



Ideas for the day

Just pondering

If you throw a cat out a car window, does it become kitty litter?

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

Did you know that dolphins are so intelligent that within only a few weeks of captivity, they can train Americans to stand at the edge of the pool and throw them fish?

Dancing — just a vertical expression of a horizontal desire.

Why do you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?

If atheists say there is no god, who do they think pops up the next Kleenex in the box?

Note for the ladies in the audience: "Bite Me!" isn't nearly the insult your mind believes it's going to be.

Could crop circles be the work of a cereal killer?

I bet infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

My single friends kept asking me to fix them up with a "nice" guy, so I did ... and all I got for my troubles was bitter complaining. I figure it's their own fault though, because if what they really wanted was "nice AND a full set of teeth," they should have told me that in the first place. Then again, my philosophy: The longer you wait, the better the date.

Did you know that five out of four people don't understand fractions?

People who think they're perfect are annoying to those of us who really are.

— Source: <http://www.amused.com/michelle.html>.

Definitions

Hidden meanings

DUMWAITER: someone who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.

FEEDBACK: the inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

— Source: <http://members.aol.com/funnyfirm/bits.htm>.

— Ron Norton

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Sunny and cold through Tuesday.

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"He didn't belong to us; he was on loan to us from God."

— Rev. Douglas Fortner, on Artie Steinmetz

One last goodbye



PHOTOS BY HOBIE HILIER | KERNEL STAFF

Family members and friends carried the coffin of Artie Steinmetz at the football player's funeral yesterday in Edgewood. More than 1,000 people turned out to pay their respects.

Overcoming losses: Hundreds attend funeral for UK football player; ceremony filled with tears, emotion, a little laughter

By Mark Vanderhoff
STAFF WRITER

Head football coach Hal Mumme led his team into a different kind of challenge yesterday — that of overcoming the loss of a teammate and friend.

Shortly before the funeral mass for Artie Steinmetz, the player who was killed in the crash, three buses pulled into the parking lot at St. Pius Church, the Steinmetz's parish in Edgewood.

"He is gone from our senses, but not from our hearts," Rev. Doug Fortner, St. Pius' pastor, said in his sermon.

Fortner led the mass, for which attendance was so great that rows of people stood in the rear aisles and even in the foyer.

As friends, family and members of UK and Covington

Catholic High School waited to pay their respects, they exchanged hugs and handshakes and lamented Steinmetz's death.

Bishop Robert Muench, who delivered the eulogy, discussed the connection between the official colors of UK and the Virgin Mary, blue and white. He then referred to the other Hall Mary — the long-shot desperation pass that arose from the belief that prayers to Mary often result in miracles.

When Muench suggested Steinmetz could use his new heavenly leeway to obtain front-row, 40-yard-line seats for a football game, the bishop managed to bring laughter to an atmosphere filled with tears.

For Steinmetz, Fortner said, death is "the beginning of a life of full love" with God and is comparable to being born all

over again.

"He didn't belong to us," Fortner said. "He was on loan to us from God."

Before the funeral, a line of people streamed out of the entrance on one side of the church, as it had for almost two hours during visitation.

Many at the funeral found the large attendance comforting.

"There's strength in numbers," said the Rev. Tom Farrell, pastor of the Newman Center at UK.

The Steinmetz family left immediately after the service. UK students who attended the funeral would not comment on the service.

Steinmetz, 19, a freshman and redshirt defensive lineman, and Christopher Scott Brock, 21, of Hyden, died in the automobile accident Sunday after the truck driven by senior Jason Watts flipped over on U.S. 27 near Somerset.

Watts, who was driving all

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Head coach Hal Mumme consoled Marshall Steinmetz yesterday outside St. Pius' Catholic Church, where the funeral mass took place.

MEN'S HOOPS

Bears declawed in 82-51 drubbing

By Aaron Sanderford
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

If UK was Goliath, Mercer was the lint in David's belly button.

The Bears (0-3) knew they were out-manned before last night's 82-51 whooping, but they left Lexington with a \$30,000 check in hand. Yet it was the five Wildcat freshmen that gained the most from UK's lopsided win.

For the second-straight game, UK freshmen made key contributions that Wildcat coach Tubby Smith said the Cats (2-0) would need for a championship run, albeit a little less than their output Tuesday against Eastern Kentucky.

Despite struggling from the field, the freshmen still put up solid numbers.

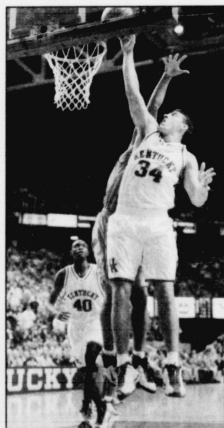
Freshman center Jules Camara scored in double figures for the second-straight time, and only freshman guard J.P. Blevins failed to score.

"Obviously, this is a good time to see how you can perform," Smith said.

"Tonight, you could see a little dip in the freshmen. Tayshaun (Prince) didn't shoot it as well, Todd and J.P. struggled, but that's going to happen to freshmen."

