



In class

**Traitor comes forward**

We found a teacher that has given us the hidden meaning behind what teachers say. Thank goodness we now understand what they are actually telling us.

"It has long been known ... " (I haven't bothered to look up the reference.)

"It is believed ... " (I think ...)

"Correct within an order of magnitude ... " (Wrong.)

"It might be argued that ... " (I have such a good answer for this objection that I shall now raise it.)

"Much additional work will be required." (This paper is not very good, but neither are all the others in this miserable field.)

"These investigations proved highly rewarding." (My grant is going to be renewed.)

"It is generally believed ... " (A couple of other people think so, too.)

"It is not unreasonable to assume ... " (If you believe this, you'll believe anything.)

"Of great theoretical importance ... " (I find it kind of interesting.)

"Typical results are shown." (The best results are shown.)

"Three samples were chosen for further study." (The others didn't make sense, so we ignored them.)

"The four-hour sample was not studied." (I dropped it on the floor.)

"The four-hour determination may not be significant." (I dropped it on the floor, but scooped most of it up)

"It has not been possible to provide definitive answers." (The experiment was negative, but at least I can publish the data somewhere.)

"I thank X for assistance with the experiments and Y for useful discussions on the interpretation of the data." (X did the experiment and Y explained it to me.)

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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather

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Hi Lo  
The weekend should start out sunny and warm, but by Sunday the rains will be here.

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# KERNEL

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**MONEY**

## Prices burn students



Gas prices haven't fallen yet this fall, an atypical occurrence that may be fueled by the end of a crude oil surplus.

CHRIS ROSENTHAL | KERNEL STAFF

### September's AAA report on gasoline prices shows Lexington how much gas prices haven't fallen

By Alan Stone  
STAFF WRITER

Driving lately in Lexington costs students and citizens a little more than average, according to AAA, in a report released about average gas prices in the month of September.

Dan Dickson, public relations manager for AAA, released a report stating that average Lexington gas prices for the past month were \$1.288 a gallon, making them the highest gas prices since 1997.

Maia Sutton, an arts administration freshman, said that she has to fill her gas tank at least once a week, and that it costs her approximately \$12 each time. Sutton said that she usually tried to go to Thornton's or Super-America, saying that they usually had the cheapest gas prices in her area of town. But even now price hunting isn't paying off for the student driver.

"It gets expensive," Sutton said, "especially if I have a lot to do on campus during the week."

All students don't feel that lowering prices are the answer. David Gooding, an architecture junior, suggested a better mass transit system and walking as alternatives to driving.

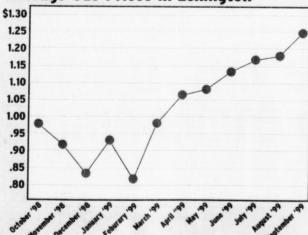
"Instead of short trips, people need to find another way to go," Gooding said.

Dickson explained that the price difference was caused by the ending of a crude oil "glut" (or surplus) in the oil industry.

"It's basically a case of supply and demand," Dickson said. Unfortunately, this problem is not just localized to the area of Lexington. Dickson also commented that the highest gas prices were usually found in the western states. Georgia has the cheapest gas in the nation, because of lower gas taxes, not the actual price of production.

When Governor Patton's suggestion that the state raise its gas tax by 10 cents, Dickson replied the tax would place us among the highest taxed states in the nation. Dickson said that while the local average is usually on par with the nation's average, Kentucky's average usually ranks between fifteenth and twentieth on a month-to-month survey of cheapest gas prices in the nation. "An increase of a dime would place us among states with the highest gas taxes," Dickson commented, also saying that the AAA is against the suggestion. Dickson compiles the monthly reports for AAA, surveys 30 stations in the Lexington Metro area and publishes it to track the gas prices in Kentucky.

Average Gas Prices in Lexington



**CINEMA**

## Catching Kentucky on film

By Tina Parker  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Saving a mountain, securing a living wage and enjoying bluegrass music have more in common than meets the eye.

This fall, the Central Kentucky Chapter of Kentuckians for the Common-wealth brings these issues to UK in a film festival.

The film festival consists of three events featuring documentaries produced by Appalshop, a community-based media and cultural center in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

The films depict eastern Kentuckians taking action to secure the well-being and protection of their land.

Janet Tucker, committee representative

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**If you go**

**Second Film Festival**  
"Fast Food Women" and "From the Mountains to the Maguadoras"  
When: Thursday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m.  
Where: W.T. Young Library.

**Third Film Festival Event**  
When: Dec. 9  
Where: On UK campus. Time and place to be announced.  
Filmmaker Herb Smith introduces his new documentary on Bluegrass musician Ralph Stanley.

**CAMPUS**

## More students on committee?

### SGA seeks to increase student representation in presidential search

By Tracy Kershaw  
SGA WRITER

The next UK President may be just as concerned with the quality of campus food in Commons as with an increase in faculty pay.

At the emergency senate meeting Wednesday night, SGA voted in favor of a proposal to increase the number of seats reserved for students on the UK Presidential Search Committee.

"Currently, the ten-person committee has spots reserved for five Board of Trustee members, three faculty, one community college representative, and one only one student," said senator at large Edwin Orange, who proposed the resolution.

"I would like to see the committee expanded to 12 and the number of students increased to three or four."

Orange based his proposal on two objectives and one enabling strategy declared in the UK Strategic Plan. The strategic plan, adopted by the Board of Trustees last year, states the vision, mission, and values of the University.

The statements that inspired Orange's proposal promise that UK will pursue diligently a climate of

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integrity, openness, trust, and mutual respect for all members of the University community, recognize all members of the University as colleagues, equal as person and important in their contribution to the University community, and strengthen consultation with the faculty, staff, and students in decisionmaking within academic and other units.

"By having only one seat reserved for students, the strategic plan is not being implemented," Orange said.

The next step is to set up a meeting with members of the Board to get their input, Orange said.

An increase in the number of students on the board could allow for many student concerns to be voiced.

"If I were on the committee, I would suggest that the new president be someone who was receptive to dialogue with the students," said geology and biology junior Nick Garland.

SGA President Jimmy Glenn supports the proposal.

"This is something we wanted to do to show student support for getting student involvement on the committee," Glenn said.

**CAMPUS**

## Wethington's state wish list

### UK identifies nine areas for funding

By Brian Granger  
STAFF WRITER

President Charles Wethington submitted a nearly \$40 million dollar request for future projects to the state Council on Post-Secondary Education Finance Committee this Monday.

Vice President Ben Carr said the nine projects would move UK towards becoming a Top 20 public research institution.

"If we are able to get these grants it will make a major difference to the university," Carr said.

These projects range from increases in salaries to programs for early childhood development before kindergarten to expanding the engineering and computer science department, Carr said.

"What President Wethington has asked for is all part of our strategic plan to make UK one of the best schools around," said Ed Carter, vice president of management and budget.

