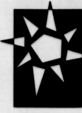


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WEATHER Sunny today, high in mid-50s. Clear tonight with light freeze possible, low 32. Sunny tomorrow, high 65.

LIVIN' LARGE UK Living '97 compares apartments, residence halls, Greek housing and living with parents. See inside.



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INDEPENDENT SINCE 1971

Senate to vote on grade policy

By Kathy Reding
News Editor

A year ago, the University Senate approved a plus/minus grading system for the College of Arts and Sciences.

A proposal failed the previous semester that would have put the system in place across all colleges because of a lack of support for plus/minus outside the College of Arts and Sciences.

In Senate meetings after Arts and Sciences approval, grading plans were discussed for individual colleges; some agenda items passed, others failed.

Today the University Senate returns to the issue of whether or not the entire Lexington Campus and Medical Center sectors of UK should use a uniform grading system.

Senate chairwoman Jan Schach said the re-visitation of the grade issue is sparked by student and faculty complaints regarding the absence of a universal system and systems in place.

"This is an attempt to ask the Senate should we have (a universal system) and what should it be," Schach said.

Before the question of a universal grade system was tied to a particular system.

Schach said that is why the question is separate

from any grading options in the latest proposal. If the first part of the proposal passes, the Senate will decide which grading system to use.

If not, "the various systems used currently will remain in use, and the Senate will continue to consider proposals from individual units," according to the proposal before the Senate.

According to the proposal, "The Senate has decided to be considered by senate members if the first part passes.

Schach said options can be added from the floor but does not know if the Senate will decide on a universal grading system today.

Others offer versions with an A plus computed as a 4.3 if students' grade point averages, an A plus equaling a 4.0 and a system with no A plus, the option now used in Arts and Sciences.

Among the seven grading options, one calls for no pluses or minuses.

Others offer versions with an A plus computed as a 4.3 if students' grade point averages, an A plus equaling a 4.0 and a system with no A plus, the option now used in Arts and Sciences.

The other three systems include all pluses but no

minuses, a numerical system with no letter grades and a GPA neutral system in which the instructor can assign plus/minus grades, but GPAs are computed on the whole letter grade only.

"No one really knows which is the best system," Schach said.

"There is just no clear answer. There is not going to be a perfect solution, but we want to find the best one."

Last month the Student Government Association endorsed a universal system without minuses. Senator-at-large Joe Schuler said this plan is best for students and has the greatest chance for passage in the University Senate.

The acceptance of the final draft of the UK Principles as an official UK document also stands before the Senate.

Of the Senate and the Community College System endorses the UK Principles, its statements become a part of universitywide orientation this fall.

The Principles, created by students, faculty and staff, have already been approved by the Student Government Senate. It says UK community members will strive for, among other goals, "lifelong learning, academic excellence, personal integrity and environmental stewardship."

Arboretum acts as spring escape

By Ginny Tatum
Staff Writer

The wonders of nature. Vegetation on display for educational purposes and a serene, park-like atmosphere.

No place exhibits these qualities like the UK arboretum.

The UK/Lexington-Fayette Urban County Arboretum, located on Alumni Drive across from Commonwealth Stadium, houses several hundred varieties of plant and tree life, said Dewayne Ingram, chair of the department of horticulture and landscape architecture.

Ingram said the arboretum's mission is to be a "living laboratory for students and faculty while serving the general public's inter-

est and educational needs," as well as to be a cultural center for Kentuckians.

Candace Harker, a horticulture agent for Fayette County who works in the arboretum, said the arboretum impacts students and residents.

"We see (the arboretum) as an educational resource for the community," she said.

Professors occasionally hold biology, horticulture, forestry and agronomy classes at the arboretum. Ingram said it provides an outdoor classroom, allowing students to identify plants and their functions in the environment.

While geography and German senior Claudine Costich does not have any classes there, she said she likes to take advantage of the arboretum on beautiful days.

"I like it because it's so peaceful," Costich said. "I just like enjoying the outdoors."

Costich said she thinks more students should use the arboretum as a place to relax and spend time outdoors or to get involved in the activities.

Ingram said volunteers, faculty members, students and a group called Friends of the Arboretum coordinate events there.

Ingram said the next major event, in celebration of Arbor Day, will last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19; the free event features speakers, demonstrations, children's activities and exhibits.

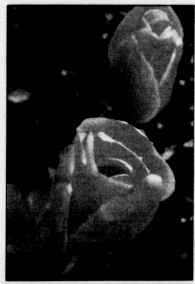
Marcia Farris, president of Friends of the Arboretum, said the

See ARBORETUM on 6



SPRING LOCATION The UK/Lexington-Fayette County Arboretum offers visitors walking paths, spring flowers and an outdoor classroom setting. The arboretum's events are coordinated by students, faculty and volunteers.

PHOTOS BY RICH COOK Kannel staff



FOR THE BIRDS A small group of people protested Friday at McDonald's on Limestone Street after finding dead birds.

Pickers protest over birds

By Gary Wulf
Associate News Editor
and Mat Herron
Features Editor

Five protesters picketed in front of McDonald's on Limestone Street on Friday in protest of dead birds found in front of the restaurant.

An estimated 10 to 12 birds were found on the restaurant's property where Orkin Exterminating Co. installed and later removed four bird-feeders Thursday afternoon.

Bob Andrews, the owner of Paisley Peacock who first opposed the material in the feeders, helped organize the protest Friday afternoon.

"I thought the problem was taken care of when they took

down the birdfeeders," he said. Andrews said he found 10 dead birds when walking around the McDonald's parking lot.

Birds flock to the restaurant, he said, because of the trash thrown on the ground. He said he called the health department and the local, district and national branches of McDonald's.

"I'd like to see McDonald's publicly admit that they tried to kill the birds," he said.

The protesters stood with a box of the dead birds and carried signs reading "Super-size Starling Fries."

Avitrol, a repellent registered with the Environmental Protection Agency that was mixed in with the feeders' grain, causes "distress display in the birds" to ward off others, said Tom Barnes, an associate professor of forestry and the state extension

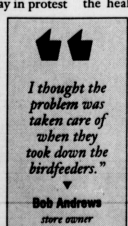
wildlife specialist. This behavior, he said, lasts from 20-30 minutes.

The "white, crystalline, odorless soluble material," as Barnes described it, produces hazardous effects if ingested in large quantities by birds, fish, humans and other mammals, including "muscular incoordination, salivation, tremors (and) cardiac arrest."

According to the Prevention and Control of Wildlife Damage publication from the University of Nebraska, triggering the behavior requires only a small bit of the substance, 10 mg/kg.

Three to seven mg/kg is lethal for sparrows; for starlings it's 4.9 to six mg/kg and for rats, 20 mg/kg. Despite the dead birds, Barnes said Orkin's procedure was "legal."

At press time, McDonald's media relations had not returned comment on the demonstration. Orkin public relations director Susan Kirkpatrick said the company may contact some UK researchers to study bird control.



Bob Andrews store owner

NEWSbytes

STATE IRS audits fewer Kentucky residents

LOUISVILLE — For people worried about IRS audits, Kentucky might be the perfect haven. It turns out that Kentuckians get audited less than anyone else.

The odds of coming face to face with an IRS auditor in Kentucky are less than one in 350 — about half that of the national average.

"That's just one more wonderful thing about our area," joked Gwen Tilton, an accountant at Cotton & Allen, an accounting firm in Louisville.

But there might be an unpleasant reason for the low rate of audits. IRS spokeswoman Judy Krebs, a former auditor, speculates that it might be due to low incomes in Kentucky.

Even so, the rate of returns audited has slipped in recent years even as Kentuckians' incomes have risen, so other factors might be involved. Krebs said a hiring freeze that has thinned the number of auditors statewide in 198 might have played a role.

NAMEdropping

Country singer weds model

ATLANTA — Country singer Travis Tritt serenaded model Theresa Nelson with his hit, "More Than You'll Ever Know," when they were married over the weekend at his home outside Atlanta. Tritt, 34, had written the song for Nelson, according to Tritt's publicist Nancy Russell. The song was a No. 1 single for Tritt.

More than 300 guests attended Saturday's wedding, including recording artists Tanya Tucker, Sam Cooke, Lari White and Gary Rossington of the group Lynyrd Skynyrd. The couple met in February 1995 at a party thrown for Tritt by country singer Marty Stuart. It is Tritt's third marriage, Nelson's first.

Compiled from wire reports.

