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Police chief asks two-wheelin' trailblazers to brake

By Megan Boehnk
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

An increase in complaints caused acting UK Police Chief Kevin Franklin to ask students yesterday to not ride bicycles on restricted areas on campus.



Franklin

Franklin said he has received an increase in complaints of cyclists on sidewalks in Central Campus, bounded by Rose Street, Washington Avenue, South Limestone Street and Patterson Drive.

"People are starting to ignore the rules a little bit," he said. "I'm starting to get some complaints from pedestrians and faculty and staff about stepping outside their classrooms and a bicycle whizzing by on areas they aren't supposed to be riding and almost hitting people."

Two bicycle-versus-pedestrian incidents have been reported this year. One of those incidents occurred in the spring when a student stepped in front of a cyclist riding in the bike lane on Rose Street. Although no one was badly hurt, injuries are not un-

common, Franklin said.

"In years past, we've had people severely injured," he said. "If you take a bicycle person weighing, say, 200 pounds and you hit somebody going 25 mph, you're going to get injured."

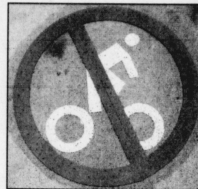
"We've had broken bones, broken ankles, the whole nine yards."

While officers are currently warning students seen cycling through campus, officers will begin issuing citations within the next week in order to prevent more accidents, Franklin said. Citations include a \$25 fine.

By law, bicyclists are only permitted to operate on university and city roads, in designated bike lanes and are prohibited from riding on pedestrian walkways or sidewalks, in parking structures or within university buildings.

"The clue being, if you're going down a sidewalk with a big round circle with a bicycle with a thing through the middle, then just dismount your bike and walk it through that area," Franklin said. "A lot of the sidewalks are marked that way."

While the police department has not issued any citations for cyclists riding in restricted areas, UK Parking and Transportation Services



An example of the "no biking" sign found on certain campus sidewalks.

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Coal 101: The evils of removal

Three-day teach-in at UK shows negatives of mountaintop mining

By Jonathan Meador
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Famous author Wendell Berry gathered a handful of fellow authors and friends, including UK English professor Erik Reece, for a flight above Kentucky coal country.

What Reece saw shocked him. "You can't understand how bad it is unless you're in a plane," said Reece about that plane ride. Driven by what he saw, Reece began writing about what he saw and is now a four-year veteran of the mountaintop removal coal mining issue.

Reece will join other artists, performers and academics for "Lost Mountain: A Look at Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining in Kentucky," a three-day teach-in beginning today.

"This is definitely a story that needs visuals," Reece said of the coal-mining documentaries being shown today in the Student Center. A panel discussion will follow the screening, and will start at 4 p.m. in Room 230 of the Student Center.

Other educators are taking part in the activities as well.

Wallins Elementary School teacher Judith Hensley will discuss the role her students played in preventing the removal of Black Mountain, Kentucky's highest point, by coal companies. She'll speak about the importance of individual participation tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. in Room 158 of the Taylor Education Building.

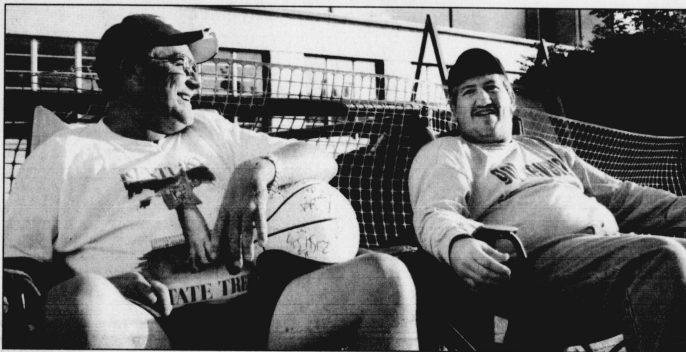
Several Kentucky authors and students will gather at 4 p.m. tomorrow in the Student Theater in the Student Center for "Voices to the Hills," a selection of readings about Black Mountain.

Finally, on Friday, the teach-in will culminate with "Lost Mountains, Found Voices," a musical concert at noon in the Lucille Little Fine Arts Library. Artists include Rich Kirby, Deborah Thompson and Randy Wilson.

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Today's Events:
Viewings of the documentaries "Mucked," "To Save the Land and People" and "Razing Appalachia" at the Student Center, followed by a panel discussion at 4 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 230.

Mad? Not in their Big Blue world



COMMENTARY

By Chris Johnson

A group walks past Memorial Coliseum, notices three guys that are obviously too old to be in college out on the sidewalk playing cornhole, surveys the tents roped-toe to the ticket booths, and the bravest group member asks the burning question:

"Are you guys camping?"

The three men look at one another, give a mumbled response, and continue tossing bags as the girls walk away.

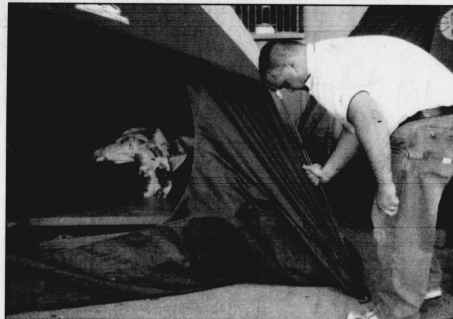
"Sometimes, we get people asking really stupid questions, like that one," Jason Ryan, 30, says. "We tell them stuff like, 'Yeah, we're waiting for an Eagles concert.'"

Ryan, from Florence, Ky., is hunkered down for his 15th year of waiting in line for tickets to UK's Big Blue Madness, the annual kickoff to basketball practice that sells out the 5,800-seat coliseum. This season, it's moved to Rupp Arena for the first time.

Tickets are free, and each person waiting in line gets a maximum of four. This year, the tickets are available beginning Saturday and Ryan and his cohorts — Jed Ashcraft, 42, of Dry Ridge, Ky., and Donnie Gray, 50, of Owensboro, Ky. — got into town last Sunday.

Ashcraft, Ryan and Gray have taken off a week's worth of work to camp. Ashcraft walked into his boss's office the day after he heard the date of Big Blue Madness to request his week.

Ryan, who is married and has a 10-



Top: Donnie Gray (left) sits with Jed Ashcraft outside of Memorial Coliseum. They are camping out, waiting to purchase tickets for Big Blue Madness on Oct. 14. Tickets go on sale Saturday at 8 a.m.

Bottom: Jason Ryan of Florence, Ky., fixes his tent. He is also waiting for tickets to go on sale Saturday.

year-old daughter and twin 5-year-old sons, said his family has come to accept his traditional week away.

"I don't drink, I don't smoke," Ryan said. "I guess my wife figures that if this is the worst she has to deal with, it's okay."

