Despite its Christian foundation, Serve Across America encourages people of all religious beliefs to join. Likewise, it serves anyone in need, regardless of their religious belief, race, color, creed, sex or national origin.
In exchange for their work, Serve Across America provides full living expenses for its volunteers, including food, housing, travel, training, a monthly stipend and help with health insurance.
Serve Across America asks each of its volunteers to create a project documenting his or her experiences, using virtually any medium. After completing their term of service, the volunteers present their projects to other groups, such as churches and schools.
Andrew Newsom, the organization's founder and executive director, said his organization can send volunteers to a large number of sites in Kentucky.
Probably the largest group in Kentucky that Serve Across America supplies with volunteers is the Christian Appalachian Project, or CAP, he said.
CAP offers diverse volunteer opportunities, but many sites do not have volunteers, he said.
"Unfortunately, a lot of people just don't know about them," he said.
One such site is the Galilean Home in Liberty, Ky., which cares for babies whose mothers are in prison.
CAP includes several dozen programs, about 100 volunteers, and several hundred staff members. Serve Across America volunteers can also work with one of a half-dozen or so other organizations in Kentucky.
The next "class" of Serve Across America volunteers will begin work in June. Their term will be complete in August of next year.
For more information, students can write to: Serve Across America, Inc., 1017 Capitol Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30315, or can call (404) 524-4455.

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By Robert Duffy
Arts Editor

"Weird Al" Yankovic
Bad Hair Day
Scotti Bros. Records
★★★★2

Ever since "My Bologna" 16 years ago, "Weird Al" Yankovic has been churning out the best song parodies in the business. With *Bad Hair Day*, Yankovic's latest album, he once again proves that he is the undisputed king of musical comedy.

The album opens with "Amish Paradise," a take-off of Coolio's megahit and Grammy Award-winning tale of urban life, "Gangsta's Paradise."
"As I walk through the valley where I harvest my grain/I take a look at my wife and realize she's very plain/But that's just perfect for an Amish like me" sings Yankovic in his best rapper voice.

The best parody on the album is "Gump," a strange distortion of the President of the United States of

America's "Lump." Now here's a case where Yankovic's lyrics are actually more intelligent than the original. "Gump sat alone on a bench in the park/My name is Forrest," he'd casually remark, being the song about Forrest Gump.

Keeping with tradition, Yankovic has included on the album a polka that includes a ton of popular songs. Alanis Morissette, Smashing Pumpkins, Foo Fighters, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Nine Inch Nails are all meshed together into one beautifully flowing polka. Although the polka is not as good as "Polka Your Eyes Out" from the *Off the Deep End* album, it still holds its own.

Included on the album is a plethora of original tunes by Yankovic. "Callin' In Sick" is an example of a classic Seattle grunge-angst tune about the trials of tribulations of a simple man just trying to have some time to himself from work so he can sit and count his hair or "spend all day in my under-

wear watching Ernest Goes To Camp."

"Weird Al" Yankovic is far from just a novelty.

After 14 albums and one boxed set, he has proven to critics and audiences around the world that he is a musical force to be reckoned with.

Sure, it takes a lot of time to make an original song. But it takes even more talent to make someone laugh. Thanks, Al.

Mark Eitzel
60 Watt Silver Lining
Warner Brothers
★★★★

Every once in awhile there comes a debut album by an artist that hits a certain chord with people. Mark Eitzel's *60 Watt Silver Lining* is one of those albums. If you can imagine yourself sitting in a dark bar talking to someone who has been through just about everything, then you have a pretty good idea of what Eitzel's music is all about.

Eitzel has an amazing ability to

craft beautiful songs that tell poetic, yet sometimes depressing stories. His songwriting ability is on its way to match the likes of Lou Reed or Victoria Williams.

"Closetcase Jones," one of the most interesting songs on the album, tells the story of Eitzel's trip to a gay bar with his lesbian neighbors.

While at the bar, the girls pointed out a woman they described as a "faggot and a dope fiend."

From there, Eitzel weaved a story in tribute of her because he felt that no one deserves to be put down.

While Eitzel's songs do tackle a lot of sad issues, inspiration is there for the taking to anyone who wants to have it. *60 Watt Silver Lining* is an album that will stand the test of time.



