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CELEBRATING 37 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

UK student killed in hit-and-run near campus

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A UK student was killed in a hit-and-run accident early yesterday while crossing the intersection of South Broadway and West Maxwell streets, according to the Fayette County Coroner's Office.

Connie Blount, 18, of Park City, Utah, was walking west across South Broadway Street at about 2:15 a.m. when a pickup truck hit her and then fled the scene, said Lt. Raymond Roller of the Lexington Police.

Blount, a freshman, was taken to UK Medical Center and pronounced dead at 4:33 a.m., said Sarah Davis, deputy coroner at the Fayette County

Coroner's office.

"We're devastated," said Jack Blount, Connie's father. "We sent Connie out here to get an education and start her life, not end it."

Davis ruled the cause of death multiple blunt force trauma due to the pedestrian being struck by a vehicle and said Blount sustained a great deal of trauma to her whole body.

Police are investigating the case as a hit-and-run incident and are still searching for the driver and vehicle.

Roller described the vehicle as a light-colored Chevrolet extended cab pickup truck that was last seen fleeing south on South Broadway Street.

Blount's body underwent an autopsy yesterday, Davis said, but results will not be available for one to three months.



Blount

"Connie was so excited about being an aunt. She was just thrilled about it all," he said.

Blount took an interest in hunter-jumper equestrian sports at a young

age. She started riding when she was 10 years old and collected more than 150 trophies in her eight years riding, Jack Blount said.

She was a "sweet but strong young lady" who was tenacious, just like her father, said family friend Suzanne Rodriguez of Utah.

Excited to turn her love of horses into a career, Blount came to UK to study equine science and animal science in the midst of Kentucky's rich horse culture, Rodriguez said.

She brought her two horses, Luke and Sam, to Kentucky and joined UK's equestrian team.

"Connie really loved UK," Jack Blount said. "She was really happy to be here and knew a ton of people and

was really enjoying campus life."

Kathleen Reed, president of UK's equestrian team, said Blount had an infectious type of positive energy.

"Connie was so full of life and would do anything for anybody," Reed said. "She was so in tune with other people's feelings, and she would sacrifice her sleep or her time to help out a friend."

Reed, a finance and business junior, said Blount fit right in with her teammates, who often spent time together outside of the stables.

Jenna Howe, also on the equestrian team, said Blount was a dear friend who brought happiness to those around her.

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'Perfect diving coach' dead at 51

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Mike Lyden, the UK diving coach since 1993 who led the program to its first national championship, died Friday after a two-year fight with cancer. He was 51.

"Mike was the perfect diving coach," head swimming coach Gary Connelly said. "From the very beginning he struck me as a guy with a lot of passion (for diving)."

Connelly said he formed a close friendship with Lyden over the years, both on and off the pool deck.

"What I always admired about Mike was he was always a straight talker," Lyden

Connelly said. "He'd talk to his athletes, sit them down, tell them what they were doing right or wrong and in a way that wasn't offensive."

Former UK Assistant Athletics Director and Olympic gold medalist Micki King remembers seeing Lyden's relationship with his divers being more than just work related.

"He could empathize with his divers," King said. "He knew they could do things they didn't know they could do. That empathy transcended most diver-coach relationships."

However, the passion and love for diving sometimes translated to giving his divers some tough love, even if he didn't always want to be tough on them.

"He definitely pushed me," junior diver Justin Smith said. "He's a

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Students begin week of 24-hour prayer

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Six universities including UK can pray about anything this week during a constant vigil that began yesterday.

Students will pray 24 hours a day until Sunday during the week that marks the anniversary of two tragedies: the shooting at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007, and the shooting at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Prayer began yesterday at 4 p.m.

"Students can pray for anything, just like the Bible says that God invites us to do, whether that's our campus, our friends and loved ones, or even a higher tuition rate," said David Rempfer, a computer science

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Family, friends, colleagues and former students gather inside Memorial Hall on Saturday before a memorial service for Ross Scaife, a UK professor who died March 15.

Remembering a classic professor

Memorial honors Ross Scaife's life, academic success

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Music that represented different times in Ross Scaife's life and poems read by family and close friends helped to capture the most important things in the professor's life at his memorial service Saturday.

Family, faith, friendship, poetry and song were the elements of the UK professor of classics who died on March 15 after a battle with cancer. Scaife, 47, continued his 17 years of teaching at the university even after he was diagnosed in January 2007.

Nearly 100 people filled Memorial Hall for the service that featured performances by choruses from Maxwell Elementary School and Lexington Catholic High

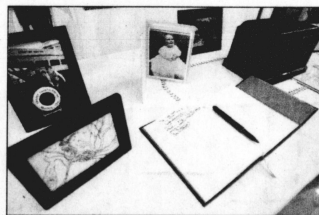
School. Letters written by Scaife in his teenage years and a video of his accomplishments and interviews with his colleagues helped reflect on his life.

"Ross altered the way I write, and I cannot approach classics without including something I learned from him," said Terence Tunberg, a professor who worked with Scaife in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures.

Scaife served as the director of the Collaboratory for Research in Computing for Humanities, which provides UK faculty with technical assistance on humanities computing projects. He founded The Stoa, Suda on Line and Diotima — three online databases for humanities study.

"Ross not only comes up with great ideas, but he has the enthusiasm to make those ideas come to life," said Christopher Blackwell, a classics professor at Fuman University.

The service ended with a prayer by Rev. Norman Fischer.



A guestbook signed by attendees of Ross Scaife's memorial service sits among pictures of the professor.

A reception followed in the Ralph G. Anderson Building and guests were invited to join Scaife's family at the professor's home to continue to reflect on his life.

"I am really glad that the memorial took place to provide closure," said James Hicks, a former student at UK from 2001 to 2007 who had Scaife for a Greek grammar course. "I am glad that many people were

made known about his accomplishments."

Phyllis Cunagin, a former Latin teacher at Bryan Station High School, said the professor's teachings and contributions to the field will continue after his death.

"Ross contributed to the ongoing growth of classics and technology, and his work will still impact people in the future," Cunagin said.

Annual festival brings Derby tradition to Lexington

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Sixteen hot air balloons will illuminate the night Friday after a week of events during the annual Little Kentucky Derby.

Hosted by the Student Activities Board, the festival celebrates the arrival and the competitiveness of the upcoming Kentucky Derby. The events begin today and continue through Saturday.

"The Little Kentucky Derby is all about bridging a tradition that is so well-known in the state to the University of Kentucky," said Grace Hahn, president of the Student Activities Board. "We really want to create a great

atmosphere between UK and the Lexington community."

The six-day festival includes games, a cookout and music, along with annual favorites.

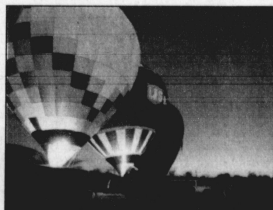
On Wednesday, students are invited to participate in the popular Ping Pong Drop, where more than 3,000 ping-pong balls will be dropped from Patterson Office Tower. Prizes for finding the balls specially marked with logos include T-shirts and tickets to the O.A.R. concert on April 23.

Thursday will feature a test of students' campus knowledge during a version of "The

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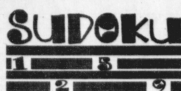
Hot-air balloons light the night during last year's Balloon Glow event at Good Barn Field. The event will take place again this year on Friday at 6 p.m. as part of the Little Kentucky Derby.

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MAKING THE PROS SWEAT All UK golfer Mallory Blackwelder wanted to do at her first professional tournament was make the cut. She did much more than that.

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By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Today is a 9 — You're able to communicate the team's objectives perfectly. You help them think more clearly and work together better. They all thank you for that.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Today is a 5 — Your dreams should be rather interesting now, you might want to take a few notes. You'll come up with several creative ideas. You'll inspire yourself.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) Today is an 8 — Others increasingly look to you for good counsel and advice. Your words are taken seriously, so choose them carefully. Think first.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Today is a 6 — Go ahead and get that power suit you've been thinking about. Looking successful never, it's all part of the game. And it's a fun part, too.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Today is a 9 — You have the feeling that you could accomplish practically anything. Might as well try. Conditions for starting new projects are excellent now.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) Today is a 5 — There's a mess to be cleaned up, but don't worry about that. Be watching out for things you can sell that others might throw away. There's money in recycling.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Today is an 8 — It's best not to have the meeting at your house this time. Choose a neutral location so your family can maintain their privacy. Some of them don't want to play.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Today is a 6 — You're being asked to do more than your fair share. Do they

think you have superpowers? Actually, they might. Actually, they might be right.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is a 10 — Take positive steps to make your every dream come through. If you can imagine it, you can make it happen, starting now.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Today is a 5 — Get a little something to make your life more comfortable. You generally spend all your money on the family. That's OK, but include yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is an 8 — A challenge will take you by surprise if you're not already prepared. Think of the questions you might be asked, so you'll have all the right answers.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Today is a 6 — The job you're doing now should pay pretty well, in earnings or in savings. Either way works, so get as much completed as you can.