The requests are part of the Higher Education Re-

**More bang for your buck**

### UK's top nine:

- Faculty salary improvement
- Salary increase in the College of Agriculture
- Enhanced support of graduate assistants, research assistants and fellowship recipients; expanding the SREB Doctoral Scholars Program
- Additional funding for engineering equipment and expansion of the computer engineering program
- Enhancing the undergraduate experience through applying an educational enrichment program
- Expanding the capabilities of the center for Pharmaceutical Science and Technology and expanding the pharmacy department class size from 88 to a minimum of 128
- Improvements in the areas of biomedical and biological sciences
- Enhancement of the Early Childhood Program
- Funding to support a program of UK's Kentucky Geological Survey to identify potential alternative water supplies

form Act of 1997. These proposals will not raise tuition, Carr said, adding that the money comes from state revenue.

After the requests have been submitted the committee will review them and then make a recommendation to the governor, who will make the proposal to the general assembly, Carter said.

Council members will submit their recommendations to the governor in mid-

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Pakistan army chief takes control

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The head of Pakistan's military declared himself the country's leader last night, in defiance of calls for the return of democratic rule. Fighter planes could be heard scrambling overhead within minutes after the state-run news agency announced that Gen. Pervez Musharraf had called a state of emergency and dissolved parliament. Musharraf's forces ousted the elected prime minister Tuesday night. World governments — worried at the prospect of military rule in a nuclear-armed nation — have been urging Musharraf to reinstate democracy, even if he does not bring back ousted Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

## Clinton vows to refrain from testing

There was too much speculation, too many theories and too little hard evidence."

— Alan Dershowitz, Harvard law professor and defense attorney commenting to the Associated Press after a grand jury ruled not to issue any indictments in the JonBenet Ramsey murder trial.

WASHINGTON — President Clinton promised yesterday the United States will continue to refrain from nuclear testing even in the wake of the Senate's rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Wednesday. Clinton accused the Republican-led Senate of "reckless partisanship" in rejecting the international pact and appealed to nuclear-capable countries not to use the vote as an excuse to resume or begin testing. Meanwhile, in his first television advertisement of the 2000 presidential race, Vice President Al Gore pledges to make a campaign issue out of the defeat.

## Commission traces Nazi loot in U.S.

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials allowed Nazi loot from a train out of Hungary to be sold, taken by American generals or turned over to Austria instead of returned to the Jews from whom it was confiscated during World War II, a presidential commission concluded yesterday. The report listed five U.S. generals who took valuables. The items were seized shortly after the May 7, 1945, Allied victory in Europe, the commission said. The commission was set up to advise the president on the fate of Holocaust victims' assets that may have come under the control of the U.S. government after the war.

## Hurricane dumps rain on western Cuba

HAVANA — Hurricane Irene, with winds of 75 mph, dumped heavy rain across western Cuba yesterday as it neared the island, where 130,000 people were evacuated from homes. At 5 p.m. EDT yesterday, Irene was centered about 65 miles southwest of Havana, and was moving



The 'L' word: Monica Lewinsky's father is demanding NBC apologize for a TV show in which a character uses the Lewinsky name as a synonym for oral sex. But sources close to the show said Wednesday they did not know what all the fuss was about, because the 'L' word has been used on several TV shows to refer to oral sex.



NICE GUY: Tom Hanks is the Hollywood Mr. Nice Guy who will be remembered as the consummate actor of his generation. While others worry about the size of their trailer, Hanks insists in his contract that he needs to be close to a dialysis machine — his father likes coming on location but suffers from a kidney complaint.

north-northwest at 7 mph. The edge of the storm battered Miami with rain, triggering a rash of traffic accidents. A hurricane watch was issued for parts of the Florida Keys, including Key West, as well as 140 miles of southwest Florida coastline to just south of Tampa, Fla. Irene was expected to hit the Florida coast Sunday north of Tampa.

## Antarctic mercy mission delayed

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The temperature at the South Pole dropped again Friday morning, likely forcing yet another delay in an effort to rescue an American doctor with breast cancer symptoms from an Antarctic research station. Temperatures at the pole slumped to minus 76 degrees early Friday, but members of the New York Air National Guard did not immediately give up hope of rescuing Dr. Jerri Nielsen later in the day. Nielsen, the only doctor at the U.S. National Science Foundation's Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, has reportedly been treating herself with chemotherapy since a daring airdrop of medical supplies in July.

## Chip shortage hikes computer prices

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Consumers expecting to see ever-lowering computer prices as they begin their holiday shopping may be in for a surprise. Manufacturers are beginning to pass on the higher costs of memory chips, known as RAM, to consumers. Sixty-four megabytes of RAM — a typical amount of memory in a \$1,000 computer — once sold for as low as \$40. Now the same memory is retailing for about \$100 and could reach \$150 next month, analysts said yesterday.

## Dow ends up 54.45 at 10,286.61

NEW YORK — Stocks bounced to a mixed finish yesterday as strong corporate earnings and soaring bond yields prevented the market from charting any clear course. The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 54.45 points at 10,286.61. On the NYSE, losers led gainers 1,840-1,157. The Nasdaq composite index rose 5.57 to 2,806.84.

## Tigers hire Garner as new manager

DETROIT — The Detroit Tigers will have a new manager to go with their new ballpark next season. The Tigers replaced manager Larry Parrish with former Milwaukee Brewers manager Phil Garner yesterday. The Tigers and Garner agreed to a four-year deal, terms of which were not available. Garner was fired in August after eight years at Milwaukee. He takes the reigns of a team that this season finished a disappointing 69-92 in Parrish's first full year as Detroit manager.

# MONEY

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November. The requests that President Wethington made are for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 fiscal year.

"We had a long list of what we wanted to request, but the nine that we submitted are what we feel are the most important," Carr said.

One of the proposals would be to offer fellowships to graduate, research, and teacher assistants, Carter said.

Teacher salaries was one of the more important requests made.

"After reviewing the faculty salaries of top 20 institu-

tions we realized that we are behind these schools." We want to be able to keep our current faculty and also bring in the best faculty around and keep them here and the way to do this is by offering them a salary comparable to other universities," Carr said.

Money would also be used to better the graduate schools so the best students would come to UK. Enhancing the pharmacy and biomedical schools and support for permanent water route systems where water supply is limited were also proposals Wethington submitted.

"Everything that was submitted is all part of the strategic plan that the Board of Trustees adopted that will help make UK America's next great university," Carr said.

# FILM

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tative for the Central Kentucky Chapter, said issues concerning land preservation reflect the organization's recent campaign to save Black Mountain.

"We worked to save Black Mountain from mountaintop removal and that issue is still an ongoing campaign for KFTC," Tucker said. "There's been a lot of community and campus support in Lexington, so it was only appropriate to bring these issues to light here."

The second film focused on the shifting labor market and its impact on working people. The relocation of factories overseas and the need for a living wage are highlighted in this film.

