

## Mayor: city loses if UK arena built

**By Mal Herron**  
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Rumors abound on the construction of a new basketball arena for the UK Wildcats, but Joe Burch, vice president for University Relations, only said, "It's an idea that's out there."

The idea, however, has city officials and Lexington Center Corporation worried that the facility, if constructed, will have a negative impact on downtown business.

In a mini press conference at the Lexington Urban County Government Center yesterday, Mayor Pam Miller said the Civic Center would face an annual loss of \$2 million if the arena is built.

"We're maintaining regular contact with University officials," Miller said.

"We're going to do everything we can to accommodate them in Rupp Arena."

Melanie Cruz, a junior and the executive director of the Student Government Association, said UK and the Lexington community depend on one another.

"I see the importance of the UK tradition in basketball as a way to bring students together," she said. "I can't imagine UK not focusing on basketball, and I can't imagine Lexington not relying on basketball. I'd be hesitant to jeopardize something like that."

Cruz lived on South Campus last year, and she said she had problems attending the games, namely, finding a parking spot.

UK President Charles Wethington said a feasibility study is being planned, but it must be approved by the UK athletics department at its next board meeting.

Burch said, however, that the study is only under discussion and no official plan has been set.

Athletic Director C.M. Newton was out of town and not available for comment.

Wethington said the meeting has not been scheduled but expects it to be between the end of October and the beginning of November.

The study would assess the cost of a new on-campus arena and whether the athletics department would be able to afford to build it.

"We would look at all facets of such a project in a feasibility study, but we would not want to put our athletics department in any jeopardy financially," Wethington said.

If the arena plan comes to fruition, Burch said money would be raised through state-issued bonds, fund-raisers or private donations. State-issued bonds were used in the construction of Commonwealth Stadium in 1973.

Wethington said after winning the national championship last spring, the climate is right for a new arena.

"I think we have the best basketball coach in the country," he said.

"I think it would serve us well if we had the best basketball arena in the country."

## NEWSbytes

### WORLD Pope undergoes surgery on appendix

**ROME** — Surgeons who removed Pope John Paul II's troublesome appendix sidestepped questions yesterday about hand tremors and other health problems but predicted the 76-year-old pontiff would be "sitting in an armchair tomorrow."

The doctors did say they saw no signs that a benign colon tumor removed in 1992 had returned. The pope's vital signs held up well during surgery at Gemelli Polyclinic, and he came through it successfully, they said.

John Paul quickly regained consciousness after general anesthesia, greeting and thanking everyone.

The appendectomy aimed to cure what the Vatican said were recurring bouts of inflammation and fever that caused John Paul to cancel some public engagements this year. Frequently, the pope's energy flags and he walks with difficulty.

### NATION New York cheerleaders killed

**DRYDEN, N.Y.** — An ex-convict who lived next door to one of two missing high school cheerleaders was charged yesterday with kidnapping the girls, while police said they have found body parts of the 16-year-olds.

John B. Andrews, 31, is accused of abducting Sarah Hajney of McLean and Jennifer Bolduc of Dryden, who were reported missing by their parents Friday after they didn't show up at Dryden High School.

The girls were last seen Friday morning and the family car was found later that day in Cortland, several miles from McLean. Andrews, a computer lab operator, was arrested Monday night at his job in a Cortland factory.

Police began finding body parts of the girls late Sunday across several miles of Chenango County, about 30 miles east of McLean, state police Maj. Arthur Hawker said. He refused to give details.

### Dole calls Clinton 'Bozo' at rally

**LYNDHURST, N.J.** — Under stormy skies, Bob Dole sharpened his criticism of President Clinton on yesterday and promised to hit harder on the administration's ethical controversies in their next debate. "Bozo's on his way out," Dole said of his rival.

Dole targeted Clinton's integrity in two fiery speeches before rains from storm Josephine cut short his New Jersey bus tour and chased the GOP nominee back to his Washington campaign headquarters.

"His word's no good. My word is good and I'll keep my promises to the American people," Dole said, telling voters not to believe Clinton's line that the GOP ticket would cut Medicare to pay for tax cuts.

