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Walk 'n' talk

The Kernel asked students what they think about UK basketball. Here's what they said.



"Everyone needs to lay off Tubby's back."

- Marshall Karem, business management junior



"I think they're off to a slow start. I have faith in my Wildcats."

- Laura Finnegan, marketing sophomore



"Parker gives it his all."

- Sarra Jones, communications sophomore

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This cold weather makes students wish they could grow feathers and fly south for the winter.

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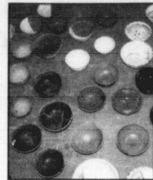
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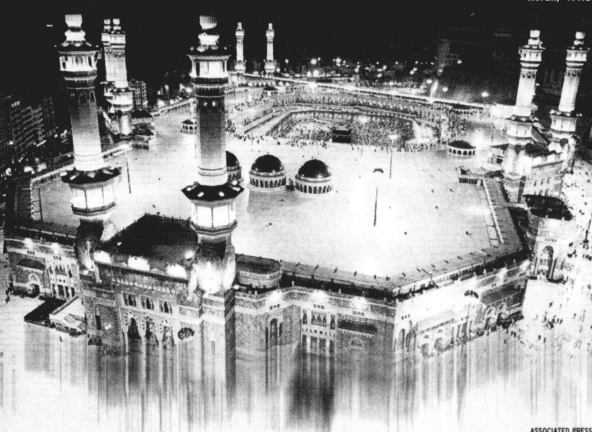


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RAMADAN

Islam's holiest month

O Mankind! We created you from a single soul, male and female, and made you into nations and tribes, so that you may come to know one another. Truly, the most honored of you in God's sight is, the greatest of you in piety. God is all knowing, All-Aware. Koran, 49:13



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The Kaaba at Mecca

Muslim pilgrims taking part in the Hajj, move around the Kaaba, the black cloth draped building top center in the courtyard, inside of the Holy Grand Mosque of Mecca during the early morning Thursday, March 16, 2000. The Hajj, one of the most sacred duties of the Muslim faith, is required at least once of every able bodied Muslim.

A month of peace: Ramadan lets Muslims work on relationships

By Amanda York  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Peace. That's what Ahmed Al-Otaiba felt when he woke up Monday morning.

Al-Otaiba, an architecture technology junior, said he will do all he can to transcend his feeling of inner peace to his family and friends throughout the next month.

"I won't think bad thoughts and I won't do bad things," Al-Otaiba said.

A lifelong Muslim, Al-Otaiba, along with other Muslim students, began celebrating Ramadan Sunday night.

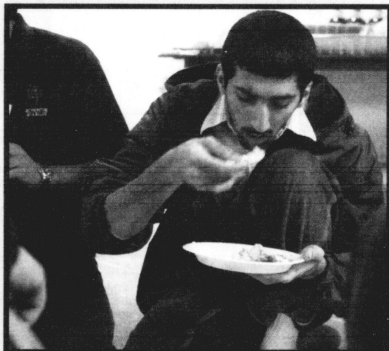
The holiday is one of the five pillars of Islam. Muslims celebrate the holiday by fasting from sunrise to sunset. During the fast, Muslims do not eat, drink, smoke, chew gum or engage in any sexual activities. Al-Otaiba said Muslims fast to remind themselves there are people in the world who can't afford to buy food.

"It gives us a sense of sympathy to other people and encourages us to do good," he said.

And doing good is one of the main principles of Ramadan. Through doing good, Al-Otaiba said Muslims must do everything they can do to help other people, to strengthen their relationships with their families and correct relationships with people.

"Ramadan requires every person to do good, to say good things and to keep from doing anything that might harm other people," Al-Otaiba said.

But more than anything, the holiday has religious origins for Muslims. Al-Otaiba said Muslims celebrate Ramadan because the



NICK TOMECK | PHOTO EDITOR

Breaking the fast

Ahmed Al-Otaiba, an architecture technology junior, breaks the fast with other Muslims on Monday at the Islamic Center of Central Kentucky on Limestone before the sunset prayer.

first verses of the Koran were dictated from God through the angel Gabriel to the prophet Mohammed during the month of Ramadan.

During Ramadan, Al-Otaiba continues to follow his routine of praying five times a day, along with reading the Koran. The prayers include a sunrise prayer, a noon prayer, an afternoon prayer, a sunset prayer and a night prayer. During the day, Al-Otaiba said he joins his friends at the Islamic Center of Central Kentucky on Limestone for the prayers.

These friends are especially comforting for Al-Otaiba during Ramadan.

Al-Otaiba is originally from

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By the numbers

- There are an estimated 6 million Muslims in America. The Muslim community in America is made up of people from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds and origins.
- The worldwide population of Muslims is 1.2 billion.
- Islam is one of the fastest growing religions in this country and around the world.
- Demographers say that by the turn of the century, Islam will be the number two religion in America.
- Demographers also say that by the year 2025, one in four people on earth will be a Muslim.
- There are close to 2,000 mosques, Islamic schools and Islamic centers in America.

It gives us a sense of sympathy to other people and encourages us to do good."

- AHMED AL-OTAIBA, ARCHITECTURE TECHNOLOGY JUNIOR

CAMPUS NEWS

UK's promise to America's children



AMANDA THOMPSON | KERNEL STAFF

UK President Charles Wethington speaks at Harrison Elementary Wednesday as part of UK's involvement in America's Promise.

For children: UK is already involved with programs that aid local students, schools; Individual colleges are helping, too

By Ben Adkins  
STAFF WRITER

Gen. Colin Powell's affiliation with the America's Promise organization has influenced universities nationwide. UK included. UK's contributions to a community school was the topic of the discussion held Wednesday at Harrison Elementary, which UK president Charles Wethington and Lexington Mayor Pam Miller attended.

