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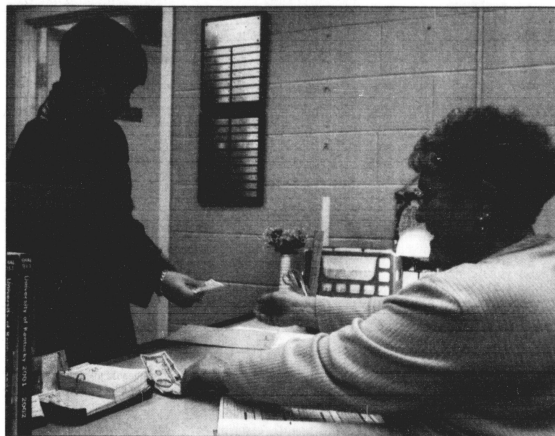
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POLITICS

SG hopefuls almost late, push deadline envelope



Signing up
Lindsey Clouse, a linguistics junior, pays \$30 to Margaret Rudder, staff associate at the Student Government office, to file for candidacy as a senator-at-large.

The race begins: More than 30 students file for senator-at-large; Robinson runs unopposed after lone challenger disqualified

By Sara Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government office was flooded Wednesday with students trying to meet the deadline to run for election. Students had to file by 4 p.m.

While there are 15 senator-at-large positions, more than twice that many students filed to run for the offices. Patrick Robinson, chairman of the SG Election Board of Claims, is amazed that 35 candidates are running for senator-at-large.

"It's just unbelievable," Robinson said. "I have been a part of SG for five years and I've never seen this many people file. I think it's just great."

Only three of the senator-at-large candidates are running for re-election. While there are 17 college senator positions, including two for LCC, only 14 students filed for college senator positions. Five colleges are without candidates, but the positions will be filled later.

Tim Robinson is running for re-election as SG president with Mary Katherine Thompson as his vice-presidential running mate. Ben Hayes was challenging Robinson with Amy Thomas as his vice-presidential candidate until the election board decided to disqualify him because of SG's experience clause.

Margaret Rudder, secretary

in the SG office, said it is unusual that students didn't file earlier.

Rudder said one student called less than three hours before the deadline to ask about senator-at-large eligibility.

"She must have changed her mind when she heard that she needed to get 400 signatures," Rudder said.

Though the majority of students filed the day of deadline, Patrick Robinson said he only felt overwhelmed once with the number of students trying to file.

The later deadline of 4 p.m. helped, Rudder said.

"It has been absolutely wonderful," Rudder said.

Running for office
This is the list as of 4 p.m. Wednesday.

President/Vice-President:
Ben Hayes/ Amy Thomas
Tim Robinson/
Mary Katherine Thompson

Senator-at-Large:

- David Hutchinson
- Joe Ruschell
- Mary Beth Elliot
- Brandon Orr
- James Monroe
- David Hardin
- Kyle Jewell
- Casey Brantley
- Lally Letman
- Jennifer McCauley
- John Weis
- Mark Scott
- McKensil Wilburn
- Mea Farnell
- Lindsey Clouse
- Michelle Folmer
- Lisa Allegranza
- Lindsay Cataforios
- Stephanie Hill
- Brian Foret
- Corey Fannin
- Rachel Watts
- Megan Gentry
- Shawn Dixon
- Eric Banks
- Ben Hayden
- Jessica Parsley
- Ashley Larmer
- Jimmy Winn
- Van Yadak
- Jessica Miller
- Matt Riggeloe
- Keith Hawkins
- Teddy Riley
- Merrit Johnson

College Senators:
(Each college has one senator, except LCC, which has two.)

- Amelia Brown
- Liz Wilson
- Jessica King
- G. Thomas Barker
- Matthew Falk
- John McNight
- Jill Bianchetti
- Kelly Wright
- Taylor Coats
- Tayo Agboke
- David Wagner
- Ben Franz
- Kelly Wiggins
- Maria Maldonado

CHANGES

Board tells Hayes no run

By Amy Crawford
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Tim Robinson is now running unopposed for Student Government president.

The SG Board of Elections voted 4-0 Wednesday night to disqualify Ben Hayes and Amy Thomas' bid to seek election for the SG presidency.

Citing the experience clause in the SG Constitution (Article V, Section 1, Letter E) Patrick Robinson, board chairman, said in a letter to Hayes that he was ineligible to run for president because he lacked SG experience.

"We do not see where being Vice-President of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, a greek organization, serves as being in Student Government," Robinson wrote.

But last year, Steve Shaw, a presidential candidate, was able to run for president on the grounds of having served a year on the Interfraternity Council.

Hayes also wrote that he had served as the "Student Government representative on the Student Appeals Board."

Robinson's letter said because Hayes' position on the appeals board was appointed by UK's president, it did not count as SG experience.

Hayes or Thomas could not be reached for comment.

Some senators were miffed by the board's action.

SG Senator David Hutchinson, who is also running for re-election said, "I do

not think it is a fair interpretation by any means."

"We, the Election Board of Supervisors feel that we are enforcing the Student Government Constitution and keeping this election clean and free of wrongdoings."

But Hutchinson said all members of UK are considered members of SG.

"According to the SG Constitution, all students are members of Student Government, and to be an officer, all you need is the authority or trust of a group. I think he (Hayes) has that trust with the Greek community."

SG President Tim Robinson said Hayes can appeal the decision to either the election board or the Supreme Court.

Robinson said the decision is fair.

"Just like any other office, there are qualifications and he doesn't have them," he said.

"It's not a surprise to me. I've been here two and a half years and he hasn't been here at all."

Robinson said he is sorry that Hayes' running mate, Amy Thomas, is automatically disqualified.

But Hutchinson said the board's decision could backfire on Robinson.

"The (election board) didn't interpret it fairly considering all the nominations Tim Robinson made to the Supreme Court. I think it's a rigged situation," Hutchinson said.

MONEY

Funding 'vital' to UK's future

Endowment: Bucks for Brains program a success after 2 years, officials say

By Melanie Beckwith
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Melody Noland recently returned from a trip to California where she continued to research tobacco-use prevention among teenagers.

Noland, an education professor, funded the trip with money from a Bucks for Brains endowment. She received a Gregory and Betty Blanda endowed professorship in education.

This year, the state legislature will vote whether to pass a third round of Bucks for Brains. At a reception in Frankfort on Monday night, President Lee Todd, along with UK and U of L faculty, hosted members of the state legislature, hoping to persuade them to pass the third round of the program.

Todd said he felt the program is a necessity for UK's future.

In fact, he mentioned the program in his inaugural speech and said that it is an essential element in UK's efforts to reach top 20 status.

"It is vital that we get it to keep the motivation we have established," Todd said.

UK employs 142 Bucks for Brains faculty and has added 54 new endowed chairs (faculty whose entire salary is paid from endowment) and 128 new professorships. These

The Low Down

In 1997, the Kentucky State Legislature passed the Kentucky Post Secondary Education Improvement Act, in which Bucks for Brains was born. The program is designed to attract top research faculty to Kentucky universities by helping boost fund-raising for endowments.

All of the money goes toward endowments for research faculty and graduate work.

