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You can sit with your knees apart no matter what you are wearing.

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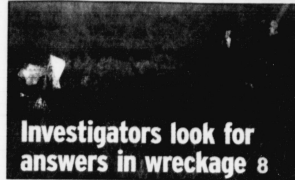
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**CAMPAIGN TRAIL**

## Patton forced to duck at debate

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The only face-to-face confrontation of the gubernatorial campaign gave his opponents a chance to gang up on incumbent Paul Patton, accusing him of abandoning injured workers, cozying up to big business and running a corrupt administration.

Patton tried to stay above the fray, insisting that four years of experience and record are more for voters to judge than rhetoric of candidates who have never run anything.

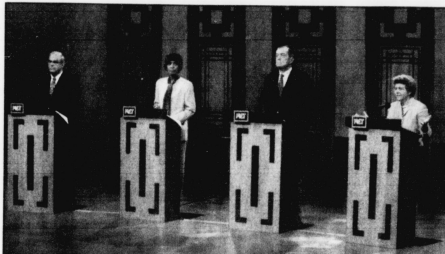
"As a candidate, you can say anything, as has been demonstrated here tonight," Patton said. "During these four years, we've made a differ-

ence here in Kentucky."

Patton, a Democrat, is the first governor in two centuries who can seek a second consecutive term thanks to a constitutional amendment earlier this decade. His three opponents on the ballot have between them never won a political campaign and never held office.

The Republican nominee is Peppy Martin, who has been all but disowned by her own party. But it is Martin who has been the most pointed in her criticism of Patton, where she has faulted her disrespect for Patton and given little regard to propriety in raising outrageous charges

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Gubernatorial candidate Peppy Martin (R), right, speaks while Gov. Paul Patton (D), from left, Nallah Jumboke-Yarborough (Natural Law Party) and Gatewood Galbraith (Ref) listen during the Kentucky Educational Television gubernatorial debate, Monday, in Lexington, Ky.

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**WORLD**

## Lifting East Timor up



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East Timorese rebel Falintil's commander Jose Alexandre "Xanana" Gusmao, center, surrounded by high security troops, gives a clenched fist salute to a cheering crowd on his arrival at a ceremony held at the Falintil rebel army camp in Remexio, in the hills outside of Dili, East Timor, about 1,200 miles east of Jakarta, Sunday. Gusmao was reunited with his rebel fighters for the first time since his return to the ravaged half-island territory.

### The official beginning of East Timor's independence will take place with the help of the United Nations

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DILI, East Timor — The United Nations formally took control of East Timor today, and leaders of the new transition team acknowledged they face enormous challenges in rebuilding the ravaged territory.

Hundreds of thousands of East Timorese are still displaced, building materials are in short supply as the rainy season sets in, and virtually all the territory's institutions will have to be started almost from scratch. No one even knows what kind of currency the new nation-to-be will use.

"All the functions of government, bit by bit, have to be built up," said Ian Martin. Martin will temporarily head the team that took up its duties today, hours after the Security Council unanimously approved the U.N. takeover.

The Security Council approved sending more than 9,000 troops to maintain order, the biggest U.N. peacekeeping operation in five years. It will be one of the United Nations' most expensive such operations ever, with first-year costs alone estimated at up to \$1 billion.

The U.N. takeover puts the former Portuguese colony on the road to long-sought independence, and effectively marks the end of a

bloody guerrilla war that for decades frustrated international mediation efforts.

The U.N. troops are to replace a 16-nation force that arrived last month to restore order after pro-Indonesian militias went on a rampage of looting, destruction and intimidation in the wake of an Aug. 30 independence referendum.

Many of the nations involved in the current peacekeeping effort will be part of the new U.N. force as well, peacekeeping spokesman Col. Mark Kelly said in Dili, East Timor's capital. Handing over of peacekeeping duties is expected to take two to four months.

The U.N. takeover comes amid a struggle to avert a humanitarian catastrophe in East Timor, where nearly half the residents fled or were driven from their homes in the violence after the independence vote.

"We are very concerned about the imminence of the rainy season," said Ross Mountain, the U.N.'s humanitarian coordinator in the territory.

Several hundred thousand people are still in hiding in East Timor's mountainous interior. About 240,000 others are still at refugee camps in neighboring West Timor, which is controlled by Indonesia.

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**RESEARCH**

## One big mirror for humankind

### UK professor designing massive folding mirror for space telescopes

By Robin Petrozo  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On January 23, 1999, the Hubble Space Telescope took pictures of the most powerful cosmic explosion to date. Its telescope mirror has a diameter of 2.4 meters (7.92 feet). One UK researcher is working on technology that has the potential to create mirrors nearly 500 times as large.

"With this size mirror, we'll be able to possibly see as far back as the Big Bang," said John Main, an assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

Main has recently been awarded a \$163,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award to continue this re-

search. He has also received support from the U.S. Department of Energy and NASA.

The current limitation of mirror technology in space is that in a traditional flat form, the mirrors are too large. Main's technology will employ hi-tech techniques to create a "foldable" mirror of sorts, which can be brought to outer space. It may be 15 to 20 years before Main's research is viable for actual use, but the science and knowledge it will create is revolutionary, he said.

