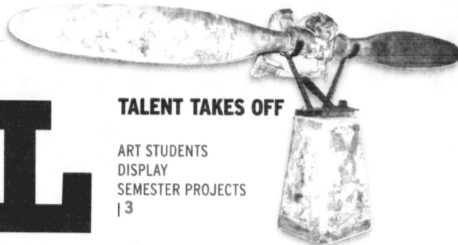


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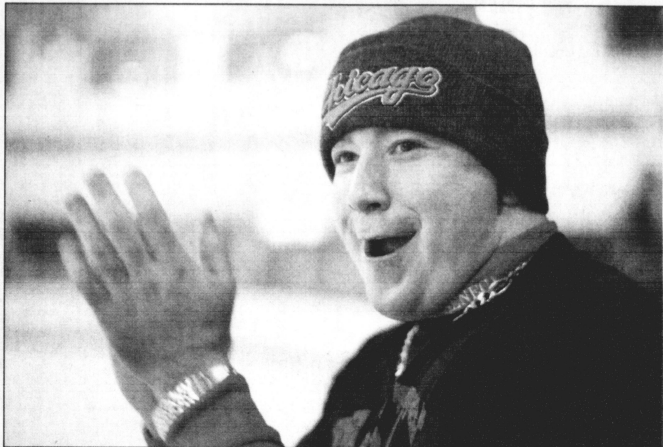
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## A SLICE OF ICE



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Greg Fint, a computer information systems junior at Eastern Kentucky University and former UK student, cheers for the Cool Cats from the front row at Friday night's game against Ohio State University. Fint said college hockey is the only hockey he likes because he can get up close and "see them bash each other."

## Hockey fans like it all, from punches to posters

**Puck it:** Hockey developing a sports tradition as Cool Cat fans gather at the midnight hour

By Steve Eilerman  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It wasn't Marshelle Woodward's idea to go to the Kentucky Cool Cats game Friday night, but she said she still had a lot of fun. "I wanted to come to one of these for a while," she said. "I wanted to see some people fight."

It was also a first for Tricia Scuman, a pre-pharmacy freshman. "You always hear about ice hockey being crazy, so you have to find out for yourself," she said.

Whether they attend because of coercion, a fetish for fighting, the supermodel on the schedule posters, or because they genuinely enjoy the sport, fan turnout at the UK hockey games often keeps the benches filled.

The games are played at midnight at the YMCA ice rink on Eureka Springs Drive — at least a 10 to 15 minute drive from campus.

Fans call the opponent names so original that only college students could come up with them.

The arena is filled with screams and hollers. For many fans, the best parts of the game are the fights.

"It's something to do late at night," said Matt Craft, an undeclared sophomore. "It's good to come out and support a team that doesn't have anything to do with the athletic department. Plus, you get to see a bunch of people fight."

Support from the fans is intrinsic, and there's no trou-

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**Playin' it cool**

Mary Carlton, a freshman at Georgetown College, cheers for the Cool Cats after they score their second point Friday night against Ohio State University. Carlton had never been to a hockey game before Friday night. The Cool Cats lost Friday, 3-7 and Saturday, 2-3.

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## LCC considers expansions in Winchester

**Building:** Advisory board members look for growth of facilities, relations with UK and Lexington

By Matt Towner  
STAFF WRITER

Construction in Winchester and increased interaction with UK are some of the options LCC officials are considering to help the college grow even with space problems on the main campus.

The LCC advisory board looked at blueprints for a new building in Winchester during its meeting Friday. The building would likely be located near I-64, said Phillip Kerrick, director of economic development in Winchester.

Kerrick said the location would make LCC more visible to local residents and visitors. He said the site could accommodate further expansion to meet LCC's and Winchester's goals for the partnership.

"We understand the importance of higher education," Kerrick said. "Winchester needs this community college to achieve these goals."

Another potential drawing card for the Winchester site is the presence of multiple creeks on the 20 acres of land that have been offered.

The Winchester construction will be examined further once enrollment on the campus in-

creases to about 500 students.

LCC has an enrollment of about 8,000 students this year — 4,000 more students than the main-campus facility was made to fit. LCC has opened a south campus off Regency Road and another building in Winchester to offset pressure on their facilities.

The board also discussed how the college can maintain a strong relationship with UK. LCC President Jim Kerley said LCC's growth has made the college more relevant to UK than ever. Board member Randy Powell agreed.

"My perception is that LCC is rapidly becoming the major undergraduate channel for the university," he said.

One plan for strengthening the LCC-UK connection would involve placing mutual members from each school on the other's strategic planning committee. Kerley said his meetings with UK President Lee Todd regarding the mutual relationship have been positive.

"Dr. Todd has said that LCC is vital to UK," he said. "But he recognizes the need for us to remain autonomous as well."

## UK economics professor says economy could go either way

**Possibilities:** Researcher predicts improvement for Ky.

By Steve Ivey  
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. economy is in a volatile condition, UK economics professor Christopher Waller said Friday.

"The stock market is below its historically high standards, but it's not in the tank," Waller said.

He said economists are fearing a second recession in three years and any slight shock to the market, such as further terrorist attacks, could trigger such a recession.

Waller spoke at UK's annual year-end economic press

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## Poverty research center to study state

“I think it will bring a concerted effort in responding to the Kentucky ‘uglies.’”

— Mary Secret, member of the Kentucky Center for Research on Poverty and College of Social Work professor

**Correlations:** Researchers say studies are valuable, will attract involvement from many UK colleges

By Ferran Robinson  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A new center is bringing researchers together to focus on poverty and its links to obesity, diabetes, domestic violence and Medicaid in Kentucky and across the region.