Buoyed by the now-complete two-game suspensions of junior center Jamaal Magloire, sophomore guard Ryan Hogan and the near-finish of sophomore forward Myron Anthony's, UK's Fab Five tallied 160 minutes of playing time in the Wildcats'

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JOHNNY FARRIS | KERNEL STAFF

Senior forward Scott Padgett laid one in over Mercer forward Isaac Stallworth.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Officials to rally against proposal

SGA members will march downtown to council work session to protest housing ordinance

By Jill Gorin
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association will sponsor a protest rally next Tuesday at noon in front of Patterson Office Tower.

The rally is being held to oppose the passage of an ordinance proposed by 3rd District councilman Dick DeCamp that would limit the number of unrelated people who could reside in an off-campus, single housekeeping unit to three.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council will vote on the proposition next Tuesday during its regular work session.

As part of the rally, SGA officials will march down Martin Luther King Boulevard toward downtown at 1:30 p.m., when the council session begins.

"Students have been calling, asking what SGA is going to do about it," Senator at large Keisha Carter said.

The Governmental Concerns Committee also opposes the ordinance.

"We are sending them e-mail and letters expressing how we strongly oppose the idea," committee chairwoman Paola Murrillo said.

See RALLY on 2 >>>

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Starr makes his case

WASHINGTON — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr laid out his evidence against President Clinton yesterday in the third presidential impeachment inquiry in U.S. history. The independent counsel, in an appearance before the House Judiciary Committee, accused Clinton of a months-long "scheme to conceal" his affair with Monica Lewinsky. But Starr said his investigations into the gathering of FBI files by the Clinton White House and the firing of White House travel office workers resulted in no evidence of impeachable offenses by the president. The hearing, which is being televised nationally, is still in progress.

Clinton sees little of hearing

WASHINGTON — President Clinton was in Asia beginning a five-day visit as Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr testified before the House Judiciary Committee yesterday. White House Press Secretary Joe Lockhart said Clinton did not watch any of the live coverage but saw one short clip of it on a CNN news broadcast. But an aide did brief Clinton on Starr's prepared testimony, Lockhart said. A battery of the president's lawyers — private attorney David Kendall and White House counsel Charles Ruff among them — were also present in the committee room, awaiting their turn to question Starr.

27 states backing tobacco

NEW YORK — Twenty-seven of the 46 states eligible to share in a \$206 billion tobacco settlement have embraced the package as of the eve of tomorrow's deadline for accepting the proposal. Nine states yesterday announced plans to sign the deal designed to resolve state claims for the costs for treating sick smokers. The pact announced on Monday after five months of negotiations between negotiators for eight states and the four biggest U.S. tobacco companies. No state has yet rejected the proposal.

First Palestinian airport to open

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian Authority went through last-minute preparations yesterday to open its own airport, which will give Palestinians for the first time a way out of the Gaza Strip without asking for Israeli permission. Palestinian negotiators said Gaza International Airport would open Sunday. Israel, which will oversee security at the airport, has forbidden its own citizens from initially using the airport, Israel's Channel 2 TV said. And all flights, which must be approved by Israel in advance, would not be allowed to fly over its airspace.



LABOR OF LOVE: Singer Paul McCartney says his wife Linda's death "is too close to me and too painful still. I'm not making plans to be a cheerleader or the sad clown" on behalf of breast cancer, which claimed his beloved Linda and his mother.

Mediator rejects ABC union's claim

NEW YORK — A federal mediator yesterday rejected a union's claim that ABC's lockout of 2,200 behind-the-scenes employees because of a labor dispute was illegal. Although the decision was a blow to the National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians, the union and ABC will return to the bargaining table tomorrow for the first time in more than six weeks. NABET's camera operators, producers and editors staged a one-day strike over health benefits on Nov. 2, and ABC responded by locking union members out of their jobs until they promised advance warning of future job actions.

Film director Alan Pakula dies

NEW YORK — Film director Alan Pakula, who directed *Kluge* and *All The President's Men*, died yesterday in a car accident. He was 70. Pakula's movies included 1982's *Sophie's Choice*, starring Meryl Streep. See *You In The Morning* in 1989. Presumed Innocent in 1990. *The Pelican Brief* in 1993 and *The Devil's Own*, starring Brad Pitt and Harrison Ford, in 1997.

Heidi Fleiss released from prison

DUBLIN, Calif. — Heidi Fleiss, the infamous "Hollywood Madam" who provided prostitutes to the rich and famous, was released from federal prison Thursday and transferred to a halfway house, officials said. Fleiss was freed after 20 months in prison under a deal allowing her to complete the last part of her 37-month federal sentence for conspiracy, tax evasion and money laundering at a "community corrections center." Dublin prison spokesman Dominic Gutierrez said.

Fleiss also was concurrently serving an 18-month state sentence for pandering, to which she pleaded guilty in February 1997. Fleiss, who was arrested in 1985, was charged with running a call girl ring catering to Hollywood's power elite and found guilty of the federal charges in January 1997.