According to Wethington, UK is dedicated to a number of services that aid local students and schools. One such service is the Reading Buddies program, which involves UK students going to elementary schools and helping students learn to read.

Wethington also discussed efforts being made by various individual colleges at UK.

The College of Agriculture is expanding programs, such as the 4-H program, to give students something to do during after-school hours. The College of Architecture is offering a two-week summer workshop to students, while the College of Education plans to offer a mentoring program.

Mayor Pam Miller briefly discussed the America's Promise organization's objectives, which include providing structured activities during non-school hours and promoting ongoing relationships with caring adults.

Miller also commended the University on its efforts to help Lexington's youth.

"The resources the University of Kentucky brings are going to make a big difference," she said.

David Panyako, Harrison Elementary's principal, also took the podium to express his gratitude for UK's involvement in the partnership.

"We're just very, very happy that we're going to be the recipients of the services offered through UK," he said.

Lisa Higgins-Hord, community relations director at UK, also

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TRAVELING

Trip to Middle East educational, peaceful

Learning experience: Glenn takes Israel experience and applies it to school, life

By Kathy Wyatt  
STAFF WRITER

Israel — that's where you can find Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Sea of Galilee and... Jimmy Glenn?

UK's Student Government Association President Jimmy Glen was in Israel in early August for a nine-day travel seminar arranged by Project Interchange, a non-profit organization that allows American student leaders to experience Israel firsthand.

Along with 15 other university student body presidents across the states, Glenn went to Israel in an effort to learn about national politics, the peace process in the Middle East and the relationship between the United States and Israel. The seminar made it possible for young leaders to meet with government officials, academic experts and journalists. The goal of the program was to learn about Israel's society and the problems they faced.

Glenn said he gained a new appreciation of America while on this trip. The Arab-Israeli conflict was foremost on people's minds as he talked and asked questions of the local people.

"A lot of Americans take [their safety] for granted... Until [they] experience something else, a student can't appreciate it," Glenn said.

Glenn and the other students who attended the travel seminar also had an opportunity to meet with and talk to Jewish and Arab student leaders. He said their student government officers were older, because students have to serve in the military before furthering their education. These leaders thought and interacted with their administrators differently because of this age factor.

Glenn has found ways to apply this trip to his position at UK. Through relationships formed on the trip with other student presidents, Glenn has people to contact for various ideas and opin-

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

# The Low-down

## Lawsuits by the fistful

WASHINGTON — Lawsuits by the fistful, lawyers by the score, contested ballots by the thousands — and still no president-elect. That's the simple arithmetic of the 2000 race for the White House as Al Gore struggles to overcome George W. Bush's certified victory in Florida three weeks after Election Day. "The state of Florida has certified a vote count that is neither complete nor accurate," Gore said Tuesday as he appealed to the courts for a manual recount of 13,000 ballots and to the public for patience while he presses his unprecedented legal challenge. That's not how the Bush high command saw it. Gore "proposed yet another count and yet another deadline" after losing each tally in Florida thus far, countered Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the Texas governor. "Common sense does not allow it and the rights of the citizens of Florida to have their votes count do not allow it."



We don't want to hurt him in any way, but we have to figure out what we will do for our movie."

— Joe Roth, director of the upcoming *America's Sweethearts* (with Julia Roberts), telling the New York Times that Robert Downey Jr.'s role in the movie is uncertain in the light of his arrest.

## Movie-style caravan to bring in ballots

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It might be a scene from a movie: A caravan of police cars escorting thousands of ballots, a voting booth and voting machine across Florida in the state's hotly contested presidential election. The judge assigned to decide whether there must be a recount of ballots in the legal skirmishing over whether George W. Bush or Albert Gore won the Florida vote ordered the transfer even though he's not sure he will allow a recount. "I have no idea what we're going to do about ballot-counting or not counting," said Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls. "Perhaps we can bring the ballots here." He accepted an offer by the lawyer for Miami-Dade County to have county police drive approximately 10,000 disputed ballots about 400 miles to Tallahassee, the state capital. A Palm Beach attorney said he would make similar arrangements for that county's 3,000 disputed ballots, and lawyers then suggested that a sample voting booth and voting machine be brought in as well. The judge said he liked that idea. Up until then, Sauls said the plethora of legal motions and dueling arguments were "like getting nibbled to death by a duck."

## Barak takes a gamble — new elections

JERUSALEM — In the midst of a bloody conflict with the Palestinians, Israel has been plunged into political turmoil by an overwhelming parliament vote to hold new elections, two years ahead of schedule. Prime Minister Ehud Barak took a gamble Tuesday — on his political future and on Mideast peacemaking — when he unexpectedly agreed to go along with the hard-line opposition's push for an early vote. In first contacts late Tuesday, representatives of Barak's



One Israel alignment and the opposition Likud party raised May 1 and May 8 as possible election dates. In a new twist, Likud leader Ariel Sharon said Wednesday he was still open to holding new coalition talks if Barak issued an invitation.

## Madonna on the Internet

LONDON — Madonna's first concert in Britain in seven years drew some nine million fans, who tuned in over the Internet. Only about 2,800 people were able to see the concert in person Tuesday night. The fans crammed inside London's Brixton Academy for Madonna's performance featuring her latest album, "Music." The 42-year-old singer said she was warming up for a summer world tour. During the show Madonna wore a T-shirt emblazoned with the name of her 3-month-old son, Rocco Ritchie, on the front. The back read "Lola," a nickname for her 3-year-old daughter, Lourdes. According to Madonna's MSN web site, the Internet audience for Madonna's six-song, 29-minute performance was three times larger than an MSN webcast of a Paul McCartney concert a year ago.

