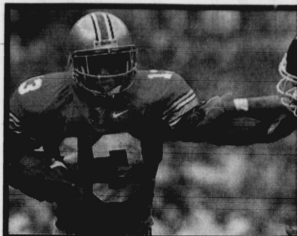


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## UK Police officer pleads innocent to abuse

Police report shows incident involved male minor, officer released on \$7,500 bail and has October court date

By Ben Fain  
STAFF WRITER

A UK Police officer pled innocent to three counts of first-degree sexual abuse Tuesday afternoon.

After spending nearly 24 hours behind bars, Officer

Hugh "Donny" Turner, 34, entered his plea through closed circuit television from the Fayette County Detention Center.

Judge Kevin M. Horne ordered Turner not to have contact with the victim — who

was identified in a Lexington Police citation as a male minor — or the victim's family.

Turner agreed to obey those orders.

Attorney Jerry Wright represented Turner, but offered no comment after the arraignment.

"I don't talk about cases that are pending," Wright said. "It's out of fairness to both sides."

The judge cut Turner's bail in half — from \$15,000 to \$7,500 — and Turner was released on bond later Tuesday afternoon.

Lexington Police arrested Turner one day earlier at a home on Wilson Downing Road following an investigation.

The police citation also said that Turner is married. It is unknown if the couple had been living together or had

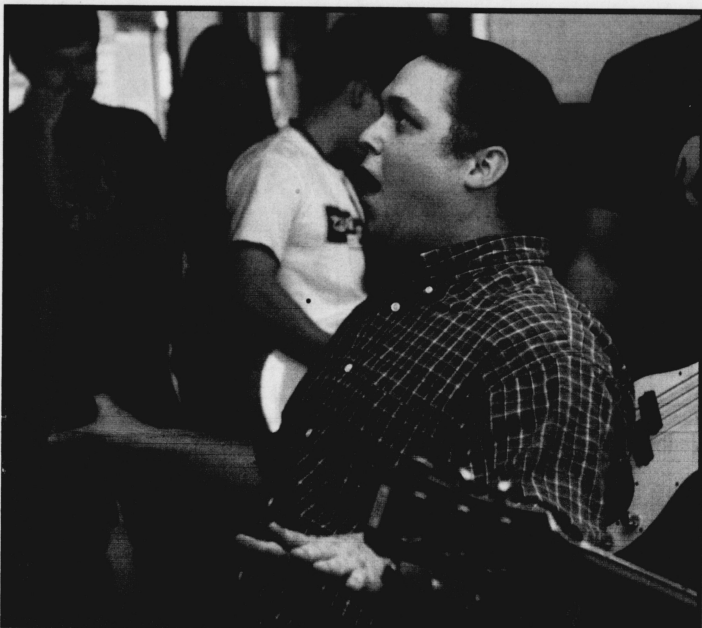
any children.

Messages left for Turner, his wife and acquaintances were not returned.

Turner served as a patrol officer for UK Police for nearly six years. He started with the force Sept. 1997, but took an unpaid leave of absence April 29 of this year and has not returned.



Turner  
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### Local band rocks out at all-ages show

Sixth-year English education major and I. Raymond vocalist Ken Fletcher rocked the YWCA on Cross Keys Road last Friday. "When I'm watching a band make eye contact with me, it makes me nervous," Fletcher said of his on-stage antics. See KEG.

## Organizations say Todd is responsive

Review found UK president lacking in follow-through; Todd says new chief of staff has helped him prioritize

By Cara Blevins  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A summer Board of Trustees review found President Lee Todd lacking in responsiveness and follow-through.

But some organizations maintain that Todd has never lacked these qualities.

Requests for time and attention usually don't sit and wait, said Rhonda Strouse, the director of student activities for the Student Activities Board. "Our experience has always been extremely positive."

The president received exemplary marks on the June review in areas such as character, compassion and work ethic but faltered with re-

sponding to requests in a timely manner and following through with tasks.

To help prioritize Todd's time as well as help students, faculty and staff access him better, Todd hired Phyllis Nash as his new chief of staff the prior January. Previously she was the associate vice president for academic and student affairs for the Medical Center.

"He spends so much time with donors, alumni, students and other members of the university community that he needed to make sure that someone was going to stay on top of things in his office," Nash said.

Nash's primary duties are to move the various materials through the president's

office in a smooth way and make sure that correspondence is answered in a timely manner. If she decides someone or something merits Todd's time, she passes the request on to Judi Quire, an administrative staff officer, to be scheduled.

"I believe this (chief of staff) position will better enhance my liaison with all faculty, staff, students and alumni," Todd said in a release.

Many student organizations come in contact with Todd on a regular basis and say they see no problem regarding his responsiveness even before Nash joined staff.

Jean Ellen Hiter, program coordinator for the Student Volunteer Center said that while the organization is not in regular contact with the president, President Todd along with Patsy Todd have participated in events like

their community volunteering event, UK Fusion.

"Given the current financial and organizational circumstances of the university, we feel Dr. Todd is doing the best job he can," said Will Nash, public relations for Student Government. "The President and First Lady have always had an open door for students and SG is always looking for new avenues of interaction with the Office of the President."

Strouse, with SAB, reiterated the Todds have done "anything we've ever asked them to do." The Todds attend student events ranging from Homecoming to Gator Roast, a street party prior to the Florida football game.

"Assuming they're available, they've been very agreeable and accessible," she said. "It's been very easy."

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## UK officials educate new Greek members about hazing dangers

Parking on some streets around UK banned on first Wednesday or Thursday of each month

By Andrew Martin  
STAFF WRITER

UK officials at a workshop Monday night asked students not to be silent — especially on the issue of hazing.

"Hazing is like an iceberg, you only see part of it," said Victor Hazard, Dean of Students.

Through education, officials said they hope students can stay safe.

New UK fraternity and sorority members were required to attend a hazing workshop, which was put on by the Greek Affairs office, at the Student Center Ballroom.

According to the Greek Affairs office, hazing is any action taken or situation created to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment or ridicule.