The state has approved two rounds of Bucks for Brains so far. For the fiscal year 2000, the state provided \$6.7 million to UK, which was successfully matched.

Source: www.rps.uky.edu/ca/rctt/indexe.w.html

FITNESS

Local gym hopes to keep students



Burn baby burn
People work out at the YMCA on High Street. Employees say the new recreation center on campus will probably affect student membership.

Work out: New recreation center promises more space, better equipment for students

By Andrea Uhde
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With the newest extension of the Seaton Center scheduled to open later this year, some local gyms fear they will lose a substantial number of their student members.

At the High Street YMCA, workers are predicting a loss of 75 percent of their student memberships as students transfer to the new gym. Currently, one in four members at that YMCA are students.

The Johnson Recreation Center, which was built adjacent to the Seaton Center on South campus, will have over 12,000 square feet for exercise equipment, will be open 17 hours a day, and will, basically, "blow students away," said Rene Lee, the associate director for Campus Recreation.

Cathy Boone, the associate

executive director of the YMCA, is worried that many of the student members will gather their squirt bottles and Walkmans and jog on over to the newly remodeled building, never to come back.

"We need to keep as many students as we can," she said. "We know our students are going to have more choices and we would like them to think twice about it before they leave the Seaton Center."

Even more disturbing to Boone is that prices for most YMCA student members will increase. For the past three years, UK has donated enough money to keep 440 students at the High Street YMCA at a \$12.50 a month rate, which began because of the lack of fitness facilities on campus.

See YMCA on 4

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The Low-down

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STATE NEWS

Director placed on leave after incident

GEORGETOWN — A Belle of the Blue contestant is seeing red over a scuffle during a dress rehearsal for the Georgetown College beauty pageant. Contestant Keaton Lynch Brown, a freshman from Brentwood, Tenn., filed a complaint against Kathy Wallace, director of student activities. Wallace was charged with fourth-degree assault for allegedly grabbing Brown during the Friday night rehearsal for the annual pageant at John Hill Chapel. According to a police complaint, Brown told police that Wallace grabbed her by the arm, pulled her from the stage and dragged her down some steps until she hit a door frame.

NATIONAL NEWS

Victim identifies wrong man in case

HOUMA, La. — The victim of a 1981 rape testified that she was shocked when she found out that DNA evidence cleared the man she identified as her attacker after he had spent 19 years in prison. "I wanted him released as soon as possible," she said Wednesday as testimony began in the trial of the cleared man's brother, Mario Charles, who is now charged with the crime. She identified Clyde Charles as the rapist on the night of the 1981 attack while she was still in a hospital as he was led in front of her in handcuffs. She said his clothes looked the same as those worn by the attacker.

Crematory county prays for strength

NOBLE, Ga. — The rural Georgia county where hundreds of corpses have been unearthed at a crematory observed a day of prayer Wednesday, vowing their souls would heal even as the bodies kept piling up. At a modest service, 21 ministers from northwest Georgia said prayers one by one, asking for wisdom for authority, strength for the recovery workers and mercy for Ray Brent Marsh, the jailed crematory operator.

Officials want 'In God We Trust' motto

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — In a movement that gained momentum with the after-Sept. 11 surge in patriotism, several states have passed or are considering legislation to post the motto "In God We Trust" in schools. School officials near Jacksonville are already putting up the motto in schools without waiting for Florida to pass a law. The motto was first placed on coins by the U.S. Treasury in 1864, during the Civil War.



COMMISSIONERS vote for cemetery

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — County commissioners voted Tuesday night to allow the creation of an Islamic cemetery. In a 4-0 ruling, the commissioners said the cemetery in this Atlanta suburb will be limited to 1,276 burial plots, rather than the 1,500 sought by the Georgia Islamic Institute of Religious and Social Sciences. Also, wooden caskets will be used and placed in vaults to ensure sanitary burial and prevent soil from caving in the graves.

Doctor told Yates no more children

HOUSTON — A psychiatrist who previously treated Andrea Yates said she warned her patient against having any more babies because it might cause her to become psychotic. Dr. Eileen Starbranch, speaking for the defense in Yates' capital murder trial, retold the stand Wednesday to say she never spoke with the doctor who treated Yates just before the drownings. On Tuesday, Starbranch said she remembered Yates being "warm and loving" with her four sons when she was in Starbranch's care for about five months following two suicide attempts in 1999. But she warned Russell and Andrea Yates against having more children to avoid future psychosis. The couple later had a daughter.

Woman gets years for castration death

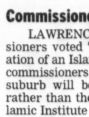
BUTLER, Pa. — A transsexual was sentenced to up to 11 years in prison Wednesday for performing a crude castration that led to her husband's death. Tammy Felbaum, 43, was sentenced to 5 1/2 to 11 years for involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault in last year's death of her sixth husband. "I loved my husband. I don't deserve this," Felbaum said. She had argued that James Felbaum, 40, was found in a filthy trailer home that contained a makeshift operating room. His wife argued that he castrated himself while she was sleeping to prove he wouldn't cheat on her.

Consultant says tests nonprocedural

PHILADELPHIA — Proficiency tests for FBI fingerprint examiners don't follow national or international standards and appear intended to guarantee the test-taker does well, a laboratory quality control consultant testified Wednesday. The testimony by Janine Arvizu of Consolidated Technical Services started the third day of a hearing before U.S. District Judge Louis H. Polak on the scientific validity of fingerprints as evidence. The hearing was requested by government lawyers who want to persuade Polak to reverse his Jan. 7 decision barring experts from testifying that fingerprints lifted from a crime scene match those of a particular defendant.

Former Marlin's owner buys Red Sox

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Former Florida Marlins owner John Henry and his partners completed their record \$860 million purchase of the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday, ending seven decades of ownership by the Yawkey family and its trust. The closing of the deal, which probably



Bored being #1

Boxing champion Roy Jones Jr., who's already scored a hit on the singles chart, is releasing *Round One*, his first rap album. "That Was Then" debuted at No. 2 last month on Billboard's Hot Rap Singles list. It was holding at No. 3 after eight weeks on the charts. "I expected some response, but not quite as much as it got at the beginning," Jones said of his single. "I wasn't real sure how people would react because some people have negative impressions of athletes trying to rap, but so far people like it." The world light heavyweight boxing champ wrote or co-wrote all 19 songs on *Round One*. Many are autobiographical, including "Who Wants Get Knocked Out" and "Y'all Must've Forgot," which reminds listeners of his dominance over foes such as Bernard Hopkins, James Toney and Montell Griffin. "I was trying to keep it all clean at first, but rap music isn't all clean," the Pensacola fighter told the Pensacola News Journal in Tuesday's editions.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Train set on fire kills at least 57

GODHRA, India — A Muslim mob set fire to a train carrying Hindu nationalists home from a disputed religious site Wednesday, killing at least 57 people, officials said. Fearing religious strife could spread, the prime minister appealed for calm. The fire gutted four coaches in the early morning attack at a station in the western city of Godhra, where Muslims angered by slogans chanted by the Hindus stoned the train cars and doused them with kerosene, according to state officials and witnesses. Fourteen children were among the dead, district administrator Jayanti Ravi said.