The Kentucky Center for Research on Poverty is the result of a \$1.17 million federal grant to create a regional hub of research on low-income populations.

James Ziliak, an economics professor UK hired in the spring, spearheaded the proposal for the grant and is the director for the center.

Of 27 universities with

proposals, UK was one of three chosen, he said. The University of Wisconsin and the University of Missouri were the other two chosen.

"It turns out that the three that were chosen do have emphases on geographic regions. Ours is basically the southeast United States," he said. "The idea of the center was to try to bring people together from different units to take a broader look at the problem of poverty."

The center's initial proposal included three studies dealing with Kentucky that UK researchers will now conduct, he said.

He said the first study will allow the examination of how the dispersal of Medic-

aid services in Kentucky counties impacts child well-being.

Aaron Yelowitz, a professor from the Gatton College of Business Economics, will conduct this study. Ziliak said.

The second study from the proposal looks at trends among low-income populations, obesity, children, and type II diabetes.

He said that past data has indicated that this form of diabetes was common in black children.

"What (scholars) have found is that type II diabetes is less of a race issue than it is an income status issue," he said. "Rural caucasian Kentucky children have as high a risk for type II diabetes as urban African-

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### Little drummer boys

Members of UK's Marching Band play in Saturday's Christmas parade on Main Street.

# Former generals to present Iraqi war scenarios tonight

**Implications: General says students should be informed**

**By Ben Franzini**  
STAFF WRITER

Experts will discuss the military aspects of a possible war with Iraq tonight at UK. The event, hosted by the UK Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, will address topics such as technology and logistics, special operations, guard and reserve roles, and operational planning. "We're going to have a level of expertise here that you would be hard pressed to find outside of the Pentagon," said Mike Desch, associate director of the Patterson School and organizer of the event.

"We're assembling a superb group of former generals with extensive and diverse expertise in many areas critical to the use of force against Iraq." Gen. John Coburn, a former commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command who will be a panelist, said it is important that students become informed about what a war with Iraq could mean. "What we're dealing with is the future of our world," he said. "We're going to attempt to offer a broad brush treatment of the many implications a possible war with Iraq would bring." Maj. Gen. Russ Groves, a

former Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard, will also be a panelist. "I believe that it is the duty of Americans to have not only an opinion on global matters but an informed opinion," Groves said. "War with Iraq should occur will once again move conflict from an abstraction to a reality." Other panelists will include Lt. Gen. Clay Bailey, a commander of U.S. Air Force Special Operations Command, who will comment on the deployment of special-operations forces, and Brig. Gen. Jim Shane, the head of the Governor's Commission on Military Affairs and a former Army war planner. "I urge students to attend

to hear the opinions of knowledgeable former military leaders as they too examine an uncertain future," Groves said. "I think one outcome may be the discovery that senior U.S. military leaders work to be very good at their jobs, but at the same time hope with fervor that warfare will always remain the last option."

## If you go

The discussion is from 8:30 until 9:30 p.m. at the William T. Young Library Auditorium. It will include a question-and-answer session and is free and open to the public.

Marshelle Woodward (left) and Mary Carlton, both freshmen at Georgetown College, dance to the music between plays at Friday night's UK Cool Cats game. Both modern and classic hits are played at the games.



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everyone comes to the games a little bit drunk." Most of the Cool Cats home games are played at midnight on the weekends. This gives students another option for something to do on the weekends late at night.

## HOCKEY

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ble finding it, said Ian Ward, the general manager of the Cool Cats.

"The fans] get pretty wound up. Usually there's standing room only," Ward said.

For the past few seasons, the hockey poster has become the talk of fans. They have featured models such as Rebecca Gayheart and famous alumna Ashley Judd. This year's poster features international model Kylie Bax wearing a hockey jersey — and showing a lot of leg.

Cool Cat fan and forestry senior Don Fishpaw said fans get so involved in the games that the visiting team players hardly ever experience a moment without jeers and cheers.

"The games] are pretty rowdy and fun to come to. It seems like you're really close to the action," Fishpaw said.

Every time the Cool Cats score, UK fans have a chant they sing to Queen's "We will Rock You."

"It's supposed to sound like 'We're gonna beat the puck out of you,' but nobody ever says puck," Craft said.

"The crowd is so energetic," said Beth Skees, a telecommunications freshman. "I think that's because

Unlike other athletics at Kentucky, the hockey team is relatively new. The Southern Collegiate Hockey Association was established in July 1979. However, Kentucky didn't form a team until 1984 under head coach Terry Peltó. Since then, the Cool Cats have won the association's championship in 1990 and 1991, and have been runners up in 1992 and 1993. They also have a streak of 15 consecutive winning seasons.

This season, the Cool Cats are facing one of the toughest yet, with a record of 7-11, but there are still 13 games remaining, including a regular season finale with Duke at Rupp Arena. Many losses were extremely close, with six games lost by two goals or less.

Regardless of the team's success this year and years to come, the fans turnout probably will not subside.

For Ashley Graham, an advertising freshman, the Kentucky v. Ohio State game on Friday night was the first hockey game she'd ever attended, but it wouldn't be her last, she said.

"You get so close to the game," Graham said. "I love that the crowd gets so into it."

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American children." Martin School of Public Policy professors Sarah Wackerbarth and Jeffery Tabert will carry out this study.

The third study will be an ethnographic study by sociology professor Joanna Badagliacchio, Ziliak said.

He said Badagliacchio will interview victims of domestic violence to look at links between intimate partner violence and the transition from welfare to work.