Lecturer blames media for divide

By Shane Romines
Contributing Writer

The racial divide in the United States may be the media's fault. According to a communications scholar, the media has created a "tyranny of perspective" that grips the nation.

Oscar Gandy, a professor at the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, said the media may have played a key role in the divided opinion between whites and blacks on O.J. Simpson's guilt. Gandy spoke at UK on Friday.

"White and black opinion has a 40 percent gap, which is the largest in the past 40 years," he said. "It's the press ... that plays an important role in selecting, amplifying, (and) helping us understand what the nature of this inequality is."

Gandy said people's average estimation of blacks in the U.S. population is about 24 percent, but the real proportion is only 12 percent. In addition, most Americans think that about 27 percent of the white population is poor, while the actual portion is only 11 percent.

"The opinions we hold are really the opinions, ultimately, that have been delivered to us by way of the mass media," Gandy said.

Many have long believed that exposure to the news is a way to become better informed about one's surroundings. Not so in this case, according to Gandy. The more attention people pay to racial stories, the more they tend to overestimate the negative aspects, he said.

Gandy thinks exposure to the news ranks fourth in importance of shaping racial views. Race, he believes, is the number one influence, followed by education and income. He also said political ideology affects opinions on reasons for "the undeniable fact of inequality."

Gandy said conservatives tend to blame family breakups and a lack of motivation in the black community for the inequality. Liberals, however, tend to blame white resistance, racism and the lack of educational opportunity. Gandy thinks these all are affected by exposure to the media.

In the age of political correctness, many are trying to resolve this problem of inequality.

"Some of the stories about black culture are in the press because the journalists are liberals and progressives," Gandy said. "They want to mobilize citizens to influence public policy."

UK College of Communication and Information Studies faculty said they prepare students to consider the input of race.

"All of the colleges clearly encourage racial sensitivity," said Roy Moore, associate dean of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications. "The government shouldn't enforce responsibility."

"Sensationalism is the problem with TV," said Phil Palmgreen, professor of communications. "Journalists need to give opinion, but label it (as such) because people tend to take it as fact."

Gandy thinks hope exists in the media's future. "The media are going to serve a hegemonic function, that is, exposure to the media is going to be associated with a convergence of white and black perceptions," he said. "The media will play a role in holding society together."

DIVERSIONS

HAMLET

By Dan O'Neill
Arts Editor
★★★★1/2 (out of five)

"Brevity is the soul of wit" was obviously not a line Kenneth Branagh had in mind when he decided to make his epic-length four-hour film version of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*.

The acclaimed writer-director gave the finger to conventionality by presenting the celebrated story of the depressed Danish prince in its entirety. With only minor alterations to the original, Branagh brings all of the sex, violence, revenge and madness together in a surprisingly taut, wonderfully acted, absolutely stunning piece of filmmaking.

Branagh stars in the title role of the Prince of Denmark who is driven into madness after his uncle, Claudius, murders his father. With shot after shot of profound and desperate sequences, Branagh truly offers the definitive *Hamlet*.

Some of the impenetrable Shakespearean dialogue persists, but Branagh fills the film with enough striking visuals to keep viewers occupied while the lines go in one ear and out the other. It might be a good idea, though, to read the literature again before seeing the film. As with most Shakespeare, familiarity can lead to a more enjoyable experience.

The classic *Hamlet* scenes are as intense and involving as ever. The "To be or not to be" speech followed by "Get thee to a nunnery" sequence and then the "What is a man" speech leading to the intermission exemplify the furious dramatic presentation associated with the literature.



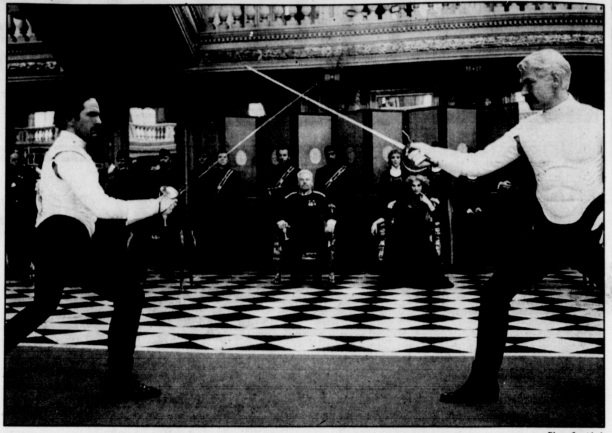
Heightened Shakespearean language flows effortlessly from each of the leads, with Branagh in particular giving a tour de force performance. Branagh does not play Hamlet; he becomes Hamlet. The play has been in his blood for 20 years, playing the role more than 200 times. His familiarity shows.

As for the rest of the international cast, stage veterans Derek Jacobi as Claudius and Richard Briers as Polonius stand out. In the female roles, Shakespeare newcomers Julie Christie plays Gertrude and Kate Winslet continues to be film's brightest young star as the good-girl-gone-mad Ophelia. Of the major roles, Michael Maloney in the role of Laertes is the only one to go a tad overboard on acting.

Much of the film's beauty comes from watching the number of megastar actors play minor roles. Charlton Heston as the player King, Robin Williams as Orsino and Richard Attenborough as the English Ambassador add to the production's majestic qualities. Billy Crystal provides one of the more memorable scenes as the quick-witted gravedigger.

Branagh's decision to set the film in 19th century Denmark offers a break from the typical medieval style. The time period allows for the display of brighter colors and a more opulent look at Elsinore. This is not the dark, brooding play usually presented; instead it sizzles with plenty of life and vivacity.

Using more than 30 wall mirrors on the large ornate set gave the actors several opportunities to use the fixtures for dramatic purposes during the monologues. Set, costume design and overall art direction



supplement the poetry with near equal elegance. Director of photography Alex Thompson uses the 70 mm format to the fullest as he puts together one of the most visually impressive films in recent memory. The awesome screen presence accompanying the format accentuate every set and costume detail in magnificent style.

The only visual drawback occurred in some of the longer monologue sequences, when Branagh forces plenty of 180- and 360-degree camera movements to liven up stationary figures. Thompson's camera lacks grace in these select scenes, coming off as hurried and dizzying.

Its enormous scope and length make this an event rather than a movie. Five film adaptations preceded Branagh's effort and it's safe to say none will attempt to follow this act for some time.

Branagh's *Hamlet* may be best described in Shakespeare's own words: "A hit, a very palpable hit."

PRINCE PERFECT Kenneth Branagh, (above) during the "To be or not to be" speech; (top) in the concluding swordfight against Laertes; and (left) confronting his mother Gertrude, wrote, directed and stars in his four-hour film adaptation of *Hamlet*. Far left: Charlton Heston (top); Kate Winslet as Ophelia and Richard Briers as her father Polonius (middle); and Billy Crystal as the gravedigger (bottom), all contribute their talents to the definitive film version of *Hamlet*. The film plays exclusively at Sony Fayette Mall.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is a free service which appears in the Monday edition of the Kentucky Kernel. All registered organizations wishing to publish meetings, lectures, special events and sporting events, must have all information to Student Activities room 203 or call 257-8867 one week prior to publication.

MONDAY 4/14

ACADEMIC
-Priority registration for the 1997 Fall Semester and both 1997 Summer Sessions (thru 4/18)

ARTS & MOVIES
-SAB Regional Gallery: *Cyral Ties*, BFA Senior Exhibition, 257 Student Ctr (thru 4/24); 257-8867

MEETINGS
-Newman Ctr Catholic Mass every weekday, 12:10pm, 320 Rose St; 255-8566
-UK Accounting Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Spring Banquet

LECTURES
-Career Center Orientations: M, W, F 9:30am & Tues & Thurs 2:00pm (thru 5/02) 257-2746

RECREATION
-Aikido Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

TUESDAY 4/15

ACADEMIC
-Final deadline for submission of application and all required documents to the Office of Admissions for undergraduate admission for the 1997 Four-Week Intercession
-Deadline for applying with college deans for reinstatement after a second academic suspension for the 1997 Fall Semester

ARTS & MOVIES
-EXHIBIT: *Kentucky Countess: Mona Bismark in Art & Fashion*, UK Art Museum (thru 6/15)
-EXHIBIT: *The Elements: Representations of Earth, Air, Fire, and Water from the Collection, UK Art Museum* (thru mid-June)
-Art Museum (thru 5/14)
-EXHIBIT: *American Orientalists*, UK Art Museum (thru 6/20)
-EXHIBIT: *A Line Line Master Drawings from the Collection, UK Art Museum* (thru 6/20)
-EXHIBIT: *From the 18th and 19th Centuries*, UK Art Museum (thru 6/31)
-EXHIBIT: *Jim Dine, Chyholck and Tom Loran Prints*, UK Art Museum (thru 6/31)