"Who is this guy? What does he know about it? What does he know about benefits? What does he know about Medicare," Dole demanded at a misty early-morning rally.

### STATE McConnell criticizes fund raising

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** — Using the Governor's Mansion for political fund raising, which might benefit his opponent is offensive, U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell said yesterday.

Gov. Paul Patton "seems to want to turn the Governor's Mansion into an automatic teller machine for his favorite political cronies," McConnell said in a news conference on the sidewalk outside the Capitol.

With the mansion as his backdrop, McConnell said using state property for partisan fund raising should be illegal.

House Minority Leader Danny Ford of Mount Vernon said he would draft legislation to that effect for the next General Assembly, in 1998.

McConnell has raised the subject of mansion fund raisers in two televised debates with Democratic opponent Steve Beshear. Patton has held a series of fund raisers for the party and candidates, and Beshear said he hoped Patton would throw one for him, too.

## Patterson called founding father

*Editor's Note: This is the second story in a three-part series on UK history.*

**By Bruce Mee**  
Staff Writer

Everyone who attends UK has heard his name.

Most people pass by buildings or statues erected in his honor every day.

But few know anything about the man James Kennedy Patterson, the father of UK — truly the person most responsible for UK existing today.

Few now remember how this Scottish-born Kentuckian became the president of the newly born Agriculture and Mechanical College, the forerunner of UK, in 1867.

Over the next 40 years he dedicated his life to building a state university second to none.

"In this university we can see him stretching somewhat his length and breadth and depth and height," said Dean William T. Capers of Patterson on June 1, 1909.

According to his biography, written by Mabel Hardy Pollitt, Patterson had to battle the denominational colleges in Lexington and Fayette County.

Few know how his campaign to change state constitutional law resulted in the first state funding of higher education in Kentucky.

And few remember how, after 40 years of service, the UK Board of Trustees dismissed Patterson from the board and refused his retirement.

Opening in Georgetown in 1859, the school continued in operation throughout most of the Civil War until the buildings were destroyed by fire in 1864.

Patterson became associated with UK when it was incorporated with the original Transylvania



**HAVE A SEAT**  
Ray Lockwood, of Baker Concrete, prepares the sandstone caps that will be set in concrete today in front of White Hall Classroom Building. The caps will finish the seating wall that was started earlier this semester.



## Med Center offers free depression test

**By Jennifer E. Smith**  
Staff Writer

An astonishing eight to 20 million American adults are affected each year by clinical depression, one kind of mood disorder.

A mood disorder is a disease that if left untreated will grow steadily worse over time. The majority of untreated depressives will make a suicide attempt, and as many as 17 percent will succeed.

UK's department of psychiatry, University Health Services and the Residence Hall Association are co-sponsoring an event today as part of National Mental Health Week.

They are offering a free depression screening at the third floor of the Commons Building. Screenings will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

The screening itself is fairly simple. Laurie Humphries, a psychiatrist at

the UK Chandler Medical Center, said she said approximately 9 percent of college-age females and 3 percent of college-age males are suffering from the disease.

College students often are plagued by changes in sleeping or eating habits, feelings of sadness, loneliness and loss of energy. All are symptoms of depression.

Although having these symptoms isn't directly linked to the disease, it is certainly cause for concern, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. If symptoms persist for several weeks and interfere with daily activities, they may be linked to an alteration in brain chemistry.

Clinical depression occurs twice as often in females than in males. The reason for this, she said, is that females are more susceptible to depression.

"The onset of depression often occurs in the early twenties," in males.

**LOOKING ahead**

Free depression screenings will be conducted in the Kirwan-Blanding complex from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and again from 1 to 3 p.m. today.

## NAMEdropping

**Goldberg may play male slave**

**NEW YORK** — Whoopi Goldberg has played crooks, cops, psychics and space aliens — but can she play Pseudolus, a male slave in ancient Rome?

That's the funny thing happening in speculation about who'll succeed star Nathan Lane in Broadway's hit revival of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

The New York Post reported yesterday that the actress is under consideration to succeed Lane, whose contract with the show expires in February. He plays Pseudolus, a slave who wins his freedom in a series of farcical misadventures. The role was created on Broadway by Zero Mostel.