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LOVE LIVES

Andy & Marla
'Age Doesn't Matter'

Surprised by Marla Maples' romance with former Bachelor Andy Baldwin? So was she! "I was so happy and content being with my daughter, Tiffany, and working on my career," the actress, 44, and competitor on CBS's *Secret Talents of the Stars*, says of life with her 14-year-old with ex-hubby Donald Trump. "This caught me off guard!" But after meeting the U.S. Navy lieutenant, 31, at a charity event last year and learning all they have in common, she tells us, she couldn't resist coupling up about a month ago. "I'm shocked at how alike we are," she gushes. "We're both athletes and train together." Does she see them sharing a future? "Getting married again is not a huge dream, but my goal is to open my heart."

Kiefer Sutherland: Meet my sweetie!

Has Kiefer Sutherland found love again? The twice-divorced 24 star was certainly all smiles on April 1 when he stepped out at NYC eatery Patis with Allure magazine style director Siobhan Bonnouvier. "They seem to be really into each other," says a pal of the former model (who was previously wed to DNA model management co-owner David Bonnouvier and has been linked to Sutherland, 41, since last August). What's the, uh, allure? "She's very funny and really sweet!"

My George is such a joker!

George Clooney is notorious

for the pranks he pulls on his pals, but does the Leather-heads star, 45, act up at home as well? "Absolutely not!" insists the actor (next up in the September CIA drama *Burn After Reading*). His love, Sarah Larson, 29, tells another story. "He has his moments, yes," admits the ex-Las Vegas cocktail waitress. "He's so funny!"

Jimmy & Sarah: We giggle a lot

Jimmy Kimmel and girlfriend Sarah Silverman may each have their own comedy shows, but Kimmel thinks he knows who deserves top billing. "Trust me, I'm much, much funnier," the star, 40, confided while sipping Jameson Irish Whiskey at a party celebrating his 1,000th show in L.A. on April 3 at Hollywood's Roosevelt Hotel. And while the actress, 37, acknowledges (sort of) her beau's appeal — "I think everyone is able to like him because he just is what he is: an Everyman" — she says it's the sense of humor they share that's kept their relationship strong for more than five years. "We giggle a lot," Silverman says of their off-camera time. "We wake up early, like, an hour earlier than we need to get up in the morning, put on Howard Stern and just giggle!"

DWTS' Jason Taylor: He's such a softie!

"I do like having the female audience," NFL star turned "Mambo King" Jason Taylor

says of competing on *Dancing With the Stars*. "It's so much different than football, with all the guy fans." Yet the Miami Dolphins defensive end, 33, tells us the real star of his family is his wife, Katina Taylor, 32 (with whom he has kids Isaiah, 5, Mason, 3, and Zoe, 2). "She is the best!" he boasts. "Obviously, she is really good-looking and she's a lot of fun to be around." Plus, the athlete adds, they're a perfect yin and yang: "She is bubbly... always talking and trying to entertain, whereas I am the strong, quiet type." But he's not without a romantic streak. "My ideal date would be to fly over Capri, Italy," he muses. "We'd get a spot near the rocks and water, eat great food and drink great wine!"

Patrick & Jillian: He's still got it!

"He's the best!" Patrick Dempsey's costar in May's *Made of Honor*, Busy Philipps, gushes about the actor, 42 (who also is the face of Avon's new men's scent). "And his wife and kids are amazing." Philipps adds of Avon creative color director Jillian Dempsey, 42, their daughter, Talula, 6, and twin sons Darby and Sullivan, 14 months. Not that that stopped her from being psyched about her racy scenes with the star. "It fulfills a lifelong dream," says Philipps. "Ever since Can't Buy Me Love!"

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"Where can anyone even begin to explain how much of a wonderful person Connie is," said Howe, a special education senior. "Full of life and full of love. I have never met anyone who enjoyed life like Connie."

Blount touched the lives of "anyone and everyone" she met, Howe said. After news spread of her death, dozens of friends began posting com-

ments on her Facebook wall telling her how much she was loved and how dearly she will be missed. Her father said hundreds of people had called the family to offer their sympathies and let them know what a great person she was.

Erin Whitney said she knew something was wrong when Blount didn't answer her cell phone yesterday. Holding back tears, Whitney explained that Blount never turned her phone off in case a friend or family member needed her. She was always willing to do anything for

anyone.

Whitney and Blount became friends in Utah through work and went to high school together. The two loved getting manicures and pedicures together and spending time with one another, she said.

"I'll always remember her smiling face and how she was always there for me no matter what happened," Whitney said. "She was a gorgeous girl."

Her father said the family appreciates all of the support from Connie's friends at UK and knows many of them would

love to be with Connie as she is laid to rest. But the family will return to Utah with Blount's body later this week and hold a funeral there.

"We just have to take her home," he said.

Blount is survived by her parents, Jack and Cindy; a brother, Thor; and a sister, Kelley Krohnert. Olpin-Hoopes Funeral Home in Heber City, Utah, is handling the funeral arrangements. For more information, call 435-654-1161.

LYDEN

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though guy — fighting cancer proves that. He just wanted to make you the best diver you could be."

In October 2005, Lyden was diagnosed with lung and brain cancer but continued coaching. A few months later in March 2006, then-junior diver Taryn Ignacio — who Lyden first coached at age 12 — earned UK its first national diving title with a record-setting dive on the platform.

Ignacio will remember that victory forever.

"Mike wasn't at practice every day," Ignacio said. "But his voice was in my head and kept me going. I was happy to have him there with me, and winning made it special."

Over the years, Lyden earned the nickname "Iron Mike" for his grueling workouts and overall intensity.

"Mike made me mentally tough and mature as a person," senior diver Kari Retrum said.

Along with his grueling workouts, Lyden's work ethic stood out to everyone.

"Mike, to me, was one of the best coaches in the country," Ignacio said. "He'd be at the pool all day with practice in the morning, doing work coaches do in the office, then practice at night."

Lyden's relentless work ethic — he would practice five to six hours a day in high school, his brother said — eventually earned him a full ride to Western Michigan University, where he graduated in 1980.

Lyden then went on to coach at Eastern Michigan University and Louisiana State University before coming to UK.

During Lyden's career, he earned nine Southeastern Conference Diving Coach of the Year titles, including three consecutive seasons from 2005 to 2007, and was named NCAA Women's Diving Coach of the Year in 1996. Twelve of the divers he coached at UK earned 51 All-America selections.

Even with deteriorating health, Lyden insisted on travel-

ing with the team to the SEC Championships in February in Tuscaloosa, Ala. His younger sister Katie Lyden-Hitow made the trip with him.

"We had to take him to SECs," Lyden-Hitow said. "He wanted to go."

The highlight of the trip, she said, was after Connelly called a team meeting. When Lyden-Hitow asked her brother if he wanted to attend, Lyden said, "Yeah, I've got to be there."

Connelly started by giving a speech thanking everyone. Then, Lyden stood up and thanked Connelly, the university, Ignacio — who had been acting as assistant coach and the divers, for doing the work even when he wasn't there for them.

The speech earned him a standing ovation. When Lyden-Hitow asked him where it came from, her brother said he wasn't going to let Connelly outdo him.

After Tuscaloosa, Lyden traveled to Columbus, Ohio, for the women's NCAA Championships, where the swimming and diving team placed 18th overall. He intended to then go

to the men's championships in Seattle but was persuaded not to by family members.

"He was driven to push people to excel, even on his death bed," said brother Patrick Lyden. "He was willing to go to Seattle to support his diver, Stephen."

Lyden's divers said his overall presence and love for the sport will be missed.

"I'm going to miss him on the pool deck, the normal part of my life, him coaching me, and seeing him every day," Smith said.

Lyden is survived by his wife, Emily, and his three children, Jessica, Jack and Brittany.

A public viewing will be held today from 5 to 8 p.m. at Kerr Brothers' Funeral Home on Harrodsburg Road. The funeral mass will be tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary on Clays Mill Road. A funeral at Lexington Cemetery will follow.

A luncheon will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Joe Craft Center on the women's basketball practice courts.

