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**WEATHER** Thunderstorms expected today, high of 75. Storms continue tonight, lows near 50.

**STREAKING** After two wins at the Hawkeye Classic, the UK volleyball team is off to its best start since 1993. See Sports, page 5.



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## Police release details of SAE party

By Mat Herron  
Campus Editor

Police found a student "showered" in beer.

They also found cocaine, marijuana, rolling papers, digital scales and other drug paraphernalia at a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity party last May, according to a UK police report.

This party, hosted May 15 by SAE member Seth Burnett at 410 Pennsylvania Court, has sparked intense debate between UK officials, who charged the fraternity with hazing Aug. 29, and SAE, who denies it.

Neighbor Chris Clarkson called police at 2:12 a.m. on May 16 and complained that the party had grown too loud. While inside Burnett's house, police found

cocaine in the room of Scott Hopkins, a non-fraternity member who wasn't there when police arrived.

Hopkins denies the cocaine, which he says was in his room in plain view, belonged to him. He said he was not sure who the drug belonged to.

"I wasn't there the day before or that night because of the hazing that I knew was going on," Hopkins said. "Next thing I knew I was being arrested."

"It wasn't my cocaine," Hopkins said. "What kind of moron would leave his cocaine out on a plate in his bedroom when there's a party going on? It wasn't mine."

Hopkins said this incident has caused him and his family a lot of problems.

"I'm tired of this," Hopkins said. "I'm not going to let these

guys do this to me — drag me through the mud like this. I told Dean (Victor) Hazard there was stuff going on that night, but none of this had to do with me."

Then-SAE vice president Burnett told police Hopkins used the room where police found cocaine. He added Hopkins had left "so they could initiate new members."

Hopkins said he entered an Alford Plea in Fayette County Court to avoid a felony charge. An Alford Plea is a no-contest plea where the defendant acknowledges the presence of evidence against him or her. He was charged with a misdemeanor.

Lexington Police issued citations at the party, and Burnett was arrested at the scene.

When UK Police arrived, Lexington police officer David Ash-

ford was already in the basement of the house with chapter president Peter Nesmith, rush chair Scott Boehlein and about 23 other SAE members.

One of them, Bryan Elegood, had his clothes covered in beer, which, according to the report, he told police was part of his "initiation" into the fraternity.

Elegood's wrists were discolored "as if they had been bound. His back appeared to have been struck possibly by an open hand," she said. Elegood would offer no explanation for the marks, the report continued.

"Since SAE does not currently have a house on campus," the report reads, "they were holding their 'initiations' in the basement of 410 Penn ... all occupants had consumed alcohol."

Last Thursday, Burnett denied the fraternity had held the party to initiate new members and said that no hazing occurred, a denial he also made in the report.

Officers of the fraternity refused to comment on the issue.

Through September, national officers and local alumni will conduct their own internal investigation of the charge against its UK chapter.

Normally, director of chapter services Frank Ginochio investigates such charges, but he has been at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, looking into the death of an SAE member there.

"We want to make sure the chapter isn't penalized unfairly," said Pete Stephenson, director of communications for the fraternity's Evanston, Ill., headquarters, which sent one of its officers to

campus to meet with the UK Dean of Students office last Tuesday after the charges.

The fraternity may focus its investigation on whether the chapter should be considered active year-round, or only during fall and spring semesters. UK consists of fraternities, like most student organizations, active year-round, a policy nationals say is "broad, but that's the opinion that the University has," said Steve Sikorski, director of foundation services for SAE nationals.

The investigation will involve a review of the fraternity's membership and look into any members that acted irresponsibly, Sikorski said, "but we're not admitting to hazing."

SAE nationals have until Oct. 1 to turn in their report to the dean's office.

## Elevator fall startles two passengers

By James Ritchie  
News Editor

Problems with an elevator in Blanding Tower yesterday morning left a student and an employee inclined to take the stairs next time.

Anthropology junior Molly Crawford said she boarded the elevator on the 12th floor where she lives. It stopped at the seventh floor, and housekeeping employee Sandra Warner entered.

The doors closed and the elevator dropped abruptly to the fourth floor, where it stuck.

"It was really rough going down," Crawford said. "You had to brace yourself."

Crawford said that after she and Warner called for help, more than 30 minutes passed before a service worker showed up.

"I got off at the fourth floor and I haven't been back since," she said.

A report from Dover Elevator, the Lexington company that holds UK's elevator contract, said the elevator became unlevelled and an adjustment had to be made, UK Director of Auxillary Services Allen Rieman said.

The elevator that stuck was installed one week before school started, Rieman said, and a new control system that relies on computer technology may have been the culprit yesterday.

But, he said, the elevator did not fall.

"Elevators basically don't fall," since they have emergency brakes, he said. "It jumps around, you get the sensation that you're falling."

But a free fall of several stories

in an elevator would result in injuries for those on board, since it would be equivalent to falling from a building of the same number of stories, he said.

A service person had been fishing for a student's keys in a Kirwan Tower elevator shaft when the Blanding elevator stuck, Rieman said, resulting in the delay in response. The service person was, however, on the scene in 15 minutes, he said.

While he was not aware of the details of this case, Dover Elevator Area Sales Manager Buddy Green said this type of situation is not unusual.

"Elevators from time to time have problems," he said. "All elevators have to be serviced."

With the computer system in the tower elevators, "There may be a period of time when they're out of tune."

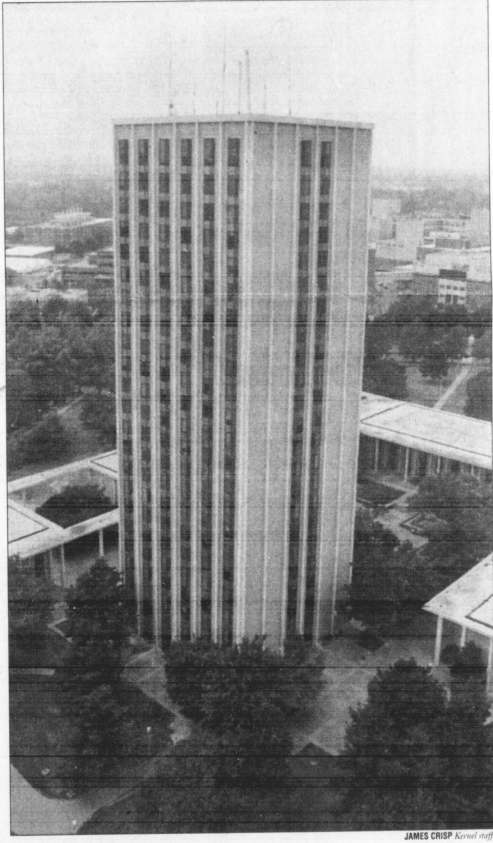
A residence hall can be a taxing place for an elevator.