To bring more awareness to sweatshop labor, members

of the UK Coalition Against Sweatshops will distribute information.

"We're developing a working relationship with KFTC and look forward to working together on upcoming events," said Luke Boyett, a history and sociology junior. Boyett is a member of the UK Coalition Against Sweatshops.

Students said the films made them more aware of community issues in the state. "For a person who's new to Kentucky, the films exposed me to some important issues for this area that would make me want to be involved in the community," said Joy Hayes, a graduate student in English from eastern Tennessee.

Lexington Community College undeclared sophomore Billy Tucker said he would go to the festival again and again.

"It makes you open your eyes a little bit more. You get to see for yourself what's wrong with the whole situation," Tucker said.



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STUDENT MEDIA

# Documenting a year at UK

By Katie Neisen  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 1999 Kentuckian Yearbooks are in and it's not too late to pick one up.

Mike Agin, student media advisor, said that there are usually 50 extra yearbooks printed for sale each year in addition to the ones sold in advance.

Most students show little interest in the yearbook, however, Michelle Noel, a biology senior, said, "I don't know anything about the yearbook. If I thought they were as important as they were in high school, then I would buy one, but they don't seem to be very popular here."

Agin feels that many students don't realize the benefits of having a yearbook and will call back years later requesting one. The college yearbook is very different from a high school yearbook, he said. Not only is it more sophisticated, but also could be described as "a magazine of the year."

"The yearbook is a great remembrance of the year, as well as a history of UK," Agin said.

The Kentuckian, a hardcover publication, includes senior pictures as well as features on people, events and issues that are a part of campus life any given year.

The 1999 edition has a feature section on the men's football team, Tim Couch and the Outback Bowl. A section entitled "Impressions." Includes a six-page feature on Lyman T. Johnson and the celebration of 50 years of African Americans at UK.

Behind all the pretty pages, there is a lot of hard work. Carlos Dawson, a spring 1999 journalism graduate and former editor-in-chief of the Kentuckian 1998-1999, remembers the struggle of producing the 1999 edition on time after the computers containing all of the yearbook files crashed close to deadline.

"It was a disappointment because we were so on schedule. It put us behind three weeks," Dawson said.

Liz Howard-Demoran, associate director of the Alumni Association and 1988 UK graduate, believes that in such a computer-based world, the yearbook staff may have to take a new approach to their product.

"It's just a sign of the times and changing technology. Perhaps a yearbook on CD-ROM...so you could search for the people you want to see," Howard-Demoran said.

THE SAGA OF SGA

# SGA increases student funds

By Ryan Schroer  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Student Government Association announced this week a \$4,586 increase in the amount of money that will fund student activities. The budget for the fiscal year 1999-2000 stands at \$84,013.

"The budget stayed the same," said Jimmy Glenn, SGA president. "We looked at what programs were not working, and decided the money could be better used to serve the students."

Money spent on student activities must be applied through the SGA.

"Whenever a group or organization needs help sponsoring an event, they come to SGA and tell us what the event is and how it will benefit UK," said Whitney Speaker, SGA vice-president.

The budget increase comes at no additional cost to students. The SGA did not increase the \$325 student fee that goes to SGA. Some of the money comes from the state and some from the distribution of campus phone books.

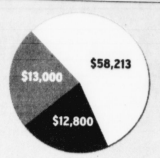
SGA earns \$10,000 from the distribution of campus phone books, said SGA advisor John Herbst.

When Glenn and Speaker were campaigning for the SGA presidency, they promised to give more money back to students. Now, they have followed through on that pledge.

"We're glad we could get it done," Speaker said.

"It's what's best for the students," Glenn added.

Break it down



SGA fund allocation

The \$84,013 is to be divided as follows:

**\$12,800** for scholarships.

**\$13,000** will be used as stipends to pay people who work with SGA, such as the secretary and the comptroller.

**\$58,213** to fund activities sponsored by student organizations.

Your book

Students wishing to buy one of the extra yearbooks can go to Room 026 of the Graham Journalism Building. The price is \$25.

# NewsBriefs

Miss America gives money to UK

The former Miss Kentucky and current Miss America, Heather Renee French, will present UK with a \$25,000 scholarship Saturday, during halftime at the football homecoming game against LSU.

The money is a prize for winning the Miss America crown. The winner receives the money to be donated to a university in her home state and French chose UK. The funds are donated by the Miss America Organization and the Waterford Crystal Company.

Other activities in which French will participate include the parade in downtown Lexington on Friday, Oct. 15 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and singing the National Anthem at the homecoming game.

French is not only the first Miss America of the millennium, but she is also the first ever Miss Kentucky to become Miss America.

Students named as ambassadors

Twelve students have been chosen by the UK College of Human Environmental Sciences to represent fellow students at functions with visitors, alumni and current and prospective students. This year's ambassadors are:

- Tina Jo Lair, an individual and family development senior; Anne Pincus, interior design senior; Ariann B. Stapleton, merchandising senior; Molly Mize, dietetics senior; Sarah Rice, hospitality management senior; Kara Scharber, merchandising senior; Lisa M. Steenbergen, interior design senior; Karen Nugent, early childhood education senior; Kimberly Kuzmovich, merchandising, apparel and textiles junior; Emily Winkle, interior design senior; Brooke Jenkins, family and consumer sciences education senior; and Diane R. Haber, hospitality management senior.

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The study involves 3 blood draws and 2 SQ shots and keeping an oral temperature diary for 14 days after each vaccination. There will be a gift certificate given to each person after completing the series.

For more information on joining this study please call:  
**Marilyn Kahlo-Burton RN. 257-4231**

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is produced weekly by the Office of Student Activities. Postings in the calendar are free to all registered student organizations and UK Departments. Information can be submitted in Rm. 203, Student Center or by completing a request form on line at <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter>. Posting requests are due ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Monday information is to appear in the calendar. For more information call 257-8867.