Number of pregnant smokers drops

WASHINGTON — The number of women who smoke during pregnancy dropped 25 percent in the 1990s, but hundreds of thousands still smoke while pregnant, the government reported yesterday. A study by the Centers for Disease Control found 13.6 percent of pregnant women smoked in 1996, down from 18.4 percent in 1990.

Stocks rise, Dow gains 14.94

NEW YORK — Profit-takers tripped up the Internet rally yesterday, but another rosy update by Intel helped lift other technology stocks and the overall market. The Dow Jones industrial average finished 14.94 higher at 9,056.05.

Compiled from wire reports.

DEATH

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three on a hunting trip, suffered a severe arm laceration and is in good condition at UK Hospital.

Brock's funeral took place Wednesday in Thousandsticks, just outside Hyden.

Blood-alcohol tests indicate all three were legally drunk at the time of the crash. Watts now faces a drunken-driving charge and two counts of second-degree manslaughter, and is scheduled to appear before a Pulaski County judge Dec. 17.

In related news, SGA President Nate Brown said the organization was considering holding its own memorial for Steinmetz, but the Senate vot-

ed no.

Brown said he talked to Athletics Director C.M. Newton about the idea, but Newton requested a memorial not to be held while the football players deal with the tragedy.

"We have a memorial walk every fall, and next fall we'll have one in memory of Steinmetz and all the other students who have passed away," Brown said.

Dan Gahafer, a spokesman for the Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control department in Frankfort, acknowledged today that an investigation into allegations that Steinmetz was served alcohol at Haney's Bar on Leesestown Road in Lexington.

Gahafer declined further comment. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

SGA

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The ordinance does not have to pass with a unanimous vote in the council to move to the next level of debate.

But if it does, it will go to the planning commission for further review and a public hearing.

"We want to stop it now," Carter said. "This is ridiculous. We don't even want it to go to the planning commission."

Although the council voted for the ordinance, Carter said several of its members side with the students, namely George Brown, who works at UK; Bill Farmer, Teresa Isaac and Al Mitchell voted against the ordinance.

Isaac said it's hard to define "unrelated persons," because so many people have a different perception of family, Carter said.

SGA wants students to get involved, call various council members and express their concerns.

"Once students get involved, it could get shot down," said Kent Fletcher, a sociology junior.

"It's just one more thing students are going to have to stand up for."

Some say the ordinance has been proposed partly because of the increased noise and behavior complaints filed against students this year.

Some students have asked how this will affect those individuals already living in an apartment with more than three unrelated people.

"I guess if you already live in an apartment with three other people," Carter said, "then you would have to leave when your lease is done."

SGA president Nate Brown said this kind of law has been made in other cities with large universities too.

"In other places, it has been up to the landlords how much they want to enforce it," he said.

The ordinance would affect every living facility around the UK campus, not including buildings owned by UK.

Because 75 percent of UK students live off campus, some argue the economic repercussions, if this ordinance passes, could spell disaster for students.

That's what these pills do: They take away your thought process."

- Rep. Mary Bono, on the fact that the pills might have caused husband Sonny Bono's battle with prescription drugs might have led to his death.

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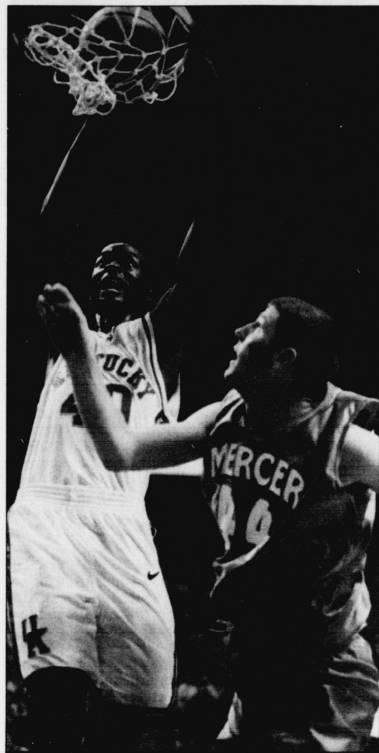
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Border war
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LAST NIGHT
Women win
The UK basketball women defeat Ohio State in Columbus 50-44 in overtime last night.

DUNK YOU VERY MUCH



HOBBIE HILBER | KERNEL STAFF

Freshman Jules Camara dunked over a Mercer player last night as UK stomped the Bears in its last game without suspended players Myron Anthony, Jamaal Magloire and Ryan Hogan.