This includes harmful use or forced consumption of food, alcohol or drugs and personal servitude.

Officers of the Inter Fraternity and Panhellenic Councils, which regulate and govern UK fraternities and sororities, respectively, were adamant about the importance of hazing awareness.

"Students new to campus have preconceived notions about fraternities and sororities, and they need to know exactly what is hazing and what is not," said Vanessa Hahn, president of the Panhellenic Council.

UK officials are not convinced that hazing does not occur at UK.

"I would like to think that (hazing) is gone from UK, but I'm not that naive," said Victor Hazard, Dean of Students.

In 2001, there was a case of hazing that involved a non-Greek organization, resulting in the group being disbanded.

The most recent episodes of hazing involving UK Greek organizations occurred in the 95-96 academic year, with eight reported cases resulting in four Greek organizations being suspended from campus.

Alcohol was a factor in every case.

"This is my 18th year at UK," Hazard said. "Every case I have ever had to deal with has involved alcohol."

According to a poll administered in spring of 2003 by Alcohol and Health Education Office, 76 percent of UK students drink once a week or less. She said that she hoped students would choose to consume wisely while they attend UK.

New students were given alcohol poisoning information cards as well as hazing cards, with the number for the Greek Affairs office to report any hazing.

Mike Falcowitz, Inter Fraternity Council advisor, stressed that those found hazing will have their chapter memberships cancelled among other actions. Hazing goes against the positive standards of Greek life.

One case he cited was from another school and involved fraternity pledges drinking entire bottles of Jack Daniel's whisky before initiation. Seven of seventeen students were hospitalized, two of them dead, Falcowitz said.

"Our organizations were not founded to have students suffer barbarous punishment for the entertainment of others," Falcowitz said. "Any chapter found guilty of hazing will be closed down immediately."

During the workshop, some less serious examples of hazing were given, such as making pledges clean floors with Q-tips and making them push pills around on pavement with their noses.

This brought mixed laughter and stares from the

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## ABUSE

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The leave of absence and the charges against Turner are unrelated, said university officials. It also did not involve misconduct.

UK is not considering Turner a threat, said Mary Margaret Colliver, director of UK Public Relations.

"The situation with officer Turner is not related to the UK community and in no way jeopardizes the safety of our students, faculty or staff," she said. Colliver would not provide any more details.

It is university policy not to comment on pending investigations, she said.

UK Chief of Police Fred Otto also would not comment on the reactions of Turner's colleagues at the station, because the case is still being investigated.

First-degree sexual abuse is a Class-D felony, which includes subjecting another person to sexual contact by forcible compulsion or by subjecting another person to sexual contact who is incapable of consent because he or she is physically helpless, less than 12 years old or is mentally incapacitated.

It carries a sentence of one to five years in prison. If found guilty, Turner could face up to 15 years in prison.

Turner's trial date is Oct. 8.

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## HAZING

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audience. "I hope none of you think this is a humorous situation," Hazard said.

Reactions to the hazing information varied.

Angelo Theo, political science freshman and member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, deemed the presentation "highly informative."

Other students seemed puzzled.

"It was helpful, I guess," said Alpha Omega Pi member Megan Morris, an unde-

clared freshman.

Regardless of the response, Greek officers said the information was important to know.

"It's beneficial to new students in our organizations, especially because they are new to college in general," said Amelia Brown, vice president of programming for Delta Gamma.

Hazard agreed on the importance of getting the word out because hazing can be very serious.

"Hazing is a cancer that can and will destroy a Greek system if we let it," he said.

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## Correction

An article in Monday's paper said Student Affairs is looking into an overpass that would connect each side of Limestone so that pedestrians won't have to walk across the street. Student Affairs is not looking into this.

To report an error call The Kentucky Kernel at 257-1915.

## UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

### Selected reports made to UK Police from Sept. 1, 2003 to Sept. 7, 2003.

- Sept. 1: Assault in the fourth degree at Kirwan/Blanding complex area at 4:20 a.m.
- Sept. 1: Criminal Mischief at 761 Woodland Ave. at 10:30 p.m.
- Sept. 1: Possession of marijuana at Red Mile Rd. at 11:45 p.m.
- Sept. 2: Drug/marijuana use at 758 Woodland Ave. at 12:19 a.m.
- Sept. 2: Harassment at 800 Rose St. at 5 a.m.
- Sept. 2: Stereo pulled out of dash of red Jeep Wrangler at 140 KY Clinic Dr. in parking structure 3 at 7:39 a.m.
- Sept. 2: Grill taken from 1540 University Dr. at 8:29 a.m.
- Sept. 3: Theft from 800 Rose St. at 2:32 a.m.
- Sept. 3: X-Box stolen from 740 S. Limestone St. at 9:03 a.m.
- Sept. 3: Theft from vehicle on Scott St. at 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 4: Epsom video projector stolen from 597 S. Upper St. at 8:13 a.m.
- Sept. 4: Stereo system stolen from vehicle at 845 Red Mile Rd. at 3:36 p.m.
- Sept. 4: Theft from blue Dodge Neon parked near L building at University Commons at 5:43 p.m.
- Sept. 4: Theft from auto at 845 Red Mile Rd. at 10:54 p.m.
- Sept. 5: Forgery report made at room 340, Peterson Service Building - check cashed by someone else at 10:11 a.m.
- Sept. 5: Male seen masturbating at window, and looking out over Funkhouser Dr. at 160 Funkhouser Dr. at 8 p.m.
- Sept. 6: Seven arrests made for alcohol intoxication at 1540 University Dr. at 7:10 p.m.
- Sept. 7: Assistance given for an in-progress assault at 257 Lexington Ave. at 2:54 a.m.
- Sept. 7: Six juveniles on bikes vandalizing the park at 500 Alumni Dr. at 2:12 p.m.
- Sept. 7: Burgundy Toyota Camry with butterfly sticker on rear window stolen from 800 Rose St., parking structure 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Source: UK Police Log at [www.uky.edu/Police](http://www.uky.edu/Police) and police reports.  
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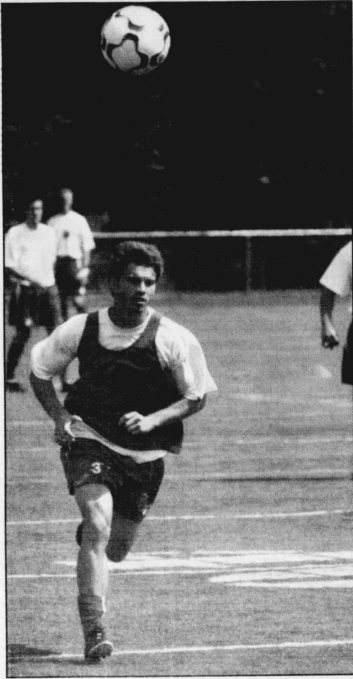
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Cats look for second road win against C-USA rival