## Agassi honors older generation

LISBON, Portugal — Andre Agassi salvaged some respect for tennis' Old Guard. The Masters Cup, the season-ending tournament that brings together the top eight players in the world, has been touted as the "Battle of the Ages," a showdown between four young stars and four members of the older tennis generation. After Day 1, the score is 2-1 for the New Guard. It would have been a clean sweep, had Agassi, at 30 the oldest player in the field, not come from behind to beat Gustavo Kuerten 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 on Tuesday. Coming off a three-week layoff because of a hip injury, Agassi saved four break points before serving out the match against the 24-year-old Brazilian. Pete Sampras was not successful in his comeback. Sampras, idle for more than two months because of injury, lost 7-5, 6-0 to Lleyton Hewitt, at 19 the youngest player in the tournament.

## Patton talks Florida recount

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Paul Patton was called on by Democrats to add his opinion to the ongoing debate about recounting Florida's presidential ballots. Patton and three other Democratic governors held a news conference from the Florida Senate on Wednesday and followed it with a conference call with reporters. Patton, who is chairman of the Democratic Governors' Association, said he was asked to speak to express his support for the notion of making each person's vote count. Patton was also scheduled to be in Florida to attend a fundraising event for Pikeville College in Tampa.

Compiled from wire reports.



**BREAK UP WITH MAKEUP:** Cindy Crawford has spoken out, confirming that she and Revlon have reached the end of the 11-year relationship. Crawford told USA Today the breakup was "frustrating."

## ISLAM

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Abu Dhabi, an emirate in the United Arab Emirates. He came to Lexington three years ago for school. This makes the third Ramadan he has celebrated without his family. "Thank God I know a lot of people here and I have a lot of friends and families that I know and visit," he said. But he still misses his family. "Regularly I call them a lot but, for sure these days I will be calling them a bit more just to know what is happening," he said. In his home country dur-

ing Ramadan, Al-Otaiba said families and neighbors visit with one another.

"I usually call and ask who came over today and if any of my friends passed by," he said.

But Ramadan is more than passing by, he said. Ramadan also serves as a way for Muslims to test themselves.

Al-Otaiba said true Muslims are strong Muslims that abide by the five pillars of Islam, with Ramadan being of high importance.

"Strength is not the strength of the muscles but it's the strength of the heart," he said.

And it's Al-Otaiba's heart that truly benefits from this holiday.

"I feel peaceful."

## PROMISE

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discussed new efforts, such as a school-supply drive by UK students, being made in addition to expanding existing programs. Higgins-Hord also presented Fayette County Superintendent, Robin Fankhauser and Panyako

with a wagon pin, the official symbol of America's Promise. In addition, Harrison Elementary was presented with a larger toy wagon, which signifies UK's dedication to local youth.

Wethington also expressed his faith in the partnership, as well as our youth.

"America's Promise reminds us that children will forge our future," he said.

## GLENN

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ions. He said that they are good resources to have. One student from Tulsa called him recently about online voting. Glenn also said he has sent SGA's constitution and bylines to other universities.

Amidst the seminars and meetings, the group went to some famous sites. They also had the opportunity to meet with community leaders of an

Arab village and a Palestinian Authority Representative. Many places they toured were holy sites.

"Jerusalem is a sacred city to Christianity, Judaism and Islamic religions, so a lot of people pay attention to it," Glenn said.

Glenn said the most memorable place he visited during his trip was a site where it is believed that Jesus was crucified.


"Being at that place, looking over the city, was really moving," he said. "It was really amazing to think back on all the stories I heard."

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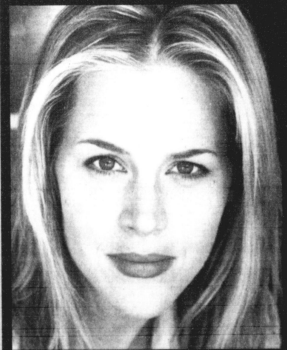


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**SPOTLIGHT**

# Professor goes bowlin'

**Bowls everywhere:** Art professor makes 300 ceramic bowls for charity art sale; Proceeds go to YWCA Spousal Abuse Center

By Tracy Kershaw  
NEWS EDITOR

Bobby Scroggins is having a bowl with ceramics. Three hundred of them, in fact.

The UK art professor created 300 ceramic bowls this semester for an annual charity art sale next week at Transylvania University.

This year's proceeds benefit the YWCA Spousal Abuse Center.

Scroggins, who teaches ceramics, only planned to make 100 bowls when he began the project in October. But a challenge from another artist made the number multiply.

Scroggins also saw it as a valuable lesson in goal setting for his students. They do not always get to see an artist set a goal and follow through, Scroggins said.

"It is teaching by example," he said.

At the least, it takes the 46-year-old Missouri native only three minutes to make a bowl, which has to be thrown on a wheel, trimmed, fired twice and then glazed.

Scroggins, who has been at UK for 10 years, had a unique introduction to sculpting. When he was 13, he had a head injury that damaged his body balance and ability to use his hands. He began working with clay to improve his dexterity.

"That became a therapy for me," he said.

Since then, he has immersed himself in the arts. He began showing his sculptures as a teenager. He graduated from Kansas City Art Institute and completed graduate school at Southern Illinois University.

Now he teaches beginning through graduate level ceramics courses at UK.

The 300 bowls add to the numerous collection of projects he has completed. He tries to document and keep up with his art after it is sold or donated, he said.

Each project has differed, but the most satisfying moments are constant.

"The point of inspiration and the point of completion," he said.

This time, his satisfaction was 300 times the greater.



KATI HOLLOWAY | KERNEL STAFF

Bobby Scroggins began sculpting at the age of 13. An accident damaged his hands. He began working with clay to improve his dexterity.

**So many bowls**

Scroggins only planned to make 100 bowls originally but a challenge from another artist prompted him to make 300. The bowls will be auctioned off next week at Transylvania University.