Jerry Bramwell, the vice-president of Research and Graduate Studies at UK, believes that achievements like Main's will help to recruit better students and faculty to the University by establishing UK in a

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**IN MEMORY**

## Celebrating the life of Streck

### Memories of a friend lost too soon

By Will Messer  
STAFF WRITER

Friends, classmates and professors gathered Monday night at Memorial Hall to honor Jeremy Streck, a 1998 UK graduate and former football player. Streck died Oct. 9 from injuries suffered after he was struck by a car. The driver was charged with driving under the influence.

The memorial did not focus on Streck's tragic death but instead on his life. Titled "A Celebration of Life," the memorial sought to remember the man that was Jeremy Streck.

Former teammates, classmates and professors commented on Streck's achievements and his positive attitude.

"He approached life, even the difficulties, with a smile on his face," said Jeff Zurcher, the starting strong safety on last year's football team.

"He tried to make the most fun out of it that he could and he was always an inspiration to me, not

only by what he said, just how he acted. I know he faced a lot of aversions and he made some great leaps and changes in his life," Zurcher said.

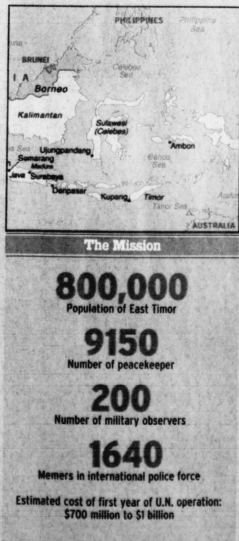
Catherine Ferry, Streck's fiancée, spoke of the influence he had on her life. "No one has been more critical to my life than Jeremy Streck ... He taught me how to laugh at life."

Streck was an integrated strategic communications major at UK and his former professors praised his efforts as a student-athlete.

"He was the kind of athlete professors like. He was just a nice, ordinary guy. He went to class. He did all of his work. He was just amazing," said Elizabeth "Scoobie" Ryan, an assistant professor in the College of Communications and Information Studies.

Streck did not limit his outgoing attitude to fellow football players and professors. Jennifer Treadway, a classmate of Streck's and a 1999 UK graduate, remembers

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Studies: obesity on the rise in US

LOS ANGELES — New studies indicate that more Americans are overweight and that obesity-related diseases are killing as many as 300,000 people in the United States every year. One study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows one in five adults is obese. The studies show the most dramatic increases in younger adults, people with some college education and Hispanics. But a steady increase was observed in all states; in both sexes; and across age groups, races, educational levels. The research will be published in tomorrow's edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Do I have any yearnings? No, I can't think of any yearnings. I'm getting on just a bit now and I don't expect to work any more.



**Peck**  
— 83-year-old actor Gregory Peck.

## Primeau won't play for Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. — Keith Primeau will not play again for the Carolina Hurricanes, and plans to join the Canadian national hockey team, his agents said. Don and Todd Reynolds told The News & Observer of Raleigh that Primeau will put his house up for sale and move to Canada with his wife and four children. "If (Hurricanes general manager) Jim Rutherford has any business sense, he'll offer Keith Primeau in a trade," Todd Reynolds said. Primeau, 27, is a restricted free agent and could only play for another NHL team if he signed an offer sheet with that club or the Hurricanes traded him.



**JOY BEYOND:** Singer-songwriter Hoyt Axton, who penned a string of pop hits including Three Dog Night's 'Joy to the World,' has died at his Montana ranch at the age of 61, friends said Tuesday. The cause of death was not announced but Axton, a large man who also acted in movies and on television, had a history of ill health. Nashville-based associate David McCormick said.

## Report examines Air Force crashes

DAYTON, Ohio — The improper installation of aircraft parts caused 632 emergencies and accidents in the Air Force during a 25-year span, including 79 fatalities, a newspaper reported. The Dayton Daily News based its findings on an 18-month examination of records from 1972 and 1997, including a review of accident reports and computer records. The newspaper also said maintenance-related incidents in the Air Force more than doubled between 1992 and 1997.

## Library of Congress gets Hemingway

WASHINGTON — A friend of Ernest Hemingway is donating some of the author's unpublished material, including stories, articles, photos, letters, home movies and recordings, to the Library of Congress. A major item is a typewritten copy of "The Dangerous Summer," published as a 228-page book in 1985, nearly a quarter-century after Hemingway's suicide. It's the story of an afternoon contest between two of Spain's best-known matadors: Luis Miguel Dominguin and his brother-in-law, Antonio Ordenez. It's the first large collection of Hemingway material to go to the library. Some of it will be put on show tomorrow. A.E. Hotchner, who wrote two books about Hemingway, presented the gift.

## NYC homeless may work for shelter

NEW YORK — Homeless people looking for housing in New York city shelters will have to work for it under a policy scheduled to take effect by the end of the year. The homeless who are able to work but fail to comply with the rule could be refused shelter, said Anthony Coles, an advisor to Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. In the case of families, children could be put in foster care. The Giuliani administration is ready to apply the new rule to 4,600 families in the city's shelter system in about 60 days. Many parents in city homeless shelters already work in exchange for welfare benefits while their children are in shelter day care.