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Junior midfielder Christopher Letefferts passes a pass at practice Tuesday morning. The Cats take on Cincinnati on Thursday.

Favored to win MAC tournament, men's soccer goes to Cincinnati for second of three straight road games

By Chris Fisher STAFF WRITER

After having their home opener against the University of Louisville rained out twice, the UK men's soccer team travels to the University of Cincinnati on Thursday for the second of three road games.

UK blanked UNC-Asheville 3-0 in its season opener Sunday. Sophomore Joey Gaworecki scored what proved to be the game winner and his first goal as a Wildcat in the 26th minute after a 2002 hiatus. Sophomore goalkeeper Andy Gruenebaum was forced to make one save while recording his first career shutout as the Cats out-shot the Bulldogs 20-5.

Returning only four starters from last season's squad that finished the season 10-9-0, UK head coach Ian Collins is still working out a rotation with a combination of youth and experience.

The Cats have been named the favorite to win the Mid-American Conference tournament this season by the MAC coaches. Along with those high expectations comes a target, Collins said. But he said he feels it won't give way to any additional pressure.

"We have won three of the last four MAC tournaments, our expectations are already high," he said. "Everyone shares a common goal, but being selected as MAC champion is nice because it shows we

earned the respect of the teams in our conference."

However, Collins added, "I have never seen a championship won on paper and we are expecting a battle in every MAC game that we have."

Collins credits the Cats' tireless work ethic in its success thus far this season, including a preseason win over No. 2 Indiana University.

"We have tireless workers who are just relentless in their approach," he said. "We have great team chemistry and we've really come together and gelled as a team. We are still trying to bring our system into play; we have a lot of new players and a lot of habits still to break."

The Cats are led by midfielder Jamal Shteiwi, one of only four Cats to play in all 19 games last season. The junior returns to his hometown of Cincinnati for the game Thursday.

Finished 11-9-2 last season, they are led by forward Wiremu Patrick. The junior from Wellington, New Zealand scored a team high 27 points a year ago.

Collins expects a tough game and a hostile environment awaiting the Cats in Cincinnati.

"UC is very fast and athletic," he said. "They have a ton of speed and athleticism. They are always physical and always tough. (Meyers Field) is always a tough place to play."

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# Running back charged with misdemeanor

Maurice Clarett may be done at Ohio State University

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maurice Clarett was charged Tuesday with lying about items stolen from him out of a car, and Ohio State University coach Jim Tressel said the school is ready to cut ties with the star running back.

Clarett was charged with misdemeanor falsification, a city attorney spokesman Scott Varner said. If convicted, Clarett would face up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Tressel said he does not expect Clarett to return this season to the defending national champion Buckeyes. He would recommend that Clarett be released from his scholarship if the request was made, the coach said.

Alan C. Milstein, the Clarett family attorney, said he wasn't surprised by Tressel's comments or the misdemeanor charge.

"Nothing Ohio State

does surprise me," he said. "I don't think the family recognizes what Ohio State's actions and motivations are, either."

Milstein declined to comment on whether Clarett would consider transferring.

Asked if Clarett had played his final game for the Buckeyes, Milstein said, "I think that's up to Ohio State."

Clarett has already been suspended indefinitely from the team, and probably will not play for the Buckeyes this season. He is also being investigated by the NCAA.

Clarett acknowledged earlier this summer that he filed an exaggerated theft report after his car was broken into in April. The car, a Chevrolet Monte Carlo, was borrowed from a local dealer.

The NCAA began looking into the report after Clarett stated he had lost more than \$10,000 in items in the theft.

Ohio State University running back Maurice Clarett was charged with falsifying a police report Tuesday.



Clarett set Ohio State freshman records last season with 1,237 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns, including the winning score in the Buckeyes' double-overtime victory over the University of Miami in the Fiesta Bowl.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger said he wasn't surprised Clarett was charged.

The university does not have a set punishment for athletes charged with misde-

meanors, Geiger said. The charge will not factor into the length of a suspension the university will recommend to the NCAA, he said.

Clarett's mother, Michelle, did not return a phone message seeking comment on the charge. Former NFL star tailback Jim Brown, a family adviser, said he wasn't aware of the charge and declined comment on it or Tressel's statement.

## SportsBytes

### Cats claim Kiawah title

The UK men's golf team won its first title of the season Tuesday at the Cleveland Golf/Kiawah Island Intercollegiate at Turtle Point Golf Club in Kiawah, S.C.

The Cats were in fifth

place after Monday's first round. UK improved by 16 strokes on day two and overcame a six-shot deficit to take the team championship by three strokes with a team total of 580.

Georgia State University finished second with a 583

team total.

"This is a great way to start the year," head coach Brian Craig said.

"We had a tough first day and put ourselves in a bit of a hole, but we fought back. I couldn't be more proud of the guys," he said.

Junior All-American John Holmes led the final round charge with a four-under par 68.

Holmes finished with a total of 140, second overall

behind Aron Price of Georgia Southern University.

Junior Mark Blakefield shot a final round 73 and tied for third overall.

Blakefield shot a career low 68 on day one.