## FRIDAY 10/15

Sports: UK Women's Soccer vs. Mississippi State, 8pm, UK Soccer Complex; UK Men's Soccer vs. Akron, 8pm, UK Soccer Complex

Special Events: Research - A Vaccination Week, 9am-6pm, University Health Service, STUDENT ID REQUIRED. No adult accompany. \$10 (free with UK ID); Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, 7pm, Rally is in front of Memorial Coliseum

Arts/Movies: UK Theatre Dept presents DESEGREGATION, 8pm and 9pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info

## SATURDAY 10/16

Meetings: Common Meas at the Newman Center, 6pm

Sports: UK Football vs. LSU, 12:30pm, Commonwealth Stadium; UK Football vs. Ball State, 2pm, Club Sports Field

Arts/Movies: Senior Movie Fest: Mary Christine King, 4pm, Singletary Recital Hall; UK Theatre Dept presents DESEGREGATION, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info

## SUNDAY 10/17

Academics: Res Life Tutoring Eng 101, 4:30-6, Holmes Study Lounge and Commons 306; Res Life Tutoring Spanish, 5-7pm, Holmes Classroom; Res Life Tutoring Math, 6-8pm, Commons 306A; Res Life Tutoring History 100, 6-8pm, Commons 308B & History 104/105, 2-5pm at Commons 306; Res Life Tutoring Chemistry, 5-8pm, Boyd Study Lounge

Meetings: Sunday Morning Worship, 11am, Christian Student Fellowship (SAC) Columbia Ave.; Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 8am, 11:30am, 8pm

Arts/Movies: COMMON ON THE BEACH: The Millionaire Next Door, UK Art Museum, 12:30pm; SGA Recital: Audrey Kuhn, 2pm, Singletary Center; UK Percussion Ensemble, 3pm, Singletary Concert Hall; UK Theatre Dept presents DESEGREGATION, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info

Conferences/Recreation: Swim Meets, 6pm, Lantier Aquatic Center

Sports: UK Women's Soccer vs. Mississippi State, 1pm, UK Soccer Complex; UK Men's Soccer vs. Akron, 3pm, UK Soccer Complex

Special Events: The Black Comedy Tour featuring Ricky Harris and Simply Marvelous, 8pm, Memorial Hall, call 257-1163 for ticket info

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CATS VS. TIGERS

## UK gets no respect from media experts

Despite lack of attention, Cats control their own destiny in race for Southeastern Conference crown

By Matt May  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It looks as though the UK football team is this year's Rodney Dangerfield of the Southeastern Conference.

In a wild season thus far, the SEC East division heavyweights — Tennessee, Florida and Georgia — have all gone down in defeat at least once this year. The losses mean one thing: The race for a berth in the SEC Championship Game in Atlanta is wide open, even if the college football "experts" don't see it that way.

But for the first time in memory, UK doesn't have to depend on other teams to help their cause this time around, something that hasn't escaped senior Anthony White.

"We control our own destiny," White said. "We don't have to hope for anybody to win or lose."

UK has been glanced over when pregame shows discuss the race for the SEC, despite the Cats sitting at 4-2 overall and 2-1 in the SEC, the same as Florida, Tennessee and Georgia.

What may be seen as a slight by some fans doesn't seem to bother UK senior James Whalen.

"We know we weren't picked to win the conference," he said. "But I've played on a lot of teams not picked to do anything and they won it all. This team can do that."

White said the lack of respect gives UK a surprise factor it happens to like.

"It's easier to sneak up on them," White said. "Everybody talks about the past and the big offensive numbers we've put up. The quietest things are the most important. It's the same concept with us. Everybody is looking for Georgia and Florida. They have a tendency to

UK vs. Louisiana State

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| <b>UK</b><br>Kentucky<br>(4-2) | Saturday, 12:30<br>Commonwealth<br>Stadium<br>TV: WY17-27<br>RADIO: 590 AM<br>Series Record: LSU leads 34-14-1 | <b>LSU</b><br>Louisiana<br>(2-3) |
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look over us when we come in their house. They think we have no shot."

After its somewhat surprising start, UK also finds itself in the relatively unfamiliar position of being a favorite this week when struggling LSU (2-3, 0-3 SEC) comes calling. It's not a position Whalen is real comfortable with just yet.

"I don't like being picked," Whalen said. "The pressure is on us now. We have to come to play like we can, and play 60 minutes of solid football."

Whalen knows earning a win this weekend and a chance at the SEC starts much earlier than game day.

"We know if we take care of business, we'll be all right," he said. "That doesn't start on Saturday morning. It starts on Monday in the film room. You have to put in the hard work all week."

Although the Tigers have continued their struggles into this season, White said LSU always has big, strong athletes to worry about, even if they lack speed.

"Compared to the rest of the SEC, they don't have a lot of speed," White said. "LSU is a power team, and they can't man up with us that well. We have a big one-on-one advantage. But I think it's more their scheme than their personnel."

Should UK slay the Tigers tomorrow at Commonwealth Stadium, the Cats will indeed be in the driver's seat of their destiny, even if not everyone sees it that way.

HOOPS RENEWAL

## Cats ready to tip-off millenium

Midnight Madness signals beginning of new year, gives first look at team

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Past glory and future uncertainty collide Friday night as UK opens its 1999-2000 basketball season with a "Team of the Century"-themed Midnight Madness.

The annual late-night practice, which gives the team on the floor at the first moment allowed under NCAA rules, will give the 7,000-plus fans expected at Memorial Coliseum an advance peek at the baby-faced squad that is to carry the Wildcat program into the next millennium.

Though the plans for UK's 18th annual Midnight Madness festivities were, as always, shrouded in secrecy, they were expected to include a fond look back at a century of UK basketball, from Game No. 1, a 15-6 loss to Georgetown College on Feb. 6, 1903, to Game No. 2,287, a 73-66 loss to Michigan State on March 21, in the Midwest Region final of the NCAA tournament.

Along the way, there have been seven national titles, a figure second only to UCLA's 11. It is just about the only statistical category in which the Wildcats cannot claim a century of superiority.

UK's 1,748 wins make it college basketball's winningest program and the Wildcats'

1,748-538-1 record gives them a winning percentage of .764, tops among all college basketball teams. The Wildcats also have made a record 40 NCAA tournament appearances.


Last season, UK fell one game short of a fourth straight trip to the Final Four.

Though the Wildcats struggled down the stretch in the regular season, losing four of seven games in February and finishing second to Tennessee in the Southeastern Conference's East division, coach Tubby Smith had his team ready for the postseason, where they won six straight Southeastern Conference and NCAA tournament games before falling to Michigan State in the Elite Eight.

Now, after the loss of seniors Wayne Turner, Scott Padgett and Heshimu Evans, and the defection via transfer of rising juniors Michael Bradley and Ryan Hogan, a young Wildcat team returns for Smith's third season.

As usual, the unofficial arrival of basketball season in the Bluegrass is attended by all sorts of ancillary madness. For the fourth year in a row, UK superfan Wally Clark was the first to arrive for Midnight Madness, setting up camp outside Memorial Coliseum on Sept. 28.

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**Soccer Cats**

# Team player, individual success

UK's Annie Gage having great comeback season after missing all of last year to injury

By Shelly DiSalvo  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Forward Annie Gage steps onto the soccer field focused on giving all she's got to help her team claim another victory.

Bouncing up and down on the balls of her feet, loosening up her legs, she awaits the shrill cry of the whistle — announcing the beginning of her match. As she prepares to kiss the back of the opponent's net with another superbly placed shot, she reflects on how blessed she is to be playing.

After starting in all 22 games of her freshman year, Gage, a native of Westerville, Ohio, suffered a dramatic blow to her future as a soccer player. While playing in a club soccer game last year, she sus-

Lipka said. "We all knew she was going to be back this fall because she was very determined in the scrimmages this spring and summer to be out there with the rest of the girls."