## GM workers ratify Ford contract

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers said yesterday that its members at Ford Motor Co. have ratified a new four-year contract. The union said 85 percent of the workers who voted approved the deal. The contract mirrors many of the terms agreed to by General Motors Corp. and Daimler Chrysler: 3 percent raises each year, a \$1,350 signing bonus and improvements in pensions.

## Dow up 43

NEW YORK — Just before noon EDT, the Dow industrials were up 43.69 to 10,393.62. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,388-1,294. The Nasdaq was up 37.39 to 2,853.34.

## DEBATE

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criminal conduct by any law enforcement personnel, but said officers took payoffs to protect dealers in heroin and cocaine.

"Her statements are so ludicrous as to not be deserving of a response," Patton said after the forum.

Galbraith, a Lexington lawyer who has made two previous campaigns for governor as a Democrat, said the major parties offer no more choices for voters. Galbraith, who drew the endorsement of the Reform Party and is its nominee, is trying to shed his earlier image as a legal marijuana candidate and appeal more to the mainstream while still appealing to gun owners and anti-government activists and retaining his legal hemp supporters.

"There's not really a nickel's worth of difference between these two major parties," Galbraith said.

## STRECK

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Streck as "really friendly, a guy who never met a stranger."

The memories Jeremy left with his friends and family will never fade.

"We all have the luxury of remembering Jeremy as tall and handsome and young and smart. So I am going to remember him that way," Ryan said. "I always smile when I remember Jeremy and I hope you will too."



Pictures of Streck with family and friends on the memorial table

## TIMOR

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with burned-out, roofless homes. Mountain noted that building materials, especially corrugated iron for roofs, remain in short supply.

Thousands of East Timorese also lost crops and livestock in the violence.

The World Food Program said today that international relief agencies plan to distribute seeds to impoverished farmers in time for the planting season, in less than three weeks.



## In focus

New York Yankees pitcher Orlando Hernandez jogs in the outfield during practice Monday, in New York. Hernandez struck out 10 and allowed only one hit in seven innings. Atlanta Braves Chipper Jones' solo homer in the fourth, as the Yankees beat the Braves 4-1 in Game 1 of the World Series Saturday night.

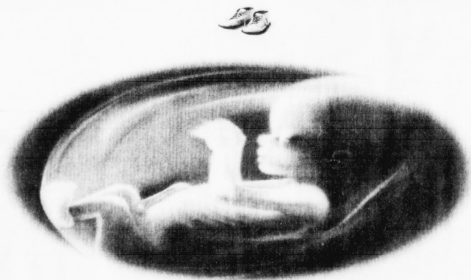


**OUCH: Actor Kelsey Grammer, star of the NBC television hit comedy series, 'Frasier,' has undergone an emergency appendectomy operation and is back at home resting, his spokeswoman said Tuesday.**

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DEEP THOUGHTS

## Uga livin' it up in Athens

Georgia mascot leads life of luxury as a canine prince



**Matt May**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Independence Bowl notes:

Uga is the man, er, dog.

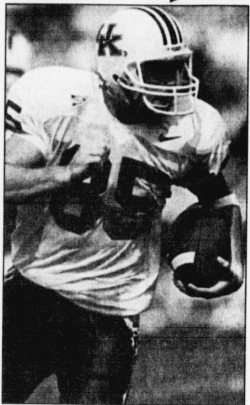
That pudgy little bulldog has the life every canine, and a few humans, dreams about. Air-conditioned doghouse, sideline seating for football games and about 86,000 adoring fans on any given fall Saturday.

All Uga, the University of Georgia mascot, has to do is prance around and make an appearance to make females swoon. Then, when Uga VI's mascot days are over, he heads off for a life of breeding so there will be no shortage of Ugas in the future.

What a life. Kinda makes you jealous.

UK senior tight end James Whalen is good, real good. How could anyone have expected this from a guy with only 30 career catches? Whalen could, and should, earn something Tim Couch never did at UK, First Team All-America status.

UK junior line-backer Marlon McCree is the most underrated defensive player in the



James Whalen



Annie Gage



Uga

Southeastern Conference.

I am baffled by the Associated Press and ESPN/CNN college football polls. How is Tennessee ranked ahead of Florida? Florida is 6-1 and Tennessee is 5-1. Florida has defeated Tennessee. Does this not make sense to anyone else?

Dusty, drop the chalupe.

Would someone please give the UK women's soccer team some love? They have the highest ranking in school history (No. 13 at last check) and are riding a 13-game winning streak. Unfortunately, the best team on campus so far this year gets lost behind the media blitz surrounding football.

Since we designated James Whalen

an All-American, what about the soccer team's Annie Gage?

The rematch between the Cats and Michigan State just got a little less interesting, as Spartan point guard Manteen Cleaves broke his foot and will not likely be ready to return in time for the Dec. 23 tilt at Rupp Arena.

