



Campus life

Remarkable

Some things in life are extraordinary. Amazing. Incredible. Here are some things that are more remarkable than a dry erase board. Think about that one for a second. Now laugh. Please.

The fact that any ADPI's (there's no pi symbol on my board or an any key, sorry) can get good grades is remarkable, let alone good sleep. With that perpetual crosswalk signal chirping like a parakeet on crack right outside their windows, I can only imagine how long it would be before I would take some nap from ruck and smack the feathers out of that bird.

The fact that Bill Clinton still gets more press than the president of the United States of America is remarkable (and whether we like it or not, he is the president for goodness sakes, not Dubya). Yes, Clinton has done a great disonor to the presidency by evidently taking money (and I would not doubt receiving sexual favors from a multi-millionaire, (only adding to his ego) for pardons, but give me a break. He rented out the White House and used it as his hook up headquarters, why would he not sell other things too? In a year or two it would not surprise me if secret FBI files on high-ranking Republicans show up on eBay right next to "Presidential Cigars".

The weather was so windy the other night that it blew my clothes off (bad visual, I know), is remarkable. OK that didn't really happen, but mid sliding at 4 a.m. on Sunday morning did and that was cold. Thanks to the UK police (did I just say that) who didn't track us down and question us as we ran across Nicholasville Road covered in mud.

The fact that people can drive in Lexington and not run head-on into oncoming traffic is remarkable. The lines on streets in this town are crooked sometimes and non-existent others. I want to know what the asphalt has in it that repels the paint, that I am sure is being sprayed as needed, and apply this substance to my clothes and go play paint-ball. I could get hit 30 times and not have a drop of paint on me! I'm invincible!

-Ron Norton
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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather

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Questo abrigado tan-tamuchu que canite carousel. Here comes the sun, king.

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AFFIRMATION

UK falls short with black students

Not enough: Report shows UK not meeting objectives

By Sterling Rouse

STAFF WRITER

UK has fallen short of its goals to recruit and educate black students, according to the latest published data.

In 1996, the University met only two of five objectives designed to increase enrollment, retention and graduation rates among Kentucky resident black students.

The objectives are part of the 1997-2002 Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities in Higher Education, the third stage of desegregation planning that began in 1982.

"The advantage of the plan is that it keeps [equal opportunity] needs on the front

burner," said Patricia Bender, technical coordinator for affirmative action at UK.

However, the University failed to achieve threshold figures for undergraduate enrollment and graduation rates.

With an objective of 7 percent, only 6.1 percent of the undergraduate enrollment at UK were Kentucky resident black students.

Pat Herring, UK's director of admissions, said the lagging enrollment figures could be attributed to competition among schools for black students.

"Inherent in any competition are winners and losers," he said.

Telecommunications junior Nicole Hardin said one of the reasons UK is losing

is its poor reputation within many black communities.

"Because of injustices in the past, a lot of African-Americans in this state portray UK as a racist university," she said.

Black students graduated at a rate of 39.6 percent, well below the plan's university-wide objective of 57.5 percent.

Lauretta Byars, vice chancellor of minority affairs, said black students' preparedness for college plays a role in low graduation rates.

Byars said in comparison with white students, UK's black students have lower entrance exam scores and high school grade-point averages.

While these factors do not preclude blacks from doing well at UK, they can be limiting.

Hoggin' the titles
Track Cats make a jump in rankings 14



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EXTRACURRICULAR

UK students working to SAVE the environment

More than talking: Group members say they will work on issues like trail maintenance

By Becky Heisel

STAFF WRITER

Environmentally-minded UK students will be interested in learning about the newest student organization, Students Actively Volunteering for our Environment.

"It's not a club that just talks about [environmental issues]," said Andre Kukas, a natural resource conservation and management senior and one of the club's founding members.

"We will do things about the issues."

Jesse Hesley, also a NRCM senior and founding member

agreed. "I wanted to start SAVE to help with local environmental issues," he said.

The club's five starters want to help local organizations, especially those that need volunteers or don't have much money.

Possible projects might include trail maintenance at Raven Run, Reforest the Bluegrass, a booth with projects and displays for kids at the Earth Day Celebration, and maybe a bi-monthly bowling league for fun.

"We want to get the student body involved — active in the community," Kukas said.

"Then they will see benefits to both the community and the environment."

SAVE was born after the founders attended a program for environmental educators, called Project Learning Tree, which emphasized active learning. They were inspired to do more active things with issues, but also just want to have a good time.

"It's not just grunt work. We want to have fun, too," Kukas said.

Interested students can give their own ideas about projects and activities in the first meeting Tuesday night.

The club is open to suggestions.

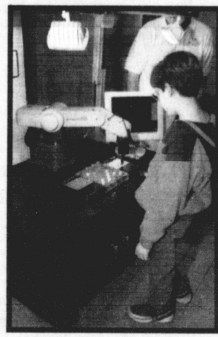
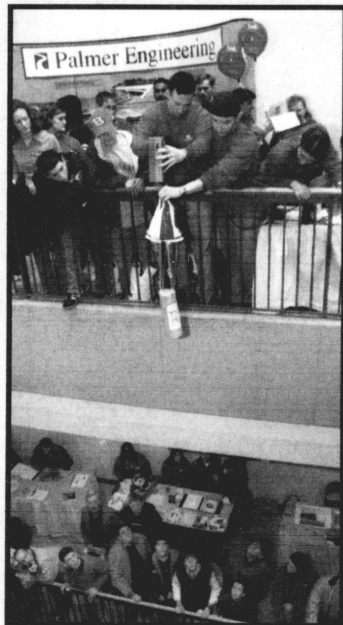
Right now the plan for the first meeting is to give an idea for dates of upcoming events, talk about what can be done and what needs to be done. Meetings will be twice a month on campus.

