



Hoops news

Cats clawed Bulldogs

First there was Auburn and then Mississippi State. Now the Cats are on a roll as they head to Georgia. Watch the game tonight at 9:30 on ESPN.

On campus

Cans and Candy!

Angel Social Club is holding a raffle and accepting canned goods for God's Pantry in the student center this Weds. and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guess the number of M&M's in a jar for \$1 and have a chance to win passes to Laser Quest, the M&M's, and other goodies.

Similarities in life

10 ways college is like preschool

1. You cry for your mother.
2. You cross the street without looking for cars.
3. Snack time is a necessity.
4. You bundle up for the outdoors without caring what you look like (because everyone else looks just as stupid as you do).
5. You stay at home and play games with your friends.
6. You wear your backpack on both shoulders.
7. You wear big mittens.
8. Playing in the snow is a legitimate activity.
9. You take naps.
10. You look forward to grilled cheese sandwiches (especially K-Lair's).

—Source:
http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Campus/862/preschool.html

Just in case

Reasons to skip class

- The class is before noon.
- Can't solve differential equations in your head.
- Didn't do the class assignment and don't like to attend class unprepared.
- The instructor knows no American English.

—Source:
http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Campus/862/skip.html

—RON NORTON

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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BUILDING UP

Size matters for Coldstream campus



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Scott Renfro and Wade Sewell with Allen Contractors, both of Winchester, create a silt check with hay bales constructed to keep soil from eroding into the water on Coldstream Farm.

Necessary facelift: 300 acres will be developed to enhance UK, private sector

By John Wampler
STAFF WRITER

UK's Coldstream Campus will more than triple its size by this summer's end as part of a construction project that began this past fall.

Until recently, an infrastructure of roads, sewers and other utilities served only 96 of the more than 525 acres available for development. But during the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly, \$5.5 million was set aside for the further development of Coldstream through Gov. Paul Patton's Surplus Expenditure Plan.

Upon completion of a two-phase infrastructure development project, 300 acres of Coldstream, near the intersection of Newtown Pike and I-64/75, will be developed. Twenty-eight lots will be available for lease.

"The vision and plan for Coldstream is that it be developed so as to enhance the interaction between the University and the private sector," said Ed Carter, UK vice president for Management and Budget.

He said the development will benefit the state's economy by drawing new industry and fostering existing businesses. UK hopes it will attract businesses that provide higher-paying, higher-quality jobs locally for UK graduates, Carter said.

In addition to the \$5.5 million for the development of Coldstream's infrastructure, \$1.2 million was also provided by the Governor's Surplus Expenditure Plan for the construction of a 10,000-square-foot office/lab building in the Kentucky Technology Center.

The building will be bid for in the spring, with construction expected to be completed next fall, Carter said.

The Kentucky Technology

Center is an area of 13 acres within Coldstream, part of the 96 already with infrastructure.

Six other buildings are to be built in the center, including a 35,000-square-foot office building by private developer Coldstream Ventures One, LLC, and another 10,000-square-foot office/lab had a construction contract signed for it before Christmas, and should be completed by May.

It will be owned and operated by KTI, a UK-owned for-profit corporation that markets inventions and products created by UK faculty. The building was financed by five local banks and the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority.

KTI manages the Advanced Science and Technology Center at UK, in which companies that use technologies developed at UK can get a start before they venture into the private sector.

Local space for laboratory-based businesses, such as Equine Biodynamics Inc., is virtually non-existent, said Jennifer Morrow, senior vice president of the company, one of the nine in the ASTeCC Building at UK.

"(Coldstream) provides a really good opportunity for laboratory-based businesses to have a place to grow," Morrow said.

Morrow added that at Coldstream, companies will be able to custom design the interior of their labs to fit their individual needs.

Joe Fink, director of ASTeCC, said the Coldstream project could not have come at a better time. In addition to EBI, a number of the other start-up companies within ASTeCC are ready to move into the new facilities offered there.

THE HOOK UP

Mixed feelings on Net access

Some like it, some like it not: Students sound off on deal that would bring Internet, cable to residence halls

By Shannon Pratt
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After learning that by next year they could have easier access to Internet services, students living in residence halls had mixed feelings about the higher fees that would accompany the new proposal.

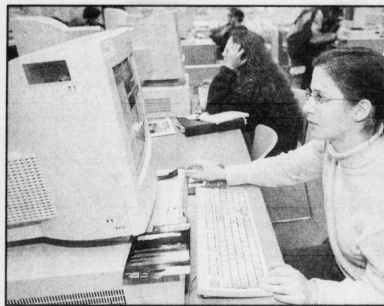
All students living on campus would pay an extra \$20 in cable and phone fees, regardless of whether they want the Internet or cable.

Cable and Internet services would be a package deal, a fact that made many students skeptical.

"I don't watch television, and money is tight for me during the school year," said Ross Davis, freshman living in Keeneland.

Andrew Hill, a sophomore living in Keeneland, agreed the plan may cause unnecessary expense to some students.

"I don't watch TV, and we only pay \$12 a month for the Internet," he said. "It's something you should be able to sign up for when registering or paying



MBA student Ducette Delphine used a computer in the Business and Economics Building.

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tuition." Some residents feel computer services on campus are enough for students, and that those wanting the services should be individually responsible for the Internet.