Film full of stereotypes, dead-pan commentary

By John Abbott
Senior Staff Critic

In movies like *Executive Decision*, it seems as if young men of Arab descent have nothing better to do with their lives than tote machine guns onto passenger airlines and walk into crowded

restaurants with explosives strapped to their bodies. It's another film in the "Die Hard in a..." mold (in this case, a 747), and while it does deliver some punch, particularly during its pow-bang-zoom finish, it's pretty routine filmmaking overall.

A gang of fundamentalist Islamic slimeballs takes over a plane and plan to crash it, along with the nerve gas bomb they've smuggled aboard, into Washington, D.C.

Something must be done.

In an experimental jet known as the Remora, a crack commando unit led by Steven "I'm A Better Actor Than Van Damme, For Whatever It's Worth" Seagal is dispatched to sneak up under the stolen 747, use a special pressurized tunnelling device to burrow

into it, overpower the bad people, and rescue the passengers.

Naturally, something goes terribly wrong.

Seagal is killed in a faulty transfer from the Remora to the 747, leaving Russell and the remnants of the commando team to improvise a solution (which, obviously, they do). I'm amazed that Seagal agreed to act in a movie where he dies before it's even half finished. I can imagine how the negotiations with him might have gone:

Seagal: So, I get to save the airplane, and fall in love with the babe of my choice, right?

Director: No, you get sucked out of the airplane and fall a few thousand feet into the ocean.

Seagal: I think I'd rather do *Under Siege III*.

The movie does, to its credit,

fire off a pointedly sarcastic barb at the cross self-interest of politicians. As the plane draws nearer to American air space, the decision as to whether or not to shoot the plane down is not so worrisome because of the body count, but because such an action will jeopardize the president's re-election chances. In a frequently unrealistic film, this is dead-on commentary.

The acting is proficient. Russell has done the flawed-yet-courageous leading man routine before, and Steven Seagal has, with only minor variations from movie to movie, been playing this role for his entire career (he probably knew half of his lines before the script was written).

Comedian John Leguizamo is cast against type as the rescue mission's second-in-command who has to take charge when Seagal buys the farm.

In an amusing surprise move, Marla Trump plays a flight attendant. Her primary acting responsibility is cringing and crying ("All right, Marla, here's your motivation — Donald divorces you and leaves you with nothing! Now, let's see some tears!")

Comedy buffs, take note: about midway through the movie is a scene so reminiscent of *The Life of Brian* that I almost cracked up in the theater, and the ending reeks so strongly of *Airplane!* that I expected Leslie Nielsen to walk in at any moment. Additionally, Halle Berry's last line of the movie is especially ironic, given her recent divorce from Atlanta Braves star David Justice.



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'Executive Decision'
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★ Poor

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DIVERSIONSbytes

Joan Osborne to visit Louisville

Grammy nominated and Kentucky native Joan Osborne will be making her way back home when she plays The Palace Theatre in Louisville on April 30. Opening for the show will be The Geraldine Fibbers.

New Batman cast announced

The new Batman movie, *Batman and Robin*, will include a new cast — again. Replacing Val Kilmer as the Caped Crusader will be "ER" heart throb George Clooney. Alicia Silverstone will also be in the new movie starring as Batgirl, Uma Thurman will be taking the role of Poison Ivy and Arnold Schwarzenegger will play Mr. Freeze.

SPORTS

UK baseball takes a break from SEC



JAMES CRISP/Kentucky staff

PICK OFF UK's Pete Pryor (33) tags a Toledo player during a game earlier this season.

Murray State invades Lexington

By Rob Herbst
Staff Writer

While some UK students were soaking up sun on the beaches of Florida, the UK baseball team spent its break in such tourist towns as Clarksville, Tenn., and Starkville, Miss.

The Cats vacation to the south was less than memorable. After losing to Austin Peay 19-8 on Wednesday, UK was promptly swept by Mississippi State over the weekend. The Cats pitching staff was hammered for 41 runs in the three game tilt with the Bulldogs.

But today at Cliff Hagan Stadium, Murray State (5-12) could be the remedy for UK (13-6) and its four-game losing streak.

