



WEATHER Mostly sunny this afternoon, high near 65. Clear tonight, low of 40. Chance of showers tomorrow, high of 65.

RACE FOR SPRING Keeneland opens tomorrow afternoon for its annual spring meet. See KeG, page 3.



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SGA funds possible second election

By Jed Leano
Staff Writer
and Aaron Sanderford
Campus Editor

A bill to fund a possible second Student Government Association election survived an hour of heated debate to land a lopsided victory last night in the SGA Senate.

The Senate voted 18-1 to allot the \$5,800 for a potential election to be held later this month.

The SGA Elections Board of Claims begins hearing complaints today filed about last week's election. Sixteen complaints were filed. Most pertain to indi-

vidual races, but at least one seeks to overturn the entire election. A decision is expected as early as Friday.

If the board decides to overturn the election results, it would be the third time in school history that an SGA election has been thrown out.

The SGA Senate chose to take a proactive role in preparing for the possibility of a second election by voting for the funds. The Senate hopes to avoid a re-run of last week's debacle, said Senator at Large Marianne Lorensen.

But the debate on funding took much longer than many expected. The time spent angered College of Architecture Sen. Les Olson. He said the issue of funding

was clear-cut and said Senate concerns over election specifics were pathetic.

LCC Sen. Hendrick Floyd said a lot of senators were tentative in giving support to the bill for fear of influencing the board's decision. Floyd was one of two senators who abstained from the vote.

"I'm expecting an even lower turnout should the board overturn this election," Floyd said. "The turnout on this election, if it even happens, will be even more embarrassing than the first one."

Senator at Large Casey Buckles agreed.

"The students don't want another election," Buckles said. "No one showed up for the first election, what makes you

think that they'd show up to do this all over again?"

Floyd blamed SGA for the poor results of last week's election.

"We are directly responsible for the way the election went," he said. "By voting for this bill we are saying that we are not satisfied with this election."

Graduate School Sen. Mike Tomblin said the debate's focus got lost in details.

"I've seen politicking and rumors like no other in my nine years of student government," Tomblin said. "Hell, I enjoy it. In fact I get off on it, but we need to get back to the issue at hand."

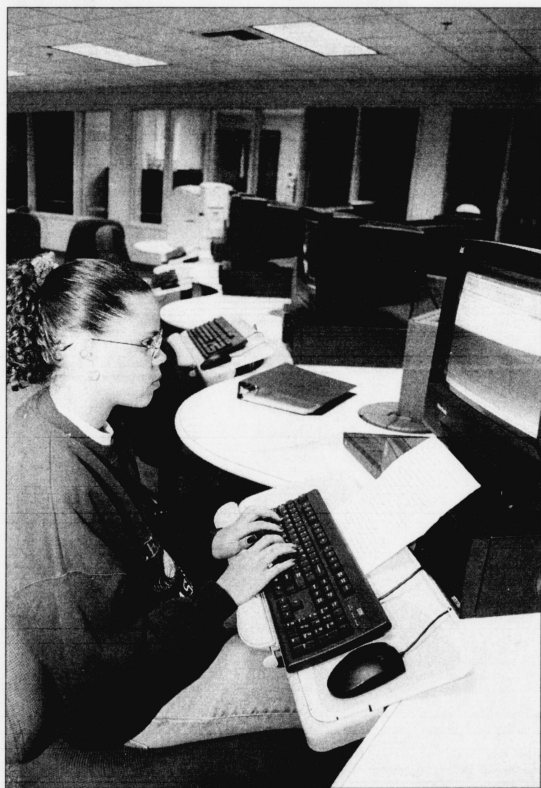
Lorensen chimed in with a quip about redundancy before taking aim at the sena-

tors straddling the fence.

"We can't sit here with our heads up our asses and not be prepared for the possibility of another election," she said. "That's not up to us to decide. But if it does happen, we need to provide students with the means of doing this right."

Senator at Large Phil Feigel took the debate a step further by asking why the SGA would propose spending the same amount of money on a possible second election when results were so poor the first time.

"Why would we try to use the same amount of money to get these elections going when paying them \$5.15 wasn't enough to get them to work the first time?" Feigel said.



HARD AT WORK UK volleyball star Cynthia Dozier, a social work senior, worked at one of the new computers in the CATS facility which opened recently.

