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tonight, low of 40. Sunny and mild tomorrow, high near 60. HAVE A BALL The Artist does it again with

a three-disc compilation called 'Crystal Ball.' See Diversions, page 3. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY



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Hospital's nurses search for solutions

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Poor patient care that could result from understaffing is weighing heavily on the minds of many of UK Hospital's 700

many of UK Hospitals (was nurses).

Administrators say a lack of nurses is not the problem, but that issues of training and staff should be addressed.

Hospital management has been taking steps to settle the unrest since January, but to date the nurses are still unhappy.

Devauna Riley, a registered nurse who works on the sixth floor, said she fears not enough

care is being taken to ensure patients are being treated proper-ly.

patients are being treated properly.

Patients have no continuity of care because no single nurse is responsible for them, and if patients have other problems than those they were originally admitted for, "its seems like we just blow them off," she said. "A lot of things fall through the cracks."

Riley said the grumbling among nurses started last summer, when nurses began caring for as many as six to eight patients each, rather than the five they had previously been responsible for.

"They had to close 6 South (Wing) because we didn't have

staffing," she said.

The understaffing has resulted in nurses being sent to work in reas of the hospital where they are unfamiliar with the routines, Riley said.

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Karen Sexton, associate direc-tor of UK Hospital, said a lack of

Agen secton, associate direction of UK Hospital, said a lack of unlicensed personnel, not nurses, is the root of the problem.

"From an R.N. perspective, we are not staffing differently than we did five years ago," she said. "We are dealing with an issue of not being able to hire unlicensed personnel (who would act as an) extra pair of hands," she said.

"We are implementing things now to ensure that we are able to compete in the market for those individuals."

Sexton attributed the hospital's shortage of unlicensed workers to a low unemployment rate.

All professionals must deal with

the issue of moving from one department to another, no matter what their occupation, she said. Cross training and better orienta-tion are the keys to making the transitions smoother, she said. "There are basics to providing care to patients," she said, "but there is a sense of unfamiliarity" when nurses must leave their usual stations.

stations.
And not all nurses are dissatisfied with their jobs.
"I have no complaints," said
Leslie Sorrell, also an R.N. in
Bone Marrow Transplantation.
"It seems like the older nurses are

Building a new tradition



Finance and marketing junior Julie Conrad (above, left) and Integral ed Strategic Communica tions sopho-more Mandy Adams picked up boards as part of Chi Omega's Habitat for Humanity warebouse clean-up. McLoy (right), a political sci-ence junior, moved a skid during the clean-up.



Fraternities, sororities search for Greek community project

By Mat Herron

To Kelly Hagan, trash is what it's

all about.

Hagan, a biology junior, and the members of Chi Omega social sorority got the chance to get up close and personal with trash and lumber Saturday as the group fanned out across Lexington to clean up several of the area's direct lots.

"It was kind of fun getting dirty with a bunch of sorority girls," said

Hagan, a biology junior who worked at a lot on Jefferson Street. For the project, the sorority went through Lexington Habitat for Humanity an agency that solicits the help of volunteers to provide low-income housing.

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After they were given maps, three groups from the sorority cleaned up various parking lots, while the fourth worked in a warehouse off of Old Frankfort Pike.

Hagan's group had the worst of

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Officials finding ways to stop hacking

By Joe Dobner

Staff Writer

Some people steal cars.
Others, like the one who showed up on UK's networks recently, steal passwords.
A few weeks ago someone attacked UK computer systems, stealing passwords, disabiling accounts and setting up explicit websites.
Administrators stopped the attacker before further dramage was done, and now they are taking further precautions to make sure this does

Professor helping name heavenly body

By Aaron Sanderford

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Campus Editors

Imagine a surface so dark that a charcoal briquette is twice as bright.

Place that surface in deep space orbiting between Mars and Jupiter some 180,000,000 miles from the sun.

Draw a mental picture of an asteroid whose horizon is 40 miles long, and paint the thickness 31 miles at its peak. Taking a stroll around the deeply-cratered impression requires a 30-mile hise.