"We'll have a casting announcement in the next few days," Chris Boneau, the press representative for "Forum" said Monday, but declined to comment on possible replacements for Lane.

Other names floated by the Post were Eddie Murphy, Robin Williams and Jason Alexander, better known as George Costanza on NBC's "Seinfeld."

*Compiled by wire reports.*

# DiVeRSions

## UK Theatre stages classic kid's book



**GARDEN GIRLS** From left to right, Justin Smith, Jennifer Sese and Kelly Temple rehearse for their performance, which begins tomorrow night at 7:30.

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By Jennifer Sciantarelli  
 Contributing Writer

The day they've all been waiting for has finally arrived.

UK Theatre's production of "The Secret Garden," opens tomorrow night. This musical, based on the classic Francis Hodgson children's novel, is the first show of the 1996-97 season.

Director Jim Rodgers is thrilled with the progress the ensemble has made.

"We always, in any production, enjoy watching the improvement of people over the course of rehearsal," he said.

Rodgers mentions that it is challenging material and was handled well by the cast.

"This is a large cast and it's been a delight to work with," he said. "They immediately bought into the seriousness and the commitment that was necessary to make it work."

Many of the cast members for "The Secret Garden" are theater majors who have been challenged by the immense musicality of the production. It is filled with difficult songs that stretch tenors and sopranos alike to new limits. The English accents and dialects were also a stretch for the voices of the actors.

"The Secret Garden" was chosen as this season's opener for several reasons. First, the theater department tries to produce two musicals every other year, and this happens to be one of those years.

Rodgers also wanted to choose material that would "challenge and tap the talents of both music and theater." Rodgers said he thinks the students of each department influence and learn from each other.

Finally, "The Secret Garden" is a well known book that most potential audience members grew up with. The Tony award winning musical was created only a few years ago. UK will be the first university in Kentucky to put on the

show. Marsha Norman, who wrote the book and the lyrics, is from Kentucky. So "The Secret Garden" was a perfect choice to open this season.

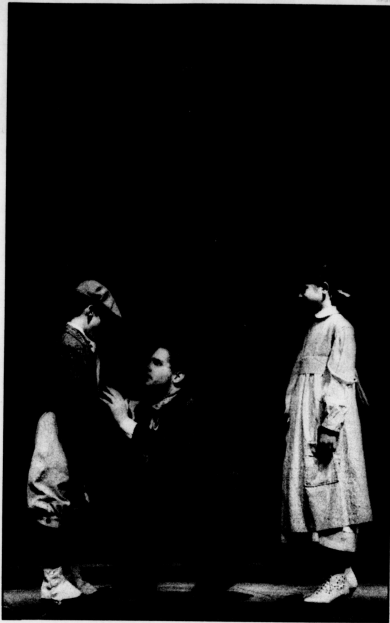
"The Secret Garden" is a story about rebirth, both of a forgotten garden and the people that surround it. A young girl from India is sent to live with her wealthy uncle in England after her parents die from a cholera plague. Archibald Craven has become a solemn, lonely, bitter man following the death of his beloved wife, Lily. Mary Lennox is thoroughly bored and bitter until she discovers Lily's garden that was locked after her death 10 years ago. With the help of a few others, Mary brings the garden, as well as Archibald and his crippled son, back to life.

Two of the major characters in this story are children. The New York touring production, which recently came to Louisville, did, in fact, put children in these roles whereas many university productions have used young looking students to play the roles of Mary Lennox and Collin. Archibald's crippled son. The theater department decided to use children in these roles.

"Even if you find a young lady at the university who is short, physically might be able to come across as somebody young," Rodgers said. "But the quality of the voices might be much different. Collin is an unchanged soprano voice so there was no way to cast a University student in that role."

The department put an advertisement in the newspaper for children and were very pleased to find Jennifer Sese and Jerrod Sill. Rodgers says "not only can they sing the role and look the part, but they also had an instinctive attitude that was right for the role."

The children have been accepted as part of the team and feel comfortable asking questions and giving opinions.