Mercer Bears (51)

NAME	mi	fg	3pt	ft	rb	tp
Davis	20	2-9	1-2	0-0	4	5
Adams	30	3-6	0-0	0-0	11	6
Lamyer	21	4-10	0-0	0-1	8	8
Brown	32	4-10	0-5	0-0	0	8
McCray	33	2-9	0-3	1-1	2	5
Stallworth	17	2-7	0-1	1-2	4	5
Kirtz	20	2-10	2-7	0-1	2	6
Muhammad	10	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	4
Muhammad	7	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2
Pickles	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	3	0
Ott	6	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	2
Totals	200	22-67	8-28	0-0	38	51

Kentucky Wildcats (82)

NAME	mi	fg	3pt	ft	rb	tp
Evans	22	4-10	2-5	1-2	6	11
Padgett	22	3-7	0-2	3-4	6	9
Bradley	25	5-7	0-0	2-5	5	12
Smith	19	1-2	1-2	0-0	3	3
Turner	22	7-11	1-3	0-0	3	15
Prince	22	2-7	1-4	1-0	8	5
Camara	21	7-9	0-0	1-2	8	15
Allison	19	2-3	0-1	2-4	2	6
Tackett	12	1-4	0-2	1-2	6	3
Blevins	12	0-3	0-2	0-0	1	0
Masiello	4	1-3	0-1	1-1	0	3
Totals	200	55-88	11-20	25-52	48	82

Mercer 51
Kentucky 82

Cats show no mercy on Mercer

By Adam Spaw
STAFF WRITER

Mercer rolled into Rupp Arena last night, but there was no No. 33 in sight.

No "Air Pair" in the house last night, just a few air-balls. You guessed it: no Ron.

The letters M-E-R-C-E-R was about the only thing the small college from Macon, Ga., had going for them after they tipped it off against the Cats. And after a few trips up and down the court, the Mercer Bears were probably ready to be the "Mercy" Bears, as in, "have mercy on us."

UK, though, would have no part in it.

Wayne Turner came out strong, scoring UK's first five points. A Jules Camara dunk and a baseline three-pointer from senior forward Heshimu Evans marked the start of an 11-0 run, and the Cats were well on their way to another early-season home blowout.

Over at halftime for "Da Bears. It was evident the team were over-matched in the first half when it became known that UK shooting guard Tayshaun Prince was taller than any Mercer player on the floor.

Mercer's top-two leading scorers, Mark Adamson and Evans Davis, were held to a combined two-of-nine from the field in the first half, while their first-half leading scorer had three field goals for six points. That explains why Mercer only had 19 first-half points.

UK, meanwhile, shot 55 percent from the field and also con-

nected on five first-half three-pointers, en-route to taking a 30 point lead heading into the locker room.

Oh yeah, there was a second half, but it wasn't exactly a high light reel. UK only scored five points in the half's first seven minutes, before a 13-point run.

"We got complacent in the second half," Evans said. "We can't afford to do that."

Coach Tubby Smith once again gave everyone on the team its fair share of minutes.

"It was good to get guys playing time," senior forward Scott Padgett said. "Although we didn't play as well in the second half as we would've liked to."

The Cats once again struggled at the line, making only 11 of 20 free throws. Sophomore center Michael Bradley continued his two-game struggles. He was 1-for-5 Monday against Eastern Kentucky and just 2-for-5 against Mercer.

"I want to play a perfect game every time I go out there," Bradley said. "And it's frustrating every time (when the free throws don't fall)."

For Mercer, there was joy despite the score.

"I was just so excited," Mercer sophomore guard Corey McCray said. "It was like Christmas morning to a little kid."

But Smith sounded much more like the Grinch.

"Free throws are something we've been working extremely hard on since last December," Smith said. "We need to go back to the drawing board and see what we need to do."

GAME

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first two games.

And those significant minutes could come in handy, as the Cats start the meat of their schedule Monday, playing a neutral-site game in Cincinnati against Wright State. But the youth movement must now make room for three of its more experienced teammates. Magloire and Hogan are shoosies for Monday night returns, and Anthony will make his debut unless Smith sees a class conflict.

"The first two or three games, you're just trying to

get acclimated," Prince said. "We know our time will come."

Freshman center Jules Camara has led the young guns, playing 42 total minutes while averaging 12.5 points and 9.5 rebounds during the two-game stretch. But Camara also stands to be the freshman most quickly impacted by the end of suspensions.

Bradley started both of UK's games this season, and Smith made it clear in October that the experienced Magloire would start soon after his return. So that could mean the end of PJ for the Wildcats' plastic man. But the freshman from Dakar, Senegal isn't worried, he's

patient.

"I'm just trying to get out there and play hard, to do what it takes," Camara said. "It helps a lot to get this playing time, but I can't wait for them to come back, because they will make us a better team."

As for the decisions facing Smith, there are worse problems than figuring out which quality player gets minutes. There are few bad choices.

"It's going to be a hard decision, but I'm sure that's a decision Coach doesn't mind making," sophomore guard Saul Smith said. "You can never have too many good players."

