



Interesting Facts

- 1) What occurs more often in December than any other month? Conception
2) Only 14 percent of Americans say they've done this with the opposite sex. What is it? Skinny dipping
3) What separates '60 Minutes' from every other TV show? No theme song
4) Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? Their birthplace
5) Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested? Obession
6) More women do this in the bathroom than men. Wash their hands
7) What do 100 percent of all lottery winners do? Gain weight
8) In a recent survey, Americans revealed that this was their favorite smell. Banana
9) If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? One thousand
10) What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all have in common? All were invented by women.
11) Married men revealed that they do this twice as often as single men. Change their underwear
12) This stimulates 29 muscles and chemicals causing relaxation. A kiss
13) This is the only food that doesn't spoil. Honey
14) There are more collect calls on this day than any other day of the year. Father's Day
15) What trivia fact about Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) is most ironic? He was allergic to carrots.

16) Of the guys who die while having sex, 85 percent are doing this. Cheating on their spouse

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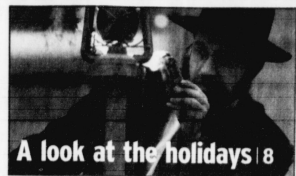
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Basketball museum could be history

Searching for answers: Attendance lower than anticipated, debts mounting

By Chris Markus
STAFF WRITER

The new millennium may be more of an end than a beginning for the UK Basketball Museum. The museum, which houses exhibits that document the history of Kentucky's 'Team of the Century,' is trying to find a solution to solve its money and popularity problems. Faced with a debt of about \$2 million and lack-

ing the anticipated number of visitors, the museum is meeting with city officials to try to solve its financial problems. Mike Durham, the museum's executive director, said that although discussions with city officials have yet to produce any specific proposals, he hopes that at least a partial solution may be found by early 2000. Susan Straub, press secretary to the mayor's office, spoke on behalf of

Pam Miller about the meetings between the city and the museum. 'We're still in the preliminary stages and are just now starting to take a hard look at the numbers,' she said. She added that the city is 'very active and interested in the museum being a success.' Durham said the museum needs to promote itself better in order to connect with the community and tourism officials, so the museum can become a bigger tourist attraction. While the museum attracted about 2,000 people on the day of The Game,

which pitted the 1996 team against the 1998 team, the museum may only play host on slow days to about 24 visitors. 'We need to try to find a way to get the word out,' Durham said. Although meetings between the city and the museum are the latest result of the non-profit museum's financial woes, Durham said that money issues have been a problem since before the museum opened last February. 'We've been somewhat behind the eight ball for a few years now,' he said. Durham said that the

first signs of money trouble became apparent when the museum, originally expected to cost around \$3 million to construct, ended up costing over \$5 million. Despite the financial threats to the existence of the museum Straub said, 'The museum being closed is not an issue right now.' Both Durham and Straub said that there is no specific deadline by which the museum must settle its outstanding debts. 'We're trying to move along as quickly as possible, but there are a lot of issues to deal with,' Straub said.

Hoops heritage

UK Basketball Museum

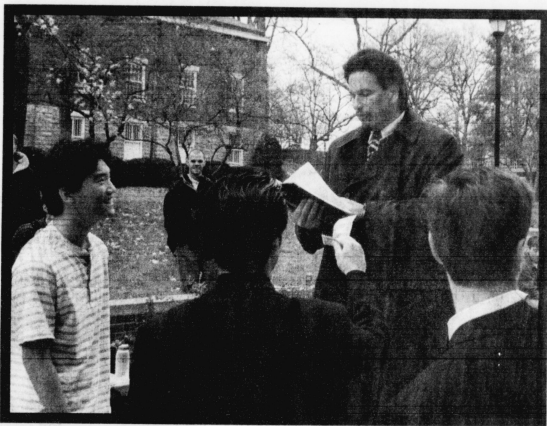
Admission: \$5 to anyone five years and older. A one-year pass is available for \$25. Location: Lexington Civic Center. Hours: Sunday: noon-5 p.m., Monday: closed, Tuesday through Friday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Phone: 225-5670

THOU SHALL NOT...

Turmoil at the Student Center

STAFF REPORT

UK students and members of UK Lambda clashed with a minister from Newark, Ohio, yesterday when the minister demonstrated against homosexuals at the Free Speech Lawn in front of the Student Center. Bystanders said at one point the confrontation turned violent when Masten Childers, a history senior, confronted Charles Spingola, a member of 'Unshamed and Associates,' a religious group based in Newark, Ohio. Childers said he was outraged by signs Spingola displayed that read 'Friends don't let friends be homosexuals' and 'Gay...Got AIDS yet?' and by the minister's declaration of his 'righteous hatred' for homosexuals. Childers said the minister responded to his defense of homosexuals by saying, 'Obviously you didn't have a father figure to spank you and teach you what's right.' The discussion then became physical as Childers knocked the Bible out of Spingola's hand. Spingola returned by physically hitting Childers. 'I did something I probably shouldn't have done. He made a complete jackass of himself. I made my point and he looked like a jackass,' Childers said. Childers filed only verbal complaints at the UK and Lexington police departments. 'I really didn't want to press charges, I just wanted to get the guy off campus,' Childers said. The Kernel was unable to contact Spingola for comment.