The rock is slightly more dense than water and less than half the density of a rock in your backyard.

Now imagine being asked to name the geological land-scape of that asteroid, the third ever photographed up close — 253 Mathilde.

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Celestial bodies and their features are named in themes to achieve consistency. The satellites of Uranus are named after Shakespearean characters, while the craters, hills and valleys of Venus are named after goddesses of lowe. One of the two other photographed asteroids has a surface theme of caves and grottos.

Only two naming trends are avoided: Northing can be contained in the name.

Jim Bell leads the research team at Cornell that contacted Goode. The group decided on a theme of coal mining and coal mining districts because of the dark coloring of the asteroid, he said.

A coal mining theme led Bell straight to Kentucky, where he began to search for an expert. A website was found for the Benham Mine Museum, a tourist attraction Goode helped found in his hometown of Benham.

Bobby Gothard, the curator of the museum, directed Bell's attention to the poet and mining afficionado at LCC.

Goode was raised in a cola family. His father was a coal miner. Both of his grandfathers worked in the coal industry. The mountain way of life fascinates him, and this was an offer he couldn't refuse.

His first reaction was disbelief.

"I don't know why, but people have always asked me alout things I don't k

He settled on Appalachian coal seams, mining terminology or jargon and names of the world's major coal fields and basins.

Bell's group focused on the latter, looking ahead to the International Astronomical Union in Paris, France, that votes to make the names official.

The international flavor of taking the names of coal deposits from across the world appealed to him, he said.

That focus ran Goode rampant, because of a mistaken assumption. Goode thought he could easily obtain a list or chart of the world's major coal deposits, but he could not find one.

By chance, he found a book with the information he needed. He happened to ask William Andrews, a UK geologist, while waiting on another person he called for the information.

Andrews steered him to a large volume that contained the information Goode needed, but it was in a difficult format. Goode septent the next week and a half painstaingly highlighting, alphabetzing and organizing names of the world's coal deposits.

After getting them all down on paper, Goode then turned his attention to selecting a few names to linguistically represent each deposit's home country.

Bell said the work is a lot of fun, but it should be taken seriously. He said Goode has been a great help.

"You never know if you are going to pass this asteroid again," Bell said, "This stuff will be catalogued, and it may not be looked at for years, but you have to think big picture when you are doing something like this."

Goode couldn't agree more.

"Here's an opportunity to name something that will be called that forever," Goode said. "When he told me this would add to the permanent body of human knowledge, it seemed pretty important to me."

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SPORTS

Marinik a life-long gymnast at heart

By Katy Crossen

It's said that all things from Texas are big. Except for Misry Marinik.

The 5-foot-1 junior from Temple, Texas is small in size, but her contributions to the GymKats are big in numbers.

Marinik got involved in gymnastics at a young age just as a hobby. She started gymnastics because her parents wanted her to be involved in something where she would shine. "I started doing gymnastics when I was 3," Marinik said. "My parents had triplets and they were getting all of the attention - they were scared I'd be a shy and lonely child, and I had all this hyperness in me, so they put me in gymnastics.

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Marinik has since become one of UK's premier gymnasts this season, consistently competing in every event and contributing 98s and an orasional Marinik of Gymhals Segment of the contribution of the contribution

get to see my younger sisters and brother grow
up."
Marinik eventually became a competitive
gymnast and has gained experience because of
this hobby-turned profession.
But Marinik realizes her family has had to
live without many of the good things which
have accompanied Marinik's success.
"My family has sacrificed so much for me
because this is a very expensive sport — I've
traveled all around the world and they've barely
left the state," she said.
This traveling Marinik's life has included
trips to Germany, Italy and France for competion. She added that with age comes an appreciation for what her parents have made possi-



ON HER TOES UK gymnast Misty Marinik bas blossomed into one of the GymKats' most potent performers. Her scores have been among the team's most consistent this season.

One and done

Marinik wanted to continue her gymnastics career in college but was initially aloof about finding a collegate home, until she visted UK.