Gage leads 19-ranked UK (10-2-1, 4-1 SEC) with 10 goals this season.

She scored the game-winners in UK wins over Cincinnati and Vanderbilt, giving the Cats a new school record of nine wins in a row. She was named SEC Player of the Week in week 6 (Sep. 20-26) and in week 8 (Oct. 4-10).

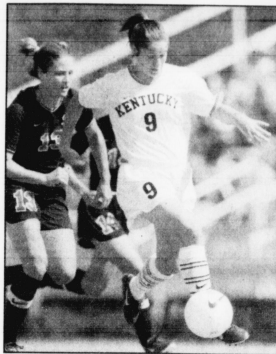
"Being named SEC Player of the Week for the second time is a great honor," Gage said, "but this type of individual award reflects well on the whole team rather than just one person. Without the team, such individual awards would not be possible."

Gage, a quiet and modest player revered by players and coaches alike, is very unselfish, focusing more on the team than on her individual accomplishments.

"Annie is an all-around good player," UK senior defender Allison Peppers said. "She's a good threat offensively, and is one of the first people back on defense if the other team is threatening."

Coach Lipka has instilled into the minds of his girls that they should put the team ahead of themselves. Gage, along with the entire team, is a shining example of this philosophy. By playing in accordance with that belief, the team has had a terrific season thus far.

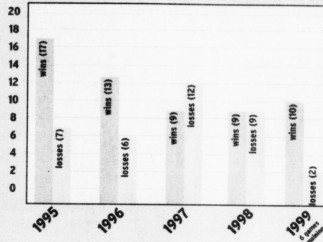
"Our chemistry is better this season and we are all a lot closer, both on and off the field," Gage said. "The main reason we've been able to have a great season is that the 11 of us give 100% the entire time



UK's Annie Gage has been named SEC Player of the Week twice this season. She leads the team with 10 goals.

FILE PHOTO

UK Women's Soccer Record 1995-1999



**UK vs. Ole Miss**

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Kentucky (10-2-1)  
Ole Miss (11-3)  
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**UK vs. Mississippi State**

**Sunday, 1:00**  
Soccer/Softball Complex  
Kentucky (10-2-1)  
Mississippi St. (9-3-2)  
Series Record: UK leads, 2-0

tailed a torn ACL.

She was sidelined with the injury last season as a medical redshirt. Though her rehab was grueling and problematic, she never lost her focus to get back on the field, back to the game she loves so much.

"Annie found the strength inside her to get back on the field this season and fulfill her goals," UK head coach Warren

we're on the field. If one of us gets beat, we know there are 10 other people covering our backs."

Gage sees the 5-2 victory over Vanderbilt in Nashville as a defining moment in the Cats' season. It marked the first time in the program's history that the Cats won on the Commodores' home turf. UK took the field with the intent to

have fun and play in their comfort zone — that was enough to shock Vandy and pull away with the win.

"We're going to step it up and act like it's the beginning of the season when we play Ole Miss," Lipka said. "We can't live in the past, focusing on the 13 games behind us. We have to live for the future in order to continue our success in the future."

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FILM

# 'Bone'-chilling experience

Laughable dialogue and graphic gore are overcome by Angelina Jolie's radiance

By Patrick Avery  
STAFF CRITIC

"Ya know, there are laws against molesting the handicapped!" says Denzel Washington's character in *The Bone Collector*.

This is the corny language we get from an otherwise superb actor. Yet this movie delivers in many aspects and gives you some chills and thrills in the process.

Washington plays Lincoln Rhyme, a cop paralyzed due to an accident on the job. He's left to the care of his nurse Thelma (Queen Latifah) in his downtown Manhattan apartment.

A killer is on the loose and the existing police force needs Rhyme's help. Meanwhile, Amelia Donaghy (Angelina Jolie) is a traffic cop who discovers a dead body near some train tracks and takes some pictures of the crime scene.

Rhyme is impressed with Donaghy's work and asks her to be on the forensics team with him. She doesn't want to and is contemptuous towards Rhyme, but they work through their differences eventually and become a pair.

Donaghy begins her forensics work by going down to investigate a murder in the sewers of New York, while Rhyme keeps in contact through a headset. At one point she

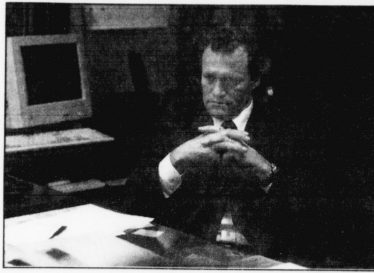
breaks down crying when Rhyme asks her to cut off the hands of a dead body that had just been burned by steam from the sewer. The crime scenes are filled with rats and plenty of useless evidence.

This movie is extremely graphic and full of unpleasant subject matter. After all, the killer's deal is cutting people open and digging out their bones, hence the title. In an especially disturbing scene one of the killer's victims is eaten by rats while he's still alive.

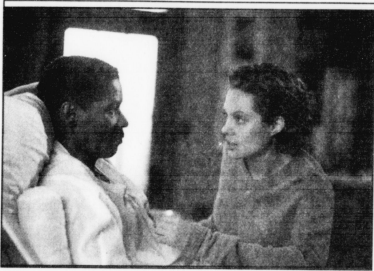
The movie is a winner for one reason: Angelina Jolie. After winning a Golden Globe Award last year for the HBO movie *Gia*, this movie will certainly put Jolie at the top of the list of actresses. Her smooth attitude and great looks help her be the star of *The Bone Collector*. Denzel Washington is not terrible, but his acting talent could be used better in more challenging roles.

Unfortunately for me, the movie was ruined from the start. The trailer for this movie makes the mistake of using the killer's voice. Therefore, when I heard the voice in the beginning of the movie, there was no suspense left. For those who would like to see the movie in when it opens in a couple of weeks, avoid the previews.

Grade: B-



Top: Michael Rooker(above) playing his 1000th psycho.



Bottom: Even when he plays a quadriplegic, Denzel gets the girl.

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FILM

# Bluegrass native debuts film at Kentucky

Luke Saladin  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Nice Guys Sleep Alone, a film shot entirely on location in Kentucky, will make its world premier tonight at the Kentucky Theatre.

The film was written, directed and produced by Louisville native Stu Pollard. His first feature film stars Sean O' Bryan, another Louisville native, in the lead role of Carter. Pollard received his bachelor's in business administration from Georgetown University in 1989 and worked for McCann-Erickson advertising in Manhattan from 1989-1992, before moving to Los Angeles to

attend film school at the University of Southern California.

He produced nearly two dozen shorts at USC, while finding time to direct several projects. Among these was *Wedlock and Load*, a film Pollard calls "the most elaborate wedding video ever." Upon graduating from USC, Pollard founded Lunacy Unlimited, a production company under which he has created award-winning commercials, music videos, and multimedia for clients such as Epic records and Fimeline Features.