A student offers Charles Spingola of Unshamed and Associates a dollar to be quiet. Spingola took the dollar, put it in his pocket, and continued preaching.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Professor named president of national higher education association

John Thelin becomes first UK representative to head organization

By Amanda York
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Association for the Study of Higher Education recently elected UK professor John Thelin to serve as president of the organization. The association is a national organization that consists of all the doctoral programs and research centers in the nation that are focused on the study of higher education. Thelin said the nomination took him by surprise because he hadn't sought the nomination. 'It was totally by surprise because I got the phone call from the person who was president at that time. I thought he was calling to remind me about a

book I had borrowed from him a couple of years back and he asked me if I would be willing to stand for the election,' he said. Thelin is the first faculty member of UK to serve as president of the organization. He said the organization consists of many prominent doctoral programs from across the country, including UCLA, Harvard, Big Ten universities and researchers from the Carnegie Foundation. The organization has around 2,000 members and about 60 doctoral programs, he said. 'Every year the board sends out their national newsletter and they solicit nominations. The board

members have a nomination committee and they tear down the ballot to five or six choices and the members send in their choices,' he said. 'You are being chosen by your fellow members.' While in office, Thelin will plan and organize the annual conference in California next November where members participate in symposiums, discussion groups and presentations on a variety of issues dealing with higher education. Thelin hopes his role as president will assist UK in its attempt to gain national recognition, and that UK has already made a step in this direction by becoming a Class I Carnegie Research University. 'This method of categorizing is relatively new and will affect UK and other universities, Thelin said.

'It's a technical change but it will have importance for how a university measures itself, defines itself and how we compare ourselves,' Thelin said. While in office, Thelin hopes to bring the importance of higher education to a variety of disciplines. 'We are trying to really expand discussions where we bring discipline such as history, economics, law and political science to look at the serious study of higher education,' he said. Edward Kifer, a professor in the department of educational policy studies and evaluation at UK, said he thinks Thelin's role in the organization will also bring attention to UK. 'It certainly is a positive reflection on the person and that reflects positively on the organization as well,' Kifer said.

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- JOHN THELIN, UK PROFESSOR

EXTRACURRICULAR

ACLU restarts chapter at UK

They're back: Recent debates spark interest and need for organization

By Andrea Noe
STAFF WRITER

The first undergraduate chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union at a Kentucky university has organized at UK in the wake of debates over pornography at the Kentucky Theatre and the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools. UK chapter co-ordinator Kristina Talbert said that she wanted to restart the group, which died out in 1997 under the guidance of the College of Law, after becoming involved in the Central Kentucky Civil Liberties Union. One important role of the ACLU is as a monitor of the government's power and the laws it passes, Talbert said. 'Sometimes there are acts taken that infringe on our civil liberties so it's important to have a watchdog.' In addition to working on issues that are important to the community, the group also wants to focus on civil liberty issues that affect UK. Freedom of assembly on campus is limited in places like the Patterson Office

Tower plaza, in which the landscape doesn't encourage students and faculty to congregate, chapter co-ordinator Casey Holland said. 'If you want to gather up a bunch of friends in front of the Patterson Office Tower, there's nowhere to sit,' he said. Students are also concerned about demonstrations and speeches on campus being confined to the free speech area, said chapter liaison to student groups, Stephanie Blessing. 'It reaches a small population of students because it's way over on North Campus and it's away from where classes are,' she said. The chapter hopes that a free speech area that doesn't interfere with the movement of students can be created on South Campus, Blessing said. Campus groups such as the UK chapter of ACLU, the Leftist Student Union and Amnesty International hope to work together on issues that they have in common. 'On campus, there's a progressive movement that's starting to come to

See ACLU on 2 >>>

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down



I just love him. That face is so hard to wrap your brain around. It's so soft, and you'd never think his face was soft."

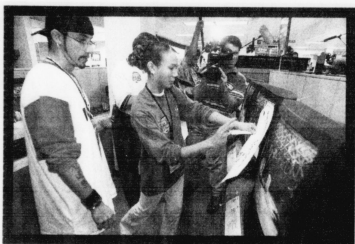
— Meg Ryan, 38, on her "Hanging Up" costar, Walter Matthau, 79, to Redbook.

Labor leader welcomes WTO collapse

WASHINGTON — The head of the nation's largest labor federation welcomed the collapse of World Trade Organization talks in Seattle and the failure to agree on a new round of negotiations. "No deal is better than a bad deal," AFL-CIO chief John Sweeney said yesterday. President Clinton "would be of the same opinion," responded Commerce Secretary William Daley, adding the administration never would have signed a deal that did not benefit the United States. "We think that what was done in Seattle as far as some progress on issues was positive," Daley said. "But I would agree with (Sweeney) a hundred percent that we were not going to do a bad deal."

No word from Mars probe for 3rd day

PASADENA, Calif. — For a third straight day, NASA's Deep Space Network antennas listened in vain yesterday for a signal from the Mars Polar Lander. NASA officials said that a communications window opened at 1:50 p.m. PST and closed 10 minutes later without any apparent transmission from the surface of the Red Planet. Mission commentator David Seidel at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory said analysis of the data was continuing, but there appeared not to have been any linkup with the lander.



A.J. McLean, left, of the pop group "Backstreet Boys" helps Britney Wilmet, 14, of Seattle, pick out a television at a store in Citrus Park, Fla., Friday. Wilmet and four other girls who won a 30-minute, \$2,000 shopping spree at the store were escorted by the five members of the "Backstreet Boys."



FARE THEE WELL: Actress Madeline Kahn, famed for her sexy vamp roles in Mel Brooks' hit comedies 'Blazing Saddles' and 'Young Frankenstein' and twice nominated for Oscars, died Friday at age 57 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Announcing her death at a New York hospital, her husband, John Hansbury, said, "We all suffered a great loss today."



WONDER OF SCIENCE: A top U.S. eye institute Friday offered to evaluate musician Stevie Wonder for an operation that may restore vision to some blind people, although it said the operation was unlikely to help Wonder.