"Especially during the early part of the school year, they get a lot of use," Green said.

Blanding and Kirwan towers each have one new elevator out of three. The old ones date back to 1967, when the towers were built. The University is in the process of replacing the rest.

Warner said this was the third time she has been stuck in one of Blanding's elevators since she started work at UK Aug. 4. The first two instances were on the old elevators.

"This time was really rough," she said. "The only thing I could do was scream and panic. I couldn't breathe, it was hot."



**GETTING THE SHAFT** Two people were trapped in a stalled elevator yesterday at Blanding Tower. The two spent almost a half an hour in the elevator, which dropped three floors.

## Wethington, Senate look to UK's future

### President says school continues to make progress

By Manish Bhatia  
Staff Writer

The first man of UK addressed the University Senate Council for the Senate's first meeting of the 1997-98 school year yesterday.

UK President Charles Wethington presented the annual state of campus speech highlighting the progress made by the University during the past year.

"When we look back, I think we continue to make progress in keeping

our goal of having in Lexington a university of undeniable excellence and quality," Wethington said.

He said the University would rededicate itself toward the inclusive learning program that would help provide equitable treatment of all members of the UK community.

He pointed out the reinstatement of the statewide mandate to enhance the importance of the University.

Enrollment figures were similar to last year's and UK was ranked in the top 10 public institutions nationally for the number of freshmen merit scholars for the fourth consecutive year.

In the area of research, UK obtained \$125 million in contracts and

### Senate considers making change to repeat option

By Joe Dobner  
Staff Writer

A proposal to change the repeat option got a grade of "D" for incomplete from the University Senate yesterday. However, it will get another chance.

Senate Rules Committee Chairman Tom Nieman submitted the proposed rule change, which would eliminate a single sentence.

Students can currently opt to repeat

up to three courses, with the grade in the second of the two replacing the first attempt for the purposes of grade-point average calculation.

That is, in most circumstances, The targeted sentence reads, "If a failing grade (F) is earned on the second attempt, the original grade will continue to be used in calculating the grade-point average and the second attempt shall constitute exhaustion of one of the student's three repeat options under this provision."

The effect of the change would have been to make the second grade always count, regardless of the first grade.

At yesterday's meeting, debate on the proposal was swift.

### NEWSbytes

#### NATION America Online to acquire CompuServe

NEW YORK — America Online has struck a deal to acquire CompuServe's 2.6 million users, creating a cyber-behemoth that would be the Internet onramp for 60 percent of Americans logging on from home.

If approved by government regulators, the deal will allow America Online to swallow its closest competitor and add to its base of nearly 9 million subscribers, already the biggest in the industry.

Under the complex, three-way deal announced yesterday, WorldCom, the nation's fourth-largest long-distance telephone company, will buy money-losing CompuServe for \$1.2 billion and then sell its online business to AOL.

#### Investigators: Open valve caused Belle to sink

LOUISVILLE — Fresh water pouring through a valve left open on the Belle of Louisville caused the historic steamboat to partly sink at its moorings two weeks ago, Coast Guard investigators said yesterday.

The valve, about the size of a small saucer, was within reach of passengers on the Belle's cruise the night before it sank, Coast Guard Commander Bill Wagner said. But Wagner was quick to add that determining whether it was a passenger or a crew member who opened it would be impossible.

"It just becomes one of those mysteries you can't explain," Belle of Louisville Executive Director Ken Merideth said. "It's impossible to tell why it happened."

#### Carnivals and ... sex offenders on computer

POMONA, Calif. — The Los Angeles County Fair will offer cotton candy, carnival rides and a chance to check out the names of the state's 64,000 registered sex offenders.

The state Justice Department will set up eight computers in an exhibition hall that can display offenders' names, pictures, zip codes and crimes. A similar exhibit at the state fair in Sacramento last month drew 4,000 inquiries.

"It's a perfect place to disseminate information families can use to protect their children," department spokeswoman Sara Brown said.

Critics say the fair, which opens Thursday, is an inappropriate place for the information.

#### Airlines return to lower fares

ATLANTA — After irritating morning yesterday travelers with 5 percent fare increases, some major carriers quickly backed off and returned to last week's prices.

A customer yesterday morning had to pay \$1,104 for a round-trip fare on Delta from Atlanta to New York, much more than he expected to pay, a company spokesman said.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said his carrier pulled back its fares not so much because of such negative reactions, but as "a competitive response." He said the higher fares were in place such a short time that he doubted most people were aware of the increases.

### NAMEdropping

#### Rapper wants more women on show

NEW YORK — Ice-T can get the bad guys, but he can't get the girls. The rapper-turned-actor stars as an ex-con gone straight who helps the FBI nab criminals in NBC's new fall show "Players."

"Ice-T has one complaint, though. 'They've got to let me get near a girl. I've been doing this stuff for years, and I cannot get within arm's reach of a girl in any script. What's up with that?'" he said in the latest issue of Entertainment Weekly.

Compiled from wire reports.



Ice-T

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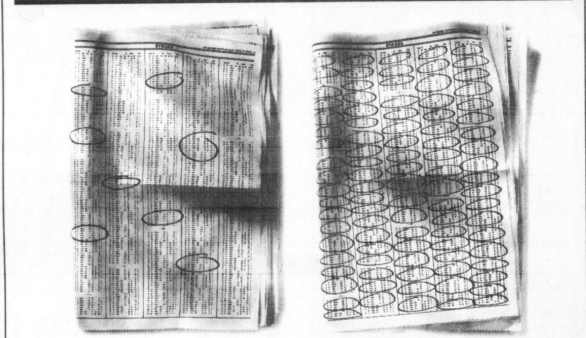
COLUMBIA, S.C. — A former female Citadel cadet sued the school yesterday, saying she was sexually harassed by male cadets who humiliated her with taunts, attacks and altered photos that were distributed on the Internet. "I'm seeking justice. The major goal here is to make sure that it doesn't happen to anybody else," Jeanie Mentavlos said. Her lawsuit alleges federal civil rights violations. "I can honestly say there is nothing I miss about that school," said the Charlotte, N.C., woman who now attends Queens College there.