But just because they accept it doesn't mean he gets away with it scot-free.

"They think I'm a damned retard," Ryan said.

Charlie Wafford, 62, navigates around the Coliseum in a blue-and-white motorized wheelchair with UK stickers and

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Merits of fuel rationing debated

Campus weighs in on call to cut back gasoline use

By Ryan Evans
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A recent call from President Bush to conserve fuel in light of shortages has spurred some UK students, faculty and staff to save, but others said they won't change their habits.

During an address Monday, Bush asked the nation to actively conserve gasoline by carpooling and only driving for "essential" reasons.

The request has met a mixed reaction from UK faculty, many of whom plan to continue with their usual routines. Some of UK's faculty have already found alternatives to driving to work. Some have simply walked or biked to campus for years;

others already carpool to work.

"I just walk to work, so I'm not really affected by the request," said history professor David Gargola.

Others limit their amount of driving. "I usually bicycle here everyday, and drive only when it's absolutely necessary," said philosophy professor Ronald Bruzina. Students have also been affected by the president's request and some who had never considered the gasoline situation before have now taken a vested interest.

"I'd never really thought about the gas situation before Monday," said undeclared sophomore Greg Sanders. "I don't know how this will change what I do, but it'll

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UK officials adjust to higher fuel costs

By Julie Fitzpatrick
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK has been feeling the pinch from rising gas prices, but university officials said students won't immediately be on the receiving end of any effects related to increased fuel costs.

There has been a 50 percent increase in fuel costs for the university since last year, said Don Thornton, director of UK Parking and Transportation Services. Thornton said those numbers aren't expected to decline in the near future, but students will likely not see any effects.

"This has not modified at

all services provided," Thornton said.

The Physical Plant Division has also not changed the services it provides, and has no plans to consolidate, said Jack Applegate, director of the Physical Plant Division. Of its 28 transportation vehicles, none has been eliminated in the past year for fuel-related reasons, he said.

But this doesn't mean UK isn't affected by soaring gas prices. Applegate said he has concerns with conserving energy.

According to Applegate, the price of coal has gone up

44% in the past year, and is now costing almost \$106 per ton, up from \$73 per ton last year. The total for both coal and natural gas is almost \$1.25 million more than last year.

Gasoline has cost UK more than \$75,000 in previous years, he said. But that number is expected to more than double by the end of this year, and UK's total bill has already passed the \$100,000 mark this year, he said.

"(There's) not much more we can do to conserve," Applegate said.

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Madness

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"University of Kentucky Wildcats" emblazoned on the back. "I've been coming out here five years," Wafford said. "The last three, I've been first in line."

Ryan and his crew dispute this claim, but not openly, and this year they have a right to. Though Wafford's tent has been in front of the arena since shortly after Labor Day, it's Ryan's tent that is roped to the metal bars separating the ticket lines.

"I was here first," Wafford says, looking up plannively. "I been here three weeks."

Wafford lives up Lexington Avenue, and wheels up to Good Samaritan Hospital for meals twice a day. He brought his possessions in what he calls his "garage," a tarp tightly wrapped in a semi-circle around PVC pipe. When it rains, Wafford keeps his chair dry by parking it under the tarp.

"I been coming here since Adolph Rupp threw me out of a few practices," Wafford said. "I used to watch them practice in the '90s, and he'd send them chasing after me, but they couldn't get me because I was so small and fast."

One gets the impression that Wafford is making it up as he goes along, a musing that is not hindered by Ryan, Ashcraft and Gray refuting every claim Wafford makes.

"The time he's been here gets longer every time you ask him," Ryan grumbles. "He's just doing it for the publicity."

"He's the most knowledgeable UK fan in the world," Ryan says sarcastically at the first mention of Wafford. "Hell, he thinks Brandon Stockton's white."

Ryan's 15th year of waiting in line has made the concrete in front of Memorial Coliseum a second home of sorts. The triumvirate gets into town Sunday, set its tents up, goes to Hooters on Wednesday, and grills steaks Friday.

"The first year, I came up with a buddy of mine," Ryan said. "We got here at 7 o'clock the night of, and ended up in line two blocks away I said, 'I'm not doing that anymore' ... we just started coming earlier and earlier."

Ryan thinks a week of sitting out for tickets is as long as anyone should go.

"I figured a week's good enough," Ryan said. "If you can't

get a good seat after a week of sitting here, you shouldn't be out here."

"Usually we cook out on Fridays," Ryan said. "Tubby (Smith, UK head men's basketball coach) has come out here a few times and eaten steak with us."

About this time, Stockton drives by in a gold SUV and waves out the window.

"That's Brandon," Ryan says. He says it like someone waiting outside for tickets to an N'Sync concert would say. "That's Lance."

The campers, though they just sit around outside Memorial Coliseum, claim not to get bored.

"There's always someone to talk to, something to do," Wafford said.

"It's usually just us, until Thursday," Ryan said. "Then, the bars empty and the drunks come out."

Gray said the worst that has happened to the trio are pranks.

"Somebody threw a milkshake once," Gray said. "Last year, they threw carrots ... one year, they stole my UK flag."

Yeah, it's slightly pathetic to us, students who get tickets for the games the week of, at the lotteries. Yeah, they're a little bit too hardcore. Yeah, they have ridiculous rivalries with the other fans.

But the police stop by, Ryan said, and ask if everything is okay. The men sit outside and play cornhole all day when they aren't helping each other get more comfortable or passing the time by talking to Wafford.

They aren't causing trouble, doing drugs, or chasing co-eds around campus.

These are three guys that simply love UK basketball, and have no ulterior motives, other than to enjoy the first practice of the year with the same fervor that they'll display the rest of the year.

"I come down to see people, to do things," Wafford said. "It's about the camaraderie."

So resist the temptation the next time you're walking home from wherever, have a cold one in your hand and see the tents standing guard in front of the ticket booths.

These guys don't want anything from you, unless you're wearing a jersey.

If that's the case, all they want is a good show.

And a national title, if you don't mind.

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Jason Ryan
UK men's basketball fan

"They think I'm a damned retard."