GOP candidates gear up for debate

WASHINGTON — GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes said yesterday he has been clear in letting voters know what he stands for, unlike front-runner George W. Bush, and hopes for "a real interchange" among the six candidates in today's debate so people can judge for themselves. Scheduled to join Forbes and Bush in Phoenix are Gary Bauer, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Alan Keyes. The state's senior senator, John McCain, will participate via satellite from New Hampshire, where he is campaigning. McCain led Bush 39 percent to 31 percent in Arizona in a late October poll by the Media Research Program at Arizona State University, but 18 percent of the voters were undecided.

IRA meets with disarmament panel

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The Irish Republican Army said yesterday its representative met a Belfast-based disarmament commission — another step toward the arms handover vital to the survival of a new Protestant-Catholic administration. The outlawed IRA did not say where or when it had met with the commission, which is led by Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain. Nor did it identify the representative, according to a brief IRA statement released to British Broadcasting Corp. and the Irish broadcaster, RTE. The statement said the IRA anticipated further discussions.

AT&T pledges to share lines for Web

WASHINGTON — AT&T intends to give competing Internet providers access to its high-speed cable lines. The move could quell fears about the telecommunications giant gaining too much control over what information reaches consumers' homes. In a letter the company planned to send federal regulators tomorrow, AT&T pledges eventually to give its customers a choice of Internet providers over AT&T's cable connections, according to sources close to the discussions. The letter to the Federal Communications Commission spells out the framework AT&T will use in negotiating future contracts with rival Internet providers that want to share the company's cable lines, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No. 1 Connecticut 87, Penn St. 74

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph led five players in double figures with 17 points each and No. 1 Connecticut defeated Penn State, 87-74, in the opening game of the Honda Elite 4 Holiday Classic. Penn State got within three points in the first half but never threatened Connecticut's lead again. The Huskies led by at least 13 points throughout the second half and by as many as 23.

ON THE WEB

From desktop to bank account

Money on the web: Studentmarket.com offers student loans over the internet

By Melissa Little
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Student Market.com has figured out how to take advantage of two big businesses: the Internet and student loans.

The website offers student loans without the hassle of paperwork and convenience of the web, a combination Oren Milogram, director of student affairs at StudentMarket.com and one of the original founders of the company, thinks will pay off.

"Millions of students are wanting to go to college, and this was a way to support that," Milogram said.

Melissa Chapman, an agriculture communication senior, has taken out loans from UK and a rotary club to pay for college, and admits the loan process is confusing. Chapman said her parents complete the paperwork.

"I just sign the forms," Chapman said.

Despite the confusion over student loan process, Chapman knows one thing for sure:

"I know that if I don't pay I will be reported to the credit bureau," she said.

Students, he said, face two problems when applying for loans: They take out too much money, and they don't pay on time.

Milogram hopes the goal of the company — to make the loan process easier while emphasizing the importance of credit and savings to students — will catch on.

The accessibility of the Internet has helped the company gain popularity with college students, he said.

While searching the Internet, the student can be pre-approved for a loan in just minutes. They will receive the application form from the lender in the mail.

Besides loans, StudentMarket.com offers students test preparation software, inflatable furniture, casual clothing, picture frames and more.

"I am always looking for solutions to calm problems," he said. "We are pooling resources online and bringing everything in one place for college students."

ACLU

Continued from page 1

gether for a common cause," Blessing said.

Recent events in Kentucky as well as in the nation have concerned the ACLU.

"When we see things like the Ten Commandments in

schools, I really feel that is a strong ACLU issue," she said.

Like the national group, the UK chapter wants to be a voice for people whose rights may be abused.

"A lot of times we represent the underrepresented — women, homosexuals and people who have been discriminated against because of race," Talbert said.

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FILM

A Flawless performance

Singing lessons from drag queens: Despite an odd premise, Flawless works well

By Matt Mulcahey ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

One's a tough, alpha-male New York City security guard who divides his time pretty evenly between poker, handball and womanizing. The other's a flamboyant, outlandish drag queen who's pinching every penny to afford a sex-change operation.

How many times is this tired formula of polar opposites learning to accept each other going to get churned out? They're getting to be as tiresome as Julia Roberts' romantic-comedy vehicles or Will Smith's summer blockbusters.

There are only two faint glimmers of hope that exist for this re-tread, re-regurgitated formula.

One would be that the char-

acters are so lovingly and carefully sculpted that they make the tiresome scenario seem fresh. Given that Flawless was directed and written by Joel the Guy who ruined Batman? Schumacher, there's not much chance of that. Instead of just being mediocre as a director like usual, Schumacher decided to return to writing original scripts for the first time since the pompous St. Elmo's Fire.

Well, actually, to call the story an original script is somewhat misleading, being that it's pretty much a blatant rip-off of the superior As Good As It Gets.

This leaves one alternative: The acting is so splendid it brings the mundane storyline to a new level. Luckily for the makers of Flawless, Robert De Niro and Phillip Seymour Hoff-



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Hoffman and De Niro star in Flawless. Their acting makes the movie work.

man decided to do the movie. De Niro (guess which one of this Big Apple odd couple he plays) has the rare, intangible ability to crawl inside a character and become the person he's portraying. This time, De Niro enters the skin of security guard Walter Koontz, who's forced to seek help from his drag-queen neighbor after a stroke renders him partially paralyzed.

Watching De Niro capture even the tiniest details of a stroke victim, from the slurred speech to the unusable limbs, should serve as a blueprint for all method actors. After initially drowning in a vast pool of self-pity and contempt, Koontz bottoms out and seeks singing

lessons as a form of speech therapy. Enter Rusty the drag queen.

Phillip Seymour Hoffman may not be a household name now, but after the highly anticipated Magnolia and The Talented Mr. Ripley come out that will no longer be the case. The outrageous, over-the-top personality he lends Rusty is a perfect companion for De Niro's cold, insensitive character.