MEETINGS
-SAB Board Meeting at 11:30am-1:00pm, 126 Paloney

WEDNESDAY 4/16

ARTS & MOVIES
-Saxophone Concert: Rega sax and Saxophone Quartet, Jazz meets classical, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Recital Hall; FREE

MEETINGS
-SAB Clinical Committee Meeting, 4:00pm, SAB Board Rm, 203 Student Ctr
-Desire to Stop Drinking? Try A.A. in works! Every Wed., 5:00pm, Rm 4 News Ctr
-QOE Meeting, 5:00pm, Rm. 251, Student Ctr
-Town Meeting Series, UK Speaks Out on "Sexuality" sponsored by SAB
-Contemporary Affairs Committee, SGA, and the UK Senate Faculty Council, 7:00pm, Northham Theater, Student Ctr
-Metakonic Student Union Meeting, Open to the public, 7:30pm, Rm. 106, Student Ctr

LECTURES
-UK Career Ctr Workshop: Beginner's Guide to Internships & Graduate Job Search Tools, 5:30pm, 201 Mathews Bldg; 257-2746
-Center for Computational Sciences Seminar: Riaz Abdulla, "From Data to Information to Intelligence: The Dawn

THURSDAY 4/17

ARTS & MOVIES
-UK Theatre: *Billie Spirit*, 8:00pm, Guignol Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; \$10, \$8.50, \$7
-SAB Next Stage Series: *Momix*, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall; \$15, \$15, \$7; 257-8427

MEETINGS
-Baptist Student Union Devotion & Lunch (all you can eat), 12:15pm, 429 Columbia Ave; 257-5389
-UK Wesley Foundation Thursday Night Dinner & Fraise, 6:00pm-8:15pm, 508 Columbia Ave; \$2, 254-0251
-Christian Student Fellowship Thursday Night Live Meeting, 7:00pm, 502 Columbia Ave; 255-0315
-Campus Cascade for Christ, Weekly Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Ctr, Wortham Theater
-UK Lambda Meeting, 7:30pm, 251 Student Ctr; 244-3344
-Fellowship of Christian Athletes Weekly Meeting, 9:00pm, Christian Student Fellowship Bldg, 502 Columbia Ave; 266-2946

RECREATION
-Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

SPORTS
-UK Women's Tennis vs. LSU, 1:00pm, Lexington, KY
-UK Baseball vs. IUPUI, 5:00pm, Lexington, KY

FRIDAY 4/18

LECTURES
-UK Career Ctr Workshop: Beginner's Guide to Internships & Graduate Job Search Tools, 5:30pm, 201 Mathews Bldg; 257-2746
-Center for Computational Sciences Seminar: Riaz Abdulla, "From Data to Information to Intelligence: The Dawn

RECREATION
-Intramural Golf Doubles Tournament, Tates Creek Golf Course, first tee times will be 12:00pm (thru 4/17)
-Aikido Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

SPORTS
-UK Women's & Men's Diving & Senior Diving National (thru 4/20)
-UK Baseball vs. Dayton, 6:00pm, Lexington, KY

SATURDAY 4/19

ACADEMIC
-College Admission Test (ACT) English as a Foreign Language

ARTS & MOVIES
-UK Theatre: *Billie Spirit*, 8:00pm, Guignol Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; \$10, \$8.50, \$7
-SAB Spotlight Jazz Series: The Sanchez Latin Jazz Band, Contemporary Ctr, Concert Hall; \$15, \$15, \$7; 257-8427
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-UK Men's Golf: SEC Championships, Auburn (thru 4/20)
-UK Women's Golf: SEC Championships, South Carolina (thru 4/21)
-UK Baseball @ Florida, 7:00pm, Gainesville, FL

SPECIAL EVENTS
-Metakonic Student Union Gamnit Friday a new game each week, 5:00pm, Rm. 119 Old Student Ctr; FREE
-Residence Life Top of the Tower: Casino Night with DJ, Refreshments, Prizes, and more!, 8:00pm, Kirwan Tower 2nd floor, 42 at the door. All proceeds benefit Lexington Rape & Sexual Assault Center

UK School of Music, 12:00pm, Peal Gallery, King Library North; FREE
-SAB Regional Gallery Reception for *Cyral Ties*, BFA Senior Exhibition, coinciding with Gallery Hop, 5:00-8:00pm, 257 Student Ctr
-Center for Contemporary Art: Photos and Mixed Media by Young Kim, MFA exhibition, Opening reception on April 18, 6:00pm; FREE (thru 5/09)
-UK Theatre: *Billie Spirit*, 8:00pm, Guignol Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; \$10, \$8.50, \$7

MEETINGS
-International Christian Fellowship Meeting, 7:00pm, Koinonia House, corner of Rose St. & Rose Ln.

LECTURES
-Dept. of English & the Program in American Culture presents Gregory S. Day, reading of Brownian Motion Symposium on American Literature and the Culture Wars, noon-1:30pm, lecture to follow from 4:00-6:00pm, Rm. 306 Classroom Bldg. Confederate Indians: D.W. Griffith and the Race for "Nationhood," preceded by a screening 257-6965

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-UK Men's Golf: SEC Championships, Auburn (thru 4/20)
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SUNDAY 4/20

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-Lexington Community Orchestra: Jonathan Roller conductor, 5:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall; FREE
-Chamber Music Society: Central Kentucky Chamber Players, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Recital Hall; \$12.50; FREE for UK Students

MEETINGS
-Newman Center Catholic Mass, 9:00 & 11:30am, 5:00 & 8:30pm
-Christian Student Fellowship University Fraise Service, 11:00am, 502 Columbia Ave; 255-0315

RECREATION
-Aikido Club, 10:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

SPORTS
-UK Baseball @ Florida, 1:30pm, Gainesville, FL

SPECIAL EVENTS
-AIDS Walk for Life 1997, a pledge walk to benefit AIDS Care & Services, 12:00-3:30pm, UK Commonwealth Stadium Parking Lot; 278-7494

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SPORTS

Volunteers ease past Wildcats in 6th

By Rob Herbst
Weekend Sports Editor

In an apparent effort to pump up the UK baseball team in their battle against Tennessee, freshman pitcher Patrick Mahan gave the player introductions from the press box.

While on the mic, Mahan performed a flawless imitation of famed boxing announcer Michael Buffer. And if yesterday's UK-Tennessee battle resembled a boxing match, the Volunteers earned a TKO in the sixth.

With the Wildcats clinging to a scant one-run lead, Tennessee erupted for seven runs in the sixth inning to earn an 11-4 victory.

"When you look at the stats, they had 13 hits and we had 12,"

Madison said.

"We had some crucial errors in crucial situations. If we make the plays defensively, it's a whole different ball game."

The Wildcats committed three errors in the game, but the most costly came in the awful sixth inning.

Although up 2-1, UK found itself in trouble with Volunteers on every base and no outs. Tennessee second baseman Jeff Pickler grounded sharply and directly to Wildcat first baseman Jay Tedesco.

In an attempt to prevent the tying run from scoring, Tedesco threw to catcher Josh Loggins. The low throw got past Loggins and two runs scored. Loggins was charged with the questionable

error, his first in 30 games.

UK pitcher Matt Borne (2-3) who was strong through the first five innings, did not settle down as he gave up four more runs in the inning.

"I didn't want the big inning to happen like it did in the sixth," Borne said. "But it did and those things happen."

"I thought Borne threw the ball really well," Madison said. "He just started getting the ball up a little bit and perhaps he just got a little tired."

Tennessee pitcher Luke Hudson (4-1) earned the win. He pitched 6 2/3 innings, gave up 10 hits and four runs.

Sunday's loss culminated a frustrating weekend for the Cats. After UK thrashed Tennessee 14-

1 on Friday, the Wildcats blew a terrific opportunity to defeat the No. 8 Volunteers for a second time.

The Wildcats had a five-run lead after four innings and took a one-run lead to the top of the ninth. But UT designated hitter Travis Copley homered to center to send the game to extra innings.

Tennessee scored two runs in the top of the 10th and squeaked out a 7-6 victory. It was the first time in the last 34 games that the Wildcats lost when leading after eight innings.

"We should have won Saturday's game. You can't have let-downs," Madison said.