"It's supposed to be about a good time for students," said Tom Greider, chairman of the steering committee for NRCM and faculty adviser for the club.

"They will be successful at tasks. They can have a positive influence on the community."

Any student can participate.

"Not just College of Ag. or NRCM students," Greider said. "It is open for everyone."



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Engineering Day

From left: Matt Hogan (holding gun) and Bo Green (holding parachute), both civil engineering seniors, get ready to drop an egg with a parachute to help it survive the fall. The event was part of E-Day, an event where engineering students interact with middle school students.

Keegan Jones, an eighth grader at North Laurel Middle School, plays checkers with a computer named Chester.

Dustin Elliot, a mechanical engineering junior, talks about materials used by NASA to Steve Sharp, an eighth grade student from Crawford Middle School.

**SPOTLIGHT**

Law students taking the burden, expense out of tax season

W-2: Free tax assistance provided by law students

By Adam J. Ender

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tax time is quickly approaching, and most students are awaiting returns so they will actually have some cash to spend.

But unless you do your own taxes or you convince one of your future account-

tant friends to do them, you are going to have to pay someone to prepare them.

Help is on the way.

The UK Law School is providing free tax assistance to students and people with lower incomes. They will fill out your return free of charge so you can get your return as quickly as possible.

The service is worthwhile to students, who would pay around \$60 for an average return, according to Betsy Rainey of H&R Block.

This is at least the seventh year the

law school has provided the service, said Douglas C. Michael, a law professor. The returns are completed by first through third year law students that go through a training program offered by the IRS Volunteer Assistance Program.

Michael began working with this program while he was a law student at the University of California Berkeley, and then continued while in private practice in Washington D.C.

"This is good clinical type experience, for when they become lawyers," he said.

A taxing time

The Law School will prepare taxes for students and people with lower incomes from Feb. 26 until tax day on April 15 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays in 119 Student Center. They will close during Spring Break, March 12-17.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

Leaders pledge constructive approach

JERUSALEM — In an amicable first meeting Saturday, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov pledged a constructive approach to dealing with Iraq, missile defenses and other points of policy discord. In a gesture to Moscow, Powell agreed to Ivanov's suggestion that U.S. and Russian experts meet soon to consider cutbacks in offensive arsenals — long a Russian goal — even while looking at differences on missile defenses, a senior U.S. official said. Ivanov and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, in separate meetings with Powell in Cairo, Egypt, concurred with the Bush administration that Iraq should be prevented from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, but Mubarak held to the Arab view that U.S.-backed sanctions were hurting the Iraqi people, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

I'm going to walk off that last day wearing my outfit ... I've had so many ups and downs over the last six years in it that I earned keeping it."

Lucy Lawless, 32, star of "Xena: Warrior Princess," preparing to shoot her last episode, which airs in June.

Bush budget to intensify fight

WASHINGTON — President Bush is ready to ship Congress an outline of his \$1.9 trillion federal budget for next year, which he says will prove there is room for a big tax cut and other priorities. Democrat beg to differ. Bush's fiscal plan would launch a 10-year, \$1.6 trillion cut in income-tax rates, the estate tax and other levies, the centerpiece of his domestic agenda. It would increase spending for schools, defense and biomedical research while paying down a huge chunk of the publicly held national debt. In addition, it will propose temporary subsidies for prescription drug purchases by low-income elderly people, a near \$1 trillion, multiyear reserve that could be used to shore up Social Security or for other purposes, and a \$5 billion-a-year fund for natural disasters and other emergencies.

Democratic, Republican governors meet

WASHINGTON — Governors from both political parties came to the capital this weekend ready to agree on broad principles like making education more accountable, giving states more flexibility and providing some kind of tax cut. "Cooperation is the watchword," said Gov. Paris Glendening, the Maryland Democrat who is chairman of the National Governors Association. But money, as it is so often, may be the catch. The governors are meeting through Tuesday and have a Sunday night dinner at the White House and a Monday morning meeting with the president. Bush's education proposals brought the most agreement from governors, both Democrat and Republican. His tax cut and the introduction of his budget this week, are most likely to bring the most disagreement.



THIS JOHNSON AIN'T HAPPY: There's no love lost between "Wash. Brides" star Don Johnson and the San Francisco newspaper that ran two stories about him last month. After an unidentified local woman filed a police report alleging the actor made lewd comments to her in a sushi bar, The San Francisco Chronicle ran two separate stories that Johnson claims treated him unjustly.



WE ARE THE WORLD: Despite the fact that the Clash's Joe Strummer pulled out of "Brand New Boots and Panties," a tribute to U.K. rock iconoclast Ian Dury, who died of cancer last March, the album is still full of heavy hitters. Paul McCartney, Sinéad O'Connor and Robbie Williams are all slated to sing.