Although producing is his real passion, Pollard could not pass up the chance to direct a film in his home state. "It was

always my intention to shoot this film in my hometown," Pollard said. "It wonderfully complements the story and characters, takes the audience to a place they've never been before, and gives the film production values that belie its budget."

Like the title says, the film tackles the old adage that being nice to women will not get them over, and in order to get anywhere you must put up a "bad boy" image.

The film's main character, Carter, is a 31-year-old high school teacher who is looking for love. The only problem is that after all of his dates he is rejected with a swift, "Let's be friends." His situation makes

him wonder if he is simply too nice to succeed in the game-playing world of modern romance. In the midst of his self-doubt, Carter meets a girl named Maggie. After overcoming his fear that she has a boyfriend, he asks her on a date and she accepts. Carter decides to put on the "bad boy" persona, however, when he sees his ex-girlfriend emphatically making out with her new idiot rock-star wannabe boyfriend.

"It's my hope that the nice people who see this film will feel better about being nice and any game-players in the audience will at least entertain the possibility of changing their ways," Pollard said.

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ADVICE

# Parking hassles must be stopped at all costs

Tired of UK's ridiculous parking situation? Then do something other than just complain about it.

Well, here I am again to write to you all. But today I'm not bashing men or poking fun at Christians. Anyway, I've decided to listen to all the problems, complaints and worries of UK students. Over the last week, I've listened to the problems of all my friends and classmates, mostly because I haven't heard from any of you. I've heard about kicking roommates out, ex-boyfriends, and professors calling students idiots. But one struck me funny because I've had the same dilemma. I also wonder who you think should be done, or write to me because you have your own problem. Just e-mail me at askabbs@yahoo.com or drop off a note at the Kernel. I'll be happy to help.

Dear Abbey,  
I've had it with parking here at UK. My problems started at the beginning of the year. I'm in my third year, but technically I'm a sophomore. (I'm minus one class.) Well, I go down to the parking office and try to get a parking permit. It seems, though, that my only option is K-Lot. Now, I've been here a while and have survived everything from campus food to having to move my car out of the stadium for football games. (That's another story completely — don't get me started.) I think I deserve better than K-Lot, especially when I see little freshmen getting better parking because they are in the dorms. It's stupid.

So I have that problem taken care of, sort of, when along comes another parking problem. I'm beginning to wonder if the parking Nazis have something against me. Oh, so, here I am — a good college student — wanting to go the wonderful new library that was built just for us to use all the resources there to finish up a paper. Wouldn't you think that af-

ter all the advertising UK has done to promote this library to new students and to anyone looking into UK as their college of choice that there would be parking for people to actually use it? Well, I was proven wrong tonight as I circled the one free parking lot six times before having to go get gas and come back to circle it three more times, just to have to leave and park at Donovan. And when I say free — I don't mean open, I mean free as in the only lot you don't have to pay to get into. I left there pissed off and ready to fight the next bike cop I saw. Isn't a college library on a college campus supposed to be for college students? And everyone knows that the majority of college students are broke because the University has already sucked up all of our money for tuition and, OH, a library. What can I do? Is there anything that I can do?

Without Gas at W.T.

Dear Without Gas,  
First off, don't hit the bike cop. Second, go down to the Parking Office and smack the person behind the desk, once for you and once for me. OK, don't really do that. It's a nice dream we all have, but it's not the way to get things done. You really need to go to the students who represent you, such as SGA President Jimmy Glenn. Talk to one of the deans. Heck, talk to President Wethington, if you could get a hold of him. Just don't fume about it, do something. Nothing would get done at this place without dedicated people willing to take a chance and fight for something they believe in.

Contributing Columnist Abbey Life is an English and theater junior. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Kernel.

MUSIC

# Ozzy disciples and N'Sync clones

National Acrobat delivers for metal fans, Michael Fredo delivers for those who haven't hit puberty

Joe Marrett  
CONTRIBUTING CRITIC

The National Acrobat  
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The National Acrobat deserves forks if for nothing other than paying homage to the almighty Sabbath in their choice of a name. Fortunately for the ears, this album does a lot more than that. This is a blistering piece of hot noise. To label it as hardcore wouldn't do justice. This band seems to shed some of that stale genre's yawn-inducing sludge for a leaner, more angular sound.

The percussion punctuates like heavy artillery while the bass plays the rumbler, creating a rhythmic section that could knock your grandma's picture off the mantle. The guitars scream white-hot shrapnel that

sounds almost as angry as the bullets fired off by the singer. The overall sound is mayhem, a sonic riot of shit-hot sound.

This album distinguishes itself from the pack by pushing the envelope, playing around in traditional heavy musical territory and turning it upside down. It's a more sophisticated hardcore, having evolved into a new beast. I think Ozzy would be proud.  
Grade: A

Michael Fredo  
Introducing Michael Fredo  
Qwest/Warner Bros.

What is wrong with pop music? Introducing Michael Fredo.

I don't know who this kid is or where he came from, but this new, ready-made teen pop creation pretty much sums it up. I wonder if Mr. Fredo was ever on the Mickey

Mouse Club. That seems to be where a lot of these lame-asses come from. Take a cute face, teach it to dance and lip-sync, just add water. Maybe there is a place for these kids — maybe I'm being too harsh. I suppose little girls need someplace to spend their babysitting money.

Even if you ignore the musical integrity factor, Michael Fredo still sucks the big D. He is a walking, singing, mugging Tommy Hilfiger ad. Not only is he in commercials, but the CD packaging is Tommy red, white and blue. I feel like I'm listening to a Ronald McDonald record.

Oh, right, the music. I guess that's the point of a review. I really couldn't listen to any more than the first 30 seconds of each song. I tried. I really did, but extended exposure is truly unhealthy.

The late, great Bill Hicks said it best: "They're putting music to germs, putting a drum machine behind 'em, and Ted Turner's coloring 'em, goddammit. It's a CIA plot to make you think malls are good."  
Grade: First through Fifth

TELEVISION

# There is life after 'Seinfeld'

'Seinfeld' co-creator Larry David follows the most popular sitcom of the decade with an HBO special

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Larry David, so misunderstood.

A funny guy? Sure. "Seinfeld," which he co-created and often wrote, proved it. So does "Larry David: Curb Your Enthusiasm," his HBO special premiering Sunday at 10 p.m. EDT.

What about the accompanying stigma — that he's mega-neurotic, hypersensitive or simply odd? Where does that kind of nonsense get started?

If a recent interview proves anything, Larry David is in fine psychic fettle. For example, even after his triumph with "Seinfeld," there's no swelled head for him. "I maybe have

just a little more confidence in my work now," he allows, "but not that much."

Nor has his "Seinfeld" payday — a reported \$242 million — made a material difference in his world.