PHOTOS BY HOBIE HILIER Kernel staff

New center aids athletes in studies

CATS opens with better services, labs

By B.J. Shackelford
Staff Writer

UK recently completed renovations to the Center for Academic and Tutorial Services, or CATS, which opened in 1981 to give student-athletes academic support.

After eight months of construction, and removing an aging and faulty swimming pool from Memorial Coliseum, the program had a new place to call home.

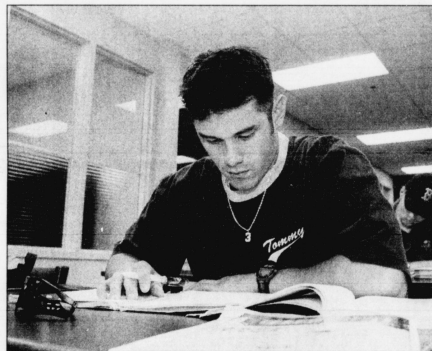
The multi-million dollar facility is one of 10 state-of-the-art learning centers available to student-athletes in the country.

CATS provides such services as a new computer lab, tutors, a quiet study area, as well as both personal and career development. Also added was a library with CD Plus, a service that permits anyone to search a huge online database for career opportunities.

"Academics is the key," said Bob Bradley, associate director of Athletics for Student Services.

Private donations and corporate contributions paid for the CATS new \$2.5 million home, as well as a \$1 million gift by the Ohio Casualty Group, whose chief executive officer, Lauren Patch, graduated from UK.

"It's respectable that a Division I



FIELD OF STUDIES Baseball player Aaron McGlone, a kinesiology sophomore, took time out before last night's game to study in the new CATS center.

school like UK has spent the time, energy and money to create an athletic facility that is solely academic, and continue to improve that facility," said track team member and physical therapy junior Suzie von Bernuth.

Some of the lesser-known services provided by CATS include a community outreach program in the areas of "Conflict Resolution Skills," "Media Literacy," "Cultural Diversity Through Teamwork," as well as the upcoming UK Athletic Association's second-annual SchoolHouse Rock extravaganza on April 9.

The program features student ath-

letes showing their acting skills to 4th- and 5th-graders from in and around Lexington.

"It's all about giving back to the community," Bradley said.

CATS provides a safezone for student athletes to focus on the student in the student athlete.

"CATS helped me to adjust to college," said gymnast Beth Cluxton, a sports management senior. "High school is structured, and college unstructured. CATS gives student athletes structure."

"The staff of CATS is like extended parents," she said. "They encourage you, and want you to succeed."

Study links smoking, infertility

By Mat Herron
News Editor

Romance and nicotine might not go together after all.

A study released by doctors from the United States and Greece shows smoking can have adverse effects on the quality of sperm, and could lead to infertility.

Three UK researchers worked on the project, which took almost five years to complete. Dr. Panyiotis Zavos, a professor in reproductive physiology, Clair Hicks from the animal science department and Juan Correa, a former UK doctoral student who now runs an in-vitro fertilization clinic in San Juan, Puerto Rico; studied the life of sperm from 40 men, aged 23 to 36, over a period of 48 hours after intercourse.

The results: Nonsmokers had better sperm viability,

movement and concentration than smokers, thus having a greater chance of fertilizing an egg.

Men who smoke have byproducts of smoke in their bloodstream that filter into the seminal plasma, the fluid that carries the sperm during intercourse, said Zavos, who coordinated the study. When smokers' sperm was placed in nonsmokers' seminal plasma and vice versa, sperm viability decreased in both cases.

"It has long been established that smoking causes many serious health problems including, as this study illustrates, impairing fertility," said Arthur F. Hainey, president of the Washington-based American Society for Reproductive Medicine, in a news release. "We must ensure this research continues so that men and women do not jeopardize their reproductive future by smoking."

Though he realizes people have the freedom to make their own decisions, Zavos said

he hopes this study will make impact young people as well as married couples to quit.

"There are 10-15 million couples in the U.S. with infertility problems that spend anywhere from \$30-\$40,000 to have a baby," Zavos said. "Smoking contributes to the problem."

"It's gonna make people a little bit more aware," said Lipschultz, president-elect of the society. "Problems with tobacco are crossing over into the reproductive arena, in addition to other health areas that have been identified."