In a truly amazing feat, De Niro and Seymour Hoffman actually make you forget the lack of imagination of the direction and story by turning in performances that are, well, flawless. Rating: B

A LITTLE ADVICE

Love's turmoil

Dear abbey: Girlfriend problems and dense guys, Abbey tackles them all



Abbey Life KERNEL ADVICE COLUMNIST

Dear Abbey, I've been thinking a lot about my girlfriend lately. I want to let her know that she is the best girlfriend a guy could have. I want her to know that she is Ms. Right. The problem is I'm not sure how to tell her. Could you give me some advice on how to bring up the subject?

- In love

Dear Love, I've been thinking this one over and over again. I can only come to one conclusion: just tell her. There's no way you can just start a conversation like that, except for "Will you marry me?"

I have a feeling that it's not quite time for that yet. Do you want to make telling her special? Here's what to do: Take her to dinner. Then take her for a walk somewhere nice and quiet. After you've found a place to sit, tell her everything about how you feel. Don't try to be a poet if you're not. Just tell

her in your own words how she makes you feel. The more nervous you are, the cuter she'll think you are. Girls are suckers for that kind of thing. I was tempted to just put your name in the Kernel and let your girlfriend read it for herself, but that is far from romantic. Plus, I didn't want to "steal your thunder" (as Phoebe from "Friends" says) and take the pleasure of the moment away from you. Tell her you love her. Tell her she's beautiful. Tell her you can't live without her. Just be sure to live up to these promises you're making, otherwise they will just be meaningless words.

- Abbey

Dear Abbey, My boyfriend of three years just told me that he "needed his space." I understood and told him that was fine. But not three days later, he was hanging all over a girl he had sworn to me was just a friend while we were dating. I was furious and hurt. Now he wants me to go to his house just to hang out and be friends. I don't think I can do that, my feelings are too strong for him still. What do I do?

- To be or not to be (Friends)

Dear To Be, Stay away! That is the

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last thing you want to hear, but the best advice I ever received and that I can give. As much as you want to see him... don't. Think about it this way: if you stay around, he is getting the benefits of having a girlfriend without the attachments (like a commitment). Plus, the more you stay around him the stronger your feelings for him will grow. Guys (and girls, too) have this problem with trying to have their cake and eat it, too. For some reason, they don't see anything wrong with holding onto an old girlfriend "for support" (at least that's what I'll call it for publishing reasons) and still be out and about as a single guy.

If this guy truly cared about you, he would be nice enough to understand that you need your space, and that being his friend is too much right now. If he gets upset that you won't be at his beck and call anymore, then he is not worth your time and affection.

- Abbey

REHASHING

Relive the hype one more time

Here's one last chance to catch Episode I on the big screen

By Robert Quan SCENE EDITOR

How much hype does one movie really need? For the force junkies out there, here's your final chance to see Lucas' special effects monster on the big screen.

This release even has the same circus act quality and feel that surrounded the first release of The Phantom Menace in May. One week only and all proceeds go to charity.

Local theater owners or their respective parent companies choose the charities benefiting from this performance. In Lexington, you can catch The Phantom Menace at Woodhill Movies 10. Woodhill's proceeds from the charity encore will go to The Muscular Dystrophy Association, said Chris McGuire, assistant manager of the theater.

McGuire said that the weekend has been slow overall, but The Phantom Menace has been doing busi-

ness on par with the theater's other top movies.

Not that Lucas won't turn a profit from the re-release of The Phantom Menace. With the explosion of those little Pokemon things looking to overshadow the over-licensed Star Wars stuff for the holidays, it is really a coincidence that the movie was re-released the first week of December. Or could we be seeing a final holiday drive to replace that irritating little mouse thing with that irritating Jar-Jar Binks thing as the big toy your little brother and sister are screaming for?

Still, according to http://www.the-force.net, this could be your last chance to see it until the video release in April. Since the acting, plot and dialogue all take back seat to the mind-blowing special effects, seeing it on the big screen with the DTS sound is probably the way to go.

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Magloire

“We didn't execute our defense like we usually do. Our team defense isn't as good as it used to be.”

— Jamaal Magloire
senior forward



Smith

“We had those droughts where we can't score. In the first half, we couldn't really score. Then we didn't stop them.”

— Tubby Smith.

THE 411

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Turnovers outdo assists again

Ignoring the facts: UK knows it's not shooting well, but fails to see why

Adam Spaw
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

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There's not a lot to enjoy about this Kentucky basketball team.

There, I said it. And it wasn't easy.

After all, I was always the eternal optimist.

When the Cats found themselves down 10 at halftime to Utah in the '88 title game, I sprinted over three blocks from my Aylesford home to Memorial Coliseum. I touched it, said a prayer and was on my way. The rest is history. That same season, I adorned the new UK coaching stretching a shower cap across my skull at every home game. And UK sure had a few stinkers that year. Still, I kept telling all of the doubters, "It'll be fine. Tubby knows what he's doing." Once again, the rest is history.

"We did some things better than we have been doing," said Smith after UK's 83-75 loss to Indiana on Saturday. "Once again we had some good looks that didn't go down."
The common blame for UK's offensive woes remains constant: "It's not our half court offense," guard Keith Bogans said. "Our shots just aren't falling."
Game after game throughout the young season, UK fails to find the bottom of the net.
"We had these droughts where we can't score," Smith said. "In the first half, we really couldn't score."

What Smith and his players fail to bring up is one grotesque and revealing number: 99-66. No, not the score of UK's 1996 win over the Hoosiers (that was 99-65) — this is UK's assist to turnover ratio. Excuse me — its turnovers to assists ratio. That's right: through six games, the Cats have given their opponent the ball 99 times, and set themselves up with a score just 66 times.
In Saturday's loss, UK turned the ball over 18 times and dished out 12 assists. They shot 40 percent from the field and continued the season-long struggle 3-point range. The Cats have hit just 14 of 38 attempts from behind the arc in successive losses to Arizona, Dayton and Indiana and is 25-of-104 for the season.