"I really had no interest," Marinik said.
"Coaches would call me and I was like "Yeah, OK, whatever," When (UK Coach) Leah (Little) called, it was the same thing. But when I got here, I just loved it."

Though Marinik fielded offers from Utah, Florida, Alabama and Washington, she visited only one campus.

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She's been at UK ever since.

"Kentucky is a lot like home to me — every-body knows everyhody," she said. "When I came to UK on visit, I loved the coaches and the girls - I really liked the team when I came on my recruit trip."

Off-the-floor life for Marinik in Lexington was an emotional turnoil. After living away from her parents for many of her formative years, Marinik had moved home for her senior year of high school.

She quickly became aware of the spoils of

myself," Marinik said. "I didn't appreciate it then, but I do now."

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An eye on the future

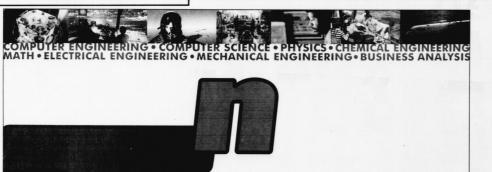
While gymnastics is a big part of Marinik's life, she says she's got other plans for the

life, she says she's got outer plants of thure.

"Aside from wanting to get married and having kids, I'd like to be in fashion merchandising, maybe retail," Marinik said. "I really want to go to design school in New York when I graduate - that's my ultimate dream, but I'm scared to live that one up."

But gymnastics will always be a part of her life.

But gymnastics will always to without it,"
"I don't think I could live without it,"
Marinik said, "I'd have to get involved with it
somewhere — maybe be an assistant coach,
maybe judging or the media — something so I
can stay in touch with the sport."



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SPORTS bytes

Louisville guard arrested Sunday

A second Louisville basketball player is in trouble with the law following a weekend altercation in the parking lot of a restaurant near campus.

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Starting guard Marques Maybin was arrested early Sunday after allegedly threatening a police officer. He was charged with terroristic threatening, obstruction of a governmental order and disorder, and was released later Sunday from the Jefferson County jail.

Maybin's lawyer, Louisville attorney Jim Ellis, said Monday that reserve guard Cameron Muray also has been issued a summons varrant on disorderly conditions are all the said of the parking lot of Masterson's sestaurant near the school when managers said a crowd would not disperse about 2 a.m. EST.

No answers for Tennessee

Looking for a way to stop the No. 1 Tennessee Lady Vols? Auburn coach Joe Ciampi would start with Charles Barkley inside. LSU's Sue Gunter suggests drafting Michael Jordan for the igh

Arkansas coach Gary Blair has a better idea. "I think they ought to send Tennessee straight on and let them play Columbus in the ABL and see who can come out," Blair said yesterday. Instead, Southeastern Conference coaches get another shot at the 30-0 Lady Vols in the league tournament that starts Thursday in Columbus, Ga. Compiled from wire reports.

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Leftovers make up three CD set

As eccentric musicians go, it's hard to top The Artist.

The former Prince has redefined himself—and renamed himself—more than perhaps any musician in recent history. But through it all, through the controversies and the per-ceived lunacy, one thing has remained a con-stant—he's always funkier than two-day-dirty socks.



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**Wath the state of fire?

Crystal Ball

Crystal Ball has a Crystal Batt has a little of everything, from a completely improvised 15-minute jam with nothing more than a bass heat ("Cloreen Baconskin") to a song originally intended for use in a Broadway musical ("Strays of the World").

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The music spans a range of periods in Prince's career.
The funky, up-heat "Good Love" was recorded just after the breakup of The Revolution, around the same time as the infamous Black Albam. "Crucial," a smooth ballad, was removed from Sign O'Tbe Times, and replaced with the classic "Adore.

The liner notes, while sparse, give nice insight into each of the 30 songs presented on



Crystal Ball. The hilariously offbeat "Movie Star," for example, was included in the collection because it's the favorite bootleg of R&B crooner and Prince favorite D'Angelo. The collection's best ballad, "She Gave Her Angels," is a true story about the Artist's wife, Mayte.

Mayte.