**CHILD'S PLAY** From left to right, cast members Jerrod Sills, Johnathan Watson and Jennifer Sese practice for one of their 10 performances.

Another young lead will be played by a UK student. Although Dickon's age is never directly stated in the book, Rodgers assumes he is 4 or 5 years older than Mary and Collin.

Justin Smith, a UK senior, maintains the boyishness necessary for the high-spirited and playful character.

Rodgers says the most difficult time arrives about a week before

opening night. At that time, the technicians work the lights and scenery, while performers don costumes and handle props.

"Now comes the challenge of trying to make all the scenery work with the same sort of seamlessness as the book does," Rodgers said.

For tickets call the Singletary Center Box Office at 257-4929.

## WHAT'S your sign?

By Suzanne Raffield

**Aries** (Mar. 21-April 19): This week, your energy level will be on par with The Energizer Bunny. Instead of using that extra jolt to party, perhaps you should put it to good use, like pumping up your lagging GPA. On second thought, screw it — just go ahead and party.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Stubborn, stubborn. Yes, I'm talking about you, Taurus, and your uncanny knack not to budge on an issue, even if faced with bodily harm. Getting into a brawl over which Disney character is the most intellectually sound is not worth it.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): You will wrongly predict the weather all week. When it is hot, you will be wearing wool; when it is cold, your attire will consist of shorts and a T-shirt. Your body temperature will be totally confused and won't know what the hell to do.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Because of a nasty head injury, you will be bedridden all week. Actually, you won't really injure your head, I'm just giving you an excuse for a woeful lack of brains.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Unprepared and overworked — this will be your theme this week. Try as you might, your world will be an endless maze of incomplete events

that are never realized. But on a happy and unrelated note, you will get plenty of exercise.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You become color blind this week. You put clothes on with colors that were never meant to be in the same room with each other. However, you inspire a fashion revolution, and are credited with coming up with the definitive look of the '90s.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You think you have found the love of your life — he/she is amusing, dependable and adores you more than life itself. Unfortunately, your dog is not an acceptable breeding mate.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This week, you get so upset at one of your professors that the individ-

ual has a nervous breakdown. Verbally berating your professor because he is stupid/ugly is just not acceptable behavior, even if you are telling the truth.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your roommate goes absolutely wacky with fall decorations. Your dwelling becomes a mass of fall festivity. The decor begins to crimp your style, so you fasten the autumn garland into a noose and chase your roommate around the room with it.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your mother throws away all your beloved childhood toys. All week, you pine for your favorite stuffed animal, Chubby the Bear. You take two weeks off from school in order to search for Chubby, and in the process, become estranged from your mother.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You discover a human eyeball on the way to class. You decide to keep it as a good luck charm and insist on showing it to all your friends, even at meal times. But next week, your eyeball disintegrates, and you become saddened because you have nothing for show-and-tell.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You become temporarily catatonic. This becomes quite useful in class — that you hate, because now you have a medical excuse that allows you to space out in class.

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# SPORTS

## Soccer doubleheader today at Cage

By Jill Erwin  
Staff Writer  
and Rob Herbst  
Assistant Sports Editor

The UK men's soccer team is searching for answers following its loss to Bowling Green Sunday. They want answers to questions like where were the shot chances (only two all game)? Where was the team courage (playing in front of 800 hostile fans)? Where was the communication?

It was a game in which the Cats were thoroughly outplayed in every aspect en route to a 3-0 loss. The Wildcats were called for 14 fouls and received two yellow cards.

"We gave up an early goal, and from then on it kind of snowballed," UK coach Ian Collins

said. "They beat us fair and square. They were more hungry, they were emotional, they were charged and they played well. I give them credit."

Coming off that game, UK is trying to find a way to come together and face Xavier University today at 2 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with the women's team at the Cage.

The Wildcats have never lost to Xavier, carrying a 5-0 record into the game. The Musketeers are struggling at 3-6 for the season, but they have played some quality teams.

Xavier opened the season with a loss to Wright State, the same team that defeated UK in its season opener. And last week, the Muskies took Bowling Green to overtime before bowing out 2-1.