Rick Pitino, one of the game's greatest teachers, would never fault sickly shooting without a cause during his stay in Lexington. In most cases, he would stress his team's lack of assists. In fact,

after perhaps the most painful loss of his UK coaching career, a 1995 NCAA regional loss to North Carolina in which the Cats couldn't buy a basket from the outside, Pitino ripped his players for doing too much one-on-one.

So far, this rendition of UK offense involves a lot of unnecessary individual labor. Bogans scored 11 points on his own in Saturday's loss.

UK's "motion" offense is nothing of the sort. Screens are deliberate, passes are pointless and guard penetration is east-west, instead of north-south. Perhaps Cincinnati Post columnist Bill Kuch said it best last week after UK's loss to Dayton: "Watching UK execute its halfcourt offense is like getting stuck behind a tractor on rural road."

In the wee hours of morning on Sunday, I popped in a tape of Top Cats, a chronological video of UK's championship teams. I watched some of Adolph Rupp's teams execute offense. The ball very rarely touched the floor. Maybe ball-inflation wasn't what it is today, but Rupp's offense was a series of fluent passes topped off by easy scores. It was beautiful.

Indiana was everything UK was not Saturday.

"We took advantage of driving opportunities," said I.U. guard A.J. Guyton, who scored a game-high 21 points. "We were very efficient."

When you're a Division I team, especially one of UK's caliber, there's a lot more to scoring than simply good shooting. There are reasons teams like Dayton and Indiana made more shots than UK — and it's not because they possess better athletes and shooters.

Until the Cats start giving themselves the ball more often than their opponents, there won't be much to enjoy around the Commonwealth.

I'm confident they will — then the rest will be history.

Tubby knows what he's doing.

I hope.



FILE PHOTO

What's wrong

UK coach Tubby Smith has a number of issues to face with his young team. The Cats lost three in a row for the first time in nine years.

The General Prevails

Indiana head coach Bob Knight ended his five-game losing streak to UK with his team's 83-75 win on Saturday. The victory was the 747th for Knight, breaking a tie with Phog Allen for sixth place on the list of winning coaches. Just ahead is Ed Diehl, who finished his career at Western Kentucky with 759 wins.

John Dobson

ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Young team suffering identity crisis

A new era: It's time for UK to step up and form the next chapter of Tubby-ball in Lexington

INDIANAPOLIS — It's not over. It's just stalled.

Reaching dusk at the dawn of the year 2000, one of college basketball's most storied programs now finds its run as an elite team at a standstill in early December.

Although that paints a dismal picture for the rest of the year, the Cats' season still has a long way to go before the final horn sounds on their March prospects.

In fact, their chances for success this year are still intact, despite the dire predictions of some media figures and the tears of panicked fans. UK still has time to improve, time to find and hit its stride. With the sheer talent and athleticism that the

team puts on the floor, it is very likely that they will.

However, the much-lamented three-game losing streak does signal a conclusion of sorts for the Cats. It serves as a resounding performance of Taps for the first chapter of Tubby Smith basketball at UK, one which solidified the Cats' hold on their reputation as a fearful, loathed and envied team among its competition. 1996's championship season served notice for the basketball world that the Cats' prowess could indeed survive without the presence of UK's messiah, Rick Pitino.

As the team made the most improbable of comeback wins seem routine, Smith

established himself as a superior situational coach and a worthy successor at the helm of the program that C.M. Newton and Pitino had crafted from the ashes of Eddie Sutton's reign.

Today, those hoop's resurrections seem very far away. With the scales now tilted towards youth, the current lot of Cats play without the benefits accorded teams with an abundance of battle-tested juniors and seniors. Some of the names may be the same, but UK's latest edition bears little resemblance to the previous two squads. And it now commands little fear from opponents.

With that in mind, Smith's latest team must begin anew and make a name for itself apart from that earned by Wayne Turner, Scott Padgett and Jeff Sheppard. It is time for the first team of the second chapter of Tubby-ball, the team of Jamaal

Magloire and Saul Smith, of Keith Bogans and Marvin Stone, to forge a new identity of excellence for the UK program.

As it stands now, the Cats are playing without any constants from which to derive such an identity. To whom can the team look to sink the crucial shot? We're still looking for him. Who will provide the emotional spark on the court that will serve to motivate his teammates to a higher level of play, instead of drawing the ire of the referees? We're still looking for him. Who will step up in the closing minutes and refuse to let his team lose?

We're still looking for him, too. Once the Cats find the answers to these questions, UK basketball will regain its rightful place among the most feared and respected teams in the NCAA. Until that happens, it will be a tough time for the squad, its fans and its reputation.

The greatest

Muhammad Ali speaks after receiving Sports Illustrated's 20th Century Sportsman of the Century Award Thursday in New York.

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Three months off

Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo smiles as he walks on crutches in the Orthopedic and Traumatology department at the Pitie-Salpetriere hospital in Paris, Friday. Ronaldo, star player for the Italian soccer team Inter Milan, underwent surgery to his right knee on Tuesday, and should be out for at least three months.



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UK 30, SOUTH CAROLINA 10

Cats bowl destination... Music City



Pour some sugar on me
Florida State's Peter Warrick (9) gets by Florida's Marcus Quendo-Johnson (50) in a late-November FSU win. Florida State will face Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

The verdict: UK to take on Syracuse in Nashville

By Matt May
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It's official — the UK football team will spend a few days in the shadow of the Grand Ole Opry. Despite what was considered a foregone conclusion that UK's surprising 6-5 season would land them in the Music City Bowl in Nashville, the Cats had to wait for the final word to come down from the Southeastern Conference yesterday.