Mary Secret, a member of the center and a professor in the College of Social Work, said the center's use of researchers from around the university will be particularly useful for policy legislation.

"I think it will bring a concerted effort in responding to the Kentucky 'uglies,'" she said. Among the state's "uglies" are poverty, education and medical problems, she said.

Secret said her research involves the relationship between low-income mothers who must work and the well-being of their children.

The College of Social Work had a seminar Friday to introduce the center and its research plans to the public.

Stutphen said the attraction to the center is its potential for involvement from many different colleges. He said it should be a good resource for grant money, as well as valuable in examining poverty.

"Hopefully, it's going to be an organization that supports and encourages all types of research on low income populations across campus," he said.

## ECONOMY

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conference Friday. He said the loss of 40,000 jobs in the United States in November is not good news.

"When employment begins to decline, that's almost always a warning of a recession," Waller said that should the economy see a recession in 2003, the federal government would have limited options to stimulate it. He said the Federal Reserve has lowered interest rates so much that further reduction would be difficult.

That leaves tax cuts as the one tool left for improving the economy, he said. Waller said the tax cuts would need to be significant and permanent. He said recent tax rebates were not enough to spur consumer spending.

"If we don't see that increase, we won't see quite as big an increase in consumer spending in 2004," he said.

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ARTISTRY

# Open Studio gallery displays vast talent



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## Creative expressions

This old airplane propeller was one of many otherwise ordinary objects transformed into artwork at the UK Art Department's Open Studio.

### Showcase: UK art students display their creations at the fifth annual Open Studio exhibition

By Crystal Little  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

It was totally different from my expectations.

After tromping up and down Scott Street in the frigid night, I finally locating the elusive Reynolds Building.

Alternately scooting and sliding down the steep snow-covered hill, I stumbled over the rickety metal stairs on the three-inch heels of my chunky black boots.

My God, I'm walking straight into an abandoned house, I thought, panicking quietly.

I took a deep breath as I opened the door, cursing the editor who had offered this assignment, cursing myself for taking it.

Clearly, I thought I was wasting a perfectly good Friday night.

I walked in and nearly swooned from relief. The paint-splattered floor had assured me I was in the right place.

And what I saw as I entered the gallery took my breath away.

The walls were covered with paintings, sketches and drawings.

There were people everywhere—students, UK faculty and the artists themselves.

I could barely tear my eyes from the surprisingly pleasant assault of color and presence of emotion that practically emanated from paper and canvas.

What sounded like a Dave Matthews cover band

played live in another room, but I was oblivious, walking slowly from piece to piece, barely aware of the crush of people around me.

Open Studio Night at the fifth annual Carey Ellis Juried Student Art Show in the Barnhart Gallery was an amazing experience—the word "amazing" doesn't even begin to encompass the vast artistic talent displayed by UK graduate art students.

No adjective properly defines the feeling. I felt humbled almost immediately.

The cold no longer mattered, the run-down warehouse-turned-art studio faded away and all I could focus on were the pieces before me.

I could scarcely believe I attended the same university as the artists whose work was on display.

Layered beneath my awe, I longed to have the same degree of talent—simply sketching stick people taxed my artistic side to the limit.

As I moved from room to room, from ceramics to sculpture to the fiber studio, I found more and more objects to marvel.

Angry paintings and melancholy sketches vied for my attention, while sculptures of a graffiti artist and a suicide bomber with makeshift dynamite forced me to do some double takes.

Drawings of mangled bodies both intrigued and repelled me. The soft blues and greens of one painting drew me into the scene.



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Art students displayed their work in an open exhibition Friday night at the Reynolds Building. Here UK students look at a sculpture that won Judge's Choice.

A photo-realistic painting of the left side of a young woman's face forever imprinted itself in my memory. I was so caught up in the art, I almost forgot I was there to gather information, but I forced myself to focus on the spiral notebook clutched in my hands.

And as I spoke to Lisa Pantzer, an unofficial teach-

ing assistant to Arturo Sandoval, who oversaw skill painting, I felt fortunate to witness Open Studio Night.

"I think when you walk from studio to studio, the quality and variety of work are emphasized," Pantzer said.

"I think it's accurate to say this is the best show of the year."

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\*Revival Bible Study, 6:00pm, Commons  
\*Feminist Alliance Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
\*Freshmen Casa, 7:00pm, CSF Building  
\*Bible Study, 7:30pm, off Campus  
\*American Civil Liberties Union Meeting, 8:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 203  
\*Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
**ACADEMIC**  
\*Chemistry Tutoring 105/107, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Biology All 100-level Tutoring, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Math Tutoring, 5:00-8:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 Classroom Building  
\*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*French Tutoring, 3:00-4:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby  
\*L.E.A.P., 10:00-10:50am, Frazee Hall

**MEETINGS**  
\*Anime, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119  
\*Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 359  
\*TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave  
\*Lavender Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
\*Conversational English Class, 5:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
\*Latfest Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
**ACADEMIC**  
\*Chemistry Tutoring 105/107, 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*Biology All 100-level Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
**SPORTS**  
\*UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Tulane, 9:00pm, New Orleans, La.  
\*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch  
\*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

**MEETING**  
\*Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230  
\*Institute of Religion Doctrine & Covenants Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 119  
\*Table Francaise, French conversation group, 6:00-8:00pm, Blazer Hall, Private Dining room, FREE!  
\*Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigus, 2nd floor conference room  
**ACADEMIC**  
\*Chemistry Tutoring 105/107, 6:00-8:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Biology All 100-level Tutoring, 6:00-8:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
\*Advanced Japanese Tutoring, 8:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room  
\*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building  
\*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*Physics Tutoring 211/213, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby  
\*French Tutoring, 2:00-4:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby  
**SPORTS**  
\*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch  
\*Equestrian Team, 8:00pm, Ag. North Building