Last weekend, the Cats swept

their opening Southeastern Conference series over Ole Miss. Adam Shadburne led the way with a save in game one and a complete game, one-hit shutout in game two. Because of his performance, Shadburne was selected SEC Pitcher of the Week.

GAMEinfo

UK battles Murray State today at 3 p.m. at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

While the series record between Murray and UK is 3-2 in favor of the Cats, UK has won the last two meetings.

Today's game is a non-conference affair, but UK coach Keith Madison said he enjoys playing such contests.

"You like to put some players in non-conference games to give them some experience," Madison said. "So when the experience for the SEC, so when that opportunity comes, they are ready to play."

Whitney realized dream while serving as a bat boy for Wildcats

By Robert Morgan
Staff Writer

"To know me is to know baseball," UK pitcher Curtis Whitney said. "I honestly don't know what I would do without it."

Most kids in Kentucky dream about playing basketball. Whitney, however, was different. Whitney dreamed the original American sports dream — playing professional baseball.

When Whitney came home from school, he didn't lace up his high tops; instead, he jogged up the street to the UK practice field to begin his daily duties as a bat boy for the Wildcat baseball team.

From age eight, Whitney was raised by his sister Charlotte and her husband, Byron Holloway. While finishing his schooling at UK, Holloway responded to an advertisement in the newspaper and took a job as an equipment manager with the Wildcat baseball team.

Holloway proved to be an in for Whitney, who soon became a bat boy for the Cats.

Today, the love affair between Whitney, baseball and UK continues.

After being highly recruited during his career at Lexington's Lafayette High School, Whitney decided to attend UK.

Now, in his junior year, Whitney is a starting pitcher for the Cats under head coach Keith Madison.

Madison, who was coaching during Whitney's years as a bat boy, has watched Whitney grow from a "little chubby guy" that just liked to play catch to one of the most highly recruited players in Kentucky history.

This transformation, however, was no accident.

Instead of being pushed to work, Whitney pushed himself to succeed. In his illustrious career,

Whitney has attended a little league world series in addition to receiving all-state honors his junior and senior years in high school.

"It occurred to me later on that he was more observant (as a bat boy) and learned more than I really thought," said Madison, who remembered the time when Whitney ran the equipment golf cart out the outfield wall.

"While he was (a bat boy), I never thought of him ever being a big time college baseball player. Evidently, he learned a lot."

Besides the experience picked up around the UK practice diamond, Whitney also received valuable yet simple advice from his brother-in-law.

"The one thing I did stress to Curtis was work ethic," said Holloway, who bought Whitney a glove at age nine.

"I told him that you only spend about two hours on the field practicing during the day and you've got to make the most of it. He understood that."

Although the much-heard coaching pointers and advice from Holloway were surely helpful, the most valuable influence in Whitney's life was the experience of being around big-time collegiate baseball at such an impressionable age.

While Whitney admits being a little intimidated as a 10-year-old, he said he was inspired by some of the players he eventually got to know. Through his bat boy experience, Whitney understands what kind of an impact athletes can have on youth.

"Whether we want it or not, college athletes are role models," Whitney said.

"I try to be as positive as I possibly can. There are a bunch of kids who come to our games and they don't want to see a player use bad language or have a negative attitude."