Though Xavier is not an overly large team, it does have 6-foot-6 freshman Maringo Vlieter from the Netherlands. He has started in all eight games he has played, and he has one goal and two assists.

Following the men's game, the UK women's soccer team will take on Cincinnati at the Cage.

The Cats are coming off an up-and-down road trip. On Friday, UK lost 2-1 to Evansville, but regrouped for a 2-1 win over Indiana on Sunday.

"If the movie was *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*, the bad and the ugly was on Friday and the good was on Sunday," UK women's soccer head coach Warren Lipka said. "We didn't play bad against Evansville, but we just didn't finish our shots."

"It was just one of those match-

es where we just couldn't find the back of the net," he said.

The Cats outscored the Evansville Purple Aces 14-6. UK also had a dominant 8-0 advantage in corner kicks.

Throughout the season, UK has not been an offensive juggernaut. Take away back-to-back explosions over Auburn and Louisville, and the Cats have yet to score more than two goals since Sept. 9.

But Lipka knows that UK will regain the ability to light up the scoreboard.

"We just gotta keep on going at it," he said. "It's gonna happen, it's gonna happen some time."

UK will face a test this afternoon when they take on the Bearcats. Last year UC took the Cats into overtime before losing 2-1.

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## UK squeaks by Western for fifth straight victory

By Jay G. Tate  
Staff Writer

Sometimes average performances prove to be more telling than perfection.

It was with one of those satisfactory outings that the UK volleyball team edged the visiting Western Kentucky Lady Toppers, 3-2.

However, the victory proved to be a stark deviation from the high level of play UK exhibited over the past few weeks. The Cats, playing ambivalent volleyball throughout last night's match, won the first game, 15-10.

In the second game, the lulls that plagued UK early in the season began their return engagement in Memorial Coliseum, resulting in a 7-15 loss.

After a 15-11 win in the third, UK froze like a deer in headlights. Despite a late-game rally to pull within one point, Western nipped the rally in the bud, 15-13.

In the deciding frame, sensing the urgency of the situation, the Cats found the high gear and took control — winning 15-8.

Although the Cats won the match, UK head coach Fran Ralston-Flory remains perplexed by the team's inconsistency.

"I don't understand the ups and downs this team goes through," UK head coach Fran Ralston-Flory said. "If I could understand them, then we could fix it. To come in here and play someone who you think is an inferior team and play like we did...it's disappointing."

Gina Heustis, who ranks among SEC leaders in kills, became the rock of stability again, hitting a low .130, but nabbing a team-high 19 kills while carrying an inordinate amount of the team's offensive load — nearly one-third of UK's attacks.

"She shouldn't be getting that many swings," Ralston-Flory said of her senior outside hitter. "Gina only gets that many when the passing is this bad."

The less-heralded member of UK's middle blocker squad, Tracy Thompson, made the most of her

opportunities, hitting a strong .321 with 12 kills and a team-high 7 blocks. She also came up with big plays late that secured the victory.

"I tried to focus in on the last game and get people pumped up," Thompson said. "I had to step up, but I still didn't feel like I was connecting real well."

At least in this case, perhaps mediocrity is underrated.

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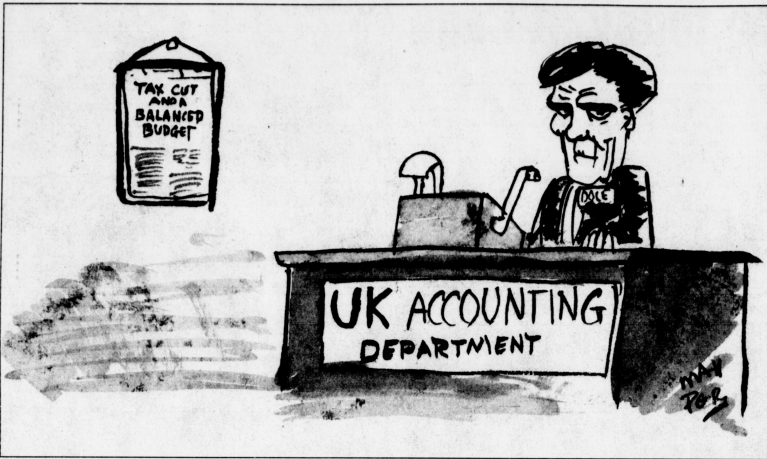
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# ViewPOINT



## Try in life; you may just succeed

I could probably keep in touch with my high school classmates. I know where they all went to college. It wouldn't be too hard to get on the Internet and find their addresses and phone numbers at their respective colleges. Once I got this information, I could occasionally call them or write them a letter or two. But I haven't.