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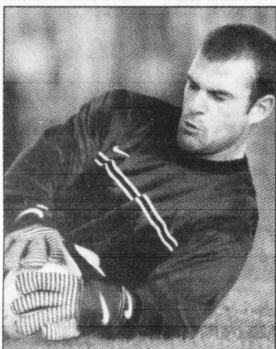
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LOOKING BACK

# Soccer men not satisfied, but gratified



FILE PHOTO

UK senior goalie Brian O'Leary finished his collegiate career in terrific fashion. He tallied nine shutouts this season, including gooseeggs against four of the Cats' last five opponents.

Can't be sad: Cats miss the action, but are pleased with season's stellar finish

By Ron Cox  
STAFF WRITER

Gone are the early morning practices. Gone are the long bus rides that last into the wee hours of the morning.

But that is of small consequence to the UK men's soccer team, because gone also is the rest of their season.

"It's kind of nice to relax, but I'd rather be out there practicing and trying to win another game," said UK sophomore defender J.D. Stephenson. The coaching staff feels the same way.

"As a coach, you live to coach soccer. You don't live to do paperwork and you don't live to do all that administrative stuff," said head coach Ian Collins. "I miss it already, and we've only been done two days."

The Cats' (11-9-2) season came to an end last Saturday, when they ran into a firestorm known as Southern Methodist University and especially Mohamed Fadim, who knocked in a hat trick to give the Mustangs the 3-1 win.

Despite being knocked out of the

NCAA tournament, this year's team had their most successful season.

This wasn't the team with the program's best overall record or with the most goals scored — that honor belongs to the 95 Cats, who went 16-5-1 and scored 50 goals.

But the 95 Cats were defeated in the MAC conference tournament, and didn't go on to the "Big Dance."

This Cat team went further than any team before them, making it to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"All the hard work and effort we put in was well worth what we got out of it by going to the Final 16," said sophomore forward Chris McDaniel, who led the team in goals and points this year.

And coach Collins is happy with the team's progression.

"I think we've raised the bar again for this program," he said. "We're moving in the right direction."

This team only loses six seniors, but those seniors were important to this young team. Players like Giovanni Fernandes and Tyler Cook gave

the team scoring and much needed leadership.

And for them, UK soccer is over. "I came here in the first place to play soccer," Fernandes said. "Now it's done. It's kind of weird to adjust to a new life now."

Next year's team will also have a hard time replacing senior Brian O'Leary in goal. O'Leary played in 20 of the team's 22 games, shutting out nine opponents, including four of the last five.

"Amongst the seniors, there's a lot of good players, players that carried us," Collins said. "It's now up to our younger players to grab the bull by the horns, and take us to the next level. That's their challenge."

And they are optimistic that they can meet that challenge, because despite their losses, they return 84 percent of their goal scoring and 78 percent of their point total.

"We're very confident that we're going to have a better season next year," Stephenson said. "We've just got to come together as a team. It's definitely going to be a lot of fun next year."

Kernel postseason awards

**MVP — Brian O'Leary**  
The Cats' senior goalie started the season slow, but came on strong as the season progressed. He wound up with nine shutouts.

**Leadership Award — Giovanni Fernandes**  
He wasn't the loudest by any means; he just led the team by his hard work on and off the field.

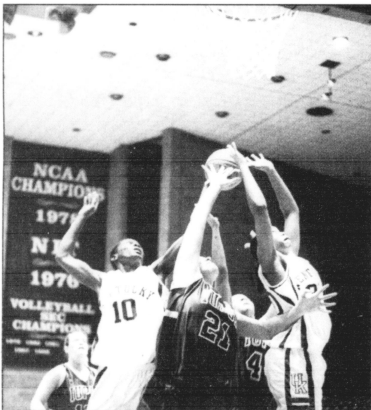
**Top Freshman — Chi-Chi Soler**  
One of the most dangerous players on the field — tied for first on the team in assists, but did show signs of being a freshman.

**Comeback Award — Craig Pykett**  
Spent the first half of the season on the practice squad, and finished the season as a starting defender in the NCAA tournament.

— Ron Cox

BASKETBALL

## Young Cats earn second victory



AMY CRAWFORD | KERNEL STAFF

Alvine Mendeng (10) and Shambriica Jones (30) battle for a rebound in Wednesday's game. The team plays National Champion Purdue Friday.

### UK 76, IUPUI 75: UK improves to 2-2 but young team still needs work on rebounding

By Will Messer  
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

After nearly snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, UK stormed back from a 74-68 deficit with 1:14 remaining to defeat Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis Wednesday night.

UK led 69-46 with 11:31 remaining in the second half, but the Jaguars went on a 23-8 run to take a 69-68 lead with 3:09 remaining. The Jaguars stretched their lead 74-68 at 1:14, but then Bernadette Mattox's young team stormed back.

A three-pointer by freshman guard Dasieka Hawthorne cut the lead to three, and two free-throws by Hawthorne gave UK a 75-74 lead with 29.9 seconds left.

The Jaguars had a chance to take the lead, but junior guard Amber Holle made only one of two free-throws.

A free-throw by junior forward LaTonya McDole put UK back on top 76-75 and provided the final margin.

Mattox was pleased with the win, but wasn't impressed by the play of her young squad.

"They must come ready to play every night, regardless of who we play," she said. "They're young — they thought IUPUI and they were just going to come out and play — they're just learning how to play."

UK played the entire first half without McDole, UK's leading scorer and rebounder. Mc-

Dole did not enter the game until 19:33 in the second half — with UK leading 41-39.

"We didn't want to play her tonight because of her ankle, we wanted her to rest," Mattox said. "But we realized there in the second half that we needed some stability out there."

McDole, who finished with 10 points, was one of five Cats to score 10 or more points. Guards Rita Adams and Stephanie Stoglin both scored 10 points and Hawthorne added 14. SeSe Helm led UK with 19 points, 15 in the first half.

IUPUI was led by sophomore forward Tiffany Kyser, with 27 points.