UK's second consecutive bowl game will come against the Syracuse Orangemen on Dec. 29 in the new Adelphia Coliseum, home of the National Football League's Tennessee Titans.

For the Cats, the bowl invitation means the program accomplished part of its goal for 1999. Now that they have reached a bowl, the team wants to do what it could not in last January's Outback Bowl — emerge victorious.

By placing UK in Nashville, the Music City Bowl will most likely be a sellout, with Cat fans from all over the South making the trek to Tennessee's state capitol. If last season's fan turnout in Tampa, Fla., a 14-hour trip from Lexington, was any indication, the 40,000 Big Blue backers there could easily turn into 50,000 in a city as close as Nashville.

The wait for the official word fi-



Back to bowl

Hal Mumme (right) will coach UK in its second consecutive bowl appearance.

nally ended late yesterday afternoon, when the Bowl Championship Series announced it was taking both the conference champion, Alabama, and defending national champion Tennessee as part of the eight-team BCS. That allowed the SEC to fill its remaining six slots without having to leave anyone out.

Perhaps the most surprising SEC pick was the Outback Bowl's choice of Georgia, a 7-4 team, instead of Mississippi State (9-2). Geography and Georgia's controversial loss to Georgia Tech made the Bulldogs from Athens a more attractive choice than the Bulldogs from Starkville. The choice

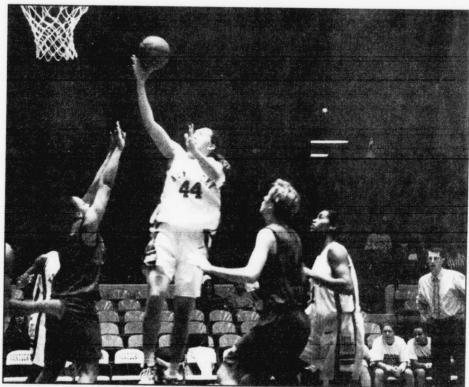
left Mississippi State headed to the Peach Bowl to square off against Clemson. Georgia will face Purdue in Tampa.

Other SEC bowls included Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl to face Texas, Florida in the Citrus Bowl against Michigan State and Ole Miss in the Independence Bowl for a second consecutive year. This time against high-octane Oklahoma. Tennessee is in the Fiesta Bowl against Nebraska, and Alabama is in the Orange versus Michigan.

If you want to buy tickets online for the Music City Bowl, the web site is <http://www.musiccitybowl.com>.

HOOPS

Cats ready to make Pit stop



Up and away

UK forward Laura Meadows (44) is averaging 15.4 points per game for the Cats.

UK senior guard Natalie Martinez returns home as Cats gear up for matchup with New Mexico in 'The Pit'

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It will be a homecoming of sorts for UK senior point guard Natalie Martinez, who will return to her home state of New Mexico along with the rest of the women's basketball team to take on the New Mexico Lady Lobos this evening.

Martinez, who played at Rio Grande High School in Albuquerque, is coming off her best game of the season, as she tallied 11 points, including two three-pointers that broke the game open in the first half, helping the Cats to an impressive victory over Western Kentucky.

After the Western game, Lady Toppers coach Steve Small was complimentary of the UK team, saying that UK had turned a corner in their program.

"She's gone out and gotten those kind of kids who can run that system," he said of coach Bernadette Mattox, speaking of her pressing, trapping, aggressive style of play. "They're hungry. They play like they have something to prove. I think her program's ready for the SEC."

That may be the case, but in the meantime, the UK squad will need to focus on tonight's strong opponent. A Lady Lobo team that finished 17-1 in the now-defunct Western Athletic Conference, and sports a 4-2 record on the year.

"We know playing a good team like New Mexico can only help us improve and prepare us for our tough conference schedule," Mattox said. "The Lobos play in a great atmosphere at The Pit and it will be a big challenge for our team to

get mentally and physically ready to play in Albuquerque."

The mile-high altitude isn't the only thing that could cause trouble for UK. The Pit, New Mexico's home court, is considered one of the most hostile environments for opposing teams. The Lady Lobos averaged 7,470 fans per game last season, good for eighth in the nation.

For UK, the challenge will be to try and shut down New Mexico's best outside shooter, senior guard Miranda Sanchez. The sharp-shooter averages nearly 14 points per game, and is connecting on 60 percent of her three-point attempts.

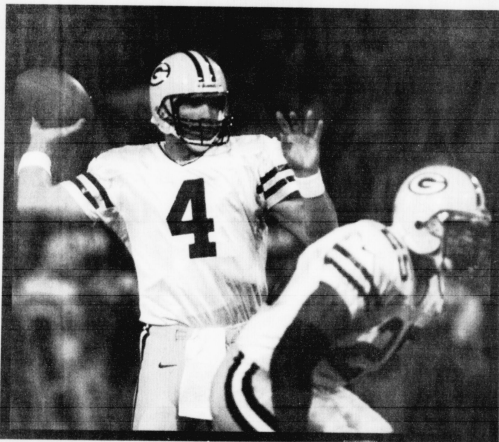
But the Cats may be able to use their aggressive defensive play and their depth to their advantage. UK averages over 73 points per game, New Mexico only 63. In addition, New Mexico will be playing tonight on 48 hours rest, following their second game in two nights, a 63-59 squeaker over American University on Saturday.

The UK team will look to its two senior scorers, forward Laura Meadows and guard Erica Jackson, both of whom are averaging double figures in scoring (15.4 and 10.3, respectively).

Cats vs. Lobos
Tonight, 9 p.m.
The Pit

NFL

Bengals reveal their best



Green Bay Packers' gunslinger Brett Favre led his squad past the Chicago Bears on Sunday at Soldier Field.