I could probably eat a well-balanced diet. I have seen fruit and vegetables on this campus, so I know they exist here. It wouldn't be too hard to forego things that are batter-dipped and deep-fried in favor of some fresh fruit or a tossed salad. Or I could go to the store and buy a bag of apples or oranges instead of raiding the vending machine every night. But I haven't.

Another possible cause is we don't see how something will directly affect our lives. If it doesn't appear to be a major threat to us, why worry about it?

Former Utah Jazz basketball coach Frank Layden says he asked a player, "Son, what's wrong with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?"

The player supposedly responded, "Coach, I don't know and I don't care."

Whether this story is true or not, it reveals a damaging side effect of apathy — ignorance. If we are apathetic about something, we are certainly less likely to know much about it.

**Contributing Columnist**  
Matt Ellison

If we don't care about student organizations, then we won't know what opportunities are available. If we don't care about making new friends, then we might never become aware of the qualities we value in a friend. If we don't care about attending class or studying hard, then we certainly aren't going to become more educated.

## Driving Safely

In the past two weeks, two students have been struck by cars while riding their bicycles on Rose Street.

This brings up numerous safety issues. For many years now, the University has been talking about closing Rose Street to through traffic to prevent these types of incidents from happening.

We'd like to see this happen. With the construction of the W.T. Young Library nearing completion, the amount of traffic that will be crossing the street at Rose will be escalating dramatically.

With the increased pedestrian traffic which will result in the upcoming fall, doesn't it make sense to close this road?

We propose the street be closed to through traffic from the entrance at Nicholasville Road to Euclid Avenue, except for the emergency vehicles that drive to the UK Hospital and Chandler Medical Center, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday to ensure student safety.

The University made positive changes in student safety earlier this year by enforcing the

dismount zones. UK can go another step further by closing Rose Street to through traffic.

Inevitably, the closing of Rose Street would cause some traffic problems, as well as, make the parking lot between the Funkhouser Building and Chemistry-Physics Building useless.

However, after the completion of the new parking complex on S. Limestone Street the amount of spots lost from the parking lot would be nullified since the parking lot between the Funkhouser Building and the Chemistry-Physics Building is primarily employee parking.

But, parking is not the issue. Safety is. Unfortunately, the people who need to read this editorial are in their cars driving down Rose Street.

Drivers need to be more aware of the cyclists that use the bike lanes on Rose Street, who at the same time have to constantly brake to avoid students walking to class.

At the same time, the University needs to make plans for next year's student pilgrimage to the new library and the additional influx of traffic the structure will bring to Rose Street.

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### IN OUR OPINION

### READERS' forum

#### Gays and Christ don't mix

To the editor:

I was appalled and disgusted by the comments made by Mr. Wilson in Thursday's Kernel Forum. He claims it is possible to be a gay and a Christian. Unfortunately for Mr. Wilson and others like him, it is impossible to be a homosexual and inherit the kingdom of God. Mr. Wilson's definition of a Christian differs from that of the Bible's. The true meaning of a Christian is someone that follows the teachings of Christ and one that exhibits a Christ-like behavior.

In first Corinthians 6:9-10, Paul writes, "Do you know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revelers will inherit the

kingdom of God." I am not speaking bigotry, I am speaking the truth. Gay's are not God's children. Only those that accept Jesus Christ, and turn away from their wicked ways will inherit the kingdom of heaven (Romans 10).

In first Corinthians 5:11 Paul states that Christians must not keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, and not to even eat with such a person.

Once again the Bible tells us that a lifestyle such as yours is immoral and should be looked down upon and not glorified. You questioned the accuracy of Mr. Garrett's letter and the reference of Sodom and Gomorrah.