Accurate shooting carried UK to a 41-38 halftime lead. The Cats were 15 of 25 from the field and 10 of 16 from the free-throw line.

Despite the Cats' hot shooting and Helm's performance, UK was crippled by 12 first half turnovers. The Cats' 23 turnovers in the game.

Mattox was disappointed in her team's rebounding. UK was outrebounded 47-24.

The coach added that because of her team's inexperience, each game will be a learning experience.

"Hopefully, we learned tonight that you've got to come out and play for 40 minutes — if you've got somebody down by 10, get them down by 20," Mattox said.

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## Santas around the world

What country would you be in if you got a visit from Black Peter? Read the list below to find out.

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Costa Rica - el Nino Jesus

Morocco - Black Peter

Japan - Jizo

Italy - Belfana

Sweden - Julmtten

Netherlands - Kerstman

Germany - Christindl, the Christ Child

Estonia - Jouluvana

Russia - Baboushka

Brazil - Papai Noel

Hong Kong - Sing dan lo lan



## A Christmas story

The beginning of the Santa Claus myth (I hate to ruin it for you, but their is no Santa Claus) can actually be traced back to a real person.

St. Nicholas lived in what is now Turkey around 300 A.D. He was born into a wealthy family, but both his parents died from the plague leaving him orphaned. St. Nicholas was raised in a monastery and became a priest at the age of 17.

St. Nicholas began to give away his fortune in the form of gifts, especially to children. When the Reformation occurred, many Protestants didn't want their seasonal gift giver to be related to the Catholic Church so they changed the name. But all of these retained the traditional image of a white bearded man who gave gifts to children.

The Dutch adopted the name Sint Klaas for their gift giver.

When the Dutch settled in American in New Amsterdam the name was changed to Santa Claus.



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## LETTERS TO SANTA

# All I want for the holiday season is...

**Fake santa letters:** The letters you are about to read are fictional. Kernel staff members wrote letters to Santa pretending to be some of their favorite national and local public figures to bring holiday joy to UK



Dear Santa,

SANTA,

CAN YOU PLEASE GET JOHN L. SMITH TO LEAVE U OF L? I'M SURE HE'D BE A GREAT FIT AT UNC OR MISSOURI. I'VE GOT SO MANY BIG RIVALRY GAMES TO WORRY ABOUT - FLORIDA AND UT - AND HIS TEAM JUST LIVES TO BEAT US. HE'S GOT UPSTART U OF L BELIEVING THEY'RE A BIG-TIME PROGRAM. SURE THEY'RE RANKED, THEY'VE BEAT US TWO YEARS IN A ROW AND THEY GET TO PLAY IN THE LIBERTY BOWL - I HAD MY TEAM IN THE MUSIC CITY BOWL FOR CRYING OUT LOUD.

ACTUALLY FORGET ABOUT U OF L. THEY PLAY IN C-USA. MY BIG BOY-LB SQUAD WOULD HAVE WON AT LEAST FOUR GAMES WITH THEIR SCHEDULE.

WHAT I REALLY WANT - AND THIS IS A TAD BIT EMBARRASSING - BUT COULD YOU PLEASE, JUST MAYBE - GET DUSTY TO COME BACK TO LEXINGTON?

YOURS TRULY,

Dear Santa,

I know I'm not very deserving of Christmas gifts after what I have done this year, but I have only a few requests.

First, please give my son some good fortune. He's a good kid, and has too much pressure to deal with sometimes. Teach him not to dribble the ball off of his foot.

Second, please get my wife something nice, too. I don't want Donna telling me who to play and not to play. The Cats are my team, right? All I really want is control and the respect of my team and players.

Don't give my players any egg nog this Christmas, either.

Lastly, if these requests are all beyond your control, Santa, please give me a nice easy NBA job and give UK fans a new coach.

Sincerely,  
 Orlando "Nubby" Smith  
 UK Basketball Coach

P.S. I could really use Wayne Turner, Jeff Sheppard and Scott Padgett right now.

Dear Santa,  
 Please give me a new Senate. And a Glow Worm would be nice, too.

Jimmy Blown

Dear Santa,  
 Please send us a new SGA president. We beg you.  
 SGA Senators

Dear Santa,

I realize I haven't talked to you since you got me the cushy journalism job when dad forced me to go to Vietnam during his re-election campaign, but I really need your help.

I would like 537 votes to appear in Florida so I don't lose the presidency to a man with the weakest political resumé since Jesse Ventura.

Also, to show you I'm not greedy, could you also give some intelligence to the senior citizens in Florida, so come next election they have enough sense to punch the right holes on their election cards?

And Santa, one more thing, your post-Christmas Prozac is completely covered under my new prescription drug plan and my middle-class tax cut would give working families more money for shopping come Christmas time - that means less work for you.

Just wanted to remind you. Oh yeah, the rosy red cheeks in the first debate - that was for you.

Best,  
 Al Gore Jr.

Dear Satan, Santa,

I have been a very good little boy this year. I have cleaned Texas of rotten bad guys and brought more money to my daddy and all the big oil makers. I have been a very good little boy this year. And this little Florida scenery-ari-oo had no part in the little plot. I want to clear up that that was my brother and Katherine Harris involved in this little plot. I had no part in this little plot, Satan, I mean Santa. I have been a good little boy this year.

For X-mas this year I wood like to discover oil in the back yard of my new home, the White House. I wood like to have a constant reminder of home. I wood also like Mr. Vice President Al Gore to concede so I can be ruler! Yes! I want power for Christmas! I have been a very good little boy and deserve power. I wood also like a case of the world's finest wine so if need be I can have my blankeet. I wood also like Daddy to be around in case I screw up the country badly. Mommy told me that there couldn't be any boo boos like I made in Texas when it comes to the country. I also wood like any future DUL's removed from the record. I also want a brother in every state as governor so there can be voting mishappenings in all 50 states, though I was not involved in the little Florida plot. A new spell check on the computer wood also be nice.