Sophomore Matt Kohn and juniors Matt Wells and Brandon Waldrop also contributed to the win.

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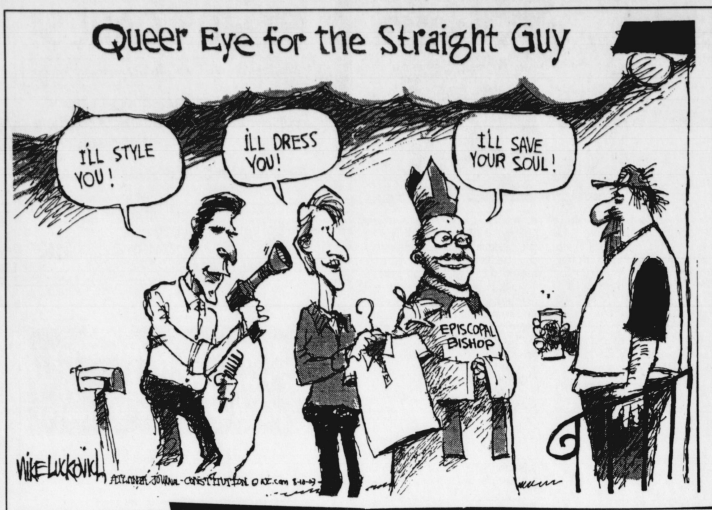
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**IN OUR OPINION**

## Todd shows knack for improvement

This summer the UK Board of Trustees held a review of President Lee Todd. Board members gave Todd high marks in areas such as character, compassion and work ethic.

However, they found Todd somewhat lacking in the area of thoroughness and follow-through, saying he often failed to respond to requests promptly and complete tasks.

Todd addressed the issue before the board even gave their report by hiring a chief of staff in January to help him prioritize his time and improve his responsiveness to students and faculty. Subsequently, multiple student organizations have said the remedy has worked, and Todd has improved in both areas.

This is the latest feather in the cap of a President who has proven over and over again he's worth every penny the university spends on his salary.

The shortcomings the board found in Todd likely arose from his strengths. Phyllis Nash, the woman hired as Todd's chief of staff, said that Todd had "spread himself too thin." Todd has a history of getting involved in multiple campus issues at one time. He routinely deals with donors and students, as well as fund raising activities. He handled the UK budget crisis with extreme competence and had a hand in establishing or aiding multiple student organizations.

According to Jean Ellen Hiter, program coordinator for the Student Volunteer Center, her campus office wouldn't have been possible without Todd and his wife. Members of the Student Activities Board have praised Todd's involvement with Homecoming activities.

Todd's genuine interest in all things related to the improvement of the university compel him to take a hand in more endeavors than a single person can adequately handle.

The fact that he noticed his own failings before he was even confronted with them and took successful steps to correct the problem demonstrate his commitment to members of the UK community. Therefore, UK should consider making a bigger commitment to Todd.

A UK committee is working on a new compensation package for Todd, whose \$265,000 salary is considered low among presidents of other southern universities. UK trustee Frank Shoop says the committee hopes to come up with a plan that will make Todd's pay competitive with that of presidents from similar colleges.

With UK still in somewhat of a budget shortfall, a mammoth pay increase for Todd may turn out to be difficult. But Todd has proven his worth to UK and deserves to be considered among the best university leaders out there.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

### New parking permit hours compromise safety at UK

The pedestrian overpass being touted as the solution to increased pedestrian safety is a very bad idea. Pedestrian bridges won't end jaywalking. Pedestrians jaywalk because they are seeking a shortcut, a more direct route across a street than is provided by intersections with cross walks. A walkway will not be perceived as a shortcut as it will require people to climb up and down stairs or a ramp.

Further, it will only be on the route of very few pedestrians. The rest simply will not use it. They will, however, continue to jaywalk under and alongside the walkway. Pedestrian bridges are ugly, big structures. Just take a look at the two currently under construction and notice how the traffic noise increases and how cramped the sidewalks feel. Pedestrian bridges are expensive. That means a lot of money we don't have right now.

What is the solution? I believe several strategies would greatly increase pedestrian and driver safety. First, make the wait at intersections shorter. Shorter light cycles would make the signalized intersection the true shortcut, as the wait would often be shorter, and certainly more comfortable, than huddling out in the left turn lane.

Second, slow down traffic on Limestone to go with the shorter light cycle and help make any stubborn jaywalkers a bit safer. And of course, better enforcement is needed. The drivers in Lexington routinely run red lights, block crosswalks in intersections and speed. Note to police, both city and campus: parked cars don't kill people, moving ones do.

In a city and on a college campus where the culture is centered on cars (witness the endless whining about parking in the Kernel and the Herald-Leader), this issue provides a truly worthy challenge for the Town & Gown initiative. Let's see the UK administration, the city, and the SAB put some real thought into this issue rather than responding by slapping up a useless, expensive structure.

**ANN HARTELL**  
 GEOGRAPHY SENIOR

### Fletcher right for Kentucky despite Chandler blame game

The Democratic message is becoming increasingly dependent on laying blame on Congressman Fletcher for America's so-called "lagging economy." As an independent thinker, I find their logic laughable.

President Clinton saw some of the fastest economic growth in history. But by the end of his term America's economic fortune took a turn for the worse. Three months into the Bush administration, Democrats started blaming Bush for single-handedly sending us into a recession.

Three years later, Democrats in Kentucky are singing the same tune. Somehow one lone Republican Congressman from Kentucky is responsible for the "sagging" economy that began during the Clinton administration. The Democrats have spent eight years in Washington and 32 years in Frankfort. And now Congressman Ernie Fletcher is solely responsible for Kentucky's job losses? Their logic just doesn't make sense. How can one congressman — out of over 400 — be responsible for something as large as the American economy? How can one congressman, dutifully serving us in Washington, have an effect on public policy decisions made in Frankfort? He can't. And he doesn't deserve the blame.