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ACADEMIC
Free Math Tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazer Hall, call 257-8703 for time.
MEETINGS
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SAB Contemporary Affairs Committee meeting, 4pm, King Cultural Ctr.
SAB Next Stage Committee meeting, 3:30pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
Almshey International meeting, 7:00pm, Room 113 Student Center
UK Lambda meeting for Lesbian/gay/trans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
Wesley Foundation Dinner and Prayer, 6pm, Wesley Foundation
Thursday Night Live sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship, 7pm, 502 Columbia Ave.
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
ARTS
University Artist Series Features Dawn Upshaw, 8pm, Singletary Center, Tickets \$25-\$22, \$14, call 257-4929 for info
INTRAMURAL
Turkey Trot Race, 4pm, UK Arboretum
SPORTS
UK Men's Basketball vs Mercer, 8pm, Rupp Arena
UK Women's Basketball @ Ohio State, 7:30pm
UK Swimming and Diving @ Nike Cup
SPECIAL EVENTS
Devotion 'n' Lunch, 12:15pm, 65U
Coffeehouse at Student Center Game room, 8-10pm

SATURDAY 11/21
ARTS
UK Dance Ensemble Fall Concert, 8pm, Singletary Center, Tickets \$10 are available at SCA Box Office
INTRAMURALS
Racquetball Singles tournament
RELIGIOUS
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 6pm
SPORTS
UK Rifle vs. Alaska, Lexington, KY
SUNDAY 11/22
RELIGIOUS
University Praise Service, Christian Student Fellowship, 11am, 502 Columbia Ave.
Sunday Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm
MEETINGS
UK Buddhist Association meeting, 4pm, Room 124 Kastle Hall
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 8:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Center
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
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Legal concerns

Blowing smoke

MIAMI — The judge presiding over the nation's first class-action smokers' lawsuit to reach trial has ordered an inquiry into a cigarette ad that appeared in several Florida newspapers. The full-page, color ad for Kool Natural Lights appeared locally Wednesday, prompting plaintiffs' attorney Stanley Rosenblatt to complain it was "blatantly improper." Defense attorneys called the ad's timing a coincidence. "Let's put it this way," Circuit Judge Robert Kaye said. "It raises one's eyebrows, serendipitous or not." The ad states in part: "We're not saying these cigarettes are safer than other cigarettes, but we think you'll enjoy the perfectly balanced taste." Rosenblatt, who's seeking \$200 billion for at least 500,000 sick Florida smokers, contends the ad was meant to be seen by jurors hearing the case. He said no tobacco company had ever explicitly talked about the safety of a product in an ad.

Abortion wrongs

NEW ORLEANS — Abortion rights advocates went to court yesterday seeking to overturn wording in a state law that said a fetus becomes a living baby as soon as it enters the birth canal — even if it gets there as part of an abortion. "They are trying to change the constitutional definition of a person by moving up a few inches into the woman's body."

— Priscilla Smith, attorney for the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy in New York, regarding the Louisiana trial to uphold a constitutional prohibition against partial-birth abortions.

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Chain reaction

Readers are encouraged to submit letters to the editor and guest opinions to the Dialogue page. Address comments to: "Letters to the Editor," Kentucky Kernel Editorial Office, 35 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042

Send electronic mail to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Letters should be no more than 250 words; guest opinions should be no longer than 600 words.

All material should be type-written and double-spaced. Include your name and major classification (for publication), as well as your address and telephone number for verification.



READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Freedom is lost in our precious justice system

To the editor:

Let me begin by presenting the concept of freedom as portrayed by the United States Constitution. We are free. We are free to make our own decisions and live our lives here in America, clothed in our precious liberty. Yes, friends, this is freedom. Even without legislating morality, the fathers of the Constitution knew freedom is not all inclusive. The foundational principle is this: My freedom ends where yours begins. Your liberty ends when it infringes upon mine. This is known as the common law.

Now the powers of justice have deemed it necessary to ensure rights to those Americans still in the womb; those certain humans who will cover their eyes and ears when introduced to the outside stimulus of bright lights or loud sounds.

These Americans now hold government-given rights, including the right not to be harmed by those "mothers" who choose to abuse alcohol or use illegal drugs during pregnancy. It seems to me

that these government-sanctioned rights should not be given to the non-living.

I am pro-freedom. I am pro-liberty. I am pro-choice, according to the definitions of freedom and liberty. Finally, I am pro-life. I believe life is a gift from God, that life is a creative expression of an expressive creator. Life is precious, and finally, I am not a fan of murder.

BRIAN S. MEURER
 BIOLOGY SENIOR

'The Body' is ready for a life of service to his constituents

To the editor:

Although I admire your enthusiasm toward the election of Reform Party candidate Jesse "The Body" Ventura, I think you (as well as the majority of news publications) have failed to recognize the fact that Ventura has not been wrestling for the last 10 years, because he has had an active career in politics and has even served as mayor of a city in Minnesota.

The media blitz after his election was so focused on his history in sports entertainment, that his political agenda was completely ignored for the sake of speculation that one day another wrestler might hold down a political office. A former professional wrestler is no less suitable for public office than movie stars like Sonny Bono. I was hoping the Kernel would be assertive enough to recognize Ventura's legacy as a politician and at least attempt some sort of original humor.

