



Happenings

Not a psychic

For the least read issue of the Kernel every year, I offer things that I never would have guessed I would see. Things not included in this are a plethora of tickets on cars around campus, bars making money hand over fist and the Cats winning the regular season SEC title (I never doubted that you guys). Things that are included in the list of things I thought I would never see:

Pitino living in the state of Kentucky and having a wardrobe that resembles a candy cane. Maybe he could buy some of Bobby Knight's old sweaters and wash them in hot water to shrink them. It's just an idea. Then again I am sure that Pitino has plenty of Boston's money to buy stylish red, white and black clothes to last a lifetime.

A story about the equestrian team published in our newspaper. Not sure why they are never in there, but I figured I would never see one.

A place as cool as Varsity Blue move into the once great hangout LCB. Don't know how the first went under and don't think the current occupant will.

Me voluntarily leaving my job as rail editor. The time is close at hand for the reins to be taken over by others for good. I like to pretend that the reins are attached to Clydesdales and they are pulling the Budweiser wagon. As I jump off tossing the reins to Jonathan Ray and Jared Whalen, I plan on taking a couple of cases and the Dalmatian with me for the trip!

Not sure if it will happen, but a pro basketball team in Louisville. Could you even imagine? The pulse of basketball would come from the heart of the sport that would have to be the Louisville, UK and IU area. Just hope that we don't get basketballled out - wait, that is impossible. This is basketball country.

Ron Norton rail_editor@hotmail.com Have a fun, relaxing, but safe Spring Break. If leaving the country, avoid the cops. If staying in the country, avoid the cops. It's all fun and games until someone goes to jail or runs out of beer or pukes or gets a really bad hangover or a speeding ticket or ... maybe it's not all fun and games. Have fun anyway!

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather

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Hi Lo

It's warming up. Why don't you skip all your classes next week, on us.

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KUDOS

Student climbs advertising ladder

At the top: ISC senior Shaneka Edwards recognized for accomplishments in her field

By Kendra Livingston

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Shaneka Edwards has been singing commercial jingles since she was three.

"I'd get on the coffee table and sing," she said.

The singing must have paid off. Today, Edwards, an integrated strategic communications senior, was selected by the American Advertising Federation as one of the 25 most promising minority students who will enter the job market.

"Thank you Jesus!" Edwards remembers yelling as she heard the news on her answering machine. "I had a feeling that something good was going to happen. Either, I would get [it] or at least get on AAF honor roll," she said.

Edwards has always excelled in school. During her senior year at Bryan Station High School, she was the editor of the school newspa-

per and a National Honor Society member.

Edwards began college as a pre-pharmacy major, but the heavy science requirements swayed her from the program and into UK's integrated strategic communication program to study advertising.

"I love being creative and finding different ways to execute," she said.

The first in her family to graduate from college, earning a diploma will be a great accomplishment for Edwards. And she said she wouldn't be where she is today without the support of others.

"A lot of people helped me and it is important for me to give back to those people — giving is a human quality that everyone should have," Edwards said.

Not long ago, Edwards worked two full-time jobs, carried a full schedule of classes, and balanced an internship at the same time.

"It was hard work, but I did

it," she said. Professors in her field of study say she has what it takes to make it in the workforce.

"She's got the determination to be successful," said Rick Roth, associate ISC professor and advisor of UK's AAF chapter. "The honor and recognition couldn't have happened to a better student or person."

The AAF is a national organization of advertising associates dedicated to developing effective advertising in the marketplace.

The 25 Most Promising Minority Students program was started by the AAF five years ago to diversify the advertising work force and reach out to multicultural consumers.

"After five years and as our honorees progress, we know this program has enhanced the multicultural perspective in the industry of advertising," said AAF President and CEO Wally Snyder said in a UK news release. "These students offer companies rich talent and the promise of even better advertising."

Edwards and the 24 other



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Building a future

Shaneka Edwards, an integrated strategic communications senior, is one of the American Advertising Federation's top 25 most promising minority students.

most promising minority students were featured in the Feb. 19 issue of *Advertising Age* magazine, which cosponsors the program with the AAF.

Edwards also enjoyed an all-expense-paid trip to New York City, one of the many benefits of

the award.

The winners met recruiters and executives from leading advertising agencies at the AAF's "Building Bridges for our Future" luncheon.

With all her recent acclaim, Edwards remains humble. "I'm just blessed," she said.

REALITY

Facing temptation



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Beach breakups

Several students' relationships will be tested over Spring Break, much like the four couples on the recently concluded TV show 'Temptation Island.' Some students said the temptation might have an impact on their relationships.

Something to think about: 'Temptation Island' puts Spring Break romance into perspective

By Katie Kramer

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Watching the reality TV show "Temptation Island" became a weekly ritual in many dorm rooms, apartments and houses this year.

For some, the tempting theory behind the series put a new spin on the idea of relationships and how decisions can be made to stay with a loved one.

The first series has finally come to an end, with each relationship surviving the show's controversial set-up: Four couples came onto the island to test their relationship by separating and spending time with 26 single men and women.

This tempting scenario has left many students thinking about their own love lives and experiences, especially with Spring Break beginning this weekend.

A large percentage of students could put their own rela-

tionships to the test next week. Will stepping outside of the relationship make things stronger between you and your loved one like it did for the couples on "Temptation Island?"

"The singles on 'Temptation Island' were placed in that environment solely to tempt the couples. To me, that does not seem as real of a temptation as going on Spring Break and meeting someone who has not been paid to break up a relationship," says Kristi Johnson, a biology junior. "I would have to say that should I meet someone or should my boyfriend meet someone, that would create some serious problems in our relationship."