Mentavlos also sued The Citadel's governing board, the officer who oversaw the barracks where she was assigned, and five male cadets who were in Echo Company with her. The school had no comment and the others either would not comment or could not be reached. Mentavlos' lawyer, Dick Harpootian, would not say what she seeks in damages. "We think she lost a year of her life. What's that worth?" he said. Mentavlos and Kim Messer quit the state military school in January, saying they were hazed and harassed, including having their clothes set afire. Two other women who enrolled at the same time did not report any problems and are now sophomores at The Citadel. Twenty women enrolled this year.

Two have dropped out, along with 42 male cadets. None of the women have reported being hazed. The school first voluntarily accepted women last year after Virginia Military Institute's all-male policy was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Citadel's first woman cadet, Shannon Faulkner, entered the school in 1995 under court order, but left after a week, citing stress and isolation. The lawsuit claims Mentavlos suffered "insults, indignities, physical assault and humiliating treatment" which went far beyond any need to toughen, strengthen or acclimate plaintiff to the rigors of military discipline. "Male cadets digitally altered a picture of Mentavlos to show her with a penis and exposed breasts,

then published it on the Internet, the suit said. Another unidentified cadet tried to get her to look at lesbian pictures, it said. One of the cadets named as a defendant, James Saleeby, once entered her room wearing only underwear. Another unidentified cadet "pushed his male anatomy on plaintiff's backside," the lawsuit said. Mentavlos also claims that cadets told her the first freshman to have sex with her would become an honorary upperclassman. The school disciplined 14 male cadets as a result of the women's accusations. State investigators and the FBI also were called in, but a local prosecutor said there were no grounds to bring charges.

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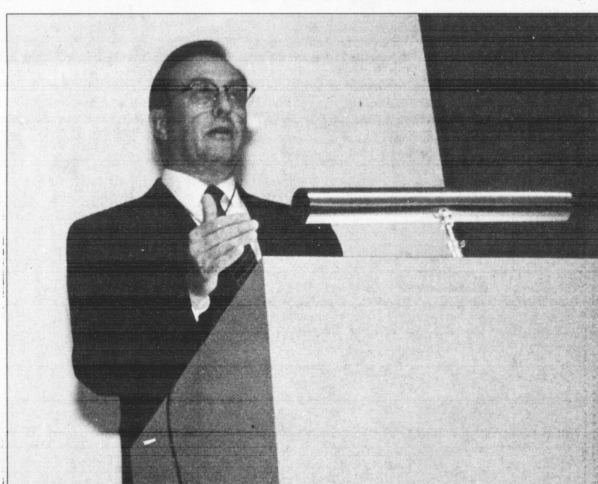
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STATE OF AFFAIRS UK President Charles Wethington gave his annual state of the campus address before the University Senate yesterday. Wethington predicted UK will be a top 20 research institution by 2020.

Address

UK ranked 66th research university

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 gifts. Over the past three years, UK moved up a few notches from 77th to 66th among research universities. Wethington projected the University to be in the Top 20 of public universities by the year 2020. UK also received in excess of \$41 million in donations for development, and the College of

Engineering established four new professorships this year. Also, the new William T. Young Library is scheduled to open in the spring. Wethington stressed the importance of the library as playing a pivotal role in making UK a top 20 research institution. The library, he said, "would not just be a repository for books, but a technology hub" for the UK campus. Also, the College of Agriculture plans new facilities at the Woodford County Farm, and about \$18 million has been allotted for a new plant science facility there. Wethington also spoke about

the community colleges recently stripped from UK's control, calling the situation "not perfect, but an improvement over the original proposal." After Wethington's speech, the Senate brought up several key issues for discussion, including the plus/minus grading system. The council is calling for a uniform grading system for the University by spring 1998 and will come up with a final decision in its Oct. 13 meeting. In his speech, Wethington emphasized the importance of the University for the commonwealth, calling it "the second most influential identity in the state after the state government."

Repeat

Senate will consider change to option

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 Professor of Business and Economics Jane Wells pointed out that under the proposed change, a student could make an "E" in a class, exercise the repeat option

and take the class pass/fail. The student could then show up once to keep from getting automatically dropped, never show up again and fail the class, and still see a GPA improvement. SGA Executive Director of Academic Affairs Joe Schuler said that he didn't see a clear rationale for the change. The proposal came about as a result of the Central Advising Office asking for clarifications that the rules committee had dif-

ficulty giving. Those clarifications were not included in the proposal. English professor Tom Blues motioned that the Senate refer the proposal back to the rules committee for further revision in order to clarify it and close the loopholes. The Senate approved the motion by acclamation. The Senate also approved a proposal to allow the chairman of the Senate to be elected to a second consecutive term.

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**Cats nurse battle scars**

By Price Atkinson  
Senior Staff Writer

Yeast, Sanford, Robinson, Liening, Wesley, White. What do these six Wildcats have in common? Try a few bumps, nicks and bruises following Saturday's battle with Mississippi State.

After a tough day at the office in Starkville, Miss., the UK football team received a much-needed day off and did not practice yesterday.

Starting halfback Anthony White played this weekend with a separated shoulder, an injury he suffered a week earlier against Louisville when he was tripped up at the end of the third quarter and falling directly on it.

White reinjured the shoulder on the fourth play of the opening drive against the Bulldogs. The injury was downplayed the week leading up to the MSU game.

"We were trying to hide it a little bit this week and did a pretty good job of it except when basically it just came down to it," Mummie said.

"We were hoping by game time that he would be okay which he was."

"The first three snaps he was a different looking guy than he was the rest of the game."

White's injury is the most minor type of shoulder separation and he is clear to practice when drills resume this afternoon.

"He's OK to practice," Mummie said.



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"It's just one of those aggravating things that just won't go away."

**Walking wounded**

The UK training staff may have the busiest week of anybody at the E.J. Nutter Training Facility treating a multitude UK injuries.

Offensive tackle Jonas Liening suffered a knee injury on the Cats' first offensive series but gritted it out and finished the game.

"He went back in and played the whole game and really only gave up one pressure and one sack that I counted in there," Mummie said.

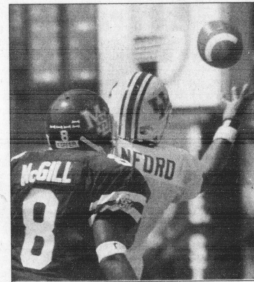
In 1996, Liening played every offensive down through eight games when he broke his leg against Georgia and missed the final three games of the season.