CIA cracked down on security

WASHINGTON — The CIA tightened security dramatically after one of its own, Aldrich Ames, pleaded guilty to espionage in 1994 so that random lie-detector tests could hit any employee at any time. The FBI, by contrast, tipped into internal lie-detector, or polygraph, exams of employees. Now that agent Robert Philip Hanssen has been charged with spying for the Soviet Union and then Russia for more than 15 years, some are calling for the bureau to match the CIA's earlier response. The CIA has conducted lie-detector tests on employees since its inception. Even before the Ames case, all employees were given polygraphs before hiring, after a three-year probationary period and every five years thereafter, an agency official said.

Collapse threatens to undermine bid

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's growing financial and political crisis threatens to undermine the country's push to join the European Union and a U.S. strategy of showcasing Turkey as a Muslim country that achieved prosperity by joining the West. On the streets of Turkey, angry citizens are calling for the resignation of the government once regarded as Turkey's hope for reforming the economy and cleaning up the country's tattered human rights record. In a sign of just how important Turkey is to Washington, President Bush called Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit to offer the United States' support during the crisis. Turkey borders Iran and Iraq and a stable Turkey is crucial to the U.S. policy of containing both countries.

Rich calls pardon a "humanitarian act"

JERUSALEM — Fugitive financier Marc Rich, whose eleventh-hour pardon by former President Clinton has caused a wave of controversy, spoke out for the first time Saturday, describing the pardon as a "humanitarian act." In a statement distributed by a public relations office in Tel Aviv, Rich said that his 1983 indictment on charges of evading more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and illegal oil deals with Iran was a wrong remedied by Clinton. "I do not consider the pardon granted by President Clinton as an eradicating of past deeds — but as the closing of a cycle of justice and a humanitarian act," Rich said in the statement. The pardon is now subject to U.S. Congressional hearings and a federal probe.

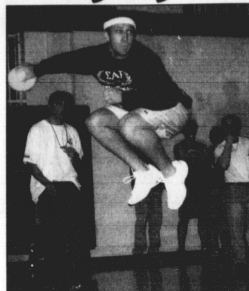
Villain to Hollywood, hero to hackers

STEINSHOLT, Norway — A 15-year-old boy named Jon Lech Johansen pecked out the finishing touches on a piece of programming that had been keeping him busy after school and home. The program he assembled rattled Hollywood, unleashed lawsuits, mobilize demonstrators in his defense and have him hailed in for a night of questioning by Norwegian police.

Compiled from wire reports.

PHILANTHROPY

Greeks not dodging charity



Jumpin'

Tanner Rose, psychology sophomore and SAE member, participated in last Thursday's Super Dodgeball Tournament. Proceeds from the tournament went to the American Heart Association.

JOHN FOSTER | KERNEL STAFF

By Katie Neisen

STAFF WRITER

The roars of competitiveness could be heard from the street as opposing teams faced each other, dodgeballs in hand, trying to eliminate the most teams in the "Survivor"-themed tournament.

"After intense competition and single elimination, we ended up with a fraternity and sorority who outwitted, outplayed and outlasted the other organizations and came out on top as winners," said Michael Bratcher, an English education and communications senior and Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity's philanthropy chair.

Last Thursday's Second Annual Super Dodgeball tournament hosted by Kappa Alpha Theta and Sig Ep raised more than \$800 for the American Heart Association, Sig Ep's philanthropy. The tournament brought together the nature of competition and the spirit of giving by hosting 30 fraternities and sororities in Alumni Gym for a Greek event to recognize the importance of community service.

"It's easy to do fund raising in an organization because it is a philanthropy event and it's going to a good cause," Bratcher said. "After all, that's what Greek organizations are supposed to do... help and give back to the community."

Each year, Greek organizations host events to fund raise for numerous causes including the American Heart Association and Court Appointed Special Advocates, Theta's philanthropy, among others.

"Philanthropy events are important because it lets the community know that college students are doing more than going out and partying," said Ashley Tingle, a broadcast journalism freshman and Theta's service chair.

Alpha Delta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega took top honors as tournament co-champions after hustling both on and off the court to outplay other teams and raise money for the American Heart Association.

"An event like this lets everyone have a good time and help others instead of viewing philanthropic events like a chore that they have to do," said Megan Turner, a marketing sophomore and ADPi president.

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Wise men say only fools see this movie



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Suspicious Elvi

A group of side-burned, sequined jump-suited criminals (from left to right: David Arquette, Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner, Christian Slater, Bokeem Woodbine) attempt to rob a Vegas casino during International Elvis Week.

By Matt Mulcahey
SCENE EDITOR

Men sometimes go through a mid-life crisis, trading in their Hondas and wives for beautiful, younger, more expensive models. The only possible explanation for Kevin Costner and Kurt Russell appearing in *3,000 Miles to Graceland* is that they are smack dab in the middle of a mid-life crisis and must prove they are still men by dressing up as Elvis and robbing a casino with guitar cases full of automatic weapons.

The casino is Las Vegas's Riviera, and joining bad Elvis (Costner) and good Elvis (Russell) for the job are ex-cons/Elvis impersonators Christian Slater, Bokeem Woodbine and David Arquette (even more annoying here than in his 1-800-COLLECT commercials). But the daring heist goes horribly wrong with bodies, blood, bullets and even a midjet mixed into an ineptly shot, quick cut music video montage backed by a terrible soundtrack of Limp Bizkit-like rap/metal.