That ballad stands alongside lesser-known tracks like "Don't Talk to Strangers" and "Sometimes It Snows in April" as one of the purple one's most heartfelt songs. The wailing quitar is reminiscent of "Purple Rain," and if there's any justice, "Angels" will become a concert classic, complete with swaying lighters.

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Despite hits like that, the collection isn't without its misses. When you're dealing with almost three hours of music, you're bound to have some tracks that could've easily been trimmed, and most of the remixes here fit that description. But Crystal Ball doesn't strive to be a top-to-bottom work of art. These cuts often

are less than perfect, and that's part of their appeal.

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Besides the three Crystal Ball discs, the set includes a fourth disc, The Truth, an all-acoustic effort with stripped-down, smoothed-out numbers that serve as a warm contrast to the funk of Crystal Ball. The inclusion of the fourth disc makes the collection well worth its 300 price tag.

Though it's almost a bonus gift, The Truth might be the best disc in the bunch.

The title track is a wailing, bluesy departure from just about anything I'he Artist has ever done, and the album's high point, "Don't Play Me" is about as cool as anything you'll hear anywhere. "Don't play me," he walls, "I'm the wrong color and I play guitar/My only competition is, well, me in the past ..."

Cocky's Zure. But when your bootleg material is better than a good two-thirds of the pop music recleases in any given year, maybe you've got cause to be.

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Naked Emotion

Pittsburgh band makes national album debut

By John Foster

Just east of downtown Pitts-burgh, Pa., is a part of the city known as Oakland. Within a two-mile radius of Oakland there are three major universities and two colleges. The student population tops out somewhere around 50,000, and as you might guess, the live music venues thrive. Among the standouts is Brown-ie Mary. Packed concerts and a lot of air time on several of the local stations drew the attention of recording labels. And now, five years after forming, Brownie Mary releases its national debut, Nakel.

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The lead singer, Kelsey Barber (she's naked on the cover, hence the album's title), sounds a little like a mix of Lisa Loeb and Veruca Salt. But Brownie Mary's success is based on equal parts sound and crowd-pleasing live show.

Barber sings barefoot and stomps the stage exuding a presence that is stunning and seductive. Barber and guitarist Rich Jacques are the core of the four-member band. Between the two they wrote nearly the entire album. Says Barber, "I wanted to be singing about real life issues that still move me, something I believe in 100 percent."

Lyrically, two things come to mind. First, the band doesn't express anger at the world with vague and cryptic complaints, say is standard fare fately.

It's a welcome relief to listen to



HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE Brownie Mary had a semi-successful LP debut with its new album 'Naked.'

The songs that make this a worthwhile album are "Like I Really Do," "Say You Want Me," and "I'll Be The One." "Like I Really Do" has the feel of a radio hit. It's catchy and upbeat.

"Say You Want Me" is my favorite merely because it begins with bagpipes. It's all about unrequited love, and it has some quality that makes it feel familiar on a first listen. "I'll Be The One" has an abrasive feel that is just about right, without being cliche angst.

For a first album it's pretty well put together. Aside from being basically pleasant though, ther may not be much here compelling you to play the dise again and again. That's because there isn't anything really challenging on this album. Then again, better than 50,000 Pittsburghers love 'em.

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Of course, that won't happen until major renovations are made to the Seaton Center or an entirely new complex is built. It's true that President Wethington has pushed up plans to give Seaton a face lift, but what is a fitness-challenged student body to do in the meantime?

We have a bone-crushing idea for the Students Government Association and other official bodies. on campus: If we can't bring the gym to the students, let's work of the Students of the gym.

We envision a cooperative promotion between the SGA and one of the better-equipped gyms near campus like Fitness Now, Powerhouse Gym or World Gym. In exchange for the SGA promoting a single gym as the "Official Gym for UK Hardbodies," a gym would provide memberships to UK students at cut rate prices.