"You have to play every inning. When we took that five-to-nothing lead, I thought we had a little

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Opportunity knocks, but UK goes flat late

By D. Jason Stapleton
Assistant Sports Editor

The word of the day at the UK softball stadium yesterday was frustrating. In the first game against Ole Miss, the Wildcats saw a great pitching performance by Keary Camunas go to waste as they dropped the game 3-0.

Camunas went seven innings and gave up only one earned run on five hits.

A stellar pitching performance by Mississippi's Amanda Fine and an unfortunate error by shortstop Michelle Buccini did in the Cats in the first game of yesterday's doubleheader.

The second game was also a textbook case in futility.

The Wildcats put together six great innings of softball, only to have the wheels fall off in the final inning.

"That was very frustrating," said UK coach Beth Kirchner. "Probably the easiest thing to say was that we played not to lose instead of not to win."

UK held a four-run lead going into the seventh inning when everything seemed to go wrong.

Lori Horner put on a pitching clinic through the first six, but everything went south as she took the mound for the last inning.

The inning began with Horner striking out Ole Miss second baseman Brittany Maxwell, but UK catcher Sarah Snider could not handle the pitch in the dirt, and

Maxwell made it to first.

Errors by Crystal Grace and Buccini, as well as some fine Mississippi hitting and baserunning sank the home team.

The hapless Cats went down in order in the bottom of the seventh to put an end to the disheartening contest.

Horner said she was very disappointed to see her performance wasted.

"It's very frustrating," she said. "I don't know if it's inexperience or not."

The team changed in the seventh inning.

"We had a four-run lead and it's pretty easy to be loose, and we had a tendency to get really tight," Kirchner said.

Earning just one SEC win this season influenced the Cats' tight play.

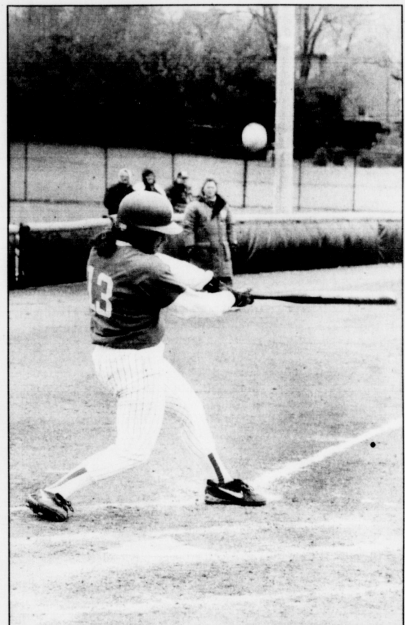
"We were so hungry for a win that I think we pushed a little too hard for it," Kirchner said. "So we need to work on staying relaxed."

In the end, it wasn't all bad news for the Cats yesterday, however.

Lindsay Houser, one of UK's best hitters, was hit in the hand in the first game and taken to the hospital for X-rays.

"It hit her on the knuckles and it didn't look great," said Kirchner.

The X-rays proved negative, and Houser is listed as possible for this Wednesday's game against Marshall.



STEPHANIE CORDLE, Kernel staff

UNLUCKY Perhaps freshman rightfielder Susan Moore should drop the No. 13 because her team was swept by Ole Miss yesterday. The Cats (8-32) played well, but failed to find the win column for the fourth-straight game.

Tennessee relays showcase Cats, world's best

By Price Atkinson
Staff Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — UK's Matt Macievic had an opportunity Friday that doesn't come along too often for a freshman.

With one lap to go in the open 5,000-meter run, Macievic was leading but couldn't hold off a charging Stetson Steele from Iowa.

Macievic finished second overall in 14 minutes and 48 seconds, a 12-second improvement over his previous best effort, which he set the week before.

"It reminded me of high school again; I was in the thick of the race," Macievic said.

"I was just hoping to pull that out."

Running at the front of the pack most of the race, he took the

lead with one lap left. But on the back side of the Tom Black Track, Steele made his move and Macievic was out of gas.

Assistant coach Jim Kaiser, who coaches the UK distance runners, said Macievic responded well in the situation.

"The race developed perfectly for him today, to have a chance to win," Kaiser said. "You always run better when you have a chance to win."

"It feels good when you have an opportunity to win, and it doesn't come along too often when you're a freshman."

In the field events, UK's Jason Margraf threw the discus 53.04 meters to finish third in the open discus.

Afterwards, Margraf said he was disappointed because the winner of the discus threw just 53.46.

"I just didn't throw as good as I should have," Margraf said. "I should've won."

Later Friday, senior Brad Rogers turned in a tough performance in the 800, finishing eighth in 1:50.18 despite a tough break.

"I was happy with the time, but I got boxed in at 300 (meters) and didn't go with them like I wanted to," Rogers said.

"I wasn't real tired after the race so I feel like I can go a lot faster."

The women's 100-meter dash was a strong event for the Cats.

UK sprinter Michelle Brown finished in 11.39, tying for second with Beverly Grant of Lincoln University.

Passion Richardson, running in the same heat with Brown, finished sixth with a time of 11.51.

Olympians break records

Derrick Adkins, 1996 Olympic gold medalist in the 400-meter hurdles, set a new Sea Ray record in his specialty event.

The former Georgia Tech star won the event in 48.65, breaking former Olympian Edwin Moses' record of 48.9 set in the 1977 Sea Ray meet.

Also in the field was world-record holder Kevin Young, who finished third behind Adkins and Octavius Terry.

Jamaican Olympian Michael Green defended his title in the 100 with a blistering time of 10.02 breaking the Tom Black Track record.

Green, who competed at the collegiate level at Clemson, finished seventh in the 100 in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

NOTICE:

The 130th Annual Commencement Exercise

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A pamphlet containing information about Commencement activities was recently mailed to degree candidates for whom correct addresses were available. Students who did not receive this pamphlet may pick up a copy at any college dean's office. For specific details regarding individual college recognitions, please contact your college dean's office.

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Guts

All right University Senate members. The time has come to make a decision. No more discussion and debate.

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The first colleges to put plus/minus grading into place, after a proposal to do so within the University failed, did so about a year ago.

The University Senate put time and effort into getting to that point.

Where are we now? Still in the same position, still unclear about where grading in UK is going and closer to total apathy about the topic because of a lack of action and leadership.

This afternoon members of the University Senate will vote on a proposal to put all undergraduate students on the Lexington Campus and Chandler Medical Center sectors of UK under a uniform grading system.

All members should vote in favor of this proposal because it will force them to act (finally) on what grading system will be used. No more of this college and that proposing changes as to

how grades are delivered. No more of students being graded on one scale for one class and another scale in another class, just because the classes are offered by different colleges. Consistency will be a huge bonus, if the Senate uses common sense and approves this proposal. Then of course comes the monumental task of determining which of the seven grading systems is the best one to apply to all undergraduates.

How about a simple A, B, C, D system? A plus/minus system of any kind does not really matter because professors can use their discretion in grading at any time. They don't need the plus/minus system to exercise this power.

Pass a system for everyone, but start it with the fall 1997 freshman class. When all of us come to orientation, we get our copies of the latest University Bulletin.

They say all the guidelines in it are binding to you until graduation, like a contract. If things change, you are still bound under the guidelines that you entered UK under.

Changes in grading, realistically should not apply to those who entered UK before last fall.

IN OUR OPINION

Kernel logo and editorial board list including Brenna Reilly, Tiffany Gilmartin, Chris Campbell, Jeff Vinson, Kathy Reding, Gary Wolf, Dan O'Neill, and Tracie Purdon.

Local TV newscasts need to return to the basics — the news

Shocked. As I watched WLEX's (Channel 18) 11 p.m. newscast a few days ago, I found myself staring at my TV in absolute horror.

Disgusted. Filled with disbelief. It seems that someone at Channel 18 had the brilliant idea of running a homemade video tape showing a boating accident leading to deaths in Florida.

Woods. Another way to show how much they like picking my team. Another way to show what sell-outs they truly are.

Channel 18 isn't just desperate for viewers, it continues sinking with its late-night Kruser show, which has zilch, zero, nada, blank, nothing whatsoever to do with news or journalism.



Rusty Manseau, Kernel Columnist

Kruser, the former radio comedian with 98.1 FM WKQQ, now spends around town doing funny things with people. Oh, it's a riot!

I laugh myself silly watching Kruser bowl with a professional bowler. Ha! Ha! Ha! Stop! I can't contain myself!

