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## Audit reveals misuse

### Ploskonka resigns day before report is issued to public

By Lance Williams  
News Editor

A University official resigned Wednesday, one day before an audit was released detailing several misappropriations of funds from the Office of Residence Life.

James Ploskonka, 31, associate director of Residence Life, turned in a letter of resignation to James Kuder, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, on Tuesday. In the letter, Ploskonka offered to make restitution for any items or money found missing from funds in Residence Life accounts.

The UK Office of Internal Audits yesterday released a report of an audit of accounts controlled by the Residence Life office.

The audit shows that both Ploskonka and his former supervisor used University funds for Ploskonka's personal benefit — including purchase of a washer and dryer and a refrigerator. Ploskonka's former supervisor, Bob Clay, former director of Residence Life, killed himself Dec. 14 after the audit was initiated.

The audit reported that there were problems with a UK agency account in the Office of Residence Life. For such an account, the University serves as the caretaker of funds of a UK organization, although no state or federal funds are supposed to be involved.

The audit also reported funds were misappropriated in the PRIDE (Promoting Responsibility in Damage Elimination) account, which was set up as an incentive program for University residence halls.

All of the money in the PRIDE account came directly from fees paid by students who live in University residence halls. After repairs to the halls were paid for each semester, remaining PRIDE account funds were supposed to be used

to purchase items such as microwaves and televisions for the halls.

Withdrawals from this account required a signature from an authorized University official. The audit revealed that, in addition to being used to purchase items for Ploskonka's personal residence, the Residence Life funds were inappropriately deposited into the agency account and that "inadequate controls and financial policies and procedures exist in the Residence Life programs in the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs area."

Finally, the auditors said Residence Life administrators had taken too much authority when establishing and collecting some student fees.

In the agency account fund, auditors learned that some of the money had come from extra fees that had been added in the past couple of years — one paid by women rushing sororities and another paid by students who wanted to use fitness equipment in Alumni Gym.

In fiscal year 1991-92, there was a total of \$5,311 in the account. The amount jumped to \$16,946 the following year, and funds from fall 1993 totaled \$16,650.

The audit determined that fees paid by the sorority rushers were used incorrectly.

Women who rushed sororities in the fall semester were required pay a \$15 fee that was turned over to Residence Life. The fees were supposed to be used to pay for front desk security during Rush Week because sorority rushers are permitted to live in residence halls one week before the halls are open to other students.

However, the desk workers' salaries were paid for with University funds, and the extra money was deposited into the agency account.

Misappropriations also were found in fees for the Wellness Program at Alumni Gym and in money raised during fall 1993 by Boyd Hall's Haunted House for the campus United Way campaign.

Students who wanted to participate in the Wellness Program had to pay \$15 each per semester for use for equipment in Alumni Gym. The audit report showed that \$5,130 was collected from students. Only \$3,475 in checks was deposited into the agency account. The remaining \$1,655 in cash remains unaccounted for.

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JAMES FORBUSH/Kernal Staff

Phlebotomist Denise Franchere takes blood from psychology senior Jennifer Hunter at the Student Center yesterday.

## University helps up blood supply

By Stephen Trimble  
Contributing Writer

UK students have responded generously for calls to aid Central Kentucky's critically low blood supply this week, but more donors still are needed, Central Kentucky Blood Center spokeswoman Marsha Berry said yesterday.

The blood center typically experiences shortages following the holiday season, but this week's winter storm has made the situation even worse.

"The most obvious reason (for the shortage) is the weather," Berry said, noting that icy streets have prevented many regular donors from venturing outside.

"We need 250 donors every day ... so when you have just a few days when only 50 people come out, you have a big problem," she explained.

Berry said yesterday's blood drive at the Student Center was "very busy." Additional staff members had to be sent to assist the flow of donors. Students and faculty donated 78 pints of blood yesterday.

Across the region, donors gave more than 800 pints of blood both yesterday and Wednesday, which allowed a ban on elective surgery to be lifted earlier this week, Berry explained.

More than 120 students registered for an earlier blood drive from venturing outside.

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## Memorial service for student to be Monday

Staff report

A memorial service for James Michael Nodler, a UK student who died Jan. 12 at UK Hospital, will be held Monday.

Nodler was a physical therapy junior in the College of Allied Health Professions. He had just completed his first semester of professional training.

He was from Fort Mitchell, Ky.

near Cincinnati.

Physical therapy department chairman Terry Malone, who said he knew Nodler well, described him as "a fine student."

UK police are withholding information on the cause of Nodler's death pending the completion of an investigation.

The memorial service will be held in HIS 115 UK Health Science Learning Center (College of Nursing) from 4:30 to 6 p.m.



JAMES FORBUSH/Kernal Staff

Students and faculty brave the cold temperatures and icy sidewalks outside Patterson Office Tower on their way to classes yesterday.

### AGENCY ACCOUNT REVENUE

**Panhellenic Rush**  
Students were charged \$15 fee by Panhellenic Council, which transferred \$7,500 per year to Residence Life.

**Wellness Program**  
North campus students were charged \$15 per semester, or \$25 per year, to use the exercise facilities in Alumni Gym, totaling \$5,130 for fall semester alone. \$1,655 in cash payments remains unaccounted for.

**United Way**  
Approximately \$1000 in cash raised by the Boyd Hall Halloween Haunted House for the United Way was never deposited.



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## Icy streets still causing problems

By Jennifer Wieher  
Staff Writer

Ice-covered streets and sidewalks continue to cause problems for commuter students, faculty and staff as they try to attend classes this week.