He said fertility clinics and doctors will consider smoking more now when evaluating married couples. Fertility doctors will also run tests to examine metabolites, the breakdown products of tobacco that could have negatively affect sperm production.

Donna Smith wins hearts of UK fans

By Kristen Gobie
Contributing Writer

Donna Smith is torn between two colors.

Red and blue. Smith, wife of UK basketball Coach Tubby Smith, supports her family — and she has the wardrobe to prove it.

During the SEC Tournament, Smith was seen cheering on the Wildcats in a blue outfit and reappearing a few hours later in a red outfit to cheer for her son, G.G., who plays for the Georgia Bulldogs.

Often the focus of national television cameras, Smith is always seen cheering on her husband and his team whether in victory or defeat.

But Smith won over the hearts of UK fans by showing her generosity to

average fans.

"I remember when she gave away those tickets to the fans in the upper arena — that showed that she had class," said Kristy Farmer, an agriculture biotechnology senior. "It made me proud to have the Smith family representing UK."

"This act not only won the hearts of fans, but it also won respect for the Smith family."

She received local media coverage by giving away the outside tickets to those fans who would otherwise be unable to afford such an opportunity.

During a January interview, Smith said, "I thought it would be a nice gesture. A mistake was made in the number of tickets I was given, and I couldn't think of anything I would rather do with them."

She also apparently received the

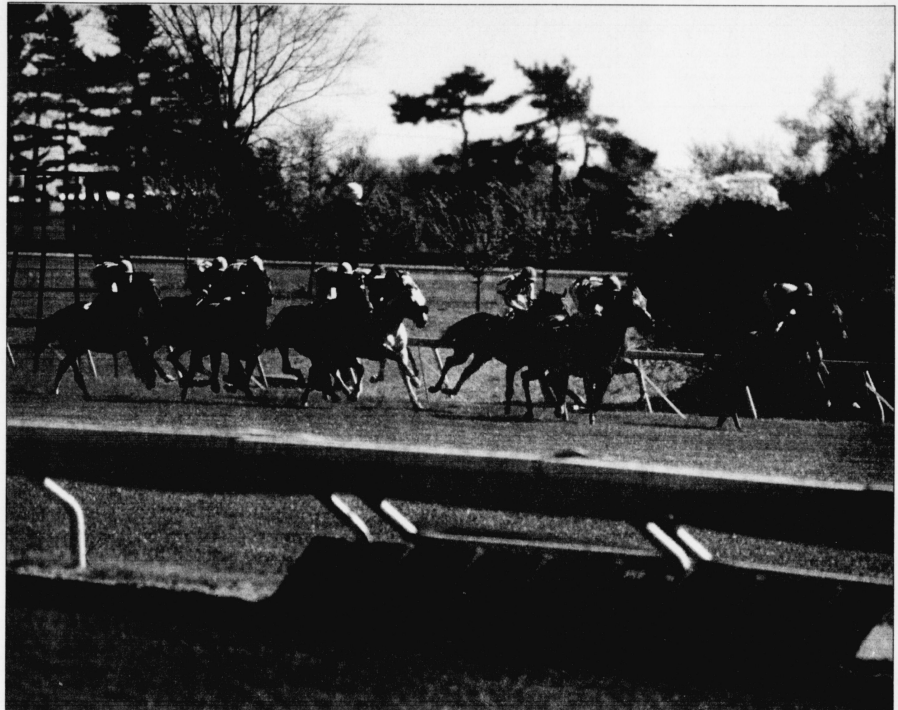
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the weekend's Best Bets

Every year at about this time students risk it all: classes, rent money, their good names, all for a little dose of horse racing



By Becky Evans
Contributing Writer

Beautiful weather, socializing, special activities and winning money is the perfect combination for just one place — Keeneland.

The Keeneland spring meet opens Friday and runs through April 24.

But this season is not just any ordinary spring meet. This year, Keeneland has planned special events to generate a more enjoyable and excitable season.

Starting off the eventful season will be on Saturday, April 11, with the Bluegrass Stakes race. The Stakes is a prelude to the Derby, where thousands of fans watch anxiously to see if their lucky horse will make its appearance in the race of all races.