"The computer labs around campus are adequate," said Shelley Feller, an ISC senior. "People who have their own computer should be responsible for their own access."

Students that use the Internet more see the rewards of having Internet services available in their dorm rooms. Some students also find the computer labs at The Complex Commons are not easily accessible.

They say the Commons lab is open at inconvenient times and the computers are not always available.

Charlie Nowlin, a freshman in Kirwan Tower, said, "The Commons computer lab is not always open at convenient times. It would be much easier to use the Internet in the privacy of your own room."

Other benefits that students predict

is that paying for cable and Internet in one fee would be cheaper and easier. Many residents said their parents would pay for the services and it would be easier to pay it all up front.

Students presently living on campus pay \$14.50 for cable and \$20-\$25 for Internet services.

Holly Powers said, "It would be much easier and my parents would pay for it because the Internet is necessary."

Mary Nordmeyer, who lives Blanding Tower, agreed the service had benefits.

"It is saving you money to pay for both because cable alone costs \$30," she said.

Many students feel that the benefits would outweigh the cost. Some students stated that they use the Internet frequently and having it in their dorm would be very convenient.

"In college everyone should be using the Internet. Most classes have Web pages," said Andy Harris, a chemical engineering sophomore.

"There is the UK home page, where you can look up your grades and schedules, and research papers. It helps me out a lot."

RAISING AWARENESS

Troubled region focus of council

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Appalachian Student Council brings the mountains to UK's doorstep.

"We want to increase awareness of Appalachian culture, history and lifestyle, including the problems, and present a positive presence of Appalachian culture on campus," said Jeanette Morris, the council's president. So far, the council has done that by featuring Gurney Norman, a UK creative writing professor and author, and sponsoring a forum on the highest peak in Kentucky, Black Mountain, which faces degradation from mining.

"Gurney writes these great stories," said Morris, a graduate in marriage and family therapy. "He weaves this thread of Appalachian history and culture through his stories."

The Black Mountain forum attracted about 150 people.

"It was a good opportunity to hear the stories of a variety of people affected by the strip mining at Black Mountain," said Tina Parker, treasurer of the council.

Morris and Parker said they hope events like these will bridge the gap they see between Appalachians and non-Appalachians.

"Certain aspects of the culture and language are misunderstood," said Parker, an English graduate student from east Tennessee. "The big stereotype is related to someone's accent. It doesn't mean people are less-educated or less-refined because of how they talk."

The council is not just for people from the Appalachia. In fact, Morris said she is from southern California. They became interested in reorganizing the council when they saw Ron Eller, director of the UK Appalachian Center, speak on Appalachia, Parker said.

"We both wanted to volunteer and help," Parker said. "We were looking for a way to organize the students."

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Senate dismissal debate is closed

WASHINGTON — The Senate yesterday rejected a motion that would have opened up its debate over dismissing charges against President Clinton. The vote was 57-43 against the motion. It would have required a two-thirds majority to pass. The Senate then approved, by voice vote, a motion to close its debate on the dismissal of charges. Earlier yesterday, House prosecutors signaled they had whittled their proposed witness list to as few as three. Majority leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said senators would vote tomorrow or Wednesday on the issue of whether to allow witnesses.

Court rejects census method

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled yesterday that the 2000 census cannot use statistical sampling, a decision making it more likely millions of people will be left out. The 5-4 ruling requires the traditional nose count to determine how many members of Congress each state should have.

Colombia earthquake kills 87

BOGOTA, Colombia — An earthquake struck western Colombia yesterday, killing at least 87 people and injuring nearly 850 as it toppling buildings across the country's coffee-growing heartland, police and radio reported. The early afternoon quake had a preliminary magnitude of 6, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. Its epicenter was located in western Valle del Cauca state, 140 miles from the capital, Bogota. The death and damage toll appeared to be highest in Armenia, Pereira, and Calarca — three cities near the epicenter.

Iraq: U.S. missiles kill 11 people

BASRA, Iraq — U.S. missiles slammed into residential neighborhoods in southern Iraq yesterday, demolishing sturdy, stone-walled homes as they killed at least 11 people, Iraqi officials said. U.S. officials said American jets fired at air defense systems in response to "threats by anti-aircraft artillery fire" and by Iraqi warplanes flying in the southern "no-fly" zone. Pentagon officials said it was likely that U.S. jets targeting the Iraqi air defense installations misfired and that at least two missiles may have resulted in civilian deaths.

Netanyahu wins party nomination

TEL AVIV, Israel — Benjamin Netanyahu easily won his party's nomination for prime minister yesterday with the help of thousands of



LOSING A LEGEND: Blues pianist Charles Brown, who wrote the Christmas staple "Merry Christmas Baby" and was a major influence on Ray Charles, died of congestive heart failure, his booking agent said Friday. He was 76.

rank-and-file Likud members. But the best and brightest of his Likud party, including popular general Yitzhak Mordechai, have mostly deserted him and are plotting to topple him and grab Likud voters along the way. Mordechai, fired as Netanyahu's defense minister over the weekend, announced yesterday he would lead a new centrist party.

Pope meets with Mexico's affluent

MEXICO CITY — A day after ministering to the masses, Pope John Paul II yesterday held a private Mass for bankers, politicians and other church patrons. In Rome, the Vatican condemned the latest U.S. strikes on Iraq, just a day before the pope was to meet President Clinton in St. Louis.