Think Utah is excited about a potential second round matchup with UK at Rupp Arena in the Pre-season NIT? Yeah, me neither.

It's a shame former UK star Scott Padgett got stuck in the Utah Jazz organization. But on the bright side, maybe he'll learn to cry like Karl Malone and set dirty picks like John Stockton.

Pete Rose did not bet on baseball, did he?

Dusty Bonner is a terrific quarterback, period. If a certain piece of furniture hadn't been here before Bonner, he would be earning praise as the best quarterback in school history. He's smart, elusive and tough. But Dusty, football is war and the ball is a hand grenade. Pull the pin and throw it.

Finally, it's always a shock when a well-known sports figure passes away, but it's even harder to accept when the person is truly one of the nice guys. Gaffer Payne Stewart was an individual with character and personality in a sport which sorely needed some excitement. It's hard to fathom that we won't see those knickers anymore.

IN BRIEF

## SportsBytes

Annie Gage sets new offensive marks as Soccer Cats continue to impress

The Cats' winning ways continue to fuel their stalwart showing in national soccer polls.

Soccer Buzz's latest top-25 poll has the women ranked 9. Despite a 13-game winning streak, the Cats dropped a spot to 14 in the latest National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll, which is generally regarded as the predominate poll in women's college soccer.

UK has clinched the no. 3 seed at the upcoming Southeastern Conference tournament, beginning Thursday, Nov. 4 in Nashville.

Annie Gage continued her outstanding play over the weekend, breaking former UK standout Kim LaBelle's school records for most goals and points in a season in the Cats' 9-1 win over LSU on Sunday.

Gage has scored 13 goals

and has 33 points this season. She has taken 58 shots and needs 10 more to break Karin Schneider's 1992 mark of 67.

If the season ended today, goalkeeper Beth Wells' 0.83 goals-against average would be the third best in UK history. Her five shutouts are tied for third most by a UK keeper.

The Cats will wrap up the 1999 regular season this weekend as they host the SEC/Big Ten Challenge. UK plays Minnesota on Friday night at 7:30, with Senior Day festivities planned for the 3:30 Sunday afternoon finale against nineteenth-ranked Michigan.

### Men's Tennis

The UK men's tennis team had a good weekend at the Fighting Illini/First Federal

Fall Invitational. Three Cats posted three singles victories apiece.

With UK's top player, Carlos Drada, ranked 27, taking the weekend off, the Cats' other top players picked up the slack. Johan Grundtitz was a perfect 3-0 while Edo Bawono and Gustav Pousette each won three of four. Johan Hesoun was 2-1.

The three wins by Grundtitz improved his record to 8-5 this fall. He had lost three of his previous four matches.

"Our main guys played well this weekend," said coach Dennis Emery. "But Grundtitz really bore down and got himself back on track."

Bawono moved to 8-7 after winning his first three matches before losing his final match to Danny Westerman of Wisconsin. Pousette is now 6-5 this fall.

The three-day tournament was the last tune-up for UK's final fall event, the ITA Rolex Regional Championships, scheduled for Nov. 4-7 at the University of Georgia.

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FILM

# Scorsese's latest a visual stunner

By Matt Mulcahey  
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

The *Godfather*. *Taxi Driver*. *Chinatown*. *The Deer Hunter*. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. *M\*A\*S\*H*. *The Last Picture Show*. No decade has produced films of more vision, creativity and immediacy than the 1970's. For an all too brief period Hollywood packaging gave way to artistic freedom and gritty, emotional realism.

Of this amazing generation of filmmakers, few continue to make an impact. While Spielberg deserves credit for *Schindler's List* and *Saving Private Ryan*, don't forget *The Lost World* and a hefty contribution to the re-emergence of Hollywood's slick, summer-blockbuster mindset. Altman and Coppola have been erratic. Nichols and DePalma have settled into mediocrity, and directors like Peter Bogdanovich, William Friedkin and Hal Ashby have, for various reasons, disappeared from the cinematic landscape.

Only Scorsese remains devoted to the qualities that made those '70s movies great, which is why he stands saliently as the best director of the last quarter-century.

In *Bringing Out the Dead* Scorsese returns to the mean streets of New York City, this time to chart the journey of EMS driver Frank Pierce, played by Nicholas Cage, as he searches for redemption during his murky, blood-splattered midnight shift in a neighborhood known as Hell's Kitchen.

Fueled by caffeine, alcohol and insomnia, Pierce slowly begins a

three-day, Travis Bickle-like descent into madness, each night with a new partner. Each partner channels the stress of the job in a unique way. One (Ving Rhames, in a bravura performance) retreats into religious fanaticism, while another (Tom Sizemore, in a characteristically good performance) uses anger and hostility as a release.

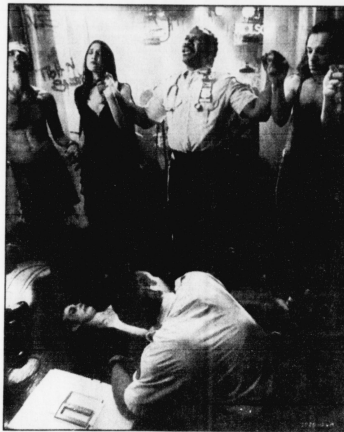
Pierce seems to bury his stress deep within himself, until he finally explodes. All he wants is a peaceful night's sleep, and hopes that he will get fired to escape the nightmarish visions that haunt him.