5 killed as security chiefs meet

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops killed four armed Palestinians in two separate gun battles Wednesday, and a Palestinian employee shot dead an Israeli factory manager in an apparent political attack. The violence came just hours after a tense meeting between Israeli and Palestinian security chiefs ended without agreement on how to end 17 months of fighting. In a four-hour session participants said was marked by angry outbursts, Israel demanded a Palestinian crackdown on militants and the Palestinians insisted on an easing of Israeli travel restrictions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Still, a new Saudi peace initiative generated some hope on both sides, and the European Union's foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, met in Jiddah on Wednesday with the plan's author, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, to explore it further.

Compiled from wire reports

Corrections

A listing in Wednesday's On Tap section incorrectly listed the time and ticket prices for Beau Haddock's performance. Beau Haddock will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Singletary Center. Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$8 for seniors and \$10 for regular admission.

In the article about dissertations, Professor William Hoyt is not on Eric Moyer's dissertation committee.

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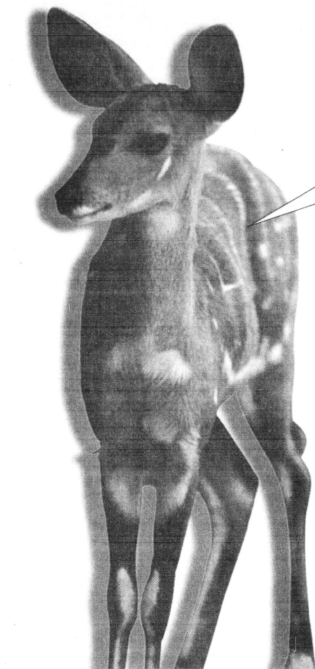
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Researcher ticks away Lyme's riddle



A closer look

While cute and cuddly at first glance, a closer look shows a parasite that hides in deer fur. Deer ticks carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

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Lyme vaccine pulled from the shelves

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — With tick season approaching, the maker of the nation's only vaccine against Lyme disease pulled it off the market, citing poor sales.

Lymrix had caused controversy in recent years, as patients said they were sickened by the vaccine and asked the government to restrict sales. Some filed lawsuits against maker GlaxoSmithKline.

Federal health officials said Tuesday they had found no evidence that the vaccine was dangerous. They urged people in Lyme-plagued states to take precautions against the pin-sized ticks that spread the disease.

Lymrix had \$40 million in sales its first year on the market, and hundreds of thousands were vaccinated. But GlaxoSmithKline projected that fewer than 10,000 people would seek vaccination this year, and ended sales because "there's just no demand for it," said company spokeswoman Ramona Dubose.

Lyme disease is spread by ticks that live in wooded and grassy areas nationwide, but especially in the Northeast, from Maryland to Maine, and in Wisconsin and Minnesota. It causes fatigue, fevers and joint pain that can persist for weeks. Some patients develop severe arthritis. If not treated with antibiotics, Lyme disease can severely damage the heart and nervous systems.

The FDA approved the sale of Lymrix in 1998. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had urged that only people at high risk of Lyme disease be vaccinated, largely because the expensive vaccine didn't offer complete protection. Studies showed it was 90 percent effective after people got all three required shots.

After vaccinations began, some patients reported arthritis, muscle pain and other troubling symptoms.

Many of the symptoms were similar to Lyme disease itself, and 15 percent of the U.S. population has arthritis anyway. Scientists found teasing out any connection to Lymrix difficult.

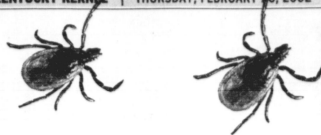
In one study, 5,000 people got Lymrix and another 5,000 got dummy shots. Two percent of each group developed arthritis-like symptoms.

The CDC re-examined 905 possible side effects reported to the government between 1998 and July 2000. The CDC's results, just published in the journal *Vaccine*, found no signs that Lymrix caused arthritis, but did find 22 cases of allergic reaction.

Those studies don't persuade some critics. At least seven lawsuits are pending over alleged Lymrix reactions, and several hundred more people may file, said Philadelphia attorney Stephen A. Sheller.

"We're thrilled" that Lymrix is being taken off the market, said Karen Forscher of the Lyme Disease Foundation, who recently presented information to the FDA that she says suggests Lymrix safety studies were seriously flawed.

The FDA is continuing to investigate.



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Procedures

While Lyme cases have reached record highs in recent years, there's no way to know if this spring will bring a bumper crop of Lyme-bearing ticks, said CDC Lyme expert David Dennis. But there are steps people should take to lower their risk of contracting Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, he advised:

- Check yourself and your children daily for ticks. Scientists believe Lyme-bearing ticks must remain attached for 36 hours to infect someone.
- Wear long sleeves and pants tucked into socks or boots when venturing into tick-prone areas like unmowed grass or brush, and use insect repellent that contains DEET.
- To discourage ticks from moving into yards, put a barrier, such as a layer of wood chips, between woods and grass. Remove leaves and brush; ticks prefer dark, moist habitats.
- Lyme disease is spread by ticks that feed on deer and rodents. Because communities have been leery of wide-scale pesticide use, the CDC is testing more targeted technology: bait boxes that rub tick-killing pesticides on rodents, and feeding bins that do the same to deer.

On the Net:
CDC Lyme sites:
www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/ly/prevent.htm
Lyme Disease Foundation:
www.lyme.org

Smart 'critters': Disease's bacteria make proteins that can trick immune systems

By Sean Alexander
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A study by a UK researcher reveals important information about how Lyme disease, a widespread condition common in New England, works.

Dr. Brian Stevenson, an assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, works with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. The journal *Infection and Immunity* printed the results this month of the study. The study discovered the function of several proteins found in the surface of the bacteria, which allow it to escape attack from the immune systems of humans and other mammals.

"It was very exciting," Stevenson said of his discovery. The black-legged tick, or "deer tick" is the species that transmits the bacteria that causes Lyme disease. Stevenson said that every animal has a different immune system. To travel from one host to another, the bacteria must "escape" multiple immune systems.

The bacteria does this by employing 13 different proteins on its surface called Erp proteins, Stevenson said. Different proteins interact with different animals. Four of them interact

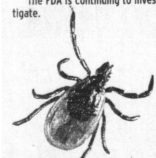
with human immune systems, Stevenson said.

Normally, the body's immune system attacks bacteria cells, but to keep the immune system from attacking healthy cells, the body manufactures something called Factor H, Stevenson said. The proteins bind to Factor H, and trick the immune system.

"It's a way of saying 'hey, I'm part of your own body. Don't kill me,'" he said. Dr. Avi Nath, a professor in the Department of Neurology, said the bacteria's ability to escape the immune systems of so many animals makes the bacteria a "wolf in sheep's clothing."

"These little critters are actually quite smart," Nath said. The study has been corroborated by a similar German study conducted at the University Hospital of Frankfurt about six months after Stevenson's. The two men will be collaborating on future efforts.

Stevenson said some think his research may lead to drugs or a vaccine targeting the Erp proteins that affect the human immune system, a major advance in medical science related to Lyme disease.