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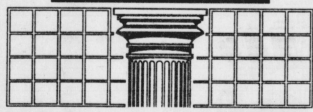
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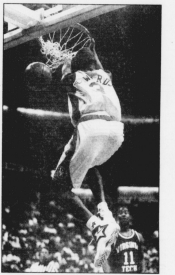
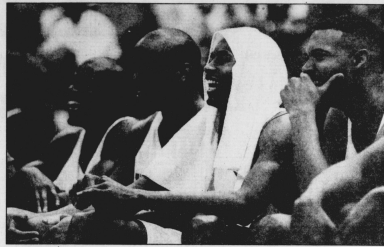
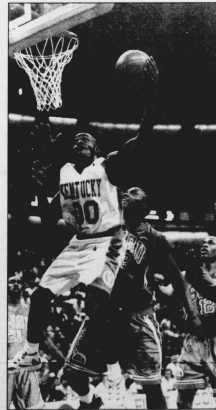
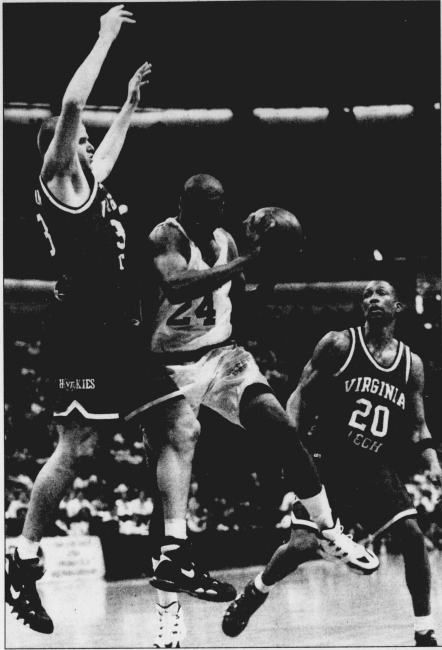
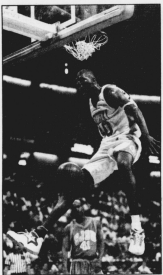
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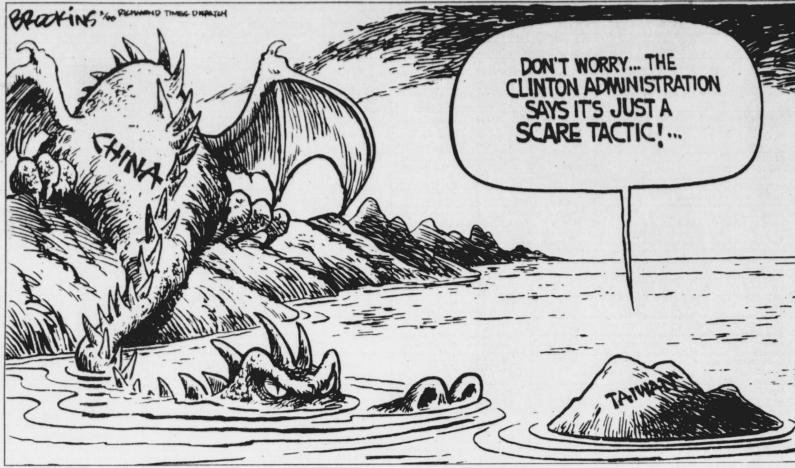
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ViewPOINT



Lacking the basics

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Here's a side to the troublesome issue of UK's retention rates that has been vastly overlooked so far. True, advising has its problems as we've said before. True, the impersonal nature of such a large institution will cause transfers to smaller schools. True, the course requirements are excessive and can prevent four-year graduation.

should have acquired in high school. The Writing Center is filled with students who can't even form a complete sentence. If you can't get through MA 109 or ENG 101, you don't belong here.

IN OUR OPINION

Separatism will never improve race relations

The first thing that struck me as odd when I arrived at UK last fall was the plan for freshmen orientation. The schedule called for all new students to meet at a certain time and place for orientation.



Bruce Mee, Contributing Columnist

Black people are just as much American as anyone else. Millions of people have fought and died since the Civil War for the rights of blacks to be called American and have access to their country's mainstream.

In the name of diversity we are ripping this country apart. Black Student Union, Miss Black UK pageant, society of black journalists and on and on it goes.

READERS' forum

You have never been anyone's slave, Watkins

You are so far from being oppressed that it's laughable for you to even suggest that anyone is keeping you under their thumb. If I, as a white man, took it upon myself to make blanket accusations about blacks, not only would I be subject to ridicule but I would certainly suffer severe career-damaging repercussions in my professional life.

Unfortunately, in your columns all you can do is call names and attempt to revive angry and divisive feelings in both blacks and whites. Honest discourse is to be encouraged; inflammatory garbage of your type serves no healing purpose whatsoever unless your purpose is to drive a wedge of rancor and mistrust between people.

TALKback!

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Viewpoint page in person, by campus mail or by e-mail. Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor"; Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor; 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK, Lexington, KY, 40506-0002. Send electronic mail to kernel@pop.uky.edu

Due process is a thing of the past

Consider the following scenario. Your next door neighbor, whom you have known for quite some time, asks to borrow your new car. Being a fairly recent graduate of such an esteemed institution as the University of Kentucky, you have the kind of career that has allowed you to purchase a \$45,000 BMW.