Dr. Spencer Turner, director of University Health Services, said although the number of students seen in Student Health has dropped in the past few days, the service still is treating students with weather-related problems.

At least 18 accidents and injuries that could be weather related, four of which were deemed serious, have been reported to the Student Health Service since Tuesday, Turner said. The service has treated many lacerations and sprains. But these injuries are secondary, regardless of the bad weather, Turner added.

As of noon yesterday, only one case of frost-

bite had been treated in Student Health, and it was not very serious, Turner said.

The emergency room at UK Hospital also had a decrease in the number of people it admits daily, Turner said.

"Their overall patient load has dropped by one-half or one-third," he said.

As of Tuesday, the UK emergency room had treated at least 30 falls and seven weather injuries, usually frostbite, for people older than 15, Turner said.

Although these accidents and injuries were treated at UK Hospital, they were not necessarily for UK employees or students.

Gov. Brereton Jones declared a state of emergency on Monday, closing state interstates and parkways.

The closing of these roads along with the cold

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### AGENCY ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

Paint & Supplies	\$579.10
Food—Barry T's	\$191.52
Ceiling Fan	\$125.96
Celling Fan	\$167.20
G.E. Range	\$859.00
Picture Frames	\$200.00
RCA VCR	\$348.00

\$2,470.78

### PRIDE ACCOUNT EXPENDITURES

Power Saw & Blades	\$61.68
Range Hood	\$38.62
Misc. Household Goods	\$177.82
Battery Charger, Clock, Batteries	\$144.15
Cassette Player	\$49.99
Camping Tent	\$146.61
Notebook Computer	\$1,995.00
Workbench Kits & Misc. Supplies	\$228.51
(2) 50-Gallon Trash Containers	\$127.40
Power Saw & Belt Sander	\$100.65
(8) Photo Books & (2) Sleeping Bags	\$0.00
Police Scanner	\$199.95
Technics Turntable & Cart	\$266.00
Bipoculars & Super Nintendo	\$186.97
Variable Speed Drill & Misc. Tools	\$193.89
Onkyo Stereo Tape Deck	\$278.00
(2) Sleeping Bags	\$89.82
Onkyo Stereo Receiver	\$298.00
Onkyo Compact Disc Player	\$298.00
(2) Camping Tents	\$208.63
Camera & Bag	\$287.70
Maytag Washer & Dryer	\$1,066.00
Amana Refrigerator	\$1,629.00
Maytag Portable Dishwasher	\$469.00

\$8,541.78

SOURCE: UK Residence Life Internal Audit

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## Governor opens some highways

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Portions of four interstate highways and two parkways were open again yesterday as Gov. Brereton Jones partially lifted a winter storm driving ban.

Kentucky's interstates and parkways were closed after a storm that buried the state under thick ice and then as much as 2 feet of snow.

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## WEATHERING THE COLD

#### UTILITIES

**WATER (266-6300)**  
Protect pipes from freezing: Insulate pipes & keep them warm. Run a steady trickle of water from highest spicket.

**GAS (255-3612)**  
To trigger thermostat mechanism, turn down temperature, readjust to correct degree, and wait for response.

**ELECTRICITY (255-2100)**  
Due to scattered outages and peak usage, conserve power whenever possible by turning off unused appliances and only using washers, dryers, & dishwashers when necessary.

#### SHORTAGES

**FOOD**  
Shortages of the following items have occurred:  
MILK  
Bread

**GASOLINE**  
Due to closed interstates, gasoline supplies have dwindled. Conserve travel through this weekend until stations are able to refuel.

**BLOOD**  
The Central Kentucky Blood Center on Waller Ave. is in urgent need of donors.

#### DRIVING PRECAUTIONS

•Before you go:  
•Allow extra time for slow traffic.  
•Give your car engine time to warm-up thoroughly.  
•Take ample clothing in case of an emergency.  
•Take jumper cables.  
•Take a blanket.

•Drive at a safe following distance.

•Drive at a reasonable speed for icy conditions.

#### AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION

**INTERSTATES:**  
Only remaining impassable interstate is I-64 between Lexington & Louisville. All parkways remain closed.

**LEXTRAN**  
Providing limited service on major routes with minor delays and no wheelchair service.

**TAXIS**  
At this time, providing transportation for medical personnel and patients only.

#### HEALTH CONCERNS

•Avoid frostbite:  
•Do not travel outside unless necessary.  
•Wear warm loose clothing.  
•Avoid exposure of skin for any length of time.

•Take care walking on all streets and walks that have been plowed.

•If you become stranded in your car, stay inside the vehicle, running the engine 10 minutes of each hour.

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**  
258-3970

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### INSIDE:

**WEATHER:**  
•Mostly sunny and warmer today; high around 30.  
•Partly cloudy tonight; low between 15 and 20.  
•Mostly sunny and warmer tomorrow; high around 40

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# SPORTS

## "People had no way of knowing how good we'd be." — MSU coach Richard Williams

# Waning Wildcats need road win

By Brian Bennett  
Senior Staff Writer

Shortly after the Cats' win over Tennessee last Saturday, Travis Ford summed up perfectly UK's chances of winning the Southeastern Conference.

"The conference," the point guard said, "is won on the road."

Now if only his team could put that idea into action.

The seventh-ranked Cats have played just three games this season outside of the cozy confines of Rupp Arena and the Rupp Pacific Bureau, established during the Maui Tournament.