Let's review the facts. Everywhere you turn, Democrats have made a mess of things. They squandered the U.S. economy, as well as the Kentucky economy, and have made little effort to turn it around. Republicans have made progress in passing legislation that brought back millions to Kentucky taxpayers. Contrary to what the Chandler folks would have us believe, a job lost in Kentucky was a job lost under Patton-Chandler and Clinton-Gore. Not just Fletcher-Bush.

The Democrats are simply not being honest with Kentuckians. Attacking President Bush for his handling of the economy — an economy that showed signs of crumbling while Clinton still in office — is irresponsible. Trying to pin the Congressman Fletcher to a "lagging" Kentucky economy without accepting equal blame is simply disingenuous.

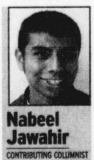
If Chandler lies to us now, can we trust him in office? Not likely. If we want true and honest change in Kentucky we have to rid this state of the people who have continuously misled us in the past. We need real, honest change. We need Ernie Fletcher.

**GRANT D. FRIEDMAN**  
 TELECOM SENIOR

## Chandler taking risk with campaign tactics

The upcoming gubernatorial election is drawing nearer and political watchdogs all across the country are shifting their focus to observe the events going on here in Kentucky.

Despite President Bush winning this state easily in the 2000 elections, and the benefit of both our senators and seven of eight congressional representatives being Republican, Democratic attorney general Ben Chandler is determined to beat Congressman



Ernie Fletcher and prevent Republicans from winning their first Kentucky governorship in 32 years. Chandler is attempting to do so by attacking Fletcher for his support of President Bush's economic plan, among other policies.

Chandler asserts that the Republicans on Capitol Hill, conspiring with Bush, have wrecked the economy of the state of Kentucky, as well as the nation as a whole.

He contends that an estimated 56,000 jobs have been lost in Kentucky due to Republican policies, and even jokes that the President's "Leave No Child Behind" motto may as well read "Leave No Job Behind."

Although by most accounts

still considered the underdog for the gubernatorial election, if Chandler can beat Fletcher by leveling direct attacks at President Bush, the Democratic presidential candidates will be forced to take notice.

For what its worth, Fletcher has had no problem affiliating himself with Bush in this campaign. Florida governor Jeb Bush, the President's brother, has already visited Kentucky for a fundraiser, and a few of the president's cabinet secretaries have also been here on Fletcher's behalf.

However, with the President's approval and popularity ratings dropping across the nation due to the sagging economy, Chandler is apparently willing to take a gamble

and launch a full-fledged assault on what he coins "The Bush-Fletcher economy." If this strategy wins the election for Chandler, expect many of the democratic presidential candidates to further attack President Bush in regard to the economy, using Chandler's win as a blueprint for the direction in which their campaigns should head.

The pressure is on Chandler: If he can retain the Governor's office for the Democratic Party, the impact could be huge for state politics, as well as the national political atmosphere.

"We absolutely are keeping an eye out to see how Kentucky voters accept that notion" says a spokesman for Democratic presi-

dential candidate, Bob Graham, in regard to Chandler's strategy of emphasizing the perceived shortcomings of Bush's economic plan.

With the president's popularity continuing to slowly but steadily fall in the wake of the huge rebuilding costs in Iraq and the uncertainty about the future of the economy, Chandler seems poised to pull off an upset in the upcoming election.

However, whatever the outcome of the gubernatorial race, the Chandler election strategy appears destined to make its mark in the national political landscape.

Nabeel Jawahir is a political science sophomore. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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## You may want to brush your teeth again, Britney

**Worse than a hickey:**  
The ADA says kissing  
may cause cavities

By Suzanne Haberek  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We have all heard the story of two teens kissing and getting their braces stuck together. Now that our adolescent years are behind us, are there still problems to worry about when locking lips?

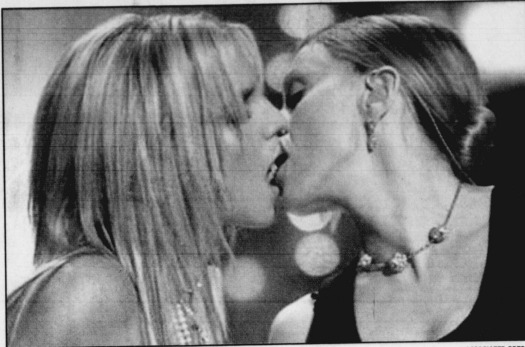
A recent article in *Cosmopolitan* magazine reported that kissing may actually cause cavities.

According to the article, the American Dental Association has said "the bacteria that cause cavities may be transmissible through saliva."

But some dentists remain skeptical. "The bottom line is that I don't buy it," said Dr. Jeffery Ebersole, director of the University of Kentucky's Center of Oral Health Research, when he was first presented with the idea.

Dr. Ebersole agreed that the bacteria mentioned in the *Cosmopolitan* story, *Streptococcus mutans*, is known to cause cavities and is contagious. But his research has concluded that it is extremely difficult and rather unlikely for one adult to transmit the bacteria to another adult.

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### Pucker Up

Britney Spears and Madonna share a lip-locked moment at the MTV Music Video Awards.

al Dentistry also included in the *Cosmopolitan* article, notes that many people believe that kissing can prevent cavities. Their reasoning is that our saliva is "a natural way of cleaning our mouth and getting rid of the food fragments that can cause cavities. ... Kissing intensely stimulates saliva and may be effective in preventing cavities."

Students' first reaction to the theory is often laughter, then the reply, "Wait, are

you serious?" Could cavities really be the new "kissing disease," like the feared mono?

Some UK students said they don't believe the fear to be justified.

"I have had two cavities, both of which occurred many years before I started kissing. And I haven't had any cavities since far before middle school, when I started kissing," said Jessica Morgan, a social work junior. Art education junior

Casey Burmester said she is sure it's not true based off of personal experience.

"I've been kissing for seven years and I have never had a cavity!" Burmester said.

But the "kissing causes cavities" concept may turn into an old wives tale parents can tell their pre-pubescent children: "You better not kiss too much or your teeth will fall out. And who will want to kiss you then?"