Some students get restless before break and find it easy to be tempted.

"In the past I have found myself in pretty shaky relationships before the start of the spring holiday, so I have usually ended relationships because of meeting someone new," says

Stephanie Martin, a biology sophomore.

"Those couples on 'Temptation Island' amaze me that they can last after making such strong connections with other people."

Others have a completely different approach to the upcoming break.

"Being extremely single this Spring Break, I think that I will be looking to be the tempter," says Josh Richardson, a psychology freshman. "Watch out ladies!"

Relationships are difficult enough without the added troubles of 26 sexy singles.

While some students fear that the show may have an impact on their relationship, some in the psychology field do not think there is anything to worry about.

"I may be naïve, but I do not think that one show is going to change the way people view their relationships," says psychology professor Ron Taylor. "But the popularity of the reality shows says something about the general public."

STATE NEWS

Feds will prosecute in kidnapping case

Decision: Attorney General John Ashcroft will determine what punishment to seek

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWARK, N.J. — The federal case against a New Jersey man charged in the fatal kidnapping from Kentucky of a British computer consultant who was dating his ex-girlfriend will proceed first, a prosecutor says.

The federal charge of kidnapping resulting in death was levied Thursday against Gregory J. Marcinski, about 10 months after Kentucky brought a similar charge. Both charges allow prosecutors to consider whether to seek the death penalty.

The federal case will go to trial first, in Trenton, N.J., but it has not yet been determined whether Kentucky will dismiss its case, Assistant U.S. Attorney Treby Williams said.

A decision on whether to seek the death penalty will ultimately be made by U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, she said.

Marcinski, 24, of Brick, has been held in Kentucky since shortly after the body of Paul Jeffrey Gale was found last spring near Marcinski's home.

A message left for a prosecutor handling the Kentucky case in Boone County, Ky., Linda Tally Smith, was not immediately returned.

Marcinski's Kentucky lawyer, David Fessler, also did not respond to a request for comment on Thursday.

The one-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Trenton came a week after two acquaintances of Marcinski implicated him in the fatal kidnapping while pleading guilty to lesser federal charges. Both also agreed to testify against Marcinski.

His former Brick housemate, Preston C. Foray Jr., admitted that he helped his friend burn and bury Gale and later helped dispose of the handcuffs used to bind the 28-year-old Briton.

Another Ocean County man, Robert A. Norcia III, admitted that he knew about the fatal kidnapping and helped conceal evidence of the crime by throwing the handcuffs off a bridge.

At the time, Foray was living with Marcinski in Brick. Gale's body was found in a swampy area of the township about two miles from their residence, where they lived with Marcinski's grandmother.

Authorities believe Gale, a native of Birmingham, England, and a resident of Mount Laurel, N.J., and Naples, Fla., was strangled because he was dating Marcinski's former girlfriend, Darla Guida.

According to investigators and court papers, Marcinski drove his grandmother's Buick 800 miles on April 17 and flashed bogus FBI credentials to get into Gale's room at the Holiday Inn in Florence, Ky.

Marcinski awakened Gale, handcuffed him, and drove off. Marcinski told Foray that he killed the man after driving for about an hour, Foray told agents.

Foray, 22, faces up to five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and an order of restitution. Norcia, 30, who operates a food store across the street from where Foray and Marcinski lived, faces up to three years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and an order of restitution.

Both are to be sentenced June 4 by U.S. District Judge Garrett E. Brown Jr. As part of their plea agreements, they have agreed to cooperate with prosecutors, so they could face substantially lower penalties.

Foray remains under house arrest, with electronic monitoring, at his parents' residence in Point Pleasant on \$1 million bail.

Norcia, owner of Rob's Top Notch, remains free on \$100,000 bond. Gale worked in Mount Laurel as a computer programmer for TRW Integrated Supply. At the time of his death, he was working for TRW in Kentucky as a consultant in the merger of two pharmaceutical companies.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

House set to vote on Bush income tax cut

WASHINGTON — Trying to build momentum for President Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax relief package, Republicans sought a quick House victory Thursday on a bill that would cut income taxes for every American who pays them. While most Democrats were opposed, majority Republicans predicted the 10-year, \$68 billion income tax cut would pass and move to the Senate, where its fate is less assured and little action is expected until May. Bush, who has spent much of his young presidency campaigning for tax cuts, said the projected \$6.6 trillion budget surplus over the next decade is more than ample to meet government obligations, pay down public debt and still return money to overburdened taxpayers.

Safety legislation awaits signature

WASHINGTON — Legislation to repeal broad new workplace safety regulations awaits President Bush's signature after an intense lobbying campaign that included assurances to lawmakers uneasy about voting against organized labor. The measure, which would revoke ergonomics rules issued late in the Clinton administration, secured remarkably swift passage, propelled by business interests who criticized the cost and scope of the regulations and a desire by the congressional GOP leadership to give Bush his first legislative victory. The president has signaled he would sign the bill. The House passed the legislation Wednesday night on a largely party line vote of 223-206, less than 24 hours after Senate passage, despite a vigorous fight from Democrats and labor.

Sharon will meet Arafat if violence stops

JERUSALEM — On his first full day in office, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Thursday he would be willing to meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for negotiations — if the current violence ends. A smiling, relaxed Sharon stood shoulder-to-shoulder with outgoing premier Ehud Barak at a brief ceremony marking the handover of power a month after Sharon won a landslide election victory. "We're facing a period which is not going to be easy," Sharon said. "There are security risks and diplomatic issues which are far from simple."