PRAYER

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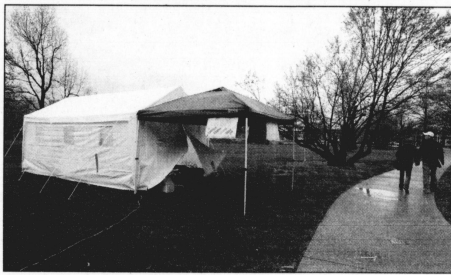
sophomore and coordinator of the event.

Students who are interested in joining the prayer at UK can sign up for a one-hour prayer shift at the tent set up on South Campus on the sidewalk outside of the Kirwin-Blanding complex. The shift will pass from student to student to ensure there is one person praying in the tent at all times, Rempfer said.

The goal of the prayer tent is to unify UK's campus, but with the anniversaries of two campus tragedies, students will also be able to sign banners donated by businesses in the Lexington community to be delivered at the end of the week to Virginia Tech and Columbine High School.

The effects of these tragedies are manifold, Rempfer said. In a positive light, the occurrences have led campuses like UK toward more effective methods of preventing incidents like these in the future. Yet the victims, those close to them and the country as a whole have been left with an immense amount of grief, he said.

"They are particularly painful reminders of how deep the pain in our generation runs, and the unspoken truth is that this world just can't heal it ... but there can be healing, both personally and corporately," Rempfer said.



A couple walks past the prayer tent set up outside the Kirwin-Blanding complex yesterday afternoon. ED MATTHEWS | STAFF

Rempfer hopes the week of prayer will help the campus and the affected communities progress toward healing. In this way, prayer will act as a preventative measure in its own right, he said.

"That's why we're praying — to bring love and hope to hopeless and broken students like both those who survive these tragedies and those feeling empty enough to cause them," Rempfer said.

The tent is part of a student-led movement involving various Christian organizations on campus. Participants include the Wesley Foundation, Baptist Campus Ministries, Campus Crusades for Christ and Christian Student Fellowship.

The week of prayer will conclude with a closing celebration at Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., on Sunday at 4 p.m.

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Amazing Race," based off the CBS series. Teams of four will participate in a scavenger hunt throughout campus beginning at 7 p.m.

A golf scramble will be held at Pica-dome Golf Course off South Broadway on Friday beginning at noon. Teams must register online by Wednesday at the Student Activities Board Web site (www.uksb.org). The cost is \$35 for students and \$50 for the general public, and includes equipment rental and lunch.

"People should come out to the entire festival because it is completely different than anything else on campus," Hahn said.

Friday night features the Little Kentucky Derby's main event — the Balloon Glow Field Party — that will host 16 hot air balloons, grounded and illuminated, alongside an outdoor concert.

The week will conclude with several events, beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday with a hot air balloon race starting at the Arboretum. Events will continue at 3 p.m. in the E.S. Good Barn Field located at the corner of Alumni Drive with a carnival, outdoor food, music and crafts. A second balloon race from E.S. Good Barn Field

will begin at 6 p.m.

"In the last two years we have seen a great turnout from the local community and we are expecting it to grow even bigger," said Ben VanderHorst, director of traditions for Student Activities Board.

VanderHorst encouraged students to get involved by participating in the contests, joining a team for the race, or volunteering to help crew the hot air balloons.

The Little Kentucky Derby opens today with the unveiling of elementary students' artwork. The pieces, featuring the children's renditions of air balloons, will be on display until Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. outside the Center Theater in the Student Center.

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Ex-UK golfers shine at Masters; Immelman wins green jacket

KERNEL WIRE SERVICES

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Final-round pressure at Augusta National Golf Club is said to be unmatched by any other golf course.

While Trevor Immelman was able to fight off his final-round struggles at the Masters for his first major title, Steve Flesch, a former UK golfer, was unable to overcome the pressure yesterday.

Flesch, who was looking to become the first golfer from Kentucky to win the Masters since Gay Brewer won it in 1967, entered yesterday's final round in third place at 8 under. But a 6-over-par 78 knocked the Boone County native from contention, and Flesch finished the tournament in a tie for fifth place.

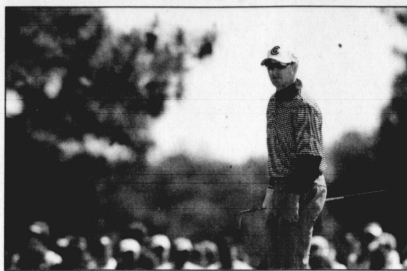
Flesch had his troubles on the back nine after a steady even-par front nine.

He had a double bogey on the par-3 12th hole after hitting his tee shot in the water in front of the green. Then he had a string of four straight bogeys starting at the 14th hole for a 6-over 42 on the back nine.

Even with the struggles, Flesch had his best finish in a major tournament. His third round 67 was the lowest of the entire tournament.

"I played well all week," Flesch said. "I just played nine bad holes, and that's the way I'm going to look at it."

Another UK graduate, J.B. Holmes, finished in a tie for 25th. Holmes, playing in his first career Masters, continued his breakthrough season with a 4-over-par 292. The former Cat won the FBR Open earlier this year by beating PGA Tour veteran Phil Mickelson in a one-hole playoff.



Steve Flesch looks back at the No. 7 hole before hitting out of a bunker during the final round of the Masters tournament at Augusta National yesterday in Augusta, Ga.

"It is inspiring to see guys from UK playing in some of the last groups on Sunday at Augusta," UK junior golfer Ben Fagua said in a news release. "We have a great tradition here at Kentucky of great golfers ... We could not be more proud of Steve and J.B."

Immelman shot three-over-par 75 for a three-shot victory over Tiger Woods, who shot 72. Immelman finished at eight-under 280.

In winning his first major, Immelman exhibited the traits of his famous countrymen who won majors before him.

Immelman held a five-shot lead when his tee shot landed in the pond on the 16th hole. Showing the unflappable cool of fellow South African Retief Goosen, Immelman contained the damage with a double bogey.

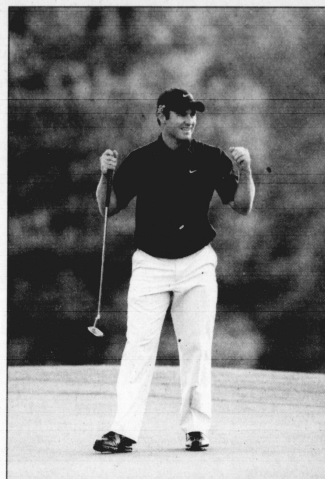
When his approach shot landed in a front bunker on the 17th hole, Immelman did his best Gary Player impersonation and saved par with a deft sand shot.

When his drive on the 18th hole stopped in a divot, Immelman handled the situation with the powerful ease of Ernie Els, finding the green with his second shot and the bottom of the cup two putts later.

He claimed his first green jacket 30 years after Player, his childhood idol, claimed the last of his three.

Under extremely windy conditions, Miguel Angel Jimenez's 68 was the only sub-par round among the top-10 finishers. But Woods fought his putter all week as much as the conditions. He missed short putts throughout the tournament and rarely seized scoring chances.

"I didn't putt well all week," Woods said. "I kept dragging the blade. I wasn't



Trevor Immelman celebrates his win at the Masters tournament at Augusta National yesterday in Augusta, Ga.

GERRY MELENDEZ THE STATE

releasing it, wasn't getting the overspin like I normally do. Out here, if you're not starting the ball perfectly on line, you're not going to make any putts."

Woods entered the Masters as the heavy favorite and the winner of four of five worldwide tournaments this season. He also increased the hype about a possible Grand Slam when he made comments on his own Web site earlier this year.

"I learned my lesson there with the press," Woods said. "I'm not going to say anything. It's just one of those things when you're out there playing, you couldn't care less. You're trying to win a golf tournament. You're trying to put yourself in position, which I did. I just didn't make the putts I needed to make this entire week. I had the speed right, I just didn't quite get the line right."

Professor offers tour of 'hidden gem' to promote campus retreat

By Laura Clark
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Nothing brightens up a Monday afternoon like a midday meeting with the possumhaw or the American beautyberry.

Today from noon to 1 p.m., students will have the chance to go on a walking tour of Matthews Garden, located at the corner of Limestone Street and

Washington Avenue, with biology professor Jim Krupa.

The tour is designed to gain campuswide recognition and appreciation for the garden, Krupa said in an e-mail.

"It is the nicest piece of wild green space on campus," he said.

Surrounded by a white fence, a trail leads visitors through the garden's variety of

native plants. The plants have identification displayed in front of them on nameplates, and for guests who want to rest or study in the garden, benches and picnic tables dot the area.

Hundreds of species of native shrubs, trees and herbs join all of the flowers that fill the garden floor.

"It is unique for the garden's plant diversity being available

for plant classes without having to drive long distances to see the species," Krupa said.