For this to be a legitimate discount to students, it truly has to involve significant savings

Blame for latest crisis rests on **U.S.** shoulders

Luke Boyett

Columnist

American policies continue to hurt innocent Iraqis

mnocent Iraqis

In he battle cries ring loud once again. Washington continues to rally support for militaristic policies toward Iraq. The first Gulf War (mora patly called the Gulf Masacre—the killing of 100,000 Iraqi soldiers and thousands, if not tens of thousands of civilians) failed to dislodge Saddam Hussein. Would further slaughter of the helpless Iraqi people do better? Is this "collateral damage," as mainstream media puts it, or is it the relentless destruction of a civilian population?

The Gulf War was

the relentless destruction of a civilian population?

The Gulf War was ostensibly fought to protect the people of Kuwait from the illegal occupation of their country. Yet our government continues to supply arms, military training and now an economic bailout to Indonesia. For 20 years, in arrogant defiance of United Nations mandates for immediate withdrawal, Indonesia has illegally occupied and systematically killed 25 percent of the population in East Timor, a neighboring island. It's odd that the United States, allied with Iraq at the time, was ready to turn a blind eye to the Kuwait invasion until it threatened our economic interests.

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blind eye to the Kuwait invasion until it rhreatened our economic interests.

To date, April Glaspie, the former American ambassador to Iraq, has been denied permission to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on her conversations with Hussein in the days before the invasion in Kuwait. In these conversations, Hussein was told the U.S. would not concern itself with the border policies of Iraq.

Is it possible the United States only stepped in once it directly affected our interests? Is it possible that the protection of Kuwas used to justify intervention so the U.S. could make a concerted effort to secure American oil interests in the region?

No one doubts that Hussein has no respect for human life and must be stopped. Yet U.S. actions have shown a comparable lack respect for human life. In the Gulf War, the U.S. dumped over the constant of the control of the processing plant, along with most bridges, many hospitals and schools, and civilian areas, skilling thousands upon towasnds of innocent civilians.

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killing thousands upon thousands of innocent civilians.
Since the Gulf War, the United States has strictly enforced sanctions against Iraq in an effort oo ust Hussein. While Hussein continues to live in luxury, Iraqi people are starving and dying from easily preventable diseases. Iraq has no access to medical supplies or even chlorine to purify drinking water, let alone food, clothing or other bare essentials.
These sanctions, weapons of mass destruction in their own right, have thus far killed 1.5 million Iraqis, now at a rate of 10,000

per month, over half of which are children under the age of 5!
Hussein will not allow U.N. inspections of all facilities unless U.S. members are removed from the team. First of all, one U.S. member of the task force has proven to have ties to the CIA and was long posted in Saudi Arabia as an "intelligence officer." This seems like reasonable grounds for suspicion of U.S. spies.
Why is America unwilling to allow France, Britain or other nations to conduct these inspections? I would also like to bring to light that when the United States signed the Chemical Weapons
Convention in the 1980s, there was one stipulation: that the President be allowed to bar inspection of specific facilities if it

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Boyett to bar inspection of specific facilities if it compromised national security."

Even if we do bomb Iraq, it won't accomposition of the season of the first time and we won't get him now. The only the season for the bombing is the destruction of his weapon stockpiles. Hussein cannot be allowed to stockpile weapons of mass destruction. The Iraqi arsenal barely compares to that of neighboring countries and is minuscule in comparison to just one percent of ours.

Furthermore, claims of Iraq having the resources to create biological and chemical weapons are largely unsubstantiated. The basis for these claims are 30 to 70 unaccounted Scud missiles. If Iraq was to possess biological and chemical weapons and we were to bomb these stockpiles, they would not be destroyed, but released into the ecosystem.

Besides, when Idid we care if Hussein used such weapons? The United States quietly averted its eyes when Flussein used chemical and biological weapons on the Kurds and Shittes. Let us also not forget that a large part of the Iraqi arsenal was funded or supplied by the United States during the Iran Iraq war. Many existing weapons, if they still exist, did not get there without U.S. assistance.