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Sat 2

Sun 3

MEETINGS
Freshman Focus, 2:00pm, BSU Chapel
*Catholic Meeting, 3:30pm, Student Center, Rm 231
*Annex International Meeting, 7pm, Student Center

ACADEMICS
*Lecture on Terrorism and Civil Liberties, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm 230, Free
*Math Tutoring, 2:00pm-4:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg
*Math Tutoring, 5:00-9:00pm, Kinross-Blanding Complex Commons, 2nd Floor Ballroom
*History Tutoring, 10/100/100, 1:00-3:00pm, Kinross-Blanding Complex Commons, 2nd Floor Ballroom
*Biology Tutoring, 7:30-8:30pm, Kinross-Blanding Complex Commons, 2nd Floor Ballroom

SPORTS
*Kampus Self-Defense, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Party for Alternatives to War, 8pm, Trangle Park

ARTS/MOVIES
*Warner Shorter Quartet, 8pm, Singatory Center for the Arts
*Richard Corey, UK THEATRE, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, Call 257-4929 for more info

MEETINGS
*Interfaith Christian Fellowship: Friday Fellowship, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel, Rose Street

ACADEMICS
*Math Tutoring, 2:00-4:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg

SPECIAL EVENTS
*French Reception, 5pm-6pm, Basement of Kierstead Hall

ARTS/MOVIES
*Richard Corey, UK THEATRE, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, Call 257-4929 for more info

INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
*UK Ice Kwon Do Club, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

MEETINGS
*Catholic Mass, 6:00pm, 320 Rose Ln

SPORTS
*UK Basketball Game vs. Florida, Noon, Rupp Arena
*Kampus Self-Defense, 7:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*USA Hunt Seat Show, 9:00 am, Marvline, TN

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Bowling For Kids Sale, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, or 3:00pm, Southland Lane. MUST NEED \$65.00 in sponsors to participate. Call 254-3265 to sign your team up

ARTS/MOVIES
*Richard Corey, UK THEATRE, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, Call 257-4929 for more info

INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
*UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

MEETINGS
*Catholic Mass, 9:00am, 11:30am, 6:00pm, 8:30pm, 320 Rose Ln

ACADEMICS
*University Workshop Service, 6:15pm, Southside Church of Christ, 8th Auditorium, 5pm, Young Library

UK Campus Get Together, 5pm, Young Library

ACADEMICS
*Math Tutoring/100/100, 6:00-8:00pm, Kinross Tower
*Math Tutoring/120, 8:00-10:00pm, Kinross Tower
*History Tutoring/104/100/107, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall
*History Tutoring, 10/100/100, 8:00-10:00pm, Kinross Tower
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MOVIES

Professor writes storyline for Hollywood production

On TV: 'All my colleagues keep asking when I'm going to start wearing sunglasses'

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

Vernon Wiehe has gone Hollywood.

Wiehe, a social work professor, returned from a business trip to Los Angeles last Monday, where he met with executives from the Hearst Entertainment Corporation. While there, he wrote a story line for a Lifetime Television.

"All my colleagues keep asking when I'm going to start wearing dark sunglasses," Wiehe said.

It was Wiehe's intellectual pursuits that brought him to work with Hearst.

"They read one of my books and wanted my input," Wiehe said.

The book that captured the attention of the producers is *Sibling Abuse: Hidden Physical, Emotional, and Sexual Trauma*. The Hearst Corporation contacted Wiehe to create a realistic story line involving sibling abuse for their movie.

Wiehe wrote a plot involving a family with three children. The two older brothers are mentally and physically abusive to their younger sister.

Wiehe said while most people think of family abuse involving spouses or a parent and child, sibling abuse is often dismissed as just sibling rivalry.

He and the producers hope this film will change the pub-

lic's perceptions of abuse and alert parents to the dangers of sibling abuse.

"We want parents to be able to sit down and watch this movie and perhaps see what may be going on in their own families," he said.

Wiehe's research specializes in family violence with an emphasis on sibling abuse. He teaches a graduate level course at UK called "Family Violence: Social Work Interventions."

He is the author of 10 books relating to family violence issues and has conducted studies examining the long-term psychological effects of sibling abuse.

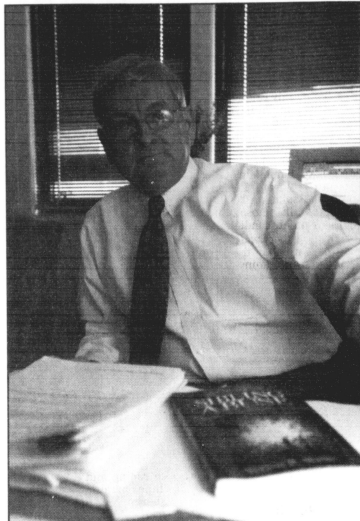
Wiehe has deep ties to Kentucky. He has taught at UK for 28 years and now holds the Buckhorn Professor of Child Welfare Endowed Chair in the College of Social Work.

His daughter, Beth, is a graduate of UK and works as a sound engineer for Warner Brothers in Los Angeles.

But there is no connection between her and the movie Wiehe will be working on.

Wiehe was flattered by the invitation to visit with the Hearst Corporation and is excited about this opportunity to share his expertise with Hollywood.

"I'm honored because they called me and they wanted me, I didn't go after them," he said.



Vernon Wiehe, a social work professor, sits in his office on the sixth floor of Patterson Office Tower. He is being used as an adviser for a movie based on his book.

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BRAINS

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researchers have already brought UK \$46.7 million in outside funding.

For the fiscal year 2000, UK received \$66.7 million from the program, which UK matched dollar-for-dollar with its own independent fund-raising.

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where from a few thousand dollars for help in research, as in the case of Noland, to entire salaries.

Stephen Rankin, an assistant professor in chemical and materials engineering, was attracted to UK because the Bucks for Brains program provided funding for his research. He is conducting research in material synthesis.

Rankin said that the program will help UK stand out among other public universities.

"It is likely to give the university the ability to get peoples attention that it could not have otherwise," he said.

YMCA

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UK will withdraw from this agreement in July, around the time the Johnson Center is scheduled to open.

In response, the YMCA will try to maintain a lower rate for students at \$19 a month.

The Johnson Center is funded by \$50 from every student's tuition each semester.

At a pizza party Boone held at the YMCA to "convey that the YMCA is a community" for students, feelings were mixed

about the new campus gym.

Jeff Price, a sophomore with an undecided major, said he probably will retire his membership and switch to the Johnson Center gym. "It will be huge," he said.

Other students agreed that the location of the YMCA is more valuable than the low-cost Johnson Center membership.

Andy Herb, a marketing sophomore, and his three roommates who have been members at the YMCA for five months, agreed to stay because the gym is so close to their home on Aylesford Place. "The convenience is the main factor," Herb said.

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SPORTS

Basketball player beaten, six charged with assault

Spectators: Sheriff says students charged with gang style beating of leading scorer from opposing team; motive still uncertain

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PIKEVILLE, Ky. — A star player for an eastern Kentucky high school was recovering Wednesday in a Pikeville hospital after a brutal beating at a basketball tournament earlier this week.