If watching in overcrowded stands and competing in yelling for your horse is not your thing, then you are in luck because there is more to see. The Budweiser Clydesdales will be visiting the Keeneland stables. The "gentle giants" will be stabled from April 8-12 and is open to the public for viewing.

In line for a first-time appearance at Keeneland will be the Marine Corps Marching Band from Albany, Ga. The band will be playing at Keeneland on Friday, April 17, to participate in "Salute to the Legends Day."

The celebration commemorates the honors and achievements of all Marines across the United States. The Corps will play the National Anthem before the first post at 1:10 p.m.

Keeneland spokeswoman Erin Nantell said, "(the activity) is to give patrons more special events, draw new fans. It falls in line with what other race tracks are doing. The new activities will generate excitement, enthusiasm and overall enjoyment



of the Keeneland experience."

But perhaps this year will be an experience all Keeneland fans will never forget. For the first time in Keeneland's 62 years in horse racing tradition, Saturday, April, 24 marks the first Steeplechase ever to be run on Keeneland's track. The Royal Chase for the Sport of Kings will be run at two and one-fourths miles over 12, 52-inch fences, according to The Keeneland News.

"We look forward to the 1998 spring meet with great anticipation. The Royal Chase should be very exciting and should offer our race fans a new attraction," said Bill Greeley, Keeneland President. "The overall purse structure will be one of the highest ever and we anticipate a grand group of horses to challenge for all our stakes. Without question, it could be one of the best and most exciting spring race meets that we've ever had."

Keeneland's spring meet not only hopes for a new wave of excitement for fans, but also hopes to increase attendance by attracting new ones.

Spring attendance is usually larger than the fall, with the daily average being about 13,000 people. The largest attendance was a spring '94 day which 38,000 people attended.

"Generally the spring attendance is larger than the fall because of nicer weather and bigger races, like the Bluegrass Stakes for example," Nantell said. "People who love the races will never miss a race opportunity like that. We're hoping this year the Steeplechase will be another day for a record-high attendance."

Besides the obvious skipping class, what is it exactly about Keeneland that makes students go?

"I like to go at least once a week to



PHOTOS BY MATT BARTON Keeneland staff

AND THEY'RE OFF Keeneland's spring season begins tomorrow and runs through April 24. This season offers a Steeplechase as well as other special events, such as the Budweiser Clydesdales. An average of 13,000 people attend Keeneland daily during its spring season, making it the most attended and popular season.

socialize, have some drinks, and bet on horses — but I usually lose all of my money," said accounting sophomore Phil Ott. "I like to go to the big races, like the Bluegrass Stakes, but I'm not that interested in the Steeplechase because those kind of races usually draws an older, richer crowd. I like to

be there with students my age."

Keeneland is open from Wednesday through Sunday, April 3-24. They will be closed Sunday, April 12. Gates open at 11 a.m., with the first post at 1:10 p.m.

Admission is \$2.50. Reserved seating is available; weekdays for \$5.50 and weekends for \$7.50.

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NEWS AND GERM

by BENJAMIN HOPPER



Judge throws out Jones suit

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — In a legal victory for President Clinton, a federal judge today threw out Paula Jones' civil lawsuit, saying her evidence fell "far short" of proving sexual harassment.

"While the court will certainly agree that plaintiffs' allegations describe offensive conduct, the court ... has found that the governor's alleged conduct does not constitute sexual assault," U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright ruled.

"The plaintiffs' allegations fall far short of the rigorous standards for establishing a claim of outrage under Arkansas law," she ruled in a 39-page decision.

President Clinton is "pleased that he has received the vindication he has long awaited," said his chief spokesman, Mike McCurry,

who was traveling with Clinton in Africa.

The Rutherford Institute, which has been paying the legal costs of Ms. Jones' suit against Clinton, said, "We will appeal this decision to the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals immediately and confidently seek redress for Jones' grievances for as long as is necessary, even to the Supreme Court of the United States."

An embattled White House immediately cheered the news, which comes more than three years after Jones first filed a lawsuit alleging Clinton made an unwanted sexual advance in a Little Rock, Ark. hotel room in 1991.

At the time, Clinton was Arkansas governor and Jones was a state worker.

The president learned of the decision as he was winding up a 12-day trip.

He got a message to call his lawyer, Robert Bennett, and contacted him. "I told the news, and asked in fact if it was an April Fool's joke," said spokesman Mike McCurry.