I do not attempt to justify Hussein's actions. In the same light, I feel we cannot morally reconcile our own practices and policies and so find the same light, I feel we cannot morally reconcile our own practices and policies and so find the same light, I feel we cannot morally reconcile our own practices and policies and so find the same light, I feel we cannot morally reconcile our own practices and policies and so find the same light, I feel we cannot morally reconcile our own practices and policies and so find a first strike against

being the recent OK of nuclear weapons in a first strike against Iraq.

That was in direct violation of the Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Act. In efforts to protect our economic interests, America has killed thousands of civilians because politics and money matter more than human lives.

Our leaders will continue this policy unless we raise our voices. I urge each and every person concerned with innocent lives to actively oppose violence or sanctions against Iraq and stress a purely diplomatic approach towards a solution.

Write your Congressman and the President more than once! Only relentless public pressure can affect government policy.

Guert Columnite Luke Bowtt is a

Guest Columnist Luke Boyett is a political science freshman.

READERS' forum

Tempers flare in latest round of false alarms at UK

In the editor:

I must admit, if an atomic bomb was dropped on Washington, D.C., I wouldn't know it until my nose and ears started melting off from the fallout.

Why, you may ask?

Because I spend my days walking around in a stupor induced from lack of sleep. However, it's not an adverse side effect caused by excessive partying or other college debauchery.

It's because I live in Haggin Hall, where one person over the past two months has made my life and the lives of \$00 others miserable.

We have had more than 20 fire drills because somebody has got-ten the bright idea that waking up everybody up at 4 a.m. and mak-ing them stand outside for an

hour in below-freezing tempera-tures is a good idea. He really knows how to have a good time, doesn't he?

doesn't he?
I'm not here to bitch about the RAs or the standing outside or even about getting woken up. The here to address the inconsiderate assholes out there like this guy who screw up life for the remaining 99.9 percent of the population.

ing 99.9 percent of the population.

Why is it that normal people go about their daily business, not bothering anybody, and along comes a rocket scientist who thinks it's fun to torment us?

I'm sure you're saying, "Well, if that person had a life, he wouldn't want to do that."

BINGO! That's the answer. So all you self-conscious, inconsider the pricks out there — get a life, go home and leave the rest of us alone. You're not funny, you're a sick joke and we're all tired of your crap!

what's truly sad is these peo-ple must be recognized by us before anything can be done. We should give them what they truly

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Monty Python has nothing on our esteemed Mr. Rich

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deserve: our utter indifference and a swift kick in the ass. Instead we feed their ambitions by acknowledging that what they do is of some importance to us. I've got news for them. They are not cute or funny, they are annoying as hell.

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cute or funny, they are annoying as hell.

To close my tirade on thoughtess morons, I would like to thank Haggin's own personal demon for making me see how truly sick and starved for attention people can be.

I will never hear another fire alarm without thinking. "Damn, not another one!"

For everybody else out there, the 99.9 percent of you who can constructively socialize with others, I leave you with this: Think about stuff before you do it.

A joke to one person is offensive to another. Respect others and you will in turn find you can respect yourself. Stand up for yourself, don't let these kinds of people control you. Screw them!

Meaning of Life" has turned an important question into a cliché. On TV, in movies and in books, characters often discuss the meaning of life, but rarely does genuine debate occur.

It is my duty, as a journalist and as a valued member of society, to answer this question. I've decided it is an awfully hard question for someone like myself, with such a narrow mind and an itty-bitty brain, to answer, so I took to the streets in search of an answer.

I went to the center of all social activity, the mall. In the frenzy of the shopping seene, I came across an elderly gendlemen sitting on a bench. Surely someone at his age has enough life experience to answer the unanswerable. So I sat down next to the old man and approached him with my question.

After the question crossed my lips, he paused, glaring across the hallway, gazing into nothingness. After a few moments of silence, I pressed him for an answer. He didn't finish his sentence because he was interrupted by the booming voice of his wife, "Harold, let's go to the McAlpin's underwear sale," You could use a few pairs." He looked back at me, got up, took his wife's bags and disappeared down the hall.

The law in stunned. In the time it took him to think it over, I'm sure he came up with an answer, but I was left empty-handed. Rather an sulk over my loss, I returned to my quest for the meaning of life.