Lawyers challenge collision theory

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — Lawyers for two commanding officers aboard the USS Greeneyville challenged the Navy's theory that safety was compromised when the submarine's schedule became muddled the day it fatally collided with a Japanese boat. Time and again, the lawyers put the admiral who oversaw the Navy's preliminary investigation on the spot Wednesday about information either left out of his report or conclusions that may never be going to be easy. "There are security risks and diplomatic issues which are far from simple."

HEADS UP

Mir set to plunge into Pacific

Scheduled demise: Soviet officials make March 20 date to dump Mir space station

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russian space officials on Wednesday set March 20 for dumping the Mir space station, saying they want to wait until the craft drifts closer to Earth before giving it a final shove toward a fiery plunge into the Pacific Ocean.

They warned that the date for Mir's long-delayed demise may still vary depending on solar activity, which expands the atmosphere and creates friction with the 15-year-old station.

Space officials had previously said they would start steps to prepare for Mir's controlled descent after its orbit drops to 155 miles by the end of this week. But Deputy Mission Control chief Viktor Blagov said Wednesday that space engineers decided to let the orbiter descend to 132 miles before discarding it.

"Mir's de-orbit is tentatively set for March 20," Blagov said at a news conference.

Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said that controllers want Mir to move closer to ensure that they have as much fuel as possible for the final push.

"The closer to Earth the station comes, the less fuel is needed," he said.

The trickiest part of the preparations will include bringing Mir, which is now in a slow rolling and rotating motion, to a steady position in orbit. The process will require fuel and a lot of electric power, and Mir's batteries are old and unstable.

Mission Control lost contact with Mir for 20 hours in December because of a sudden power loss. Space officials have since tried to minimize power consumption by switching off most of the station's equipment. They have also allowed Mir to roll, because keeping it stable would use limited fuel reserves.

Blagov said that Mission Control would stabilize Mir just one day before the dumping, and played down fears of a power outage or a computer glitch resulting in a chaotic plunge.

"We have seen numerous voltage and communications problems, but they posed no danger to the station because we were always able to recharge the batteries," Blagov said.

In case Mir's skittish central computer fails, Mission Control can direct the descent using the computer on the Progress cargo ship docked with the Mir, Blagov said.

On March 20, the Progress will fire its engines twice during two consecutive orbits and then, several hours later, fire again to send the 14-ton station hurtling toward the Pacific between Australia and Chile. The last maneuver will take place over Russia so Mission Control can monitor it using Russian radar stations.

"The station will descend over Russia, China and then head down into the Pacific Ocean," Blagov said. He said it would take about 45 minutes from the last engine push for the station's debris to reach the Earth's surface.

Blagov said Mission Control has vast experience dumping spacecraft, because cargo ships are disposed of the same way.

Most of Mir will burn up in the atmosphere, but some 1,500 fragments with a total weight of up to 27.5 tons are expected to make it to the surface.

On Tuesday, Russian officials said they were negotiating a \$200 million insurance policy against any damage the orbiter could cause when it plunges to Earth.



SPORTY OUT: Helaine Chisholm, aka Sporty Spice, told Reuters on Thursday she does not plan to keep working with the Britain pop phenomenon and will instead focus on her burgeoning solo career. Her decision could effectively mark the death knell for a meg-selling act against rallying cry of "Girl Power!" reverbated around the world when they burst on the scene six years ago.



HOUSTON GETS OFF: A judge has dismissed a marijuana possession charge against singer Whitney Houston, leaving her with a clean record in Hawaii, prosecutors said. District Judge Joseph Florendo Jr. dismissed the petty misdemeanor marijuana possession charge Monday after a substance abuse assessment was filed on her behalf, said Deputy Prosecutor Melvin Fujino.

the three admirals overseeing the inquiry would have to delve deeper. Attorneys for Cmdr. Scott Waddle and Lt. Cmdr. Gerald Pfeifer questioned Griffiths' assumption that the senior officers rushed their safety precautions because 16 civilian guests had delayed the sub's plans.

IRA to renew disarmament talks

DUBLIN, Ireland — The Irish Republican Army announced Thursday it intends to resume talks with Northern Ireland's disarmament commissioners, raising hopes that a stalled peace process could soon move forward. The announcement set no date for the renewed dialogue. The IRA, which was supposed to disarm gradually under terms of Northern Ireland's 1996 peace accord, has yet to scrap any weapons. The outlawed group's lead negotiator last met the disarmament commission 13 months ago. Thursday's apparent shift in a statement to Irish media came hours before the British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, at Hillsborough, Northern Ireland, had scheduled a fresh round of negotiations with local parties that support the 1996 accord.

Labor leaders say more women at work

GENEVA — Women are making up an increasing percentage of the world's workers, but many still find it impossible to break into top jobs, the International Labor Organization said Thursday. In a report to mark International Women's Day, the organization said women — who make up around 40 percent of the global work force — face a "glass ceiling" when they try to get to the top in business and politics. Worldwide, women hold 1 to 2 percent of top executive jobs. Eight countries have female heads of state while less than 14 percent of the world's lawmakers and 1 percent of labor union leaders are female, said the study, an 18-page summary of a book to be published later this year. Even women who do get to the top on average earn less than men, the study said.

O.J. asks Court to nullify judgment

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson has reportedly asked the California Supreme Court to overturn a \$33.5 million wrongful-death judgment against him for the killings of his ex-wife and her friend. Simpson alleges in documents filed in Los Angeles that he was denied his constitutional right to a fair trial, the former football star's friend, Henry Johnson, told the Los Angeles Times. A message left after business hours Wednesday for Simpson attorney Daniel P. Leonard was not immediately returned. A civil jury found Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994, slayings of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ron Goldman. Jurors ordered him to pay \$33.5 million to the victims' families. Simpson was acquitted in criminal court.