"Obviously the president is pleased," McCurry said. He said Clinton shared the news with his wife Hillary. "Both of them were pleased to get the news."

The Clinton's attorney, Robert Bennett, hailed Webber's ruling as a "very strong and very powerful opinion."

Bennett had argued that Jones' case was motivated by politics and had failed to show she was harmed. "I think we were very strong on the facts and on the law," Bennett said outside his law offices.

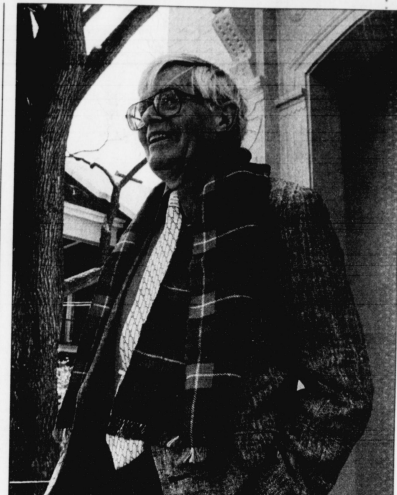
While a major victory, the White House was quick to note that the president still faces major

hurdles, most notably the White-water prosecutors' criminal investigation in the Monica Lewinsky matter.

"This has been a fact of life and no doubt other things will remain a fact of life for him," McCurry said. He said Clinton had shown "extraordinary discipline" in not being distracted by the case.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he was not "particularly surprised" by the judge's ruling but said he did not think it would have any impact on the continuing investigation by White-water prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

"I think there has been pressure on him to get to a conclusion," Lott said, "but it's pretty hard for him to get to a conclusion when the White House won't submit facts or tell the truth."



HEART WARMING Raymond Betts, a history professor at the Gaines Center, said the scarves (above) offer students a generation-spanning keepsake.

Scarves provide warm memories

By Heather Kendrick
Contributing Writer

Many students appreciate the keepsakes they acquire during college. For the seniors graduating from the Gaines Fellowship Program, scarves will help them remember their UK experiences.

The scarves were presented to them Monday night. John and Joan Gaines, the couple who donated money to open the center, attended along with Louis Swift, dean of Undergraduate Studies; and David Watt, vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, to present the scarves.

The tradition of presenting scarves as graduation gifts started about 14 years ago, soon after the Gaines Center opened. The idea of giving scarves instead of plaques or trophies was suggested by Raymond Betts, a history professor at the Gaines Center.

"We wanted to acknowledge the students with something that would be distinctive," said Betts, who got the idea while visiting England.

"I went into a department store and they had scarves from Oxford and Cambridge, and I thought they would be a good idea for the seniors," Betts said.

"These scarves are something they can hand down to their children and grandchildren."

Sally Gay hand-wove each scarf. Gay, from Murray, is a well-known weaver who gives lectures and courses on weaving. The scarves are especially distinct because they have their own special tartan, or pattern.

This way, no other organization can use the tartan. The scarves are red, black and green, to represent the colors of the Gaines' farm, along with blue and white for the colors of the University.

The Gaines Center was created to offer opportunities to undergraduates to study in the humanities and for research. The Gaines Fellowship Program is open to any student on campus.

Students usually apply for admittance during their sophomore year because the program requires that students have at least two more years of school left after they have been admitted to the program.

Usually about 10 students are admitted each year after a competitive selection process. To graduate from the program, students must complete an undergraduate thesis in the humanities.

Jonesboro mourns dead, looks to future

Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ark. — Thousands of teary-eyed people attended a memorial service Tuesday evening for the victims of the Arkansas schoolyard ambush and were told not to "lose faith in human good."

Teacher Sara Lynette Thetford, 42, who was wounded in the shooting, was released from the hospital Tuesday and sat in a wheelchair in the front row at the service.

Tissues were provided on every fifth seat on the floor of the 10,000-seat arena.

Five white wreaths arranged like the Olympic rings stood on one end of the arena stage — one each for the four students and the teacher killed. Five small tulip trees to be

planted at the school as a memorial to the dead stood apart.

"Last Tuesday, when our children came home from school, we hugged them a little tighter than normal," Gov. Mike Huckabee said in a letter read to the assembly.

