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DORM LIFE

ResLife says 'no' to policy, cites deadline

Neighbors: Missed deadline pushes proposal back because of housing contract changes

By John Wampler NEWS EDITOR

Resident Student Council's General Assembly approved a resolution to change UK's visitation policy Tuesday, but the change does not involve 24-hour visitation.

Noah Friend, chairman of the visitation committee for

RSC, said there had not been enough time to finish a 24-hour visitation proposal by the March 1 deadline given by the Office of Residence Life.

The change approved by the RSC General Assembly was for visitation hours on the weekdays to begin at noon rather than 2 p.m. Friend said because this change is not near-

ly as drastic or controversial as 24-hour visitation, it should get passed, despite missing the deadline.

"This is just the first step toward a much-larger change that should happen very soon," Friend said.

Friend said RSC plans to have a final proposal for 24-hour visitation finished by the fall of 2002. Since housing agreements are made for a full school year, a switch to 24-hour visitation will have to wait until at least the fall of 2003, ex-

plained Jim Wims, director of Res-Life.

Upon learning the deadline, RSC sent out a survey to try and gauge student response to a 24-hour visitation policy in February. But they were not able to get results in time to make a proposal, Friend said.

This frustrated members of Student Government who worked since August to change the policy.

SG conducted its own survey in the fall. When SG approached Res-Life to discuss

changing the policy, Wims asked them to involve RSC.

"We felt that they (RSC) needed to carry the ball on this," he said, saying that RSC serves as the voice of students living in residence halls.

Wims said two groups trying to work together on the project may have caused a delay in getting a proposal done, yet not because either side wasn't working hard enough.

The delay was disappointing to Lee Conrad, who was one of the SG senators working

with RSC. He said a lot of work had been done by SG prior to RSC's involvement, especially on the part of Senator Joe Impellizzeri, who he said worked tirelessly to change the policy.

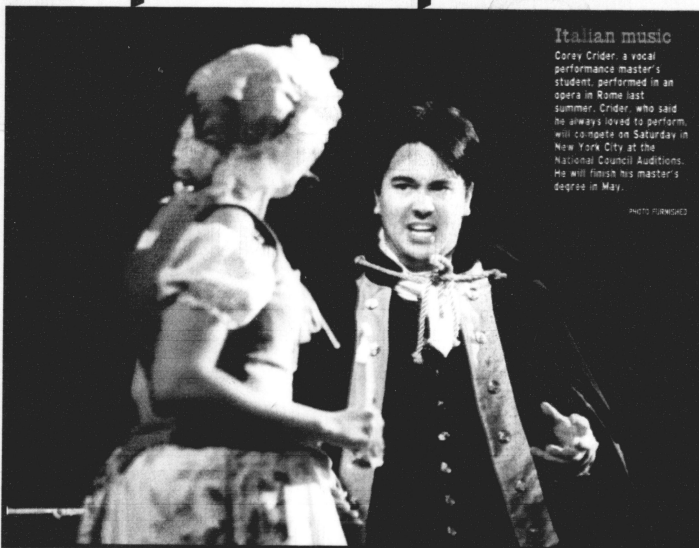
"We felt we were really close," Conrad said.

Wims said that taking a little more time to work on a proposal to change the policy was commendable.

"You can't take a policy this important and affecting this many students and rush things," he said.

MUSIC

Singer makes debut in opera competition



Italian music

Corey Crider, a vocal performance master's student, performed in an opera in Rome last summer. Crider, who said he always loved to perform, will compete on Saturday in New York City at the National Council Auditions. He will finish his master's degree in May.

PHOTO: FLEWING

Home grown: Marion, Ky., native advances to semi-final auditions at the Metropolitan Opera House for a chance to sing and a \$15,000 scholarship

By Jodi Whitaker STAFF WRITER

Seven years after UK graduate Gregory Turay won the National Council Finals at the Metropolitan Opera, Corey Crider, a vocal performance master's student at UK, and Mark Whatley, who received his master's from UK in 2000, will travel to New York for the same competition.

Growing up

If there's one thing Steve Crider hopes his son does this weekend when he takes the stage at the Met, it's to be himself. But Steve Crider doesn't think Corey will forget. After all, it's what he's been doing his entire life.

Growing up in Crittenden County, Ky., Corey remembers countless times when his father would pick up the video camera to tape one of his many performances. On occasion, Corey would do dramatic readings of his favorite stories for his father. Other times, he would sing and even play air guitar for his dad. No matter what, his father said, Corey was always being himself. His father knew it would take him far.

"He's always had a stage presence," said Steve Crider, a dentist in Marion. "I

had to tell him to be quiet more than to tell him to do something."

Steve Crider said his son has always had an ear for music, pecking out tunes on the piano even before he took lessons. Steve Crider remembers a day in church when Corey surprised his parents by raising his hand to volunteer to fill in for the church pianist, who happened to be absent.

"The pastor asked if anyone knew how to play the piano, and Corey raised his hand and did it," Steve Crider said. "His mom and I didn't even realize he could do it, but he did." "He's done everything, and he's capable of doing everything," Crider said. "It's a little unusual for a kid that grew up in Western Kentucky to go into opera. But he certainly can do it."

The decision to sing

Crider has always loved to sing. Beyond being videotaped by his father, he always knew he wanted to perform.

"I really loved Kiss," Crider said. I sang 'New York Groove' by Ace Frehley. I took a tie rack and acted like it was a guitar, then I smashed it on the floor."

In middle school, Crider became very active in his church choir, where a bit of acting was involved.

"It was a logical progression."

Crider studied undergraduate classical voice at Murray State University. "My teacher always told me that I had the potential to do whatever I wanted to do," Crider said.

After Murray, Crider auditioned for graduate school at UK.

"I came here and they had a role open in La Boheme," Crider said. "I had never been in an opera before so I thought I'd try it. I loved it."

Crider stayed to work on a master's degree in vocal performance. He will finish in May.

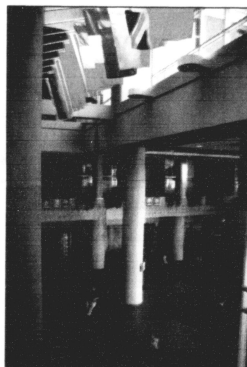
Auditions, part one

Before November's Met regional finals at UK's Singletary Center, Crider had performed in a few competitions.

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MOVING?

B&E outgrowing its current home



The lobby of the Carol Martin-Gatton Business and Economics Building, with its three-story atrium and food area, is a popular hangout for students. The atrium also displays the flags of other countries.

AMY CRANDFORD | KERNEL STAFF

Overflowing: Need for more space prompts school officials to begin plans for new building

By Jami Fritter CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The UK Gatton College of Business and Economics is growing faster than the national debt.

The college has stretched its current building's capacity, forcing some faculty members to move their offices and research labs into the Matthews Building next door.

An \$80 million plan is in progress to construct a new building in the parking lot between Blazer Hall and Memorial Coliseum. It could take five to six years to complete.

"Student enrollment has gone up a third in the last five years causing a desperate need for more classrooms and more faculty members," said Richard Furst, dean of the college.

Terry Childers, Gatton Endowed Chair in the Department of Electronic Marketing, agrees with Furst. Childers' lab recently moved to the Matthews Building due to space constraints.

"There is a definite need for more office space, and the new facility will help to recruit new faculty," Childers said.

The Gatton College's funding plan calls for the school to receive \$40 million from private donors while asking the state for the other half.

"The state right now is not in a position to afford the money. See B&E on A3

SEEING

Doctor's eye implant may combat blindness

By Curtis Tate STAFF WRITER

UK researchers are testing a combination of drug and laser therapies to treat eye diseases that strike AIDS patients, diabetics and the elderly, often causing loss of vision. Jayakrishna Ambati, a retina surgeon in the UK Ophthalmology Department, is testing these treatments on patients suffering from macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness among the elderly.

"It is a public epidemic," Ambati said. Macular degeneration affects the back part of the eye, or retina, which is comparable to film in a camera, he said.