It would be disbelievable if you can make all this come true. I have been a very good little boy this year and had no part in the Florida plot.

Dubya



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**Dharmachine**

Modern rock band Dharmachine will perform tonight at MF Hooligan's in Richmond. Ticket prices and start time were unavailable at press time.

**A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UK**

**On Tap...**

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**Music THURSDAY**

Bob Dylan Hootenanny, Lynagh's, 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$4.

Thirty Seven, Kitty O' Shea's, 10 p.m. Tickets: TBA.

**FRIDAY**

Alejandro Escovedo w/ The Silos, Lynagh's, 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door.

The Assassins, Kitty O' Shea's, 10 p.m. Tickets: TBA.

Sevendust, Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$16.50.

Jim Brickman, Palace Theatre, Louisville, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$32.50-37.50.

**SATURDAY**

Brian Martin, Kitty O' Shea's, 10 p.m. Tickets: TBA.

The Galoots, Lynagh's, 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

Anti-Flag w/ Flopping Molly, Big Wig and Mody Lemon, Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.

**TUESDAY**

Moe, Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50 in advance/\$14 day of show.

Kenny Rogers, Firststar Center, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$10-35.

**WEDNESDAY**

Nu Porno Nation, Lynagh's, 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.

Orgy, Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.

Limp Bizkit w/ Godsmack and DMX, Rupp Arena, 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$40.50.

**Coming Soon**

Afro-Rican Ensemble, Lynagh's, Dec. 8 at 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

SR-7L, Bogart's Cincinnati, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.

Creed w/ Sevendust, Freedom Hall, Louisville, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$36.

Squirrel Nut Zippers w/ The Hot Club of Cowtown, Bogart's, Cincinnati, Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50 in advance/\$15 day of show.

Luciano Pavarotti, Freedom Hall, Louisville, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$20-300.

Medeski, Martin and Wood, Bogart's, Cincinnati, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$17.50 in advance/\$20 day of show.

Jonell Mosser and John Hall, Lynagh's, Dec. 15 at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.

Smokey Robinson, Palace Theatre, Louisville, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$25.50-53.50.

Big Wu, Lynagh's, Dec. 16 at 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$7.

Clutch and Corrosion of Conformity, Bogart's, Cincinnati, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$13.50.

Andy Williams, Firststar Center, Cincinnati, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$30-37.50.

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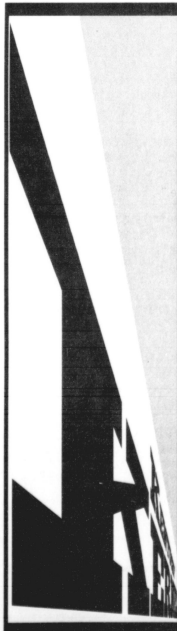
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## Fresh winter weather

BROOKINGS, S.D. — It was so icy, even trucks that keep the slick stuff in check had a tough time staying on the road. The freezing rain, wind and snow combined Tuesday morning in eastern South Dakota to make at least two sand spreaders slide off the pavement. One tipped over, but no one was injured. By late morning, Aberdeen had collected 3 inches of snow. Four inches already had fallen at Mellette and Leola. Numerous South Dakota schools closed for the day, and others opened late. The National Weather Service posted a winter weather and snow advisory for the northeast part of the state.

Book return?

## Unreturned books busted

HASTINGS, Neb. — Overdue library books are serious business in this Nebraska town. Police arrested an 18-year-old suspected of shoplifting a pack of razors last week. An officer wrote the man a ticket for stealing, then discovered an outstanding warrant for his arrest more than 100 miles away in Madison County. According to the warrant, the man had been ordered to pay a \$50 fine and \$45 restitution for failing to return a library book. He missed an October deadline and a warrant was issued. The man was released from the Adams County jail after he paid.

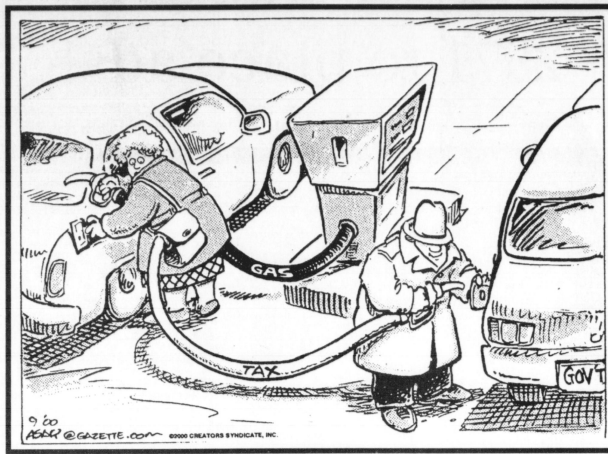
Movie money...

## In robbery and love

ATKINS, Ark. — Maybe "Take the Money and Run" was playing. A teen-age couple was arrested 32 minutes after robbing a convenience store, and the wife said they took the money so they could go to the movies. After the Sunday night robbery, Allen Powell, who turned 18 Monday, and his 17-year-old wife Jessica, were found at a home in Blackwell, 40 miles northwest of Little Rock. Allen Powell, who had been on probation for felony possession of a controlled substance, was charged with armed robbery and attempted escape. His bond was set at \$30,000. His wife faces a similar robbery charge but is out on \$2,000 bail. Police say Allen Powell wore a "scream" mask into the convenience store, threatened convenience store clerks and left with money. His wife is accused of driving the getaway vehicle. When questioned, Jessica Powell said they took the money so they would be able to go to the movies, according to police.