But really, if WLEX wishes to continue this farce on its newscasts, it should at least have the decency to call the show something like "The Late WLEX Show."

Wait, I'm not through with self-out examples.

Don't forget, Channel 18 is "the official Kentucky Lottery station for Lexington."

You can "see the live drawings nightly on 18 Action News at 11."

Correct me if I'm wrong, but is the lottery news?

No. Gambling. If WLEX members wish to buy tickets on their own, they can. If the station wishes to sell commercials to the Kentucky Lottery, it should. But to include this as part of the newscast is yet another example of WLEX's incompetence as a journalism medium.

Though WLEX drags down the industry, other stations have also made their mistakes, but far fewer. For instance, WKYT also had a Cats campaign with its "2 Blue" stickers and posters. That is also poor display in journalism.

So far, the only local station that I find worth turning to is WTVQ (Channel 36).

They may not have the best ratings in the area, but they know what news is.

I hope that eventually, people will be fed up with WLEX's desperate, we'll-do-anything-for-viewers attitude and switch over to another station. Even better, I hope that eventually WLEX will put journalism ahead of trash.

Kernel Columnist Rusty Manseau is a journalism junior who views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

Take for instance the "True Blue Fan" buttons, a direct mockery of the industry they claim to work under.

The way I've been taught, news is bias-free, leaving viewers or readers the choice to make up their own minds with the information they obtain. It is not up to the media to choose one's opinion. Unless you're WLEX.

Suddenly, if I choose to be a Minnesota fan or even an Arizona fan, I'm made to feel as though I don't belong with their newscast.

If I continue to watch, I'm provided with continuous opinions, clearly showing which team WLEX is for.

I know the Cats are the local team, but who are members of WLEX to pick my team for me?

Now I can't even turn the channel on without seeing that stupid sell-out of a button, the button that is meant to bring viewers to WLEX.

The "we'll-do-anything-for-viewers" button. I swear, if I see another button I'll scream to the high heavens.

But wait, my intelligence was not insulted enough. During the tournament, the station had to bring in Mark Pope, along with previously purchased Sean

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Bernie LaValley, who started out of his shell by the noise of impact.

READERS' forum

Handicap story offensive to all disabled people

To the editor:

I couldn't help but feel funny about the title "Inspirational award given to quadriplegic" in Friday's Kernel. Pamela Hancock is obviously more to this world than someone who is wheelchair-bound.

I feel like this lady deserves to be recognized as an individual and not by her disability — "Inspirational award given to Pamela Hancock" or "Inspirational award given to education student"...

I was really ashamed today. This student deserves much better.

Even by writing standards and being politically correct this was a

major blunder. I am afraid that the efforts of disabled students to be recognized as students first, who happen to have disabilities, have been set back, thanks to the Kernel.

Aimee Mink, department of curriculum and instruction

Supportive of Lambda

To the editor:

I am very disappointed that UK Lambda decided to boycott the UK Speaks Out on sexuality.

I understand your reasoning, but I think the better approach would be to come and show "Mr. Heterosexual" that his degrading comments about homosexuals have not gotten the better of you. I think that Ben Rich's promises to conduct himself "in a profes-

sional manner" and to treat the audience with respect were commendable, even though it is easy to question the sincerity of his words.

The purpose of Speaks Out is to try and understand others' differences of opinions.

By coming together and having a mature discussion on sexuality, it may be possible to change the minds of those who oppose homosexuality and convince them that gays are human beings who deserve the same treatment as everyone else.

That is impossible if gays are not represented. In my opinion representatives of UK Lambda should come and show that they are not afraid of those who have small minds. You have my support.

Megan Ward, FLIE French freshman

TALKback!

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Strip bar regulations harm the very fabric of our society

This article is in light of the recent legislation that places new restrictions on the operation of strip clubs in this city.

Before delving into the subject of whether or not strip clubs are an acceptable part of society, we need to examine the essence of pornography.

A person can encounter pornography in today's world in several different ways. It could be through magazines, books or movies. It could even be through computers via the Internet. Strip bars are another source for finding people without their clothes on. Pornography, loosely speaking, refers to the explicit depiction of human sexuality.

Not too long ago, the Internet was hit hard by people who did not want children (i.e., people below the age of 18) to have easy access to viewing pornography. This was somewhat understand-

able, because Web site owners find it hard to know who is actually visiting their sites.

Strip bars, on the other hand, are places where adults (i.e., people over the age of 18) can watch men and women in the nude and get some form of sexual gratification in the process.

Unlike the Internet, strip bars can control whom they admit onto their premises. Children are not allowed inside these establishments.

It is just like buying alcohol or tobacco from a store. Neither of the them is legally available to children. We know both these things are bad — we do not want our children to have access to them — but they are still

an acceptable part of our society. Heck, the most enjoyable commercials on television today are the ones that advertise alcohol. Everybody loves those cute talking frogs, that brave chicken and the partying ants.

So why should strip bars be treated any differently? People tend to unwind and entertain themselves in varied ways.

Some like to watch television, some like to grab a beer and some like to have silicon implants rubbed against their faces. In addition to providing adult entertainment, strip bars also offer employment to several men and women with above-average physical attributes. They are part of the economy.

Nobody is forcing these men and women to take their clothes off. And I do not see how dancing in a club can be too hazardous a work environment either. I am sure all strip bars meet OSHA and EPA standards.

There are people who regard strip clubs as a cause of moral degradation of society. Strip clubs are just a speck in the middle of corruption present in the country. When people enjoy freedom to express themselves, they must be prepared to accept views that are different from their own.

In certain countries, religious beliefs play a pivotal role in deciding what is right and what is wrong. Therefore, in these countries there is a clear demarcation between good and evil.

As such, religion shapes the moral values in these nations. Their citizens can easily recognize which activity should be allowed in society and which should not.



Contributing Columnist Manish Bhatia

included them in the list of no-no's in his rule book. One cannot use moral codes as defined in scriptures to determine whether certain businesses should be allowed to flourish. This country would no longer be a democracy if such a thing were to happen.

Strip clubs should be considered just another regulated form of adult entertainment.

As long as a person is not forced to reveal his or her body and as long as strict admission procedures are maintained, strip clubs should be left alone. Nobody is required to go these places.

It is a matter of choice — just as there are people who choose to smoke cigarettes and there are people who don't.

Attacking strip clubs goes against the very fabric of freedom on which this country was founded.

Contributing Columnist Manish Bhatia is an electrical engineering junior; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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CAMPUS

Pulitzer winner to deliver lecture

By Brenna Reilly
Editor in Chief

Last Monday Michael Gartner was accepting the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.

Tonight he will be speaking to UK students about journalism trends at the 20th Annual Joe Creason lecture.

"He has many friends in Kentucky and we are looking forward to a memorable event," said Buck Ryan, director of the School of Journalism and Telecommunications.

"It Michael Gartner is anything he is always memorable."

Gartner, 58, was editor of The Courier-Journal in Louisville and writes a biweekly column for the paper. "Words, Words, Words"

deals with the meaning of words and how they are pronounced.

Gartner recently won the E.W. Scripps award for service to the First Amendment.

As editor and co-owner of the Ames, Iowa, Daily Tribune, Gartner writes eloquent editorials about issues that affect the daily lives of his readers.

Gartner was page one editor of The Wall Street Journal, former editor and president of The Des Moines Register and a former general news executive of the Gannett Co. and USA Today.

In addition to his newspaper work, Gartner was also president



LOOKING
ahead

The 20th Joe Creason lecture begins at 8 p.m. in the Singletary Center. Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Gartner is the speaker.

of NBC News. After leaving NBC he returned to Iowa where he is co-owner of the Daily Tribune and a broadcast company.

The lecture at 8 p.m. in the Otis A. Singletary Center honors Creason, a Courier-Journal columnist.

At the lecture awards will be given out to outstanding journalism students and five journalists will be inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

They are: Kentucky native, Diane Sawyer, anchor for ABC's news-magazine PrimeTime Live; Judith Clabes, president and CEO of the

Scripps Howard Foundation; Ken Rowland, former Louisville television news director and anchor; Fred Wiche, farm and garden director for WHAS-AM and WHAS-TV (Channel 11) in Louisville.

Sawyer will not be able to attend tonight's lecture but is sending a video honoring Rowland who Sawyer worked under in Louisville, Ryan said.

In addition to giving his lecture, "The Pew Charitable Trusts, Civic Journalism and other awful trends," Gartner will be visiting journalism classes and meeting with the Kentucky Kernel's editorial board.