Wide receiver Jimmy Robinson left Scott Field on crutches after suffering a deep thigh bruise in the first half.

"It's going to be pretty close for Indiana," he said. "He's got a pretty good thigh contusion. We're just going to have to see how he responds to treatment."

**Heisman hopeful?**

Quarterback Tim Couch took a shot to the ribs at the end of the



**TAKE TO THE SKIES**  
A Tim Couch touchdown conversion attempt intended for wide receiver Kevin Coleman (above) finds itself off-target. UK's Kio Sanford shows his concentration (left) and dexterity with a one-handed touchdown reception against Mississippi State last week.

game when he was aiming for wide receiver Kio Sanford downfield.

"(MSU dog safety Eric Brown blitzing) caught me with me arm up going to Kio there and he kind of got me up under the ribs," Couch said.

Statistically, Couch's 747 passing yards lead the SEC while Tennessee's Heisman favorite Peyton Manning is second with 651 yards.

Couch is just 220 yards from Billy Jack Haskins' team-leading

967 yards passing yards from last season.

**Taking it easy**

The work-week for UK will be only three days this week. Mummie said the Cats would practice today through Thursday with Friday off.

"We've got some long video sessions ahead of us here early this week," he said. "I'll give them a long weekend to rest up and recuperate."

**UK regrouping in tourney**

**Women face Gators next**

By Rob Herbst  
Sports Editor

An 0-4 record would not have been a pretty sight for the UK women's soccer team. That record was highly possible for the Cats as they had to take on No. 20 Wisconsin and Marquette in the Wisconsin Invitational tournament over the weekend.

Instead of leaving Wisconsin winless, UK upset Wisconsin 2-1 and tied Marquette to win the tournament. The Cats were awarded the tournament title because of tiebreaker rules.

In their losses to No. 8 Clemson and No. 25 Michigan last weekend, the Cats were held scoreless in both games and were held to only three shots against Michigan.

Because of their performance in those losses, the Wildcats' win over Wisconsin was especially big.

"That was a big win for us because we needed the win and we needed to prove that we can play at the same level with top 15 teams,"

head coach Warren Lipka said. "That was also a win that helps one get into the NCAA Tournament."

It seemed like UK's game against Wisconsin would end up with the same result as the preceding games. The Badgers took an early lead, but UK responded with a goal by Carrie Saeber.

"That was a big question mark for me," Lipka said. "I didn't know how our team would react to being down early."

Wisconsin and UK remained tied until UK senior Kim LaBelle gave the Cats the lead and the eventual win at 73:18.

"That win wasn't a fluke," Lipka said. "We worked hard as a team and when you do that, good things will happen."

UK followed up Friday night's win with a 1-1 tie against Marquette. While the tie is obviously better than a loss, the Wildcats could have grabbed a second straight win.

The Cats' Jennifer McMaster gave UK a lead at 26:58 with an assist from Annie Gage, but the Golden Eagles tied the game at 77:44.

"We played OK, but now we've got to learn how to put back-to-back

games together," Lipka said. "We didn't put them away when we could have and they eventually scored."

Despite the result of Sunday's game, Lipka called the weekend a "definite plus."

UK also received recognition from other coaches involved in the tournament.

Allison Peppers was named Defensive MVP, while goalkeeper Carrie Kuhnell, midfielder Jen Reese and forwards LaBelle and McMaster were named to the All-Tournament team.

"That was very nice to see," Lipka said. "You're always more critical of your players' performances, so it's nice to see other coaches recognize your players."

"This weekend was a big turnaround after what we did last week. It's what we really needed."

It doesn't get any easier for the Wildcats. Now they get ready for Southeastern Conference play against the prohibitive favorite in the SEC, Florida.

All the Gators did last year was go undefeated in the conference, win the SEC Tournament and advance to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament.

**THE NEXT STEP**

Q. How does your career differ from college?

A. Being in a production unit allows you to see and use all the equipment you learned about in school. It gives you more of a "real-life" understanding of what's going on.

Q. What was the biggest adjustment?

A. My biggest adjustment has been learning to be completely responsible for myself and the unit I'm working in. I am frequently called upon to make unit decisions independently.

Q. What advice would you offer about choosing a career?

A. Choose a career for what the job offers, not the salary. The best career path may not have the highest opening salary.

*Jenny Ingabke, University of Kentucky, '97*

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# Big hitters lead UK toward new level of success

## New offense generating new options

By Jay G. Tate  
Sports Editor

There's much to be said for a quick start.

And with that said, the UK volleyball team is speaking volumes about its future.

The Cats rolled their season record to 5-1 over the weekend while competing in the Hawkeye Classic in Iowa City, Iowa. The team kicked off the tournament with a pair of solid four-game wins against Tennessee Tech and Cal State-Sacramento, providing its head coach a chance to see the offense in its full splendor.

**Exhibit A:** LaTanya Webb  
UK's top outside hitter justified head coach Fran Flory's boasts that Webb would become an offensive giant in 1997. She ripped Tennessee Tech with 21 kills on 348 hitting and added another 29 kills to her statistical stash before the weekend concluded.

But more impressively, Flory said, the 6-foot-2 junior is becoming a defensive force as well.

"I always thought that LaTanya would be a great all-around player by her junior year," Flory said. "When you have a player with a big offense load, opponents want to pile up responsibilities, which ... makes them work harder passing and playing defense."

"But (Webb) has worked her butt off this summer, she's in great shape and she's not going to fatigue."

The success Webb has enjoyed

this season is in stark contrast to the 1996 campaign. She hit only 132 last season, standing in line behind All-Southeastern Conference performer Gina Heustis as the Cats' featured attacker.

But this season has been markedly different. Webb has earned two all-tournament selections and has already racked up 105 kills in only six matches.

"I can tell the difference from last year so easily — when I go up to hit, it's only two hands instead of four trying to block me," Webb said. "The other defenders were way down the net setting up against the middle."