In macular degeneration, blood vessels under the retina swell. See EYES on A3

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CAMPUS NEWS

Vice provost named to new position

President Lee Todd announced yesterday the implementation of a plan centralizing the institutional research and effectiveness functions of the university under the leadership of a vice president, effective May 1. The position of the vice provost for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, currently held by Connie Ray, will be changed to the vice president for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness. Ray will have leadership responsibility for coordinating university-wide institutional research and effectiveness activities. She will have direct reporting lines to both the Office of the President and the Office of the Provost. The units to be coordinated under Ray's leadership include the Provost Area Office of Assessment and Institutional Research, the Medical Center Office of Institutional Research and Decision Support, the Office of Research Assessment currently under the vice president for Research and the Graduate School Assessment Analyst position.

MTV's Campus Invasion Tour still on

Recently many posters for MTV's Campus Invasion which is sponsored by Student Activities Board have been stamped "CANCELED" by anonymous vandals. These acts have occurred in high traffic areas such as the William T. Young Library and Whitehall Classroom Building. The concert — featuring performances by Nickelback, Default and Injected — is still scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday April 17 at Memorial Coliseum. Tickets for students are \$16 and can be purchased at the Student Center Ticket Office.

Kirwan to receive distinguished award

William E. Kirwan II, president of Ohio State University, will be presented with an Outstanding Alumni Award from UK's College of Arts and Sciences at a reception at 5:30 p.m. Friday April 12, in the Boone Faculty Center. Kirwan, a graduate of UK, is the son of Albert D. Kirwan, UK's seventh president. On Aug. 1, he will become the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

English department schedules ceremony

The English department will hold its Awards Day at 2 p.m. on Wednesday April 17 in the Center Theater of the Old Student Center. This ceremony provides an opportunity to honor students and faculty in English for outstanding creative and academic achievements. The event is free and open to public. For more information, call Jonathan Allison at 257-6961 or 257-7008.

STATE NEWS

Rare white foal born on Ky. farm

Patchen Wilkes Farm manager Barry Ezrine was thrilled when popular mare Patchen Beauty entered labor last week to deliver her first foal. He was even more excited when he saw the small, gangly colt was pure white just like his mother and grandmother. The Jockey Club, which registers thoroughbred births in the United States, has recognized only 16 U.S.-bred white thoroughbreds since 1896. Of those, four have been born at Warren Rosenthal's east Lexington farm. The Pioneering colt was born about 1:30 p.m. Friday in a small paddock adjacent to the foaling barn. Although farm officials hoped that the offspring would be white, they knew better than to expect it.



BENEFIT: The headliners at UrbanAIDS, a concert designed to promote AIDS prevention among black and Hispanic youth, peppered their performances with plenty of messages. But few of those messages had anything to do with AIDS. Mostly, the performers at Tuesday's four-hour benefit chose to use their performances to promote themselves or their labels. The event at the Beacon Theatre was put on by LIFEbeat, the non-profit organization that tries to galvanize the music industry against AIDS. About 3,000 people attended the sold-out concert, the group said. Among the dire statistics cited: Of roughly 774,000 AIDS cases through 2000, blacks and Hispanics accounted for 58 percent of them, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But few of the performers focused on that. Jay-Z and his crew promoted their Roc-a-fella label with hits like "Big Pimpin'." Rapper Fat Joe told the crowd, "Never give up on your dreams!" then uttered a vulgar insult to those who might doubt him.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush presses Senate to ban cloning

WASHINGTON — President Bush pressed the Senate on Wednesday to ban cloning of human embryos for research, saying science must not rush ahead "without an ethical compass." Senators promised a fight, seeing great promise in cloning for cures of terrible afflictions. Bush called medical researchers, ethicists, lawmakers, ministers and disabled people to the White House to explain why he objects to human cloning and to embrace a ban proposed by Sens. Sam Brownback and Mary Landrieu. The president was looking to tamp down an evolving Senate compromise, crafted by Sens. Arlen Specter, Edward Kennedy, Tom Harkin and Dianne Feinstein, that would outlaw cloning for reproductive purposes but allow it for research on illnesses such as cancer, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

A grand test at the Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The hype over the Masters is no longer about the possibility of a grand slam. This time, it's the punishment expected from a grand course. Augusta National has undergone many changes since Tiger Woods left last April after completing his unprecedented sweep of the four biggest tournaments in golf. Starting Thursday, Woods will try to defend his title on a super-sized version of Augusta, a course that has been stretched to nearly 7,300 yards and figures to provide the 89-man field with the toughest test in Masters history.

Research: Pill might get people in shape

WASHINGTON — It's a couch potato's dream: Instead of sweating and straining, people someday may simply pop a pill to get in shape, say researchers who have identified how muscle cells get stronger from regular exercise. Researchers at Duke University and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center have found the chemical pathway that muscle cells use to build up their strength and endurance. With this basic knowledge in hand, it may now



CREATURES: The New York premiere of *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones*, will raise money for the city's underprivileged kids and children of the victims of Sept. 11, festival organizers said Wednesday. "As a father and filmmaker, it's my pleasure to offer the film in support of the children of New York City," said *Star Wars* creator George Lucas. The premiere, scheduled for May 12 during the Tribeca Film Festival, will benefit The Children's Aid Society, which helps the city's disadvantaged children and has provided millions of dollars in aid to those affected by the terrorist attacks. Two private screenings of the latest *Star Wars* prequel will take place that morning for children and their families; the premiere that afternoon will be the fund-raiser to benefit The Children's Aid Society. Natalie Portman, one of the movie's co-stars, is expected to attend, as well as Frances McDormand, Karen Allen, Don Aykroyd and Donna Dixon. Tickets are \$500 for the pre-party and screening and \$1,000 for the pre-party, screening and VIP seating.

be possible to develop a pill that pumps up muscle cells without all that exercise, said Dr. R. Sanders Williams, dean of the Duke University School of Medicine. "That may be one of the possibilities," said Williams. But, as a physician, Williams said he the main target of the research is to help people with heart disease or other conditions that keep them from doing enough exercise to remain healthy.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel accused of attempting genocide

MADRID, Spain — Egypt lashed out at Israel at a U.N. meeting Wednesday, accusing it of "attempts at genocide" despite protests that the conference on world aging was not the place for Mideast politics. As the World Assembly on Aging neared unanimous agreement on ways to improve the quality of life of the elderly, Arab nations demanded a condemnation of Israeli actions that they said caused suffering among elderly Palestinians. "Today, as we seek ways of protecting the elderly, this assembly ought to condemn what the elderly suffer at the hands of the Israeli army," Fayza Aboulnaga, Egypt's deputy minister for foreign affairs, told representatives from 160 nations and international organizations.

Sharon vows to press on after bombing

JENIN, West Bank — From a West Bank army base overlooking the scene of the deadliest fighting in Israel's 13-day-old offensive, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Wednesday delivered a blunt message: Israel will not pull back until Palestinian militias are crushed. Despite his pledge to continue the offensive in the face of intense U.S. and international pressure to call it off, Sharon's defense ministry announced late Wednesday troops were pulling out of West Bank villages of Yatta, Qabqaba and Samua. Yatta and Samua are near the southern city of Hebron, and Qabqaba is near the northern city of Jenin, where some of the most fierce fighting has been reported.

Powell says mission not jeopardized

MADRID, Spain — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday he would push ahead with his peacekeeping mission in the Middle East despite Israel's objections to his meeting Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. An Israeli military withdrawal from three West Bank towns drew support from the Bush administration. The statement did not mention Arafat by name. Israel's defense ministry had announced that Israeli troops were leaving the Palestinian villages of Yatta, Qabqaba and Samua. The White House statement was a shift from the administration's objections earlier Wednesday over Israel's slowness in meeting Bush's demands for a withdrawal.

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causing distorted vision. These vessels can potentially leak blood into the central part of the eye, leading to partial blindness.

Ambati said the cause of macular degeneration is not known. It cannot be stopped, but treatments may slow its progression.

"It was not previously thought of this way, but the research is convincing," he said.

The treatment involves inserting into the eyes of patients a small implant containing an anti-inflammatory drug, which reduces swelling in the affected blood vessels. A laser therapy is then employed to seal leaking blood vessels.

However, Ambati said only the laser component of this treatment is FDA-approved, the drug treatment is not. He said approval might come in two to three years, "if things go as planned."

Paul Ashton, president and CEO of Control Delivery Systems in Boston, spent five years in UK's Ophthalmology and Pharmacy programs re-

searching these treatments. Ashton developed Vit-rasert, a drug-releasing eye implant used to treat CMV retinitis, an AIDS-related viral infection. The virus causes bleeding similar to macular degeneration and can cause blindness in late-stage AIDS patients.