But in the end, he can't walk away that easily. After witnessing as many horrific sights as he has, how could he walk away unscathed? He must come to terms with the fact that everyone can't be saved.

Although not on par with the best Scorsese films, *Bringing Out the Dead* is the most visually dazzling. Shots come from every conceivable angle and the film is full of surreal, dream-like images distorted by changes in speed and lighting.

Along with the visceral delights comes the return to form of Nicholas Cage. Abandoning the action hero roles he's taken since *Leaving Las Vegas*, Cage gives one of his best performances as his blood-shot eyes personally long, torment and sympathy.

*Bringing Out the Dead* stands as a worthy addition to Scorsese's legacy and proof that films can be more than mere entertainment. Rating: A-



Scorsese's latest is a dark and gloomy look at the life of ambulance driver Frank Pierce (Nicholas Cage). During each of his three shifts he's paired with a different partner, including Ving Rhames (center left) who deals with his stress by his stress by a holy roller.

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### A LITTLE GIVE-AWAY

## Go catch the funky blues

By Robert Quan  
Scene Editor

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# Bats totally fails as a horror film

The latest critter horror movie has poor effects, a stereotypical cast and little gore

**Matt Mulcahey**  
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

Halfway through the laughably inept horror movie *Bats*, we learn that bat excrement is called guano. For those of you who don't have time to read this entire review, I'll sum up the movie: it's a pile of guano.

If you have chosen to continue, I'll now begin tearing the movie apart.

Let's start with the required cast of stock characters: there's the evil mad scientist (*Shaohank Redemption*) warden Bob Gunton, embarrassingly hamming it up; the good, animal loving scientist (*Starship Trooper's* Dina Meyer, who, despite being chased by flesh hungry bats, wears a tank top for no other reason than to show off her chest) and the bad-joke-speaking sidekick Leon, who you wish the bats would tear to shreds.

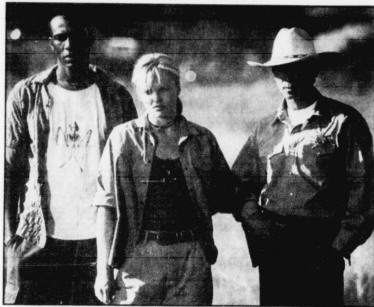
Aiding this team of clichés in defending the town of Gallup, Texas, against the army of rub-

bery bats that look like they came from K-Mart's Halloween aisle is a good old boy sheriff played by Lou Diamond Phillips. Phillips isn't bad, especially considering the rest of the cast, but his attempt at a Texas drawl is about as realistic as Antonio Banderas doing an Anthony Hopkins imitation.

In fact, the only good thing *Bats* does is give poor Lou Diamond a job. Speaking of fallen 80s stars, for the love of God would someone please give Emilio Estevez some work (no, another *Mighty Ducks* sequel doesn't count).

Not all of the logic gaps in *Bats* would take too long, so I'll just give one of the many examples. The good guys decide to fortify the local school with supplies that the army has donated. Among these supplies is protective body armor. When the bats finally attack, they all run around like idiots. Hey, here's an idea: PUT ON THE FRICKIN' ARMOR!

The only thing that might have made this rip-off of



Lou Diamond Phillips (right) is the only standout in an otherwise awful movie. The bats themselves (not shown) look like K-Mart holiday decor.

the equally abysmal 1979 vampire bat flick *Nightwing* bearable would've been an excessive amount of gore. However, the PG-13 rating and quickly-edited, blurry bat attacks ruin any chance of that.

It would've been nice if *Bats* had ended like the 1977 William Shatner vehicle *King-*

*dom of the Spiders* where the spiders actually win.

At one point our heroes must wade through a river of half-liquid, half-chunky bat guano full of worms and insects. That would probably be more enjoyable than sitting through this movie. Rating: F

FILM

# Buena Vista Social Club a masterpiece

Social Club spotlights Cuban music legends and the universality of their sounds

**By Patrick Avery**  
STAFF CRITIC

Flickering stars up in the night sky, romantic Cuban music in the background and a loved one in your arms. Sounds like a dreamy, but this was a showing of the *Buena Vista Social Club* at the Kentucky Theatre. What may look like a Travel Channel documentary of Cuba is a masterpiece film.

Ry Cooder is the musician behind the *Buena Vista Social Club*, a musical group consisting of Cuban music legends. In 1996, Cooder visited Cuba and discovered many forgotten musicians were still alive. He helped form the group named after a club where most of the musicians once played. Cooder's group caught the attention of director Wim Wenders, who chose to go to Cuba to film the

making of the group's CD and learn the stories behind these legendary musicians.