Not coincidentally, all three Big Blue boo-boos have come in un-

friendly territories. UK's next chance to change that stat arrives tomorrow afternoon in Starkville, Miss., against Mississippi State. And it won't be an easy task.

The unranked Bulldogs, who garnered little preseason attention, are getting plenty now after a surprising 11-2 start.

Coach Richard Williams' squad sits atop the SEC West Division at 5-0 after Wednesday's 72-71 win over No. 3 Arkansas.

"People had no way of knowing how good we'd be," said Williams, whose team finished 13-16 last season. "We had so many new players. We had six new players that probably not many people had heard of."

Those names are starting to be heard. Names like Darryl Wilson, a junior college transfer who is State's leading scorer, and Erick Dampier, a 6-foot-11 freshman center who pulls down more than 8 rebounds a game.

State's strategy so far this season has been pretty simple. Just listen to Williams explain how his club handled the potent Razorbacks.

"We were able to make shots in crucial situations," the eighth-year coach said. "We defended them in the perimeter and rebounded well."

The Bulldogs allow the lowest field goal percentage in the SEC and are second in the league in rebounding margin.

Those numbers could spell serious trouble for UK tomorrow. The

Cats seem to forget to pack their playbooks on road trips. They have become disjointed on offense and have had to rely mainly on three-pointers while opposing big men have had career nights.

Case in point: Wednesday's 59-57 loss at Florida. The Cats shot a season-low 34 percent on the way to their lowest scoring output in two years.

Meanwhile, the Gators' Andrew DeClerq collected 20 rebounds as Florida dominated the boards 51-39.

The scene was similar at Georgia and in the Hoosier Dome against Indiana. UK couldn't run its motion offense, and sleeping giants Charles Claxton and Todd Lindeman awoke for a feast.

Dampier, who had 15 points and 13 rebounds against Arkansas, may be licking his chops right now.

UK leads the series 70-14, but State has held tough recently in Starkville, winning three of the last four meetings there.

This season, the Bulldogs' only losses have come in overtime against No. 18 Alabama-Birmingham and on the road against Villanova.

Still, the Bulldogs haven't been getting a lot of SportsCenter highlights or a lot of Top 25 votes. But Williams knows beating UK is a big step toward that.

"They're the epitome of college basketball," Williams said. "What everyone strives to be about is Kentucky."

### MISSISSIPPI STATE VERSUS KENTUCKY

**records**  
Miss. State (11-2, 5-0 SEC)  
No. 7 Kentucky (13-3, 3-2)

**coaches**  
Richard Williams (109-105)  
Rick Pitino (108-34)

**when**  
Tomorrow, 4 p.m. EST

**where**  
Humphrey Coliseum  
Starkville, Miss.

**on the air**  
Radio: 590 AM  
TV: JPTV

**about the series**  
UK leads 70-14  
Last meeting:  
UK 67-Miss. St. 63

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## REGISTRATION NOTICE

Late Registration and Add/Drop have been extended through **TODAY**

Terminal-based service is available from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at all registration sites.

UK-VIP, the telephone system, is scheduled to be available 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

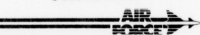


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## Harding complained plot took too long, newspaper reports

By Steve Wilstein  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Tonya Harding knew of the plot to attack Nancy Kerrigan and at one point complained it was taking too long to carry out, her bodyguard told The Oregonian newspaper in an interview published yesterday.

"You know, you need to stop screwing around with this and get it done," Shawn Eckardt quoted Harding as saying.

"Tonya categorically denies those allegations," said Harding's attorney, Dennis Rawlinson. "We believe Mr. Eckardt's lack of credibility is already well documented."

Eckardt also told the newspaper that Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly, offered a \$10,000 U.S. Figure Skating Association check as a bonus if the attack on Kerrigan was carried out immediately. Top figure skaters get financial aid from the sport's governing body.

The newspaper interview was published a day after Gillooly's arrest and the release of an affidavit from a sheriff's deputy implicating Harding in the Jan. 6 attack for the first time.

In the affidavit, which accompanied Gillooly's arrest warrant, Eckardt claimed Harding made two phone calls to find out Kerrigan's practice schedule at a skating rink near Boston and later devised an alibi to explain the calls.

Eckardt, Gillooly, Shane Stark, the alleged "hit man" in the attack, and Derrick Smith, the alleged getaway driver, have been charged with conspiring to injure Kerrigan. Hard-

ing has not been charged and has denied any involvement.

Eckardt told The Oregonian that he met with Gillooly several times to plan the attack. At one midnight meeting around Dec. 31, while Stark was in Boston seeking a chance to attack Kerrigan, they talked while Harding practiced at a rink, he said.

Harding skated over and said "She was disappointed these guys didn't do what they said they were going to do," he told The Oregonian. Eckardt said he suggested Harding call Stark, but she replied, "No, I want you to do it."

Eckardt said Gillooly showed him a \$10,000 check from the USESA and said, "Tell these guys I'll give them a \$10,000 bonus if they'll get it done."

Harding remains under investigation, Assistant District Attorney John Bradley said. She was questioned for 10 hours by the FBI and the district attorney on Tuesday.

Harding may yet skate at the Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, next month.

Claire Ferguson, president of the USFSA, said figure skating officials will vote next week on whether to keep Harding on the U.S. team. Harding could appeal to the U.S. Olympic Committee and go to court as well, Ferguson said.

"We are still in a wait-and-see position," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said after Gillooly's arrest.

Gillooly, who has also denied any involvement, was released on \$20,000 bail Wednesday. Gillooly and Harding, 23, were divorced in August, then reconciled in September.