**MEETINGS**  
\*Minority Educators Meeting, 5:00pm, Taylor Education Building, Rm. 122  
\*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:30pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor  
\*Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00  
\*Freshmen Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Synergy, 8:00pm, CSF Building  
\*Amnesty International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
\*UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231  
**ACADEMIC**  
\*Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 8:00-9:00pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room  
\*French Tutoring, 3:00-4:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby  
\*Math Tutoring, 12:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building  
**SPORTS**  
\*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

**MEETINGS**  
\*Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245  
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**ACADEMIC**  
\*Math Tutoring, 1:00-5:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building  
**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*7th Annual Keeneland Snowball Semi-Formal Dance, 8:00pm-1:00am, Kentucky Inn, Lexington, \$10.00 per person or \$18.00 a couple  
\*La Residence Francaise, 5-6pm, Keeneland Hall  
**SPORTS**  
\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
**ARTS/MOVIES**  
\*Plano Christmas, Students of Professor Irina Vero, 12:00 Noon, John Jacob Niles Gallery Series, Rm. Lucille Caudill Little Arts Library

**SPORTS**  
\*UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Michigan State, 4:00pm, Rupp Arena  
\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
**MEETINGS**  
\*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union  
\*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203  
**ACADEMIC**  
\*Math Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307  
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## Al-Qaeda targets Israel as terror war continues

On the run from the U.S. military denounced by the world and with its leader in hiding, al-Qaeda announced last week the formation of a new terror cell, this time targeting Israel, Jews and the Middle East peace process. It's easy to dismiss this as a desperate action by a beaten organization, but after the coordinated attacks in Kenya, it appears that al-Qaeda again means business.



Andrew Grossman  
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

Moreover, it shows al-Qaeda's hatred for democracy, peace and non-Muslims remains unchanged. Unable or unwilling to further prosecute the jihad against America, the terrorists have shifted to another familiar target, Israel.

After a terrorist uprising that seems far from resolution, the Middle East's only real democracy is certainly not suffering from a lack of enemies. From Iraq to the Al Qaeda Brigades, from the Hezbollah to al-Qaeda, it seems every fanatical Islamic terror organization has found in Israel a common enemy.

Such unified hatred raises the question: What is it about Israel that moves these fanatics to such atrocities?

There is no simple answer. Indeed, religion, politics and vendetta all play compelling roles in the conflict, but the true motive behind the hatred is an underlying fear of the contagious idea of democracy.

Since as far back as the Maccabean Empire, modern Israel is the first and only democracy in the Middle East. When Egypt and Jordan held the territories that are now considered Palestine, they kept the populace oppressed and did not extend citizenship to the refugees.

After listening to Egypt's scathing criticism of Israel's treatment of the Palestinians, it is interesting to note that when given the opportunity, it would exploit instead of liberate its fellow Arabs.

There is no real love between the Islamic world and the Palestinians; the Arab states support Arafat as long as it fulfills their greater political purpose, to undermine the state of Israel. Islamic states, from the secretive courts in Nigeria to the warlords in Yemen, cannot exist as democracies. They rule by oppression, hierarchy and fear. The concept of granting equal rights, free press and a secular power to the people under their control is offensive to them.

Such states have already experienced political unrest from dissidents, as Iraq did in the 1960s and Iran is experiencing now. They know the close proximity of democracy breeds unrest and political mischief in their countries.

For many states, Israel represents the United States, the so-called Western World, and the decline of their authoritarian rule. The decision to fight to undermine Israel is not anti-Semitic so much as it is pro-democracy to continue to hold power; the Islamic world must contain democracy, much as the United States worked to contain communism such a short while ago.

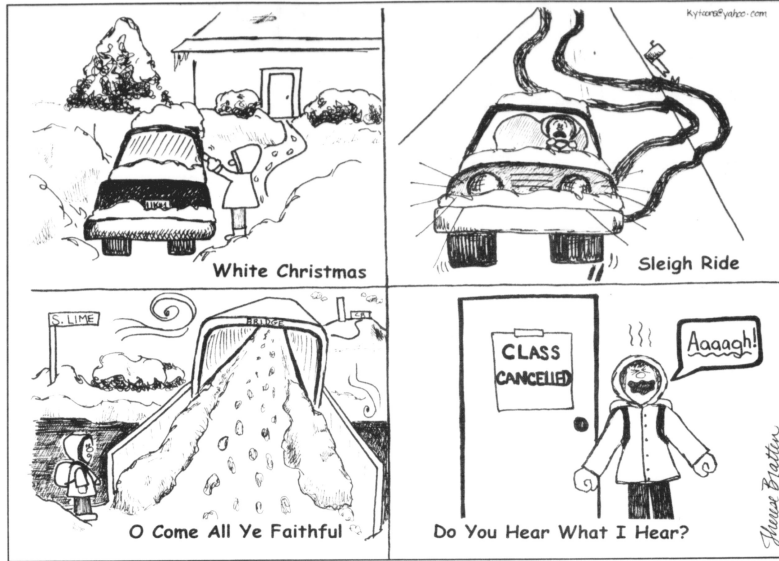
As long as Israel is portrayed as a Western encroachment into the Arab world, there will continue to be violence. Al-Qaeda is just the newest addition to an enemy list featuring terrorist professionals such as Hamas, Fatah and Hezbollah. The Palestinian uprising is more taken with violence than statehood, as it proved at the failed Camp David talks in 2000.