Later, you are told that your new car is going to be sold at auction. You lose title to your car because your neighbor used it to buy drugs. Even though your intentions were nothing short of noble, you lose a piece of property worth \$45,000.

Michigan, a 5-4 majority upheld the constitutionality of the state of Michigan seizing a car jointly owned by a married couple because the husband had unlawful carnal knowledge with a prostitute inside the car. His wife (obviously) knew nothing of this. In fact, when he was late in arriving home, she was concerned about his safety and called the police in order to file a missing persons report.

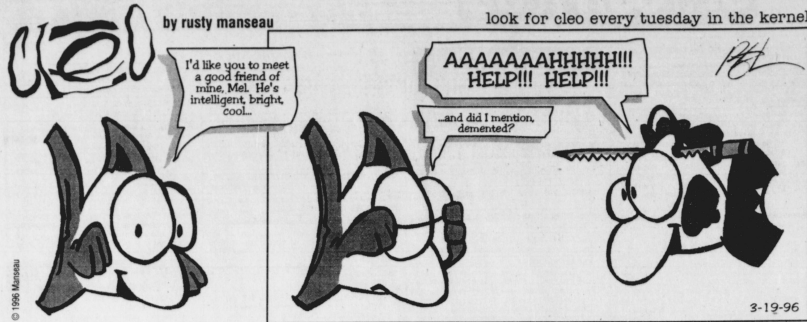


Todd Baggary, Kernel Columnist

Is this pure fantasy? No. This sort of things happens all the time. It is obviously an outrageous injustice, but it is also the sort of conduct that the Supreme Court, in exercising its infinite wisdom, has ruled is well within the bounds of what the Constitution allows.

court ruled that the owners of the ships did not have to be proven to be aware of the actions of the captain in order for the state to take the ship. Inexplicably, the court has repeatedly ruled that since the national government could seize privateer's ships without proving the foreknowledge of their sponsors it, as well as the states, can perform similar seizures against the property of U.S. citizens on U.S. soil.

One of the primary functions of the court is to insulate society from excesses such as this that trace their origins to the legislative branches. Seizures such as the one noted above in the Michigan case are the result of anti-crime statutes which we desperately need. But to apply these statutes to the innocent as well as the guilty is to make a mockery of justice and the court's majority should hang their heads in shame for allowing this abomination to go on.



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Event offers seniors one-stop shopping

By Stacy Schilling
Staff Writer

Every year after Spring Break students get anxious about summer vacation and classes coming to an end. But for some students this is their last chance for excitement because many are preparing for the final event before summer, graduation.

Seniors have less than six weeks left until graduation arrives on May 5, and there are things to do before the semester ends.

Aside from classes and looking for that dream job, seniors still have to plan for graduation, which can be stressful since students already have enough to worry about with classes and job hunting.

However, the Alumni Association has designed a program to help seniors make their preparations for graduation much easier, Commencement Connection.

Commencement Connection is a one-stop opportunity for gradu-

ating seniors to order a class ring, be measured for a cap and gown, order invitations and thank you notes, receive a checklist for things to do before May, verify the address and know when your ceremony will be held.

"We wanted to provide a service to seniors so that they feel properly prepared for graduation," said Stephanie November, special programs coordinator.

Graduating seniors also can obtain information about the UK Federal Credit Union, purchase a *Kentuckian* yearbook, join the UK Alumni Association, sign up for one free membership to the Alumni Chapter and order a copy of their transcript for \$3. Political science senior Anne Hundley said she liked the Commencement Connection because it was quick and easy.

"You don't have to worry about everything because it's all here," Hundley said. "It prevents you from getting the runaround."



LOOKING ahead

The Commencement Connection is taking place today from 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and tomorrow from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the King Alumni House.



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GRADUATION DAY Justin Powell, a sociology senior, and political science senior Ann Hundley look at a ring display.

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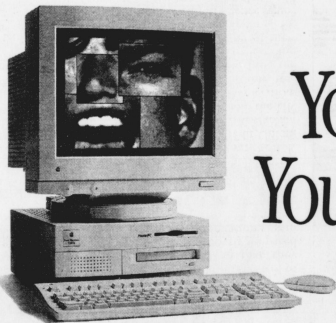
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