## Freshman flurry needed for Cats

By Ty Halpin  
Sports Editor

The snow that has cascaded upon Lexington this past few days is much like the freshmen that have descended on UK's gymnastics team. At first, the snow did little or no damage. But eventually, the snow accumulated and made a difference.

The theory will be tested tonight at 8 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

Up from sunny Florida come the No. 8 Gators, fresh off a 189-45-173.375 victory over North Carolina State.

Florida comes into the meet 1-0, while UK is 0-1 following a loss at No. 18 Utah State on Jan. 10.

Miami (Ohio) also will be competing.

The Gym Cats have five freshmen on this season's roster. Since it is still early, the accumulation has been minimal. The winds of competition have not been kind.

At Utah State, the Cats posted a score of 175.200, well below last season's average of 190.32. But, this squad is young and must be given time to develop. UK coach Leah Little said.

"Our young gymnasts gained valuable experience from the trip out west, and it should make our team stronger later in the season," she said after Utah State meet. "While the meet was disappointing for us, there were some positives we can build on."

One positive has been sophomore All-American Jenny Hansen.

Hansen won three events against the Aggies, scoring a 9.90 on the vault, a 9.775 on the balance beam and a 9.725 in the floor exercise. Hansen bruised her knee on the bars, which forced her to withdraw from the event.

Another positive in the first meet was a solid performance by junior Tamae Freeman. She scored a 9.35 on vault and a 9.05 on beam.

Little said she thinks it will

### FLORIDA VERSUS KENTUCKY

**records**  
No. 8 Florida  
Kentucky

**coaches**  
UF: Judi Avener  
UK: Leah Little

**when**  
Tonight, 8 p.m. EST

**where**  
Memorial Coliseum  
Lexington, Ky.

**about the series**  
Florida leads 26-0  
Last meeting:  
UF 194-30 - UK 190.80  
April 5, 1993  
@ NCAA Southeast Regional

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take time for the freshmen to begin to pack together, but the accumulation is right on schedule.

"Actually, the results (from the first meet) were about what I expected this early in the season," she said.

Gym Cat freshmen averaged 8.5 percent in the Utah State meet. The freshmen have been thrust into the spotlight sooner than expected in some cases, due in part to the season-ending injury suffered by senior Gina Hatterrick.

"Gina will be missed," Little said earlier this year. "She worked hard in the off-season, and it looked like she was going to have a great season."

**Notes:**

•Northern Illinois originally was scheduled to participate in tonight's meet also. Because of the poor weather, NIU was unable to make the trip.

•All Gym Cat home meets are free for students with validated UK IDs.

•Hatterrick, who tore her anterior cruciate ligament, will undergo surgery next week.

Rehabilitation will begin soon after.

## Cluck-Off '94

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## PHI BETA KAPPA

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- (1) GPA of 3.5 for students who graduated in May 1993, for students in their final semester, a 3.52 is necessary; for first semester seniors, a 3.60; and for election at the end of the junior year, a 3.70 is required;
- (2) At least two 300 (or higher) level courses outside the major or principal area of concentration;
- (3) At least 90 hours of courses classified as "liberal";
- (4) At least 45 hours of coursework completed on the Lexington campus;
- (5) Satisfactory completion of the lower division ("non-major") requirements for either the BA or BS degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (Dec. graduates may be currently enrolled in one required course).

Should you know of an individual who may meet these requirements, we would appreciate your urging that person to come to Room 715 Patterson Office Tower in the College of Arts and Sciences to pick up an application.

In order to be considered, nominations (for an application to be mailed) must be received no later than **January 28, 1994, with the application due back to the above named office by Thursday, February 10, 1994.** PLEASE NOTE: It is entirely appropriate to nominate yourself and, in fact, if you believe that you meet the criteria necessary for election, it is expected that you will come to the above office for an application.

## Kernel Sports: Hot Property



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# DIVERSIONS

## SAB reels in top films for Worsham

### SAB MOVIE SCHEDULE

Today - Saturday	"The Age of Innocence"
Jan. 25 (Center Theater Series)	"Waterland" 7 p.m., Center Theater, Free Admission
Jan. 27-29	"Malice"
Feb. 1 (Women In Film Series)	"Just Another Girl on the I.R.T." 7:30 p.m., Center Theater, Free Admission
Feb. 3-5	"Judgment Night"
Feb. 8 (Center Theater Series)	"American Me" 7 p.m., Center Theater, Free Admission
Feb. 10-12	"Fearless"
Feb. 15 (Center Theater Series)	"Shadow of the Wolf" 7 p.m., Center Theater, Free Admission
Feb. 17-19	"A Bronx Tale"

\* Movie shows Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 and 10 p.m.. Admission is \$2.

By Nina Davidson  
Arts Editor

Slick roads and bitterly cold temperatures may make staying at home tonight seem inevitable.

However, for those students living in residence halls or close to campus, Worsham Theater offers an alternative to cabin fever with the flickering warmth of a cozy movie.

The Student Activities Board kicks off its movie schedule tonight with "The Age of Innocence," a tale of refined lust among the gilded aristocracy of 19th-century New York City.

Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day-Lewis generate enough heat with their smoldering glances to thaw even the thickest ice coating the UK campus.

"The Age of Innocence" is showing tonight and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. The Worsham Theater is located in the Student Center. Admission is \$2 for UK students with a validated ID.

Joe Kindoll, SAB's cinema chairman, said SAB has changed the movie schedule from last semester. "We cancelled the Wednesday and Sunday shows because of lack of attendance," he said.