Various classes take advantage of the campus retreat, and students enjoy the secluded feeling of the garden despite its location in the middle of campus.

"For my biology lab class, we went to Matthews Garden to identify some of the native trees

of Kentucky," said Abby Oelker, a kinesiology sophomore. "When I was inside, it felt like I wasn't on campus anymore. The garden was a quiet retreat from the hustle and bustle of the university."

Along with biology students, English and forestry majors also visit the garden. Krupa wants all UK students to take an interest in the campus's "hidden gem."

"Use and appreciation will keep future interests in building on it away," said Krupa, who is charged with taking care of the Matthews Garden and keeping it from becoming overgrown and run down.

"I feel dedicated to caring for this little gem so it will exist well into the future," he said. "There really is nothing like this anywhere else on campus."

STUDENT LEADER PORTRAITS

The editors of the Kentuckian are working on a special section of the 2007-08 yearbook profiling the students on UK's campus who are actively involved in leadership roles across the university. This section will include short profiles about you, the student leaders, along with your portraits and information about the groups you represent.

PORTRAIT TIMES:

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Growing pollution problem in China focus of UK symposium

By Will Aaron
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When Casey Ryan Mather traveled to China in 2005, his first impression wasn't of the beautiful cities or lush countryside — it was the growing pollution problem.

"The air had a flavor. (It was) disgusting," said Mather, an architecture graduate student who joined architecture professor Richard Levine and more than 70 other researchers from Austria, China and the United States on the last year of a four-year research project.

The group studied sustainability in seven Chinese villages. Their findings

will be the subject of a two-day symposium that starts today at 10 a.m. in the Student Center.

"China is moving to become the great factory of the world," Levine said. "As new industrial cities are created, thousands of farming villages will disappear."

Sustainability, or the process or state that can be maintained at a certain level indefinitely, is most prevalent in these disappearing rural villages because the way of life of the residents has been consistent over hundreds of years and the environment and agriculture styles haven't varied, Levine said.

These sustainable traits are what researchers like Levine and his col-

leagues are interested in preserving and applying to other areas. Because of the migration in China of people from rural areas to larger cities, environmental sustainability is at risk.

As China grows, the young people living in these rural villages are leaving by the hundreds of thousands for the large metropolitan cities that offer industrial jobs, Levine said.

"There has never been such a mass migration in history," he said.

Mather, now a design and research associate for the UK Center for Sustainable Cities Design Studio, said estimates of the number of people migrating to larger cities in China range from 200 million to 400 million people.

"At these numbers, it's like the U.S. population getting up and moving," Mather said.

Sustainability is an issue that the entire world is facing. The lack of renewable energy resources and dependency on fossil fuels will eventually affect everyone's daily life, Levine said.

"The consequences are horrific," Levine said. "There are no sustainable cities on the planet. If things do not change in the next 10 years in our way of thinking and acting, many cities will collapse and wither."

"That is an issue facing today and tomorrow's generations."

The study, "Sustainable User Concepts for China Engaging Scientific

Scenarios," was under the direction of Heidi Dunreicher, director of the Oikodrom, or the Vienna Institute for Urban Sustainability.

The symposium will include discussions with Dunreicher, Levine and UK Professor Ernie Yanarella. The symposium also includes the documentary, "Every Seventh Person" at 7 p.m. in the Wortham Theater, with a reception to follow.

The two-day event will begin today at 10 a.m. in room 230 of the Student Center. The event is free and open to the public. More information is available from the event Web site (<http://www.uky.edu/Centers/Asia/events/ChinaVillages.php>).

National Gallery exhibit focuses on early photographic technique

By Chuck Myers
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — How much would you pay for a photographic print of a special foreign destination?

Ten dollars, maybe \$20? That would be a bargain — compared to buyers who doled out a full week's pay for a single print in the 19th century.

What made people so willing once to fork out such an extravagant amount?

The calotype. Created from a paper negative, the calotype photograph represented a cutting-edge innovation to 19th century consumers, particularly in Britain. But like many popular trends, the calotype image enjoyed only a short, albeit brilliant, run.

The calotype and its brief yet fruitful history provide the focus for a major exhibition here at the National Gallery of Art. "Impressed by Light: British Photographs from Paper Negatives, 1840-1860" presents a unique overview of the photographic form through 120 vintage prints by 40 British photographers.

Discovered by Scotsman William Henry Fox Talbot in 1840, the calotype proved a revolution in the then-nascent medium.

Talbot's initial attempts at calotype printing proved slow

and laborious. But his technique improved once he found that exposing a sheet of chemically treated paper to an image visible on the back of a sliding box camera could create a negative image. He could then produce a positive image by placing this paper negative directly on paper coated with either light-sensitive silver salt or silver nitrate and albumen, and exposing it to sunlight. In essence, Talbot's process had given birth to negative-positive photography. He borrowed the term for his new photo method from the Greek word for beautiful, "kalos."

Ordinary scenery often served as the inspiration for early calotype devotees.

A Talbot calotype on view, "The Haystack" (1844), is accompanied by the image's original paper negative. The photograph depicts a traditional farming mode for storing food for livestock in the winter. The most striking aspect of the picture, though, lies in the sharp details the calotype could capture.

The calotype also could convey a dreamy, otherworldly effect, such as in a diffused informal military portrait, "2nd Gordon Highlanders at Edinburgh Castle" (1846) by British artist David Octavius Hill. Hill also appears here posed in "David Octavius Hill at the Gate of Rock House" (c. 1845), a calotype self-portrait created by



"Moscow, Domes of Churches in the Kremlin, Fall 1852," a calotype photograph by British photographer Roger Fenton, is found in the exhibit, "Impressed by Light: British Photographs from Paper Negatives, 1840-1860" at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., through May 4.

the subject and his colleague, Robert Adamson. As a photographic team, Hill and Adamson produced several thousand calotype negatives, many of which were portraits.

As competing photographic processes emerged, such as the collodian glass-plate negative in 1851, the calotype faded into obscurity. The Great Exhibition of 1851 in London, however, produced a renewed interest in the calotype — in an unexpected

ed fashion.

The Great Exhibition provided a large-scale forum for the nascent photographic medium. But the event also exposed serious technical and creative shortcomings of British photography, especially when compared to French and American photography. After the exhibition, British photographers set out to bring their efforts up to par. They organized the first exhibition devoted exclusively to photogra-

phy in the country, formed the Photographic Society of London and successfully lobbied Talbot to relinquish his calotype patents, which allowed greater participation in the process.

Following the Napoleonic Wars and political upheavals in Europe during the first half of the 19th century, Brits slowly started to return to the continent as tourists, with some packing calotype gear.

Lightweight and portable, calotype cameras and supplies proved ideal for travel photography. This piqued the interest of entrepreneurs, who marketed the images as travel souvenirs. Calotype prints didn't come cheap, though, often selling for the equivalent of a week's salary.

British travel calotypes features several European locales. The Rev. George Wilson Bridges, who learned the process from another photographer on Malta, Calvert Jones, toured the Mediterranean, taking shots that include a "View of Mount Etna" (1846) on Sicily, and the remains of a Roman theater in his "Taormina, The Amphitheater" (1846).

Another photographer, Charles Clifford, produced images for tourists while living in Spain. In his "Principal Doorway of the Carthusian Monastery, Burgos" (1853), Clifford placed a wood statue of

the religious order's founder, Saint Bruno, at the doorway of the monastery, as if to create the illusion of a miraculous moment.

Calotypes by Roger Fenton, of Crimean War photographic fame, feature views from Czarist Russia, with one showing onion-shaped church domes inside the Kremlin in Moscow from 1852.

Several calotypists also made their way to an intriguing corner of the British colonial empire: India. In one impressive calotype on display, John Murray produced a triptych of the "The Taj Mahal from the Gateway" in early 1864.

But not all photographers focused solely on the wonders of India. Robert Christopher Tytler, for instance, photographed the heavily damaged Bank of Delhi in Delhi, which suffered heavy shelling by British troops during the Indian Mutiny against British rule in 1857.

Although the calotype held its own in photography's early years, it couldn't resist the tide of change, and by the 1860s, its popularity finally succumbed to new developments in the medium.

"Impressed by Light" remains on view at the National Gallery through May 4.

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Commercial uses dramatic images to warn against being unprepared

By Rebecca Sweeney
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A commercial for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security that flashes images of a tornado, a flood and a fiery explosion is receiving some criticism as it nears the end of its broadcast course.

The advertisement, paid for by the federal government, was purchased in a contract executed by former Gov. Ernie Fletcher's administration and encourages Kentucky residents to take action to be prepared in the case of a natural disaster.

Darrin Doyle, a secondary education freshman, described the images in the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security's commercial as outlandish.