MICHELLE DUDLEY Kernel staff

Keep on rolling

A Delta Gamma social sorority member rode to second place in yesterday's soap box derby, the opening event to Greek Week. The week-long series of events includes a search for the perfect Greek, Jello Olympics and chapter awards.

Arboretum

Area will undergo growth project.

From PAGE 1

organization is made up of "interested people who try to stimulate interest in the arboretum and its development."

"We raise funds and we sponsor activities to encourage people to be up here and to encourage them to use the educational and recreational aspects of the arboretum," she said.

The 100-acre area will soon undergo a \$23 million renovation. An education and visitor's center, an amphitheater, a lake, development of the gardens and a director's position are all included in the expansion plans, Ingram said.

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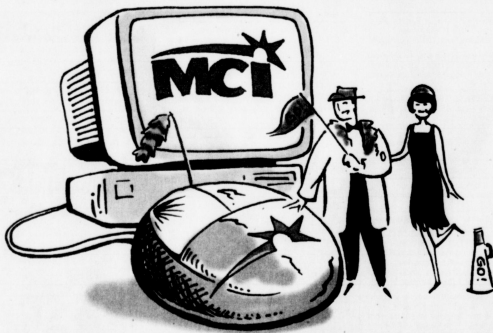
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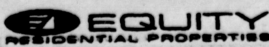
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"All right, Shorty," I said. She quickly poked me in the ribs. "I'm serious," she said. "Lexington ain't no small town like Carlisle. There are a lot of thieves and crooks up there."

Over the next few years I would stay in three residence halls, a fraternity house and an apartment.

I liked the residence halls for the new friendships I encountered, but each of the three halls had different personalities.

My freshman year, I stayed at Haggin Hall, infamously known as "Pagan Hell" or "the Prison." I liked it, though, because it was a place to sleep and it had wonderful proximity to central campus and K-Lair Grill.

Nevertheless, Haggin Hall, supposedly, is an all-male residence hall. I say "supposedly" because, during one fire drill, more girls, it seemed, poured out of the building than males.

My sophomore year, I moved into a fraternity house, which offered me probably my most fun

half-year of my life. Not only was I invited to a party every weekend, but I had buddies to pal-around with 24 hours a day.

Quite simply, fraternity life was not a life I was cut out for. That semester, I slipped below the Mendoza line of grade point averages, 2.0.

From fraternity life, I moved to north campus life in Holmes Hall. The large room, even larger than what I had in the frat house, and the large windows gave me the "nice quiet" that Mama prescribed to help me study. North campus is beautifully green and offers a better study atmosphere than most places on campus.

I rediscovered some of the fun I had on south campus when I moved on to Blanding One. I was closer to friends and fun places such as Seaton Center, but suddenly I felt confined to the four walls of a residence hall room.

Now, I live in a large, three-bedroom apartment, close to campus with two close friends.

"Mama," I said as I placed my hands on her shoulders and gently sat her down. "I'll be all right. This is my chance. I'm ready to grow and to become independent."

"I know," she said.

UK Living '97 editor Brian Dunn is a journalism and English senior; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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Thinking about how, what, where

By Halli Wu
Staff Writer

School is almost over and some students are already thinking about where they will live next semester. For those students moving on to apartments, here are some of the questions you might want to ask when looking for an apartment.

How much does it cost?

University Commons offers individual leases. Cost per person per month is \$345 for two-bedroom apartments. For four-bedroom apartments, it's \$275 per person per month.

Greg Page costs \$986 per person per semester. UK's on-campus apartments also charge a \$50 damage fee, but it will be refunded when you move out if the apartment is without any damage.

Royal Lexington also offers individual leases. Its rates start with \$280 per person per month.

Wyngate Apartments' two-bedroom apartments rent for between \$440 to \$495 a month.

Who pays the utilities?

For both University Com-

mons and Royal Lexington, residents pay the utilities.

At Greg Page, everything is included in the rent. Students do not pay any extra fees after paying the rent. Local phone calls also are included in the rent.

Residents of Wyngate Apartments pay the electric bill, while the apartment pays the other utilities.

How big are the apartments?

University Commons bedrooms are 9 feet by 12 feet.

Greg

Page bedrooms are 16-by-9, living rooms are 14-by-19.5, bathrooms are 8x5 and kitchens are 9-by-6.

A Royal Lexington apartment's total area is 1,100 sq. ft. An average two-bedroom apartment at Wyngate is 950 sq. ft.

What are the amenities?

University Commons has a pool and a computer room with a copy machine.

Greg Page has a grocery store.

Royal Lexington has a swimming pool and a sand volleyball court.

Wyngate Apartments offers a swimming pool, and basketball, volleyball and tennis courts. Wyngate also has a movie library, a playground and a weight room.

Is there washer and dryer?

Both University Commons and Royal Lexington provide washers and dryers in each apartment. Residents at Greg Page and Wyngate Apartments have to go to the laundry room.

For those interested in more, here are their addresses and phone numbers:

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By Allison Marsh
 Senior Staff Writer

Barefoot in her own apartment, art history junior Lainie Pomerleau heads down the hall to her kitchen.

She had just moved in with her roommate, Laura Fister, at 453 Woodland Ave., apartment No. 1.

Here they encountered their first tenant rights issue.

It was tan with black splotches on it. Not the apartment, but their first sign of unwanted company.

It was at least eight inches long, Pomerleau said, but not near as big as the ones that would slither in during the fall and spring semesters.

With a bloodcurdling scream, Pomerleau just missed stepping on the snake blocking the path to the refrigerator.

"I picked it up with spaghetti tongs," she said, still repulsed seven months later, "and threw it out into the road."

Later that day, three more reptilian buddies moved in. Two liked the kitchen, the third hid under Fister's bed.

Luckily for Pomerleau and Fister, tenants have rights.

Mark Rucker, an attorney-at-law hired by UK's Student Government Association, advises students about their legal rights. About half of the cases he counsels are landlord or roommate problems.

Pomerleau plans to visit Rucker. This may add excitement to his two days a week at UK, because most students are concerned with security deposits and roommate difficulties.

When a roommate leaves, the rest of the people on the lease must make sure all bills are paid. Rucker said five years down the road, bad credit has been known to pop up.

Rucker said the law clearly states how security deposits work. Landlords must walk potential renters through their property before money is paid.

The renter must make note of any damage the landlord did not list, and both parties must sign the agreement.

Most importantly, landlords are required keep the deposit in a separate account from their own, which many students do not realize, Rucker said.

"If the landlord doesn't," Rucker said. "They have to give you all of your deposit back no matter what."

Rucker is not allowed to represent students in court, but he provides necessary legal advice.

Still, he said landlords are business people, and



they are usually reasonable when students talk to them.

"Going to court is a lot of time and money wasted," he said.

Snakes, though, give Pomerleau enough reason to search for a new place. After Spring Break, the snakes were back in full force.

Pomerleau's landlord, Ben Hammock, acknowledges the snakes are causing a problem, but he said he's done as much as he can do.

He called Critter Control the day after Pomerleau called Code Enforcement Officer Cal Powell. Critter Control caught two snakes and set traps and deterrents to rid others.

Pomerleau said Powell not only found a snake problem but also a problem with wiring.

"There's been nothing from the city about the electric," Hammock said.

"I feel bad about it, but we reacted quickly," he said.

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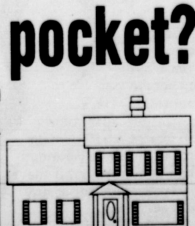
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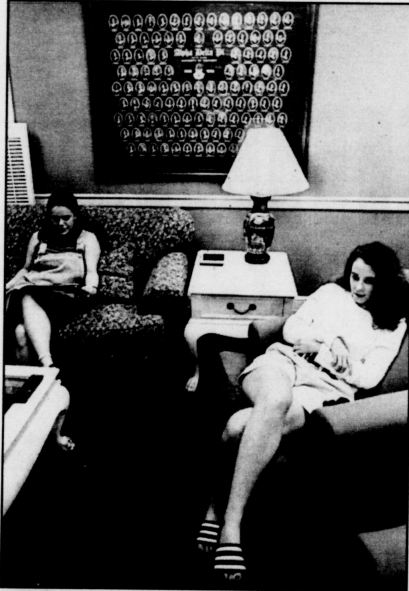


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GREEKS LIVE THE LIFE
On the left, a couple of sorority sisters sit back and enjoy the quiet and the comfort of their home. At right, fraternity brothers gather to play a game of volleyball and to enjoy a drink behind their house.