However, a second showing has been added to the remaining nights at 10 p.m. All films will now show

Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Another change is that SAB will schedule films month-by-month instead of scheduling the whole semester at once.

"It allows for better programming each semester," Kindoll said. "We can get newer movies and stay competitive with the dollar theaters."

The films scheduled for the following month are "Malice" (Jan. 27-29), "Judgment Night" (Feb. 3-5), "Fearless" (Feb. 10-12) and "A Bronx Tale" (Feb. 17-19).

SAB also schedules free films for the "Women in Film" series and the "Center Theater" series.

The Women in Film Series will present "Just Another Girl on the I.R.T." on Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center Theater.

The Center Theater Series, which shows art genre films, will show "Waterland" (Jan. 25), "American Me" (Feb. 8) and "Shadow of the Wolf" (Feb. 15). All Center Theater films are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The theater located on the second floor of the Student Center.

Kindoll said the Center Theater film series has focused on foreign films in the past but will feature American films this semester.

"We're narrowing our scope and focusing on the more mainstream," he said. "They do cover a spectrum of topical films, though."

Kindoll said the topics covered include people with disabilities in "Waterland," Hispanic culture in "American Me" and American Indians in "Shadow of the Wolf."

Kindoll said the movies are selected on the basis of their box office gross as well as their appeal for a college audience.

"Students at this University really, really get into Disney films," he said. "We're hoping to offer a Disney film later in the semester."

Kindoll said other popular films have included movies aimed at a college audience, such as "Singles."

Films tentatively planned for the rest of the year include several box office hits.

"Barring an unforeseen catastrophe," Kindoll said, "we're hoping to show 'The Fugitive,' 'The Three Musketeers' and 'The Nightmare Before Christmas.'"

Proceeds from the SAB movies go toward the other programs SAB sponsors, such as the Spotlight Jazz series and Homecoming Weekend.

SAB is staffed by students and funded by a portion of the activity fees paid by full-time students. For more information on SAB, call 257-8867 or stop by 203 Student Center.



PHOTO COURTESY OF COLUMBIA PICTURES  
Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day-Lewis play two New Yorkers entangled in a hopeless love affair in "The Age of Innocence."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MUSICI  
Musicians will perform baroque Italian music Saturday as part of the University Artist Series.

## I Musici Italiani

### Staff report

The renowned Italian chamber music ensemble I Musici will grace the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts Saturday at 8 p.m. with its richly textured baroque melodies. The 12-member group plays on

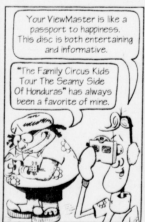
authentic instruments. One musician plays a Stradivarius violin made in 1702, while another plays a 1697 Guarnieri viola.

I Musici will perform Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," as well as selections by Arcangelo Corelli, Giuseppe Tartini and Alessandro Rol-la.

UK faculty member Joseph Barber will present an informal lecture about the history of I Musici, and the music and the composers featured on the program.

Tickets are \$20 for general, \$18 for senior citizens and \$12 for students and children. Call 257-4929 for tickets.

### Sherman's Alley by Gibbs 'N' Voigt



### Beating Those Winter Blues

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD

**WORSHAM THEATER**  
Thursday-Saturday  
7:30 & 10:00 p.m.\*

Admission is \$2 for UK Students, Faculty and Staff  
\*May bring family members

## LOEWS

**NORTH PARK**  
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## Checks and balances may have prevented allegations of misuse

### EDITORIAL

Right now, an annual income of \$28,500 would seem like a large sum of money to most students, but for former Associate Director of Residence Life Jim Ploskonka, it apparently wasn't enough.

To make up for that, Ploskonka allegedly used student money earmarked to benefit residence halls for himself.

This is not a case of a few office supplies being snatched by an employee who thinks that no one will notice or care.

It would be difficult not to notice the washer and dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator and hundreds of dollars in smaller items that Ploskonka has been accused of purchasing with student money for his own use.

It is also difficult to imagine students not caring about their money being wasted so blatantly for the benefit of someone whom they have entrusted to serve them.

Ploskonka, in his letter of resignation this week, offered to make restitution for the funds he has been accused of misappropriating, but the damage to the University's officials already has been done. It has left a fog of mistrust surrounding University officials that won't be easily lifted.

The blame, however, does not rest entirely on Ploskonka. By not setting up a system of checks and balances that would be appropriate for the handling of such large sums of money, the University has created an atmosphere that makes Ploskonka's alleged misdeeds more likely to happen, not to mention much easier to perform.

The best way administrators can go about restoring the trust of the University community is by continuing what they are already doing on this case — pursuing it to the fullest extent, demonstrating that the fee money students pay to UK is important and worth keeping an eye on.

## Politics motivate push for special prosecutor



Don Puckett  
Kernel Columnist

President Clinton had little choice in his decision to go along with the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the Whitewater affair. Too much is fishy for this investigation to be conducted by the Department of Justice.

First, it was the suicide of Vincent Foster, a White House aide and Clinton's formal personal attorney. When the media found out that Hillary Clinton had the Whitewater file removed from Foster's office shortly after his suicide, lights went off in more than a few reporters' heads.

Add to that Clinton's White-water public relations disaster since Foster's death, and you have a lot of smoke. But where is the fire?

Whitewater was the name of the Clintons' failed real estate investment with business partner James McDougal. Recently, it has become the catch phrase for a largely unarticulated web of suspicions about possible wrongdoing by Clinton.