Theft the mall and headed for the park. Children spend hours playing there, certainly they must have some time to pon-

der their existence. I figured that if I could find just one child who had been spared a life of crass commercialism, then I could find the answer. The eight children all looked the same to me, so I pulled one from the fray and looked her over. Jessica was a good kid, covered in dirt with her shoes untied.

She was the perfect specimen, a child who had lived a life unaffected by the bickering of the adult world. I asked her my question and her answer was "cows."
Jessica told me that the meaning of life was cows, then hopped around and went back to playing with her friends. Now, don't get me wrong. I like milk as much as the next guy, but I am not willing to put all of my eggs in one basket.
Jessica's odd response needed some backing, so I surveyed the entire lot of children for a few minutes. I got one "Mommy," one "doggy doo," one "mud." one "cheese," two blank stares and one "cheese," two blank stares and one "do coule file lope pole having a good time at alcohol's expense. I point-do to a couple of them and asked my

question.

One of them, Dave, scratched his head and pointed to Paul sitting next to him. Professor Paul said, "Anyone who pontificates will realize that Natty Light bottles are good, but the Shocker is better." I can easily say that since I didn't have my Webster's handy, the college version of the meaning of life was going to be left without definition.

Disappointed, I left the party and decided to call off the search for the Holy Grail of all answers. Needless to say, if an old man, a bunch of rugrats and some intoxicated college students don't know the "Meaning of Life," then I guess the answer will be left up to the people in Hollywood. In fact, they are going to tackle the question next week, on a special episode of "Baywatch."

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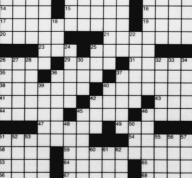
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THEY'RE BITTER AND DRY AS HELL!

Open house spotlights engineering profession

By LaShanna Carter

National Engineers' Week started this week, and it will end with the UK College of Engineering's annual open house.

The National Society of Professional Engineers established National Engineers Week in 1951. The week always takey place around the birthday of George Washington, a military engineer and land surveyor.

Now the organization is spored by 18 engineering societies and 12 major corporations with the help of hundreds of businesses, colleges, professional and technical societies and government agencies.

The purpose of the week is to increase public awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession.

Bob Dugan, director of Engi-

tance is far greater than what assumed.

"The open house is an excellent way for younger children to learn more about the engineering field and what a future in engineering involves," said Mike McGehee, an engineering sophomore.

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Some UK engineering students had the chance to experience the open house when they were in high school.

"UK Engineering Day activities are great for students. I went to my first open house when I was a junior in high school," said King of the most official and the said of the appreciation of the engineering profession.

Week, about 1.9 million engineering bob Dugan, director of Engineer Computing, and the coordinator of the week's events, said, "It is a time to show the public what engineering is all about, who they are, what they do and how they fit into society, according to a booklet released by the College of Engineering for the week. Engineers are thought to as the people who "fix cars" and

ing skills. These contests give students a chance to learn through hands-on experience.

Some will build crupting model volcanoes. Others will test the physics of a 20-foot egg drop. In all, 10 competitions will be held for aspiring young scientists. In addition to contests, self-guided tours of the engineering departments will be given, as well as information sessions, exhibits, displays and demonstrations.

The exhibits and displays are set up by the individual departments, and UK students will be at the booths. The demonstrations will be sponsored by 50 engineering and engineering-related companies in Kentucky and surrounding states.

Some of the exhibitors include Clark Material Handling Corp., Commonwealth Technology, Construction Specification Institute, Hitachi, the state Transportation Cabinet, Lexmark, Link-Belt, Lockheed-Martin, Mason & Hanger, Palmer Engineering, Toyota, Union Carbide and VH America.

Phillips Petroleum Company and Construction Specification Specification Institute are chairing the events.

Dugan said he expects between 1,200 and 1,800 people at the open house.

staffing is real issue From PAGE 1

The nurses will meet tonight at 8 at the Springs Hotel to discuss

Nurses

UK: Training, not

complaining a lot more."
In addition to staffing prob-lems, Riley also said the nurses at UK Hospital are paid \$2 to \$4 less per hour than nurses at compara-ble institutions.

a at the Springs role to discuss their concerns.