"The tornado looks like a clip from the movie Twister, the flood would require Noah's Ark for survival and the blaze of fire looks like an Atomic Bomb has just been dropped," Doyle said.

He says scaring people might be the best way to get them to listen, but using video clips of less severe disasters would make it seem more likely that something could happen.

"After seeing how far the Office of

Homeland Security went to try to scare the citizenry of Kentucky, I find myself wanting to revolt against them for using these unnecessary measures, instead of wanting to prepare, which is what their intention was," Doyle said.

Antonia Lindauer, a public information officer with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, said the commercial reflects the direction of the media campaign that was chosen by the previous administration. Since Gov. Steve Beshear was elected, the office is under new leadership and has plans to begin a new media campaign.

"We look forward to moving in a different direction that will more closely reflect the focus of our outreach campaign, which includes family and business preparedness as well as our Citizen Corps program," Lindauer said.

Lindauer said even though natural disasters are more prevalent than man-made ones, both will be the focus of the new campaign.

Christy Giles, director of the UK Office of Emergency Management, said the commercial is a reminder that disasters can happen in this area, and people need to be prepared and ready to take

action accordingly.

"Kentucky has definitely suffered the consequences of devastating disasters over the years," Giles said. "Communities all around the state have been destroyed by floods and tornadoes."

At UK, emergency preparedness is an ongoing effort, Giles said. "Plans are never final as improvements are noted through exercises and actual incidents that result in changes to plans," Giles said.

In addition to being a certified "Storm Ready Campus" by the National Weather Service, Building Emergency Action Plans are being implemented across campus to provide instructions on what they should do to protect themselves during various types of emergencies, Giles said.

John Stempel, a senior professor in the UK Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, said the commercial is a useful way to make people pay attention to important issues.

"If you're not ready when terror hits, you're often dead with no chance to learn," Stempel said.

Stempel recommends that students read, learn and prepare for disasters. He



said the Office of Homeland Security should try to reach even more citizens through local organizations or fliers in mailboxes.

"If we're known as a place that doesn't care, we'll be hit," Stempel said. "Terrorists look for those who discount them."

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security's commercial can be found on

A commercial from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security uses images of a tornado, a flood, a fiery explosion and lightning to encourage Kentuckians to prepare their homes for disasters and terrorist attacks.

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the department's Web site (www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/protectyourfamily).

For more information about preparing for, acting on and preventing disasters and emergencies, visit the UK Emergency Management Web site (www.uky.edu/EM), the UK Police Department Web site (www.uky.edu/Police) or the Environmental Health and Safety Office Web site (ehs.uky.edu).

Meet the press: High school journalists make headlines on MTV series

By Tom Jicha
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

There still are people with an affection for newspapers. Some are actually young people. Perhaps "The Paper," a new reality series on youth-oriented MTV, will expand this base.

Set at Cypress Bay High School in Weston, Fla., "The Paper" follows the staff of the student newspaper, The Circuit, from the spirited competition for the position of editor in chief last spring to the mundane but challenging efforts to get out the paper each month.

The eight-part series is a reality show but in no way a game. There is drama, but none of it is scripted or contrived. These teens are ambitious, passionate about journalism and as serious as Woodward and Bernstein, so tensions occasionally explode into emotional outbursts. There are no rewards beyond personal satisfaction and priceless training for adult life,

whether it be in the media or some other occupation.

The characters are vivid and distinct, but not hoping to be discovered by TV or film. Imagine "The Hills" but with the young people acting responsibly and doing something worthwhile.

Amanda Lorber and her successful campaign to become editor in chief are the focal points of tonight's premiere. Lorber, bless her, says on camera, "Journalists are the most important part of the world." In a later interview, she says working in journalism "is my life's goal. This is what I want to do with my future."

All of the students on "The Paper" are driven. Lorber, who took Journalism 101 as a Cypress Bay freshman and worked on the school paper during her sophomore and junior years, is presented as almost obsessive. As the deadline for making her case for editor in chief approaches, she sacrifices her so-

cial life to prepare her resume, staying up until 2 a.m. to polish her talking points. Included are the reasons she regards some of her strongest competitors as less worthy, which breeds resentment.

As luck would have it, the day the application is due, she develops strep throat. Her mother steps in and delivers her application to Rhonda Weiss, the Journalism 101 teacher who oversees The Circuit and makes the decision on who gets the position.

Now that she has the top job, Lorber's intensity occasionally grates on colleagues. Adam Brock, the paper's advertising manager, said he and Lorber used to be best friends but are something less than that now. "We tolerate each other. I'm not going to lie. It has been a rocky road."

Brock acknowledges that blame for the tensions is shared. "I am by far the most dramatic person you will ever meet." This

trait often manifests itself in screaming bouts. (In fairness to the young people, loud differences of opinion occasionally erupt at the most respected mainstream newspapers.)

However, Brock allows that Lorber has been an effective manager. "We produce an amazing paper. I didn't think Amanda would be a great leader, but she has done it."

The Circuit covers the customary topics for a scholastic publication: student council elections, campus issues, social events and sports. However, under Lorber and managing editor Alex Angert, it expands into topics not usually associated with high school journalism.

Angert has produced pieces on the parallels between Vietnam and Iraq, using faculty members who served in one or the other as a resource. He tapped his father's memory bank for a feature on the '60s hippie movement.

"We push boundaries be-

cause the school allows us to," said entertainment editor Cassia Laham, who has assigned projects such as sending reporters to learn and write about religions other than their own.

"We've always been interested in in-depth features," Lorber said. "We like to dig, find funny and interesting things."

Conflict makes for compelling TV, so the rivalries and disagreements are a big part of the first episode, the only one made available for screening. In addition to business manager Brock, managing editor Angert also admits to a newfound antagonism toward former classmate Lorber now that he reports to her.

"We've had a lot of ups and downs and some falling outs. There was a time we didn't like each other. Now we're civil," he said.

"We definitely had disagreements," Lorber said. "Competition can do things like break up friendships."

MTV being MTV, there also is a limited romantic angle.

News editor Giana Pacinelli and layout editor Trevor Ballard have been a couple for almost a year and a half, a relationship they expect to continue in the fall at the University of Florida. Some call them the school's power couple. Pacinelli says that label makes her uncomfortable. Ballard concurs. "It's a very unique relationship. We're close, but we give each other space."

The fact that their duties at The Circuit really don't intersect much has helped them to avoid some of the fallout others have experienced, he feels. This doesn't extend to his dealings with Lorber. "I have a very strong ego," Ballard said. "I do have a lot of issues with Amanda."

Pacinelli hopes to land a position at the college newspaper in Gainesville, although she isn't sure print journalism is her career path. "I've always liked writing, but I want to go into TV."

Nixon library will debut new exhibit on Watergate scandal

By Michael Mello
The Orange County Register

YORBA LINDA, Calif. — For nearly a year, visitors to the Nixon Presidential Library & Museum have strolled past displays detailing nearly every aspect of Richard M. Nixon's presidency, except for one: The Watergate scandal that forced Nixon's resignation in the middle of his second term.

The hallway that once hosted the Watergate exhibit now features only a few vacant display cases, walls painted with the outline of the Watergate building, and newly-installed television screens. It's been empty since last year, when the federal government took over the library from the Richard M. Nixon Birthplace and Library Foundation. The foundation established the facility taking guidance from Nixon himself.

That hallway will change this summer, when the National Archives and Records Administration is scheduled to open a new Watergate exhibit. Library officials have promised it will be more objective than the old one, which Nixon's friends and family members admitted told the Watergate story from the former president's point of view.

The new exhibit will be heavy on multimedia and "oral

history," said Tim Naftali, the library's director. Visitors will be able to hear such Watergate players as then-Washington Post reporter Carl Bernstein tell of their roles in their own words.

"I'm interviewing (Nixon assistant) Alexander Butterfield in a couple of weeks," Naftali said this week.

They'll also be able to hear Nixon himself: Another important part of the exhibit will feature the famous Watergate tapes. "Telling our visitors about the tapes is a very important part of the gallery," Naftali said.

As the Watergate scandal unfolded, Nixon resisted handing over the tapes as a Senate subpoena demanded, asserting executive privilege. But the Supreme Court, with a unanimous ruling, backed the Senate.

"He felt that he owned the tapes. Until President Nixon, all presidents owned their papers," Naftali explained. "They would deed them to the American people and get a big tax deduction. As a result of Watergate, the papers were treated differently. ... He never thought those tapes would see the light of day unless he wanted them to."

The Watergate exhibit is one of the most notable changes under the library's new direction. Naftali has pledged to present an unbiased picture of Watergate and the rest of Nixon's

presidency.