"Cuban Nat King Cole" and does most of the singing for the Buena Vista Social Club. His lyrics echo his patriotism for Cuba and his admiration of life. Fellow singer Omara Portuon shares that passion for life, as seen when she is moved to tears performing with the group and singing with fellow Cubans on *Compay Segundo* is the comic of the group. Born in 1907, this guitarist tells the hilarious story of a how he lit his grandma's cigars in his mouth at age 5 and then handed them over to her. "I guess you can consider me as having smoked for about 85 years," he says.

The most memorable scene in the movie involves pianist



Not your typical documentary, the film features dozens of scenes with the group playing their music as they revive their careers.

Ruben Gonzalez. The camera uses a tracking shot to introduce Gonzalez playing in a spectacular ballroom. One of the most moving scenes of the movie is here when a group of children dance around him as he plays, showing the universality of Cuban music and culture.

This movie ends with concert at Carnegie Hall on July 1, 1998. Highlights include musician Barbarito Torres playing a 12-string laud behind his back and remarkable solos by trumpeter Manuel Vazquez. This performance marked the last time the entire Buena Vista So-

cial Club performed together. This movie has lots of Spanish with English subtitles though it is technically not a foreign language film. The song lyrics are also with subtitles that allow you to hear the musicians express their feelings.

With every word and frame of this film, you feel the graciousness and excitement the musicians get from playing again. After they thought their careers were over their dreams were once again fulfilled. This movie documents their reemergence with complete joy. Rating: A

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"We want to encourage people to shop online but do so in an informed manner."



said Walter Effross, chairman of an ABA panel on electronic commerce and an American University law professor. "If you don't feel right about buying a specific product online or from a particular Web site ... then maybe you shouldn't."

Among the Web site's suggestions:  
-Look for symbols indicating the Web site uses security technology to protect purchasers' credit card numbers.  
-Pay by credit card instead of a debit card or check. Using a credit card provides more legal protection if a dispute arises.

-Read the Web site's privacy policy to find out what information the seller is gathering from you, whether it sells the information to other companies, and how consumers can opt out of such information-sharing.



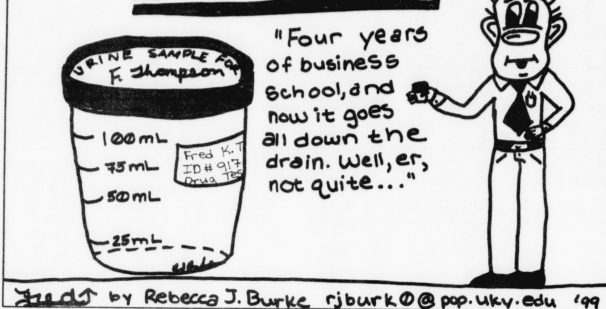
Web site that lists no privacy policy, the ABA site suggested.  
-Check the "feedback" areas of online auction sites, where customers discuss their experiences with sellers.

-Read the warranty before buying an item and check for limits on the company's liability if something goes wrong with the item.  
-Make a printout of the Web page, the item being purchased, the warranty and any messages between the buyer and seller. If the date doesn't appear on the printouts, add it in writing.

Tips compiled by wire reports.

Pictures of models from Rons Angels website (<http://www.ronsangels.com>)

## The resumé of the Future:



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### READERS' FORUM

## Expressions

### Child support enforcement is crucial, not a welfare crutch

To the Editor:

In reference to the editorial "You Better Think: Help Child Support by Modifying Society" printed October 22, 1999, I would hope that the Kentucky Kernel would be more aware of the important issues surrounding a topic before they publish it.

The enforcement of child

support is so crucial to a significant portion of Kentucky's children. The fundamental principles behind child support enforcement provide primary care parents with financial assistance pertinent to raising their child.

Your paper referred to child support as an "unstable crutch" being leaned on as a result of dropping welfare.

I have never received welfare and I do not use my child support as a crutch. I use it to feed and clothe my child.

Child support and welfare do not go hand in hand. Neither do child support and divorce.

The real concern should be focused on the one person who suffers when child support

goes unpaid: the innocent child.

I truly believe the authors of this article are trying to tie several separate issues into one neat package.

The advice given may be well intended, but seems irrelevant to any readers who do care about child support enforcement.

These readers being the many, probably thousands of students enrolled at the University of Kentucky or Lexington Community College who also happen to be single parents.

Child support is important to me as I am a single parent of an adorable three year old little girl.

Next time please be more careful in your misrepresentation of ideas.

STEPHANIE PRESTON  
CIVIL ENGINEERING SOPHOMORE

### Gary McCollum

KERNEL COLUMNIST

## College promotes student apathy

At first, I thought that I was the only one "senioritis" was effecting. What I failed to realize, and what my therapist so eloquently pointed out to me, is that this growing apathy is not a problem exclusive to me. Students are, on the whole, disinterested in virtually everything, on campus and off. At this point in the semester, classrooms look more suited to kindergarten naptime than to higher learning. Outside of class we have little to no clue of the issues going on in the world around us.

Has it occurred to anyone else that so many people are up in arms about controversial comments relating to Miss America because that issue is the only national news of which any of us are actually aware?

I am willing to wager the scholarship money I normally reserve for Keeneland that Jerry Springer receives higher ratings and reaches a larger portion of our student population than CNN Headline News.

