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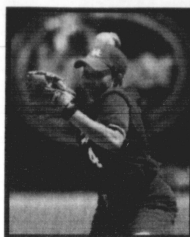
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SPEAKER

Reparations ad author bringing message to UK

Free speech: Horowitz will address campus

By Emily Hagedorn
STAFF WRITER

The man whose controversial ideas sparked newspaper bonfires and the resignation of the editor at the University of Wisconsin Badger Herald and the destruction of the newsroom at Brown University's The Herald will speak at UK next week.

David Horowitz, the president of the Center for the Study of Popular Culture, a conservative think tank, made news last year after his advertisement, "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Blacks is a Bad Idea for Blacks — and Racist Too," caused controversy on college campuses across the country.

The backlash changed his mission into a free speech campaign.

I want to help students get a view of another side," said Horowitz, who is being brought

to campus by the Open Communications Association. Student Government contributed \$500 to help bring Horowitz here.

The story starts one year ago during Black History Month. Horowitz decided he should offer an opposing view of African-American reparations — paying blacks for the injustices of slavery. He said that according to some statistics, only 11 percent of Americans agree with reparations, yet most are being bombarded by a pro-reparations standpoint.

"I think I was at least able to introduce ideas that otherwise wouldn't be heard," he said.

So Horowitz attempted to place an anti-reparations ad in 47 college newspapers. Nine newspapers out of the 47 printed the ad, and four publicly apologized.

"My ad was censored and viscerously attacked," he said. Horowitz did offer the ad to the Kentucky Kernel. The Kernel business staff requested Horowitz pay for the ad in advance, as they do all out-of-town and unfamiliar accounts. Horowitz did not pay, so the Kernel did not run the ad.

Keisha Carter, president of the Black Student Union, agreed it is good to hear different opinions, but she does not agree with Horowitz's message. "His views are a little outrageous," Carter said.

Zach Webb, co-director of the UK NAACP, said white people, such as himself, need to take responsibility. "I want white students to realize that there's a difference

between free speech and racism," he said. "Reparations are a really good way for white people to admit they were wrong."

The group bringing Horowitz to campus looks at it differently.

"College is supposed to be about sharing ideas, and because he did, he was banned from exposure," said Matt Falk, OCA president.

Horowitz said America is the great Utopian experiment with races living side-by-side.

"To students, I am like a visitor from another planet. I am the land of the free, and I look at UK like an island of repression."

If you go

David Horowitz will speak from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 in 106 Classroom Building.



Horowitz

INAUGURATION

UNC president offers advice at inaugural speech



JESSE LEBUS | KERNEL STAFF

Achievement

Molly Broad, president of University of North Carolina, delivers a speech at the convocation ceremony for President Lee Todd's inauguration in the Singletary Center for the Arts on Thursday. Broad emphasized the importance of land grant universities to their states.

Making it happen: Broad's been there

By Melanie Beckwith
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A president of one of the top public research universities in the country began the presidential inaugural events Thursday with some words of wisdom for university leaders working to bring UK to top 20 status.

University of North Carolina System President Molly Broad spoke from her own experiences in higher education on how UK can achieve the state-mandated top 20 status by 2020.

"There is no simple, overnight, silver bullet approach that will transform UK's aspirations into reality," Broad said.

Especially since September 11th, universities must rely greatly on private money since state appropriations can cover only the basics of education, she said.

"UK needs strong and growing fundraising from alumni and friends and corporations and foundations."

Broad said UNC has improved greatly through the recruitment of excellent professors using endowed chairs, and she encouraged UK to follow suit.

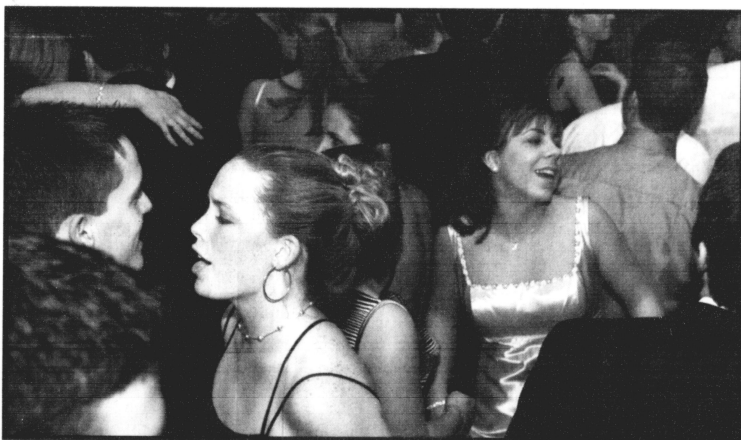
"The elevation of the reputation of the University of Kentucky will derive from the quality of those faculty that you recruit and quality of the undergraduates and graduates that you recruit," she said.

UK must also support the graduate research commission, she said.

"If UK is to help reshape Kentucky's economy for the long term, it will require an on-going commitment to innovative university research in areas of importance to Kentucky," she said. Broad encouraged UK to partner with the education sector, businesses and government in order to gain a competitive advantage over other schools. "UNC would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with UK in areas where our interests and our capabilities are alike," she said.