Although recent media reports have stressed the possibility that Clinton may have broken campaign finance laws during his 1984 gubernatorial campaign or improperly used his influence as governor to keep McDougal's failing savings and loan afloat, no evidence has been gathered to substantiate either charge.

Even more precarious for Clinton, no one has publicly accused him of breaking specific laws. Media speculation raises the public's suspicions, but Clinton is unable to respond to specific allegations because there are no specific allegations.

Clinton constantly is receiving fire from the media over Whitewater but is left without a target at which he can fire back.

Given this context, Clinton made the right choice to go along with the appointment of a special prosecutor. He must convince the public he has nothing to hide.

With Reno's appointment Wednesday of a special prosecutor with Republican ties, the pub-

lic demands for an objective pursuit of the truth should at least temporarily subside.

But special prosecutors have nothing to do with an "objective pursuit of truth." They have everything to do with power politics, in a system where scandal is a trump card for the president's opponents.

For example, what does Clinton's most formidable opponent, Sen. Bob Dole, think of special prosecutors?

It depends on when you ask him. In 1992 Dole helped defeat a Congressional special prosecutor law because special prosecutor Larry Walsh, who was appointed to investigate the Iran-Contra scandal, was harassing then-President George Bush.

Walsh's investigation lasted seven years and cost the government \$40 million. Not only did it periodically get the scandal back in the news, but it also distracted both Reagan and Bush from their political agendas by forcing them to spend time answering charges.

Dole hopes that a new special investigator can have the same effect on Clinton. He was among the first people to call for a special prosecutor when it was a Democrat with his neck on the line.

Even if the investigation does not produce evidence that inflates Whitewater to Watergate proportions, it will at least slow down Clinton's domestic agenda, which includes both health care and welfare reform in the short term.

Delays in either of these important initiatives are Republican victories.

Only the most optimistic American citizen would claim that our legislators make decisions based on "principles." Rather, decisions made by public officials are often driven by personal or political considerations that are simply not germane to the issue at hand.

Dole's flip-flop on the special prosecutor issue is an example of political opportunism at its finest.

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## Father's father only leaves memory of okra



John Abbott  
Kernel Columnist

Before this summer, I only had a few vague memories about my paternal grandparents. Sometimes I forgot they even existed, which didn't exactly advance my understanding of human sexuality.

For a while, I was perfectly content to believe that my mother had a mommy and a daddy, just like I had a mommy and a daddy, and my father was manufactured from discarded machine parts. Or spontaneously generated. Or sprang fully-formed from the hip of Zeus. Whatever.

I knew he had arrived here somehow — to guide me, teach me, lecture me on why it's not a very good idea to microwave my teddy bear, and that's all I needed to know.

It really didn't bother me one way or the other how he got here, so I clung to my own theories about how daddies are made until someone came up with something more plausible. Why ask needless questions?

My sister, who is five years older than I am, had a pretty fair recollection of them: I was too young when they stopped talking to us for anything to register. The only concrete memory I had of these shadowy figures was okra. My grandfather loved, and still loves, to eat okra.

It is a hideous, hideous vegetable. It does make a lovely Christmas tree ornament, sure, especially if you paint it pretty colors and stick a Santa head on it, but no

one deserves to be forced to ingest the stuff.

And that was all. That was the only proof that these hallucinations ever existed. I firmly believe that, if he had known that his grandson's only memories about him were of reeling away from a smelly clump of okra in nauseating horror, he would've

I was perfectly content to believe that my mother had a mommy and a daddy, ... and my father was manufactured from discarded machine parts. Or spontaneously generated. Or sprang fully-formed from the hip of Zeus.

tried to get back in touch with us much sooner. Who wants to leave a legacy like that?

When my dad told me that his dad wanted to see me, I was understandably curious. Seeing him would, once and for all, shatter that theory of mine about discarded machine parts, which no one had ever disproved to my satisfaction.

On the other hand, maybe there was a good reason that I hadn't had contact with him for 12 years. And what good would it do me to meet him now? I'd long since gotten used to the idea of not having

him in my life. It didn't bother me all that much.

If I cut my losses right then and there — blocked him out, pretended he didn't exist — then I wouldn't have to hurt when he died.

Some day in the distant future, my dad would sit down at the dinner table, tell us that his father (or mother) was dead, and I'd do my very best not to be insensitive. But let's face it: Nobody cries for me. You can't miss something you never had.

I decided I had to go see what they were all about, so I walked the quarter-mile or so that separates our two houses and stopped at the curb. I stood there for a few minutes, staring at the place as if it were Castle Dracula. A modest, one-story Castle Dracula with a quaint vegetable garden in the back, but it was no less intimidating.

I'd never met a ghost before. Now I was going to meet two.

Talking to them after such a long layoff was, to put it mildly, difficult. My grandfather wanted to know everything that had hap-

pened to me since I was 9 or 10; I can barely remember what I was doing two weekends ago, much less what I was doing when I was 11.

What was fresh news to him (or purposefully blocked out — my entire middle school career, for instance). I told him "I don't remember" so many times that he probably thought I was an idiot.

Not to make light of it, but it somehow seems appropriate that I finally got to know my other grandfather only months before Mr. Fry passed on.

Mr. Fry was, for all intents and purposes, my replacement grandfather. I was short one, and he seemed to be qualified, so I waived the blood-relation requirement and recruited him for emergency duty.

He was cantankerous, like I knew all grandfathers were supposed to be. He was practically as dead as a post, which I knew a lot of grandfathers were. He gave me inappropriately large amounts of money whenever he came by, which all grandfathers do.