Obviously I was expecting too much.

MAX MATFORD
 ACCOUNTING SENIOR

Turn our loss into a gain for the community

To the editor:

I can think of no greater way to honor our lost friends than to give thanks for our own health, to cheer for our courageous Cats and to donate blood this weekend in the annual UK vs. UT blood drive. We all learned this week that football is not the most important thing in the world, but life is. Let us learn from this lesson, and give life.

JOHN COOK
 PUBLIC POLICY GRADUATE STUDENT

Check out www.kykernel.com for more letters to the editor.

Manish Bhatia

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Iraqi policy created by muscle-happy U.S.

Looks like that "terrorist," Saddam Hussein, is up to his old tricks again. America is apprehensive that Saddam is building weapons of mass destruction. The irony here is the United States stockpiles more nuclear weapons than the rest of the world's countries combined, and is the only nation to have dropped the atom bomb on two thriving Japanese cities. The radioactive fallout from the explosions affects its citizens to the present day.

Judging from the reaction of the average citizen in this country, John Doe seems pretty pissed that American forces backed off at the last second without launching a strike. John Doe is sad, because he cannot see the spectacular fireworks that lit the sky during the Persian Gulf War.

He is frustrated, because he cannot get the special feeling he got watching his country show its military trinkets. He is tired of shooting fake aliens on his Nintendo and wants to blow up some real "aliens" for a change.

In fact, John Doe would not blink twice if the entire nation of Iraq got wiped out along with its dictator.

After all, why should he care about a nation far away with a population of weird folks who eat sand, speak a strange language and worship a different god?

You see, John Doe fears the unknown.

It makes him very comfortable to label every one of those "towel heads" from the Middle East as a raving terrorist who is set to destroy his way of life.

There are two things I have noticed about the foreign policies in this country. First, all major military operations usually coincide with the president getting into trouble. Second, 90 percent of the time, these military decisions are made unilaterally by the United States with little or no support from the rest of the world.

Ignorance is bliss, and the average guy on the street condones every U.S. military action, because he has little or no idea of those societies and cultures beyond his own. (Well, nothing beyond what he sees on MTV and the occasional "20/20," anyway.)

Most Iraqi citizens support Saddam Hussein. There is an "eye for an eye," community-based culture, where pride supersedes personal possession and comfort. It's an old fashioned "death before dishonor" culture that is hard to explain to the hip hop generation of the West.

If America chooses military might over diplomacy in handling Iraq, it would rip apart the delicate secular and democratic fabric of world policy and erase any semblance of tolerance for diversity and cultural differences among its citizens.

Dinner turns into a lesson about racism



Dave Gorman
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

Last week my friends and I were stuffing our faces at the Chinese all-you-can-eat buffet at the best restaurant in town, the Ming Garden. I know the people in Lexington are friendly, but this one family a few tables away from us kept smiling as we made our trips to the buffet or whenever we made a glance in their direction.

As we were wrapping up our meals, a complete stranger comes up to us and asks us how we think "them Cats" are going to do this season, all the while winking and smiling at us.

We weren't sure if he had some kind of eye-twitch from World War II or if he was trying to make a pass at us. We eliminated the latter, because he had a wife and a 20 to 25-year-old daughter. We continued to talk to him about how the basketball team was doing, but we knew there was something going on in his head.

At first we assumed he thought we were basketball players, but then we decided that to be so disoriented that he would have to be the most non-TV-watching, non-newspaper-reading guy in the world.

My two friends are black. Robin is 6-foot-3 and light-skinned, while Dave is about the same height, but a little darker.

This middle-aged, white man said he thought Robin was Wayne Turner, but then realized it wasn't true.

Hello! Not all black people look alike. Everybody is unique. Open your eyes, man.

Plus, you would think that a big basketball fan, like himself, would know what all the players look like.

I'm not bitter. I just hate stereotypes. I know this guy probably saw some tall guys and assumed we were players. I'm only 6-1, but some players are about that height. But here's the part that really offended us.

He thought my friend Dave was one of the new boys, though he wasn't sure. Dave doesn't look a thing like any of the new players. So Dave muttered under his breath, "Oh, so we all look alike."

Although this whole exchange took place in less than a minute, the impact was astounding. I noticed him staring at me and asked who he thought I was. He answered, "I can tell who you are, you're just a white boy." We watched the man return to his table and talk with his family. It was obvious he was too embarrassed to tell them we weren't players.

What we gathered from this whole experience was the notion that some people in this state think all tall black people are basketball players. Everyone should think before they speak, so they don't make an ass out of themselves.

But seriously 'adies, I do kind of look like Jeff Sheppard. Don't I?

IN OUR OPINION

Home wreckers

City attempts to get rid of students

"You've got to be kidding me."

That was the reaction of nearly every student upon hearing about the city's latest attempt to round-up students and herd them into their own separate pasture.

The city thinks it would be a good idea to limit the number of non-related adults (i.e., college students and other not-quite-wealthy citizens) who can live together in one home.