Costner decides to turn on his partners and take off with the loot, leading to a pre-

dictable, lengthy and redundant game of cat and mouse.

During his pursuit Russell hooks up with a con-woman (Courteney Cox, nicely playing against her "Friends" image) and her annoying kleptomaniac son, diluting what could've been a nice *One Eyed Jacks*-esque revenge saga.

Instead, in the utterly incompetent hands of director Demian Lichtenstein, what ensues is an insipidly violent, ugly mess. With brief bits of predictable get-to-know your criminals banter (thanks a lot Tarantino) and a terrible barrage of action scenes that do nothing except waste a lot of money on pyrotechnics and bullet casings.

Lichtenstein loves overkill like *The King* loved peanut butter and banana sandwiches. He has two of the great American screen everymen of the last 25 years, machine gun toting Elvis impersonators and a cast with everyone from Kevin Pollack to Ice T and still makes a boring movie.

The character development is almost non-existent. Russell was Costner's cell mate for five years, but we learn nothing about his past or their relation-

ship during incarceration. The excessive violence, bad attempts at humor and cliched, hackneyed road bonding of Russell and the boy almost make *3,000 Miles to Graceland* completely unbearable.

But against all odds, against a bad script and negligent directing, the two aging stars barely salvage their dignity.

Costner exhibits a ruthless, cold-heartedness never really explored before. He's played anti-heroes in *Waterworld* and *A Perfect World*, but this is his first true villain. Russell (who appeared with the real Elvis as a child in 1963's *It Happened at the World's Fair* and played the King in a popular 1979 TV movie) also glides through his role with easygoing charm.

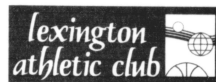
Not, despite good performances from both, this is the worst movie Costner has done since *The Bodyguard* and the worst Russell effort since his kiddie days in Disney fluff. Let's hope the next time Costner and Russell start to slip into a mid-life crisis and must re-affirm their masculinity they simply buy another Porsche instead of subjecting us to this type of mindless drive. **Grade: C-**

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Mon 26	Tues 27
<p>ACADEMY *Dinner/Dancing Orientation, 1:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr.</p> <p>MEETINGS *Prayer in Prison, Campus Crusade for Christ, 7pm, Episcopal Church *UK Student Student Against Assaulted Mfg., 7pm, 230 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *UK Football, 7:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr.</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *Shed Members' Free Art, UK Art, 7:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr. Bldg. Auditorium *The Road to Recovery: Living Disorder Awareness Week, 7:30pm, 81 Young Library Auditorium *Dreadful Exhibit: Fine Arts, and Design Categories, Room 5pm, Stud. Cr. Roadkill Gallery</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Lath</p>	<p>MEETINGS *UK Meeting, 7:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union Chapel *Women's Basketball SEC Tournament, Memphis, 8:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr. *Bones of Study Abroad Info Session, 4pm, Brody Hall Box 108 *UK Football, 7:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr. *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *UK Football, 7:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr. *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *UK Football, 7:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr.</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *UK Football, 7:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr.</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *Dreadful Exhibit: Fine Arts, and Design Categories, Room 5pm, Stud. Cr. Roadkill Gallery</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *Basketball Singles, Doubles, & Co-Rec Roster Deadline, 4pm, 145 Section Cr.</p>
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<p>MEETINGS *ACLU Meeting, 8pm, 230 Stud. Cr. *Dinner on the Downs, 101 Student Center Cr., 6:15pm, Blazer Court *Yard, Private Dining Room *Renaissance, French Conversation Group, 8pm, Blazer Hall Private Dining Room *Encounter, 8pm, 230 Stud. Cr. *Women's Basketball, 8:30pm, 101 Student Center Cr. *Prayer/Accountability Groups, Uplink Campus Ministries, 6:30pm, Calvary Baptist Church College House *Dinner and Worship Service, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5:30pm-8:30pm, Calvary Baptist Church Rec. & Outreach Cr. *College Orientation, 8:30pm, 113 Stud. Cr. *Encounter Team Mtg., 8pm, Ag. North Bldg. Room A2 *Encounter Team Mtg., 5:45pm, Ag. North Bldg. Library Lobby</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *Men's Basketball vs. Auburn, 8pm, Rupp Arena</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *Dreadful Exhibit: Fine Arts, and Design Categories, Room 5pm, Stud. Cr. Roadkill Gallery</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *Creative Writing Group, 6-8:30pm, Writing Cr. Young Library</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Lath *Medieval and Renaissance European Dancing, 7pm, 363 Old Stud. Cr.</p>	<p>MEETINGS *Amnesty International, 8pm, 230 Stud. Cr. *Friedrich Schlegel, 7pm, Rupp, Stud. Union Chapel *UK Lambda Mtg., 7:30pm, 231 Stud. Cr. *Deviations-a-Lunch, 12:15pm, Baptist Stud. Union Multipurpose Room *Lampoon Crusade for Christ, 7:30pm, Stud. Cr. Wortham Theatre *Christian Student Fellowship, Synergy, 8pm, 157 corner of Woodland and Columbus</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Lath *Women's Basketball SEC Tournament, Memphis</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *Dying to Be Thin? Movie, Eating Disorder Awareness Week, 6pm, Stud. Cr. Theatre *Dreadful Exhibit: Fine Arts, and Design Categories, Room 5pm, Stud. Cr. Roadkill Gallery *2000 US Presidential Election Forum, 7pm, 230 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde, 7pm & 8pm, Fine Arts Bldg. Gulpel Theatre</p>
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COMPETITION

Track Cats making trek to the top

No laughing matter: Young team builds confidence with strong performance at home

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

They may joke about it, but the rest of the SEC had better not laugh. All last week leading up to the 2001 SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships UK freshman shot putter Jeff Chakouian emphasized making a statement at the meet. He and his teammates also joked about becoming the "founding fathers" of the next great SEC track and field dynasty.