FILE PHOTO

Greenbay 35, Bears 19

CHICAGO — The weather outside was frightful, but the Green Bay Packers warmed up their playoff hopes Sunday as rookie De Mond Parker helped overcome the absence of Dorsey Levens.

Parker ran for two-fourth quarter touchdowns and defensive end Keith McKenzie returned a fumble on a botched punt 45 yards for another score as the Packers beat the Chicago Bears 35-19 for their third straight victory.

The wind gusted at 30 mph from the north end, making kicking and passing an adventure all day, and a cold rain swept across Soldier Field. In the fourth quarter, the rain turned briefly to a wet snow.

With leading receiver and rusher Levens inactive because of cracked ribs, the Packers (7-5) made the most of the wind at their back in the final quarter as Brett Favre led an 88-yard drive after the Bears closed to 21-19. Two plays after he was sacked, Favre found Antonio Freeman for a 33-yard gain to the Green Bay 23.

Parker carried twice — for 11 and then 12 more for the touchdown with 6:02 left. Six minutes later, he added a 21-yard touchdown run.

Parker gained 113 yards on 19 carries, while Favre was 17-of-24 for 155 yards to become just the second quarterback to surpass 3,000 yards passing in eight straight seasons. Dan Marino did it nine straight.

San Diego 23, Cleveland 10

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers got just what they needed to end a six-game losing streak — the Cleveland Browns.

Playing without their two All-Pro defenders, linebacker Junior Seau and safety Rodney Harrison, the Chargers beat the Browns 23-10 on Sunday, their first win since defeating Seattle Oct. 17.

San Diego (5-7) got short scoring runs from Kenny Bynum and rookie Jermaine Fzandé, and three field goals from John Carney. Cleveland (2-11) lost its third straight game. Dnsivend Raylee John-

son had a career-high three sacks, half of San Diego's total against Tim Couch. Cleveland's rookie quarterback was 18-of-29 for 184 yards and was intercepted twice.

San Diego scored six points going into the fourth quarter, but Fzandé's 2-yard leap over the top of the pile for his first NFL touchdown gave the Chargers a 23-10 lead with 6:29 left.

The Chargers ran for more than 100 yards for the first time all year, finishing with 145. Bynum had 60 yards on 17 carries.

Bynum gave the Chargers a 13-3 lead when he went in standing up from the 1 with 2:11 left in first half, one play after a 16-yard run by Terrell Fletcher.

Jim Harbaugh finished 16-of-23 for 161 yards.

Cincinnati 44, San Francisco 30

CINCINNATI — The San Francisco 49ers hit another low point Sunday, getting swamped by the worst team of the '90s.

Jeff Blake tied his career high with four touchdown passes as the Cincinnati Bengals reveled in their best offensive game in 10 years, a 44-30 victory in the rain that was a milestone for both sides.

Cincinnati (3-10) got back-to-back wins for the first time since 1997.

With 49ers quarterback Steve Young standing on the sideline like a ghost of glory days past, San Francisco (3-8) erupted from its worst offensive slump ever — no more than seven points in any of the last four games. Jerry Rice led the way, catching two touchdown passes and piling up 142 yards on eight catches.

But a 49ers defense missing injured cornerbacks R.W. McQuarters and Monty Montgomery was easy pickings.

Blake completed 20-of-29 for 328 yards. Corey Dillon rushed 25 times for 133 yards and had five catches for 77 yards and a touchdown, while Carl Pickens had two touchdown catches.

49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia had a career day, completing 31-of-45 for 386 yards with three touchdowns, but couldn't convert two late opportunities. San Francisco set up 13 of Cincinnati's points with turnovers.

Standing up for beliefs

WTO victories and defeats

Late last Friday night, the World Trade Organization (WTO) said it was unable to bridge differences among its members and decided to end its global trade talks for this year.



A Seattle police officer stands over a man who was injured during World Trade Organization protests in downtown Seattle Wednesday.

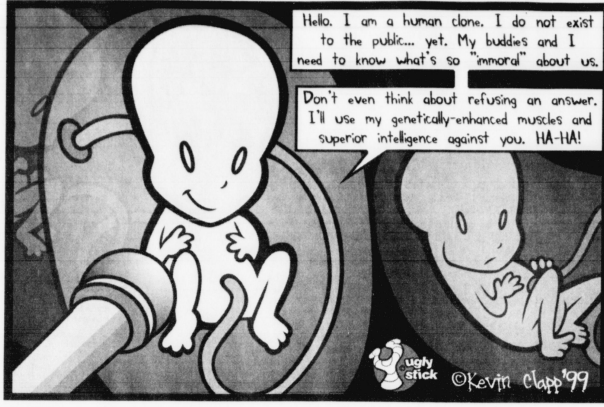
"What was happening on the street had a powerful influence on what was going on inside," said Don Bonker, a former congressman who now is part of a trade consulting group.



President Clinton pictured last week at a WTO luncheon

The talks abruptly ending in this fashion brings embarrassment to the Clinton administration. At this address in January, Clinton made a new round of trade talks a major goal for his administration's final year.

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Before debate, decide on the commandments to use

To the Editor:

The discussion over the Ten Commandments between Dave Gorman and Lindsey Clouse reminded me of an interesting fact of which few people are aware.

The Ten Commandments we normally think of are not the right Ten Commandments, according to the Bible. The commandments we often cite come from Exodus chapter 20 and Deuteronomy chapter 5.

However, nowhere in the text are these laws referred to as the Ten Commandments. The words "Ten Commandments" occur three times in the Bible. They occur in Deuteronomy chapter 4 and Deuteronomy chapter 10, where they are not listed but simply referred to. They also occur in Exodus chapter 34, where they are listed. The funny thing is that the commandments in Exodus 34 are very different from the commandments we commonly see.