He and his wife Janet missed the service so they could spend time with their children during spring break.

Attorney General Janet Reno said the memorial service also was a celebration of Natalie Brooks, 11; Paige Ann Herring, 12; Stephanie Johnson, 12; and Brittniey Varner, 11; and Shannon Wright, 32 — "four dear innocent children of God and a wonderful and heroic teacher."

"They have touched our lives and they have

touched the spirit of this nation and lifted us up even as we grieve them," Reno said. "We cannot lose faith in human good, even in the face of evil and injustice."

In a videotaped message, President Clinton said that the only response to the shooting was prayer for peace and healing.

"Like all of you, I do not understand what dark force could have driven young people to do this terrible thing," he said. "As president, I have seen many children killed by political fanatics, but in some ways, this is even harder to grasp."

The Rev. Jack Harris of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church said, "Although our sorrow blots our vision at the moment, it is a tribute to those lost and injured and is not out of place."

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Spare parts

Do you feel it? The cold, sharp scalpel of the government cutting into your body so that it can distribute your organs to whomever it pleases...

is home to one of the designated surgical centers. Just do the math. A major city will always have a flood of "most seriously ill" patients compared to a relatively smaller number from places like eastern Kentucky...

IN OUR OPINION

Respect of guns not to blame in latest shootings

Southern culture takes unwarranted heat for killings

On March 24 in Jonesboro, Ark., two young boys, ages 11 and 13, shot and killed four students and a teacher on school grounds...



Clayton Sandorf, Kernel Columnist

could overcome any obstacle. Another aspect that was deeply ingrained was a deep and personal reverence for God and for life in general...

Most certainly, I benefited by being brought up in such a manner because I have retained all the values taught by my parents...

National news organizations have implied that the heart of the problem lies with the "southern gun culture" that is cultivated in the former confederacy...

Both children involved in the Jonesboro tragedy were introduced to firearms at a young age. Through hunting trips and target practice, both boys became reasonably proficient marksmen...

As the father of two young boys who attend public school, I have an interest in any violence that could affect my children.

However, I understand the SGC somewhat because firearms played a key role in my childhood. I first shot a rifle around the age of 6 and have continued my association with firearms to this day...

Like most southern parents, my father was fanatical about the importance of gun safety and he always provided adult supervision. He always stressed to me that a gun was a tool just like a chain saw or a drill...

Conversely, a mishandled firearm could inflict death or serious injury just like any other power tool. In fact, the only serious injury I ever witnessed as a child was caused by a chainsaw...

I doubt I would have survived childhood had my father ever caught me mishandling a firearm. Most from simply covering the technical aspects of marksmanship, my father (like his father before him) taught me the importance of self-reliance...

It is this combination of firearms proficiency and deep rooted moral principles that constitutes the real Southern Gun Culture.

READERS' forum

Women needn't be ashamed, our body is a beautiful thing

This letter is in response to Christina Keith's letter on March 27. Her opinion that post-game expressions of nudity are merely forms of female exploitation is shared by many women, however, it is not the exhibitions that are harmful...

Instead of turning this into a women's lib argument, we should just accept the fact that these victory celebrations only happen a couple times a year. I sincerely doubt those who do "show their tits" will eventually be seen walking topless down Rose Street...

World problems important too

When Saul Smith was quoted as saying, "Apparently Clinton was down in South Africa or something, I don't know what in the world he's doing down there. But at least Al called," he made it evident that he needs to give more attention to current events and their effect on world affairs...

Clinton is in Africa attempting to herald a new era, one dominated by trade and better ties between the continents. Oh, and one last thing Saul, Al is Al Gore, the Vice President of the United States of America. He has earned the title, we should use it.

Matthew A. Bowdy, health communication graduate student

Zurcher right on the money

Jeff Zurcher's article "Duke, Coach K fend off our poor sportsmanship," in the March 26 Kernel was an eye opener. In our euphoria over the Wildcat's victory, we do tend to be closed minded and fail to appreciate other good programs.

Rajive Ganguli, mining engineering doctoral candidate

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INFORMED SOURCES

"THE CHANCES of success are measured by one thing: the level of our stubbornness."

Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister of Israel, on continuing efforts move the Palestinian peace process along.