Dow rises 82.65 on busy day

NEW YORK — Stock prices fluctuated all day and ended mostly higher. At the close of trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 82.65 at 9,203.32. Declining issues on the New York Stock Exchange led advances 1,552-1,460. The Nasdaq was up 30.23 to 2,369.11.

Cleese gets 'R' role in 'Bond' film

LOS ANGELES — John Cleese has gone from *A Fish Called Wanda* to a spy called Bond, Daily Variety reported in yesterday's edition. The British actor-comedian has been cast as R, an incompetent, accident-prone assistant to Q, 007's deadpan gadget guru, in the Bond franchise's 19th outing, *The World Is Not Enough*, the newspaper said.

CBS plans series on Clinton affair

LOS ANGELES — While Washington focuses on the impeachment trial of President Clinton, CBS is developing a miniseries about the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and his slave mistress Sally Hemings, Daily Variety reported in yesterday's edition. The four-hour project will be based on Fawn Brodie's 1974 book *Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate History*, which ignited a heated debate for alleging that the rumored Jefferson-Hemings affair in fact occurred, spanning both of Jefferson's terms in office and resulting in as many as five children.

Hoffman wins \$1.5M from magazine

LOS ANGELES — Actor Dustin Hoffman, who starred as a cross-dresser in the movie *Tootsie*, was awarded a \$15 million judgment Friday against a magazine that printed a computer-generated image of him wearing a dress. U.S. District Judge Dickran Tevzian, who called Hoffman "one of our country's living treasures," said Los Angeles magazine had trampled on the Oscar-winning actor's rights to his own image and left him "violated by technology."

Compiled from wire reports.

I have trouble understanding the self-destructive personality of Clinton. He doesn't just thrive on chaos — he genuinely loves chaos." — Tom Clancy, author, about not even trying to sell a novel based on the Clinton-Lewinsky scandal.

MEDICINE

Friends say recipient a 'brave' soul

Local effort: Louisville doctor makes New Jersey man first-ever hand-transplant

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Co-workers describe a New Jersey paramedic who is the nation's first hand-transplant as brave, and excited about the potential to regain a hand he lost 13 years ago in an M-80 explosion.

Details about the accident were sketchy, but colleagues said yesterday that Matthew David Scott lost his hand while was playing with the M-80, an illegal explosive device that resembles a firecracker but is more powerful. Scott was not expected to return to work, but did so in about nine months.

"We didn't expect him to come back. It's a devastating injury. A paramedic uses his hand for almost everything they do," said Tom Starr, director of the Mobile Intensive Care Unit where Scott also works. "He didn't only come back, he came back and excelled."

In 1990, he was named National Paramedic of the Year by *Emergency Medical Services* magazine. Starr said. His co-workers nominated him for the recognition.

Starr said Scott, of Absecon, N.J., told him about the possibility of a hand transplant last October. But Scott found out about 3 a.m. Sunday, and had just eight hours to get to Louisville, Starr said.

"He was excited about doing it," Starr said. "To me he's probably one of the bravest people I ever met."

Scott's wife, Dawn, a

nurse, accompanied him to Louisville, along with his mother and sister.

The couple has two sons, Ian, 7, Jeremy, 2.

Starr said Scott is expected to remain in Louisville for about 12 weeks.

Scott is a paramedic for Virtua Health System in Gibbstown, N.J., and oversees training for about 160 paramedics in southern New Jersey.

He is also a paramedics instructor, and helped Camden County College develop a paramedics associate degree program — one of only two in New Jersey, said Regina Twisdale, the paramedics school's director.

"He was functioning very, very well. I don't know if I can answer why he would want to do it, but he did," Twisdale said.

"He's very excited about it. He's very committed to having the transplant done," Twisdale said. "We're praying for him. We know just how much he wanted to do this."

She said she has no doubt he thought through his decision to proceed with the potentially risky surgery. "He's very clear-headed," she said. "I'm sure he understands very well what the risks are."

"Like any transplant recipient, Scott will have to take powerful anti-rejection drugs for the rest of his life. Those drugs carry increased risk of infection, cancer and death."

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UK MEN'S HOOPS

A family reunion in the 'Tub'

Together again: The Smith clan battles on the hardwood

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Senior Scott Padgett leads the Cats in steals and deflections. He is just a step above senior Wayne Turner, the usual leader.

And he hasn't let Turner forget it. At practice, a chart goes up detailing the statistics.

Padgett joked that he makes it a point of "letting (Turner) know everyday."

Turner isn't sweating the details. He knows there's still plenty of season left.

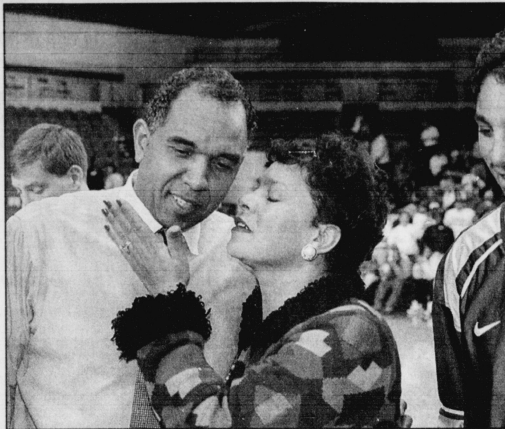
"We still have more games left," Turner said. "He gets his hands on the ball a lot. He's taller. But I'm quicker, so I think I'll catch him in the end."