Assault charges have been filed against six Shelby Valley High School students after the gang-style beating of Jarrod R. Adkins, the leading scorer for cross-county rival Millard High School.

At least three other students were treated for minor injuries at Pikeville Methodist Hospital on Monday.

Deputy Sheriff Greg Smith said more arrests are likely.

"I've got 10 different stories about what the motive is," Smith said. "I haven't yet determined which is true."

He declined to comment when asked if the attack may have been an effort to keep Adkins out of future tournament games.

Pike County athletic director Ancie Casey said he doesn't know the reason for the melee, which may have involved up to 20 students. The Pike County Sheriff's Department and school officials are investigating.

Sheriff Charles "Fuzzy" Keesee said the attack occurred on a football field, more than 100 yards from the gym where the basketball tournament

is being held. "We're not sure at this point what exactly caused this," he said. "This might have been brewing for a while."

Casey said several students were injured in the fight. Adkins suffered a head injury and a broken hand, and underwent surgery at Pikeville Methodist Hospital on Tuesday. He was still hospitalized Wednesday in fair condition.

"We know there was a terrible situation and that the authorities are doing their jobs," Casey said. "There will be disciplinary action taken aside from the actions taken by police."

The fight, which occurred

about 9:30 p.m. Monday, followed Shelby Valley High School's 54-39 victory over Pikeville High School in the first round of the 58th District basketball tournament. Adkins and other Millard students were spectators at that game. If Millard beats Pike Central High School on Wednesday, the team would play Shelby Valley on Friday.

Casey said he doesn't know if the attack was an effort to keep Adkins out of postseason tournament play.

"We don't know that," he said. "I hope that's not the case. When the investigation is complete, hopefully we'll know what precipitated that."

Keesee said Adkins' injuries are so severe that he won't be able to play in the postseason tournament.

"His high school basketball career is over," Keesee said.

ROLL OF THE DICE

Slots may help falling revenues

If it passes: Proposal suggests installing slot machines at tracks; supporters say it would create millions in additional revenue

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — From famed Churchill Downs, the home of the Kentucky Derby, to small, worn and rundown Ellis Park along Ohio River, race tracks in Kentucky report fewer patrons, less betting and a scarcity of horses to fill race cards.

The threat to Kentucky's signature industry is coming from slot machines, racing officials argue. And since they can't beat 'em, horse racing advocates want to join 'em.

Under a proposal unveiled Tuesday, slot machines would be installed at Kentucky race tracks, offering millions in additional revenue for the state and a windfall for horse tracks.

The idea of additional gambling in Kentucky has been floated for a decade, ever since the first riverboat was launched along the Ohio River in Illinois. But until Tuesday, no legislation ever had been introduced in Kentucky's General Assembly.

Rep. Jim Callahan, the House Democratic caucus chairman and prime sponsor of the bill, said the state could realize as much as \$1.7 billion in the first six years of slot machines at tracks.

Under the proposal, the

state would get up to about 35 percent of the slot machine take. But the state would have to cover all its expenses from its share, plus apportion some money to local governments and for treatment of compulsive gambling. Tracks would get to keep more than half the money.

The bill comes while Kentucky has seen its revenues already fall \$500 million short of estimates this year. Even so, Callahan acknowledged the prospect for passage of the legislation is anything but a sure bet.

So far, legislators have generally been noncommittal, except to say the horse industry has made a case that it is suffering from riverboat competition and the state is losing potential revenue.

The issue has drawn lobbyists from various positions, including representatives from race tracks, gambling opponents and even the casino companies that run the riverboats.

Senate President David Williams and House Speaker Jody Richards have said they personally oppose expanded gambling. Both represent areas relatively distant from any of Kentucky's major horse tracks.

"At this point, I don't think that the people of Kentucky want slots. That may change," Richards said.

Opponents of expanded gambling, mostly a coalition of religious groups with the tacit support of some of the owners of riverboat casinos in neighboring states, scoff at cries of poverty from horse racing. They point to the 2001 record earnings from Churchill Downs' parent company.

"Hard time? I don't think so. Can't compete? They're competing just fine," said the Rev. Nancy Jo Kemper, director of the Kentucky Council of Churches and moderator of Citizens Against Gambling Expansion.

Race track officials insist that the clink of coins would not drown out the call to the post or the playing of "My Old Kentucky Home" on Derby Day.

"We want to weave our racing product into the landscape of the slots product," said Turfway Park President Bob Elliston. "We will do it right."

Elliston said the number of horses entered at Turfway has declined as trainers and owners choose instead to race at West Virginia's Mountaineer Park, which includes

horse racing and a huge slot machine operation just west of Pittsburgh.

The gambling environment has become fierce. Race track owners say huge gambling boats from Indiana have siphoned millions of dollars from betting windows and Kentucky tax coffers.

A study done for the General Assembly estimated casino boats on the Ohio River made \$352 million from Kentucky patrons in 2001. The study calculated that gambling by Kentuckians translated to nearly \$85 million in taxes for Indiana and Illinois.

The proposal would give an exclusive gambling franchise to the eight existing tracks, including Churchill Downs in Louisville, Turfway near Cincinnati, Bluegrass Downs at Paducah and Kentucky Downs at Franklin.

The case that Churchill Downs President Alex Waldrop makes for the change is that race tracks are already regulated betting sites and can best adapt to additional gambling.

He said the race tracks and the purses they dispense are the lifeblood of the entire horse industry and its bucolic farms, romping foals and marquee-named stallions.

"This may sound on our part like protectionism," Waldrop said. "This is not just the race tracks. This is an entire industry."

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THE WORLD

UN peacekeepers and aid workers accused of abuse

Sex for food: More than 40 agencies named in report of abuse in West African countries

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LONDON — Refugee children in West Africa have accused dozens of aid workers of sexually abusing them, in some cases offering food rations in return for favors, say investigators from the United Nations and a major children's charity.

The allegations of widespread abuse name more than 40 agencies and non-governmental organizations, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and Save the Children U.K. said Tuesday. They said children interviewed late last year in camps in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone also accused U.N. peacekeepers and community leaders of exploitation.

The internal report was commissioned by the two organizations following sustained allegations of abuse.

Paul Nolan, child protection manager for Save the Children, said the investigative team discovered a widespread and "possibly endemic" culture of exploitation.

"It's a problem we know has been around for some time. There have been abuses in the past. What this does is show, in very stark terms, in the words of

children themselves, the kinds of experiences they are being subjected to," Nolan said in a telephone interview in London.

"A whole range of people in a position of authority and trust were abusing those positions. All in return for sexual favors."

In testimonies taken mainly from girls under the age of 18, more than 40 agencies and non-governmental organizations were named, along with 67 individuals, NGOs, including relief agencies, work among people afflicted by warfare, disease, starvation and natural disasters.

Many girls talked about giving sexual favors in return for food, saying they did not realize they were entitled to the rations without conditions. Others said they negotiated sex for shelter, education and medicine.

Most of the alleged abusers were male national staff who targeted girls but Nolan said some boys had also been exploited by the actions of women.

"The kids are in a desperate situation. In order to survive, they have to make the choice between going without food or selling themselves, the only currency they have left to them," he said.

were early pregnancy, teen-age motherhood, and high-risk behavior that exposes children to sexually transmitted disease, like HIV.