Night of parties shows the best/worst in students

The Euclid Testament of Emmick - 15 minutes after the final buzzer: Ringing ears. People from behind screech as they sprint by. Walking towards Woodland. OK. Remember what happened in '96. I lost a cool Converse bluejean hat when some drunk idiot girl knocked me off a blue S-10 that was being flattened. I hit the ground right hand first. Picked myself off ground with broken beer glass embedded in my hand - minus my ball cap. This year, left my fave hat in the car, far, far away. Bring it on, drunk chicks! Ahead of me, hundreds stream towards the intersection. On the corner of Woodland and Columbia, cops stand and scan the crowd. shields up! Oh, big BIG batons. No mass hysteria: The officers smile as I wave to them.



Christopher Emmick, Kernel Columnist

Face Rain? No, smells like Bud Light. Hair gets conditioning of a lifetime. Drunk chick hugs me as she gets pushed by. 'Yeah!

"Yoo-Kay! Yoo-Kay! Yoo-Kay!" Following the train of screamers on the left through an apartment yard. Ah, contact buzz. Sorry about the bushes. Somewhere in the middle of Euclid, a camera spotlight illuminates the crowd. We all turn and whoop and holler. One finger extended, three down, thumb clenched down, arm waving. Wow. I forgot what it felt like. In front of a camera. Voice cracking from the strain of the game. Gee... Aye... Tee... Sss... CATS! CATS! CATS!" Hopping I could scream just enough to show how much I loved this moment, this game, this sport. Psssssssttttt! Sprinkle? Acid

We did it," she screams. Don't think I'll ever see that girl again. She was cute. Finally crossed Euclid. Hmmm... Big Daddy's looks awful busy. Cops standing by the stores and along the street. No smiles. Face shields down. Back towards the middle. Heading towards the west side of Euclid. Within the masses things are going smoothly but slowly until a drunk white guy starts mouthing at a black guy. They tangle. Someone shouts, "Fight! Fight!" One turns and runs while the other is pulled back by friends and exits stage right. Whytey stumbles in front of me mumbling, "Did I do anything? Did I?" Hey! Something's wrong with my backside. I reach back: Hand in my wallet pocket. It's not my hand. Hand suddenly slips away and its body with it. I take the wallet out of my back pocket and put it in my front pocket. That was close! Shoving hits an extreme: Stupid drunk

girls are having their way with everybody. Follow the gals to my destination. Super-America looks calm. Much more dancing and singing going on. SuperAmerica's P.A. system is pumping out the jams. Move towards the east side of Euclid when it starts "Show us your tits!" Drunk brunette complies and the cheers rise. Fortunately for my innocent eyes, she was still wearing a bra. I didn't want to pitch a tent while crowded in lile sardines. Behind me are a middle-aged couple with a big, plastic blue ball. Ball goes flying over my head as I slam into the masses. Heading towards west side of Euclid. Ball comes flying back behind me. I made it to the middle of the intersection, but there's no calm in the eye of this storm. Crowd filled with about 30 big white guys and one small woman starts slam dancing. I slam right back. This is fun. Finally, finally the end. I begin thinking about the statements on CBS right

after the game. Tubby thanking God. Shep thanking God. Mills, well, yeah, of course. Then in front: "Tee... Aye... Tee... Sss... Tits! Tits! Tits!" Stranger and stranger. From the west side of Euclid I head diagonally to south Woodland, back to campus. A guy shouts, "Show us your titties!" to light brunette on the shoulder of a male friend. She looks at the guys, the happiness falls from her face, and her eyes look away as they reveal the disgust she feels. I'm there and I feel ashamed, even though I didn't do it. Leaving the masses, I spy a young male with the same big blue ball that was bouncing around. He didn't look very kind to the middle aged couple. He spins around, watching for officers as he hurries away from the crowds. Kernel Columnist Christopher Emmick is a computer science junior. He can be reached at cememmi@pop.uky.edu.

SPORTS

UK earns five All-American titles

Men's swimming and diving finish season in 24th place

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If athletic events prove anything, it's that seconds can make all the difference, especially during this time of the year. Sometimes just one second makes the difference between misery and euphoria.

Then there is swimming, in which you don't even need half of that.

Less than five-tenths of a second is all that kept sophomore Nat Lewis from swimming for an All-American award and an honorable mention at the men's NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships at Auburn, Ga., last weekend.