It's an absolute scam that such an ordinance would even be considered. This is the price we pay for living in a district where the representative has openly stated he couldn't care less what students think.

Lexington's 3rd District Representative, Dick DeCamp, campaigned on a platform centered on restoring the campus neighborhoods to the families who have lived there for years. He didn't have to listen to the students' wishes. Because a majority of students who live in these areas are residents of other cities and states, they aren't registered to vote in this district. Instead, the 1 percent of homes in these neighborhoods owned by non-students or rental companies are up in arms, apparently, because students have recently stepped their rowdiness up another level.

That's a load of crap. The noise and party level was not raised significantly at all this year. The only place truly affected by the alcohol ban was the fraternity houses, where alcohol was already in a state of decline. The only thing that's changed is the city's sudden willingness to do something about a situation that has existed since UK was built. People who move into these areas know there will always be the occasional small disturbance and noisy party. If they had any intelligence, they'd know not to move into areas where these activities are regular occurrences. It's not as though these areas are the only available housing markets in this city.

That argument isn't complete. We realize citizens have the freedom to choose where they want to live, but so do students! They're citizens, too!

Students have the freedom to choose where and how they want to live. They are not the constantly-drunken pillagers DeCamp and the tiny amount of people complaining about the situation say they are.

What would make the situation in Lexington worse than the same situation anywhere else in the country? Is Lexington rowdier than EKU? Or Tennessee? Or Ohio State?

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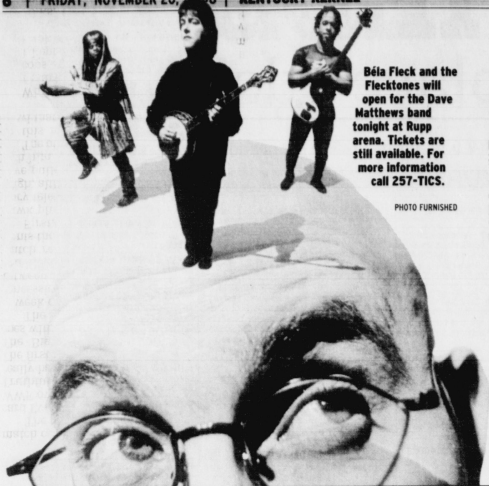
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CONCERT PREVIEW

Béla hits the big time

Marissa Fugate
STAFF WRITER

He is the only musician nominated for a Grammy in jazz, bluegrass, pop, country, spoken word, Christian, composition and world music categories. And it's not Puff Daddy. Eat your heart out Puffster. Béla Fleck is way ahead of you. Béla Fleck and the Flecktones will open for the Dave Matthews Band tonight at Rupp Arena, marking the beginning of a tour with the band and a continuation of musical excellence. "We're a unique amalgamation of so many styles and influences," said Flecktones' saxophonist Jeff Collins. "We're unique as in we sound like the Flecktones, not like anyone else." Béla Fleck and the Flecktones are as drum as they are instruments. Instruments include a banjo, a bass, a Synth-Axe Drumitar and saxophone, but the heart of the band lies in the people.

The people include Béla Fleck on banjo, Future Man on percussion, Jeff Coffin on saxophone and Victor Wooten on bass. "Béla is a fantastic improviser," Coffin said. "Jazz takes (improvisational) music to a harmonic level." *Left of Cool*, the newest effort by the Flecktones, adds a new dimension to their work — words. "It just made sense to try it," Coffin said. The album features the first attempt by the Flecktones to add vocals to their normally instrumental music. "Future Man is a great singer, so we decided to try it," Coffin said. Some surprise guests also lend their voices to the album, with "Communication," featuring Dave Matthews with Future Man and "Step Quiet" with Amy Grant on harmony. Fleck is known for his collaboration with artists, lending his skills to Jerry Garcia, Emmylou Harris, the

Dave Matthews Band, Phish and Allison Krauss and Union Station. "Collaborations are done for the music," Coffin said. Fleck is featured on the Dave Matthews Band album *Before These Crowded Streets*. Fleck is featured on the banjo in the songs "Don't Drink the Water" and "Spoon." "We decided to ask him to sing some harmony with Future Man, and he agreed and asked me to play with him on their new album, so we got a nice swap thing going," Fleck said in an interview with *Billboard*. The Flecktones have been putting their headline status on hold lately to open for other bands. Joining the Dave Matthews Band has been a positive experience for the band. "It's very cool," Coffin said. "We know these guys pretty well. It's a good hang, but it's done for the music. For me, it's all just a part of a process of playing music."

Jonathan D. Gent
STAFF TV COLUMNIST

In search of perfect show

What's happening on "Cupid," "Ally," and "Dawson"? Which one will make the grade in one critics search for perfection?

The perfect show. What everyone wants. Perfection could not affect the fabric of space and time, it's just television.