One goes down, and another springs up to take his place. That's nice. It's kind of like having a really good bench. Now we'll just have to see how the replacement — well, the replacement for the replacement — works out.

Staff Writer John Abbott is a biology senior and a Kentucky Kernel columnist.

## Cramming won't pack in much knowledge

### Dear Counselor:

This is my third semester at UK, and I'm trying to break a bad habit — cramming for tests. The stress and strain is burning me out. I have a vague idea of things I can do to review for exams, but I need help with specific techniques to give me a sense of direction. There has to be a better way than those all-nighters. Any suggestions?

### Sleepy Sophomore

Yes, there is a better way. You have taken the first step to break your habit — expressing a strong desire to change. Your motivation is a key factor in your academic success. Before you start brewing that gallon of coffee, let's take a closer look at how to review for exams.

"Cramming," according to Webster, is defined as: "1.) To eat greedily, 2.) To pack in tightly; jam, 3.) To study rapidly under pressure for an exam." Although any of these definitions could provide interesting topics of discussion, let's take a closer look at No. 3.

Cramming for a test is analogous to taking a drug to feel better. It may seem to have a positive short-term effect (short-term memory recall), but the long-term effects can be very detrimental to the perpetuation of poor study skills and habits; health problems because of stress; and lack of true

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learning).

Many students find it difficult not to cram. An important factor to realize is that cramming is a learned habit. Generally, we rely on cramming to compensate for various ineffective habits that we have assimilated, such as poor time management, inefficient study techniques and negative attitudes.

Let's take a look at a few exam review habits that, if used, could prove very beneficial:

•Time management — Organization and planning will make that big test seem a little less formidable.

•Create an academic calendar with all exam dates marked. This is a crucial first step in formulating a more detailed schedule.

•Start reviewing at least one week in advance and mark it on your calendar.

•Determine the scope of the testing material and subdivide it into smaller sections.

•Plan two hours of study for every hour of class. Break up these sessions with short breaks every 30-45 minutes to aid concentration.

•Use "waiting time" during the day to review concepts or items for memory. Don't forget to plan study sessions on weekends to maximize retention.

•Set time limits on your review sessions. It forces you to be goal directed and more productive. Build "flexible time" into your

schedule to compensate for more difficult classes.

•Get an early start and plan now for that next exam. This is one proven way to reduce test anxiety.

•Study techniques — Here are a few techniques that work if you use them.

•Find a quiet, convenient study area free from distractions. It is advisable not to study at home.

•Review the entire scope of the material to be learned and then break it down into small parts. Whole-to-part learning aids in retention of material.

•Use mnemonic devices, such as rhymes or acronyms, and creative associations to aid the memory process.

•Create practice tests to better synthesize the material and to build confidence. Anticipate probable questions and prepare sample problems to solve.

•Create review tools such as summary sheets or flash cards. Summarize your readings or notes and teach someone else what you have learned. Sometimes we can learn best by teaching.

•Ask the instructor to conduct a review session before the test.

•Form a study group of four or five people and agree to meet to brainstorm possible test questions and problems. If socializing is kept to a minimum, this is a great way to study for a test.

•The mental factor — Many students overlook their attitude and motivation as factors related to exam reviews and test taking. Here are a few tips:

•Formulate short- and long-term

goals and focus them intensely. This process provides the fuel for your motivation.

•Feeling guilty about the past or worrying about the future steals your concentration and attention away from the only thing you can control — the present moment.

•Use positive affirmations and self-talk every day. Attitude comes from expectations. Expect to do great.

•Keep the test in perspective. Don't equate the test score with your self-esteem. "It" is for feedback, not failure.

•So, Sleepy Sophomore, work on these skills. They are simple, but not easy to acquire because of a tendency to resist change and hold on to old habits.

The chance of obtaining a profitable return, as well as a few nights of sleep, is dramatically increased as you use these techniques.

If you are interested in learning more about these topics, you may wish to see an academic counselor in the Learning Skills program or consider enrolling in the Master Student program.

This 12-hour non-credit class is designed to help students achieve academic success. Major class topics include motivation, time management, concentration, reading skills, note taking, memory, test taking strategies and academic resources. It is a great investment in your academic future.

Students who wish to address these issues may come by the UK Counseling and Testing Center, 301 Frazee Hall or call 257-8701.

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## Snow

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weather and dangerous conditions have prohibited many people from commuting into Lexington.

UK announced Tuesday that classes would be in session on Wednesday, despite the dangerous roads and conditions.

Many students were outraged with the idea of battling the bad roads and cold weather to make it to class.

However Joe Burch, vice president of U. Lexington Relations, said, the University felt that it was necessary to get back on schedule.

Dohn Deatherage, an allied health freshman, made it to campus on Wednesday, but it took him an extra 45 minutes traveling on U.S. 27.

"The roads were open, but it was really bad," Deatherage said.

He continued to say that it was harder getting home because the snow that melted during the day had turned to ice on the streets.

Students living close to campus also had problems getting to class, and some could not make it at all.

Teddy Bichon, a finance junior, commutes from Breckinridge Court Apartments and has been unable to make it to campus this week.

"(Coming to campus) is not worth losing your life over," Bichon said.

"I just think it would be more important to cancel classes that for someone to get hurt."

Shilini Parekh, an undeclared freshman, also had problems commuting to campus yesterday and was unable to make it to class on Wednesday. Parekh said she tried to make it, but the roads were just too dangerous.