Nolan said the UNHCR and Save the Children were withholding the names of agencies allegedly involved until the investigation is complete, but added: "It's a problem that cuts across the whole of the sector."

The report, which said the problem was worst in places that had well-established aid programs, said the allegations made by children could not be independently verified.

"Nevertheless, the number of allegations leaves no doubt that there is a serious problem of sexual exploitation," the two organizations announced.

Ron Redmond, UNHCR spokesman, said the findings had been released before the report was complete "because of the disturbing nature of these allegations, because of the apparent scope of the problem, and because of the need for an immediate and coordinated approach to implement measures by a wide range of agencies and organizations."

Redmond said the UNHCR was planning to introduce measures to combat child abuse, including more international workers at camps and increased privacy for women and girls.

"With more than 40 organi-

zations and agencies mentioned in the various testimonies, we want to get everyone together to try to rectify this situation as quickly as possible," he said in a telephone interview from Geneva.

A complaints mechanism would be established to allow refugees to raise problems with senior UNHCR officials, Redmond said.

"What is happening is the refugees have told the team there that they don't have anyone they can complain to," he said.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been displaced over more than a decade of violence in that region of Africa.

Liberia was destroyed by a 1989-96 civil war, while Sierra Leone's decade-long conflict was officially declared over last month.

Guinea for years was spared the violence that convulsed its two neighbors, whose citizens it welcomed by the hundreds of thousands. But the country's reputation as a haven was shattered two years ago when fighting broke out along its borders with Liberia and Sierra Leone.

The clashes sparked an exodus of refugees, who decided to take their chances back home. While clashes have subsided in Guinea, a recent upsurge of fighting in Liberia has sent tens of thousands of civilians on the move again.

LOOKING FOR OSAMA

Government needs bin Laden DNA

Necessary link: Officials are seeking blood samples from one of 50 siblings of hunted terrorist leader for use in comparing remains

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is seeking samples of DNA from Osama bin Laden's family to determine if human remains found in Afghanistan belong to the terrorist leader, government sources said.

Human remains have been collected from a number of U.S. airstrike sites, including the site of a Feb. 4 CIA Predator missile strike on a meeting of suspected al-Qaida leaders, the sources said, speaking on the condition

of anonymity. U.S. officials have been seeking the DNA samples from bin Laden's family for months, but recently stepped up the effort following the Predator strike, one source said.

The wealthy bin Laden family of Saudi Arabia has disowned the terrorist leader.

Tim Metz, a family spokesman in New York, said he was unaware of the U.S. government's making any formal request to family members for

samples. He suggested the samples could be obtained from hospitals or other sources.

Metz said bin Laden has about 50 siblings whose DNA could be used.

The Feb. 4 Predator missile strike killed three people suspected by United States of being senior bin Laden operatives, but some Afghans say the strike killed innocents, not terrorists.

U.S. officials say the heavy security and deferential treatment given a central figure sug-

gest it may have been an al-Qaida leadership meeting. The DNA collection effort isn't simply to determine who died in the Predator strike, other remains found after U.S. bombing in Afghanistan have yet to be identified as well, sources said.

Defense officials have said for months that they are unsure if bin Laden is dead or alive.

In the last month, U.S. intelligence obtained faint signs that he was alive and somewhere in the Pakistani-Afghan border region where he's thought to have been since leaving Tora Bora late last year, a U.S. official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

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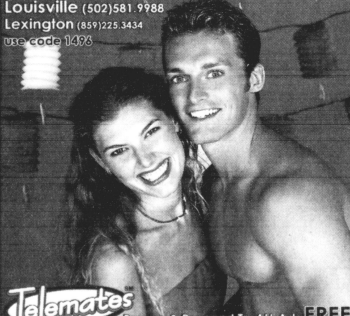
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Sorority Boys delivers fun, laughs in the spirit of drag



Michael Rosenbaum, Brea Turner and Barry Watson try to find the "real" criminal who embezzles money for their fraternity in *Sorority Boys*. Compared to *Some Like It Hot*, *Sorority Boys* relies heavily on "drag" to make the audience laugh.

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The drama queens: Movie enlightens with comical performances; lights up screen with an abundance of sexual gags and clichés

By Bryan Marshall
STAFF CRITIC

Dave, Doofer and Adam always wanted to be with sorority girls, but when they get kicked out of their fraternity they end up being one of the girls.

The gender-bending *Sorority Boys* is a cross between *Some Like It Hot* and *Animal House*. Unfortunately, the film does not come close to the hilarity of the classics that inspired its form.

When three frat brothers

are accused of embezzling money raised for an annual cruise, they decide to prove their innocence. Their plan is to dress up as females, sneak into their fraternity house and retrieve a videotape that will show the real thief. Along the way they join the Delta Omicron Gamma sorority, known as D.O.G., for their unattractive and party-inhibited sisters.

The premise sounds promising, but the main problem is that the weak story is way too predictable and the

comedy is only hit and miss. Most jokes have been seen before and done much better in similar films. Nothing is ground breaking here, but it is fun at times.

Barry Watson (WB's "7th Heaven"), Harland Williams (*Half Baked*) and Michael Rosenbaum (WB's "Smallville") star as the cross-dressing sorority sisters. While they can not hold a candle to Jack Lemmon or Tony Curtis in drag, all three turn in respectable comedic performances showing their

talents despite only having periodic bright spots to work with in a script by Joe Jarvis and Greg Coolidge.

A football game between D.O.G. and a rival sorority brings plenty of laughs to the screen and a couple of gross out antics provide humor beyond their initial shock value.

The film fails to be consistently funny enough to overcome its cliché elements.

One great sight gag, a fight using sex toys as swords, does provide an outrageous highlight. Watson, who plays Dave/Daisy, reminisces about the dildo duel in a live chat via satellite after the Student Activity Board screening. "I've never worked with such a great prop before in my life," Watson said.

The post-film chat provided some insights into the film and its stars. Michael Rosenbaum, who plays Adam/Adina, noted that the role was comfortable for him since this is his third film in drag.

However, the oddest question came when a UCLA student asked Harland Williams, who plays Doofer/Roberta, if he would go back to her sorority house and smoke a bowl with her and her sisters. Williams simply replied, "Last time I smoked a bowl, I got the spoon stuck in my throat. I better decline, but thank you. But do you have any crack?"

Sorority Boys is not a bad film. It also is not a film you will remember, but it is mildly enjoyable and will momentarily take your mind off whatever woes the UK basketball team is experiencing at the time.