They met last Wednesday with representatives from the Kentucky Nurses Association, and they have been meeting regularly with union representatives, but have yet to find satisfactory solutions to their concerns.

concerns.
"I'm not really sure that the
nurses want a union," Riley said.
"What we want is a say in the
quality of care for the patient."

Habitat

Greeks developing community project From PAGE 1

the lots, and never made it back to the warehouse.

Overall, the members said, the experience was well worth the

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The best thing is "probably
the idea that we were actually
doing work, something more
than just raising money," said
Betsy Ward, a biology senior.

"We were really in the neighborhoods, really cleaning up. Getting more hands-on is always the
nice thing."

The sorority got the idea to
work with Habitat for Humanity
after Kappa Kappa Gamma had
worked on a house off campus
for the agency earlier this year,
Ward said. Chi-O had recently
switched philanthropy officers
and was interested in doing a
project with the agency, said.

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on a Kead Moud program for the elderly. Habitat may soon get more help from the entire Greek com-munity. Interfraternity Council President Josh Knipp and Panhel-lenic President Holly Harris are working on a Greek-wide philan-thropy project that, if implement-ed, would have Greeks building or working on habitat houses every two years.

two years.
"We have a lot of different phi lanthropies, but we don't have jus one single thing that we all can ge in on. There's so much manpow er, we can do so many things, said Knipp, a marketing sopho

more.

Knipp proposes to get all fra-ternities involved in one big fundraiser, or see if they can donate money to go into a fund, and if they find another business to match it.

Knipp first got the idea when he was running for president last

semester.

"We do a lot," Knipp said, "but it's all in different directions.

"When you have everybody putting energy into something like that, it doesn't take that much to do something big."

EXCUSEus

The Kernel tries hard, but we're not always perfect. If we make a mistake, we want to correct it. If you've found a sig-nificant error, call us at 257-1915.

▼A story in the Feb. 16, issue of the Kentucky Kernel, should have said that under Kentucky's child vehicle restraint law, a child must be 40 inches or 40 pounds to ride without a car seat.

▼The teaser on the front of the Feb. 20 Kernel should have identified Mila Chitwood as a sophomore.

An Invitation to Ashes and Lasagna

Wednesday, February 25 Begin your observation of lent with Worship & Imposition of Ashes, 6:00 pm Lasagna & Fellowship, 6:30 Hunter Presbyterian Church 109 Rosemont Garden, 277-5126 (off Nicholasville Road on mile south of UK)

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A change of pace



Several former UK basketball stars signed autographs to belp celebrate the opening of Valvoline Instant Oil Change on Nicholasville Road this weekend. A dollar from every oil change at every Valvoline in Lexington over the weekend went to the UK Children's Hospital.

Computer

Officials offer ways to safegaurd system From PAGE 1

have set up a means of communicating with one another, so if one system gets compromised, the others are notified.

Users can do a number of things to keep their accounts from being broken into.

The first and most important, computer science professor Jim Griffioen said, is to not send an account's password over an insecure connection.

And most connections are insecure. Gene Spafford, a professor of computer science at Purdue, wrote in his book, Practical UNIX and Internet Security, that the only way to protect against eavesdropping in these networks by using encryption.

All passwords are encrypted on the machine they allow access to, but the sort of encryption used to prevent a password from getting read while it travels around the network is the kind that encrypts the password before it gets sent.

That way, even if an attacker looks at the data being sent from machine to machine, as the one who attacked UK's machines did, the password can't be read.

This kind of encryption is available on most campus unix machines as ssh, or secure shell. It is used like other communica-tions utilities, like telnet and

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Finkel recommends if at all possible, it should be used in place of these utilities.

For users attempting to connect to Unix machines from the student labs, currently no software is installed that will prevent passwords from being read over the network.

Users who connect from home can obtain an ssh client from Data Fellows (www.datafellows.com) for Mac or Windows 95 for \$50 dollars. The unix version is free.