We've reached the point in every semester when we all become our favorite characters in *Dazed and Confused*. There is not a soul on campus right now that wants to work in class, get involved with campus activities or even leave the apartment. As a result, work has become a secondary goal to many college students. Instead, the primary desire is to simply get through the day without having to go somewhere that might require personal hygiene, including classrooms.

All of this apathy is a little disappointing, even if it is only a short-term phase before the panic and paranoia of finals begin to approach. If we can become so worn down from 15 hours of course work, then the chances of the typical college student working productively in the 40-hour workweek starts to look a little bleak.

I am in no way criticizing the creative problem-solving techniques of some of my very close friends, but I must question whether a six-pack of beer and the outcome of a coin flip at the start of a Playstation football game is the best way to determine the answer to a calculus assignment.

Sure they might get the first couple of questions correct, but the odds of that coin flip always selecting the correct alternative are less than slim.

We could make a difference if we reject our typical college position of apathy and laziness and instead become proactive and involved on this campus and in the community. We have a responsibility not to just idly pass the time until the finals roll around or the next big writing assignment is projected over us.

Taking a break from the rigors of course work and UK activities has a time and place. However when that time begins expanding to months and the place starts to include the best happy hour specials, then rest assured you have reached a serious speed bump in the road of life.

So right here and now, I would like to challenge you to work like you have never worked before. We should work in class, work in soup kitchens or in sororities and fraternity organizations - work in anything that makes your life more productive and enjoyable.

With that said, I understand that many people were probably too apathetic to read this column. The beer in the refrigerator is cold, the Playstation is warmed up - I think I should call it a day.

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**Students are, on the whole, disinterested in virtually everything on campus and off."**

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### Scott Marchand

KERNEL COLUMNIST

## Lowering standards sacrifices values

Two recent high-profile events made me ask myself this question: Why must we lower our standards so that everyone will be allowed to participate in everything?

In Grant County two young women were awarded \$800 in damages and they were reimbursed for their attorneys' fees in connection with their lawsuit against the National Honor Society.

The two plaintiffs were denied admission to the society last year because one was pregnant and the other already had a child. According to the National Honor Society guidelines, pregnancy and paternity can be considered when judging the character of an applicant.

Clearly the society was well within its bounds to deny admission to the young women. However, the two girls contended that they had to conform to more stringent standards because males cannot get pregnant and thus reveal sexual activity.

The society settled last week with the girls to avoid a lengthy and costly trial. However, the society still contends that it did nothing wrong. Should these two girls have been allowed to become National Honor Society members?

Before answering this question, consider another example. The CEO of the Miss America Pageant came under fire just before this year's contest because he suggested breaking tradition by allowing women who had been pregnant or divorced to compete.

Several former Miss America winners threw up their arms and protested. So did many other interested parties including the directors of the state competitions.

They believed this action would violate decades of tradition and threaten the loss of sponsorship from companies who partner with the pageant. The CEO quickly reversed his decision and said he would not change the rules. Unfortunately, it was too late.

Immediately after this year's event, she was fired.

Should women be allowed to compete in the Miss America Pageant if they have had a child or been divorced?

The correct answer in both situations is no. Absolutely not.

Before you send me off to hell in a gasoline suit, please hear me out. I am not judging the ability, spirit or potential of any woman who has had sexual intercourse.

What I am questioning is the notion that Americans believe they have the right to participate in everything regardless of their actions or characteristics.

Both the National Honor Society and the Miss America Pageant determine their own standards for admission.

Their rules are designed to espouse certain values about each organization and who they allow to become members. If you do not fit the criteria, move on to something that does.

The Grant County High School girls hit the bull's-eye on three out of four of the main membership standards. Unfortunately, as my mom always said, "Please only counts in horseshoes, hand grenades and thermomuclear war."

The girls made decisions that had unfortunate consequences and they came up short. Instead of accepting the responsibility of their choice they decided to change the standards of the society. How convenient.

The Miss America Pageant is no different. Why should the pageant be forced to accept women who do not meet their established standards? There are plenty of scholarships I would have like to have applied for, but didn't qualify.

Should I have sued each of these organizations so that I could be eligible? Of course not.

When we as a society begin to lower standards, we set in motion the dissemination of the motive to strive to be the best.

Our nation is strong because of competition. Competition keeps us motivated to find new cures for disease, invent new technology and better ourselves.

### IN OUR OPINION

## Held on to your eggs

*In the medical areas of online human egg bidding, perhaps government control is necessary*

We've all heard the ambiguous chatter from politicians in favor of the deregulation of industry. Before we hop on this bandwagon, we should first ask ourselves whether regulation is truly a good thing in some cases. The medical field serves as one example where regulation is a necessity that should be preserved.

On the heels of the much publicized incident of a kidney being pawned on eBay (which, of course, is illegal), an online site has gained notoriety by attempting to sell the egg cells of fashion models to bidders.

One can only assume that the eggs are intended to be used by infertile couples, because the thought of a man hiring a woman to carry his "genetically prettier" baby is too repulsive to seriously contemplate.