Grade: B+

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- There are many paper writing techniques but here's one that is sure-fire.
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• Phone your friend on the third floor to see if he/she was watching. Discuss the finer points of the plot.
• Check your e-mail.
• Look at your tongue in the bathroom mirror.
• Look through your roommate's book of pictures from home and ask who everyone is.
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• Read over the assignment one more time, just for the heck of it.
• Scoot your chair across the room to the window and watch the sunrise.
• Lie face down on the floor and moan.
• Check your e-mail.
• Leap up and write the paper.
• Type the paper, and while you're at it, check your e-mail.
• Complain to everyone that you didn't get any sleep because you had to write that darn paper.
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Compiled by Jared Whalen rail_editor@



IN OUR OPINION

Actor's Guild should utilize Arts Center

This Friday could mark the beginning of a new era in the history of the Lexington arts scene. After more than a decade of preparation, The Downtown Arts Center will open on Main Street.
The center will boast a state-of-the-art theater complete with top-notch production facilities and an auditorium that seats up to 250 audience members. It will also feature a two-story art gallery, which is available for rent, and a cafe.
While it might be hard to imagine anyone taking issue with the expansion of the art scene, there's always a group of dissenters ready to voice their complaints. Many members of the local arts community feel slighted because Actor's Guild of Lexington will be the center's major tenant, earning precedent over other groups that may seek use of the space.
Actor's Guild has enjoyed sustained success for many years and continuously sells out shows despite being doomed to operate out of a deplorable location on Short Street that adds new depth to the term "hole-in-the-wall." Its achievements and immeasurable contributions to arts in Lexington easily justify the decision to give the group a preferred location.
The decision to make the center's art gallery a rental — rather than free exhibition space — offended some local artists. But the potential for increased artist revenue as a result of the attractive opportunities offered by the center justify the decision to rent the space; especially when taking into consideration that Lexington offers several places where artists can exhibit their work for free.
Executive Director of Actor's Guild Deb Shoss has insisted that the organization is more than willing to work with anyone seeking use of the theater. In fact, multiple groups have booked time slots to be used in between Actor's Guild's next two productions. As long as this spirit of cooperation remains intact, there's no reason to suspect that the presence of Actor's Guild in the theater space will be anything but beneficial.
Having such a well-respected troupe performing in a prime location could give birth to a whole new generation of patrons of the arts.
No matter how you feel about the way this new center will be used, it is undeniable that it's a step in the right direction for the Lexington arts scene.

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Forrest Wilder

GUEST COLUMNIST

Afghanistan civilians paying war's cost

With its head in the sand, a dove in one hand and a Daisy Cutter in the other, America marches forward with her War on Terrorism. As the memory of Afghanistan fades to the "axis of evil," a big question remains unanswered: How many civilians were killed in Afghanistan by the U.S. military?
Occasionally, when someone does broach the question, the answer given is "who cares?" It's apparently not the Bush administration, the Pentagon or most Americans. Even U.N. officials have been reluctant to open their mouths on the taboo issue for fear of reprisal from the United States.
In the post-Sept. 11 climate, America tacitly delineates the boundaries of acceptable discourse. This silence is a peculiar strain of what Noam Chomsky called "intentional ignorance," the amazing ability of intelligent, educated people to conveniently ignore things "that wouldn't do to talk about."
How many civilians did the United States kill in Afghanistan? No one can be sure of the exact number of civilian casualties because the U.S. military doesn't want the public to know. It doesn't do body counts any more; that was learned the hard way during Vietnam.
The Gulf War taught the Pentagon that war is best conducted domestically as a public relations campaign — broadcast the flashy, fun parts of war on TV instead of the mechanical slaughter that constitutes most conflicts between the United States and its adversaries.
The number is surely not in "the dozens" like The Los Angeles Times irresponsibly reported. It's also safe to say that it's not in the hundreds either. In fact, for those who scratch below the surface of Pentagon propaganda and the "hear-no-evil, see-no-evil" attitude of the U.S. media, it is

easy to deduce that there were more people killed in Afghanistan than in the attacks of Sept. 11.
Though it's difficult to get an accurate estimate, it is not impossible. One healthy tool is the conservative estimate. Instead of accepting all reported casualties at face value, take those that can be substantiated with a high degree of certainty, and arrive at a number that reflects the bare minimum of persons killed.
With this number in hand we can talk with confidence about the human cost of war; we can put our consciences and civility to the test.
In an extensively documented report, Professor Marc Herold from the University of New Hampshire calculates that U.S. air strikes alone had killed 3,767 men, women and children in Afghanistan by Dec. 6.
Through an exhaustive search of news agencies, major newspapers and first-hand accounts, Herold was able to compile what he and many human rights groups call a "very, very conservative estimate."
His calculations do not include those killed in remote areas or indirectly when air strikes cut off their access to hospitals, food or electricity. Likewise, bomb victims who died of complications later, in refugee camps and children blown up by cluster bombs are not included in his calculation. So it's a very conservative estimate indeed.
That's 62 people per day for eight-and-a-half weeks. Not al-Qaeda. Not Taliban. These are desperately poor, war-stricken people who were "in the way." If this was the Gulf War, these 3,767 people would be written off as one editorialist put it at the time, as "civilians who picked the wrong neighborhood to be in at the wrong time." Now, they might as well have never existed.
The U.S. media has virtually ignored Herold's report

and others like them. In a Lexis-Nexis search of major U.S. newspapers, only four newspapers made mention of the study — two of them op-ed pieces. So it's no surprise that people like CNN Chairman Walter Isaacson advertise their intentional ignorance.
In an interview with The Washington Post, Isaacson said it "seems perverse to focus too much on the casualties or hardship in Afghanistan." Perverse? The only thing perverse is the callousness of the self-imposed moniker of "world's most free media."
Thankfully, there are some media sources with integrity. The Boston Globe has conducted its own study of 14 sites bombed by U.S. planes. Of course, this handful of sites represents only a fraction of civilian casualties in a country where 18,000 bombs, missiles and ordnance have been fired.
The Globe review discovered that U.S. bombardment has "almost certainly killed more than 1,000 innocents, although the deaths in these villages are unusual because of the apparent decision by U.S. troops to bomb known civilian areas that were caught in the crossfire of battle."
Under increasing international and domestic pressure, the Pentagon has begun examining a few of its more egregious "mistakes." However, they are aware that close scrutiny of their activities will have a far baby effect.
To combat the truth, the Pentagon has created the Office of Strategic Influence, which will undoubtedly portray bombs as butterflies, cluster bombs as candy and dead Afghans as illusions.
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Spicing up Lexington just takes a little planning, relaxation