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My mother pulled me aside this weekend and said, "Now, you're not going to drink too much Tuesday and die or anything, are you?"

My roommates, on the other hand, smuggled a cake shaped like a martini glass (with blue icing indicating the martini and even an icing olive — Martha Stewart they are, except for all that insider trading jazz) into BW's. Well, I wouldn't call it smuggling, exactly. I don't believe they actually hid it, and when the place closed, we gave our server a piece of cake.

My mother's concern is sweet, motherly and fueled by the videos, as a high school health teacher, she watches year after year of kids who drink too much on their 21st birthday and slip, sadly, into an alcohol-poisoned death as their equally drunk friends scrawl on their faces with Magic marker.

My roommates are celebrating my liberation — they were tired of leaving me home Thursday night after Thursday night last year after they were all 21 or had IDs which said they were.

Two different reactions — one 21st birthday. Mine is today, as I write this, Tuesday, Sept. 9.

But first things first, how do you answer your mother when she asks you if you are, effectively, going to accidentally kill yourself on your birthday? A "No Mom," isn't quite reassuring enough to quell her fears.

A "Don't worry, (insert name here) will take care of me" doesn't do much good when she knows Betsi was cut off on her 21st after doing cartwheels in the bar; Brandon consistently makes Jell-O shots, enough to hold a party this summer he entitled "Night of 1,000 Jell-O Shots;" Sarah was the one who introduced me to

Captain's and Coke; Amanda, who Mom doesn't have any drunken stories for, did dress in clear saran wrap about a costume party — and who couldn't make the drunken connection there; and Anne took the picture which inspired Mom to say, "Oh, there are people at your party doing shots..." (she paused as she brought the picture closer to her face) "Is that you?"

So basically, she knows my friends too well.

Despite the shot picture, it's not like I can tell her that I've never drank in my life — because once upon a time this summer, my mother experienced her first shot. My mother, bless her heart, didn't start out with something easy or girly. We were on a cruise in Mexico, and some of the Moms wanted to toast to Mexico, and the coronas didn't seem to be doing the trick.

So, tequila shots. Well, let me rephrase since the plural is misleading. My mother took one tequila shot. It was a hilarious endeavor — my mother drinks very rarely, and when she does, she tends to go for the wine coolers or strawberry daiquiris, in effect something slushy and made so it is hard to taste the alcohol.

You sip those drinks, savoring the fruit flavor. You do not sip tequila. And you definitely don't sip a shot.

Half the shot went down her chin, and she crunched up her face when she tasted the rest. Her shot counterpart — a daughter not yet legal to drink in the United States but legal by years in Mexico — was munching on the lime before Mom even got through the shot.

There isn't much I can say to her to have her know that I will be safe. So I looked her in the eye and said, "No, Mom. The roommates will take care of me."

She rolled her eyes. She'll make it through the night. Something I've learned in 21 years is that she sometimes even trusts me.

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# Murder, love and intrigue take the stage at UK theatre

By **Brittany Griffin**  
STAFF WRITER

Murderous women, known as "black widows" in popular culture, are a fascination with the American public. They kill in cold blood until they're caught, thrown into the blind arms of justice.

At least, that's supposedly what happens.

*The Glory of Living*, a play by Rebecca Gilman, is about just such a scenario. Her play includes the characters Lisa, fifteen at the play's beginning, and Clint, who Lisa marries and who is also nearly double Lisa's age.

Lisa, the play's protagonist, does commit murder more than once, said Rhoda-Gale Pollack, the play's director. But the play isn't just about a serial killer.

"This play really deals with more than one social issue. It deals with rape, it deals with wife battering, it deals with one person manipulating another one," she said.

The play takes place in two acts, using six different locations, and skipping

several years, beginning in 1998 and ending in October 2003. Pollack said she arranged the play that way partly so that she could nail down a certain time frame for costume designers. In the original play, Gilman just specifies that it occurs in "present day."

"There's a number of films in the last six years that have situations that bear some similarity," said Pollack, referring to the basic motifs of the play: a young girl involved with an older man, and lots of violence.

Pollack also pointed out recent interest over the summer in the treatment of women in juvenile justice, pointing to a series done by National Public Radio titled "Girls in Juvenile Justice," which ran in July and August.

"There seems to be an interest to see how young females are treated in the justice system," Pollack said.

This production might be different than one done by a professional production team, she said, because for one thing the cast members are the right age group and secondly, they're performing it at a

university.

This play will be a big change from what the theater department has done previously, she said.

## Murder, she wrote

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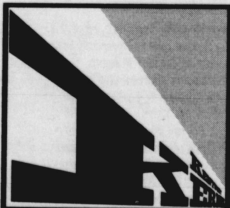
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# POP-PUNK PRODIGIES

Local band i. raymond may be the best-kept secret in Lexington. Fresh from a summer tour, these guys gave The Kernel an exclusive interview.

**By Crystal Little**  
ASSISTANT REC EDITOR

Five exhausted, sweaty musicians and a svelte timid reporter lounging on the sidewalk of a Lexington YMCA on a sunny afternoon isn't exactly a typical interview.

But for the down-to-earth guys of i. raymond, it's a chance for publicity.

And to cool down from an energetic set finished only moments before.

Though the neighborhood Y may not immediately spring to mind as a port of refuge, don't discount it until you've seen these guys perform.

The local band with a host of gold plays where fans of all ages can experience their unique blend of pop-punk, rock and emo.

The five native Kentuckians are more than willing to pass up Lexington here to play to a younger demographic, building a strong following in the process.

**Anything But Vanilla**  
The guys of i. raymond aren't typical rock stars.

"We don't really have success," laughed Danny Maupin, lead guitarist and fourth-year creative advertising major.

Modest words from the Lexington band that recently returned from a summer tour.