I will just pray that you and others that share similar beliefs will understand what Christianity truly means, and that the world will realize that Christians are not bigots, we are commanded to love all people like Christ loved us.

Brian White  
political science/education  
freshman

#### Getting the facts straight

To the editor:

In his Oct. 4 article, Mr. Ellison cites a survey which claimed that "... one out of every four female college graduates reported that they were sexually assaulted at one point in their college careers." Later in the article, he implies that this survey result means that approximately five out of every 20 men on campus commit this crime. Clearly, this is not logical reasoning.

Mr. Ellison, the media is a powerful and persuasive tool; a journalist should use statistics appropriately.

Mary Bond  
mathematics graduate student

#### TALKback!

Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor"; Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor; 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK; Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. Send electronic mail to [Kernel@pop.uky.edu](mailto:Kernel@pop.uky.edu).

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#### INFORMED SOURCES

"Here is a young man who was killed unjustifiably — and it ends up with a not-guilty verdict," the mayor said. "Very often, people have to square their emotions with a system that makes it difficult to prove someone guilty of a crime."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani after a policeman accused of fatally choking a man whose football hit a squad car was cleared of homicide Monday by a reluctant judge who called the officer confrontational and unprofessional.

Contributing columnist Matt Ellison is a journalism freshman; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

## 'Color of Fear' addresses racism issue differently for student

I attended an AWARE meeting Monday night completely unsuspecting of what I was about to experience. I saw a documentary entitled "The Color of Fear."

There are few life-changing moments, but I can honestly say that this was one of them. The fear of racism is something I thought I was aware of as I am a first-generation Chinese American. When the film was over, I felt extreme uneasiness. I couldn't exactly qualify it at the time, but I knew something was wrong, and I found myself trembling from emotion.

The film is about an ethnically diverse group of men brought

together to discuss racism. Quickly the film turns to the ethnic members trying to explain their feelings about racism to David,

American. In the beginning I empathized with David. Here was a group of minorities unloading its problems on this single Caucasian man. David, in trying to empathize, said he couldn't understand why these minorities had to make race an issue. David said he has never thought of himself as better than others for being white, let alone an oppressor of others. A very reasonable, open-minded opinion I thought. These are the thoughts and opinions of

many close friends of mine, white friends.

Growing up in a white culture I think I assimilated its thoughts as my own. Everyone is entitled to his/her own opinion. Just because people disagree it doesn't make things right or wrong.

As the movie progressed, the true danger of racism was realized. Imagine you are in a film club with three other members. Each week your group votes on what film to see. Every single time the other three vote the exact same way. All is fair because everyone gets a vote.

But after four or five weeks you begin to wonder if you should even bother voting because you lose every time. You begin to feel powerless, like you don't even matter. The other three don't see a problem. In fact they ask you, "Why don't you just vote the way we do?"

In doing so, you lose your voice, your opinion and soon you really don't matter. This is the dynamics of racism.

When we say one man's opinion versus another we don't account for the disproportionate number of opinions. You see, as a minority my opinion doesn't matter to society. If I vote one movie and the others another movie, we will never get to see my film. The majority always wins, this may be fine in film clubs but what about our society. Don't I count?

This is the problem minorities face and it does not help that the majority tells us, "There's no problem with racism anymore."

Not to them, they get to see whatever movie they want. This seems to be a common anger among all minorities in that we feel we don't have a say. When a black person feels oppressed and a white person says, "Why do you feel oppressed? I don't feel like I'm oppressing you," the black man's problems are being discounted. Whites don't have to deal with blacks. There are plenty of all white neighborhoods, all white schools and all white country clubs. But how many blacks, who are working for Fortune 500 companies or the like, don't have to deal with whites. Deal with a majority that feels "There's no problem with racism."

How do we fix a problem that the majority of us don't even recognize? Think about it, how would you like to feel that you don't matter and what's worse, everyone tells you it's your fault.

Speaking as a minority, my opinion is there is indeed a huge problem with racism and until the majority develops a "Social consciousness," we will always have a problem (but it's not my opinion that really matters). This is a very important film bridging the communication gap between races. It is critical we understand one another, if we are going to become "The Great Melting Pot."