That sounds like a good idea to Dan McDonald of Cincinnati, who this week toured the Nixon library for the first time.

He'd recently toured the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library and Museum in Austin, Texas.

The displays there "had all this bad stuff about LBJ: the (1967 Detroit) race riots; the Vietnam War. I think it should be the same here."

"Younger people alive today don't know what happened then," said McDonald, 57. A new Watergate exhibit, he added, "(should) give you some of the facts about what Nixon thought, and why he did what he did."

Ed Gray recently co-wrote and published the memoirs of his father, L. Patrick Gray, who served as FBI director at the time of the Watergate break-in. Gray said he never visited the old Watergate exhibit, but "I know the people who used to run this place had an agenda, and that agenda was, 'Watergate never happened.'"

Instead, Gray said, he did most of his research at the federally-run Nixon library in College Park, Md. He added he looks forward to the changes coming to the Yorba Linda library, noting the papers and tapes the feds hold will make it a first stop for researchers.

Eduardo Plomo, left, Paul Steir, center, and Donatella Ungreda conduct their nightly talk show "Un Ratón Con Ustedes" at Radionexx, a Miami-based radio station that covers politics and current events, and draws thousands of listeners in Venezuela and beyond. Steir is the station's founder.



RONNA GRADUS
MIAMI HERALD

Venezuelan Web radio struggles

By Casey Woods
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Venezuelan Paul Steir, music producer and online radio pioneer, leans toward the computer screen in his Dorado, Fla., studio and points to the screaming headline on a blog that calls him a coup-ploter and an "immoral b — — —."

"It's all lies," says Steir, the owner of Radionexx.com, an online radio station dedicated to challenging the leftist government of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. "I learned a long time ago not to pay attention to it."

Right now Steir has more immediate enemies. Among them: the rent and the electricity bill. The station, on which thousands of Venezuelans depend, is struggling to survive.

With the Venezuelan government forcing opposition voices off the air and pressuring others into self-censorship, reliable information on events in the South American country can be hard to come by. Thousands depend on Steir's scrappy operation to piece that news vacuum.

Listeners in Venezuela dial a local number that rings in the South Florida studios, providing an immediate outlet for local reports. During the student protests last fall, the Venezuelan government at times insisted there were no protests in smaller Venezuelan towns, but calls to the station from those places told a different story — one of burning tires and dissent.

Steir and his wife started the station in their garage four years ago, eventually bankrolling its expansion to the small warehouse studio with more than \$150,000 from the sale of the family's Dorado home. Now the cash has run out.

Other fundraising attempts have failed. Because it is controversial, Venezuelan businesses inside the country will not advertise. U.S. foundations have turned down grant requests. Many of the Venezuelans living in South Florida fled their country's ideological controversies and left family behind and so they shy away from politics.

Without a cash infusion, the station will go dark within a few

months.

"They want someone to take on Chavez but they don't want to do it themselves because they're terrified," said Steir, 42, a lanky man with a handlebar mustache and a quick laugh. "Their fear makes them passive."

Chavez has steadily squeezed press freedom, most dramatically with his refusal to renew the license of opposition television station RCTV last year effectively shutting down the nation's most popular channel. The move sparked massive student protests.

Chavez has since threatened the remaining opposition station, a 24-hour news channel called Globovision that is generally only available to those with cable or a satellite antenna.

Chavez regularly takes over the private news outlets to broadcast political speeches — a practice known as a cadena or chain. He has racked up 1,000 such hours since 1999.

During those cadenas, and in periods of high national drama, Radionexx's audience skyrockets. The Web traffic monitoring company Alexa reports that 97 percent of the station's listeners are in Venezuela.

On the day of the Dec. 2 referendum on Chavez's proposed constitutional reforms, Radionexx operated 24 hours straight, receiving 4,000 phone calls and 8 million hits, Steir said.

"People in Venezuela turn to Radionexx in times of crisis," said Ernesto Ackermann, of the local activist group Independent Venezuelan American Citizens. "All of us listen to Radionexx because it is the only way to know what is happening in Venezuela."

With Venezuela passing through a relatively tranquil moment, the station draws about 3,500 listeners to its live daily shows, Steir said.

Human rights activist Patricia Andrade uses her weekly Behind Bars show to give updates on the cases she has filed before the Inter-America Court of Human Rights on behalf of some Venezuelan prisoners.

In the weeks before the December referendum, Johann Pena dedicated several of his

Dossiers programs to a crash course in "How to conspire against Chavez and survive the attempt."

A former police officer in Venezuela, he taught listeners ways to foil surveillance attempts. He suggested chemicals that would help them overcome the effects of tear gas. He described how to send messages covertly by taping notes to park benches and tables.

The most popular program is Steir's own "A Little Time With You" evening show. The freewheeling affair ranges from the ruckus — Steir and his co-hosts joking about Chavez's nursing habits as an infant — to the serious, such as an interview with U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., on her efforts to have the State Department declare the Venezuelan government a sponsor of terrorism.

The main attraction on Steir's program and others, however, are the calls from Venezuelans living there. Listeners complain about the violent crimes, the four hours they spend in line trying to buy milk or the arrest of a student protester they just witnessed. There are many regulars, with on-air nicknames such as "Franky Boy," "The Cousin," and the James Bond-esque "Max 5."

With people calling in from countries including Qatar, Spain and the United Kingdom, the station has also become a fragile link between the scattered branches of this newborn diaspora.

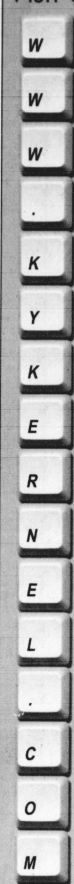
During a fundraising drive to buy school supplies for the children of prisoners, a woman called Andrade from Holland, frustrated that there was no way for her to easily donate from Europe.

With the affection Radionexx commands in Venezuela and abroad, Steir's frustration with its current financial plight is palpable.

"Everyone says we always are the best, we are the only station that is still truly free, that we are the voice of Venezuela," he said.

"They say they depend on us, but we need to be able to depend on them. We need their help."

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■ KERNEL EDITORIAL

New legislation helps SG to better fund student groups

Student Government is making positive steps in restructuring how it funds student groups.

Students were out of luck in February after the Senate's Appropriations and Revenue Committee gave out the last of the \$70,000 it budgeted for student groups. It's encouraging to see SG acknowledge the problem and work to fix it before the end of this school year.

The new legislation makes two changes in how groups are funded, the Kernel reported Thursday. The first is that club sports could only apply for a maximum grant of \$500, down from \$1,000 this year. The maximum amount of money available for General Funding Grants remained at \$500, and College Student Council Grants and Service Grants remained at \$1,000.

The other change is that student groups can only receive SG funding once a year now; under the previous rules, they could be awarded money multiple times.

Although these changes limit the amount of money being given to some groups, they are necessary to ensure that SG can fund more student efforts throughout the year. It should benefit more students and increase the work

SG can support in the student community.

Some senators thought there should be more flexibility in this regulation and a section was added to the legislation that allowed the A&R Committee members to approve multiple funding requests in special circumstances at their own discretion.

Some groups — and the campus in return — would benefit from multiple allocations, but it is important for senators to use conservative discretion when considering funding proposals. The new changes won't be effective if the process regresses to the old way of things.

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Overall, discretion is one of the simplest and possibly most effective solutions to ensure that more student groups receive funding. It seems SG members are aware of this with comments in Thursday's article, but it is worth repeating that these new regulations will help no one if committee members don't evaluate each application for funding seriously. But if the pieces fall into place, the chance of future funding problems should most definitely be lessened and possibly eliminated.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect opposing views in abortion debate

Over the past week or so, I've been reading the responses in the Kernel to the graphic abortion presentation seen on campus. Most of the responses I've read seem to contain two main complaints: that the graphic pictures discourage open, intellectual debate, and the misuse of the term genocide. Even though I am pro-life, I tend to agree with both of these complaints and believe that Genocide Awareness Project went too far. At the same time, I find these complaints ironic, having come from writers that continually use the word "anti-choice" instead of "pro-life."

I have seen this term used in letters to the editor all the way to Carrie Bass' most recent column on Friday. This may seem like a small thing to most readers, but it is truly just as much of an intentional, antagonistic use of words like "genocide." The use of this term also shows the unwillingness to openly debate by the pro-choice side. These writers reduce the argument to one component, that of the choice of the mother. In truth, there is another piece to the abortion debate: the life of the baby that is being ignored by using the term anti-choice.