—Source: AP Wire  
—Compiled by:  
Amanda Thompson

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## READERS' FORUM

### Expressions

#### Of the people, by the people and for the people: Well maybe

To the Editor:

Most Americans are missing the point of the 2000 election complications. Everybody is saying how they are tired of hearing about it, lets get this over with, we want an answer now, etc. etc. I think it is exciting and very healthy for this country. It gives me a new hope to see everyday Americans protesting and calling for a change. Most of the protesters aren't radicals calling for a revolution. These are ordinary Americans with families, jobs and bills to pay who do not like the way things

have been done and are demanding that their vote actually count. This is supposed to be a democracy where the will of the people is the ultimate power. A government of the people, by the people, for the people as promised by Abraham Lincoln. So when the people demand a recount or any kind of change, it should be followed through not blown off as another annoying delay in the rush of life.

The important issue is how we determine who is president and not just who won. Maybe it is time for a change in our voting system. Another important issue coming out of this is how the candidates handle this situation. Their behavior will probably reflect how they will behave in office. This situation might be a warning of what the future may be like. The next few years could prove to be diffi-

cult and tumultuous times where we need a leader to be strong and to make careful and important decisions that could have world impact for better or for worse.

It is not wise to dismiss this election indecision as an annoyance and something that should be resolved quickly and swept under the carpet. (If I have to see that annoyed look on Jon Stewart's face again I'll be sick.)

Important decisions should not be reached hastily nor should the will of the people be ignored because some are impatient and want an answer now.

These events are truly democracy in action and we should all be glad to bear witness to history in the making.

ARIEL SEWELL  
FORESTRY SENIOR

## Ramsey Younis

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

### Traveler faces homesick blues

It's black in the rear of the dark red Ford.

My head rests against the window; my eyes are droopy. I feel the rhythm of the road — pulsing, slow and patient, pulsing, infinite and forever. It reaches for me, up from the asphalt; it seeps through the tires, through the doorframe, through my skull, through my soul.

My mind is soothed gently, caressed, calmed by spirit of the road herself through the steady movement of the car.

I feel that I am being greeted by an old, dear, long absent friend. I roll my head to turn my eyes on the inside of the car.

I can't see much; the girl next to me is a gloomy shape, a body defined in the dark by discoloration without outline.

Only twin cigarette embers, one mine and one hers, break the monopoly of shadows.

I'm peaceful now, in the car, on the road, 100 miles from anywhere. But even here I feel the sickness inside of me, still strong, merely buried. It will return when the trip is over. I know. It is always bad in Lexington, and worse at UK. And one day, I feel, it will grow resistant, as all diseases do, to my spot treatments; these little weekend jaunts will no longer appease the need which owns my body, mind and soul.

It is a terrible homesickness which has grown within me; a homesickness for everywhere I've never been, every place I've never seen, a tugging of my soul and a yearning for discovery, for a land beyond the reach of even my dreams.

I've never seen a Saharan sunrise from the Atlas Mountains, never felt the blast of a sandstorm in the Empty Quarter, never pad-

dled the Amazon or stalked the Gobi on camelback. It seems an evil thing to me, to end and leave so much of the world unseen, to leave so many things undone.

Yet I find myself at a crossroads. It's tempting to try to bury my funk deep, and drown it — to try to still the voice inside me, to try to sate this need of mine with work, with money, with things and people and all kinds of soul candy. It would be easy to do.

I suppose that's what we've termed "growing up."

I glance out at the road again. She seems softer than ever now. Like a lover, she calls to me. "Come," she whispers, and promises to take me, to lead me, to show me good and evil and fears and wonders past imagining, to be my guide and companion and friend and lover and never fade and never desert me and always understand me for as long as I need her.

From some core of feeling in my ribcage, wound tight like a ball of rubber bands, I feel an answering reverberation: "Go."

I put out my cigarette and flick the butt out the window, watching the sparks dance across the pavement, tiny glowing performers in an infinite production, as we streak away.

Rolling up the window, I lean my head down against it and sleep, comfortable and reasonably content. I've decided: I won't fight my homesickness anymore.

Now might not be the time, and West Virginia might not be the best place, but somewhere, someday soon, I'm going.

Wish me luck.

Contributing Columnist Ramsey Younis is an undecided freshman. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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## Alan Stone

KERNEL COLUMNIST

### Can't live with or without 'em

Women drive me nuts.

Now, before you start writing letters to the Kernel bashing me for singling out women, hear me out. Women, I've come to find in my short 20-year life span, are the most complex creatures on the face of the earth. With emotions, feelings and communication, the enigma that is the female is enough to send most men running for the hills. We don't understand them — more over, we can't understand them completely. It seems that we are doomed to just buckle-up and enjoy the ride — never knowing where we're going, only knowing where we've been.

Having said this, I have also found that men are some of the least complex creatures ever to exist. We deal with our surroundings; we are not delicate or breakable.

We do not worry about our friends backstabbing us. We watch SportsCenter, drink beer and have a generally enjoyable life.

All is peaceful until certain situations pop up in our life. Take for example, communication. I (along with other male friends) have been accused of non-communication by girlfriends. Each time, the situation seems to go something like this:

Joe is asked by his girlfriend to comment on something about her — her hair, her clothing, her personality or (the mother of all questions) "Do I look fat in this?" Joe knows this is a pass/fail situation; he's encountered questions like this one before. Figuring he has a 50-50 shot of getting the correct answer, he ventures a guess at the answer his girlfriend wants hear. If he's correct, he's lived to fight another day. If he's wrong, then not only is he in the doghouse with his girlfriend, but his girlfriend will then find more reasons to make them talk about their relationship.

Again, women, I'm not saying that communication is a bad thing to have in a relationship — it's the basis for every good relationship. But, asking your boyfriend loaded questions (and you know what type of questions those are) is like giving a lit torch to a monkey.

You're either going to frighten the monkey, or he's going to burn the place down — simple as that. I've also heard girls complain that men are too hard to figure out. Ladies, let me tell you, the human male is one of the simplest beings on the face of the earth. Emotionally, at any given time we feel either happy, sad or angry.