Anyone interested in seeing this wonderful film the AWARE group is showing it again at a future date. AWARE information can be found at [www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/AWARE/](http://www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/AWARE/)

Tony Lee is a chemistry senior and a member of AWARE; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.



Guest opinion

Tony Lee

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# CAMPUS



## Thomas Whittler Teacher at heart

By Lindsay Hendrix  
Features Editor

Thomas Whittler had absolutely no intention of being a teacher when he finished his education.

"I never thought I would go into academia," he said. "I was intimidated about getting up in front of people."

But after teaching his first class at UK in the summer of 1985, Whittler was ready to commit himself to a life of serving students.

"The response was overwhelming," he said. "And I was hooked."

Whittler likes to tell a story about a student in his first class who is now a good friend of his.

At the end of his first session, a woman in the class came up to him.

"She said, 'Would you write me a letter of recommendation?'"

Of course, since it was the first class, Whittler knew nothing about her. After he told her that, she had such a disappointed look on her face, he felt like he had to lift her spirits by telling her the truth.

"I said, 'But you know what? If you give me three weeks, I'm gonna know you really well,'" he said.

Her gratified look cemented his decision to stay in teaching, a choice that even surprised himself.

After getting his marketing degree from Bradley University,

Whittler switched schools to finish his education. He got his doctorate from Purdue University in social psychology.

"These two areas of specialization combine to make Whittler a consumer behaviorist. In other words, he studies why people buy things, what they buy and what influences them."

"We use psychology to explain the way people behave in the marketplace," he said.

This involves studying the effects of marketing on the buying habits of consumers.

Whittler, whose expertise is attitudes and persuasion in a consumer context, focuses specifically on techniques used to make people buy things they do not really want, and how to make consumers aware of these.

"(Marketers and salespeople) push buttons to try to get people to react instantly without rational thought," Whittler said. "And it works, by the way."

His ultimate goal is to teach people about these techniques, so consumers can avoid purchasing useless items.

In addition to marketing students, advertising majors sometimes take Whittler's classes.

"That's nice that they come in with their perspective," he said.

And that's exactly what Whittler thinks teaching is about — bringing different ideas together and exchanging opinions.

"In my classes I've learned just as much as the students have," he said. "It's amazing the battles we get into (in class)."

During these idea "battles," Whittler makes sure not to designate right and wrong opinions.

He thinks his role is to instigate thinking, not memorizing.

"It's coaching more than teaching," he said. "I like to see students grow and expand their thoughts."

There are some parts of his job that he doesn't like, though.

"I wish I didn't even have to give exams," he said. "The funny thing about it is, when students are having fun, they learn."

Whittler admits that it may not be teaching alone that has made him so happy these past 12 years.

He thinks it may have something to do with the Bluegrass, and specifically UK.

"It's been a really, really good experience," he said. "My plans are to stay — I would love to call Lexington home."

To nominate, drop off a short paragraph that says why your nominee should be profiled at the Kernel office or call 257-1915 and ask for Lindsay Hendrix.



Campus Impressions

## Depression

Disorder often affects college-age students

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Humphries said, is often told.

"Women are often told they don't have control over their lives... it's one of the contributing factors," she said.

In addition, women and men handle depression differently,

Humphries said.

"Women tend to have problems with low self-esteem and self-critical thinking. Men tend to have depressive symptoms that are more 'acting-out' symptoms, like fighting and irritability," she said.

Depression is commonly triggered by a combination of physical and psychological factors.

Psychiatrists generally follow several guidelines when diagnosing depression. Typically a patient must exhibit five of the following symptoms within a two-week period: loss of interest, significant

weight loss, insomnia or hypersomnia, fatigue or loss of energy, feelings of worthlessness and guilt, indecisiveness, and recurrent thoughts of death.

Not everyone who has depression realizes he or she is depressed. Students need to examine their behavior and if they exhibit any of the typical depressive traits, they should seek treatment immediately.

Depression is, in every sense of the word, a disease. Like other diseases, depression needs diagnosis and treatment for recovery.

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