The two will have plenty of chances to prove their defensive manhood when UK travels to Georgia tonight.

Getting steals though, may be tougher than usual with the likes of UGA stars G.G. Smith and Jumaime Jones.


Smith, son of UK Head Coach Tubby Smith and brother of Saul Smith, is one of the leading ball handlers in the Southeastern Conference.

He ranks fifth in the SEC in assist-to-turnover ratio and sixth in assists with 3.79 a game. He needs just five more assists to become UGA's second-leading all-time assist maker. He's not a bad shooter either. He averages 9.8 points per game and made several key clutch shots to win games late for the Bulldogs.




Donna Smith kissed UK Head Coach Tubby Smith as son Saul looked on after last year's Georgia game.

Brotherly love



UK
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(17-4, 6-1 SEC)



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(12-7, 3-4 SEC)

Series Record: UK leads 93-17

"You have to think of him as a big key to their offense," Tubby Smith said. "He's been doing everything pretty well so far this year."

It's easy to be an assist leader when you have Jones to finish the job. The sophomore forward has been the SEC's top scorer all season, averaging 19.5 points a contest and yanking down 9.5 rebounds. He's also hitting 75 percent of his foul shots.

"Jumaime is very mobile, very versatile," Tubby Smith said. "You're never sure

where he's going to be. He presents tough mismatches for teams."

Padgett will be the guy most likely to get the Jones assignment.

UK (17-4, 6-1 SEC) can add to the mix a hungry Georgia (12-7, 3-4) team coming off of three tough road losses to Tennessee (85-68), Ole Miss (85-79) and Arkansas (82-79).

It's been nearly two weeks since Georgia last took the floor at Stegeman Coliseum. And Georgia has been phenomenal at home: It's riding a 13-game home winning streak.

The streak surpasses the longest string assembled during the two-year Tubby Smith tenure (11 games). The longest home winning streak in school history is 15 games.

"I'm sure (Georgia) will be looking forward to us coming to town," Smith said. "I know it will be a challenge."

FAMILY AFFAIR

What's a mother to do?

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Just when Donna Smith started to learn the cheers and fight songs for the University of Georgia team, she up and left with her husband, Tubby.

A year and a national championship later, she's got all of UK's hoopla down pat.

Now there's a new problem. What is a mother to do when her two favorite Southeastern Conference teams featuring her two sons face off?

"You get your cheers all mixed up," says Donna Smith, mother of UK reserve Saul Smith and UGA point guard G.G. Smith. "You get them all together and coordinated. Then you get all caught up in the game and can't remember which is which."

Some might call tonight's game Civil War-like, brother against brother, mother cringing at the thought of seeing her husband and her sons compete against one another.

It's not all that dramatic, but the stage has been set in UK's game vs. Georgia tonight at 9:30 in Athens.

But Donna Smith takes the whole situation in stride. She returned to Georgia last year and went through the agony. This year should be a little easier.

She's already got her attire picked out: A basketball sweater she picked up in North Carolina with a player making a layup on the back. It has two front pockets that look like basketballs. And the best part? It has "every color in the rainbow," to help her look impartial.

"Honestly, I kind of know

what to expect this year," she said. "I'm not too nervous yet. I probably will be more and more as it gets closer to tip-off."

Donna Smith might seem calm and collected, but husband, Tubby, isn't.

Last year "wasn't too enjoyable," Tubby Smith said. "It's still gonna be emotional, a little tense. My adrenaline is pumping pretty hard already because you wanna play a good game."

Donna Smith said she can see a difference in her husband's demeanor.

"There a definite change," she said. "He's really been spending a lot of time upstairs in his office watching film."

And he doesn't even have to play in the game. How does Saul Smith feel about it? He must have gotten his genes from his mother.

"Coach Smith has been a little more intense," Saul Smith said. "He's been more emotional, more intense. He'll probably be yelling and screaming more this year than before."

Why? It's G.G. Smith's last year to beat his dad and his brother. And his Georgia team is coming off of a tough SEC road schedule, losing three in a row.

"He'll be coming at us pretty hard," Donna said Tubby has been saying all week of his oldest son.

Other than Saul, UK point guard Wayne Turner will be given the assignment of guarding G.G. Smith, who averages 9.8 points per game. He is ranked seventh in the SEC in assists with almost four a game.

"I know I'd love to get a chance to play against my

brother," Turner said. "It was a little weird seeing (all the Smiths) in one place together, and everyone wonders who Mrs. Smith is going to cheer for. It's pretty exciting."

But Donna Smith already knows who she is going to cheer for, everyone.