Compiled from wire reports.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Gov. Patton passes black-lung torch to Republicans

FRANKFORT — Gov. Pat Patton conceded defeat Thursday for his black-lung legislation and placed the burden on Senate Republicans to craft a proposal acceptable to coal miners.

Patton said he would step aside from those negotiations, having failed for a second year to get his black-lung proposal through the General Assembly. Patton said he would convene a special legislative session if Senate Republicans and labor leaders agreed on a substitute.

"The responsibility now lays with them," Patton said of Senate Republicans. "And I am hoping that they will accept that responsibility, and having rejected my suggestion come up with their own."

Senate President David Williams struck a conciliatory tone as well. Williams praised the governor's offer and expressed a willingness to try to fashion a proposal balancing the needs of all miners while not saddling the coal industry with burdensome costs.

"We need to have some testimony that allows us to establish proper criteria to allow people to get benefits that they deserve," Patton said. Williams, R-Burkesville, "There does seem to be a strong opinion that many people who should be receiving benefits aren't receiving benefits."

Williams said Patton's bill arrived in the Senate too late for in-depth review to determine the proposal's impact. Patton's bill would have made it easier for coal miners to obtain workers' compensation benefits for black lung. It passed the Democratic-controlled House by a wide margin but stalled in a Senate committee.

Sen. Katie Stine, the committee chairwoman, refused to allow a vote. Since then, Republican leaders have worked diligently to keep their members united against possible Democratic efforts to pull the bill from committee. Democrats were poised for such an effort Tuesday, but Williams abruptly adjourned the Senate before they could make the motion.

Patton said Thursday he hoped Republican leaders and miners' representatives could reach quick agreement. Williams said the issue could be addressed in two or three months and called for bipartisan cooperation.

Patton admits he made a mistake by championing changes made to the black-lung benefit program four years ago. Labor leaders say those changes made it virtually impossible for coal miners to win black-lung claims.

Patton said that miners continue to contract black-lung disease, and the lack of benefits will keep them in the mines until they become tethered to oxygen bottles and eventually die prematurely.

GOOFS

Corrections

• The Dave Matthews review appearing in Monday's paper was written by Ben Atkins.

• The "What If This Was Your Backyard" forum on Wednesday night was sponsored by the Green Thumb Environmental Club.

To report an error call The Kentucky Kernel at 257-1915.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chinese officials blame lone madman for school explosion

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — Premier Zhu Rongji on Thursday blamed a lone madman for an explosion that destroyed a schoolhouse, killing 41 students and teachers in rural southeastern China.

The father of an 11-year-old son killed in the blast said officials were lying. Zhang Chenggen said the school in the village of Fang Lin in Jiangxi province had forced children to manufacture fireworks to cover its budget and benefit teachers.

"Everybody knows it is caused by the fireworks. The government is trying to cover the facts. Please do not believe them," Zhang said by telephone.

Zhang said thousands of people had demonstrated Wednesday outside the school to demand punishment of those responsible. Most of the dead were students, but some were teachers.

The disaster, which came the week of the annual meeting of China's national legislature, is extremely embarrassing for Chinese leaders, whose reputations have already suffered from a string of fatal building collapses and fires.

Police experts were combing through the wreckage of the school where the explosion Tuesday morning ripped down walls and left a heap of books, bricks and furniture. Exposed inner walls had Chinese flags and patriotic slogans still neatly pinned up.

Around 190 people were inside at the time of the blast. Witnesses have said that 37 of the dead were students and the other four were teachers, though no official breakdown has been given.

Zhu denied widespread reports that fireworks manufacturing in the school was to blame. Speaking to Hong Kong television, he said the explosion was caused by a man who carried a bag of fireworks into the school. Zhu said the man died in the explosion.

"According to initial investigation, he suffered from mental problems, but we'll continue with the investigation," Zhu said.

"But it's certain that it's not a case of the primary school renting out space for the storage for the raw materials."

A government newspaper quoted a teacher saying a 65-year-old man set off a bag of explosives on a student's desk during class.

The teacher, whom the Liao Shen Evening Paper identified only by the surname Deng, said the man refused repeated demands to leave the classroom, then used a lighter to ignite a fuse. "I shouted for the students to run, then heard a huge noise and I don't know anything else," Deng was quoted as saying.

Zhang said his son, Zhang Yu, and other third- and fourth-grade students had been required since 1998 to spend half the school day assembling fireworks.

Part of the profits subsidized school expenses and the rest went to local officials, Zhang said. He said children were ordered not to tell their parents about their work, and those who did were punished by being forced to kneel on the classroom floor.

According to Zhang, an officials trying to calm angry relatives in Wednesday's protest said the school principal and other officials have been detained for questioning. The government gave the family of each dead child \$3,660 for funeral expenses, Zhang said.

The town, about 480 miles southwest of Shanghai, is known for its fireworks industry. The official China Daily newspaper said numerous fireworks factories operate in the school's area — one about a mile away.

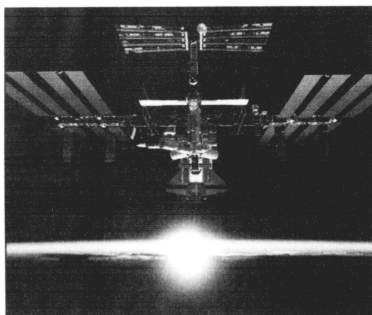


ILLUSTRATION FURNISHED

New and improved
As the Russians prepare for the end of the Mir space station, work continues on the International Space Station.