"We've joked about becoming the founding fathers of the next dynasty, like an Arkansas," freshman middle distance runner David Freeman said. Arkansas, who claimed its fifth consecutive men's indoor championship and ninth in 10 years since joining the conference in 1992 this past weekend, would probably get a chuckle out of UK's cockiness. In fact, the Lady Razorback track and field team won its second consecutive indoor championship this weekend.

UK's men's team was far from the lead, finishing in a tie for seventh with 41 team points — 64 points back of the Razorbacks — but the Track Cats still made the statement it was searching for.

The message is that UK has a bright future in the field of track.

"I already thought we had the best (distance medley relay) team in the nation," freshman James Doaty said. Doaty ran to a second place finish in 800-meter dash and along with Freeman and sophomores Chad Johnson and Thomas Morgan UK claimed second in the distance medley relay.

With such a young group of middle distance runners and Chakouian, who won the shot put, UK coach Don Weber may have the best group of young talent in the country.

"Not many freshmen come in and win the shot put," Weber said. "We had a hell of a start on (proving their young talent)."

"We have felt very, very good about our past two recruiting classes. We have the best group of middle distance runners in the country and a group of sophomores and freshmen I wouldn't trade for anyone."

The young talent is not confined to the men's side of the UK track and field connection, though. The women's team only finished ninth, but was only 9.5 points out of sixth.

And sophomore Simidele Adeagbo proved herself to be one of the best all-around athletes in the conference. Adeagbo finished sixth in the long jump and third in the triple jump after leading for most of the event. She also ran the third leg of the 1600-meter relay, in which UK finished eighth after being ranked 12th in the conference.

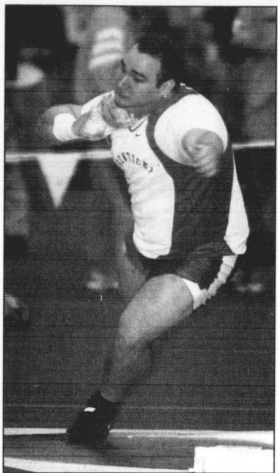
"Simi is very gifted," Weber said. "Not many athletes can do both the long and triple jumps, but what is important is she'll compete. She is a competitor."

Compete is what both UK track and field teams plan on in the future. Eventually both teams hope to not only compete in, but compete for an SEC Championship.

UK's track and field athletes exude confidence regardless of what limited success they have accomplished, but that confidence is what is necessary to take the Track Cats to the top of the conference.

"It is good for them to be confident," UK senior Shevan Threats said. "This performance says that other teams should never underestimate this team."

No kidding.



UK freshman shot putter Jeff Chakouian claimed UK's only first place finish by winning the men's shot put competition. Chakouian is part of a young and talented group of freshmen and sophomores that led UK to improved performances in the 2001 SEC Indoor Championships. Sophomore Chris Daniel nearly scored in the pole vault after an injury plagued year, but finished in a tie for 10th.

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UK senior Shevan Threats finished eighth in the long jump competition. She also competed in the triple jump and anchored the women's 1,600-meter relay. The UK women's team finished within 10 points of sixth place behind the leadership of Threats and strong performances by younger athletes like sophomore Simidele Adeagbo in the triple jump, sophomore Janet Crawford in the high jump and freshman Calty Phillips in the mile.

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PIG SUEY

Razorbacks sharp, but UK solid

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

UK's track and field team made strong impressions at the 2001 SEC Track and Field Championships, but Arkansas swept both the men's and women's titles.

The Razorbacks proved their SEC superiority with 100-point performances by both teams. The Lady Razorbacks won their second consecutive championship by a 28-point margin, while the men's team won its ninth in 10 years and fifth straight by outscoring LSU by 27 points.

Arkansas' Lilli Kleinmann earned female individual scoring honors by tallying 30 points with first place finishes in the mile, 3,000-meters and 5,000-meters. Alabama's David Kimani totaled 21.5 points by placing first in the mile and 3,000-meters and third in the distance medley relay to claim the men's individual honor.

UK made its biggest impact in the men's distance medley relay by placing second. Freshmen James Doaty and David Freeman and sophomores Chad Johnson and Thomas Morgan helped UK tie with Alabama for seventh overall.

"Finishing second is huge for us," Morgan, who ran the anchor leg, said. "We've grown tremendously as a team." Morgan also finished sixth in 3,000-

meters to earn three points.

"This is kind of surprising because last year we did OK, but I really did not expect this," Johnson said.