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Faculty Recital: Peter Simpson, bassoon, 8pm, Singletary Center Recital Hall
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WEDNESDAY 1/27

ACADEMIC
I.E.A.P., 2-2:50 pm, Frazier Hall, Free, call 7-6959 to sign up
MEETINGS
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9pm, CF Bldg. (corner of Woodland & Columbia)
ARTS/MOVIES
"MOVIE" School Daze" viewing and discussion, MLK Cultural Center, 6pm, FREE

THURSDAY 1/28

Math 109 & 123 Tutoring, 203 Frazier Hall, FREE, call 7-6959 for more info
MEETINGS
Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre
UK Lambda meeting for Lesbians/gayans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
Thursday Night Live, 7pm, Christian Student Fellowship, call 233-0313 for info
UK Snowski and Snowboard meeting, 7pm, Room 205 Student Center
ARTS
Vocal Arts Master Classes and Auditions, 12:30pm-5pm, Singletary Ctr. Recital Hall, Register 257-9331
Senior Recital: Mark Andrew Ison, voice, 8pm, Singletary Ctr. Recital Hall

FRIDAY 1/29

ARTS
UK Orchestra Concert, 8pm, Singletary Concert Hall
Senior Recital: Dawn Coon, voice, 8pm, Singletary Ctr. Recital Hall

SATURDAY 1/30

ARTS
Male Chorus Day, 3pm, Singletary Ctr. Concert Hall, call 257-5897 for more info

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Partisan bickering

WASHINGTON - With President Clinton's Senate impeachment trial at a crossroads, Republicans and Democrats struggled yesterday to decide whether to seek a swift end to the proceedings without a partisan struggle over witnesses. Republicans rejected a plan to end the trial this week. Senators delayed the resumption of the trial yesterday by an hour to keep talking among themselves. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott told Chief Justice William Rehnquist after the ceremonial opening that the two sides are "close on an agreement" on procedures for the next few days.

By the numbers

Carry a big stick

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The estimated value, in thousands of dollars, of a commemorative Samurai sword given to IFC president Juan Antonio Samaranch by members from the Nagano Olympic Committee. Rules prohibit international committee members from accepting gifts valued at more than \$150.

Take initiative

Go and be heard

A student forum on the President's Initiative on Undergraduate Education will take place tomorrow at the William T. Young Library auditorium. The forum, which will last from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., will be an opportunity for students to air their questions or comments about ways to improve the quality of undergraduate education at UK. The proposals, developed by three presidential committees, include ideas such as mandatory freshman seminars, a senior project required before graduation, classroom improvements and more living/learning communities.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

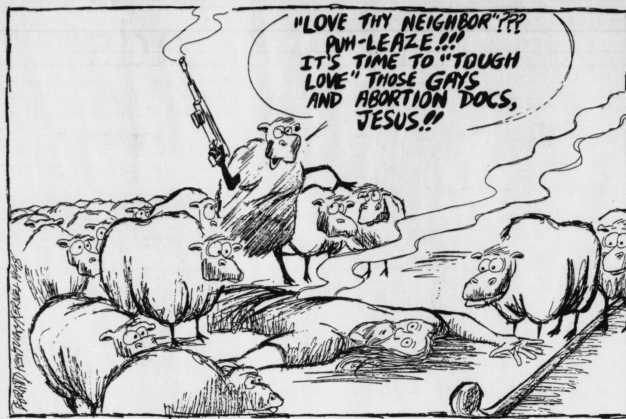
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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Greek response shows they don't have tolerance for gays

To the editor:

This letter is in response to the article "Officials: Gay fraternities might face problems," in the Jan. 22 edition of the Kernel.

Last summer, as I prepared to start my career as a student at UK, I was barraged with mailings from various fraternities. I remember browsing through a couple, taking notice of a small disclaimer stating the non-discrimination of one's sexual orientation, among other issues, such as race. Well, if the Interfraternity Council and its fraternities do not discriminate, then why would they have a problem with a gay fraternity? Brian Roth, IFC president, said, "I think gays would be more accepted as individuals in other fraternities, than to have their own separate fraternity." But would it be possible for a gay pledge to get a bid? After all, one fraternity president stated, "We wouldn't go out of our way to associate with them."

Members of this campus and community will continue to remain bigoted or at least indifferent as long as organizations like the

Greek system continue to discriminate. John Stonger is obviously deceived into believing, "It's never happened, so I don't think about it," referring to his fraternity's lack of gay members. But the statistics are against him, and I am willing to believe there are at least a couple men of "alternative lifestyles" in his organization. The IFC should work to help diversify all aspects of Greek life on campus to help end any sort of discrimination.

RYAN LAFOLLETTE
 CHEMICAL ENGINEERING FRESHMAN

Urban sprawl can be solved with a better political climate

To the editor:

Metropolitan communities, such as Louisville and Lexington, are facing the same seemingly unsolvable problems: the concentration of poverty in central cities with flash points of increasing crime and segregation, declining older suburbs and vulnerable de-

veloping suburbs with few local resources; and costly urban sprawl, with upper-middle class residents and new jobs moving out farther and farther to an insulated, favored quarter.

To make matters worse, this polarization has resulted in the federal government largely abandoning urban policy. Most officials, educators and citizens have been at a loss to create workable solutions to these complex, widespread trends. And until recently, there has been no national or local discussion to sufficiently address the future of America's metropolitan areas.

To stop sprawl from sapping inner strength and resources from cities, we need to build political coalitions between the inner city and the older suburbs. And while this is a challenging task, it is the most practical way. For the forces of decline, sprawl and polarization are too large for individual cities and suburbs to confront alone. The answer lies in a regional agenda that promotes both community and stability.