This chapter in Exodus starts after Moses has come down from the mountain with the stone tablets containing the original Ten Commandments (which were not called "Ten Commandments" when they were first issued by God) and has broken the tablets because of his anger at the Israelites. He climbs the mountain again and

God tells him to write the words that were on the first tablets on a new set of tablets. These are referred to in the text as the Ten Commandments. This set includes: "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread"; "Celebrate the Feast of Weeks"; and my personal favorite, "Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk."

So before we get caught up in this debate over whether or not the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools, let's get our facts straight and figure out what exactly we are referring to.

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Dancing permits example of local moral invasion

Lexington has been invaded by an insidious culture that delights in the subversion and domination of the indigenous peoples. They began their invasion by surrounding the local downtown community with their armies. It is difficult to even escape the downtown area for a brief stint in the country because these alien hordes now clog the highways with their strange minivans, their Mercedes-status station wagons and their four-wheel-drive, fuel-guzzling monster trucks that never touch any dirt but pavement. They have encircled us with their encampment of strange plastic structures.

From where did these invading hordes come? Are they all coming from Kansas? This is a possibility, but I believe that its origin is not as simple as geography. Who are these people who are multiplying around Lexington, building enclaves separating themselves from the rest of the community?

It is not so much that these people have a common tribal land as much as they have the same ultraconservative belief system. Ultimately these people are extremely self-centered, gluttonous and greedy. The rest of the world just calls them Americans, but I disagree. These people come from a capitalistic system that has been fueled by presidents such as Reagan and Bush. These people are the direct product of multinational corporate control of the nation.

What evil plots have these invaders decided to hatch against us? It would appear that they are conspiring to outlaw fun throughout the land. The most recent attack on fun in an already near fun-less town was designed to effectively outlaw dancing in Lexington clubs. According to an article in the Dec. 3 issue of the Herald-Leader entitled "The Dance Police are out there," police are checking clubs for dancing permits.

I talked to some friends that work at a local bar and to the best of my understanding it is nearly impossible to get the fire department to clear the clubs for a permit. New fire codes demand that these buildings

have various structural alterations. Why dancers are more at risk if a fire breaks out has not yet been established. This is just a flimsy attempt by the right-wingers to justify outlawing dancing.

How's that for a return to puritanical values? Next let's go burn the CDs and publicly execute the musicians that conspire to make us dance. Then we can bring back the rule of thumb. For those of you who do not know, the rule of thumb was an old law that said it was legal to beat your wife with a stick no thicker than your thumb.

Oh, to return to the good old days of morality! This freedom of infraction is coming just weeks after city council member Scott Crosbie became the grinch who stole Lexingtonians' freedom to choose what we watch at the Kentucky Theatre. It's like Tom Robbins says: When freedom is outlawed, only outlaws will be free!

I am writing this article as a reaction. I do not like being told what I can and can't watch or where I can and I can't dance. I am not an infant, and I do not need these decisions made for me. I do not have the same value system as these ultraconservative invaders.

This particular subversive will not be caught lying down. If we allow the conservative minority to win these battles now, then they will get a taste for blood and our rights will continue to be eaten away.

What can we do? We can organize grassroots groups and protest these perverse, moralistic rules. We can write letters to city council members expressing our bereavement. We can be on the wrong side of the law when the law is so right that it is wrong. The Internet is a powerful tool to organize protests and stimulate discussions. Go to http://lexpages.com/fascism/ and join the discussion.

With any luck we can organize our numbers and tote these moral Neanderthals the hell out of office!

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'TIS THE SEASON

It's beginning to look a lot like the holidays



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Capitol cheer

President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton smile as they enter the Oval Office of the White House for a menorah lighting ceremony Friday in Washington.



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Sharing the light

Rabbi Levi Krinsky lights the first candle of the menorah Friday at the Statehouse in Concord, N.H., to start Hanukkah.

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — In a nation of fast food restaurants, cash machines and even drive-through liquor stores, the city's First Church of the Nazarene is finding people like their religion quick and convenient as well.

This week, the church is closing its parking lot to set up a drive-through Nativity scene for those who want to experience the "true meaning of Christmas," but don't want to leave their cars.

"I suppose some people will feel it is tacky, and I suppose intellectually it is," said Carla Johnson, professor of communications at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. "But from the standpoint of they have a message that they want to get to as many people as they can ... it's a really good idea."

The church expects about 10,000 people to take the 15-minute drive, said Jane Krutz, a member of the church's board of directors.

Since the church started the tradition 12 years ago, the five-day exhibit has grown to about 140 costumed characters and a stable full of animals, from donkeys to hens.

Motorists pass through nine scenes illuminated with candles, each telling a part of the Christmas story. In a scene where shepherds watch their flocks by night, an angel is suspended in the air.

Many churches have had to turn to secular-style marketing efforts to attract a crowd, Johnson said.

"They're using the channels that people are comfortable with. They're giving you something you want to see and at the same time getting the message across," she said.

The concept of outdoor morality plays is actually centuries old, Johnson said. In the Middle Ages, churches sent actors to small towns to deliver messages on morality to illiterate townspeople.

"It's a way of reaching a culture that's more visual than literate," she said.

Krutz said one man who drove through the church's Nativity scenes about three years ago had a spiritual re-awakening.

"He hadn't been in church since he was a boy," Krutz said. "Because it was outside, he came through it."

The next year he portrayed one of the shepherds, she said.



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Lexington spirit

Santa Claus waves to the crowd at Saturday's holiday parade in downtown Lexington.



Miss Black Kentucky Nina Young, a UK interior design sophomore, waves to the crowd at Saturday's parade.

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