I want a fair and open debate as much as anyone, but in order for that to happen, there must be respect for the views of others. As long as the term anti-choice is being used, the pro-life view is being disrespected and a true discussion cannot happen. The same holds true for the pro-life side. Calling someone anti-life is just as destructive to a fair debate or discussion. These terms are just masks for the disrespect each side has for each other.

For all those who thought the Genocide Awareness Project presentation was disrespectful, hold yourself to the same standard. Let's grow up past the name-calling and truly respect different points of view. That might allow for actual conversation, and maybe eventually a move to make some changes in the world.

Zach Puro
Accounting freshman

Forget dictionary, mass abortion is genocide

I am not afraid to say it: The arguments for abortion not being genocide are moronic. If the basis of the argument is Webster's dictionary, then it's time to reevaluate the argument. The reason there were pictures of genocide by the abortion pictures was because a torn off arm of a fetus surprisingly (please regard the sarcasm) resembles the lifeless arm of a full-grown adult. Abortion is the ending of a human life, not mere birth control, which prevents human life before it begins. Fetuses are human (as described in the pictures). Murder is the ending of human life. Mass murder is genocide. Mass abortion is genocide. Regardless of what good Webster says, they are the same.

David Kline
Chemical engineering sophomore

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DON WRIGHT, The Palm Beach Post

Historic meeting could unfreeze frigid China-Taiwan relations

The recent meeting between two top leaders of China and Taiwan may eventually be regarded as the pivotal point of cross-strait relations.

China President Hu Jintao and Taiwan Vice-President-elect Vincent Siew met Saturday on the Chinese island of Hainan during a business conference. This meeting is the most significant of the recent ones, even with parties of differing opinions.

On the other hand, Taiwan, once hailed as one of Asia's Four Dragons for its rapid industrialization and economic growth, has seen its economy remain largely stagnant in the past decade. Closer trade relations with the mainland can stimulate a fresh wave of economic growth in Taiwan.

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The meeting was a success to both sides. According to China's Xinhua news agency, President Hu and Siew were optimistic about the future of cross-strait business exchange. Hu also backed two proposals by Siew: opening up Taiwan to more Chinese tourists and allowing direct charter flights for the first time since 1949.

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DPP's previous strategy of mutual avoidance.

From a practical perspective, both sides desperately needed this meeting.

Beijing currently faces tremendous international pressure over its handling of the recent protests centered on Tibet, and China's leaders are trying to garner any positive publicity within their reach. With this meeting, China is showing the world that it's open for dialogue, even with parties of differing opinions.

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the nature of the meeting itself was unofficial: Siew attended the conference as the head of Taiwan's business delegation.

The meeting didn't melt all the ice collected on the cross-strait relations over the past six decades. It is largely symbolic, but groundbreaking nevertheless: a gesture of good faith by both sides, and a promise for more open and encompassing communication to come.

Nor should one expect the Taiwan-China relations to be smooth sailing from this point on. Both sides have yet to touch the topic of Taiwan's status.

KMT has traditionally wanted eventual unification with the mainland, but the majority of Taiwanese are in favor of the status quo; China, on the other hand, maintains that Taiwan is part of its territory and has vowed to use military force upon a unilateral declaration of independence.

To conciliate the differences, Ma, Taiwan's president-elect, has proposed an innovative strategy of "mutual non-denial," meaning that China does not deny Taiwan's existence, but it cannot recognize its sovereignty.

Is Taiwan part of China? This question, seemingly straightforward enough, remains the greatest obstacle that lies between Taiwan and China.

Luckily for both sides, for now, that is not the most pressing question. Linsen Li is a history and journalism junior. E-mail li@kykernel.com.

Competing against local cafés: trying to put the star back in Starbucks

Starbucks, you may have heard, is rebreuing itself.

In February, the caffeinated leviathan shuttered all 7,100 American outlets for three hours to retrain employees, a gimmick met with equal parts ridicule and suspicion. If customers hadn't gathered something was wrong, they knew now. The stock is down 40 percent

from last year. Today, "Starbucks introduces coffee," the company proclaims, offering free 12-ounce cups of its new Pike Place Roast, every Wednesday through May 28.

When a company has to reintroduce its core business, it's time to question the grounds. Founder Howard Schultz is on his 12th Transformation Agenda Communication, as if he were the Gen. David Petraeus of java.

What's gone wrong with Starbucks indicates a consumer base that doesn't want what it's peddling. In — dare we say it? — recession, the stores are too expensive, too impersonal, too unrelated to the sense of community that drove sales in the

first place. They've become a pricey version of Dunkin' Donuts in muted colors.

Initially, Starbucks only had to do two things right: the coffee and the food, the latter a disaster from the start.

Cases are stocked with stale sweets and pale sandwiches, enticing as paste. Know how little the cafés care about comestibles? When Starbucks arrived here a dozen years ago, an executive phoned a colleague for suggestions on pastry purveyors.

That's research. As fine coffee became more bountiful, consumers noted that Starbucks overroasted the beans, then stopped grinding them altogether. The people behind the counter aren't baristas. They're button pushers.

The brew is served scalding, which no decent café would ever do, possibly because the big bucks are in the grossed-up beverages loaded with milk, flavoring and whipped cream, the caffeine equivalent of a froufrou drink. You know, coffee for people who don't like coffee.

Consumers don't crave big anymore. They want an intimate connection with the community. As good coffee took over the country, homebrewed cafes increased, owned and operated by area residents, each with a distinct identity, less particleboard, more bulletin boards supporting local endeavors.

The money stays in the neighborhood, not Seattle. That's why naming the new roast after Pike Place, the first of Starbucks' 16,000 global locations, with a mere 1,175 to open this year, seems a flat note. Or playing the same music everywhere. Sir Paulie or, a "top spin" at this very moment, Kenny G's Rhythm & Romance, which has many painful associations with the dentist.

I tried the coffee, a medium roast, and it's an improvement, but still not as good as what we have here. Philadelphia is home to the exquisite La Colombe, worth every penny of the \$14 pound bag that we've learned to stretch for a couple of weeks or more.

Our neighborhood café, possibly like yours, is a caffeinated Cheers. The coffee, from a small Seattle roaster, is ground fresh and always the right temperature. Tables are shared, as well as politics, social issues and recipes. It's the heart of our neighborhood.

The owner treats regulars to a free latte on their birthdays, complete with a song. She sings far better than Kenny G plays. And the pastries, quiche and crêpes, I'm happy to report, are fresh and delicious. How, in the world, can Starbucks compete with that?

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SPORTS

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ARKANSAS 14, UK 1

Freshman center fielder Meagan Aull swings at a pitch during UK's 14-1 loss to Arkansas yesterday at the UK Softball Complex. The Cats have struggled of late, losing their last five games and 16 of 18 overall.

ED MATTHEWS
STAFF



Cats' miscues in the field, woes at the plate lead to loss

By Bobby Reagan
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The UK softball team was in desperate need of a win yesterday. After losing four in a row and 16 of their last 18, the Cats were hoping to salvage the final game of a three-game weekend series against Arkansas.

Instead, UK played one of its sloppiest games of the year by committing more errors (six) on the field than hits (two) at the plate. After the second inning, the Cats were hardly in the game as the Razorbacks cruised to a 14-1 victory on a cold, rainy afternoon at the UK Softball Complex.

"The weather was the same for both teams, so we can't look at that as an excuse," head coach Rachel Lawson said. "We just made a ton of mistakes that allowed the score to get out of hand early."

Things looked promising for the Cats (15-27, 3-16 Southeastern Conference) after a first-inning RBI double from sophomore shortstop Molly Johnson, but the 1-0 UK lead was short-lived.

Arkansas (32-18, 5-12 SEC) quickly responded with three runs in the second. After getting its first two batters on base, Arkansas first baseman Samantha Buckner smacked a hard grounder through sophomore second baseman Natalie Smith's legs and into center field to bring in two

runs.

On the very next play, catcher Leslie Dixon hit a sharp line drive to left field, where freshman Annie Rowlands was unable to make a diving catch. Buckner came home on the play to extend the Razorbacks' lead to 3-1.

The Cats recorded just one hit for the rest of the game off Arkansas pitcher Miranda Dixon and had just four total hits the entire weekend against the sophomore during her two pitching appearances.

The Razorbacks were able to pile on their lead in the third inning, tallying four runs off back-to-back home runs. Third baseman Sandra Smith smashed the front end of the back-to-backs with a three-run homer to deep left field, and shortstop Dayna Huckabee followed on the next pitch with a shot over the center field wall to make it 7-1.

Arkansas added three more runs in the fourth and four runs in the fifth for the final outcome.

UK's schedule doesn't get any easier as it heads to Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday to take on top-25 opponent Ohio State for a doubleheader.