CHRIS CLEMENTS
 PUBLIC POLICY GRADUATE STUDENT

Starving artists

We need people who are artistically inclined to contribute to the Dialogue page as cartoonists. If you have artistic talent, then the Kernel wants you. We would also love to hear from those of you who can do any of these things, then stop by and get involved.

Check out www.kykernel.com for more letters to the editor.

Meg Marquis

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Noise complaints are unfounded, stupid

Normally, my roommates and I are good-natured, loving and law-abiding citizens. But our spotless police records were recently marred by a heinous crime: our taste in music.

We like our music, what can we say? And because our next door neighbors had apparently turned in for the night at 6:30 last Saturday, our music disturbed them a bit. Did they come over and ask us politely to turn it down? Did they call us to discuss the issue? Did they call the police on us? No, no and yes.

Not once, but TWICE, these young ladies called the police (who, by the way, said both times that they didn't think it was loud enough to be a problem). I suppose our neighbors felt that their lives and personal safety were in great danger because of the volume of our music.

What sad and uninteresting lives people must lead when they feel the need to lash out at others in such a manner. Whether these people feel so much personal hatred towards us because of the volume of our music or because we don't conform to their personal choice of low-volume easy listening vibes (i.e. Raffi or John Tesh), I'm not sure. I think the problem must go deeper than music. And, as any self-respecting editorial columnist would have it, I want to help these people.

Let's start with the root of the prob-

lem. First, did your parents torture you as a child with too much K.C. and the Sunshine Band? Have you ever suffered from Swimmer's Ear? Are your ears sensitive to dog whistles? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then our music might not be the real problem here. I suggest you see a doctor before it gets out of hand.

If you answered "no," then the problem lies in your anger management abilities. Try different ways to cope with your emotions. Punch a pillow. Punch a small animal. Punch your roommate. Try eating a lot of pink cotton candy (hey, it always makes me happy). Put a rubber band on your wrist and snap it every time you feel the urge to call the police unnecessarily.

It is fortunate that this time, no one got hurt. What if the investigating officer pulls out his flashlight suddenly and blinds and unsuspecting (and innocent) suspect? What if the officer waves his nightstick at a perpetrator (innocent of course) so threateningly that he or she dies of the sudden shock? Perhaps then you'd think twice about making such a call to the police. Remember, the police are our friends (at least they are OUR friends — they hang out and ate donuts with us after you called them), and they are here to protect and serve, but they can't do their jobs if they are constantly interrupted by people like you who abuse their power.

IN OUR OPINION

Freedom of choice

Seniors don't need another obstacle

There are always ways to improve the quality of undergraduate education. But sometimes, they're a little misguided.

In this case, we're looking at the Senior Experience proposal in the President's Initiative on Undergraduate Education. This proposal would have graduating students construct a project that links their major with areas outside their discipline.

We like the idea behind the Senior Experience proposal, because a project of this depth would allow students a chance to broaden their horizons with respect to their careers. However, we must disagree with the implementation of this idea.

The proposal requires all graduating students to participate in the Senior Experience. Let's repeat that: The proposal requires all graduating students to participate in the Senior Experience.

One thing that makes college more enjoyable than high school is the freedom of choice. In college, you have the freedom to choose steps that will ultimately determine your lot in life. The Senior Experience infringes upon this precious responsibility given to students.

There are programs already in the UK academic system to allow interaction across disciplines (what the Senior Experience attempts to achieve) that many students don't take advantage of. Independent study courses allow a cross-disciplinary learning project at the student's discretion. Several individual colleges offer special programs that allow students to put their education to work in the real world, such as co-ops, student-run media or student-teaching. Internships offered through colleges give students a chance to put all their classroom skills together in a real-life job.

One common complaint about today's college graduates is that they come out of school with little in the way of practical on-the-job skills. The way to solve the problem is not to assign another project in the world of academia, but to prepare those who will soon be joining the workforce (read: seniors about to graduate) for the challenges that lie ahead of them. Examples include how to write a good résumé, how to interview well, and how to relate with co-workers.

These skills can not be taught only in a classroom, or through a cross-disciplinary project. They are best learned through practical experience in the workforce. If we're going to improve the quality of undergraduate education, let's give students the skills they need, not another assignment they don't want.

Jason Johnson

GUEST OPINION

Take advantage of what SGA has for you

Now that it's time to get back into the swing of things, and that's exactly what your Student Government Association is doing. SGA's free tutoring program will be back this semester, so if you would like to receive a tutor for Math 109 or 123, Chem 105 or 107, or any Spanish class, stop by the SGA office in 120 Student Center and sign up today. SGA also needs your opinion on the proposed housing fee increase that will put cable and Internet access in all residence halls. So if you have not filled out a survey yet, stop by the SGA office and pick one up today.

I hope that all of you have heard about the President's Initiative on Undergraduate Education. President Wethington assembled three committees to brainstorm on ways of improving the Undergraduate Program. The recommendations range from a year long mandatory freshman seminar class to residence hall renovations to increasing the technology available in the classrooms. Some of these proposals will come about at the expense of a fee increase shouldered by the students, and SGA wants to make sure the students' voice is heard before these proposals go back to the president. On that note, SGA would like to invite everyone to a public forum on the President's Initiative that will be held on Wednesday from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. in the

William T. Young Library Auditorium. This forum will be the last chance for students, faculty and staff to have their input heard by the committee's before the official recommendations are made to President Wethington. These proposals will not only affect how the University's budget is going to be allocated, but also the requirements for graduation at UK as we move into the new millennium. It is imperative that student's provide input on these proposals, so please come out Wednesday and help contribute to the discussion. SGA will be giving away door prizes as well, so what do you have to lose?