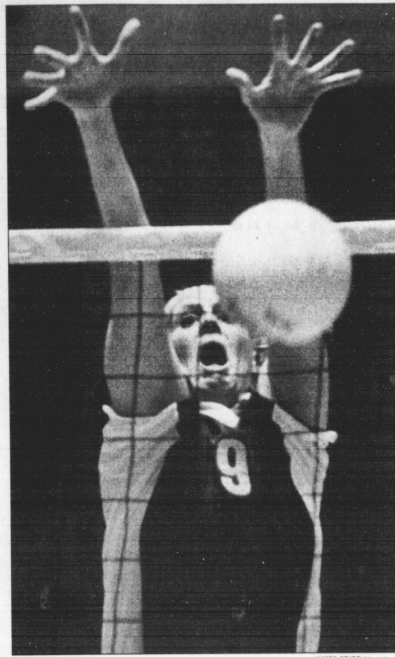
**Exhibit B:** The middle blockers  
During the preseason, Flory commented to reporters that Jaclyn Homan would become a major force, both offensively and defensively, as the season progressed. After seeing action in only half the team's games last season, it perhaps looked like wishful thinking.

Wish granted.  
Homan is leading the team with a .354 hitting percentage. She leads the team with 26 blocks. She is second in digs.

Flory is impressed.  
"She was sick all weekend, but she continued to play very fluidly," Flory said of the sophomore's performance in Iowa. "With a healthy Jaclyn, we beat Iowa."

Despite being at only "75 percent" after experiencing a flu-like illness on the trip, Homan compiled a larger-than-life .423 hitting percentage.

"We are connecting so well — the setters are doing a phenomenal job," Homan said. "We were hitting in a frenzy all weekend and the defenders didn't know what to do. We have so many options and (the defenders) don't know who to key off of."



BEHOLD, THE BALL UK's Jenny Muzzezy goes up strong for a block in an exhibition match last week.

In addition to Homan's dominance, freshman Megan Weiskircher has proven strong enough to bump second team All-SEC player Jenny Muzzezy at starting middle blocker. She hit efficiently all weekend and chipped in 23 kills, adding even more power to a loaded front line.

But the front line couldn't help UK overcome the host Hawkeyes, who pounded Big Blue 0-3 in the tourney finale — handing UK its first non-exhibition loss of the season.

Despite the loss, Flory believes

the Cats learned an important lesson about mid-match adjustment.

"When Iowa rose to the challenge, we did not answer," Flory said. "It's a bit of a concern, but we found out what happens when a team comes out after us aggressively in their home court and we learned how we need to react in the future."

"I can't say we played poorly against Iowa," Webb added.

"(Iowa) just played very well — you should have seen some of the stuff they were doing, it was incredible."

## SPORTSbytes

### West nabs award

UK goalkeeper Chris West was named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week, the conference office announced yesterday.

West, a junior, recorded shutouts against Bradley and Cleveland State this weekend in the University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament. He was named to the UKIT All-Tournament team.

West had 15 saves in three games this week and posted a .33 goals-against average.

He was an All-MAC selection as a sophomore in 1995 and holds UK's season (12) and career (17) records for shutouts.

### Gator chomps the green

Steve Spurrier, paid \$1 million after leading Florida to its first national championship, will get twice that much if he can do it again.

Under his new contract that

was finalized yesterday, Spurrier becomes the first \$2 million coach in college football with a six-year deal worth about \$11.8 million.

"It's a reflection of the times," Spurrier said.

Spurrier, who made about \$940,000 last year, will make more than \$1.9 million this year from such things as his base salary, clothing contract and a \$275,000 signing bonus.


And that doesn't include two cars — for him and his wife — 24 prime tickets to the Gators' home football games or the \$99,000 bonus he would get this year if Florida wins another national championship.

"Obviously, people are going to talk about the amount of money he's making, but he has tremendous value to this university," said Athletic Director Jeremy Foley.

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### K's Choice performs Cincinnati

By Dan O'Neill  
 Entertainment Editor

Some might say the only thing good to come out of Belgium are the whipped cream-drenched waffles you might eat at a 3 a.m. trip to Perkin's. Although good Belgian pop music may be as common as good Steven Seagal films (see page 7), natives K's Choice looks to alter that perception (or lack thereof).

The four-member band, headed by the singer/songwriter, brother/sister team of Sarah and Gert Bettens is headlining a national tour that rolls through Cincinnati tonight.



**LOOKING ahead**  
 K's Choice plays tonight at The Garage in the Caddy's Complex with Protein. The show begins at 8.

and album *Paradise In Me*. In a phone interview with Sarah, she talked of the band's origins. "My brother and I have always been close. We started an acoustic band when we were 15 or 16 and have played together since." After a debut album, *The Great Subconscious Club*, the band made its U.S. concert debut supporting the Indigo Girls. Bettens



**SPECIAL K** Sarah and Gert Bettens (right, far right) are the brother/sister team behind K's Choice. *Photo furnished*

described the tour as "one of the most enjoyable times in my career. They are simply incredible." The band got its big break when Alanis Morissette hand-picked them to play the opening act on her national tour. "She had her tour manager ask us after a show in Holland. We were almost on our knees. It was quite flattering because she was basically saying 'I want this band on our tour,'" Bettens said. The huge arena and outdoor amphitheater dates were a definite change of pace from the moderately-sized clubs the band was familiar with. "It's a challenge playing in front of such large audiences when no one came to see you or is familiar with you work. You really have to earn your audi-

ence." At the same time, the band's first single, "I'm Not an Addict," began infiltrating the play list at several alternative radio stations. Led by Bettens' resonating voice, the song dealing with drug abuse and denial is now a fixture at most popular music stations around the country. The remaining tracks promise a future of more than one-hit wonders. Ranging from the sentimental ("A Song for Catherine") to the satirical ("My Record Company"), *Paradise In Me* offers a nice blend of dark themes with dry wit. The album's strength, however, lies in Bettens' serene yet resounding voice which carries many songs with her naked vocals. Guitar-friendly songs "Mr.

Freeze" and the title track "Paradise In Me" will prove to be favorable for live performances. The album finishes with the playful folk ballad "Something's Wrong," which offers a nice change of pace from the prominently introspective and personal album ("When your pubic hair's on fire/Something's Wrong/When You think you're the Messiah/ Something's Wrong."). Bettens said of the song, "Something's Wrong" is not actually on our set list. We mainly play it for encores in the smaller, more intimate clubs where we know the crowd is familiar with our music." Catch the opportunity to see K's Choice at the intimate confines of The Garage with opening act Protein.