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIME REPORT

Selected crimes from the UK police crime log
Sept. 20 through Sept. 26

- Sept. 20: Theft from a building at Haggin Hall, reported at 6:29 p.m.
- Sept. 20: Non-sexual assault at Greg Page Apartment complex, reported at 9:56 p.m.
- Sept. 20: Bike theft at Baldwin Hall, reported at 12:35 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Bomb threat at the Oswald Building at Bluegrass Community and Technical College, reported at 12:35 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Criminal mischief after a woman said her car was keyed at the UK Medical Center, reported at 1:41 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Suspicious person following females and taking pictures, reported at 3:03 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Suspicious circumstances reported after gas tank lids were left open on vehicles at the Student Center, reported at 7:47 p.m.
- Sept. 21: Drug/marijuana usage reported outside Blanding II complex, reported at 10:50 p.m.
- Sept. 22: Theft from an automobile at 300 Alumni Drive, reported at 7:37 a.m.
- Sept. 22: Verbal disorder between president's office officials and a white male around 80 years of age, reported at 12:35 p.m.
- Sept. 22: An arrest after a Kennedy's Bookstore manager apprehended a shoplifting suspect near Scott Street, reported at 3:51 p.m.
- Sept. 24: Harassing communication at the RV entrance on Cooper Drive, reported at 12:11 a.m.
- Sept. 24: Suspicious car investigated at the intersection of Broadway and High Street, reported at 3:23 a.m.
- Sept. 24: A black male lying near the road, bleeding from a possible assault, reported at 1540 University Drive at 4:40 p.m.
- Sept. 25: Suspicious person investigated at 769 Woodland Ave., reported at 1:34 a.m.
- Sept. 25: Suspicious car investigated at the intersection of Hilltop Road and Woodland Avenue, reported at 10:27 a.m.
- Sept. 26: Burglary reported at 110 Scott St., reported at 10:27 a.m.
- Sept. 26: Bike theft reported at 124 Keeneland Drive, reported at 12:15 a.m.
- Sept. 26: Theft from building at 159 Edgemore, reported at 5:28 p.m.

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Bikes

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has impounded bikes parked illegally, Franklin said.

Franklin said particular attention is being paid to bicycles parked "in any kind of area where it's against a building or creates any type of hazard where people can't walk through it."

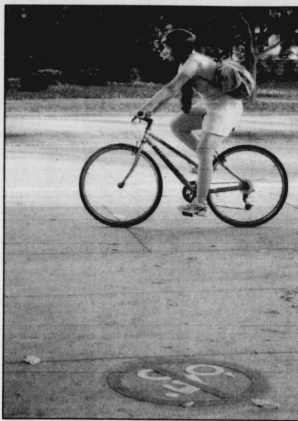
"That has to do with fire code, not so much our regulations," Franklin said.

Students are also not allowed to lock their bicycles to an entrance or exit ramp stairway or railing, against any outside fixtures such as lamp posts, inside any building or against any trees or foliage.

"We don't want to have to start going around and aggressively enforcing the bike regulations," he said. "We're just asking people to use common sense, follow the regulations and make campus a little safer for everybody."

Pamphlets identifying riding and parking areas for bikes on campus and in Lexington are available at the police department, and Franklin asked students to call him directly at 257-1616 if they have any questions.

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Susan Gardner, a physics professor, rides her bike next to Rose Street yesterday afternoon.

Acting Police Chief Kevin Franklin said he's received complaints of bikers illegally riding on campus paths that are specifically marked for foot traffic only.

UK police will start issuing \$25 citations for bikers who continue to disobey this rule, Franklin said.

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Campus routes where biking is permitted

- Rose Street, from Euclid Avenue to Limestone Street
- Limestone Street, from Rose Street to Euclid Avenue
- Euclid Avenue, from Limestone Street to Rose Street
- Huguelet Avenue
- Funkhouser Drive
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Coal

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Contributors to the event said they're glad to generate attention about the coal industry.

"The science aspect of mountaintop removal overshadows everything," said Nick Smith, one of the contributors to Thursday's readings.

Smith, a native of Knoxville,

where underground mining is common, believes poetry allows him to humanize the issue.

"When people get numbers thrown at them, it's hard for them to fathom," he said.

"But if someone's house is destroyed by blasting, or someone's dog is killed, it's easier to relate to."

Reece will deliver a talk about the environmental impact of mountaintop-removal at tomorrow's reading.

"I don't think you can separate the people from the environment," Reece said.

"Because when you hurt the environment, you hurt the people."

Earlier this spring, Harper's Magazine published "Lost Mountain," an essay by Reece that described mining operations and their effects in Hazard County. Its publication has since brought national attention to the cause, an effect Reece is grateful for.

According to Project Censored, a Sonoma State University study of the most underreported news stories, mountaintop removal was listed at number 10.

"This is a really important issue

we feel people need to be aware of," Shaunna Scott, director of the Appalachian studies program at UK said.

"There's not a very high quality public discourse about this yet," said Scott, a primary organizer for the teach-in. "We're just trying to nudge the topic forward."

"We should care about our neighbors," she continued. "Everything's interconnected."

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Fuel

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definitely be on my mind,"

Others say that the request is impractical.

"Even still, I think that asking an entire nation to change everything is impractical, and won't do anything to curtail the gas situation," Bruzina said.

"Well, as I walk to class, I'm not affected in a way,

but I use my car for everything else," said Mike Tuttle, an undeclared freshman.

"I'm not going to put my life on hold just because of one little thing."

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Gas

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Bill Peterson, director of management operations at UK, said the price of gasoline has gone from "fairly insignificant to very significant."

"Fuel has been killing us," he said.

Peterson also heads Motor-Pool, a car rental agency specifically for UK's faculty and staff. He

said rising gas prices have sparked a heightened interest in the service. Faculty and staff members are finding it less expensive than driving their own cars on business trips.

"We are trying to meet the needs for as many people as possible," Peterson said.

The university is also making efforts to control the gas problem on campus. Solutions to the problem may include obtaining newer, more efficient vehicles, and adding to the go-carts frequently seen on

campus, Applegate said.

Buildings are also shut down at night to conserve power, a practice that has been implemented since the 1970s, Applegate said.

From his side, they're doing all they can, he said. "It's a big change," Applegate said.

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President Bush views areas hit hard by Rita

By Craig Gordon
NEWS4

IN THE AIR OVER THE LOUISIANA COAST — From this vantage point, the little town of Cameron looks like a giant came through and squashed the buildings flat.

The shattered remnants are surrounded by a foot or two of water, much more in some places. Big things — a boat, a recreational vehicle, an oil tank, electric towers — are tumbled and flipped like toys. A riverboat has run aground nearby.

The people may have gotten out alive but their community is all but washed off the map.

That's the way Hurricane Rita's handiwork looked from the sky yesterday as President Bush made a helicopter tour of the destruction on his seventh trip to this seemingly weather-cursed region.

Bush appealed for patience from them frustrated that they can't go home and pledged again to throw the weight of the federal government behind the recovery effort, here and in his home state of Texas.

"This area's hurting," Bush said in Beaumont, Texas, another area hit hard by Rita. "I saw firsthand how it's hurting."