SOURCES: United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs; Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Japan)

Past re-entry accidents have included the 1978 crash of a Soviet satellite in northern Canada, scattering radioactive fragments over the wilderness but causing no injuries.

A year later, the unoccupied U.S. Skylab space station fell to Earth after its orbit deteriorated faster than expected. Ground controllers tried to aim it into the ocean, but debris came down on a sparsely populated area in western Australia. No one was hurt.

MOVIES

Movie heads south of border and gets lost



PHOTO FURNISHED

I'm so pretty

Everyone's favorite leading hunk Brad Pitt and media darling Julia Roberts, neither of whom are hispanic, team up in the new movie *The Mexican*.

Get funky: In spite of a star-studded cast, new film's twisted and confusing plot leaves audience exhausted

By Stacie Melhaus
STAFF CRITIC

"I'm just here to regulate funkiness," said James Gandolfini's character in *The Mexican*.

If this is the case, than Gandolfini's character should have been the director because the real director, Gore Verbinski, creates a film full of funky flaws.

The movie stars, Brad Pitt as Jerry and Julia Roberts as Samantha, are an on again/off again couple. At the beginning we learn that Jerry has to do one last job for his evil cronies and then he can get married to Samantha and she can start her dream job as a waitress/singer in Las Vegas. But Samantha says it is now or never and throws Jerry out of the house.

Jerry is sent to Mexico to recover an old gun. He is sent into the deep recesses of

Mexico, where he is told the history of the gun many different times in an interesting old-film format.

Jerry continuously bungles his job. To add incentive for him to work harder, the powers that be abduct Samantha. Her abductor is Leroy, played by Gandolfini, a large man with the typical bald head and goatee who is planning to take her to Las Vegas so they can intercept the gun from Jerry. Samantha is initially scared of him, but then they begin to build a friendship, especially when she finds out some of the more interesting traits of Leroy.

The plot takes off in twisted directions. It tries to become *Mission Impossible*-esque, in which nobody is who they seem. There are no clues or build-up to the unveiling of the characters, and the audience tends to have no idea that there is possibly more than one organization trying to get at the

gun. Both Jerry and Samantha play pawns to people that they believe they are able to trust and can't.

The music is an odd mix. There is a cowboy-like strain that echoes throughout the film. Depending on your style, this can be either funny or irksome.

This is a journey film, slightly in the vein of *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* in the fact that anything that can go wrong to Jerry does. For example, his car is stolen, he is thrown in jail and a man that he doesn't have the heart to kill comes back later to harass him.

By the time you find yourself at the end of the movie, you are thrilled to finally get the true story of the gun, but exhausted by the sheer amount of setbacks in the journey.

Unfortunately, even with all the starpower that comes with the story, the film could possibly have been about an hour shorter. Both Brad and Julia are nice to look at, but when the story that contains them drags on, even they become less appealing.

Grade: C+

FILM

Director paints moving picture

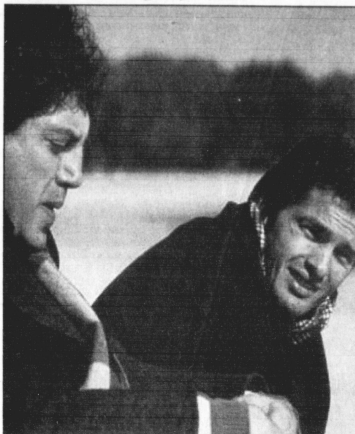


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Buenos noches

Javier Bardem turns in an Academy Award-nominated portrayal of Cuban-born author Reynaldo Arenas, who died from AIDS.

Starving artist: Film captures tragedy and beauty of author's work and struggle

By Matt Mulcahey
SCENE EDITOR

Reynaldo Arenas was born into poverty in Cuba before its revolution. Though he never escaped the poverty and oppression, he managed to escape mortality through the beauty of his words and his passion for writing.

Based on Arenas' memoir *Before Night Falls*, the film is directed by Julian Schnabel (himself a former painter) whose first film *Basquiat* was also a portrait of a tragic artist.

The narrative structures of these two films are quite similar: traumatic childhood moments, early struggles, rise to fame and eventual tragedy.

What sets the films apart is how far Schnabel has come as a visual director and the voiceover narration made up of Arenas' writing. *Basquiat* was a great movie, in fact a better movie than *Before Night Falls*, but it was a movie made great through magnificent acting and storytelling.

And although *Before Night Falls* features an excellent Academy Award-nominated performance by Javier Bardem as Arenas and unexpected turns from Sean Penn, Johnny Depp and Michael Wincott, the acting isn't what makes this movie great. *Before Night Falls* achieves its artistic vision in the way Schnabel paints his cinematic canvas.

The camera glides, floating in and out of scenes, in the distance, observing moments instead of intruding on them. It takes an artist to capture nature's beauty and Schnabel's images are as close to poetry as a film can get.

What keeps *Before Night Falls* from being as wonderful as *Basquiat* is the story. It's told in episodes rather than a cohesive whole and puts too much emphasis on Arenas' sexual orientation. The film does capture the spirit and atmosphere of Cuba before and after the Revolution, and the sexual and artistic revolution that tried to fight against the constraints of Castro's iron dictatorship, but it doesn't delve deeply enough into the man himself. Reynaldo Arenas was a gay writer, and from this film you would think the two characteristics completely encapsulated who he was.

Yet the film comes close to capturing the essence of an artist. An artist who loved writing so much he endured unspeakable horrors to continue to express himself. He was an artist who would stop at nothing to have his words read (including smuggling one of his manuscripts in the same hiding place as Christopher Walken's wristwatch in *Pulp Fiction*).