Ashton said the drug injections available prior to Vit-rasert were not very effective for treatment of CMV retinitis.

"The drugs either typically didn't work or had serious side effects," he said.

Because the Vitrasert implant is placed into the eye, it uses 20,000 times less of the same drug. This makes it safer and less likely to cause side effects, he said.

Ashton said he is conducting clinical trials using similar implants and a different drug to treat diabetic macular edema. More than half of all diabetics will develop the condition.

Though more than 25 universities are participating in the trials, Ashton said the research "stems from work originally done at UK."

The therapy is in its final development stages, Ashton said. But he said FDA approval could take awhile.

"Drug testing takes a long time," he said.

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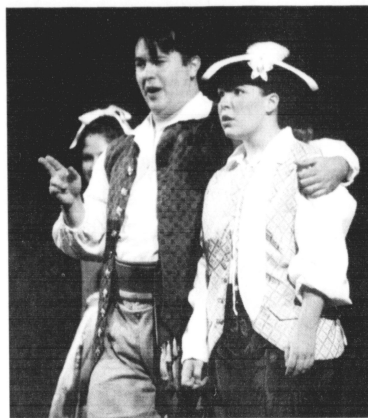


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Le opera

Crider earned his undergraduate degree at Murray State University. He decided to come to UK to audition for graduate school.

but he didn't feel he had paid his dues.

"People had told me I would do many, many competitions before I got my 'sea legs.' So I went in with no hope," he said. "I just wanted to do well and get used to doing competitions, and I ended up advancing."

Then, with the next round five months away, the wait began.

Crider has kept himself very busy during the wait, continuing voice lessons and performing in UK's Opera Gala before leaving in February for a stint with the Nashville Opera, where he has been doing children's operas and other chorus and opera work.

The coincidence

At the same time, former UK student Mark Whatley, who received his master's degree in vocal performance from UK in 2000, decided to compete in the National Council Auditions regionals in Memphis. On March 16, he advanced to the same New York competition as his good friend Crider.

Crider and Whatley have known each other for about six years. Both are students of Stephen King, a voice professor in UK's School of Music, and have been in UK performances together.

"Dr. King is a fine teacher. That's why good students are attracted to a school like UK," Whatley said.

Crider and Mark both agree that having each other there at this weekend's competition will be a great benefit.

"It will be good for us to be there together," Mark said.

The teacher King

These days, King is pretty excited, having two of his own students advancing to the Met's national finals.

"It's not something that happens every day," King said. "It's fortunate to have two good enough this particular year to advance. I feel great about what they are doing," King said of his students. "I've heard them so much the past six months. They're really ready for this."

The competition

Crider and Mark are the only UK students to advance to the national finals since Gregory Turay did in 1995. Turay went on to win the competition.

"The rewards are ten fold," Turay said of the competition. "Experience is the most important thing."

Turay said he received offers to perform in two operatic shows before he even made it to the finals. Since then, he has been working with a number of opera companies around the world.

Currently, Turay is singing Fenton in Verdi's Falstaff at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, where he lives with his wife Courtney and their 10-month-old son Benjamin. After that show ends next week, Turay will travel to Japan to sing an opera with Seiji Ozawa, one of the top conductors in the world, where he will do Don Giovanni.

B&E

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but we are still optimistic," Furst said. "We already have tentative commitments of about \$10 million donated anonymously." The plans may begin as early as next fall, Furst said.

The new building will house classrooms, offices, a computer lab and a library.

"The new facilities will increase our research capabilities and enhance the learning process for students.

"It will also help the college compete on a national level for students, faculty and doctoral students," Childers said.

Jay Riney, an accounting junior, is excited about the plans to relocate the college.

"The location of the college is not as important as having the state-of-the-art resources that will prove invaluable for students entering the college," Riney said.

Courtney Pollock, a business and economics junior, said the plan is needed for the college to excel.

However, she is concerned about parking.

"It is already hard to find spaces to park on campus now, so building on an existing parking lot could cause a problem," Pollock said.

The college has taken the parking issue into consideration and incorporated it into their plans.

"There will be no need to worry about parking. The spaces that occupy the lot right now will be moved to a parking structure to be built behind Memorial Coliseum," Furst said.

The college would also like to acquire the former L.R. Cook Building on the end of Avenue of Champions and High Street.

The acquisition would address the college's management and executive development programs and the need for offices, lecture halls, conference rooms and parking spaces.

Furst said that furthering the college's goals with these new building projects will also help further UK's college town goals.

"The new buildings are very important to our students and faculty members and we will act as the 'bookends' in President Todd's and Mayor Miller's plans to connect UK with downtown," Furst said.

It (the new building) will also help the college compete on a national level..."

- Terry Childers, Gatton Endowed Chair

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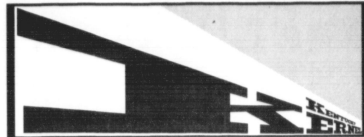
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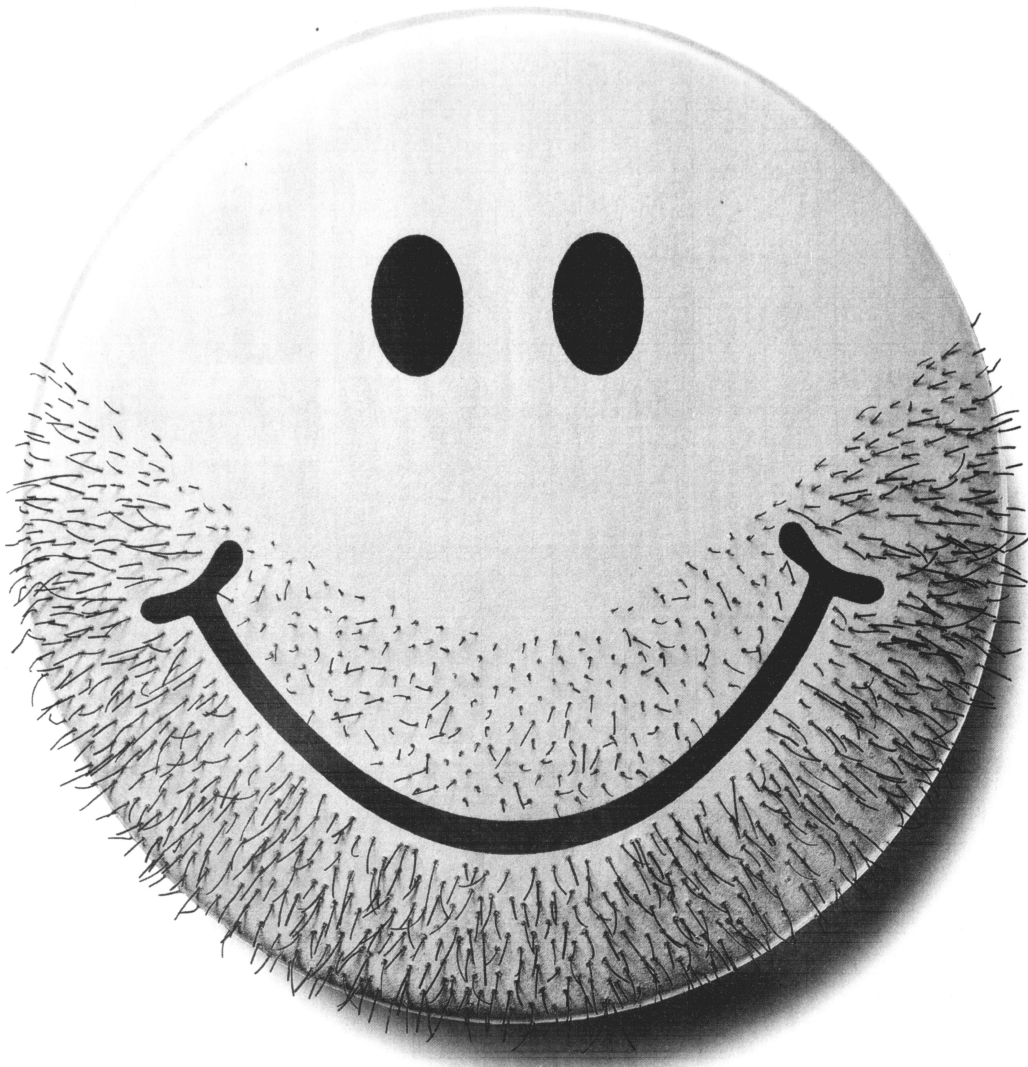
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FILMMAKERS

'Cereal' killer makes up film

By Stacie Meihaus
SCENE EDITOR

Brandon Smith anticipates being a small fish in a big pond this weekend.