At this point, Bush has said plenty about his whatever-it-takes commitment to rebuild this region, so his trips now are less about fresh proposals and more about conveying that he hears the problems "loud and clear," as he said yesterday

after his helicopter tour.

The one set of proposals the White House did unveil yesterday was decidedly small-bore and largely symbolic — new Bush-ordered energy conservation measures like turning off printers and copiers overnight at the White House and shortening his motorcade by a few cars on this trip.

And the needs he said the government will help address are the most basic — clean water, fresh food, working sewers, fuel for police cars — details usually far below a president's purview, but not for this one, still seeking to regain lost ground from public criticism of his response to Hurricane Katrina.

One look at places like Cameron, however, even from the air, shows just how much work is left to be done, even from Rita, which hit with far less force than feared.

As Bush's helicopter and a pair of chase helicopters traveled roughly due east from Beaumont, the scenes grew worse. Beaumont suffered damage — like a tank farm of gasoline tanks sitting in ponds of water — but the damage was less total, with some homes surviving largely unscathed but buildings nearby having their roofs sheared off. A little farther on, there was a sunken barge in one canal but five others headed out to sea in another.

Then tiny Cameron, once boasting a population of 1,900, came into view. Local emergency officials had estimated that 90 percent of the com-

munity's homes were destroyed, and few who saw it from the air would quibble with that estimate. Streets were submerged. Single-family homes were turned into piles of sticks. Row upon row of trees were snapped off and pushed to the ground like bowling pins, roots and all in the air.

The storm has left residents without work. It damaged shrimp boats and eliminated ice and electricity fishermen need to preserve their catch.

Hundreds of cattle lay dead along roadways and in fields, often after having drunk salt water that covers the ground.

Bush's helicopter then headed out to sea a short distance and circled an offshore oil-rig — seemingly idled but showing no obvious signs of damage.

Speaking to reporters later, Bush ignored a question about former Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Michael Brown's testimony critical of state and local response to Hurricane Katrina and stuck to his message of the day: patience.

"I understand there's a lot of frustrations... People who are scattered around want to come back and see their homes. They want to come back to the communities they love."

"But it's very important for them to understand that now's not the time for them to come back," he said.

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Phi Beta Kappa is one of the most prestigious honorary societies for students educated in the liberal arts. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is a recognition that will be valued throughout your professional life. We strongly urge that any eligible student apply for membership. The Membership Committee of Phi Beta Kappa is now receiving nominations for membership. The preliminary requirements which must be met in order for a student to be eligible for consideration are listed below.

- 1) GPA of 3.5 for students who have graduated; for students in their final semester, a 3.52 is necessary; for first semester seniors a 3.60; and for election at the end of the junior year, a 3.70 is required.
- 2) At least two 300 (or higher) level courses outside the major department or principal area of concentration.
- 3) At least 90 hours of course work in the liberal arts disciplines.
- 4) At least 60 hours of course work completed at UK.
- 5) Satisfactory completion of the lower division ("non-major") requirements for either the BA or BS degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (May graduates may be currently enrolled in one required course).

The membership committee will also conduct a vetting process to identify eligible students, but please do not hesitate to nominate yourself or another student. Faculty are also encouraged to nominate students they believe meet the criteria for membership. Should you know of an individual who may meet these requirements, please urge that person to review the information at UK's Phi Beta Kappa website <http://www.uk.edu/pbk>.

In order to be considered, nominations must be submitted no later than Monday, October 10, 2005. The online nomination form can be found at <http://www.uk.edu/pbk>.

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At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

SERENITY

From the creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" comes this movie, taking place in the year 2505. Captain Malcolm "Mal" Reynolds is a veteran of the defeated side of a galactic civil war and now runs a small gang of thieves and an intergalactic smuggling service.

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At Lexington Green, Regal and Woodhill.

ON DVD

STEWIE GRIFFIN: THE UNTOLD STORY

This is essentially a 90-minute episode of "Family Guy." Stevie sees what appears to be an adult version of himself on TV in San Francisco and sets out to discover if this is the long lost father he believes he has, because there is no way he is the son of Peter and that insufferable woman, Lois. This leaked on the Internet a few months ago, so I've seen it. I highly recommend it if you are a fan of "Family Guy." If you're not a fan, you will hate this movie. Brian speaking of his demise with Kurt Cobain, Vincent Van Cogh, and Ernest Hemingway is a highlight.

LORDS OF DOGTOWN

A dramatized version of Stacey Peralta's documentary "Dogtown and Z-Boys," about the first skateboarders to take the sport from a novelty act to the highlight of extreme sports. Emile Hirsch ("The Girl Next Door") and Heath Ledger ("A Knight's Tale") star. I recommend sticking with the documentary.

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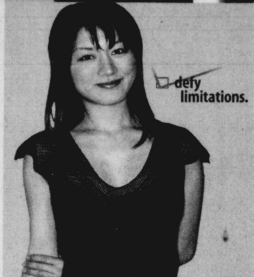


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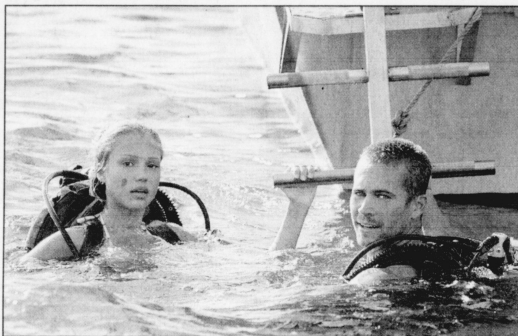
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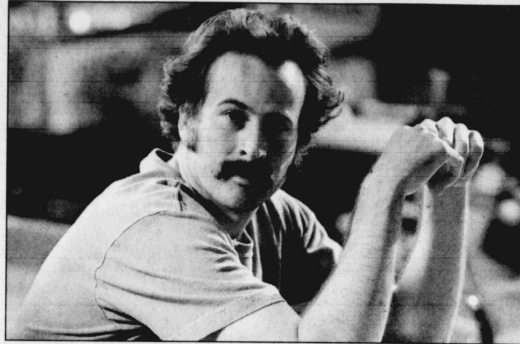
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OLD SHOWS

Arrested Development
This is the best comedy on television. Period. As we catch up with the Bluth family after the summer, we discover that George Bluth is hiding in Las Vegas, disguised as a member of the Blue Man Group. His twin brother, Oscar, is in jail because nobody believes that he isn't George. George Michael and Maebly are still trying to come to grips with their kiss at the finale of last season. **GOB** is scared of the fact that he has a son named Steve Holt (STEVE HOLT). For reasons I will never understand, this show has dismally low ratings, and is in constant danger of being canceled, despite all of the awards it has received. To quote the head writer during his acceptance speech at the Emmys this year, "We'd be remiss if we didn't point out the fact that the Academy has twice rewarded us for something that you people won't watch." **Mondays at 8 p.m. on Fox.**