Parekh said she was very upset that the University decided to hold classes both yesterday and Wednesday.

"I think it's ridiculous," she said.

Jones reopened some interstates Wednesday night and yesterday, with the hope that motorists would only use them if it was necessary.

Detours and emergency routes have been necessary to help motorists get around the closed highways.

Students living on campus also encountered problems when trying to get to class yesterday.

Susan Burns, a secondary math education sophomore, said the bus services from Greg Page Apartments have not been running on schedule for the past two days.

## Roads

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Record low temperatures rendered salt and chemicals useless, state transportation officials said.

The ban was lifted Wednesday night for Interstate 64 east of Lexington and I-65 from Elizabethtown to the Tennessee border.

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## Audit

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Boyd Hall's annual Halloween Haunted House collected about \$1,000 in cash in October 1993. The funds never were deposited in any account, the audit reported. However, \$1,050 was paid to the United Way from the agency account through a voucher approved by Clay.

Auditors have been unable to determine what happened to the approximately \$1,000 in cash.

Using the two accounts, Ploskonka purchased various items during the past 18 months, including major appliances, general household goods, a notebook computer and a videocassette recorder.

Many of the items were found at Ploskonka's residence in Lancaster, Ky., where he has lived since June. Others, including power tools and stereo equipment, were found in various residence halls.

Ploskonka previously lived in Kirwan Tower.

Ploskonka, who came to UK in 1988, told the auditors he used UK accounts to purchase a \$125 ceiling fan and a \$288 camera and bag.

Late last year, he also purchased a washer and dryer for \$1,066, a refrigerator for \$1,629 and a \$469 dishwasher, all for his personal use. Ploskonka returned the washer, dryer and refrigerator to UK after he learned that the whereabouts of the items was being questioned by auditors, the report said.

The report also shows that Ploskonka charged an \$859 electric range, which is located in his home, to the agency account.

On Dec. 18, however, Ploskonka and one of his attorneys went to Pieratt's, where he purchased the range, and had the billing changed to his name.

In addition, many smaller personal items were stored in Ploskonka's home.

Ploskonka told the auditors that he had returned several of items he had purchased to the University and that he was under the impression that UK was compensating him \$500 per month to supplement

his salary.

"It was Mr. Ploskonka's understanding that this arrangement would continue until he received ... a higher salary," the report said.

Kuder said no such arrangement was authorized.

Ploskonka was able to buy many of the items because Clay apparently had given him permission to sign for items purchased through the accounts.

All such authorizations must be kept on file in the UK Controller's office, but auditors found only records authorizing Clay to sign on the accounts. According to the audit, Clay had never filed with the office to give Ploskonka signature authority.

Clay was in control of all Residence Life accounts and exercised final decision-making authority on these accounts, the report said.

Kuder told the auditors that he only reviewed the income and expenditures once a year, during a budget meeting, and that Clay never indicated to him there were any problems with the account.

Joe Burch, vice president for Uni-

versity Relations, said both Kuder and Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemmenway received a copy of the audit.

He said they will have 30 days to recommend ways in which they can conform to the auditor's suggestions, which included ensuring the accounts meet University regulations and reviewing the appropriateness of the sorority and fitness fees.

"I think I can state that (Hemmenway and Kuder) agree with the conclusions and recommendations and will implement the recommendations," Burch said.

The UK police will also receive a copy of the report and will study it to see if they want to open an investigation. Burch said this is normal procedure in an University audit.

If the police decide to open an investigation and if they find enough evidence, they may obtain warrants and seek a grand jury indictment of those involved in the alleged improprieties.

Ploskonka was unavailable for comment last night. Kuder, reached at his office, would not comment on the situation.

Mr. Bunny and Circle-Head



## Blood

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sponsored by Farmhouse social fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi social sorority, said organizer Chad Sullivan. Surprised blood center workers had predicted just 50 would turn out for the Tuesday blood drive.

Despite the high turnout at blood drives this week, Berry warned that the center still needs more blood — especially since the ban has been lifted.

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**NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
Scholarships for summer or semester/year study in countries other than Western Europe or Canada. Language study required.  
Application deadline: February 7 for undergraduates, February 18 for graduate students

**THE LEON AND EVELYN ZOLONDEK SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Grants ranging from \$1500 to \$500 for Europe Study Program, Non-Western Study Program, Europe Museum Study Program, or Israel Study in summer  
Applications: Student Affairs, 529 Patterson Office  
Application deadline: January 31

**THE RALPH BUNCHE SCHOLARSHIP**  
\$2000 scholarship for summer study abroad  
Applications: Office of Minority Affairs, 563 Patterson Office Tower  
Application deadline: January 31

**THE CARIBBEAN STUDY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$500 to \$1000 grants for the UK Caribbean Program in Trinidad  
Application deadline: February 1

**THE DEAUVILLE EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Teaching assistantships in Deauville; scholarship for study of French at the University of Caen  
Application deadline: February 1

**THE MALAYSIAN STUDY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$500 TO \$1000 grants for the UK Malaysian Summer Program  
Application deadline: February 15

**KIIS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$300 scholarships for KIIS programs in Spain, Mexico, Austria, Italy, Germany or France  
Application deadline: February 15

**NEW HORIZON GRANTS**  
Grants of up to \$1500 for a UK semester or year program  
Application deadline: February 15

**VIENNA SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS**  
\$1000 scholarships for the College of Business and Economics Vienna Program  
Applications available: 125 Business and Economics Building  
Application deadline: February 15

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