In the end, *Before Night Falls* captures the passion of two artists through the vision of director Julian Schnabel and the words of Reynaldo Arenas.

Grade: B

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<p>MEETINGS *Cultural Event in French Mtg., 5-6pm, Kennesaw Hall Room</p> <p>SPORTS *The Kwon Do Club Practice Hours, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *Men's Basketball SEC Tournament, Nashville</p> <p>LECTURES *Hour of Entomology Colloquium, 4pm, Ag. Science Ctr. North 6-7</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *Open Gym Volleyball, Uplink Campus Ministries, 8pm, Calvary Baptist Church Gym</p>	<p>Fri 9</p>
<p>MEETINGS *Newman Center Mass, 6pm</p> <p>SPORTS *The Kwon Do Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *Men's Basketball SEC Tournament, Nashville</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *CineVista Festival, 8pm, Singletary Ctr. RH</p>	<p>Sat 10</p>
<p>MEETINGS *Center Mass, 8pm, 11:30pm, 5pm, and 8:30pm *Men's Basketball SEC Tournament, Nashville *The Sigma Phi Mtg., 7pm, 220 Social Ctr. *B-12 University Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ *Bible Study, Jesus the One and Only, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5-7pm, Calvary Baptist Church *Women's Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Social, Union Chapel</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Lath *Men's Basketball SEC Tournament, Nashville</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *UK Akudo Club, 1-3pm, UK Alumni Gym Lath *Recreation Night, Uplink Campus Ministries, 7pm, Calvary Baptist Church Rec. & Outreach Ctr.</p>	<p>Sun 11</p>

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Alright, reach for the sky...

Singing telegram causes panic

MINNEAPOLIS — The next time singing telegram man Fritz Herring gets asked to do a cowboy routine, he may want to leave the phony six-shooter home. Herring, 73, ended up in the clink Monday after trying to deliver a birthday telegram at the Hennepin County Government Center in his cowboy duds. A sheriff's deputy spotted the fake gun and grabbed him. "They thought I was deranged, and that I was coming in to kill a judge," Herring said. "I kept saying the gun was a dummy. And they kept asking questions about my mental health; if I'd ever been in an insane asylum; if I was on medication or if I had thoughts about suicide."

Hennepin County Sheriff's Capt. Richard Loose said Wednesday that Herring was held for several hours because he was uncooperative and wouldn't explain what he was up to dressed like a cowboy in the courthouse. As Herring sat in jail, an employee at the county's Disabilities Services Department waited in her office for the singing cowboy she had hired as a birthday treat for a co-worker and country music fan.

Want to redo the bathroom?

Store owners lose \$16,000 worth of tile

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — If you leave it out, they will come. And they will haul it off, too. That's the \$16,000 lesson store owners Bruce and Phyllis Garrett learned. It took the Garretts 12 hours to stack 100 waist-high pallets of tile in the parking lot in front of their Only \$1 store. In half that time, people took almost all of it. Sunday while the store was closed, some of them backing up trucks and piling in the tile. Bruce Garrett said the tile was in the parking lot because there was no room left in the store, but apparently a rumor circulated that the pallets were left by a building supply store next door that had gone out of business. "We tiled half of Glynn County at our expense," he said. He said he was stunned by some people he stopped from taking what was left. "One guy said, 'The only proof I've got that it's yours is your say so,'" he said. "I said, 'Sir, the only thing you need to know is it's not yours.'" The couple said they recovered about \$40 worth of it Tuesday and a woman brought back more on Wednesday. Police were studying videotape from a bank camera across the parking lot to identify others who took the tile.

—Source: AP Wire
 —Compiled by:
 Jenny Robertson



READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Lack of sensitivity may doom history to be repeated again

To the Editor:

In a Feb. 19 Kernel article, Clay McDaniel wrote of his admission to being a self-proclaimed author of "mean-spirited" columns. Although I generally disagree with Mr. McDaniel's philosophical issues, I respect his right to express his opinion by giving him a fair chance to have his perspective heard.

However, after reading one of his more recent installments of attention seeking shock-journalistic conservatism, McDaniel's written perspective lost a great deal of my respect. This is as a direct result of his failed attempt to correlate a day created to recognize affection and a depot where

people were tortured and annihilated during World War II.

He wrote that Valentine's Day "comes and goes with about as much pomp and circumstance as a Bar Mitzvah in Auschwitz." McDaniel closed his article by offering an apology for merely getting "side-tracked." I find this to be nothing less than appalling.

My skepticism may say that I am hypersensitive. I would respond that the fault does not exist with my use of sensitivity, but rather with their lack thereof, thus promoting desensitization — one step closer in dooming the repetition of history.

In defense of his article, Mr. McDaniel may claim that this analogy was in good humor, but I find nothing neither good nor humorous about the house where one of Europe's greatest atrocities took place. Perhaps he will say that this comment was all in jest, but that would only reveal the presence of ignorance within

his article.

Mr. McDaniel, my primary relatives were lost in Auschwitz and other concentration camps. I am not claiming to be a victim or asking for money from the corporations that expedited the extermination of people other than the Aryans.

I am not claiming to be the offspring of the only inhumane act of this century; however, I am asking that you do not blasphemously use words that fill those hollow grounds with crass humor. I also ask that you and your sympathizers close your eyes, imagine a Bar Mitzvah in Auschwitz, and then recognize its lack of resemblance to Valentine's Day.

We must learn to accept responsibility for today's actions that subsequently create tomorrow's history.