"We'll talk about why we made the mistakes we did today, but then we put that behind us and move forward," Lawson said. "With our schedule we can't live in the past for long."

Blackwelder 'fits in' with the pros at LPGA's first major of the year

By Laura Pepper
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When UK junior golfer Mallory Blackwelder headed to Rancho Mirage, Calif., in early March to compete in the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the LPGA Tour's first major tournament of the year, she hoped to gain some professional experience and knowledge from the pros and to make the weekend cut.

But after posting a first-day score of 71, just four shots off the lead, Blackwelder was out for much more.

"I went out and was doing really good, and I felt that the course set up good for me," Blackwelder said of her first-day performance. "I felt good about my game after I played, and I didn't see any reason why I would not be as successful as (some of the game's biggest names)."

Blackwelder faded off during the second day of the tournament by posting a 76, but she was one of only three amateurs



Blackwelder

to make the cut and play all four days of the tournament. She finished in a tie for 68th place with a score of 302, 14-over-par.

The big scene wasn't an unfamiliar one for Blackwelder — her mother and current UK head coach Myra Blackwelder is a former LPGA player — but the tournament was the first time Blackwelder could be recognized on a major scale for her individual abilities.

"Once I got in there, there were so many people that I have known since I was little, and they made me feel welcome," Blackwelder said. "I felt like I fit. It was a perfect environment for me."

Even though the leaders got away from Blackwelder on the second day of the tournament, she was still in position to record the low score for the amateurs. A triple bogey on the final hole of the tournament dashed those hopes, but the tournament was still a huge success for Blackwelder.

"People now know that

there is no reason to think that I can't play out there," Blackwelder said. "I'm not satisfied with my college career, but if I can make the cut (at an LPGA major), then I can play with the college girls."

"I haven't had a stellar college career," she said. "I'm glad that I proved that I can (play at the LPGA level)."

Blackwelder said her experience was one she'll never forget, especially for two particular encounters she had with two of the game's biggest names. She said her most memorable moments were hitting balls with multi-major winner Annika Sorenstam on the range and a compliment from the eventual winner, Lorena Ochoa.

After playing with the world's best, Blackwelder acknowledged it might be a little tough at first to return playing at the college level because of the different style of play, but said she plans to finish her degree in marketing before turning pro.

"I proved that I will belong out here and that I can play at this level after I graduate from college," Blackwelder said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball team swept for the first time since 2005

For the first time since 2005, the No. 9 UK baseball team was swept in a three-game series, dropping the final game 6-4 yesterday to No. 11 Georgia in Athens, Ga. The Cats dropped the series opener 3-2 Friday before being pounded Saturday 13-4.

The Cats (26-8, 7-8 Southeastern Conference) blew a one-run lead in the seventh inning yesterday and totaled a season-low four hits at the dish. Their previous low came Saturday when the Cats mustered only seven hits.

Georgia (23-12, 12-3 SEC), the conference's frontrunner, trailed by three runs heading into the bottom of the fifth frame. But the Bulldogs tallied

two runs in the fifth, chasing UK senior starting pitcher Greg Dombrowski from the game in the process.

The Bulldogs got to the Cats' bullpen in the sixth inning. After a single and a pair of walks, right fielder Matt Olson scored on a wild pitch to tie the game. Left fielder Lyle Allen's ground ball forced in another run and gave Georgia the lead for good.

UK will remain on the road for a mid-week game against Cincinnati tomorrow. The Cats will return home to Cliff Hagan Stadium on Wednesday to face Morehead State.

Gymnastics team takes fifth place at regionals

The No. 20 UK gymnastics

team concluded its season over the weekend by placing fifth in the NCAA Central Regional in Baton Rouge, La.

The Cats finished with a score of 194.950, just .175 points behind the third place finisher Ohio State. Louisiana State took first with a 197.625.

UK's best event of the weekend came on the vault. The Cats stuck a 49.100 with three 9.850s by freshman Andre Mitchell, and sophomores Emilee Rymor and Hilary Ferguson.

"They fought hard," head coach Mo Mitchell said. "Unfortunately we dug ourselves a hole in the first event. We needed more determination. But mark my words, we will go to nationals next year."

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APRIL 14

Elementary Art Exhibit

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Monday-Friday
Student Center*

Showcased in the display cabinets in UK's Student Center (near Center Theater). This is a brand new event for the Little Kentucky Derby festival. Striving to bring the community and the University closer together, this event showcases the work of local elementary school students. The drawings will represent the students' own images of hot air balloons. The exhibit will be showcased throughout the week of the Little Kentucky Derby (April 14th - 18th) in the Student Center.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 16

Ping Pong Ball Drop

*11am - Drop at 12pm
Patterson Office Tower Patio*

The Ping Pong Ball Drop is one of several revived events from the original Little Kentucky Derby. Participants can play games and pick up free LKD stuff just before over 3,000 ping-pong balls will be dropped from the 18th floor balcony of the Patterson Office Tower onto the patio area below. Spectators then scramble to find the balls with a special logo to be redeemed for prizes. Prizes include T-shirts & tickets to the O.A.R concert that will take place April 23. This year's ball drop will incorporate more than double the number of ping-pong balls that were used last year!

THURSDAY

APRIL 17

UK'S Amazing Race

*7pm
Beginning at Student Center
Great Hall*

In teams of four, students will battle across UK's picturesque campus searching for hints to finish 1st in this 'amazing' event. Winners of the race will receive t-shirts and other cool prizes. Very similar to the hit CBS series Amazing Race, UK's version will test students' knowledge of campus by solving clues and performing tasks at each stop. This event honors the timeless tradition of racing as a key component of all LKD festivals to date. Originating with bicycle races, the Derby has seen relays, tricycle, scooter, turtle and gerbil races. This year, LKD is introducing a new race and a new challenge on the same beautiful bluegrass campus!

FRIDAY

APRIL 18

LKD Golf Scramble

*12pm
Picadome Golf Course
469 Parkway Dr. Lexington, KY 40504*

The LKD Golf Scramble is another revived tradition from the original Little Kentucky Derby. It will be hosted at Lexington's Picadome Golf Course, just off South Broadway. After an 18-hole scramble, prizes will be awarded to those who win overall "Longest Drive" as well as the "Closest to the Pin" Contest. Entry is \$35 for students and \$50 for all outside participants.

Everyone must register online to compete by visiting our website at www.uksab.org/lkd2008. The entry fee includes the greens fee, a sleeve of golf balls, golf tees, golf cart rental, and lunch. The deadline to register your team is Wednesday, April 16th.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY APRIL 18

**Balloon Glow
Field Party**

6:30pm

E.S. Good Barn Field

The Balloon Glow Field Party is the main event for the entire festival! Known for its unique, relaxing atmosphere, this timeless LKD tradition consists of 18 hot air balloons, grounded and illuminated at night alongside outdoor music. As the torches illuminate the hot air balloons, the crowd can enjoy music, the spectacular sight of the radiant hot air balloons, inflatables for children of all ages and several glow-in-the-dark giveaways from the Student Activities Board, including Frisbees, Beach Balls, and Cups. E.S. Good Barn Field is located on the corner of Alumni Drive and Nicholasville Road, across from Commonwealth Stadium.

SATURDAY APRIL 19

**Morning
Balloon Race**

7am

Arboretum

Rise and shine for the closing day of the Little Kentucky Derby with an event the whole family will enjoy—hot air balloon races! The competition will be a “fly-in,” where the balloonists begin their flight two miles out from a target set in the middle of the Arboretum. The object of the competition is for each balloonist to drop a beanbag from his or her balloon as close to the center of the target as possible. This is a fun family event; free breakfast will be served to spectators!

SATURDAY APRIL 19

CCO/SAB Carnival

3-6pm

E.S. Good Barn Field

Featuring booths and games sponsored by an array of UK's very own student organizations, the Carnival is the highlight of the week for kids! The Carnival has taken place in various forms throughout the years but has been a part of LKD since its inception. This year, families are invited to bring picnic baskets and enjoy a spring day outdoors filled with live music, games, inflatables, and crafts. Kids will have the chance to win tons of prizes!

SATURDAY APRIL 19

**Evening
Balloon Race**

6pm

E.S. Good Barn Field

The evening balloon race will be a “hare & hound” race, where a single balloonist will take off before the others. The object of the competition is for the other balloonists to catch up. The lead balloonist for this year is John Herbst, director of the UK Student Center. Herbst has participated in LKD every year since the festival's inception. The balloons will depart from E.S. Good Barn Field, located at the corner of Alumni Drive and Nicholasville Road. Spectators may enjoy a free grill-out including hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, and beverages and a spectacular photo opportunity displaying the balloons lifting off the ground and flying off over campus!



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