The Murray State drawing major will be in Lexington this weekend to participate in the SplitScreen Film Festival. And he's excited about the two films he has in competition.

"I think the idea is to go in wanting to see new stuff and (to) have an atmosphere to learn," Smith said.

Smith's films, *8e* and *8 Please* are short films.

"Honestly, the number eight was a complete coincidence," he said.

8 Please is a comedy that chronicles an elevator ride. The main character tries to get to the eighth floor, while interest-

ing and strange characters keep getting on the elevator.

"It's very simple and straightforward," Smith said. "But it was really hard to base a comedy on a visual level instead of dialogue."

8e is a parody of the thriller *Se7en*. Detectives investigate a "cereal" killer.

Smith said the film was backed with a lot of community support.

"It's hard because we're in a small town, but when we tell people we're from Murray State, people love us," he said. "We were asking businesses if we could shoot in their alleyways."

Many businesses let the crew shoot inside Cereal aisles, hospital embalming rooms and bus stations all became different sets for the film.

"The Eddieville prison actually gave us a jumpsuit for the film," Smith said.

Smith was happy with the way the film turned out, especially when the crew decided to go to Alabama to get a professional sound job.

"I would consider it a student film," he said. "But I hope to see it as my bridging piece between student and independent films."

Although Smith wrote, directed and edited the film, he said that cinematography is his favorite job.

"I'm not the greatest at directing," he said. "But cinematography - organizing the shots and putting together the image that people will finally see - really excites me."

Smith said his festival hopes are to have some fun and

make connections.

"Essentially it's all about people coming together to view the films. I'm all about those connections between people," Smith said.

As for getting two films in the film festival when others were turned away, Smith thinks the reason is simple.

"They're just fun. I made them to show a bit of fun," he said.

Pass the cereal

Smith's film, *8e* will be shown at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Worsham Theatre.

8 Please will be shown at 5:15 p.m. Saturday at the Worsham Theatre.

MORE FILMMAKERS

Making a 'fortune'-ate silent film

By Emily Hagedorn
STAFF WRITER

The motif of the irony of fortune is not limited to Shakespearean plays and daytime soap operas. *Fortune's Fool*, a short film premiering Saturday at the SplitScreen Film Festival, uses the techniques of silent film and humor to express this theme.

Tom Burkhardt said he and fellow filmmakers, Nate Brown and Jason "Epp" Epperson, wanted to create something original that would make people laugh.

"We wanted to do a modern-day silent film," Burkhardt said.

Despite its silent nature, he still said it will appeal to many.

"It's good, clean fun," Burkhardt said.

The film takes place in a Chinese restaurant in which an employee chooses the fortune cookies he gives to his customers based on how he feels about them personally. The fortunes range from "good" to "bad" to "really bad."

And while the plot seems insightful, the inspiration for the film is not far from the film itself.

"Epp was eating a fortune cookie when he got the idea," Burkhardt said.

Two weeks prior to the SplitScreen deadline, the trio was sitting in a Chinese restaurant eating lunch when the idea blossomed. What followed was the filming of the production a

few days later at the Imperial Hunan on New Circle in addition to two weeks of editing.

"We were surprised we could shoot this in such a limited time," Epperson said.

And considering the lack of time they had to make their short film, they were surprised to hear that they made the cut for the festival, beating out more than 50 other films.

"I wasn't really excited until I realized how many were turned away," Burkhardt said.

The fortune of making the festival has not fallen short on them, though. Burkhardt, an aspiring actor, and Epperson are using this experience as a stepping stone to bigger and better things. They have high expectations for their future.

"Superstardom starts from here," Burkhardt said.

Epperson felt likewise. "Five years from now, I want people to know my name," Epperson said.

The irony of fortune may be playing itself upon these filmmakers, but one will never know unless they see *Fortune's Fool* at the festival this weekend.

"Catch us now before we get huge," Burkhardt said.

Have a cookie

Fortune's Fool will be shown at 5:05 p.m. Saturday at the Worsham Theatre.

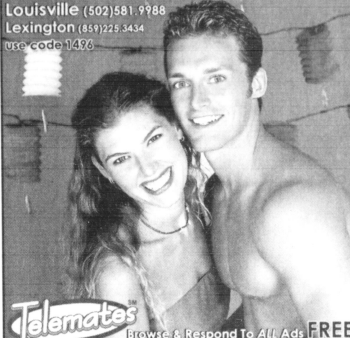
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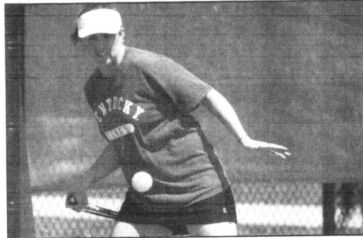
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Cats drill Ohio State 7-0, revive spirit on Senior Day



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Shutout: Dominating performance lets Cats move past last weekend's disappointments

By Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER

The 17th ranked UK women's tennis team swept all nine matches yesterday and defeated the Ohio State Buckeyes 7-0 on Senior Day at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center.

UK Coach Mark Guilbeau expressed pleasure with his team's dominating performance against the Buckeyes. It was a sharp contrast to the coach's sentiments following Sunday's disappointing loss to Auburn.

"I know I came out pretty harsh after the (Auburn) match," Guilbeau said. "But the main thing you have to do, and we've learned, is that you've got to use that in some way to help you do better, and it would be a mistake to have a bad day hurt you the rest of the season."

The Cats (15-6) seemed to have learned from Sunday's mistakes as they set the tone early in the afternoon, winning all three doubles matches and earning the contest's first point.

In doubles, senior Carolina Mayorga and junior Sarah Witten led the way for the Cats. Ranked seventh nationally, the duo defeated a solid Buckeye team of Monica Rincon and Meaghan Colville 6-1. The Cats' doubles teams of Lauren Rookledge and Leigh Bradwell and Shannon Stafford and Jill Buckley, seeded second and third, respectively, were also victorious in their matches.

In singles action, all six Cats won in straight sets to secure the victory. Witten had one of her most important victories this year, defeating Rincon 7-6, 6-2. The win boosted Witten's NCAA selection seed and preserved the shutout. Other winners included Mayorga, Rookledge, Buckley, Bradwell and Stafford.

With the postseason looming, Mayorga said Wednesday's victory helped the Cats get back to their winning ways.

"I thought it was really important for us to get back on track, especially to have a good start on the match, and to keep it going for (the Southeastern Conference Championships)," Mayorga said. "It's good to keep a perspective of what's coming up."

What lies ahead for the Cats is a daunting test against No. 6 Vanderbilt on Sunday. He said that despite an impressive No. 17 ranking, UK still has not established itself as a national power worthy of playing with the very best.

"Our team does not deserve to even mention the phrase 'Beat-Vandy' right now," Guilbeau said. "It doesn't mean we're not confident and that doesn't mean we're going to do less than our best, but our kids haven't shown the level and haven't put together the results that Vandy has, so that would be me falsely giving our kids too much credit."

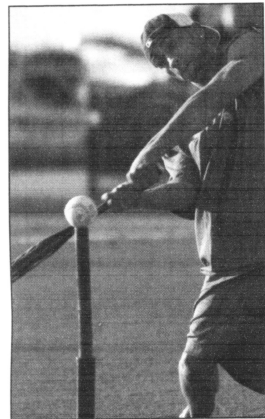
Even though UK's Sunday match will have little bearing on the Cats' SEC Tournament seeding — a match against LSU in the first round is all but certain — a win against VU is still crucial for UK's NCAA resume. If it can pull the upset against VU and show well in the SECs, UK may achieve its goal of hosting the NCAA regionals.

Still, as UK prepares for the home stretch, Guilbeau said he is most concerned with the strides UK is making in the short term.

"The main thing I'm happy with is that we learned from Sunday, and we came out and played much better today ... it was really nice," he said.

'Buck'ing the competition

UK junior Jill Buckley teams with senior partner Shannon Stafford to win the third-seeded doubles match against the Ohio State Buckeyes.