**i. raymond at a glance**  
Members:  
James Collins, 23, rhythm guitarist, Franklin, art studio graduate  
Ben Fletcher, 23, vocalist  
Louisville, fourth-year English education major  
Kevin Hamilton, 22, drummer, Lexington, fifth-year art studio major  
Danny Maupin, 21, lead guitar, Louisville, fourth-year creative advertising major  
Eric Mays, 21, bass guitar, Louisville, fourth-year telecommunications major

i. raymond's self-produced CD is entitled *Remembering Things Forgotten*

show summer tour with another local band, summer meets later.

"It was five guys crammed in a Chevy Venture with all our equipment and the tall guy getting squashed," said Kevin Hamilton, drummer and fifth-year art studio major.

Camped was unorthodox, but touring gave the band invaluable experience and unforgettable memories.

"I really enjoyed meeting new people and hanging out with friends at the same time," said Maupin. "Having people pay attention and respect what you do—it was something worthwhile."

**In the Beginning**  
**Six Degrees of i. raymond**

Maupin and Ben Fletcher attended Eastern High School in Louisville. Greg Melnyk attended Touhy high school and now, Maupin, through mutual friends, Fletcher, Maupin, James Collins and Kevin Hamilton all came to UK and became members of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Melnyk attended the University of Louisville during his first year of college. Ben graduated.

"I was recruited to UK," Melnyk said with a grin.

i. raymond formed in June 2002 with Maupin, Hamilton, rhythm guitarist Collins, vocalist Fletcher and bassist Melnyk.

The members were and continue to be inspired by bands ranging from the Beatles to Weezer.

Their sound has changed and matured since the beginning, as lead guitarist Maupin pointed out. "We started out as pop-punk but we've gotten over that."

**What's in a name?**  
The band's name is an admittedly unconvincing choice.

"I read the book and saw the movie *High Fidelity*," explained vocalist Fletcher, a sixth-year English education major. "We take the analogies who read girlfriends but love the movie and the book."

**An unusual sound and refreshing performance style**

i. raymond's sound is difficult to narrow down into a single genre.

"We've drawn from a lot of different bands from Glasgow to Dashboard Confessional," said drummer Hamilton.

According to vocalist Fletcher, "We're in the vein of old New Found Glory."

"Old Midwest," said bassist and fourth-year telecommunications major Melnyk.

The band's high-energy sound and edgy quality is enough to draw even the most lethargic of listeners to the mosh pit.

While Melnyk, Collins and Maupin pump up the crowd with enthusiastic gestures and guitar riffs, vocalist Fletcher tends to keep his gaze away from the audience.

"A lot of times, when I'm watching a band make eye contact with me, it makes me nervous. I don't want to look into the crowd and see people not listening."

**Subliminal Messages**  
The messages the band conveys through their music are interpreted differently by the members.

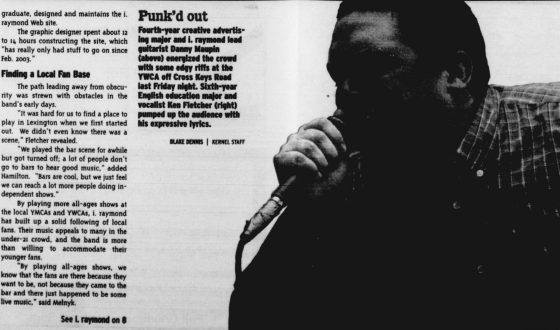
"There's no real message, per se," according to Fletcher. "It's having fun when we play."

Maupin agreed, for the most part, adding, "Do what makes you happy, be who you want to be."

According to Collins, "It's not necessarily having fun. There's emotional angst behind some of the songs. We try to write about personal things we think people might empathize with. We share life experiences."

**The Epitome of Independence**  
The band members have been self-sufficient since they formed, designing their own merchandise, recording their own three-song demo, then scraping together money from demos and merchandise sales to co-record an original tracks for their debut CD, *Remembering Things Forgotten*. Fletcher writes the band's lyrics and each member composes their own music.

Collins, rhythm guitarist and UK



graduate, designed and maintains the i. raymond web site.

The graphic designer spent about 10 hours constructing the site, which "has really only had stuff to go on since Feb. 2003."

**Finding a Local Fan Base**  
The path leading away from obscurity was strewn with obstacles in the band's early days.

"It was hard for us to find a place to play in Lexington when we first started out. We didn't even know there was a scene," Fletcher revealed.

"We played the bar scene for awhile but got turned off; a lot of people don't go to bars to hear good music," added Hamilton. "Bars are cool, but we just feel we can reach a lot more people doing independent shows."

By playing more all-ages shows at the local YMCA and YWCA, i. raymond has built up a solid following of local fans. Their music appeals to many in the under-20 crowd, and the band is more than willing to accommodate their younger fans.

"By playing all-ages shows, we know that the fans are there because they want to be, not because they came to the bar and there just happened to be some live music," said Melnyk.

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## CABIN FEVER

A flesh-eating virus forces friends to reveal their true personalities and learn to survive each other. In other words, a horror movie about showing what's under your skin. Starring Rider Strong and Jordan Ladd. At Lexington Green.

## JEEPERS CREEPERS 2

Give it to director Victor Salva, he was able to involve an entire squad of cheerleaders in this sequel. As the Creeper, some sort of nasty monster thing, nears the end of his craving for flesh, it attacks a busload full of the aforementioned cheerleaders as well as a basketball team and coaches. At Lexington Green.

## DICKIE ROBERTS: FORMER CHILD STAR

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When the S.W.A.T. team is lead by Samuel L. Jackson, LL Cool J, Michelle Rodriguez and Colin Farrell, of course it's going to be an action movie. The four, along with other S.W.A.T. members, are being assaulted from all angles when the baddie they are trying to get out of the city offers a huge cash prize to anyone who can free him from the cops. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

## UPTOWN GIRLS

To help impress her boyfriend while making some extra bucks, Molly (Brittany Murphy) takes a job as a nanny for Ray (Dakota Fanning). The comedy focuses on the two characters trying to teach each other and themselves to act their age. Fanning showed her acting chops in *I Am Sam*, and Murphy has acted in a random range of movies that include *Clueless*, *Just Married* and *Girl, Interrupted* as well as roles as both Ashton Kutcher and Eminem's girlfriend. At Woodhill.