The Simpsons
Back for its 17th season, this show has managed to go from being one of the best shows in the history of television (or so says Time magazine) to being one of the worst shows on TV at the moment. Especially bad is Marpe, who went from being a hilarious nag to just being a fountain of annoying phrases. She called a scary man an "oozity boozity." The only highlight thus far this season is a parody of The OC that involved a group of kids riding a flume ride and then being robbed by Snoopy. **Sundays at 8 p.m. on Fox.**

Desperate Housewives
Nobody can decide whether or not this is comedy or a drama. Personally I have never watched this show because it sounds too much like a soap opera, but everyone else seems to love it. Felicity Huffman won an Emmy for best acting this year for her role as Lynette Scavo, and both Marcia Cross and Teri Hatcher were nominated. Everyone else seems to love this show, so this may be the season I decide to check it out. Along with "Lost," this show took ABC from last place in the ratings to first. **Sundays at 9 p.m. on ABC.**



Brian Triplett | LOS ANGELES TIMES
Jason Lee stars in the title role as a lottery winner who gets hit by a car as he celebrates his newfound fortune in "My Name Is Earl." You can catch Earl on NBC every Tuesday at 9 p.m.

Grey's Anatomy
A surprise hit for the spring season, this show is a medical drama that follows Dr. Meredith Grey in her first year as an intern at Seattle Grace Hospital. The show follows her and the other interns through their lives and troubles working in the hospital. It's like a dramatic version of "Scrubs." **Sundays at 10 p.m. on ABC.**

Curb Your Enthusiasm
"Seinfeld" creator Larry David stars in this show with his fictional wife Cheryl David and their fictional best friends, Jeff and Susie Greene. Last season followed Larry in his quest to star with Ben Stiller (and later, David Schwimmer) in the Broadway production of "The Producers." The season has only had one episode thus far, but appears to be about Larry discovering that he may be adopted. The character of George Costanza is based on Larry David, so this is like a semi-real George for half an hour a week. **Sundays at 10 p.m. on HBO.**

Lost
The other savior for ABC. As we learned last season, this show tracks the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 that crashed onto a tropical island. This season, we discover other survivors that landed on another part of the island, and we will learn more about the creatures that roam in the forests and more of "the unknowns." **Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on ABC.**

NEW SHOWS

My Name Is Earl
Jason Lee stars as Earl, a simple everyday redneck who wins \$100,000 in the lottery and then gets hit by a car as he is celebrating. He decides that his karma is bad and

sets out to right all of the wrongs in his life, after hearing Carson Daly discussing it on TV (and under the influence of morphine). He makes a list of 259 things he has done in his life and then starts to correct them. Examples of these are: No. 25, peed in the back of a cop car; No. 41, snatched a kid's Halloween candy when he was trick or treating; No. 86, stole a car from a one-legged girl; and my favorite, No. 102, harmed and possibly killed innocent people with second-hand smoke. **Tuesdays at 9 p.m. on NBC.**

Everybody Hates Chris
This show is loosely based on the childhood of Chris Rock. Rock narrates as this show goes through what he called his "horrible childhood." In the first episode, his family moves out of the projects and into a better neighborhood, and Chris has to go to an all-white school. His dad works nights and his mother works days, and Chris is often left to fend for himself. Chris Rock is one of my favorite comedians, and since he is the chief creative talent on this show, it will be quite hilarious. **Thursdays at 8 p.m. at UPN.**

Reunion
Twenty years after graduation, a group of friends is shaken up when one of them is brutally murdered. Each episode takes place in a different year after they graduated high school, starting in 1986, and each episode being the next year, along with scenes taking place in the present time. It isn't revealed who is murderer or why, but eventually the victim and the perpetrator will be revealed. **Thursdays at 9 p.m. on Fox.**

Extras
Ricky Gervais, whom you may know from the BBC hit "The Office," stars in this

British comedy that is now being shown on HBO. The show follows actors Andy Millman and Maggie Jacobs, and in each episode they are extras in a different movie. Andy spends his time attempting to gain a speaking role, while Maggie wants to find a rich boyfriend in the movies. Each episode features many famous guest stars and is shot documentary-style, similar to "The Office" or "Arrested Development." **Sundays at 10:30 p.m. on HBO.**

Prison Break
Lincoln Burrows is in jail for killing the brother of the vice president. Lincoln's brother Michael believes he has been falsely convicted, so he commits a felony so that he will be thrown in jail so they can break out together. Also, Michael is a structural engineer and he will use his expertise to do the break. The show is filmed on location at Joliet Prison, an abandoned prison in Illinois. **Mondays at 9 p.m. on Fox.**

Commander-In-Chief
Geena Davis stars as the first female president of the United States. She is elected vice president and is elevated after the president dies. She is a Republican, and is asked to step down by the chief of staff on behalf of the party, so that the male speaker of the house can become president instead. As it turns out, the speaker is prejudiced against Muslims and women, so Davis refuses to resign and retains the presidency. The Republicans counter by attempting to embarrass Davis into resigning. To me, this show seems like an excuse to spread anti-Republican propaganda. **Saturdays at 10 p.m. on ABC.**

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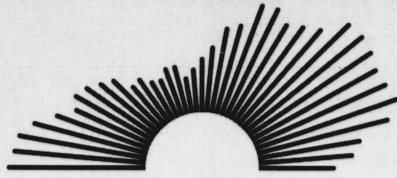
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COM 181	Basic Public Speaking	MW	5:00 pm - 7:45 pm
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Lawmakers grill Brown

By Dana Milbank
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The House Select Committee on Hurricane Katrina did a heck of a job yesterday.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., ordered a Democratic boycott of the hearing, calling it a "sham" and a "photo opportunity." But, as defrocked FEMA director Michael Brown can attest, Pelosi's concerns about a whitewash proved unjustified.

Rep. Christopher Shays, a Connecticut Republican, called Brown's account of events "feeble," "clueless," "shocking" and "beyond belief." Said Shays: "I'm happy you left, because that kind of ... look in the lights like a deer tells me that you weren't capable of doing the job."

Rep. Kay Granger, a Texas Republican, told Brown: "I don't know how you can sleep at night. You lost the battle."

Rep. Gene Taylor, one of two Democrats who ignored the boycott, said Brown was in way over his head. "You folks fell on your face. You get an F-minus in my book," he attested. The Mississippi-an added: "Maybe the president made a very good move when he asked you to leave your job."

Chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., offered Brown no help, giving members unlimited time to abuse the witness and adding his own barbs. When Brown argued that the White House "was fully engaged ... behind the scenes," Davis interjected: "They had to be behind the scenes, because I think we didn't see anything out front."