Since last September, the United States hasn't been taking terrorism as lightly. Now, al-Qaeda is trying to rally the Islamic extremists around its cause by concentrating on Israel, and it's unlikely President Bush will lessen his efforts to stop bin Laden's threat to its survival.

As long as there are oppressed states in the Middle East, there will be violence and terrorism. The trend toward democracy may be slow, but it is gradually changing the world. We and our democratic allies must defend Israel against this newest threat to its survival, and we must stand firm against terrorism.

If our Arab "allies" are hesitant, we must ask ourselves what interests and what values they are really trying to protect.

Andrew Grossman is a political science junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



### IN OUR OPINION

# More research needed about smoking ban

By now, almost everyone on campus knows about attempts within the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council to ban smoking in restaurants and bars.

Last week, the proposal was tabled and left for the new council to decide upon. The Kernel has previously written two editorials opposing the ban, primarily for two reasons: smoking is legal, and a ban would infringe upon the rights of business owners to make decisions regarding their establishments.

It is good for now that the potential ban has been tabled, the fight is far from over, as advocates on both sides have stated.

In the meantime, the council should do more research to find the potential economic effects of a smoking ban. "There needs to be more education and information before we do anything," 3rd District Councilman Dick DeCamp said, who voted to table the ordinance.

Certain issues arise when this topic is discussed. Will a universal ban on smoking in restaurants and bars inhibit Lexington nightlife? Would such businesses take an overall hit if the ban were enacted? How long would it take before patrons would return to these businesses? These are all questions that have not yet been adequately answered.

The council should do everything in its power to

make sure these concerns are addressed before taking up the issue again next year.

After this research is done, if a ban is still on the table, it should be a ban only in restaurants. Patrons of bars and taverns are adults who make the choice to attend these businesses. They know other patrons will be smoking around them, and they make their choice to attend based, in part, on that knowledge.

But in restaurants, adults who smoke can pose a health risk to minors. It only seems logical that if a smoking ban is being considered, it should be considered only in these places where not all customers are consenting adults.

In bars, it should be left up to the individual owners, not the government, to enact a smoking ban.

The fact that the smoking ban was tabled until at least next year is a positive sign. The council should use this time to do additional research regarding the matter.

It is not the role of the council to ban smoking in private establishments. It should be left to the business owners to decide for themselves. Individually, they are more capable of deciding the economic impact of a smoking ban on their own establishments. Potential patrons can then make their own choice of where to go, based on the particular smoking policies of restaurants and bars.

# It's time Supreme Court closes book on sodomy

The U.S. Supreme Court seldom reverses itself. Yet the court has an opportunity to correct one of its biggest mistakes in recent history — the 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* decision upholding state bans on consensual adult homosexual sex.



Curtis Tate  
 ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

The court has decided to consider a new case involving a Texas sodomy law.

In 1996, Houston police responded to reports of a disturbance at the apartment of John Lawrence. They came in through an unlocked door and found Lawrence in bed with another man, Tyrone Garner. According to the Texas Homosexual Conduct Law, Lawrence and Garner were criminals.

The men were subject to arrest, jail and prosecution. Sodomy is classified as a misdemeanor in Texas, and the two were fined \$200.

But their conviction requires the men to register as sex offenders in four states and even prevents them from becoming doctors and lawyers.

Lawrence and Garner appealed to state courts, which refused to consider that the law unfairly singles out gays and lesbians.

Since 1973, the Texas law has only applied to homosexuals, and three other states maintain such sodomy laws: Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

Nine states criminalize sodomy for everyone, though it is unlikely that these laws are enforced equally on heterosexuals.

In *Bowers*, the court decided on a slim 5-4 majority that Georgia's sodomy law did not violate the privacy rights of two men arrested and convicted in a similar manner as Lawrence and Garner.

Justice Lewis F. Powell, the swing vote in the *Bowers* case, later regretted his decision to affirm the Georgia statute, which the state's Supreme Court has since invalidated.

But the U.S. Supreme Court's 1996 ruling against a Colorado law may have opened up an avenue to overturn the remaining sodomy laws.

In *Romer v. Evans*, the court was asked to consider the constitutionality of Amendment 2, approved by Colorado voters in 1992.

The amendment barred Colorado cities from enacting ordinances to prohibit dis-

crimination against gays and lesbians in employment and housing.

By a convincing 6-3 majority, the court struck down Amendment 2, citing the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution. The court said a state could not target gays and lesbians for "disfavored legal status."

Isn't that exactly what sodomy laws do?

If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns the 13 remaining sodomy laws, social conservatives will surely grumble about what they see as the court's judicial activism.

Yet they refuse to acknowledge that a compelling conservative argument can be made for repeal.

If minimal government intrusion in people's lives is a core tenet of conservatism, sodomy laws represent government intrusion of the highest order.

Where are the true conservative voices screaming that Big Brother has no place in the bedroom? They hide behind a flimsy façade of states' rights and morality.

Most of the states maintaining sodomy laws are located in the South — a region that once callously defended slavery and segregation under the guise of "states' rights."

Some justify sodomy laws by claiming states have an interest in upholding public morality.

In 1992, Kentucky's Supreme Court struck down the state's sodomy law. Here's what the justices said:

"We need not sympathize, agree with, or even understand the sexual preference of homosexuals in order to recognize their right to equal treatment before the bar of criminal justice."