In fact, the distance medley quartet combined to earn UK 29 of its 44 points. Doaty finished second in 800-meters followed by Freeman in fourth and Johnson in sixth.

"I had no idea I'd run that fast," Doaty said of his personal best time of 1:47.93.

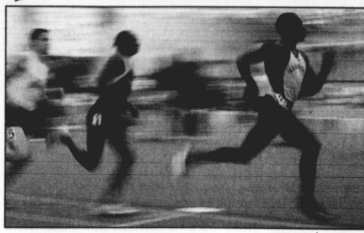
Freshman shot putter Jeff Chakouian recorded another 10 points for the men's team by winning first place in the shot put with a throw of 68 feet, two-and-one-fourth inches.

"I never had any doubts," Chakouian said. "Reese (Hoffa) was capable of throwing as far as I did, but I knew if he did I would throw farther on my last throw."

UK coach Don Weber said Chakouian may have dwelled on the meet too much and psyched himself up too much resulting in disappointing throws despite winning. Chakouian has thrown as far as 65 feet, 10-and-one-half inches this year.

"He did not get enough rest, but he learned his lesson," Weber said. "I told him, 'you don't have to be Super Jeff, plain old Jeff is good enough.'"

UK's women's team did much of what was expected, but was able to improve from last year's disappointing last place



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UK sophomore Chad Johnson runs his way to a sixth place finish in the 800-meters just behind UK freshmen James Doaty (second) and David Freeman (fourth) on Sunday.

finish by placing ninth and only 9.5 points out of sixth.

"I'm really satisfied with our team's performance," said Shevan Threats, a UK senior who failed to qualify for the finals in the triple jump, but jumped her second best ever in the long jump for eighth place. "We have such a small group that it says a lot for this team."

UK sophomore Janet Crawford won fourth place in the high jump Saturday to solidify her No. 4 conference ranking.

"Coach thought I was not relaxing," Crawford said of her inability to jump 5-feet-8, which she had done all year.

UK sophomore Simidele

Adego was able to claim third in the triple jump, sixth in the long jump and ran the 1,600-meter relay with her sister junior Temitayo Adego, Threats and senior Falana Greenwell that finished eighth.

"In the prelims I thought there was a good chance of winning, but I knew there was a real chance of finishing in the top three," Adego said. "I'm happy with that."

Weber stressed the effort of his team and its ability to compete.

"As long as we have people who are willing to compete, that's all you can ask for," he said.

UK 78, ARKANSAS 82

Hogs break Cats' eight-game winning streak

Fayetteville foul up: UK continues to struggle with three losses in last four at Arkansas

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Jannero Pargo made a huge 3 pointer with 1:21 to play and No. 13 Kentucky went scoreless for almost three minutes as Arkansas ended the Wildcats' eight-game winning streak 82-78 on Sunday.

Pargo's 3 gave Arkansas (17-9, 9-6 SEC) a 79-72 lead and came after the Razorbacks were tentative and unproductive on a couple of trips down the court. Saul Smith ended the Cats' (18-8, 11-3) scoring drought with a tough jumper from the baseline, but Pargo added two more free throws for an eight-point advantage with 39.7 to play.

Tayshaun Prince opened the second half with a baby hook that fell for a 49-41 Kentucky lead, but the Wildcats — the best-shooting team in the SEC — made only 12-of-40 the rest of the half. Keith Bogans, who had 17 points in the first half, missed all six of his shots in the second half and still led the Cats in scoring.

On the flip side, Arkansas shot almost 47 percent in the second half against the most effective defense in the SEC.

Arkansas led 76-72 with 4:02 to play and it stayed that way until Pargo's 3. Twice, Dean missed tough shots with the shot clock under 10. At the other end, UK twice missed two shots.

Teddy Gipson gave Arkansas its first lead in more than 17 minutes when he started from the corner, drove hard into the lane and stopped suddenly for a 6-footer and 61-60. With a chance to widen the lead, Joe Johnson missed. The next time, his 3 was nothing but net. Pargo zipped down the baseline and his left-handed reverse layup made it 66-60.

Johnson led Arkansas with 18 and Pargo had 16. Prince's two free throws narrowed the lead to 71-68, but Brandon Dean drove into the lane and flipped a pass outside to Gipson who beat the shot clock with a 3.

The game was tied nine times in the first half and there were nine lead changes.

Starting from the baseline, Bogans took advantage of two screens and buried a 3 to make it 30-27. After a technical foul, Pargo made two free throws for a 33-32 lead.

Former Alabama coach and UK assistant David Hobbs got the technical and seconds later said to his boss Tubby Smith, "My fault."

Johnson got too fancy and his mistake led to Bogans' three-point play that put the Wildcats back in front 35-34. Charles Tatum tied it for the seventh time with a 3.

Dean exploded down the lane and finished a three-point play for 40-39, but UK scored the next six. Bogans made two free throws. Prince finished a two-on-one break and Erik Daniels converted a steal into a layup. UK led 47-41 at the half.

Arkansas made two of its last nine shots in the half while UK was 6-of-13.

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Applications may be picked up in Room 026 Journalism Building and must be returned by 3 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2001

Let's party...