## Bad Livers are living good life

By Trey Prestigiacomo  
 Contributing Critic

Most of us could probably count all the Bluegrass bands we know on one hand. They're definitely not going to sell out any soccer stadiums. But the Bad Livers are a Blue-



**HOG HEAVEN** The Texas band the Bad Livers give a unique Bluegrass spin on metal favorites on their new album 'Hogs on the Highway.' *Photo furnished*

grass band worth talking about. The band's latest release, *Hogs on the Highway*, is an audio delight. It showcases serious talent along with some hoe-downs and some mean picking. This Austin-based quartet originally gained popularity because of its strange, almost stochastic choice of Metallica and Motorhead covers and crowd-pleasing originals. The band's first three albums were produced by the Barthole Surfers' Paul Leary and his first single was a cover of leggy Pop's classic "Lust for Life." These guys have a fan base that has been growing over the last six years and has even gotten word beyond the Texas state line. But these guys are hardly a novelty band. Songs like "Corn Liquor Made a Fool Out of Me" and "Falling Down the Stairs (With a Gun in My Hand)" ring with such reality that I don't know whether to laugh or to join a 12-step program. The title track describes life in a down-and-out barnyard and "Saludamas a Tejas" and "Cluck Old Hen" are the Livers' interpretations of traditional tunes. Basically, *Hogs on the Highway* will put a smile on the traditionalist's face and get a nod from those

less acclimated to the recent Bluegrass trend. Yeah, but can these guys play? If you prefer your Bluegrass more feeling-oriented than speed-oriented, you're going to be delighted. However, "News Not the Weather" put me into several twitchy fits of air-banjo, and "The National Blues" made me look dumber than Neil Diamond's Christmas album with my broomstick-turned-stand up bass. For those who care, the Bad Livers are playing tonight at Lynagh's. It's going to be the only Bluegrass mosh pit you'll ever see and the only Bluegrass set list with some possible heavy metal covers (my vote's for Motorhead's "Ace of Spades"). You might see some punks, some of your teachers and maybe even the Good Ol' Boys from Nashville who forgot their union cards. Either way, these guys are still going to be fun.

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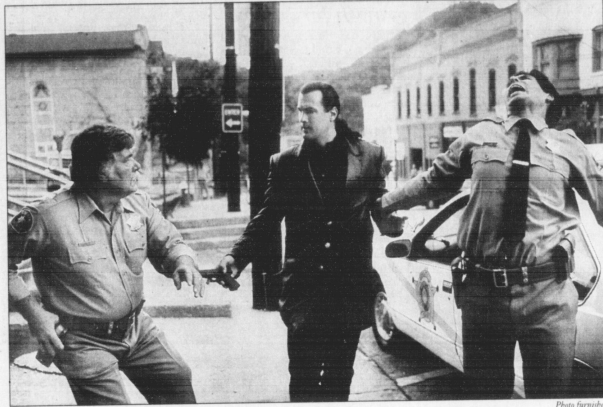
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# Up in Flames



**MAN IN BLACK** Steven Seagal as E.P.A. agent Jack Taggart manhandles some corrupt local cops in his embarrassing excuse for a film 'Fire Down Below.'

## Seagal's 'Fire Down Below' sinks to lowest level of action idiocy

By Matt Mulcahey  
Staff Writer

There are some things that just don't go together. Steven Seagal and acting are two of them. Of course anyone who's seen any of his movies already knew that. Apparently no one told Seagal.

The plot is simple. Seagal is an Environmental Protection Agency agent who goes to Appalachia to investigate illegal waste dumping. Of course the town's sheriff is crooked and his goons try to run Seagal out of town before he can find the truth.

To put it as plainly as possible: Steve Seagal can't act. As E.P.A. agent Jack Taggart he's never been worse. In a scene where Seagal gives a speech in a church you'd swear there are pieces of wood with more personality. It doesn't matter what role he's in, Steven Seagal plays Steven Seagal. His idea of getting into a character is a

wardrobe change. To play a cook in *Under Siege* he puts on chef's hat. To play a half-Indian agent in *On Deadly Ground* he wears some beads and a goofy jacket. The competition between Chuck Norris, Keanu Reeves and Steven Seagal for worst actor ever is getting awfully close.



**MOVIE review**  
1/2 star  
(out of five)  
'Fire Down Below'  
Warner Bros.

The low point of the movie is Seagal's laughable attempt at an Appalachian accent (which miraculously disappears after about 15 minutes).

The best part of the movie is Seagal's wardrobe. Seagal's cover is as a priest who comes to help the less fortunate with his carpentry skills (don't ask). If Seagal building a porch in all black, including boots and a black leather jacket with rainbow stripes, doesn't make you laugh, nothing will.

The only reason *Fire Down Below* even got a half-star is because of bad guy Kris Kristofferson. When I think badass, Kristofferson doesn't exactly come

to mind. However, he proved in John Sayle's *Lone Star* that he plays lowlifes pretty good and Kristofferson lights up every scene he's in.

Unfortunately Kristofferson isn't a huge role in the movie, and the rest of the performances are among the worst you'll ever see.

When I see a Steven Seagal movie I want to see him break some bones, throw some knives and kick some ass. What I got was environment speeches and Seagal playing guitar at a hoe-down.

*Fire Down Below* even manages to make the always watchable Harry Dean Stanton look bad.

The story is cliched, predictable and contains every stereotype known to man. The Appalachian people are depicted as toothless, barefoot morons. Of course there's an incest subplot thrown in to make sure everyone in Eastern Kentucky is offended.

*Fire Down Below* can be summed in one scene. Seagal and Marg Helgenberger (the required action movie love interest) go to a local dance. One of the guitar players passes out. Seagal then picks up the guitar and starts jamming. Apparently, Seagal took to playing music and has been touring with a band and discussing a record deal. Let's hope he's a better singer than he is an actor.

*Fire Down Below* is one of the worst movies ever made. I'd rather sit and watch *Cabin Boy*, *Untamed Heart* and *The Sound of Music* every day for the rest of my life than have to sit through this movie again.

# Ska not Skank

## Skalidays test saturated market

By Brian R. Gilbert  
Staff Critic

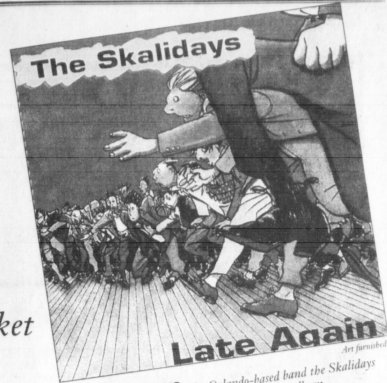
I know exactly what you are thinking. Another ska band? Another ska release? Another ska review? As a concerned writer, music fan and friend I do sympathize with you.