My perfect show exists, at least in theory. It resembles these new shows. You know, the ones with the hour time span. The ones that aren't dramas, because they make you laugh. Yet, they're not comedies either. They have the perfect combination of cynicism and romanticism. In my opinion, these shows are damn near perfect. They make you laugh. They make you sad, and most importantly, they make you think.

"Cupid" is the best example of near-perfection I've seen so far. The Greek god of love is banished to Earth to reunite ninety-nine couples without magic. After being placed in a mental institution (and arranging for his own release), he becomes a bartender who frequents a singles therapy group.

The comedy is easy here. It's the drama that's hard. The last episode dealt with the fact that Trevor (Cupid's name on Earth) is not allowed to have sex. If he does the dirty deed, he becomes mortal.

His therapist, Claire, tells him to do it. At the last minute, he changes his mind. He breaks down in tears, sobbing, "I want to go home. I can't do this" repeatedly. I think the show is trying to make the viewer believe he's Cupid.

One show in serious need of a "Cupid" crossover is "Ally McBeal." The best relationship option Ally's had all year (John Ritter) fizzled faster than "The Secret Lives of Men."

So far this season, "Ally" has been kind of stalled with plot lines that could really use a good push (out of a window).

Every couple they've got on the show looks good on paper, but not in reality. The one with the most promise (John and Nell) will never come to life, because of the "good-guy syndrome" I have referred to in past articles. John is a shy, smart, geeky guy. Nell is cold, gorgeous and likes John. But John barely says "boo" to her.

A show with romance all over it this season has been "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer." All the cast members, save Giles the Watcher, have been involved in some sort of relationship. Buffy's lasted about as long as a cup of coffee in the morning. Now that Angel is returning, the "Moonlighting"-esque slamming of doors will probably be starting again.

The other couples on the show seem to just be schmoozing it up, but a shake-up is

coming soon because of a kiss between Xander and Willow a few shows back.

Shifting to "Dawson's Creek," a kiss has now destroyed my boy Dawson's relationship with Joey.

Anyone who watches knows how perfect these two were supposed to be together. I understand the show couldn't afford to let them be together.

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“Ally” has been kind of stalled with plot lines that could use a good push.”

What bugs me is the way they broke them up.

Joey told Dawson he was the guy she "will want" to be with. What is that? This, my dear readers (all six of you), is perhaps the biggest line of crap ever thought up by anyone in a relationship.

Digression over. The four shows above all represent the archetype for the perfect show. Hour-long comedy-dramas that deal with romance from the off-kilter view of society today. They're cynical, yet charming enough to be sweet.

The ever-popular pop-culture litter dialogue is reminiscent of postmodernism, but the constant sex talk is indicative of immaturity.

The recipe for success includes equal parts *Scream* writer Kevin Williamson, *Peter Pan* and *Sleepless in Seattle* writer/director Nora Ephron all rolled into a television show batter, which bakes up to be absolute delicious.

Gary McCollum
WRESTLING COLUMNIST

'Monday Night RAW' makes wrestling exciting

Honestly, I had started to get sick of wrestling, and I think it was starting to show. But after this past Monday night at Rupp, I'm a bigger fan than ever.

Of course, I'm not the biggest fan ever — title has to go to the jackass that jumped the railing during the final match of the night at "RAW."

The show was the best live card I've seen by either WCW or WWF over the last few months. Truthfully, there were only two really bad matches on the card. The first was Ken Shamrock vs. The Big BoobMan, but that goes without saying.

The second excuse to go get a week-old hot dog from the concession stand was the match between Wes Craven's Gangrel and Edge vs. LOD 2000. This match redeemed itself on two fronts though.

First, the implied idea of Hawk plummeting off the five-story television set was a great laugh, although I wish he could have pulled the Undertaker off with him.

The other source of salvation for this match was the "real" brawl that went down in Section 14.

While I didn't exactly hear what started the fight, the guy the cops smeared on the pavement kept screaming that they were taking away the wrong man.

Folks, that is as bad as it got, and for wrestling ... that isn't bad.

As for the best parts of the evening, I think everyone would agree with me when I

put the Rock walking that aisle as the "corporate champ" as his biggest highlight.

Now, I'm not a big fan of the Rock, but I can respect him now a hell of a lot more than I can respect most of the ham-'n'-egger fans out there.

Just last Sunday night, most of you were cheering for the guy. But come Monday, the "Rocky sucks" chants were back in full force.

I don't disagree with the chant, but at least the Rock is true to his character.

The second highlight of the evening had to be the Godfather with his statement, "Lexington's got some of the best hos ever born." And obviously, his girls came ready to prove it.

The final high point was more of a reminder than anything.

As the credits rolled on this edition of "RAW is WAR," "Stone Cold" Steve Austin knocked back a couple of cold ones ... with referee Earl Hebner.

The sight of Hebner jumping up on the turnbuckle and slamming back a beer was enough to make me head toward the parking lot.

After all, the concession stands might be closed, but there's always a six-pack waiting for me at home in the fridge.

Now that "RAW" has cured my writer's block, I think I deserve to celebrate.

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