Brown displayed the command of facts that made him famous over the past month. He did not know how much FEMA had spent on communications, guessing, "a boatload of money." He had to ask members of his entourage how many MRIs were in a trailer load. "I don't have a clue how many

(people) were truly in the Superdome," he volunteered at one point. Asked whether he is still a federal employee, Brown said: "You know, I don't know" (He is).

With 12 Republicans and no Democrats on the dais when the hearing opened, Brown started by blaming the media and Louisiana's Democratic officials. "I do believe there are a couple of specific mistakes that I made," he said. "I failed initially to set up a series of regular briefings to the media," he lamented. And his "biggest mistake," he said, "was not recognizing ... that Louisiana was dysfunctional."

"I do not want to make this partisan," he said, proceeding to do just that, "so I can't help it that Alabama and Mississippi are governed by Republican governors and Louisiana is governed by a Democratic governor."

Pointing his finger, pounding the table, Brown veered from his prepared testimony to insist "I get it" and "I know what it's all about," and "I know what I am doing" and "I do a pretty darn good job." This display produced gasps and chuckles in the gallery.

Brown did nothing to win over his questioners. Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., had to repeat a question because Brown was reading his BlackBerry. Shays had to repeat one because Brown was engrossed in his notes. When Shays pressed him about his performance, a petulant Brown complained: "So I guess you want me to be this superhero."

One hour and 36 minutes passed before Brown acknowledged that "FEMA has a logistics problem." Gradually, Brown's admissions grew more damaging.

Money for "catastrophic planning" for a New Orleans hurricane "was removed by the Department of Homeland Security," he said. Brown said he should have asked for President Bush's help earlier, and should have urged the

military to come in sooner. He said it was a mistake that FEMA had no contingency contract for recovering dead bodies.

Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, elicited the biggest confession. "One of my frustrations over the past three years has been the emaciation of FEMA," Brown told him. Speaking of dwindling funds and a "brain drain," Brown said he struggled just "to keep that place together" and asserted that he "predicted privately for several years that we were going to reach this point."

As the questioning progressed, Brown turned his fury on the administration. "I probably should have just resigned my post earlier and gone public with some of these things," he told Granger.

Yesterday he might have been better off to keep some things private — like when Jefferson complained about the lack of ice in New Orleans and Brown replied: "I think it's wrong for the federal government to be in the ice business, providing ice so I can keep my beer and Diet Coke cool."

Taylor, incredulous, asked, "How about the need to keep bodies from rotting in the sun?"

Jefferson added: "One of the major reasons that old people just suffered and died is because there was no ice."

Brown, losing control, demanded four times that Taylor not "lecture" him.

But the lecturing continued — in a way even Pelosi would have approved. "I have come to the conclusion that this administration values loyalty more than anything else," Shays said, "more than competence or frankly more than the truth. And you have reinforced that view. ... I'm left with the feeling (that) the administration feels they have to protect you."

"Well," Brown answered, "you should come over here and sit in this chair, and see how protected you feel."

Fed-Ex bandit apprehended at border

By Tony Perry
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO — A 40-year-old Iranian national has confessed to being the so-called "Fed Ex bandit" who robbed 43 banks in southern California over two years, taking an estimated \$300,000, officials said yesterday.

Farzad Naroli, also known as Ernest Lozano and Farzad Naroli Farkbaksh, was arrested

as he attempted to enter the United States through the pedestrian access at the San Ysidro port of entry on Monday.

"A great deal of time and energy has gone into stopping his spree," said police Lt. Mike Angus. "Now it's over."

Thirty of the robberies were in San Diego County; the rest in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

In each case the robber spoke in heavily accented

English and displayed a gun or bomb, although no shots were fired or explosives detonated, officials said.

The FBI dubbed him the Fed Ex bandit because in early robberies the suspect gave tellers a Federal Express envelope and ordered them to fill it with cash.

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IN OUR OPINION

Health insurance a must for students

For many students, expenses pile up almost as instantly as the school year begins. Tuition, student fees, textbooks, rent, water, gas, cable — the list could easily continue beyond this point.

But the one expense that students tend to leave behind is one they should actually have in their back pocket: health insurance. Phillip Rieger knows the burden of trying to pay off hospital bills without insurance.

Last year, as a sophomore at Lexington Community College, he spent a week at UK's hospital with a collapsed lung — to a tune of almost \$40,000.

Rieger told *The Kernel* he never thought he'd need health insurance.

"You don't think it's going to happen to you, and then it does," he said.

That's precisely the message Dr. Gregory Moore, director of University Health Services, is trying to spread.

About 2 million college-age young adults are uninsured, and another 4 million are underinsured, Moore told *The Kernel* last week.

Health insurance only makes logical sense. Accidents can happen at any time, and it's best to be prepared in advance of those events in order to avoid being saddled with five figures of debt.

Of course, health insurance is a person-

al choice. That's why UK shouldn't compel students to purchase health insurance. College students should be able to make their own informed decisions about it, as they do for many other expenses.

You can live with health insurance, and you have the right to live without it, if you choose.

But cutting that financial corner in the short-term probably won't pan out in the long-term.

UK offers a student health insurance

plan that runs about \$650 per year. UK is also willing to work with students to set up a payment plan that might be all at once, twice a year or quarterly to give the student more financial flexibility. For more information, you can call 323-5823, ext. 230.

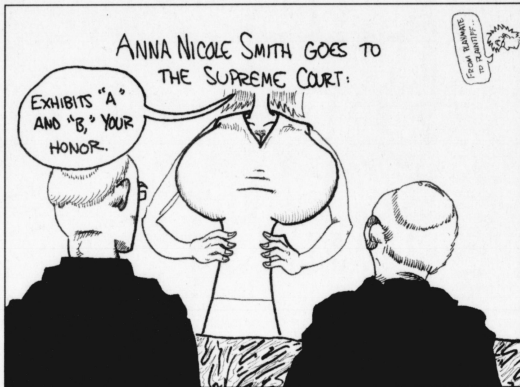
An accident can land you in the hospital for as little as stitches or a cast, and it can also be much more serious, as was the case with Rieger and his collapsed lung.

But without health insurance, a hospital bill for thousands of dollars is more than just extra salt in the wound.

It's a debilitating blow to a college student's ability to financially live life without being mired in debt.

That's why the short-term sacrifice of paying for health insurance makes logical sense for the long haul.

While UK shouldn't make health insurance for students mandatory, it is unwise for anyone to go without it.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Gaming offers more virtue than vice

This Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of a momentous occurrence that would change the lives of I'll wager, of nearly every student on this campus — the release of "Super Mario Bros." for the Nintendo Entertainment System.