GABRIEL SPERBER
 PHILOSOPHY AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES JUNIOR

Shazia Bashir
 GUEST COLUMNIST

Lust for power hurts Kashmir's citizens

Two households both unlike in dignity in fair Kashmir where we lay our scene. From ancient grudge break to new mutiny. Where civil blood leaves civil hands unclean.

India and Pakistan's battle over Kashmir is a deadly modern day Montague-Capulet vendetta that has lasted for more than 50 years.

The Kashmiri people's right to self-determination has been denied and their human rights have been violated since India's oppressive occupation of the land in 1947. The Kashmir Task Force appealed for action — or at least thought — on March 6, Kashmir Awareness Day.

Kashmir lies in the heart of Asia, with a population of 13 million, surrounded by Pakistan, India, Afghanistan and China.

The beauty in this land of mountains and valleys in the Himalayas is reflected in the cascade of waterfalls and rivers that flow through banks lined with exotic flowers. However, Kashmir's beauty is being devastated by the ugliness of war and human rights abuses by Indian forces — in the form of murder, rape, burning with hot rods, electric shocks and crushing of limbs with heavy rollers.

Since 1990, this state of terrorism has resulted in more than 60,000 deaths. The United States, Amnesty International and the British Parliament have denounced India.

Kashmir has been independent for centuries.

But in the colonial era, it was one of the states ruled by feudal chiefs, Maharajahs, that were granted internal autonomy by Great Britain. With the British partition of 1947, the autonomous states chose whether to become independent or merge into one country, based on the wishes of their people.

The Maharajah of Kashmir was Hindu, unique for a Muslim majority state, and he rejected the people's wish-

es. When the people revolted, he fled the capital, Srinagar, and signed an accession to India with the stipulation that the Indian military would restore control. But the Maharajah did not have the legitimacy to sign the accession because he had lost his authority after the insurgency.

The people of Kashmir rejected India's claim to their country, a claim that was never accepted by the United Nations and never legally validated. In 1948, the UN resolved that the question of accession would be decided by an impartial plebiscite. The vote was never held.

So for more than 50 years, there have been many wars but no resolution. The fights for Kashmir to join Pakistan or for independence are against a common enemy: Indian rule. The Kashmiri Freedom Fighters include many Pakistanis and Afghans. India uses propaganda to portray the Freedom Fighters as terrorists. But if you ask any Kashmiri villager whom they are afraid of, they will say the Indian military. India imposes its power through fear, and that is the definition of a terrorist.

Today India and Pakistan are armed with nuclear power, expanding the issue from one of regional stability to one of global stability. The next war between these two countries over Kashmir may not be containable. So, the Kashmiris must be given their right to self-determination.

"Peace! We cry — peace — for all the modern day Montagues and Capulets in the world.

But there will never be peace because the hunger for land and the desire for freedom cry louder.

There will be no compromise. There will be no end.

Guest Columnist Shazia Bashir writes for the Daily Northwest (Northwestern U.). Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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PARTING SHOTS

Final word

The Question:

"According to a story posted on CNN.com, the Supreme Court ruled on March 5 that the Ku Klux Klan can participate in a state 'Adopt-A-Highway' cleanup program, in which volunteers pick up litter along a highway in return for a sign acknowledging their efforts. The high court rejected without comment or dissent an appeal by Missouri, arguing that it could deny the Klan's application without violating the group's constitutional free-speech protections under the First Amendment.

The Klan requested a half-mile stretch of Interstate 55, one of the routes used to bus black students to county schools as part of court-ordered desegregation efforts in the St. Louis area. The state denied the Klan's application. Missouri said a number of other states have rejected similar Klan requests to join their highway programs.

Does the court ruling send a message of tolerance and all-inclusiveness, or a message of acceptance of the Klan's discriminatory practices and history of racially-motivated violence? Should groups like the Klan be allowed to participate in government programs like these?"

What They Said:

While in a strict sense of the law this is stifling their free speech, come on! Who doesn't know what's going on here? To tell you the truth, I don't care if they clean up the whole country, I don't want any of my tax dollars funding hate."

Alan Slone, Kernel Columnist

That the Klan has legally protected free speech under the First Amendment points to the strength of the U.S. Constitution in protecting unpopular viewpoints."

Clayton Sandford, Kernel Columnist

A bunch of dumb white trash is going to clean up a bunch of garbage that dumb white trash threw out their car windows. This should prepare those slack-jawed yokels for jail work release. I do not agree with the state paying to put their group's name, which is a message of hate, on a sign paid for with taxes. True altruism does not require pride-building validation."

Joshu Goebeler, Kernel Columnist

Although the Klan's idea to start picking up trash is tempting (it gives us the opportunity to peg them in the back of their pointed white heads with Blue Raspberry Icees while driving down the highway at 70 mph), I would have to vote against the idea because of its complete stupidity."

Kevin Clapp, Kernel Cartoonist

So, Missouri wants to ban the Klan from participating because they discriminate? Great idea! Let's refuse to acknowledge any group that discriminates in any way! I just love irony!"

Andrew Grossman, Assistant News Editor

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Times the Cats have won the Southeastern Conference Tournament. This is the school's 40th appearance in the tournament.

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SEC Tournament titles by the rest of the league. Alabama is second with six titles.

Who cares?

"This is the University of Kentucky. We are only concerned with what is going on here. We are not concerned with what goes on at Louisville."

UK sophomore guard Keith Bogans about what he thinks of Rick Pitino possibly becoming the Cardinals head coach.