The top eight finishers in the 500-yard freestyle preliminary advance to the championship race, while those who finished between ninth and 16th swam for the honorable mentions.

Lewis finished ninth in the preliminaries with a time of 4:20.76. The eighth place finisher finished at 4:20.28. Despite the close call, UK swimming coach Gary Connelly wasn't frustrated.

"We were real happy with Nat's performance in the 500," Connelly said. "He wore himself out in the prelims because he didn't have anyone to pace with. So he was a little bit tired swimming in the final."

Lewis and senior diver Paco Rivera, the only two UK team members to go to the men's tournament, made the most of their excursion.

Collectively, their 24th place finish was the highest ever for UK at the championship. They also brought home five All-American awards between them.

Lewis placed 10th in the 1650-yard and 500-yard freestyles for two honorable mentions, his sec-

ond straight year of earning the mention in the 500 freestyle.

Rivera outshone him by one, picking up an All-American award on the platform by finishing second with a score of 803.9, and two honorable mentions on the one- (12th place) and three-meter (14th) springboards.

He was pleased with second on the platform, but realized he was close enough to taste first.

"I thought about winning, not totally realistically, but I thought about it," Rivera said. "It would have been more fun to win, but I'll take second."

Connelly was surprised to see the two-man tandem of Lewis and Rivera score more points (39-38, respectively) and finish just three places behind the UK women, who swam in the tournament the weekend before at Minnesota.

"It was unfortunate that we couldn't send more guys, but I felt really good about the guys we did send," Connelly said. "They were real solid."

Their five All-American awards were just two shy of the number brought home by the UK women, despite the fact that 10 women

went for the Cats.

"I felt like (Lewis and Rivera) were probably a little lonely, especially since Stanford sent like 16 or 17 swimmers and divers," Connelly said.

Perhaps Stanford sent so many people to ensure that if its men's basketball team didn't win the Final Four, its men's swimming team would win the NCAA Championship. Whatever the reason, it worked.

The Cardinal men won the tournament, following in the footsteps of the Cardinal women, who won the women's tournament two weeks earlier.

Lewis and Rivera came on strong in the face of their competition, capping off stellar seasons for both of them. Rivera recently won the men's Southeastern Conference Diving Championships by setting an SEC meet record with a score of 814.50 on the platform.

"I've had a pretty darn good year," Rivera said. "I had a couple of goals coming into this year: win SECs and do really well at NCAAAs. Luckily, I did both of those."

SPORTSbytes

Utah backers at Morehead State

UK basketball fans had the last laugh on Morehead State University football players who staged a noisy pro-Utah rally hours before the NCAA Championship game.

"We got a lot of people fired up, but it backfired on us when we lost," Brad Bien, an offensive tackle from Cincinnati and a Utes' fan, said Tuesday.

It began as a fraternity prank but turned into a raucous anti-UK rally in which the eight or so students drove down Main Street and across campus.

"You can't beat the Utes," screamed quarterback Kevin Moeller, of Dayton, Ohio, as he cruised past MSU dorms in a Ute-red Ford Ranger.

Waving a sheet-sized Utes banner, donning Utah T-shirts and honking their horns non-stop, Moeller and several out-of-state teammates poked fun at Kentucky's state religion: basketball.

"It makes me sick when you hear stories about people crying for a week" (after a UK loss), said

Todd Chase, a wide receiver from Cleveland. "It's only a game when it comes down to it."

The pro-Utah revelers were greeted with obscene gestures, bared bottoms, jeers — and thrown projectiles. Soon, a truckload of UK boosters were in hot pursuit, waving blue banners and homemade signs of their own.

A Main Street businessman, Jim Tom Trent, watched the spectacle and shook his head.

"It takes a lot of guts or a lack of brains to do that in this part of the state," Trent said.

Schott sidelined

Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott underwent surgery yesterday for a broken hip she suffered when she fell in her driveway.

Schott, 69, was resting comfortably afterward, said Dr. Michael Swank, who performed the half-hour operation. Schott will begin four days of physical therapy today at a suburban Cincinnati hospital. Full recovery typically takes about three months.

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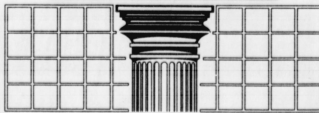
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