Sure, it wasn't the first arcade or video game, but it would go on to sell more than 40 million copies, and even today the Mario franchise is the quintessential emblem of videogames around the world.

When I think about it, the idea of an Italian plumber sliding down pipes, wielding fireballs or stomping on the heads of sundry creatures in order to confront a drurtle (read: dragon/turtle) and save a fungi princess is a little asinine. But that didn't keep me from being enamored.

I received my NES for Christmas when I was either 5 or 6 years old — I don't remember that precise detail. But I do distinctly remember the smell of styrofoam that permeated the air when I opened the box, which contained the system, two square controllers with a black directional pad, "Start" and "Select" buttons — and of course, red buttons simply labeled "A" and "B." Additional contents included "Super Mario Bros.," "Duck Hunt" and a bright orange gun, which would become conspicuously missing with later systems. You could say the gun wasn't cost-effective, because it was used with so few games; I blame the gun-control nuts.

Subsequently, I spent countless hours of my childhood in front of the TV just listening to "Mario Bros." cue-up music or watching the "Duck Hunt" hound dog jump over the bush to indicate ducks approaching. It was quite an investment of time, and to be honest, I was never really that good at "Super Mario



Andrew Martin
Opinions Editor

Bros." as a kid.

Nevertheless, I remained loyal to the Mario franchise and have always been a Nintendo purist — I never solicited a Sega or Sony system from anyone as a present. It wasn't just the basic Mario Bros. games, but others like "Mario Kart" and "Mario Golf" that commanded my affection. (Except for "Super Mario Bros. 2" — What the hell was that?)

For me, the franchise reached its apex on the Super Nintendo Entertainment System. The combination of "Super Mario World" and "Mario Kart" was the ultimate 1-2 punch — finally, two games I enjoyed and was good at. After adjusting my poor hand-eye coordination to the ominous addition of "X," "Y," "L" and "R" buttons, progress quickly followed.

Aside from Mario games, my only other substantial interest in video games was sports-related (excepting "Goldeneye" for Nintendo 64, of course), "NBA Jam," an arcade and videogame classic, was a favorite. Madden football was a perennial favorite, sometimes to be offset with a "Tecmo Bowl" football game. Later on, an adolescent preoccupation with wrestling would make all those WWF and WCW games a must-have, too.

But videogames would continue advancing as I lost interest in high school and some of college, rendering me obsolete. Now my interest is fairly narrow, my throwback being that I play new Madden football games with a respectable degree of competency. The more advanced stuff, to me anyway, is esoteric, only to be understood by the serious gamers.

Nowadays, there's a lot of criticism of the videogame industry. People say it makes kids too sedentary, makes them more prone to committing acts of violence and detracts from homework or other more fruitful activities. I disagree with those arguments or at least the degree of their impact.

Was my childhood more sedentary than it would have been with-

out the advent of videogames? Probably so, though there's no way of knowing for sure. But I still went outside, played football, basketball and baseball with friends in my neighborhood. It's all a matter of degree, and my parents wouldn't have stood for my life revolving around such a slothful existence.

As for provoking less-than-virtuous behavior or even violence, I've always found the argument quite without substance.

After the Columbine shooting, everyone was talking about the correlation between videogames and pathological behavior.

I always thought it was rather moot, considering the amount of disconnect that must be present in a family where a teenager has a weapons cache large enough to equip a militia in his room, unbeknownst to his parents.

I guess parents who subscribe to this view would rather entrust the government with their kid's virtue, and let them impose ridiculous ratings systems and other laws.

After all, why should they have to do 10-15 minutes worth of homework on the videogame their kid wants to purchase when that time could be spent virtuously watching the latest reality-TV garbage?

Looking back, I have no regrets about childhood life in the videogame age. The many hours spent playing them were a joy, for both relaxation after a long day or week at school or venting aggression.

Evidence of the therapeutic qualities of videogames has never been so evident to me as now.

Since my roommates and I purchased automatic air soft weapons, turned my house turned into a hotbed of guerrilla warfare tactics and became conniving would-be assassins, we're now trying to return to civility and maturity by settling our differences over a retro, but friendly, multiplayer game of "Goldeneye."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SAB is financially prudent

I was surprised to see Student Activities Board come under fire for canceling Gator Roast for the "wrong reasons." (Kernel Sept. 23 editorial, "It's time for SG, SAB to roast Gator Roast.")

I understand it is an old hobby of *The Kernel* to take shots at Student Government, especially when it comes to spending and specifically Gator Roast. But I'm not sure why SAB took an equal share in the criticism. The job of SAB is to program events for students. What would *The Kernel* board have us do with that money instead?

More and more, what SAB hears from students is the idea that "bigger is better" when it comes to events. There is a demand among the student body for large concerts, street parties and displays of school spirit similar to those of our Southeastern Conference neighbors. Gator Roast and similar events are designed to meet that need. In fact, President Todd cited Gator Roast specifically when recruiting students during this summer's Dream Tour, and at the opening convocation earlier this year.

The budget for that event is so large because, let's face it, we're talking about huge expenses: artist fees, accommodation and set up for the band, police security, food, city permits, advertising, etc. This stuff isn't cheap.

But SAB also takes the allocation of student fees very seriously. For every big-ticket concert or campus event that takes place, you're guaranteed to find a movie series or an academic lecture that costs very little.

If you don't believe me, come see for yourself. Our board meetings are every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Room 231, Student Center. Stop by — it is open to the public. And students are always welcome at our office in Room 203 Student Center.

Gator Roast was missed this semester, though rest assured that SAB will be planning the next big event with the needs of the students our only goal. We welcome any feedback on programming ideas. As our newly adopted slogan states: "We do it with you in mind."

BRITANNY CLARK
SAB PROMOTIONS

Exchange a better book broker

On Monday, Sept. 26, *The Kernel* printed an editorial stating the obvious: "Textbooks are getting more expensive every year." I'd like to thank *The Kernel* for completing phase one of the problem-solving process, identifying the problem. Now I'd like to introduce a solution to that problem.

About a year and a half ago, a few friends and I were fed up with bookstore prices, so we developed the UK-BookExchange.com with one mission in mind. Our mission is to offer students of UK and Lexington Community College a marketplace where they can buy and sell textbooks directly to each other for a fair price.

The UK BookExchange offers students a forum for posting their old textbooks and searching for used textbooks. There are students who have successfully used the UK BookExchange over the past three semesters. But in order for the service to be truly effective, it requires mass participation among students. Setting up an account and posting a book on the UK BookExchange is absolutely free. The only cost you will incur is a small service fee (\$3 to \$6) when you actually buy or sell a book on the UK BookExchange.