Joe Anderson
KERNEL COLUMNIST

I usually choose instant gratification over careful planning. I always pick coffee over orange juice, beer over water. I go for what will perk me up right then, not make me feel better that afternoon or the next day.
But when I write, I like to plan ahead. Particularly when 17,000 people may read it, I like to take the time to carefully choose my thoughts and words.
Unfortunately, that is not the case today. I have about an hour to write this column, so don't expect much continuity or polish. Call it stream of consciousness, if you like.
Anyway, here are some signs you've lived in Lexington and/or been at UK for way too long:
Louisville starts to seem like a bustling, urbane metropolis.
AAA starts to seem like a pretty good place to see a show.
You can find a book in the William T. Young Library without a map, compass, camping gear and three days worth of food and water.
Bleach blonde sorority girls from Beaver Dam or Ashland driving red sports cars with little blue "K" stickers in the rear windshield cease to annoy you.
I am, seems like a reasonable hour for bars to close.
You feel the need to drive a half a block to the grocery.
You're excited to get a Starbucks on campus.
You have no qualms with taking off your shoes and socks and taking a nap on the benches in the Classroom Building.
Whether the Wildcats beat Georgia is more important than if you pass your psychology class.
Living out past Man o' War in a cheap, tacky pre-fab house and commuting to campus everyday seems like a good idea.
The idea of Lynagh's Club closing makes you have horrible nightmares and you wake up with cold sweats and nausea.
The UK Art Museum seems like a wonderland of high culture.
Downtown Lexington seems lively.
You can't walk from the water fountain to a classroom without bumping into three or four people you vaguely know from somewhere. Believe me, your past will haunt you in this town. There's no escape.
Lexington could be a hell of a town. There are some good things in the works here, such as the plan to link downtown and campus and develop a better college-town atmosphere.
But more needs to be done. A few simple measures could make this place shoot up at least 10 points on the "not quite as boring as grandma's house" scale.
(Suburban sprawl, I might add, is probably the worst thing plaguing Lexington. It creates traffic problems, makes it impossible to walk anywhere and destroys one of the best things Lexington has going: a countryside that is beautiful, unique and historic. But that's more of a side note to this article; I'm more concerned with downtown and campus here.)
First, the city council, police and mayor's office need to take a few deep breaths and relax. Before that can happen, though, students will have to register and vote Dick DeCamp and Scott Crosbie out of office. Especially DeCamp, but Crosbie too — anyone who makes that big of a stink about an occasional porn movie shown to an adult audience obviously can't relax at all.
First, bars should stay open later. If Peoria, Ill., can stay open until 4 a.m., can't Lexington stay open until 2 a.m., at least? We also need more options for minors to go out at night. All-night bowling just isn't cutting it anymore. A simple hand stamp policy would solve this. Let them drink without drinking. I'm not sure why no one does this in Lexington. I assume it must be a law.
Students bring life and money to Lexington. The city should work to make it a place that offers opportunities for entertainment and stress relief, not crack down with measures such as the Lexington Area Party Plan.
If Lexington and UK work diligently on the college-town concept and take a few simple measures to make the place a livelier, Lexington could be a great place to live and go to school.
If any of these things happen, come wake me up. I'll be in my room, asleep until I graduate.

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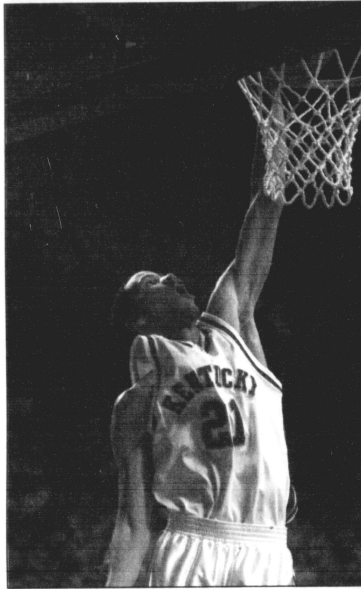
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Cats upset by Commodores ending 18-game win streak



First loss to Vandy since 1993: Sixth league loss eliminates UK from division title

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Vanderbilt reserve guard Brendan Plavich scored all but two of his 20 points on 3-pointers and the Commodores beat No. 11 UK 86-73 Wednesday night to snap an 18-game losing streak to the Cats.

UK (19-8, 9-6 Southeastern Conference) is the only visiting team with a winning record in Memorial Gym. Vanderbilt (16-12, 6-9) had not beaten UK since 1993, a stretch of eight straight home losses.

The Cats came in ready to clinch their 12th consecutive 20-win season and keep alive their chances for at least a share of the SEC's Eastern Division title.

But the Commodores, a team that had struggled to score in recent games, suddenly couldn't miss as they scored more points than in any of their past eight games.

Vanderbilt shot 53 percent (30-of-56) from the field, including 11-of-22 from 3-point range, while the Cats shot 35 percent (22-of-62) from the field.

Matt Freije and Chuck Moore each had 19 points for Vanderbilt, while freshman Brian Thornton added 17.

Tayshaun Prince led UK with 24 points, while Rashaad Caruth added 22.

The Wildcats last led at 11-9 on a basket by Cliff Hawkins with 14:55 to go in the first half.

Freije grabbed a rebound and scored to tie the game at 11, and Corey Smith hit a 3-pointer that gave Vanderbilt a lead it would never lose.

Vanderbilt outscored UK 20-8 at one stretch in the first half, including a 9-0 spurt capped by a 3-pointer by Plavich.

UK looked ready to make a run to take the lead near the end of the half, getting within 41-36 on a layup by Caruth with 2:44 to go. But Moore scored the final five points of the half for a 46-36 lead.

Vanderbilt built the lead to as much as 53-38 in the opening minutes of the second half when the Wildcats tried to wake themselves up by going to a full-court press. The change couldn't jump start UK's shooting.

J.P. Blevins stole the ball and scored on a layup at 7:37 to pull the Wildcats within 63-58, but that was as close as they would get.

Vanderbilt outscored UK 23-15 the rest of the way to seal its biggest victory in years.

Not easy

UK senior forward Tayshaun Prince scored 24 points and grabbed 8 rebounds in UK's 86-73 loss to Vanderbilt Wednesday in Nashville.

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SEC Tournament UK women's last chance to dance

Improbable dream: Cats must run table in Nashville this weekend to earn NCAA bid

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It's not over for the Cats just yet.

Although the odds are stacked against the team that finished the regular season with 13 straight Southeastern Conference losses, the Cats still hold slight optimism that can make the NCAA Tournament by earning an automatic bid.

To get the bid, UK must do what most deem nearly impossible — win the SEC Tournament in Nashville this weekend.

UK, which holds the No. 12 seed in the tournament, will begin its mission of four straight upsets today against No. 5 Mississippi State.

UK Coach Bernadette Mattox is eager to begin the postseason.

"I'm really excited about going into the tournament right now," Mattox said. "The team is really starting to mature and come into their own."

UK can build on the momentum of sophomore center SeSe Helm, who was named to the All-SEC 2nd team this week.

Helm is fifth in the league in scoring at 17.0 points per game. She is also tallying 6.7 rebounds per game.

Helm and the Cats (8-19, 1-13 SEC) will have their work cut out for them against the Bulldogs.

Mississippi State (18-10, 8-6 SEC) escaped with a 59-54 win over the Cats on Jan. 3 in Lexington.

Tonight, the Cats will face the challenge of slowing the conference's leading scorer, Bulldog forward Latoya Thomas.

The 6-2 junior forward averages 24.9 points per game, which is also good for second best in the entire nation. In SEC play, Thomas has excelled her average to more than 27 points.

She scored 40 in an upset win over Florida this week.

Thomas is joined by All-SEC Freshman selection Tan White, who finished the season third in the league in scoring.

MSU Coach Sharon Fanning, who was UK's coach before Mattox, said the tournament is important as the Bulldogs are on the bubble to earn an at-large bid to the NCAAAs.

"As long as there are games to play, we have something to prove," Fanning said.

Meanwhile, Mattox said her team believes in miracles.

"Anything can happen," Mattox said. "I think that is the mentality we have going in to the tournament."

UK vs Mississippi State
8 p.m. tonight
Gaylord Entertainment Center
RADIO: 1300 AM

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