UK basketball player Gerald Fitch takes a cut in the homerun derby that took place in between games at the softball double-header against Louisville Wednesday at the UK Softball Complex. Fitch joined Tubby Smith and Erik Daniels on a team that took on a Cat football trio of Guy Morris, Jared Lorenzen and Antonio Hall. The football team won the derby 25-20. The UK softball team lost the first game 5-1 to U of L but rallied to win 9-1 in the second game.

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Laid off

Office space

I recently found out that my job as a technical support agent will soon be over. I give technical phone support for HP computers, but they are closing down our call center in June. Since I am considered a customer support, I am expected to be nice and polite to anyone who calls in, even the rudest of people. Now that I'm going to be losing my position though, so should I give a rat's ass about doing a good job?

Here are some things to do when losing your job is imminent:

I'm sure everyone would love to finally tell off that annoying hellspawn of a boss they have - but don't do this unless you're fully prepared. I suggest studying the works of George Carlin, a master of profanity, before slingin' random comments.

Most businesses have a casual day, but everyday is casual day when your days are numbered. "Casual" is also in the eye of the beholder, which means there's nothing wrong with showing a little casual skin, as in all of it.

Remember how the customer is always right? Well, you don't have to follow that rule any longer. It's a judgment call, though, on whether you decide to screw the customer over or your place of employment. Try to be creative and find a way to do both.

Coffee is an essential part of every business day, especially now that you can have your Irish style. I was looking for a way to forget about work anyway. Who would have thought that alcohol could come to the rescue once again?

Everything sure seems nice now that you don't care about losing your job, but that only means that you'll have to find a new one. Job-hunting will give you something to do at work besides playing Tetris all day.

Seeing that you're a soon-to-be employee, the rule on dating co-workers is out the window. Be sure that the co-worker you have in mind also understands this regulation and actually wants to date you. There are still rules against stalking someone, co-worker or not.

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READERS' FORUM



Expressions

Pro-life movement based on compassion toward everyone

When I opened the Dialogue page Monday, I was pleased to see a "Point-Counterpoint" section devoted to abortion which was undoubtedly spurred by the controversial GAP displays on campus this week. However, I was disappointed that the articles did not accurately represent all the viewpoints on campus concerning this issue. Pro-choice views were clearly expressed, but I failed to see the counterpoint. The mere presence of GAP on campus is not a sufficient representation of the pro-life movement as a whole. Presenting the issue in this way only serves to perpetuate the notion that pro-lifers are "religious zealots" whose main purpose is to inflict guilt on women who have or would choose to have an abortion.

The true basis of the pro-life movement is compassion, both toward unborn children and women. Nothing can be achieved by pointing fingers, but rather by changing hearts. Many in the pro-life movement feel that GAP's tactics are gruesome and shocking claims that divert attention to the sensational nature of the issues instead of to the underlying rational arguments of both sides. Pro-life advocates foster a respect for human life in all stages, from conception to natural death. We must seek to find common ground with others who work to affirm human life in many ways, including economic justice, peaceful world relations, care of the terminally ill, racial reconciliation and the welfare of women and rights of children.

I speak for many people on campus when I say that GAP misrepresents the pro-life movement. While its intentions may be consistent with the rest of the group, the pure shock value of GAP's claims does not advance the cause of protecting the unborn. As author Michel de Montaigne writes, "He who establishes his argument by noise and command shows that his reason is weak." Only when those on both sides of the issue come together, free from the distractions of emotional discourse, and truly listen to each other, will any real progress be made.

EMILY CAMPBELL
CIVIL ENGINEERING FRESHMAN

Sometimes free speech can be offensive, that's what it's meant to do

I'm not writing to promote pro-life or pro-choice positions but I must address a serious issue raised by the GAP display and the ACLU/Feminist alliance opposition. So many people responded to the GAP pictures by saying "I am offended..." You shouldn't force these on us" and "You have to be tolerant of other people's points of view." Right now, students at UK and people all across this country are sacrificing their freedom of speech on the altar of "TOLERANCE." They forget that the purpose of the First Amendment is to guarantee free speech and freedom of religion. It was written to give us the right to offend the government without the risk of being thrown in jail. We as existing human beings are unable to exercise any freedom we have without offending someone. However, we as Americans are being held hostage to the fear of "What if I offend someone? Will they sue me?" Therefore, we are refusing to speak out on important sociological, political, and yes, religious issues. If anyone is offended by something I say, good for you. Welcome to America - you have the right to disagree. But don't think that your blanket statement of "I am so offended" is a valid disagreement, or going to make me cover in fear and say, "Well OK, I guess I'll just shut up."

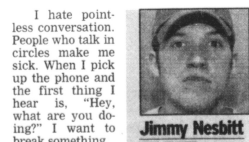
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If you want to talk, listen to me first



Jimmy Nesbitt
KERNEL COLUMNIST

I hate pointless conversation. People who talk in circles make me sick. When I pick up the phone and the first thing I hear is, "Hey, what are you doing?" I want to break something. I could tell the caller that I was working on a cure for cancer, but somehow it doesn't matter. "What are you doing?" is a disguised question. It really means the caller wants to tell you what they are doing. I'm quiet by nature, so I'm biased. I only listen to people when they have something important to say. I only speak when the listener cares about what I'm saying. Restaurant servers are notoriously fake. They have to be, it's their job. The

good ones amuse me. The bad ones just suck. "Hi, how are you guys doing tonight?" I try to reply but my one second is up before they ask, "What would you like to drink?"

Don't ask if you don't care. I waited tables for eight months. I sucked. I couldn't act like a good friend to a complete stranger. I tried to be nice and put on my best happy face, but I always felt like a dope.

When I talk to someone in person, I want the satisfaction of having their attention while I'm speaking. I'm offended when someone asks me a question but doesn't really listen to my answer. Why ask? You're wasting your time if you don't pay attention.

I'm guilty too. I've gotten into deep conversations with people only to turn my head or interrupt when they're in mid-sentence.

Unfortunately, only the people who care about me have told me that my behavior

bothered them.

That brings me to pointless relationships. I hate those, too. I have many "acquaintances," but few friends. But hey, if you're in college and you can walk from your dorm to classes and say, "What's up?" to more than five people, then you're popular. You're cool.

Sure, a few of these people might be random drunks you met at a party, had a beer with or got in bed with. It doesn't matter. They remember you. Names aren't important. They're too hard to remember. Getting the face is way more than half the battle, partner.

Halfway through college, I really thought I had a lot of friends. My cell phone memory was nearly gone. My black book was almost complete. If I wanted to have a beer with someone, I had options.

All of the sudden, it hit me. What if I don't want to have a beer with Steve? What if all I want to do is talk? Not about the Cats or how many good-looking girls there

are here, but about myself.

Will he listen? More important, will I know he cares? No. I'm not asking for a hug. I just want sincerity.

The best form of sincerity is the tangible kind. The eye contact, head nod and audible response that make you feel good.

I'm only going to be here for another month. I'm graduating and moving on. My black book? No longer need it. My cell phone? Canceled the service months ago.

I still see the "Hi, bye, what'd you do last night?" crowd, but I keep walking. Time flies. I want to put all of my passion into the people and profession I believe in. I know my good friends are. If you don't already, don't worry. You'll find out when the ride is over.

Jimmy Nesbitt is a journalism senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Take a look, see what's really there

Sometimes the best way to open your eyes to a place you're familiar with is to see it through the eyes of someone who is new to it.

Last week I had the opportunity to spend a day showing off UK to my brother, Donnie, and his friend, Kyle. Both are seniors in high school. Their college searches differ slightly - Kyle, after a heart-wrenching decision over whether to go to college close to home or move to a school in Colorado so he can ski all day, decided on attending UK. Donnie, decidedly unsure.

Both boys had never been on campus during classes. Kyle had only driven around the place, and my brother often seen what he could as he helped me carry heavy boxes of junk up to my dorm room.

I thought seeing campus would be a deciding factor in Donnie's college choice. And I was feeling some pressure - I really want him to go here.

But they had to get here, first.

First of all, they showed up about an hour late. I sat and thought that they'd probably just slept in a little until I remembered the only other time Donnie came to pick me up. After making a wrong turn on Broadway, he passed the Legends' field before he realized he was going in the wrong direction.