At one point, Monday's *Kernel* article stated that students can get more money for used textbooks by cutting out the middleman. This is the basis for the solution that we have developed for UK students.

At the UK BookExchange, students set their own prices. This means no more walking into the bookstore at the end of a semester with fingers crossed in hopes of receiving a few dollars for a chemistry book that ran you \$100 just a few months ago.

With mid-semester exams arriving, buying and selling books for the spring semester is the last thing on most people's minds. But if you are interested in saving money on textbooks or getting more money for your used books, give the Web site a look. I suggest checking out the Web site at www.ukbookexchange.com when you get home today and adding it to your "favorites" toolbar for future reference.

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Wandering fans need a leash, wins

I'm going to call some people out.

Then I'm going to argue the other side.

The UK-Florida game Saturday brought out the best and worst of a lot of things.



Derek Poore
SPORTS EDITOR

Gator quarterback Chris Leak was at the top of his game. That sent UK fans out the door. And it's not often someone can defend both sides of an issue, at least not legitimately. But in this case, I'm going to try my best. Face it. The student section at Commonwealth Stadium is lame beyond comprehension.

They come, they go

The post-game interview room was astir with rumblings following the Gators' 49-28 trouncing of the Wildcats. A lot of those were geared toward the mostly empty student section in the second half.

It doesn't take a long stroll out on a limb to say the student section pretty much echoed the rest of the stadium.

"I don't blame them for leaving," said senior safety Muhammad Abdullah Saturday night. "But there's one thing a lot of people either ignored or didn't realize: The student section was pretty empty to begin with. That's the problem.

Sure, those seats aren't on the 50-yard line — those are

reserved for season ticket holders who haven't been perturbed by only three winning seasons in 20 years.

But come on. Be a little rowdy. Heck, be a little nasty.

The Bluehearts in Rupp Arena's eruption zone were notorious for digging up dirt on opposing players the last two years. Former Gator forward Matt Walsh's girlfriend, anyone?

And it's not like students aren't in the general area of the stadium on game day anyway. Now whether they can feasibly or soberly make it from the tailgate to the student gate — that's another story.

Yeah, yeah. I understand. It's UK football. But how is it any different from any other season?

Maybe this is the real problem.

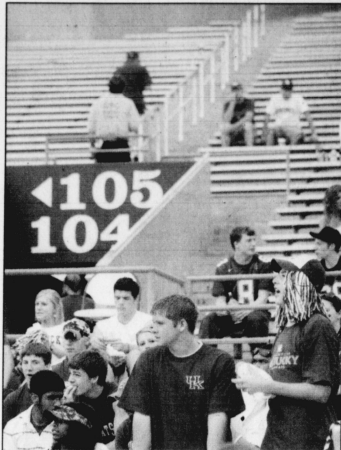
Blame them, not them

While the UK fan base bickers about the state of Wildcat football, attendance numbers haven't dropped. Commonwealth was packed until Florida 49, UK 7.

And I hate to reduce college sports to money, but when the NCAA rakes in billions from CBS for the NCAA basketball tournament and since football is the biggest revenue generator for the self-sustaining UK Athletics Association, it's hard to ignore.

It is really hard to argue UK football's mediocrity stems from its continued fan support? I hate bandwagon fans. I really do.

But how can UK fans blindly support a team and expect different results? Or maybe what I really



Along with the rest of Commonwealth Stadium, the UK student section thinned quickly during Florida's 49-28 win over the Wildcats Saturday.

mean to say is — shouldn't they expect more?

UK football can rise from the cellar of the Southeastern Conference, and it can rise from the NCAA Division I cellar, too.

I'm just tired of blind support of bad teams. I'm tired of UK fans not getting what they deserve.

The tradeoff here is, the fans have overwhelmingly supported the football team despite losing season after

losing season.

It's healthy to weigh both sides of a situation. But there is one united answer to this: UK deserves better.

On the field and in the stands.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

UK lacrosse hosts UofL, OU in opener

UK will open its fall lacrosse schedule at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the rugby field next to the UK soccer complex, taking on the Louisville Men's Club, then Ohio in a doubleheader.

The day's play begins with Louisville facing Ohio at 10 a.m., with UK's two games following.

Men's golf sixth after two

The Wildcats are 4-under-par, falling to sixth place yesterday in round two of the NCAA Preview at Sunriver Resort's Crosswater Course in Sunriver, Ore. UK's second round score of 292 brought it to a two-round total of 583, tying with New Mexico, 15 strokes behind the first-place Georgia Bulldogs.

Freshman Andy Winnings led the Wildcats with a 2-over-par 74 and is tied for 12th overall. Junior Tyler Wilson shot even par and is tied for 24th going into today's third and final round. Freshman Dan Woltman and sophomore Brad Doster both shot a 1-over 73 in yesterday's second round. Woltman is tied for 20th and Doster is at 39th overall. Senior Matt Kohn shot a 78 and is tied for 31st place.

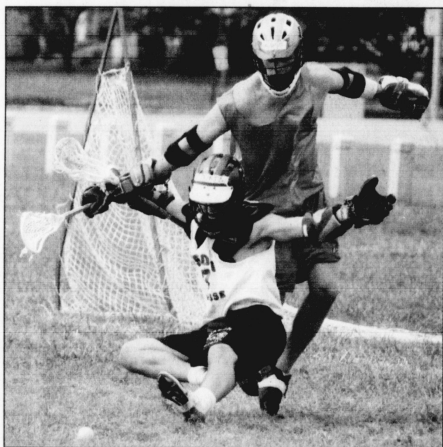
Georgia Tech is second (294-284), followed by Oklahoma State (297-283) August State (285-286) and Nevada-Las Vegas (290-292).

The Cats tee off the final round in the Sunriver tournament at 9:30 a.m. today.

UK hockey hosts Georgia

The Cool Cats return to their home ice Friday night after a three-game road trip where the wind goes sweeping down the plains.

UK fell to Division I Oklahoma 5-0 and 2-0 Friday and Saturday night, before taking out its frustrations and blanking Oklahoma State 20-0 Sunday night.



Freshman midfielder Derek Courts, front, and junior attacker Ryan Shupert go after the ball during the UK lacrosse Blue/White scrimmage on Sept. 17 at Goodbarn Field.

Junior goalie Drew Matichak had a 91.8 save percentage, turning away 79 of 86 shots against the Soomers.

UK will host Kennesaw State Friday night and Georgia Saturday night. Face-off is at midnight for both games.

Hockey posters out Friday

Continuing tradition, the Cool Cats

will give out this year's hockey calendar poster at the Kennesaw State game Friday night. The poster's will be free with \$5 admission to the Lexington Ice Center.

Model Alison List adorns the 2005-06 poster.

For more: ukhockey.com.

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