SGA would also like to encourage all students who could use a little financial help for the 1999-2000 academic year to stop by the SGA office and pick up an application for one of SGA's scholarships. The applications can be turned in beginning of Feb. 19, so stop by now and pick one up today. SGA is looking forward to having a great semester and we cannot do it without your support, so get involved. Whether it's running for a position in the upcoming elections on March 31 and April 1, or just by coming out and supporting SGA events. Let's all work together to make a little noise on campus this semester. Remember, SGA is here for the students.

FILM THOUGHTS

The best laid plan

By Dan O'Neill
SENIOR STAFF CRITIC

Stylish cult-horror director Sam Raimi (best known for his *Evil Dead* films) takes a dramatic departure from his typical blood-splattering camp with his new film, *A Simple Plan*.

Surprisingly, Raimi has made a film with characters people can relate to (instead of, say, K-Mart clerks in time wars who get attacked by zombies), and that is void of his visual gimmicks.

Even more surprising, his camera-sedate, character-driven film works as a highly effective morality play that unfolds with clever appeal.

Raimi's film opens with bleak shots of a Minnesota winter accompanied by voice-over narration describing the simple formula for happiness.

The voice we here belongs to Hank (Bill Paxton), husband to the pregnant Sarah (Bridget Fonda) and brother to the mentally slow Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton).

Hank wants what most midwesterners want: a wife, kids, a friend, and neighbors. For the most part, he has those things.

Soon though, this existence is jeopardized, or perhaps insured, during a chance visit into



Billy Bob Thornton (left to right), Bill Paxton and Brent Briscoe star in Sam Raimi's latest film, *A Simple Plan*.

isolated woods with Jacob and his indolent friend Lou (Brent Briscoe). The three stumble upon a wrecked propeller plane and discover a dead pilot and a duffel bag full of money (roughly \$4 million).

Before we get to this point, though, Raimi forewarns us of the brewing calamity with shots of a fox raiding a hen house and a flock of crows perched in the trees. At one point, the humorously ignorant Jacob comments about the birds, "Those things are always waiting for something to die so they can eat it."

Faced with the weighty decision over the money, the three decide to take it, justifying their decision with "it's probably drug money" or "it's not stealing if it doesn't belong to anyone."

Hank devises the simple plan: Hold the money until spring; if it hasn't been discovered, divide it evenly and move away.

If only it were that simple. Before long, Hank and company stumble into bigger, more complicated crimes to conceal their guilt. A chain reaction occurs with each decision becoming worse than the previous and the crows' wait becomes short lived.

At 135 minutes in length, the film takes its time in mounting the tension, breaking only occasionally for Raimi's trademark macabre sense

of humor. In fact, the film's strength is not in the familiar material, but in the way it gradually unwinds to its perilous conclusion.

Scott B. Smith's screenplay (adapted from his best-selling novel) and Raimi's direction come aided by a group of flawless performances. Paxton and Fonda play the midwest couple to life with a predetermined future.

The most memorable performance comes from Thornton, who plays a more complex, less-handicapped version of his *Sling Blade* character. Here, he's not just a half-retarded, good-natured country boy, but a terribly lonely and human son of a father who killed himself. In a heartbreaking scene, Jacob talks about his lone, tainted experience with a woman, which Thornton delivers with plain sensibility.

In the end, *A Simple Plan* succeeds most in creating human tones through its cast of ordinary people. As a result, the audience can relate and the dire circumstances and horrible deeds become intensified.

Ultimately it's the simple people and not the simple plan that make all the deception and intrigue worth watching.

Rating: A

GOLDEN GLOBES

Globes are golden

Early Oscar indicators are in? Stars shine bright at 56th annual Golden Globe Awards Sunday night

WIRE REPORT

BEVERLY HILLS — There is a very good chance the Golden Globe Awards will prove to live up to their "Oscar Indicator" status this year. Many recipients of early Oscar buzz walked away with trophies, including *Saving Private Ryan* (Best Drama Movie, Best Director) and *Shakespeare in Love* (Best Comedy Movie, Best Screenplay and Best Actress). Members of the Academy, were you taking notes?

Ed Harris won for *The Truman Show* and accepted with a toothpick in his mouth, explaining, "I just finished eating dinner."

On-stage excitement continued with Best Supporting Actress winner Lynn Redgrave (*Gods and Monsters*) claiming she was overjoyed to receive a Golden Globe statue to join the "very lonely one" she received 32 years ago for *Georgy Girl*.

Winning the award for Best Actress in a Comedy/Musical was Jenna Elfman ("Dharma & Greg"), who along with Annette Bening, went with a hairstyle for the evening that can only be described as 'electrocution chic.' Keep those fingers out of the light sockets, ladies.

Michael J. Fox ("Spin City") made a moving speech when he accepted his Best Actor award.

Angelina Jolie brought herself and a few members of the audience to tears as she accepted her Best Actress in a Miniseries/TV Movie award (*Gia*) and thanked her mother, whom she says gave up her own aspirations to become an actress so that she could raise Angelina.