"You do have thoughts occasionally like, 'Holy cow, I have a lot of money!'" he admits. "But it's not like, 'I must be great.'"

At age 51, David knows exactly who he is: the same as he was a long time ago, plus years of experience to seal it. "I really don't think that anything about me has changed since I was, I don't know ... 12?"

Perhaps his biggest life change: the onset of baldness.

"But I like how I've taken to it," he declares with a mirthless laugh. "No toupees. No beard to offset it.

I'm quite proud of how I've adjusted.

"The only thing I ever did for it was try the Chinese Bald Cure. We did an episode about it on the show." (That would be "Seinfeld" No. 25, "The Tape.")

"But it actually happened. We asked the guy bringing the Chinese food to call China on the phone from my apartment, after we tried and couldn't get anybody who spoke English. And the stuff came."

"It worked great."

Consider that last remark an exercise of comic license. And expect more on "Curb Your Enthusiasm." David's first brush with TV since the May 1998 "Seinfeld" finale, this is a very funny special about Larry David putting together a Larry David special.

During "Curb," he kvetches to his manager, frets to his wife, stewes during meetings at HBO, and wonders why he said OK to cameras stalking him to get it all.



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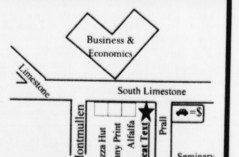
My mother told me a number of things before I started college 3 years ago:

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The grass is always greener...

Buchanan to choose Reform Party

WASHINGTON - Officials close to the Republican presidential candidate, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday that the conservative commentator is preparing to leave the GOP and seek the Reform Party's presidential nomination Oct. 25.

Two officials said plans were being made for Buchanan to make announcements in suburban Washington, New Hampshire and perhaps other key states. They cautioned, however, that Buchanan could still reverse course and avoid the increasingly fractious third-party bid.

Lagging in GOP polls, Buchanan says he believes the party's nomination battle is rigged in favor of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, who he says is too moderate. Republicans fear a third-party run by Buchanan would siphon conservative votes from their nominee.

Compiled from wire reports
Correction
The current standings of the NHL Ottawa Senators were misreported in yesterday's editorial, "icing Lawsuit." The Senators are currently 4-0-1 and first in their division.

Chain reaction

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Amanda Thompson CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Being single is okay in relationship-filled UK

I am not one for romance or sappy love dramas. I do not succumb to peer pressure easily either.

Yet everywhere I turn I seem to find a majority of my one-single friends involved in some sort of relationship. It is really not so bad on the weekdays to be sitting at home stuffing my face with ice cream watching sitcoms alone.

I have had my share of dating relationships, both serious and not. I stand at a point in my life now when I feel I could go either way, but I prefer to keep romance on the down low. Somehow this is not such a bad thing. I get the front row seat of watching the rifts and possible break-ups that occur at least once a month or more.

The first is the most blessed for a shy, wormy person like I am when it comes to dating. In some fashion or manner I learn of a friend or two getting in some serious incident such as a quarrel between lovers or something to that extent.

I think the worst possible event to occur was when a friend told me of the possibility of his girlfriend being pregnant. Let me

tell you, I freaked out. I got down on my knees, not in front of my friend of course, and thanked the heavens for my not being in that situation.

There is always another option. When it comes to getting involved, even someone as shy as I am can actually get up the gumption to ask that special crush for a date. This can have varying forms of results, though. I have been known to flirt a little, actually a lot, in order to work up the nerve to ask someone out.

After all, flirting is a wonderful way to find out if the guy or gal is interested.

Usually that someone will be either pretty clear about accepting or declining your special invite to a movie or dinner. A majority of the time, the date is set and all seem to be accepting of the situation. What happens during the course of that date can either lead somewhere or end right where it started.

Yet there are those few-and-far-between morons who while they accept the invitation, fail to make an appearance. If it wasn't obvious already I am talking about being stood up, a sensation not all together new to me.

That's right, ladies and jellypuns, I have been left standing alone more than one occasion on a date that failed to call to cancel before or even after the supposed date, to apologize.

In fact, this painful situation has been recently introduced to me twice in the past month and a

half. Of all the travels I have planned in my life, somehow getting stood up on a date is not even on my list. My obvious reaction was that I had been too pushy, too intimidating.

Thankfully my friends were there to slap some sense into my head over the fact that it wasn't me but the two morons who left me waiting for an hour. It was my first time ever asking a guy to a movie and/or dinner. To be honest, the whole ordeal was so embarrassing that I did not have the nerve to tell anyone about both of them until now.

Thus from past experiences I so lovingly accepted and undertook, I can safely say that being single is not a bad thing. I get to miss the fighting, the feeling of guilt when I don't call in time, and also getting mad when they don't call in time.

I know I may be missing out on those special moments of heartfelt talks, hugs and kisses. I may even get a little needy at the end of a sappy love movie or on Valentine's Day.

All in all, it seems like a pretty good deal to lead the single life. Someday I might date, maybe get serious, and heaven forbid, get married, but for now playing the field is the life for me. That is, of course, if they show up.

Contributing columnist Amanda Thompson is an art studio junior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Tiaa Chilton CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Stories of rude officers not often true

It never fails. When I meet someone new and they find out what I do for a living, their response is, "Well, let me tell you about..." It is followed by a 10-minute dissertation on their latest encounter with the police. This is always negative and usually pertains to the involved officer's attitude.

I've learned after hearing several of these, that the person telling me the story is wanting to vent to one officer about another officer's attitude toward them and seem to want me to validate their feelings toward that officer.

A majority of our complaints against officers deal with the way we are treated or our attitudes — myself included — I figured that I could learn something from their experience, but I also feel obligated to listen to what they have to say even when this occurs when I am off-duty.

I begin by qualifying their story by asking if there was alcohol involved. If there was, no go further — alcohol impairs people's judgment and what they perceived as happening one way is usually not really what happened. Most of us have done something while inebriated that we never would have done if

there hadn't been alcohol involved.

After it is established that no alcohol was involved, I let them continue with their story. They tell me how they were stopped for speeding, or running a stop sign, or reckless driving or all of the above. During that encounter, the officer was rude or overbearing or demanding or all of the above. They then continue to tell me how they did nothing wrong to get stopped in the first place and certainly didn't deserve the above mentioned treatment. Sometimes this part sounds so rehearsed that I wonder whom it is that they are trying to convince — themselves or me.

This is the turning point of the conversation. They expect me to tell them how wrong the officer was for acting that way so that they can go away happy and feel better about the situation. This is understandable because no one wants to be wrong.

But what I tell them next they don't expect. I explain to them that I will not second guess another officer's actions. I am confident what the officer said or did, they did for a reason. But if what they have told me is exactly what happened and if they feel

that they were treated unfairly, then they need to contact that officer's agency and file a formal complaint against the officer. I also advise them that they have to be willing to put their statement in writing and sign the affidavit confirming that their statements are true.