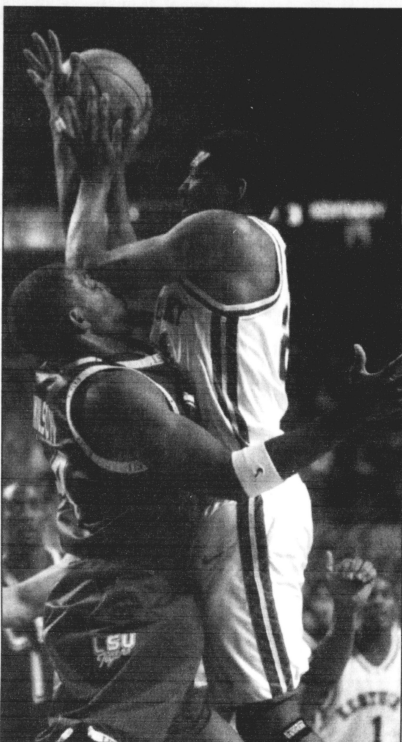
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UK hopes to avenge last year's early round loss



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Stone wall

UK sophomore forward Marvin Stone attempts a shot two weeks ago during UK's win over LSU. Stone and the Cats will face South Carolina in the second round of the SEC Tournament.

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Losing two of its last three games and allowing opponents to shoot over 55 percent from three-point range in the two losses are minor details for UK as they head into the Southeastern Conference Tournament.

UK plays South Carolina at approximately 3:15 p.m. today. The Gamecocks beat Mississippi State 69-62 yesterday.

"I'm concerned about the first game of the SEC Tournament because that is the toughest and (being ready) is something we didn't do last year," UK coach Tubby Smith said. Smith is not worried about UK's late-season difficulties.

"At a place like the O'Connell Center, you have to be on your best game," he said. "We had some breakdowns defensively and we have had those over the past three games. It is nothing that we can't correct and they are problems that arose because of fundamentals slippage."

Comparatively, the Cats ended last season with a momentous win at home against Florida and all the players fell into the false reality of "the Cats always play well in March." They were back in Lexington after two days and one game, a loss to Arkansas, at the SEC Tournament.

"We would have liked to have won at Florida and at Arkansas and really be rallying going into the tournament," said UK junior J.P. Blevins. UK's lone SEC Academic Honorable Mention selection. "In the big scheme of things, it's really not that important. You throw everything out now and prepare for the third part of the season, which is the postseason."

This year the Cats will not be overlooking any opponent, despite being exalted with honors. UK junior Tavshaun Prince was named the SEC coaches' and the Associated Press SEC Player of the Year and made first team All-SEC. UK freshmen Gerald Fitch and Jason Parker were named to the SEC All-Freshman team also.

"You can't celebrate an award like this, because we have to concentrate on SEC right now, which is even tougher than the regular season," Prince said.

"We're starting a whole new season," said UK sophomore guard Keith Bogans, a second team All-SEC selection. "We will learn from the mistakes we made early in the season. Our keys this postseason will be to play good, solid defense and knock down shots."

Defending the outside shot and converting a few of its own have been problems for UK in the final weeks of the regular season.

"There are always a couple of things you feel need to be worked on, like defending the three," Blevins said. "There are a couple of things like guard-dribble penetration and a little more boxing out. There are just a couple of minor wrinkles that we need to iron out."

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GYMNASTICS

Gymnast's skills well balanced

By Samantha Essie
STAFF WRITER

Gymnastics came as a gift to Mindy Smith, literally. For her fifth birthday she was given gymnastic lessons as a gift from her mother.

"I was really hyper as a child and I think it was my mom's way of containing it," Smith said. Growing up in Borden, Ind., Smith developed her talent through local gymnastic clubs in the area around Borden.

Things are looking bright for Smith, who was ranked sixth in the nation on the balance beam last week as only a sophomore at UK. Smith is also currently No. 2 in the region on the beam and owns UK's highest beam score.

Last week she received yet another award during the team's meet against The University of Florida. Florida gives the Ernestine Weaver Award during every meet to the gymnast who had an outstanding performance and whose performance was most enjoyable.

"She is very pleasant to watch and has a great work ethic," said Leah Little, UK's gymnastics coach. "Her style is very artistic."

Growing up over the years Smith said she has really enjoyed the style and technique of gymnasts like Kim Zmeskel and Dominique Dawes.

Smith has achieved many successes as a gymnast over the years. During her junior high and high school years she made the national team four times. In 1998 she placed fifth in the all-around competition at the U.S. Challenge, which is the largest level of high school competition for gymnasts.

"The thing that makes Mindy so successful is her confidence," Little said.

In 1999 Smith was also a part of the U.S. All Star Team, which competed in Sweden.

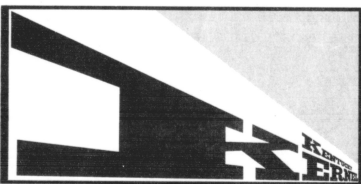
"I love to perform in front of other people," Smith said. "Gymnastics has made me very disciplined in every aspect of my life."

Smith chose to come to UK over other schools because of its medical program. Smith also really likes the gymnastics team and the gymnastic program at the school. She is a psychology major.

Although she enjoys watching other gymnasts, they have not been her biggest influence. "My teammates over the years have had the biggest effect on myself as a gymnast," she said. "They are the ones who push you further."

Despite a disappointing ranking and early losses this season, Smith is proof of the undoubted talent on the UK gymnastics team. The GymKats have broken or tied several school records consistently this season.

Smith and the GymKats compete for the last time this season at 7 p.m. tonight in Memorial Coliseum. They host Bowling Green State, Central Michigan and Pittsburgh on Big Blue Night, the GymKats version of Senior Night.



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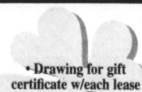
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