The morality argument, used by individuals who simply dislike gays and lesbians, has no legal basis for supporting sodomy laws. These excessively intrusive, puritanical laws only serve one purpose: to relegate gays and lesbians to second-class citizenship.

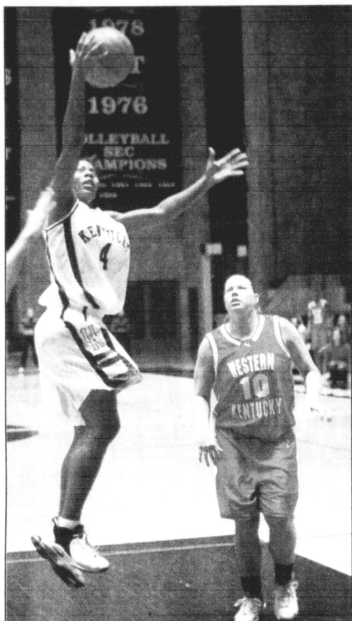
As long as homosexual relationships are codified as criminal, anti-gay activists will cite sodomy laws as the reason to deny child custody, equal employment, hospital visitation and other basic rights to gay and lesbian couples.

It's time the Supreme Court closed the book on sodomy laws. Common sense should prevail once and for all over ignorance in determining the legal framework of this country.

Curtis Tate is a journalism senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



## Cats foul out in upset attempt



UK guard Rita Adams goes up for a shot during the second half of Saturday night's loss to Western Kentucky, as WKU forward Leslie Logsdon looks on.

**Costly mistakes: Poor perimeter shooting, fouls shoot UK down in 88-83 loss to Western Kentucky**

By Terra Ramsdale  
STAFF WRITER

The UK women's basketball team out shot and out rebounded the Western Kentucky Lady Hilltoppers Saturday night, but could not pull out the win.

Foul trouble and poor 3-point shooting by the Cats led to the 88-83 loss to WKU. "They (WKU) were averaging 50 rebounds a game and we held them to 42," said UK coach Bernadette Mattox. "The first time we out rebounded all year, so I'm proud of that."

Mattox also had other things to be proud of. WKU came into Saturday night's game at Memorial Coliseum 2-1 overall and having beaten No. 10 Louisiana Tech by 14 points. UK was able to challenge the Hilltoppers for a full 40 minutes and shot 41.9 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free throw line.

The Cats also held the Lady Hilltoppers to 41.5 percent and only shot 64 percent from the free throw line. UK also grabbed five more rebounds than Western.

"Western beat the 10th best team in the country. They are a good basketball club," Mattox said. "The thing that I'm excited about is the energy and intensity that our team played with for two halves. We haven't put that together all season long."

Senior guard Rita Adams and junior center SeSe Helm combined for 47 of UK's 83

points. Adams scored a career-high 25 points and totaled eight assists.

"I give a lot of credit to Rita Adams," Western junior guard Leslie Logsdon said. "She knew we weren't going to play up on her. She came out and put three or four 3s in our face and she came out big time tonight. I think that was a big key for (UK's) offense."

Logsdon and fifth-year senior Kristina Covington scored nine of WKU's 20 3-pointers and combined for 45 of the team's 88 points.

Freshman guard Tiffany Porter-Talbert added 15 points and eight rebounds to help lead the Lady Hilltoppers to the win.

UK only shot 29 percent from beyond the arc. Sophomore guard Sara Potts, Helm and Adams combined for six of 21 3-pointers. Helm drained a 3-pointer with 21 seconds left in the game to bring UK within two points.

UK battled through a 40-minute game, but its inability to shoot from outside and control fouls killed the Cats' hopes for an upset.

UK freshman guard Jenny Pfeiffer and junior forward Shambrica Jones both fouled out. Pfeiffer had put up 12 points and Jones had seven points and five rebounds.

But their attitude remains positive.

"This team is totally different from last year," Helm said. "When we would put our heads down and quit last year, we don't this year

## Cats crush Carolina for third-straight year

**College basketball's finest: Fitch scores career-high in leading UK to third straight double-digit victory**

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — There still appears to be a wide gap between the two winningest programs in college basketball.

UK's Gerald Fitch and Marquis Estill scored all of the Cats' points during an 18-2 run to start the second half as the Cats beat No. 12 North Carolina 96-81 Saturday.

UK beat the Tar Heels — two programs that have combined for 3.615 wins — for the third straight season by 17, 20 and 17 points.

"They have a couple of things we don't have," said UNC coach Matt Doherty, who fell to 0-3 against the

UK. "They have talented big guys who can score."

Fitch finished with a career-high 25 points, while Estill and Keith Bogans added 20 each for UK (4-1), who made 10 of 16 from 3-point range to beat the young Tar Heels.

"We take pride in this, especially when you beat North Carolina in North Carolina — that's huge," said Fitch, who was seven for 10 from the field and seven of eight from the foul line.

"In the second half we went down low and they lost their confidence," Fitch added. "When we took the lead they weren't attacking

as much and they weren't as aggressive."

Estill didn't score in the first 20 minutes, but made four straight shots out of the gate in the second period, while Fitch sank two mid-range jumpers and two 3-pointers for a 39-45 lead.

Felton picked up his fourth foul on Estill's last basket of the run, and he missed more than five minutes as North Carolina's defense fell apart.

The Tar Heels pulled within eight on two straight 3-pointers by Jackie Manuel, but Bogans countered with two shots behind the arc and Estill added a layup as the Wildcats went up by 18 with 9:38 remaining.

"Keith has matured a

lot," coach Tubby Smith said of the senior guard. "He showed some All-American heart and toughness today. He got hit in the face, turned his ankle and he pretty much got bent, but he showed why he's an All-American."