## New DVD Releases - Sept. 9

### 24: Season Two

Jack Bauer endures the longest day of his life again in the second season of Fox's critical darling. While Jack brandishes a hacksaw in one memorable scene, his daughter Kim frolics with a mountain lion in an equally forgettable one. See Jack work with President Palmer and CTU to stop a bomb from destroying Los Angeles among other nefarious schemes. All 24 episodes are presented along with commentaries, deleted scenes, but no commercials.

### Bulletproof Monk

Chow Yun-Fat teams with Seann William Scott in the movie, while the filmmakers team up for two commentaries for the DVD. The disc also features an alternate ending.

### Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

Listen to director George Clooney talk about handling actor George Clooney on the commentary for this 2002 biopic of game show legend Chuck Barris that also stars Sam Rockwell.

### Family Guy Volume 2

Casual fans can see the show in reruns on Cartoon Network and TBS, but hardcore fans will appreciate the commentaries for selected episodes from season three.

### Sleeping Beauty

Disney delivers another loaded disc to whet the appetites of family-style animation until The Lion King hits stores next month.

### View from the Top

Despite the requisite star power of Gwyneth Paltrow and Mike Myers, this movie was in and out of theaters in near-Goli time. Paltrow serves up airline snacks as a stewardess, while the disc features multiple featurettes.

### Upcoming Releases (TV on DVD)

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**Sonya Hensley w/ Jerry Tolson.**  
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**The National.**  
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**TUESDAY**  
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- 6 - Los Lonely Boys - *S/T*
- 7 - Jeff Buckley - *Live at Sin-E*
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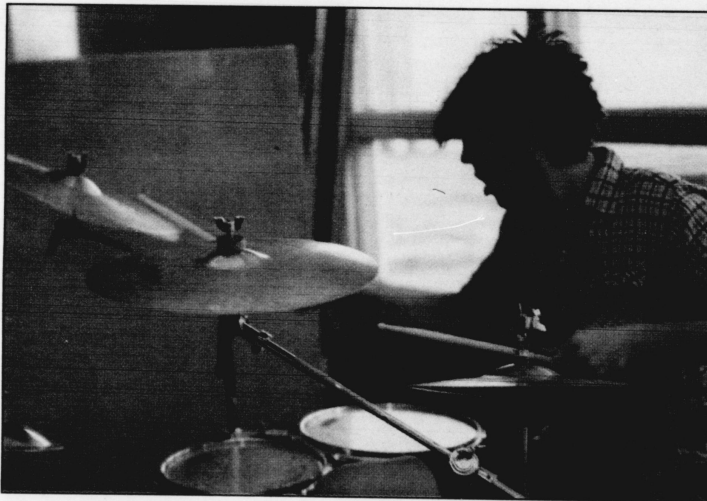
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**i. raymond** drummer Kevin Hamilton works up a sweat during a local show. "I saw a Motley Crue video when I was in fifth grade and knew I had to be a drummer," said the fifth-year art studio major.

## I.RAYMOND

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### Summer Tour 2003

Atlanta, Birmingham, Lexington, Louisville, Nashville and Raleigh opened their collective ears to i. raymond over the summer. The band agreed that the experience and seeing the Southeast "for free" were the most positive perks of touring.

According to Collins, playing for those who'd never heard their unique blend of pop, punk, emo and rock was also a huge plus.

However, there were negative moments as well.

"Touring bands depend on their loyal fans, but (four of) the shows were nowhere near Lexington. It's hard to play in front of people who are in no way familiar with your sound," said Fletcher.

### A Close-Knit Crew

The guys of i. raymond are not only bandmates and close friends—four of the five are also roommates.

With the exception of Collins, who lives and works in Frankfort, the band members share a house across from Woodland Park.

So does familiarity really breed contempt?

"(The living arrangement is) awesome," said Fletcher.

"It works out fine," Hamilton replied. "It's fun. These guys are like my brothers. Even though we get pissed at each other sometimes, we know it's just blowing off steam. By the next day, it's like, 'My bad, man.'"

"Actually, (it works out) very well," said Maupin. "We do everything together."

"We're all involved in the same stuff," Hamilton agreed. "We see each other on a day-to-day basis."

Fletcher and Melnyk are even trying out a new sport together.

"Greg and I are trying to learn to skateboard," said Fletcher. "We're falling down a lot."

Safety pads aren't an issue for the moment.

"We're not going fast enough yet."

### What Musicians Really Do with Downtime

Between school, work and weekly practices, the busy members of i. raymond rarely have time to themselves.

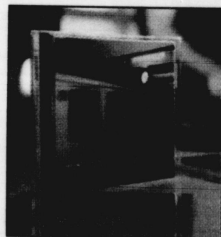
So what do these guys do with their magical free time?

"Nothing. I'm pretty lazy by nature," said Fletcher.

"I'm learning to skateboard. Now that I'm 21, I've decided it's time. And that's pretty much all now," said Melnyk.

"I'm at the Reynolds Building, working in the studio, or hanging out, doing whatever there is to do in Lexington," Hamilton said.

"My free time is usually spent hanging out with friends and taking my mind off things I don't want to think about," Maupin said with a laugh.



BLAKE DENNIS | KERNEL STAFF

**i. raymond's** debut CD, *remembering things forgotten*, is an eclectic mix of pop-punk, rock and emo. Select tracks can be found on [www.mp3.com](http://www.mp3.com), or go online at [www.ibraymondtheband.com](http://www.ibraymondtheband.com).

"I'm kind of a loser," Collins admitted. "I work on the band's Web site and work overtime (as a graphic designer for Associated General Contractors in Frankfort). I don't do much besides the band and work."

### An Optimistic Outlook

While i. raymond has yet to break into the mainstream, the local band with a heart of gold remains optimistic.

"We know that the people coming to our (all-ages) shows are there to hear our music," said Melnyk. "It's all about the music."

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