After I called the cell phone - no answer - I dialed my dad's office to see if he heard from them. Just as I reached my father, the boys walked through the door.

The day started off with a usual event for many students - parking. After dropping the car off at the lot behind the Coliseum, the boys headed over to the police station to get a visitor's pass. As any student knows, leaving a car behind without a proper lot pass is a big mistake.

"By the time we got back, we already had a ticket," Donnie told me. "It was amazing. We were only gone for five minutes." This, of course, was entirely funny until I realized that the car had its license plates registered under my name. Unfortunately, the ticket will have to be paid.

So by the time they finally showed up, I was starving. Being high school boys, they are always hungry. We decided to go to Ovid's and sample some campus cuisine.

We ventured out onto the campus. I did the best I could to be a "tour guide" for them.

And after spending much of the last two years floating, I found myself - as I tried to explain the ins and outs of the university - seeing campus in a different way.

You notice things like the length from Chem-Phys to the Classroom Building. You find yourself saying things like, "That's the big library. You'll always find someone sleeping in there." You feel appalled that a non-vegetarian someone hasn't tried the spicy beef wrap. You laugh when Kyle tells you he will only take classes with more than 300 people so he can only go when there is a test.

You join in the "planning" to have Kyle stand, just stand, for an entire day on the petrified stump. You love it when they think it's hilarious that dance classes are held in the same place as ROTC. You cringe at how messy your room is when you finally make it back there.

And you notice people. Because that's really what makes up a university, isn't it? If there were no people, the place would just be a bunch of buildings.

You feel glad that the Ovid's staff was happy, joking around with each other and with their customers. They made the boys laugh as they waited for their food.

And you're completely aware of every time someone pauses that extra second or two to hold the door open for you. It's an act of kindness, one that the boys even acknowledged by saying "thank you."

You begin to see again the different colors of the people around you. You become more aware of the smokers, cell-phone users and the Greek community. And, yes, you see the separations, but you also see the integration.

And everything you've become accustomed to over the past few years of your schooling here, you see again. Yet, the day was all summed up by one simple statement.

"I like it," Kyle said.

Stacie Meihaus is a Journalism and English sophomore. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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Holes in the shower

This off-campus student bathroom has seen a lot of combat. Students should have a clear understanding in advance of what wear or damage will be counted against their deposit before signing the lease.

Maintenance: Removing stains, patching holes and cleaning trash a must for landlords

By Emily Burton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

So you finally have an apartment, a great castle of your own for all sorts of college rites of passage. But at the end of the year, will all those memories stained on the carpet come back to haunt you? Does that bullet hole in the wall mean you will lose your deposit?

Though apartment managers come in many dispositions, a few basic deposit rules apply to all places called home. A deposit is usually around \$200. At the end of the lease, a manager will inspect the property for major damage. And any damage above normal wear and tear will cost you. So, what constitutes normal wear and tear?

"One of my friends threw a guy through the wall," said Joe Wendt, a fine arts junior and two-year apartment dweller.

But if you don't have a brother to patch the wall like Wendt does, kiss your cash goodbye.

Marilyn Noto, manager of Cedar Run Apartments, said she would keep a deposit for any major holes in the drywall, difficult stains on the carpet or any other breach of the lease agreement.

"I usually don't have problems with (students)," she said.

Redeck fees, or the cost of cleaning between tenants, can run more than \$300, an amount seldom covered by a deposit. Unless serious damage takes place, managers will pay for the repairs in their buildings and return the deposit untouched.

By law, each apartment must be repainted and the locks must be changed. Most managers deep clean the carpets and air ducts as well.

"We paint ... clean, we're not going to let someone leave and have another move in right after them," said Lisa Guy, a leasing manager at Stone Bridge

Apartments.

There is no law requiring the carpets to be stripped between renters, but carpet tends to only last for two years.

General manager Mark Banks of Quality Carpet Cleaning suggests vacuuming regularly to minimize any wear on the carpet. He also warns students of the damage a pet can cause, citing pet urine as one of the most difficult stains and smells to remove.

"Steam cleaning would help the most," Banks said. "With Febreze you're basically covering (the odor) up for a time period, but the carpet will get dirtier much faster."

No carpet is spotless, and managers don't expect the apartment to look like new at the end of the lease. But if all else fails, just remember that duct tape and super glue were designed with the college renter in mind.

Maintenance tips

With the help of some tricks, almost anything is repairable.

• **Carpet stains:** Rubbing the area makes the stain larger. So, work from the outside of the stain inward so it doesn't spread.

• **Beer:** White distilled vinegar

• **Blood:** Make a 50/50 water and peroxide mix, spray lightly on stain. Blot; don't rub

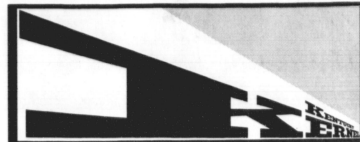
• **Ink:** Depending on the type of ink, some hairsprays will work

• **Nail holes, chipped paint:** Cheap white toothpaste

• **Pet odors:** White distilled vinegar will work. Use a 50/50 mix with water, spray lightly

• **Pizza sauce:** Pre-wet area with cold water, blot out excess dampness, spray with an ammonia-based solution like 409 or Windex. For deep stains, spray with 409, put a damp towel on spot and put a heavy book on towel overnight to draw out stain

• **Wax:** Place damp towel over area, use warm iron to soften.



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Movers frequently abandon pets

By Stacie Meihaus
SCENE EDITOR

It's the 'rush' season for the Lexington Humane Society.

Right after school lets out, many students leave Lexington for the summer. And unfortunately, some students leave their pets behind.

"I couldn't tell you strict statistics, but I do know that we get a lot of animals at the end of the school year," said Bliss Jones, volunteer coordinator at the Humane Society.

Although some owners bring their pets into the shelter, oftentimes pets are abandoned and have to be brought in through other means.

"Could a common dog or house cat handle themselves on their own? Absolutely not. They would have a hard time on their own," said Tracy Hungler, a veterinarian.

Hungler said that many abandoned animals could face starvation or dehydration if they are not found and taken care of.

"Those would be the most common things that could happen to them," she said.

Jones added that animals could face threats from cars, humans and even other animals.

"Sometimes we get an animal that is so sick or injured that we can't do anything for them," she said.

Korey Vallance, a sociology junior, has a cocker spaniel

named Bruiser.

"I can't imagine abandoning a poor little animal," Vallance said.

Vallance voiced concern for the older animals in the shelter. Indeed, older animals are often the last to go, if they go at all, Jones said.

"Luckily, kittens and puppies are adopted usually pretty quickly," she said.

Jones said that there are always places to live that allow pets.

"Of course we would love it if people would choose their housing based on places that could have pets," she said.

But if you can no longer take care of your pet, April Baker, a dispatcher for the Humane Society, said that taking it an animal to a shelter is much better than abandoning it.

"You can't abuse them. They're just pets. Bring them in and someone else can care for them," Baker said.

Although pets can be dropped off after-hours at the Humane Society, Jones encourages anyone thinking of bringing a pet in to come in during the open hours. That way, the workers can get a full history of the pet, which can better help to find it a home. The pet-owner will also sign a paper, which will turn the pet over to the shelter.

"And of course if anyone has questions about raising their pet, they can always call us for help," Jones said.



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REAL WORLD

Paying for apartments more than rent alone

By Janet Eaton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Getting that first apartment is both exciting and intimidating. Unlike the dorm, where a predetermined amount is paid for the semester, an apartment means utility bills, groceries and other expenses students may not think about.

Getting all the apartment's utilities activated can take work and money. With deposits and installation fees, expect to pay a minimum of \$200.

Comparing apartments by rent alone can be a mistake. Know what's included in the rent because utilities, including electricity, can be expensive.

Bonita Middleton, a customer service representative at Kentucky Utilities, said students should budget for electricity.

"Students should call us (before signing a lease) and we can give them the range of electric charges for that apartment for the last 12 months," she said.

This information can be obtained 24 hours a day by calling 1-800-981-0600. Have the address and the apartment

number handy.

Careful monitoring of your water usage can keep your water bill low. Candice Deininger, of Kentucky-American Water Co., said one leaky toilet can cost more than \$100 per month.

"We see students who have had this problem," she said.

Deininger said students can get free toilet leak detection kits from KAWC. Insurance is also important to consider.