Mardi Gras: Kickin' off the fun with a bang

SEATTLE — Police in riot gear used pepper spray, rubber bullets and concussion bombs to break up Mardi Gras festivities early Sunday in the second straight day of violence tied to the celebration. Police said several people in a crowd of about 2,000 threw bottles, rocks and firecrackers at officers soon after bars closed at about 1:30 a.m.

A half-dozen people were arrested, most on assault charges. One person was injured in a stabbing, and a police officer suffered a broken arm.

A day earlier police used pepper spray and rubber bullets because revelers were throwing rocks and bottles. Officers beamed up their forces after the first night of violence, and removed garbage cans and newspaper boxes from a popular party area for fear that people would throw them.

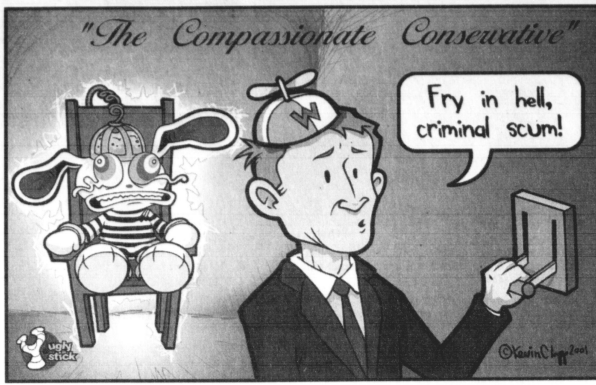
Organizers had no immediate plans to cancel Mardi Gras events scheduled through Tuesday night, but police said they would continue to prepare for large crowds and people drinking. Last year's Mardi Gras celebration in Seattle had similar disturbances. It came within months of the protests that shut down a meeting of the World Trade Organization.

Pedestrians struck by drunk driver

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — A drunken driver killed four people walking the streets of a small college town, police said. David Edward Attias, an 18-year-old student at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was arrested on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and felony drunken driving. The pedestrians were struck late Friday night in Isla Vista, an ocean-side hamlet near the university. The popular party spot is usually packed with students on weekend nights. Attias was going at least twice the 25 mph speed limit and hit nine parked cars before running over the pedestrians, California Highway Patrol Officer Mike Muell said.

"It went out of control from there and got ugly," Muell said. Three males and one female were pronounced dead at the scene. Their names were withheld pending notification of relatives, but one victim was described as a 20-year-old UCSB student and another as a 27-year-old visitor from San Francisco. Police at the Santa Barbara County Jail said Attias could not take a phone call from the Associated Press for comment.

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Amanda Thompson



IN OUR OPINION

Opportunities arise with hemp

House Bill 100 may reap multiple benefits with study and growth of industrial hemp

It must be your birthday. Gatewood Galbraith. The avid supporter of industrial hemp has to be cheering today, as Kentucky has finally opened its ears to change.

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee approved House Bill 100 Friday, a bill that would allow state universities to grow and study industrial hemp under closely regulated conditions.

Through this bill, a commission would be established to study the agricultural value of hemp as a crop. The bill will now go to the full Senate — hopefully with open arms and a warm welcome.

If the Senate passes this bill, it will be a huge first step for our state, one that is on the brink of a tobacco depression. Industrial hemp could be a wonderful asset to our state, as well as our country.

According to the Lexington Herald-Leader, a 1998 UK study predicted that Kentucky could reap hundreds of farm jobs and millions of dollars from the crop.

Not only would it benefit farmers, Galbraith pointed out during his campaign for 6th district congressman that hemp could also alter our country's dependency on fossil fuels.

The crop can also be used to create rope, paper, clothing and even auto parts.

So what in the world could stop the Senate from passing this bill? Critics of hemp say it is too similar to its cousin, marijuana. They also say hemp contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical that gives marijuana smokers their high.

However, the bill's supporters argue that hemp and marijuana are two separate subspecies, and that allowing state universities to study hemp's uses will not lead to increased marijuana use.

We encourage our state legislature to pass this bill. A study of the crop could lead to its legalization in our state, and could eventually breathe new life into our farming industry. Finally, someone listened.

Happy birthday Gatewood.

Clay McDaniel

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Running the race: A fond farewell to a legend

Whether we cared to admit it or not, Earnhardt was the standard by which everyone else was measured. Without him, that standard would be lowered...no one could be sure if they really beat the best."

You always remember your first time — for me, Talladega. I was an Elliott fan.

Truth be told, I have no idea why I first threw my support to Awesome Bill from Dawsonville, but it really doesn't matter.

Reason is hardly relevant when it comes to stock car racing and the fans who watch. Racing fans love — and hate — with a passion that other professional sports only dream about. In fact, most organized religions don't inspire as much devotion as does, say, the No. 2 Miller Lite Ford. Racing fans love the cars, the teams and the drivers. Man-oh-manifold do they love the drivers. And they hate the drivers, too.

It's nothing personal, of course, but in those precious few hours squeezed in between a green flag and a checkered flag, there simply has to be an enemy. And for the strongest part of 20 years, to those who weren't diehard No. 3 fans (usually the minority), Dale Earnhardt was the enemy.

Oh sure, everyone knew he was the best. The best ever, in fact. But what made us so mad was he knew he was the best.

Even if the entire world hated what he did out there on the race track, he knew when the day was over, more likely than not he'd be standing atop his car in the winner's circle.