File photos

Greeks like their houses

By Brandy Carter
Staff Writer

Greek housing offers many advantages to students over residence halls and apartments.

Social fraternity houses allow more freedom than residence halls, said Scott Medley, a geography senior and member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

"You don't have to check in visitors and there aren't any visitation hours," he said. "I can come and go as I please and decorate my room as I want to."

"Living in the house is much cheaper than living in an apartment," said Sean O'Connor, an electrical engineering sophomore and Phi Gamma Delta fra-

ternity member.

"You only have to pay for nine months instead of the year long lease you get locked into with a lot of the apartments," he said.

"There are many advantages to living in the house like you don't need a meal card and there is parking right next to the house," O'Connor said. "It's a shorter walk to classes than from south campus."

Bianca Rosendahl said she likes the homely atmosphere with home-cooked meals.

"The house is much nicer than the dorms and it's a lot closer to campus than Greg Page Apartments," said Rosendahl, a marketing freshman and a Delta Zeta social sorority member.

"It's great because you can choose your roommate and the food is a lot better than the food at the Commons," she said.

Greeks said they enjoy living in the Greek housing because fewer distracting noises and fire drills.

"It's much easier to study in the house because if someone is being loud you can go to them, and, because they're your brother, they will respect your wishes and keep the noise down," said Matthew Graves, an agriculture economy freshman and a member Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

"Also, there aren't fire drills like in Kirwan Tower," he said. The number of people in a room varies, but in most fraternity and sorority houses, two share.

"The rooms are about the same size as rooms in the residence halls, but the closets are bigger and there is more security because you need a key just to get in the front door," said Erin Morris a secondary education junior and member of Sigma Kappa social sorority.

Geoff Tones, a marketing junior and member of Farmhouse fraternity, said the best benefit about living in Greek housing is the friendship.

"You always get to hear about what's going on," he said, "and you get to know everyone in the house much better than you would living in an apartment building."



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Apartment Hunt 1997

Students must choose from quality, proximity

Easy access to campus costs space, quality

By Chip Bright
Staff Writer

Getting out of the dorm? Looking for new roommates? Whatever the reason, students take the plunge every year - their own pad.

Various price ranges and facilities throughout Lexington cater to different student needs and budgets.

While apartment shopping, consumers weigh price, location and all the extras that make up the best deal.

Location provides a good jumping off place for apartment shoppers.

Most students want campus proximity. Others want the best deal.

Limestone Square, Cravens Properties and Campus Downs give UK students the most central location, and a 5-10 minute walk to campus eliminates the parking rush.

"Students enjoy our units for the easy access to campus they offer," said Darlene McNeese, Cravens Properties' supervisor.

University Commons lies a little farther away, but the complex is still a short bike ride from campus and Leatran stops are frequent.

With numerous facilities and peers, University Commons receives high marks for meeting fellow residents.

University Commons offers a pool, student activities room and exercise room as well as other extras.

Apartments on the outskirts of campus require some driving skills to beat the rush-hour traffic into downtown and a lot of patience finding a parking spot.

Heather Bennett, who lives at out Tates Creek Road, said she sometimes struggles to make class on time.

"I have to leave home 30 minutes early only to wait another half-hour to find a place to park," said Bennett, a journalism junior.

Location offers students on-campus mobility, but that does not always mean the best deal.

Most apartment complexes outside the campus area make stress on a college student's wallet a little easier.

A two-bedroom apartment runs between \$500 and \$700 throughout the city.

Three-bedrooms usually run between \$600 and \$900. But a considerably lower cost per foot governs complexes away from campus.

Downing Place offers residents a 1250 square foot, two-bedroom apartment for \$515, \$0.41 per foot. In comparison, Cravens Properties rent a 730 square foot two-bedroom for \$525, costing \$0.70 per foot.

Apartments outside of the campus area typically follow suite, providing more space and better facilities at a generally lower price than closer units.

Students also have the option to rent from private owners around campus. Renting a unit from houses turned apartments bordering campus allow students a greater deal of flexibility not found in formal apartment communities.

Phil Harrison, an accounting major, said a greater privacy, proximity to campus and affordable rates provide him with a sense of home not found in complexes.

"The UK junior and his three roommates pay \$760 for a three-bedroom, bottom floor of a house on Lexington Avenue.

"Living in a cookie-cutter cabbyhole just isn't the life for me," said Harrison.

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Phil Harrison
Accounting sophomore
who rents at home
from a private owner

Complex	Price	Size	Rate	Features
Limestone Square	\$609-2br, 2ba	\$303	n/a	five minute walk to campus
Cross Creek	\$648-2br, 1.5ba	\$324	n/a	security officer and pet friendly
Blackbridge	\$515-2br, 2ba	\$258	n/a	hot tub, pool and tennis
Chase Creek	\$630-2br, 2ba	\$315	1000	no deposits, gym and two pools, security of area and a good view
Sonnet Cove	\$642-2br, 2ba	\$321	1258	
	\$607-2br, 2ba	\$304	1366	
	\$605-2br, 2ba	\$303	1450	good security, tennis
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Downing Place	\$515-2br, 1.5ba	\$258	1250	Leatran, pool and hot tub, security officer
Meadows	\$670-2br, 2ba	\$335	788	hot tub, security officer, student discount, tennis
Tates Creek Village	\$749-2br, 1.5 ba	\$375	1250	
The Grove	\$749-2br, 2ba	\$375	1250	pool, tennis and parking
Landscape East	\$699-2br, 2ba	\$350	1342	hot tub, two pools, pet friendly, Leatran and parking
Children on the Run	\$699-2br, 2ba	\$350	1300	view, Leatran and parking
Merick Place	\$625-2br, 2ba	\$275	1205	pool, tennis and parking
Midwintling Hills	\$653-2br, 1.5ba	\$327	1250	good security and pet friendly
The Marston	\$599-2br, 2ba	\$300	1046	hot tub, tanning, hot tub, view
University Commons	\$1,100-4br, 2ba	\$275	1200	close to campus, gym
Heritage	\$609-2br, 2ba	\$305	1150	pool, Leatran stop at campus
Cravens Properties	\$700-2br, 2ba	\$353	873	five minute walk to campus
Campus Downs	\$600-2br, 2ba	\$300	n/a	ten minute walk to campus

Complex	Price	Size	Rate	Features
Impus				no extras such as a pool
Leatran				extra fees possible
Pool				no security officer
View				not close
Furnish				not furnished
Gym				not cheap, but lots of room
Security				no security officer
View				not close
Pool				not close
Utilities				not furnished
Leatran				no security officer
Meal Card				no security officer
Cost				\$0.68 per square foot
Utilities				not furnished
View				no security officer
Hot Tub				\$0.92 per foot
Patio				no security officer
Pool				no extras such as a pool
Leatran				small sq. foot
Security Officer				no extras such as a pool

Residence halls close, but apartments bigger

By Brian Dunn
UK Living '97 Staff

Although living in a residence hall room allows little space to move, residence hall life does allow plenty of room to grow.

Apartments, however, allow for more room for the back.

Deciding where to live is a dilemma for many students.

Breaking down student costs for university housing, and rent from 19 apartment complexes from throughout Lexington, makes them easier to compare.

Sandy Morgan, a supervisor at the housing office, said residence halls cost \$949 per person per semester.

Also, students must get at least a \$650 meal card account.

When broken down, the cost for living in a residence hall is about \$60 a week, which is about \$270 a month. The cost for the meal card is about \$40 a week, or about \$180 a month.

That's about \$450 a month to live in a room about 175 square feet in area with a roommate.

Together, the two roommates pay about \$540 monthly in rent for the room (not including food).

Living in an apartment offers much more room for about the same amount of money.

According to an average taken from 19 apartment complexes around Lexington, monthly rent in Lexington is about \$700 for a three-bedroom apartment and about \$650 for a two-bedroom apartment.

Those same 19 apartment complexes averaged about 1,200 square feet in three-bedroom apartments and about 1,100 square feet in two-bedroom apartments.

Again, a student living in a residence hall pays about \$270 a month, whereas an apartment resident pays about \$200 in a three-bedroom apartment and \$115 in a two-bedroom apartment.

This a campus resident ends up paying \$1.75 per square foot per month, whereas an apartment resident pays \$0.68 per square foot per month for a three-bedroom apartment and \$0.59 per square foot per month for a two-bedroom apartment.