The Cats made 22 of their 33 second-half shots and started the second half going 12 for 15, at one point making nine straight shots to dispatch the upstart Tar Heels.

"We wanted to make a statement, but we have to earn it," added UK senior center Jules Camara said.

"The way we can earn it is by going out and playing hard against good teams like this. Maybe we sent a message to other teams that you've got to take us seriously."

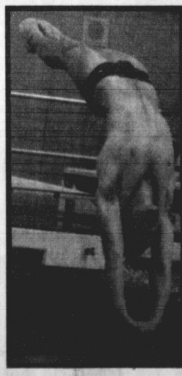


### Splash splash ...

UK senior and co-captain Emily Johnston (top) takes a breath during the 200 butterfly of Saturday's meet against Missouri. She finished second in the event. The women's team lost to MU 121-177, but the men came up with a win, beating the Tigers 166-133.

UK sophomore Mario Rodriguez (left) dives off the one-meter springboard during Saturday's meet against Missouri. He came in second in the event, losing to teammate Clayton Moss, an All-American senior.

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**Designate a driver.**

**Call a cab. (Keep the number in your wallet.)**

**Watch for careless drivers.**

**Be careful when walking near roads.**

**Realize that all drinking laws will be enforced. So, don't drink if you're under 21 and don't drink too much if you are of legal age.**

**Know the legal limits.**

**Refuse a drink of any kind from a stranger.**

**Do not leave your beverage unattended.**

**Be responsible for your friends.**

**If you came with a friend, leave with that friend.**

**Stay with at least one friend at all times. (Remember the "buddy system?")**

**Feel comfortable, and confident, if you choose not to drink.**

**Realize it's perfectly acceptable to refuse alcohol and drink non-alcoholic drinks.**

**Be careful whom you give your room number to.**

**Be responsible.**

**Use your head.**

Don't just take it from us - the experts agree. Panama City Beach Police Chief, Bob Harding offers a key piece of advice, "Look out for each other. Be responsible. Don't leave a friend stranded if he or she has had too much to drink."

Toni Gauthier, a substance abuse specialist and the associate director of counseling services at Nazareth College in Rochester, NY, adds, "If you choose to drink, please do so in a healthful way, a way that doesn't put you, or someone else, at risk. Not everyone drinks. Choosing not to drink is a perfectly acceptable and increasingly common decision."

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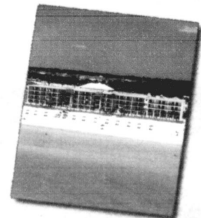
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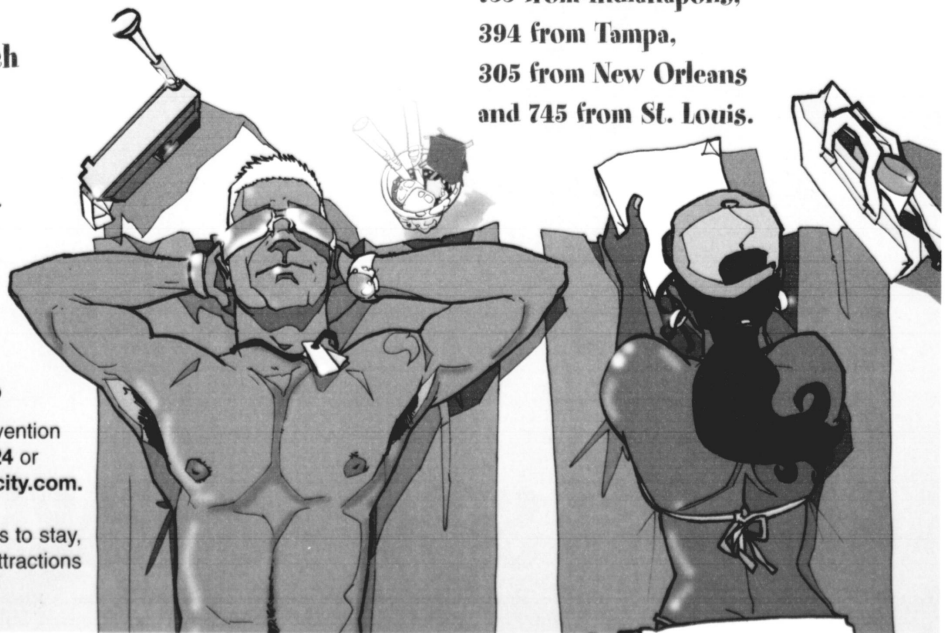
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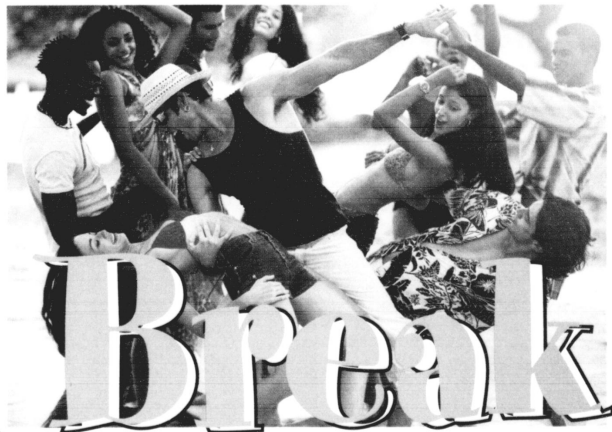
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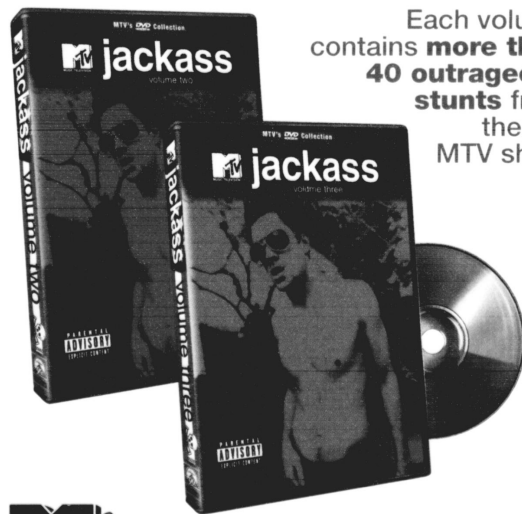
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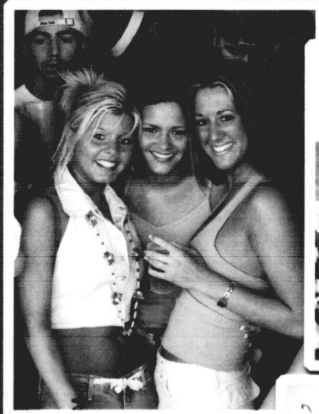
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- Parasailing, Wave Runners, Jet Skis, beach chairs & umbrellas.
- Shopping within walking distance.
- Sundeck overlooking the beach.
- Gulf-front picnic and gathering area.
- 25" TV's with full cable and HBO.
- Complete health and fitness center - "Sports Park", across the street with 12' - Spa (Spa seats 8) plus a 20' X 40' heated pool. \*