This is where the backpacked begins. They suddenly remember an urgent errand and they make a quick exit. Unfortunately I never get the chance to explain to them the possible reasons for the officer's behavior. There are actual reasons that the officers behave the way they do. It usually has to do with training. We are trained to take control of the situation and stabilize it for the safety of all parties involved. There is nothing pleasant about writing someone a ticket and reprimanding them for breaking the law. There is no way to be cheery about the situation. If we were cheery the public would mistake it for enjoying what we are doing, and contrary to popular belief, we don't get a thrill from writing tickets.

Even CEO's of large companies will tell you that they hate correcting someone when they have done something wrong.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Tuition hike reasons unsound

To the Editor:

The Kernel posted a news article on Sept. 30 about the 5.1% tuition increase approved by the Board of Trustees. The increase does not surprise me. Vice President of Management and Budget Ed Carter's stated explanation of the increase does surprise me. Carter claims that the increase is, in the words of contributing columnist Sara Zaehringer, "to catch up with designated 'benchmark' universities, which offer similar size, profile and degrees of study similar to UK."

This "catching up" concept is ludicrous. Why in the world would we set such an arbitrary goal for our tuition? Given the range listed in the article, determining an average of that range and attempting to use that as a guideline for where to set our tuition rate seems quite haphazard to me. I admire UK's desire to emulate outstanding institutions in research and academic excellence, but the Board of Trustees' desire to shape our tuition schedule accordingly fails to recognize one of the aspects of attending UK which appeals to prospective and current students. UK is consistently rated as a good value as an institute of higher education. The Board obviously believes that higher tuition signals a better learning institution. I believe this to be an erroneous assumption.

One of the benchmark schools listed in the article is the University of Florida. As a benchmark school, I am led to believe that their academic and research qualities fit in with UK's desire to be a top-20 institution. How could they possibly be doing the kind of job with their students as we would like to do with our students when UF has such low tuition? The logic escapes me. If UF can really provide a quality education for such a low cost, I believe we should find out how they do it and emulate THAT. Can you imagine the increase in prospective students if we actually lowered tuition and let everyone know we did? I invite a member of the Board of Trustees to enlighten me on this.

Carter also made the comment that "general inflation affects UK like everything else." Granted, I'm not a B & E major and a B & E major could perhaps correct me on this, but the overall inflation rate in this country has hovered at right around 2 percent for a number of years now, if I remember correctly. The 5.1 percent hike far exceeds that and the larger hikes of recent years were even worse. Mr. Wethington, if you really believe in keeping tuition low for students, you must see the hypocrisy in such a hike. Rising tuition is inevitable, but please, don't you and the Board of Trustees try to convince us that the rate of increase is equitable and consistent with the current state of the nation's economy and the students' economy.

JAMES A. CROCKETT COMPUTER SCIENCE JUNIOR

Diversity needed in military

To the Editor:

In response to Clayton Sandford's commentary on gays in the military, I feel another viewpoint should be heard. Defending the country aside, the military has provided spin-off advantages to society as a whole in areas of technology, health care and transportation. The military has often implemented policies before it was acceptable in society. The military took a role in integrating people of color into its ranks long before the civil rights movement. Women were called upon during WWII to help in war efforts that paved the way for acceptance of more women in the workplace. No, not all efforts went flawlessly or were readily accepted, yet the military took the lead and provided a model for the rest of the country to follow. The military is symbolic of the country it serves. Gay issues were always around, only the degree of discussion has changed. Like it or not, Clayton, you served with gay soldiers, you simply didn't know it or chose on a subconscious level to ignore it. You should be proud of the people who wish to serve their country and focus less on your apparent homophobic sexual insecurities.

KAREN MALLINSON UK UNDERGRAD

Stories of rude officers not often true

When you couple that with arresting someone and taking away their freedom, the pleasantness factor goes way down.

The second reason is officers are human. As hard as we try to leave our personal lives at home, sometimes it is impossible. We, like the public, have our share of bad days. Maybe we have a conflict at home or the office, have a sick child to worry about or someone has just been rude to us.

Again, like the public, we have a job to do and we can't go home just because we are having a bad day. This sometimes spills over into our job with the public. I agree that it's not fair to the public but it is a reality and we do the best we can.

The third reason is the one everyone claims for himself or herself. Sometimes the officer is just plain rude and there is no excuse for their behavior. This is why the complaint process was developed.

The final reason is going to be the most unpopular and that is sometimes an individual makes their own fate. A nasty attitude toward the officer is the surest way to guarantee yourself a ticket. I have stopped people who never gave me a chance to be

nice. We don't expect you to kiss our butts, but at least be civil and honest. This doesn't necessarily mean that you won't get a ticket anyway because we can only overlook so much.

Doing something extremely stupid and nearly running over someone is not one of them. But realizing that you have done something wrong, admitting it to the officer and resolving to correct your actions in the future is your best chance of driving away with only a warning.

It is important to remember that when you are talking to the officer, to be sincere. We have heard every excuse and know when someone is just saying that they think we want to hear. The bottom line is this: Your attitude and the magnitude of your offense will determine the outcome.

And do me a favor, when you meet me, save the stories for your friends. Unless of course it is something positive that the police have done for you. I never hear enough of those.

Contributing Columnist Tiaa Chilton is a UK police officer. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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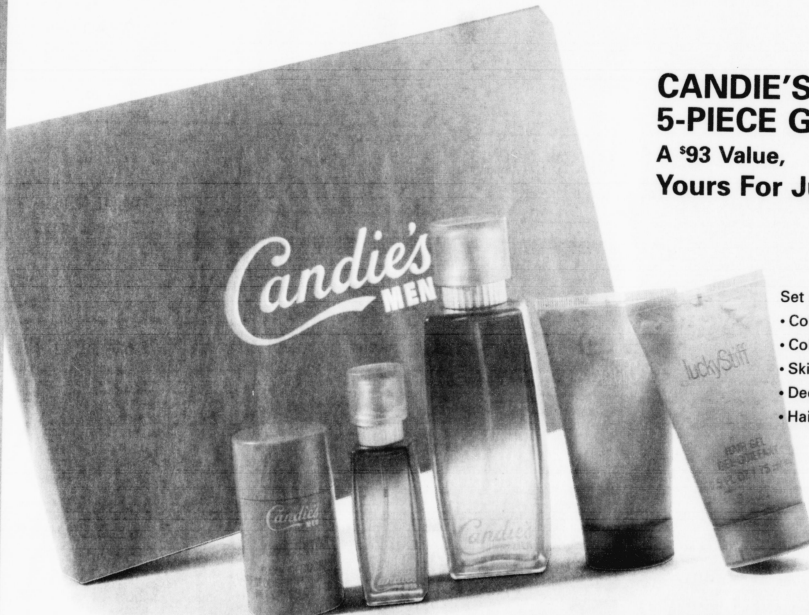


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