Problems such as nine-month and year-long leases, however, arise with apartments.

Also, living in residence halls offers more access to campus life and better chances to meet new friends.

Kenneth Kirk, an education senior and a resident adviser in Haggan Hall, said living in a residence hall is, in many ways, better than living in an apartment or in a Greek house.

"It's really living in a residence hall is more like life," he said. "It's convenient, you get to interact with more people, and it's a good learning experience."

Kenneth Kirk
Haggan Hall residence adviser

"You meet a bunch of people (in the residence hall) you wouldn't normally meet," said Michael Reeves, an accounting freshman.

Kirk agreed, and added, "You have a variety of people who can help you."

But, said Reeves, the constricted life of campus housing is forcing him to move into a house with his friends.

"We'll be living on our own," he said. "We'll have our own showers, and we'll be able to visit whenever we want."

Reeves said he'd have to pay only \$200 a month in rent for the two-story, five-bedroom house, plus about \$100 a month for food.

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Subleasing saves summers

By Capri Cicero
Staff Writer

As the summer nears and spring fever begins to set in, some students begin the search for a place to live during the summer. Likewise, other students are beginning the search for someone to sublease.

A number of students at University Commons, Royal Lexington, Hunnington Apartments, and other places close to campus have placed ads in the Kernel asking for students interested in subleasing.

University Commons does not offer a nine-month lease, so everyone who has plans to leave for the summer must find a party to sublease or pay rent for three months of vacancy.

According to University Commons resident Leshia Helton, a political science junior, there are "tons of people over here looking to sublease." Although she was able to sublease to the first interested person, she said not everyone is so lucky.

"When I went over (to the office) last week, there were 40 people on the list that wanted to sublease," Helton said.

She offered a room in the apartment for \$265 a month plus utilities. Helton's ad in the Kernel ran for only five days before the room was subleased.

Other students don't see results as soon. Royal

Lexington resident Harold Hii, a civil engineering junior, said students are looking to live alone or with friends, not to share an apartment with current residents.

While he has had more than 20 people respond to his ad, he doesn't have anyone who is seriously interested.

"I am having a really hard time finding someone," Hii said, "and there are quite a lot of people (in Royal Lexington) looking to sublease."

Royal Lexington does offer nine-month leases but Hii said many students thought they might stay for the summer, but have since changed their minds.

Some Hunnington Apartments residents are also looking to sublease for the summer. While Hunnington offers nine-month leases, it does not offer them during August. So Kelly Myers, an interior design sophomore and Hunnington resident, placed an ad in the Kernel to draw interested sub-leasers.

In her case, she wants to lease the whole apartment and not just a room. She is asking \$625/month for a two-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath townhouse, unfurnished.

"We have some people who are seriously interested, but we haven't leased yet," she said. "But there are a lot of people looking for subleasers."

As for students who want to lease during the summer, there are many options available. UK offers limited housing during the summer session and a number of ads in the newspaper offer apartments for both summer and fall.

Students also have the choice of subleasing an entire apartment with friends who are also staying for the summer or spending the summer with new roommates in an individually subleased apartment.

The possibilities for students who want to sublease are endless. If spring fever doesn't take over a deal could be lurking as close as the classifieds.

What's wrong with home anyway

Scores of high school grads trek from home towns far and near each August to begin their quests for knowledge at the University of Kentucky.

They crowd into dorm rooms (residence halls, for the politically correct) with the approximate square footage of a Jeep's back seat.

After a couple of years, most have moved to off-campus apartments or fraternity and sorority houses.

Such hasn't been the case with me. I've spent all three of my collegiate years living at home.

Friends tell me I've missed out an important part of the college experience.

Maybe. But I could never justify paying the University's housing fee when I already live close to school.

Call me a pragmatist. I don't feel I've missed much. An argument can be made that dorm life is a good way to make friends.

I think that's valid. But meeting new people is

more important to students who didn't grow up in Lexington. Unlike me, most of their friends are probably back home or at other schools.

Most of my friends from high school are still toiling around town, either attending school or working.

And though I've made a number of new friends here at UK, I still like to hang out with my old pals.

In fact, I spend lots of time with my best friend of 12 years, who lives a few blocks away from me, at his parents' house.

We've talked about getting an apartment together, but we always reach the same conclusion:

Why spend the money? We both come and go as we like. At my house, the rule is that I must come in quietly so as not to wake anyone up. I believe the canon is similar at my colleague's residence.

I suppose we both feel this is our right, since we work and pay our own ways. I don't feel like a freeloader.

Nevertheless, all this convenience will be gone this summer when I move three hours away for an internship.

For the first time I will find out what it's like to have an apartment, pay rent and have no one around to tell me what's good for me.

And for the first time I'll be living in a city where I don't know anyone.

But I don't feel intimidated. On the contrary, I look forward to the experience.

Not only will I be developing skills in my field, but I'll be learning how to cope in a new environment.

I don't expect to be able to find a job in Lexington when I graduate, and possibly not in Kentucky.

That is the nature of today's job market. Those who want a career have to relocate.

So maybe when I'm faced with leaving my hometown permanently for a job, the prospect won't seem as daunting.

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James Ritchie
Kernel columnist

Stories from roomie hell

By Brian Dunn
UK Living '97 Editor

Is there a better way to top off an apartment guide than to tell three stories from roommate hell?

Three residents from around campus offered these stories from their trips to roommate hell.

All three of these stories are true, so don't think your roommate wouldn't do the same thing to you.

Burnin' the house down

Chris Ecton, an undeclared freshman, had a problem with the odor his roommate's smoking left clinging to the walls of their dorm room in Haggin Hall.

So he ventured to Wal-Mart to pick up a can of air freshener. Next time, Ecton thought, he'd nip the odor in the bud.

Ecton brought the air freshener back to the dorm room, left it on his desk, and went to his afternoon class.

After class, he returned to his room and to his smoking roommate.

No problem, he thought, as he grabbed the air freshener.

When he shook the canister, Ecton discovered it was empty. "My roommate had found out the air freshener was flamma-

ble," Ecton said.

"He set the wall on fire, the desk on fire, the bed on fire, and to top it off, he sprayed his name on the door," he said.

"He would set the floor on fire, then run around stomping it out," Ecton said.

"He caught his sandal on fire and couldn't get it out."

Like a flashing neon light

Aaron Judge, an electrical engineering senior, knew there would be a problem when his roommate brought a Nintendo system into the dorm room.

He wasn't worried about depleted television time, or that

his roommate might flunk out of school. He was worried about his roommate playing games at all hours of the night.

Often, Judge said, he'd wake at about 3 a.m. on a week night to the "flashing, neon-like light" pulsating from the television screen.

"I couldn't hear the sound or anything like that," he said. "But that flashing light bugged me."

"It was a football game," he said.

"Between plays, the screen would be black. During the plays the screen would be a bright white."

"He'd play until four or five in the morning. Either that, or he'd be on the computer all night long."

Pigs in a blanket

The following student didn't want his name printed. The name is fiction, but the story is true.

Len Avery, an electrical engineering senior, had to share a room with two roommates in a fraternity house.

One of the roommates had a girlfriend who often visited the room.

One night, as Avery and the couple watched a movie, the couple pulled a blanket over them.

Avery thought nothing was unusual, and he kept watching the movie.



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A little later, when he was making a smart remark about the movie, he turned to see the couple completely submerged under the blanket.

"I didn't know what to do," Avery said. "I was kind of shocked, so I just turned to watch the movie."

Then, the blanket started to rustle.

"I just froze," Avery said. "I got out of my chair and left the room."

Avery also said his roommate often left a "sign" on the door-knob to tell Avery not to come into the room.

Sometimes, the sign was a "subtle" coat hanger. Other times, the roommate would simply lock the door.

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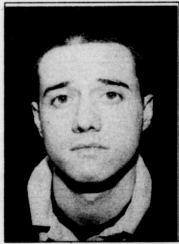
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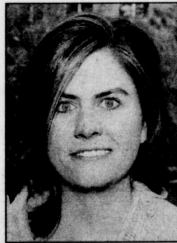
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What do you think most people in Lexington do for fun over the summer break?



"It's usually pretty dead over the summer. Lexington's usually a ghost town over summer."

Anthony Zechella
Secondary English education senior



"I get out more often because I don't have to go to classes. There's not as many people during the summer so it's not as fun."

Tracy Burden
Accounting senior



"The campus is really dead. I've got lots of friends, so we get together at night and sit on the porch and just talk."

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