\* Daily/Weekly rates available

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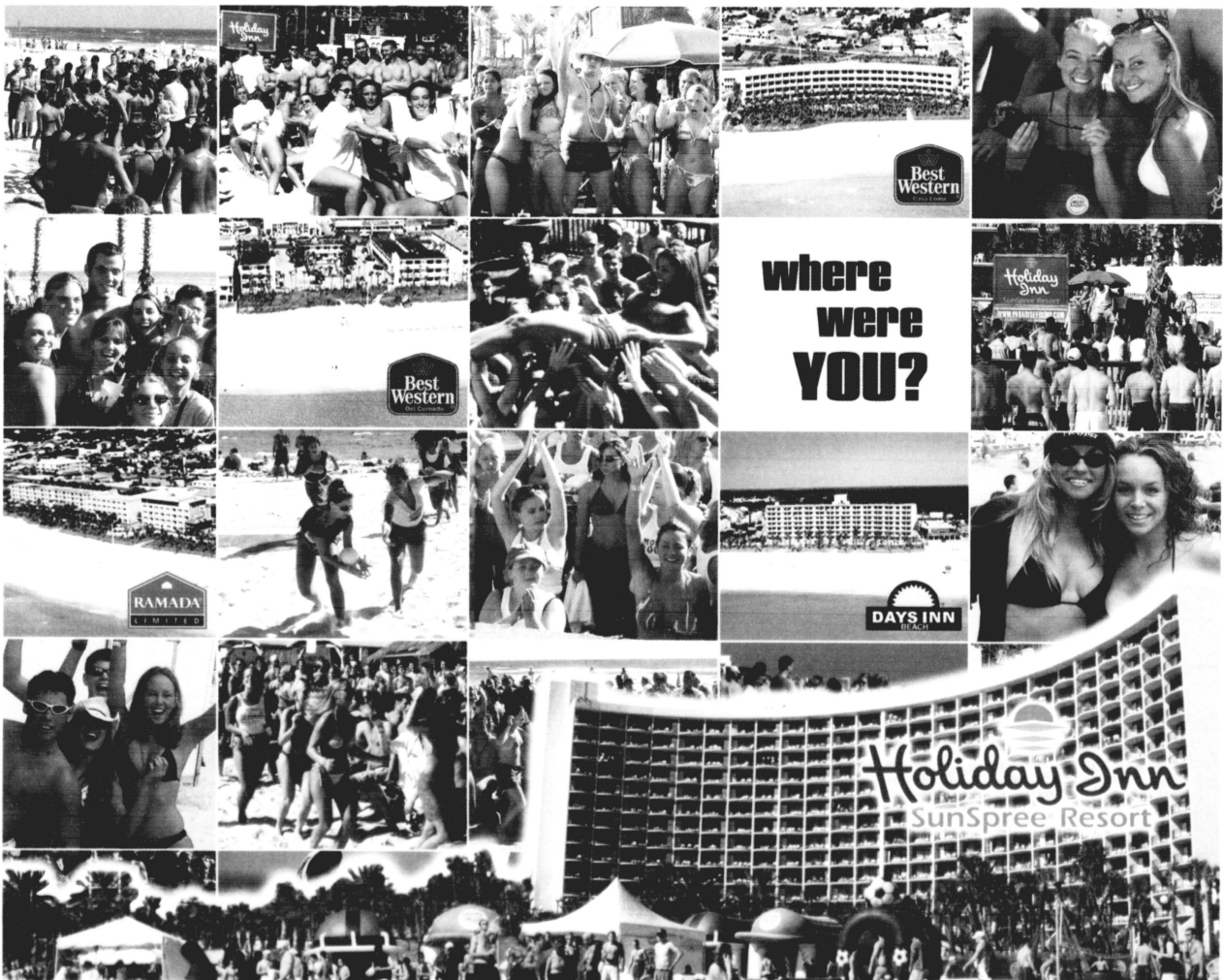
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