The current onslaught sceneries say the "Third Wave" is more like a tsunami. What once started out as an underground, ultra-hip trend has now become the music industry's fastest-growing money-maker (see No Doubt or the Mighty Mighty Bosstones for proof). And, of course, along with any new wave there comes some really bad imitations and wannabes, but also there exist a lot of talented bands that get lost in the undertow.

The Skalidays, a seven-piece unit from Orlando, Fla., definitely qualify as a band that deserves to be recognized and rewarded, instead of categorized and discarded.

After three long years of hard work, demo tapes and touring, The Skalidays has finally released its first full-length CD. *Late Again* offers 13 upbeat, toe-tapping songs that will win over any ska fan with their diversity and character.

Best defined as ska-punk similar to their Florida neighbors, Less Than Jake, The Skalidays combine a vigorous, fast-paced horn section with lively punk guitar, hardcore drumbeats and chaotic multiple vocals to create



**MERRY LISTENING** The Orlando-based band the Skalidays show promise within ska genre with its debut album.

action-packed sound. The tracks "Tomorrow," "He's Coming" and "Nothing Against Me" serve as the best examples of this energetic, circus-style. These songs are unquestionably led by the catchy horn parts, but aggressive vocals coupled with guitar and drums provide the depth and force of the music.

"Tomorrow" changes rhythm and speed often, which is a signature attribute of The Skalidays. The song begins with an explosion of horns, guitar and drums in perfect timing and synthesis, but then quickly downshifts to a smooth skanking part with traditional ska guitar riffs and well-placed cymbal smashes. The song picks up in full force again as the chorus brutally erupts.

Along with its punk-influenced numbers, *Late Again* also offers some slower, more conventional-sounding ska songs. The slick "Wipe Your Feet" will satisfy those non-conformists who do not see the punk/ska convergence as cute, and both "Slobs" and "Downtown" perfectly fuse the

genres creating an extraordinary sound.

Another trademark of The Skalidays which adds to the band's animation is the use of multiple vocal styles. Ranging from clear, emotional exchanges to gritty, hardcore-influenced screams, there is never a dull moment in a song. Also included in the majority of the music are energizing backup vocals creating a party-like atmosphere. It is a complete group effort that gives The Skalidays success.

*Late Again* is entertaining and a decent first-release for the Orlando unit. It is lacking in the production department, but the originality of the music makes up for the deficiency.

Expect to see more of this band in the future as the "Third Wave" floods the land.

Due to its independent release, this CD is best available through Fiddler Records. If interested, send \$10 check or money order to: Amy Fleisher, 205 Shore Drive South, Miami, FL 33133. Also, check out the Fiddler Homepage at <http://www.gil.net/~amy/fiddler.html>.



**MUSIC review**  
★★★1/2  
(out of five)  
'Late Again'  
Skalidays  
(Fiddler Records)

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## Dieter's mantra: Bye bye Burger King, hello tofu

### Marriage is fast track to explosive growth for hubby

It has finally happened. I have finally switched sides and joined the enemy. I'm not sure how it happened, but somehow I find myself among the masses of Americans currently on a diet.

Now I don't consider myself an obese man. In fact, I had been considered underweight throughout high school. Even during my undergraduate years, I was often described as slim.

At some point, words like "slim" were no longer being used. Oh, no one was calling me fat, but then no one was asking me to join the cast of "Baywatch."

The breaking point came about a month ago when I somehow found myself standing on a scale. Doughnut crumbs fell from my face as my jaw dropped in amazement. How had I put on so much weight?

Could it have been the years of poor eating habits? Perhaps my daily workout regimen needed tweaking. Perhaps I needed a daily workout regimen. Surely not I.

And then it struck me. The evidence behind this theory is purely correlational and I don't mean to draw a direct causal relationship here. However, I could not help noticing that my weight gain started the day I met my wife.

In the five years since we met, I have put on almost 50 pounds. That's an average of 10 pounds a year! Coincidence? I think not. For whatever reason, I am being fattened up like a holiday turkey.

And it's not only me. I have a friend who got married and — boom! — the next day he was tipping the scales at 320 pounds. A couple of years later, his wife left him. He was back to 160 within a week.

Now some of you unmarried types may assume that this has something to do with my wife's cooking. Let me assure you that this is not the case. My wife does not cook, and if she did I would not eat it. Laurie is a vegetarian and eats things like tofu.

For those of you not in the know, tofu is a beige substance that tastes suspiciously like bean curd. I later found out that is because tofu is made of bean curd. Go figure. What's more, it's high in fat. Tastes like bean curd and bad for me too. Yummy.

So for the past month, I have found myself fighting my own

battle of the bulge. And you will all be happy to know that thus far I am winning. I have already shed five whopping pounds, thank you very much.

In light of that success, I feel a moral obligation to pass along some of my dieting tips. (WARNING: Results may vary. Consult your physician before trying.)

▼ Eat lots of sugary cereal, especially Count Chocula. The Count rules. He's low in fat and those calories burn easily on the way to class.

▼ If your food has flavors, it's bad for you. Eat lots of flavorless substances.

▼ Anything that comes in a green box is healthy, especially if it has a picture of someone sweating. I personally consume lots of brownies, cookies and ice cream which I am assured by the package are good for me.

▼ Salads are a waste of time. You'll be hungry again in five minutes.

I must confess to feeling a little guilty about my sudden health-consciousness. I have always found dieters to be a particularly annoying breed. However, I have promised myself that I will never participate in the more vile dieting activities.

For instance, I will never jog shirtless. Men who joggle and sweat their way across campus without benefit of a top are asking for violence. If I want to see that sort of thing, I'll watch pro wrestling.

I will also never *Sweat to the Oldies*. And no matter what, I absolutely refuse to participate in those dieting gimmicks like *Thigh Master* or *Just Be of Steel*.

It is just me or do these sound like the titles of dirty movies? "Hey, Joe, you seen *Buns Master* yet?"

It seems that despite my high ideals on dietary neglect and physical inactivity, even I will cave in over time to the societal pressure to be thin. To those of you whom I have let down, I apologize heartily. I will no longer be joining you in late night Denny's bingeing or all-you-can-eat breakfast buffets.

From here on out, I have pledged to be healthy at any cost. No sacrifice is too great. No indignity is too, um, indignant. It is with sadness in my heart that I wish my cause. I will miss you, Little Debbie. Goodbye, Burger King. Hello, tofu.