And he drove like he knew it too, without timidity and without fear. In a world where every precaution is taken to protect us from ourselves, Dale-Earnhardt would drive his car into places, no one else would even consider, all the while churning out 850 horses at 200 mph.

Short tracks, super speedways, road tracks, he won them all, and he did so while never forgetting where it is he came from, and where it is he would some day return.

And now he has returned. It means ironic that after so many years of being flipped the middle finger at every turn, the

Matthew Johnson

GUEST COLUMNIST

SGA: A call to service

The Student Government Association is the voice of the students for UK, but SGA has constantly and consistently turned a deaf ear toward the student population.

My name is Matthew Johnson, the chairman of the election board of supervision. I say that now is the time for you, the student population, to take charge and voice your opinion to the Senate. Run for office, or simply talk to your student representative. Go to the Student Government Office. Find out what they do. You will be surprised at how little they care or do for you.

Most of the Senators have been in office for years, feuding and fighting, attempting to achieve their own agendas. Others simply do nothing in office. Many sitting Senators have never sponsored a bill of their own, never held the office hours they are required to hold to hear your concerns, and are frequently absent from SGA meetings.

Furthermore, the same Senators are uninformed and unaware of the changes they've amended to the constitution.

Those who do work hard in the Senate often put their own agenda first. For instance, the new and vague amendment to the constitution requiring all candidates running for SGA positions "shall have served one year prior in office in student government" (article IV section I subsection E). Clearly this amendment can be interpreted many ways. It does not specify that it has to be UK Student Government, it could be other governing organizations such as Interfraternity Council or Panhellenic Council. The aforementioned example is only one of the many contradictory, misleading and confusing amendments in your new SGA constitution. I do not want to keep good leaders from other student-led organizations from running for the position of president.

Becoming a candidate for any SGA office has become a confusing, troublesome and daunting task — thanks to the newly amended constitution. The problem concerning the signature sheets was brought to my attention on Monday after

noon. In the past only a student's name, signature and date of birth have been required on the signature sheet for a student's name to appear on the ballot. The new amendment states "A student's name must appear in the signature and printed form and be accompanied by his or her student ID number" to be counted on any petition (article IV, section III, subsection F). Filing began on Feb. 19. Within hours of this discovery, I corrected the problem. The very Senators that voted in this amendment were unaware of it or did not understand it. This is simply not acceptable.

Despite the fact we are following the constitution by the letter, the same constitution the Senators read, approved and passed into law, I have had several Senators ask me to know, get up and intentionally ignore this constitutional provision. For me to do this would be irresponsible and do an injustice to the UK student body.

My job is simple, to enforce the constitution.

My reason for writing this is simple, the actions that have taken place over the past few days are troubling me. I want to let the student body know what is happening in their student government. I challenge every student to become involved in your Student Government Association. It is, after all, your voice on this campus, your voice to the administration and your voice to the Board of Trustees.

There are many ways you can become involved: running for office, being part of a committee or simply talking to your representative. You can become a part and let your voice be heard.

If you would like to read the SGA constitution, you can obtain a copy in the SGA office, or read it on the SGA web page (<http://www.uky.edu/StudentOrgs/SGA/>).

Your Senate has gone unchallenged for far too long. It is now time for you, the students, to step up and take charge.

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Grim Reaper would seize upon the one instance (at least that I can recall) when Earnhardt seemed content to be a car other than the No. 3 GM-Goodwrench coast into victory lane. A truly selfless act led to the ultimate sacrifice.

I still recall watching from the grandstands as Earnhardt came sliding through the dogleg on his roof after Geoff Bodine knocked him loose coming out of turn four.

We all held our collective breath, partly because no one ever likes to see a driver injured, but mostly out of respect.

Whether we cared to admit it or not, Earnhardt was the standard by which everyone else was measured.

Without him, that standard would necessarily be lowered, and no victory from then on would be cause for quite as much celebration, since no one could be sure if they really beat the best.

And now the standard has indeed been lowered, along with

every flag from Hickory to Sears Point. But the standard by which he lived his life will remain, for while he was the fiercest of competitors on the track, he never fell prey to his own hype, and he never succumbed to the self-righteousness that has led to the demise of so many before him.

Driving back to the hotel after the race that July day, I listened to the radio as a reporter asked him what happened, and who was to blame?

His response was (as it always was), "Awe, that's just racing."

It is well, it won't be racing anymore. Oh sure, those who drive cars for a living will continue to do so, but every victory in every record book from now on will have to be accompanied by an asterisk, a slight qualification, "Field did not include Dale Earnhardt."

Goodbye Dale, and thanks.

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The route to **BRACKETVILLE**



DIRECTIONS

JUMP ON THE TURNPIKE & PAY YOUR DUES.
TAKE HWY 64 TO I-32, HEAD N. ON ROUTE 16
TO EXIT #8, GO 4 MILES.

IF YOU'RE LUCKY, AND YOU HAVEN'T LOST YOUR WAY
THIS JOURNEY TAKES YOU TO BRACKETVILLE,
WHERE IT'S ALL OR NOTHING...

IT'S MADNESS!

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BRACKETVILLE SCALE OF TOURNAMENT

EQUAL TO THE LIFE LONG DREAMS OF MILLIONS
— FINALS ROUTES
— REGIONAL ROUTES
— 1ST/2ND ROUND ROUTES