Stanley Tucci reacted to his Best Actor in a Miniseries or TV Movie (*Winchell*) by saying he was "shocked, horrified and thrilled."

"Things got interesting when two categories in a row ended in a tie. Best Supporting Actress in a Series/Miniseries or TV Movie and Best Supporting Actor for the same."

The two tied ladies were Faye Dunaway (*Gia*) and Camryn Manheim ("The Practice"), who proved that political correctness aside, it is possible for a plus-size woman to make a fashion faux pas by revealing too much cleavage. Let's just say there was a lot of giggling.

Don Cheadle (*The Rat Pack*) and Gregory Peck (*Moby Dick*) finished neck in neck, with the legendary Peck receiving a standing ovation from the admiring crowd.

The super duo of Matt Damon and Ben Affleck took the stage to present the award for Best Screenplay, which went to *Shakespeare in Love*. (Ben starred in that film with



Saving Private Ryan won a Golden Globe for Best Dramatic Movie and Best Director (Steven Spielberg). The film is expected to be nominated for several Oscars.

his date and is she-or-is she-not-tilly his girlfriend, Gwyneth Paltrow).

The usually composed Gwyneth Paltrow (*Shakespeare in Love*) lost it during her Best Actress acceptance speech, especially while thanking her mother Blythe Danner, her father, "who is having a really rough year," and her grandfather, "who is having an even rougher year."

Warren Beatty presented the Cecil B. DeMille award to lifelong pal, Jack Nicholson, who actually blushed as they showed clips from his award-winning films.

Jodie Foster, looking awfully

svelte for a new mom, presented Steven Spielberg the Best Director award for *Saving Private Ryan* ('which also won for Best Picture). Spielberg thanked wife Kate Capshaw for "giving him a life."

The most shocked winners of the evening were Cate Blanchett (Best Actress: *Elizabeth*) and Jim Carrey (Best Actor: *The Truman Show*). Blanchett burst into tears before even rising from her seat from the surprise and Carrey, who is never at a loss for words, was left almost speechless as he tried to express his thanks.

RANTS

Awards nothing to cry about

What's the skinny? Emaciation, tears top headlines at Globes

Brenna Ohlson

KEG EDITOR

Last night was the 56th annual Golden Globe awards issued by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. The Hollywood foreign WHAT?!

Well, no matter what ambiguous group is giving out the awards, the Golden Globes, like the Oscars, bring out the biggest stars of both yesterday and today.

At last night's Golden Globes were the stars of screens big and small. Notable winners were Jim Carrey (Best Actor) for the *Truman Show*, *Saving Private Ryan* for Best Drama, and Gwyneth Paltrow for the Best Actress in a motion picture for *Shakespeare in Love*.

One of the highlights of the evening was Warren Beatty

issuing Jack Nicholson the Cecil B. De Mille Award for lifetime achievement. After a deservedly long introduction with numerous movie clips from Nicholson's illustrious career, the veteran actor approached the stage to a standing ovation and delivered an acceptance speech accented with his standard dry humor.

Camryn Manheim, who won the award for Best Actress in a miniseries, made one of the many political references of the evening dedicating her award to, "... every single senator who votes to dismiss the case tomorrow."

"Ally McBeal" brought in the award for the best comedy or musical series and "The Practice" brought in the honors for best drama.

That pretty much sums up the highlights of the evening ... now let's get down to the nitty gritty. Lately there's been a lot of buzz about Calista Flockhart, who plays Ally McBeal.

Everybody's been bitching about the fact that she looks like a skeleton with skin and clothes painted on. Cries and back-handed accusations of anorexia have long been in the air. Before I get to my

point, I'd like to ask: Since when did Hollywood care if women look like they don't eat? (Exhibit A: the modeling industry).

So as much as I think she's a diva ... did anyone complain about Jenna Elfman last night? I love "Dharma and Greg."

It's a funny show, and Jenna Elfman is one of the most up-beat chicks on television. Positive attitude, funky, cool. I can't say enough in praise of the lady, but she looks like Barbie doll eating Dexatrim for breakfast, lunch and dinner! Nobody's dissing her as she walks to and fro through the awards.

My point is, if the press is going to pick on Hollywooders who are obscenely thin, they need to be equal-opportunity dissers. In the end, it comes down to the fact that people are starting some Ally backlash and the only thing they can think of is to make an actress's personal life a living hell by accusing her of starving herself.

My other gripe is the incessant crying Angelina Jolie, Gwyneth Paltrow and Cate Blanchett all whined their way to and from the non-existent podium. I understand it's a big deal. If I go to Burger King and get a crown I feel special — and that's not even close to a Golden Globe, but please, save everyone the time and the nausea.

If you subtracted the time wasted by actresses crying away from the extra time all of the geeks of obscurity take to tell their children that they can go to bed now, the awards show would have ended promptly at 11 p.m. and I could have gone on with my charmed life having had half of my twice-yearly dose of Hollywood.

All in all, this year's Golden Globes were a little old (actors), new (winners), borrowed (diamonds) and blue (well ... hey, the cliché couldn't work all the way through). While we go on with our lives, Hollywood lies in wait for the next night in which the stars come out: the Academy Awards.

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