We don't get really too complex — and when we say that we are "fine," that is not a cue to try and figure out whether we are feeling "good fine" or "bad fine."

When guys use ambiguous phrases like "that's good" or "that's fine," it's not because we're trying to drive you up the wall.

We do it simply because we don't think about it at great length. It's a gut reaction — we like it.

Don't ask for any more insight, or you revert to the "monkey with fire" analogy, and we all know where that goes.

It's just not pretty. So, women, please, please, please don't pressure guys into giving you complex answers about emotions and things.

It's not because you're wrong for asking — it's because we're too stupid to reply.

You don't want to hear what we're going to say, and frankly we don't want to either. We're too worried about burning our fur.

Kernel Columnist Alan Stone is a computer science sophomore. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

## IN OUR OPINION

### What a GIFT it is

#### New program offers incentives to future UK graduate students

Do not ever say that UK never gave you anything for free.

While the University has been accused by many disgruntled graduating students of being "cheapskates," this year things have changed.

UK has a GIFT for you. The GIFT, or Graduate Incentive Free Tuition, is an idea of the UK Graduate School meant to interest undergrads to further their education.

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This "sample" of graduate school is a great idea — just as college visits are good for high school students.

Most people never realize that graduate school is an option for them — this program makes people think for the future.

If a person realizes that they don't want to go to grad school, then no harm, no foul. They're even a little smarter.

There's nothing at all wrong with making people smarter.

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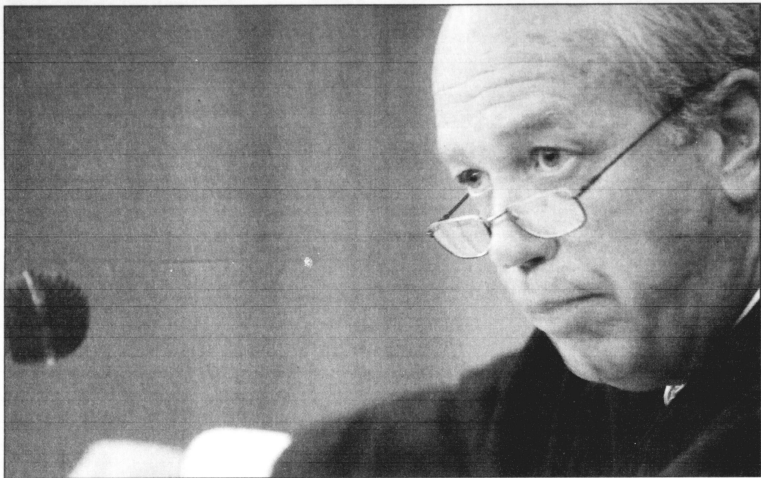
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# Bush, Gore waiting for Supreme Court's decision



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## Battle of the ballots

Leon County Circuit Judge N. Sander Sauls listens during a hearing in his Tallahassee, Fla., courtroom on Tuesday. Sauls was hearing arguments from Republicans and Democrats battling over presidential ballot recount issues.

## The end is near: Or maybe not. Gore interviews with journalists to keep the public from wanting the legal fights to come to an end

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Democratic leaders are firmly behind Gore, but a smattering of rank-and-file lawmakers from the vice president's party have said it may soon be time to end the election fight. Gore sat for a lengthy interview with NBC's "Today" show and booked evening interviews with TV network anchor-men — in an effort to keep the public from clamoring for an end to the protracted legal fight. He said the odds were "still 50-50" that he will prevail, though his own advisers privately say Gore's prospects are a bit dimmer. The fight will be over "by the middle of December," Gore said, though he did not fix the end date at Dec. 12, the deadline for states to

assign electors. "If I did not win, the first thing I would do is turn my attention to trying to help Governor Bush unify the country behind his leadership and make sure there was no question about the legitimacy of his win," Gore said. He dismissed polls that suggested Americans were growing impatient. "I don't think we're having an election about the election," he said. "I think that we're having a test of our democratic principles. Will we count all the votes or not?" The Florida court wrangling played out against the anticipation of Friday's hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court took the case after Bush appealed a Florida

Supreme Court decision extending a since-expired deadline for hand recounts. Both candidates brought out their heavy guns on the 22nd day of the longest, closest presidential election in more than a century. "I believe it is important that every American have the confidence that his or her vote is counted and certified in Florida," Sen.-elect Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said. "There are questions about votes that haven't been counted so I think those should be resolved." Former President Bush recalled the "traumatic night" when his son was told he was the nation's 43rd president, only to hear back from Gore who said — on second thought — he was

not conceding. "The country will come together behind whoever is designated, elected, the new president," Bush said, dismissing the "silly talk" of people who warn that the conflict is hurting the nation's reputation abroad. His former secretary of state, James A. Baker III, has said exactly that as point man in Florida for the younger Bush. At his news conference, Cheney said a doctors' checkup Wednesday showed he is recovering well from a mild heart attack he suffered last week. He denied suggestions that Bush will fill his White House and Cabinet with his father's advisers, including Powell and Cheney. "You might as well say we're reliant on the Ford administration," Cheney said, noting that he was White House chief of staff under Ford before becoming Bush's secretary of defense.

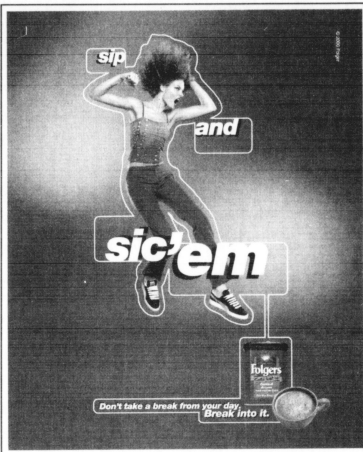
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