Most property in students' apartments is covered by their parents' homeowner's insurance, but students should check to make sure expensive items such as computers or jewelry are fully insured.

After getting their first apartments, students are sometimes surprised at the cost of food. Casey Barrier, an anthropology senior who goes out to eat frequently, estimates that he spends close to \$300 per month on food.

"The one thing I splurge on is food," Barrier said.

Anthropology senior Damon Revelette also frequently goes out to eat because he discovered it's hard to plan for meals and cook. He estimates

food purchases costs him \$150 to \$200 per month.

The expense of eating and doing her laundry surprised Danita Hunt, a sophomore English major. But she said using coupons and learning to cook has helped her make ends meet.

"Mom tried to tell me about how things were in the real world, but somehow I missed it," Hunt said.

Added expenses

Depending on your lifestyle, here are some possible prices on bills you may pay.

- **Electric:** \$50 to \$125 deposit, \$35 to \$65 and up monthly charge
- **Gas:** 1/6 of last year's bills deleted, expensive monthly charge during the winter
- **Water:** no deposit, \$13 to \$15 monthly charge per person, sewer an additional \$4.50.
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- **Internet:** \$21.95 for AOL, doesn't include cable modem, and an additional phone line may add to the cost.

Home means no shower shoes

I have had a number of people ask me how I can still stand living at home while being a college student. Here's the answer:

Living at home has its good and bad points. Or, I'll say, until I get the money to rent an apartment with some friends, I'd better make the best of living with my parents.

First of all, I'm an only child. I don't know what it would be like to share a dorm room with a stranger, much less sharing a bathroom with 20 other girls. It's nice to take a shower and not worry about having to wear sandals in the bathroom or having to carry my shampoo and things around in a plastic caddy.

I hope I don't sound spoiled, but I just don't know how I would adapt to dorm life. I like peace and quiet.

On the other hand, some of my friends love dorm life. They tell me stories about going down the hall seeing who wants to go to dinner over at Commons. Some nights when I'm sitting at home, eating a frozen meal because I missed dinner after another long day at the Kernel, I wish I had some friends to go get dinner with.

As far as being involved with campus activi-



Rebecca Neal
KERNEL COLUMNIST

ties — I work at the Kernel.

This brings to mind one of the most problematic parts of living at home — the commute. I schedule my classes around the morning and evening rush hours and work in my time at the Kernel so I'm not up on campus too late. I don't live in Lexington, so my commute takes a half-hour in the mornings and an hour in the evenings.

I don't mean to complain — I have a good car and the drive is one of the few chances I get during the day to listen to my music. However, when I'm sitting at the intersection of Alumni Drive and Nicholasville Road waiting for the cars to move and quit blocking the intersection, I begin to really hate my commute.

Overall, I know I should be grateful my parents are providing me with housing now. I can't afford tuition, books and rent. I'm sure there are times where my parents wish they had the house to themselves. Tempers flare when I stay out too late or disagree with my parents over an issue.

I was talking to a friend of mine recently about how I wished my parents would see me more like an adult. He told me to imagine what it would be like to have parents that didn't care about me and didn't care if I succeeded in college. I think he's right. Even though there are times when I'm dying to get my own place, there's nothing like my house, where the food is free, the place is clean and the people care.

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Picking roommates is a messy job

My abode is as humble as it gets. For two years I've lived in a four-bedroom apartment with three other guys. I've also learned that things were easier when I had Mom to clean.

At basically no time during the last two years have I come home, walked through the door and not thought, "God, this place looks like hell." Bags of trash line our deck. Dirty dishes tower in the kitchen sink. Empty toilet paper rolls mount in the bathroom.

Ah, home sweet home. Seriously. Over the last two years I've lived with seven different guys - eight if you count the omnipresent aroma of stale beer and cigarette smoke - and the thing that allows us to get along better than anything is our common opinion on the welfare of our apartment. That opinion: screw the apartment.

Sure, everybody would prefer a clean place to live, but luckily we all have the same view that it's just not worth trying to keep the place up.

And because we are equally messy, no blame is placed. No arguments occur.

Of the people I know who hate their roommates, the dislike always stems from a dispute about the cleanliness of their place. The clean roommate gets progressively more pissed at the messy roommate because he or she continually ends up cleaning up for the other.

As someone who thinks a clean apartment is vastly overrated,



Steve Jones
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

I think such a dispute is a real tragedy that breaks up a lot of friendships. How many times have you heard one of your friends talk about how his or her roommate is a terrible one because either he or she is grossly messy or obnoxiously tidy? Moreover, how many times were those two people inseparable friends before they lived together and began to hate each other?

So what's the advice of this column? Pick a roommate that is on the exact same page with you on how clean you want your place to be. Let it be known prior to signing the lease that you're either going to let your place go or your going to vacuum everyday. That is ultimately what will determine how much fun you have living in a new place.

My roommates and I see our apartment as a place to drink, smoke and sleep. We gladly have keg parties where the nasty red Dixie cups lay scattered five days later and every object with a round bottom is a potential asstray.

Over winter break we saved all our empty beer boxes and stacked them in a tower against the wall. When the beautiful, but fragile, tower finally collapsed, we had 55 empty boxes strewn across the living room.

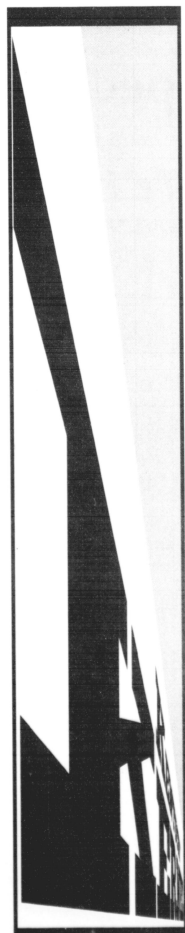
Did we worry? Nah. We let 'em sit for at least two weeks and waded through the pile shin-deep like the glorious cardboard ocean that it was. Alas, if only we'd saved the pizza boxes, too.

Of course, for every group of slob like us, there are an equal number of people who would rather waste an entire Saturday cleaning than to sit around and sleep and watch ball games.

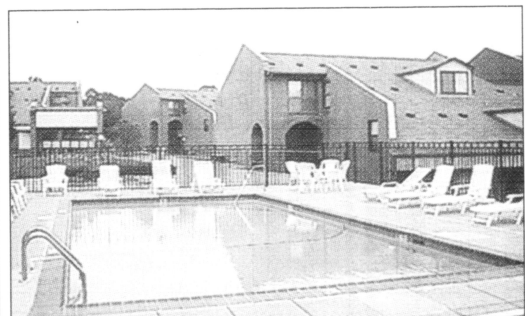
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Male roomies give new perspective

What it is like to live with a guy? Um, let me begin by saying that I love it — but not for reasons one may think.

After all, one of my roommates is in fact of the male species.

He fits the stereotypical persona fairly well with a dazzling array of fart jokes, sexual comments and goofball behavior. He likes to make us watch movies with no point. He enjoys keeping his bathroom door open so all of us can smell the scent of a dirty toilet. He even takes the time to build a Mount Everest of newspapers in our living room.

But as I explained, that's the stereotypical side of my male roommate. There is much more to his nature than meets the eye. And, the simple fact is that I have never had more fun living with someone.

The reasons I love living with this guy are numerous and outweigh any of the sarcastic remarks I made earlier about both his disgusting and not so disgusting habits.

There was never a time before now that I have been able to come home and smile at the sight of my roommate; no matter how bad my day has been.

He always has a relaxed state, which immediately calms me down and helps me put things into perspective.

Guy's are the best people to talk to when you have problems. My male roommate doesn't gossip. I can talk to him all night long — about anything — and come out of the discussion feeling refreshed.

My roommate makes me laugh. I have never known a girl who would come out of her room in tighty whities just to make me cringe.

My roommate will make light of serious situations when he can tell I can't. For example, he pretends to stab me with a needle when my blood sugar is low because of diabetes.

He is kind-hearted but blunt.

Instead of trying to hide the fact that he doesn't like my outfit by saying the old line, "Well, if you feel comfortable in it, that's all that matters," my roommate asks, "Sarah, why the hell are you wearing that out?"

There's nothing like brutal honesty to keep someone on their toes.

Sometimes I think the reason I love living with a guy is because I grew up with only one brother.