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## Required?

The Student Government Association has talked about supporting a move to make UK 101, a course designed to assist undergraduates in adjusting to academic life at the University of Kentucky, a requirement for freshmen.

The course teaches students an array of skills to make their time at UK easier and more productive. Some of them are not taking, study skills, date rape prevention and library usage.

The University hopes that increased participation of the course will result in improvement of its six-year graduation rate of 50 percent.

One topic that the one credit hour, pass/fail class covers is getting involved in student organizations on campus.

Perhaps nothing works better to keep students in school than being a part of an extra-curricular organization. In fact, some of us at the Kernel have been in school for seven years or more!

And the other subjects covered in UK 101 are certainly worth learning, so it's hard not to support encouraging freshmen to take the course.

But making it mandatory is a bad idea!

Another required course is the last thing incoming students need, especially when the credit they will get is minimal in quantity and value.

Freshmen already face a daunting two years of University Studies courses, many of which have little interest in taking, before they can make serious progress in their field of choice.

Being exposed to a variety of disciplines is healthy and necessary for a complete education and the University Studies requirements are not unreasonable. But adding UK 101 to the requirements would be excessive and unnecessary.

Instead, advisers should make a greater effort to make new students aware of the course and push them to take it. At least in years past, large numbers of freshmen simply did not know the course existed.

Making the course mandatory fails to take into account the students who are already exceptional academically and socially and who would like to reserve their time for courses that actually count for something.

Announce it, advocate it, push it, publicize it. But please, don't require it!

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## What problem? SGA takes up for LCC students, too

To the editor:

I would like to thank Chris Hatfield for drawing attention to a very important concern of LCC students. In response to his letter, I have phoned officials that oversee the University microlabs to address these concerns.

As Student Government officials, it is our job to represent all students on the Lexington campus.

It is important that LCC students understand that the purpose of the changes was not to restrict their access, but a response to student complaints of abuse by the general public.

While we agree with the need to monitor access and ensure that students are the primary beneficiaries of student-financed labs, we take issue with the decision to

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restrict access to LCC students. As a part of the campus, they deserve the same access to campus facilities as students of the University. In my conversation with microlab officials, I was assured that the situation was being reviewed and that a change would be forthcoming.

### Rich should focus on facts

To the editor:

While I don't doubt Ben Rich's sincerity and certainly admire his relentless passion, he must understand that the right of free speech goes hand in hand with the responsibility of knowing the facts about that which he writes. Mr. Rich needs also to understand that there is a fine line between a crusader for justice and a rabble-rousing demagogue.

Reducing a complicated issue

to a simple question rather than using thoughtful analysis and then gratuitously attacking all who may disagree is poor indeed.

As a social worker for Child Protective Services, I am what Mr. Rich flippantly calls "a do-gooder."

Unfortunately for Mr. Rich, not only do I feel it is my place to "interfere with the way people raise children," but I am sanctioned to do so by the draconian Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Fortunately for children, I am armed with training, knowledge and skills which Mr. Rich would not be interested in pursuing.

He knows the truth, so why bother with the facts?

If this (as well as his romanticization of "a good beating") was not so grotesquely irresponsible, it might be merely the simplest and most inane apology I have ever heard for child abuse.

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# Cold war nukes and faltering Israeli peace spell disaster

Last week I spent a few minutes outside enjoying the weather between my morning classes. As I sat and watched the people go by, it seemed that their individual identities faded completely and they appeared to exist only as shadows passing before me.

This troubled me, as I am a man who gives great importance to individuality and I tend to stay very focused on my immediate surroundings. After a few minutes of reflection, I learned the cause of my distraction. I was experiencing a vision of the near future in which individual identity vanishes because of an impending catastrophe.

One so disastrous that victims would not be maimed by the tens, but by the tens of millions.

You see, former Russian national security advisor Alexandr Leved told CBS'



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"60 Minutes," "the Russian military has lost control of more than 100 suitcase-sized nuclear bombs, each with a one-kiloton rating, one of which could kill up to 100,000 people."

The Russian military originally designed these weapons for use by Spetsnaz (Soviet Special Forces) units. The theory was that a unit would parachute into a target prior to a Soviet invasion of Western Europe in order to destroy key military targets and strategic objectives.

It was established during the years of the former Soviet Union that the Red Army kept extremely tight control over its nuclear arsenal. But since the USSR's break up, it is uncertain that Russia has maintained adequate security safeguards for its nuclear arsenal.

Congressman Curt Weldon of Pennsylvania said, "Any military officer who had access to those devices could get a very large sum of money on the black market for that device. Terrorist groups would love to have that. We must be trying to buy long range offensive weapons and nuclear capability from Russia. That's a fact."

In addition to revelations about possible missing Soviet nukes, we also saw a flare up of intense violence in the Middle East last week. Specifically, three suicide bombers claimed several lives in Israel while days later a dozen Israeli commandos were ambushed and killed in South Lebanon during an attempted insertion.

It's not unimaginable to think that the Israeli government under Netanyahu, snatched from continuous suicide attacks and enraged by the loss of life in military missions, would launch a military offensive, both covertly and overtly. It is also easy to imagine the response of terrorist

organizations to such an assault: Carry the conflict into the streets of Israel.

Flashing back to my experience on campus, I believe that I was witnessing through conceptualization a terrorist nuclear attack on downtown Tel Aviv.

The weapon in this attack was one of the 100 missing Soviet nukes acquired on the black market with the financial backing of Iran or Syria. The people in my because only shadows were left. For the individuals had disappeared in the mushroom cloud of an atomic blast.

It is suspected that the Israeli government has a plan for just such an occasion. Code named *Armageddon*, a direct nuclear assault on any Israeli city by suspected Arab terrorists would result in an immediate Israeli nuclear counterattack against all Arab nations. The theory is that if the Jewish homeland is destroyed, then the dogs of war should be released on the

world as a sign of God's wrath.

Any nuclear exchange in the Middle East would invariably involve the United States in a shooting war as the other nuclear powers rapidly choose sides.

A world at fragile peace would ignite in a global holocaust.

Some may say this depiction is the creation of an over-active imagination. Yet I know the facts and they chill me to the bone. Just as Scrooge was given a foreshadowing of his own demise unless he changed his ways, I believe the United States might yet avoid a global conflict.

The United States needs to make nuclear nonproliferation a national priority before the storm that is nuclear war arrives. The time is short, for the world grows darker each day and I can distinctly hear thunder in the distance.

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