The site, <http://www.ronsangels.com>, is run by a professional photographer, Ron Harris, whose most relevant credentials include the invention of the "Aerobicize" video popular during the 80s.

He claims that beautiful children have a higher likelihood of success in life and concerned prospective parents should pursue these genetic advantages when reproducing.

Apparently Harris expects that advantage to be shockingly large because the established bids range from \$10,000 to \$130,000. Even if having models supply the eggs actually implied that the resulting children would be attractive, haven't we already seen this type of genetic advantage argument put to rest by such films as *Gattaca* and *Dr. Strangelove*?

What about Hitler's master race ideas - are we now saying that this is acceptable thinking?

This site seems wrong for so many reasons. The simplest one is that sites like this one would likely dissuade people from seeking the counsel of experienced fertility and reproductive experts in favor of the game-show allure of Internet sites. At the very least, such sites should require close affiliation with or be run by these respected medical professionals to avoid such situations.

The moment we enter the medical domain common sense dictates that strict regulation is a necessity. Selling human egg cells that have supposed genetic superiority on the Internet is one example of an activity that should be strictly prohibited.

These regulations protect the dignity the medical profession and society as a whole struggle to maintain in the face of those who would allow money to be the sole determinant of their course in life.

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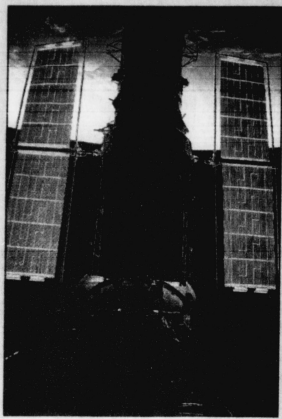
leadership role and opening up new areas of research.

"The CAREER grant recognizes the vitality and intellectual strength of Dr. Main. This is just another brick in the foundation to achieve our goal of becoming a Top 20 research institution," said Bramwell.

This enthusiasm towards research is one of the reasons that Main chose to come to UK three years ago. "There's a lot of freedom to pursue teaching and research interests here, and the College of Engineering is very supportive," he said.

Both Bramwell and Main believe that research is also an important part of undergraduate training at UK, and said that many avenues were available to those wishing to seek them out.

"There's always undergraduate research opportunities sponsored by NSF here at UK," Main said.



Main's research is based on the shape control of structures. The telescope mirrors he is designing are created to be very large and to "unfold" in space; therefore, the material used needs to be extremely lightweight and able to form itself into the desired mirror shape.

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## IN MEMORY

# 'A true sportsman'



Edmonds County Coroner John Hein, left, and other officials look over the site of the wreckage of the private Learjet that crashed near Mina, S.D., Monday, carrying champion golfer Payne Stewart and at least four other people. Everyone aboard was killed.

Players speak of Payne Stewart, one of golf's most interesting and well-liked players. From fluid swing to knickers, he will be missed.

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Jack Nicklaus will remember Payne Stewart's sharp wit and easy smile. For Ben Crenshaw, it's the quick laugh and long, fluid swing.

Casual fans saw Stewart only as a good player who wore funny clothes. His fellow competitors saw so much more.

"Payne always had a sharp wit — a tongue-in-cheek wit that came with a little bit of a nudge, which is something everyone always enjoyed," Nicklaus said. "He will be sorely missed

by anyone who ever knew him or had the pleasure of watching him play."

Though shocked and saddened, those who played both with Stewart and against him praised him as a giant of the game after a plane crash Monday took the life of the two-time U.S. Open champion.

The praise came not only from PGA Tour members, but also from the Europeans who Stewart so badly wanted to beat in last month's emotional Ryder Cup.

Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal fought back tears as he remembered Stewart as a "true sportsman on the course and a gentleman off it."

Crenshaw, the Ryder Cup captain, said he was shattered at the news and "I think golfers all around the world are, too."

Just a month after Stewart celebrated a comeback U.S. win with his Ryder Cup teammates, they were mourning his loss.

"There is an enormous void and emptiness I feel right now," said Tiger Woods.

Justin Leonard choked up and had to compose himself when remembering the Ryder Cup win and the match he and Stewart played Saturday against Jesper Parnevik and Sergio Garcia.

"The thing I'll remember is being on the Ryder Cup team with him and getting to play a match with him, seeing his excitement on Sunday when we finished and getting to spend time with him afterwards," Leonard said. "That was the last time I saw him."

On a day the golf world started by celebrating a new Ryder Cup captain and looking forward to this week's Tour Championship, it ended in mourning a player whose knickers and tam o' shanter had made him one of the most recognizable personalities in the game.

### Ill-fated flight

A Learjet carrying golf champion Payne Stewart crashed Monday in South Dakota, killing everyone on board. The plane flew out of control for hours.

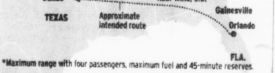
1 Plane leaves Orlando at about 9:20 a.m.

2 The last communication is made when the plane is over Gainesville, Fla.

3 A fighter jet from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., follows the plane, handing off to two Air National Guard fighter jets from Tulsa, Okla.

4 Eventually, two fighter jets from Fargo, N.D., take over.

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