Perhaps I missed having that male presence near? Whatever the ultimate reason, living with a guy is absolutely amusing and delightful.

Everyone should try it at least once — in college.



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42 GIRLS AND NO GUYS.

Sorority house not Greek to me

When I pledged Kappa Alpha Theta in the fall of 2000, I promised myself I would never live in the sorority house. I could hardly get along with one roommate in Blanding Tower, much less an entire house full of girls with whom I thought I had little in common.

I have since signed up for my second year to be one of the 42 in-house residents.

Sorority-house living is not exactly what anyone expects.

We do not have pillow fights in our underwear or come home every morning in the outfit we wore the night before. We do not all throw up our meals or own Louis Vuitton purses. And I have yet to participate in a catfight.

Nothing surprises me anymore. I have woke up to a roommate telling me she sprained her ankle after jumping from the second floor smoke deck the night before. My neighbor took a chemistry test in a set of handcuffs she found in the house because she thought they were fake.

A girl down the hall cried on the front lawn after she couldn't fit through the door of the date party bus because of her dice costume on Halloween. Just a week ago, my bathroom was flooded from a late-night water fight.

I've done a lot of growing up in the house.

I no longer take situations or myself quite so seriously. I would go crazy if I did. My closet is everyone's closet, and I've grown to understand that. My computer and printer are what girls use when they run out of paper and ink. I cannot Febreze away the smell of frying bacon from the food cooking downstairs. I am no longer capable of having a private thought. And I will never get a parking pass because I don't baby-sit, and what few passes there are go to those who work late nights.

I've accepted the inconveniences.

Until recently I could hardly remember why I chose to live in the house for a second year. No one lives in the house because she likes obeying the dozens of rules we have to follow. No one likes sharing four toilets and showers with 20 other people. And I really miss having cable.

But it has all been worth it.

I live in the house for the small moments I would miss if I didn't live here. We have dance parties in our rooms while getting ready on Thursday nights before going to the Keys. Stumbling downstairs for Friday lunch and laughing about everything that happened the previous night is always memorable. We find humor in every single situation.

I have absolutely love it and would not give back a single moment in this house for anything.

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Dorm living a 'punishment' because of messy students

By Kristin Durbin
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

I think my parents made me live in a dorm as punishment for leaving home. I liken my current dorm to a prison. It had to have been an omen when I saw my green, plastic dorm mattress was actually stamped "Kentucky State Correctional Facility."

The "prison" where I live has nothing to do with dorm administrators, RAs or even visitation policies. The students themselves make dorm life unpleasant.

The hallways of my dorm are literally trashed. Some people think that if they drop trash anywhere, it magically disappears. Well, it's not magic. Those who clean the dorms are not hired to mop up after sheer laziness. I see pizza boxes thrown into the bathroom; dead plants and half-eaten sandwiches pervade the recycling bins.

The maintenance workers are also entitled to the pleasure of chipping wads of gum off the sides of elevators, cleaning up vomit and fishing sanitary napkins out of the toilet. Actions like these aren't isolated; they occur regularly, and I think everyone suffers.

First, our dorm becomes a landfill.

Second, dorm officials aren't inclined to make improvements

to living conditions if they know some students are likely to abuse such luxuries. Idiots like those who draw pornographic graffiti on a South campus dorm certainly don't deserve nicer facilities.

Yet many things about the dorms could be improved. I currently have one fluorescent light for studying at the head of my bed. A photojournalism student developing film might benefit from this atmosphere, but I can't study in my room, especially after sunset. Rooms are dark as caves, yet halogen lights aren't permitted.

Also, fines are assessed for open windows. Naturally, fresh air is at a premium in my dorm. If somebody is eating wings for dinner, I can smell them. If someone is sick next morning from those wings ... well, no need to be graphic.

Of course, I can't forget the liquid soap in the bathroom, which is three-quarters tap water.

Yet how could dorm administrators feel enthusiastic about making upgrades to housing? Similarly, why would dorm administrators welcome a more liberal visitation policy that might give students who trash dorms more time and more access?

Instead of enjoying life in the dorms, students bide their time until they can move elsewhere. If students took a more active approach, dorms would certainly be a more luxurious place to live. Now, imagine that.

LEASING

Note fine print in rental contracts

Legalities: Ask questions about access, pets and other incidentals before signing papers

By Emily Schwartz
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I had just stepped out of my shower one morning when I heard someone knock at the front door. I didn't answer because I was not yet dressed. Then I heard someone put a key in the lock, unlock my door and reach in to unlock the chain.

I rushed over and saw a man in a sweat suit holding a sprayer. He told me he was an exterminator, and after calling my landlord, I found out this man came to my apartment every month to spray pesticide. I had no idea what he was

spraying or even that someone else had a key to my apartment.

Before renting an apartment or house, ask the right questions and find out what your rights are. The Better Business Bureau suggests asking how repairs are handled, whom to call and who else has a key to the apartment.

Ask if anything could increase the rent while leasing. Make sure pets are allowed before setting up house with Fló, and ask what damages and repairs are covered by security deposit.

Ask how many people are allowed to live in the apartment

because landlords may charge extra for adding additional roomies. Ask if the apartment can be subleased during the summer, in case you want to go home or study abroad in Spain.

The most important thing to remember is to read the contract before you sign it. Keep a copy of it in a safe place, like a safety deposit box. The contract outlines the terms of your lease and can be consulted if conflicts arise with the management.

Angie Terrell, who has rented four apartments in Lexington, said she has dealt with inattentive managers.

"I have had lots of nightmares with them," she said. One time Terrell walked into the kitchen to find an inch of water covering the floor.

"I called the emergency

number for three hours before anyone answered," she said.

The sewer system to the townhouse was blocked, and sewer water spilled into the kitchen. The landlord did not finish cleaning up the apartment until two days later.

"It was disgusting," Terrell said.

Karen Dumstorf, a biology and chemistry senior, said she also had trouble with a landlord.

"We kept telling him the doorknob was sticking," she said.

Dumstorf called her landlord a couple of times before reaching him. "He said he couldn't be there for at least two hours," she said.

Dumstorf waited and eventually crawled through the window.

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LIVING

Consider pros, cons before moving in with your best friend

Wanted to share ... : Differences among people can account for the more interesting 'tall' tales of the proverbial roommate from hell

By Mark Lee
STAFF WRITER

Answering a wanted ad for a roommate might be a bit tricky, though living with friends could be just as tricky. Either way, roommates often seem to surprise each other.

Mamuel Garr, a library science graduate student, said some of his former roommates surprised him.

"I found out that one was keeping a pet rat in his room," he said. "Another roommate and his drunk friends threw up all over my bathroom and on my toothbrush."

Garr, like anyone who has lived with a stranger, has stories about his former roommates etched in his memory. This is because people who place roommate wanted ads often have to judge a respondent's personality based on first impressions.

Some people say strangers are just friends they haven't met. But when sharing a dorm or apartment with someone, students learn a lot about having a roommate. Whatever the case,

the longer students live with someone, the more noticeable their unusual habits become.

Some people say it is better to risk getting a psycho roommate than to take the chance of ruining friendships by living with a good friend.

Don Saucier, a psychology instructor, said people do not really get to know someone until they've lived with them.

"We all present ourselves differently in public," Saucier said. "When a person is at home you see a wider range of (his or her) behavior that you might not see anywhere else."

Beth Bragg, a chemical engineering junior, said she would rather live with strangers.

"I've had friends to live together and are not as close as they used to be," she said.

And finding the right mix of people to live with can vary.

"The ideal roommate is someone you know, like and are very similar to," Saucier said. "You should have similar views on sleeping habits, neatness and even how loud the music should be," he said.

Strong similarities between friends can help a household bond, but there is a risk that a friend might not be as similar as you thought he or she was.

Saucier said there is potentially more to lose when people attempt to live with friends.

"There is an emotional investment when moving in with someone you think you know that you don't risk losing when you live with a stranger," he said.

Whether your roommate is a friend or just a roommate, there are several issues that can bring members of any residence to the brink of war. These problem areas include pets, smoking, cleanliness and boyfriends or girlfriends.

Elizabeth Allinder, a natural resource conservation junior, said it all comes down to respect for roommates.

"The kitchen is one of the worst things because people steal food and use other people's stuff," she said. "And if they have boyfriends or girlfriends, you have to make sure they aren't moving in."

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