Broad challenged UK to serve the people of Kentucky and provide an excellent education for the children of tomorrow. President Todd has often expressed the desire, as Broad said, to "renew and extend its commitment and its covenant with the people of Kentucky."

Prom revisited



NICK TOMCERK | KERNEL STAFF

Students danced until 1 a.m. at the Presidential Gala at the Radisson. President Lee Todd and his wife, Patsy, told the crowd they enjoyed seeing the students there and promised a Valentine's Day party next year. See page 2 for photos of inaugural activities.

NATIONAL

Anti-drug campaign angers student group

Drugs and terror: National student group questions accuracy of recent commercials

By John Wampler
NEWS EDITOR

The Office of National Drug Control Policy's new multi-million dollar ad campaign, which connects drug use with terrorism, has members of a national student organization outraged.

Darrell Rogers, national outreach coordinator for the 200-chapter-large Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, condemned the ads, which began airing Super Bowl Sunday, as hypocritical.

"If we are going to blame

the illicit drug consumer for problems associated with prohibition, then the government should talk about the many legal products that have ties to terrorism or repressive regimes worldwide," Rogers said.

Diamonds are responsible for funding death squads, civil war and genocide in the Congo, Sierra Leone and Liberia, Rogers said, and oil has historically contributed to human rights violations.

"Should we demonize engaged couples?" Rogers asked. "Should we blame the auto in-

dustry or soccer moms for human rights abuses?" Rafael LeMaitre, a public affairs specialist for the ONDCP, said the SSDP's argument that the ads are improper because consumer products also can contribute to terrorism, is not accurate.

"They're mixing apples with oranges," he said. The ONDCP is not concerned whether other products contribute to terrorism, only that drugs do, according to LeMaitre.

"We're after the drugs," he said.

LeMaitre said the goal of the new ad campaign is to reduce youth drug use, and that the ads offer kids a powerful refusal tool.

"This is not a cheap shot," he said. "This is a strong, accurate prevention method."

Some UK students question the new ads' effectiveness. "Addicts are addicts," said communications senior Ben Clark, explaining why he thought people wouldn't stop their behavior as a result of the ads. "It's going to make a lot of people wonder, but it won't change anything."

Other students thought the ads were misleading. Jeremy Griffith, a horticulture senior, said that one of the two ads shown during the Super Bowl seemed to imply that if someone buys marijuana, they are contributing to terrorism. Griffith said he doesn't believe this to be true.

LeMaitre said that even marijuana can contribute to terrorism. Roughly half of the marijuana in the U.S. comes from overseas, he said. And recently there was a well-publicized case of a Mexican marijuana gang lining a group of people up against a wall and machine-gunning them, he added.

Other drugs, including cocaine and opium, also contribute to terrorist efforts in countries such as Columbia and Afghanistan, LeMaitre said.

Rogers said that focusing on terrorism feeds on America's current fears and glosses over the real issues involving drug policy in America.

"We (the SSDP) think it is

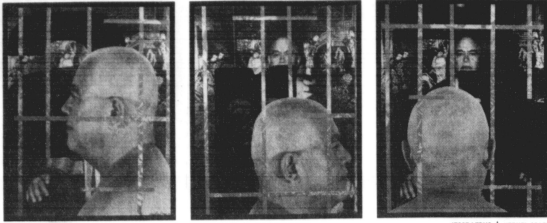
very irresponsible of the U.S. government to tap into that fear."

Not all students are against the ads. Nick Smith, an English freshman, said although he thinks the approach of the ads might have been a little harsh, the message makes sense.

"It was a good idea, and it will help people see they're hurting people other than themselves," he said.

Getting the word out

The two ads that ran during the Super Bowl cost \$3.2 million, and will be run again later. In addition, several print ads will be run in 240 newspapers nationwide.



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Smart art

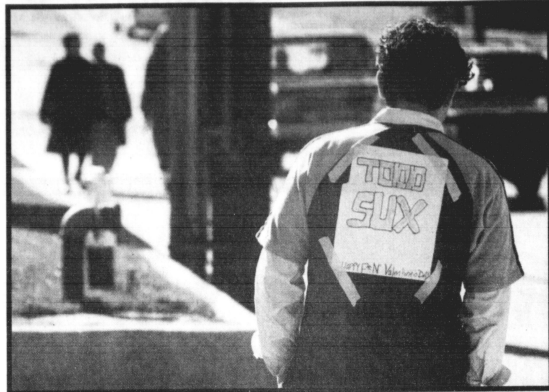
"Out of Darkness into Art" is a collage series by UK Fine Arts Professor Arturo Sandoval. This series and other selections by faculty of the art department are on display in the President's Room at the Singletary Center.



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Pickin' and a grinnin'

Ronald Pen and Will Bacon play through a sampling of old time Kentucky songs at the John Jacob Niles gallery in the Little Fine Arts Library in honor of Lee Todd's inauguration.



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

Transit advertising

Tony Milner, economics junior, wears a sign in protest of Todd's inauguration. "The publicity is one-sided. We hear about all the great things he does, but not his shortcomings," Milner said.



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

Playing hostess

Patsy Todd laughs with Susan Harper, of the development office, at an open house at the Alumni House during Wednesday's inaugural celebration. Harper said this is the first year she has known the Todd family but already feels like they are her next door neighbor.

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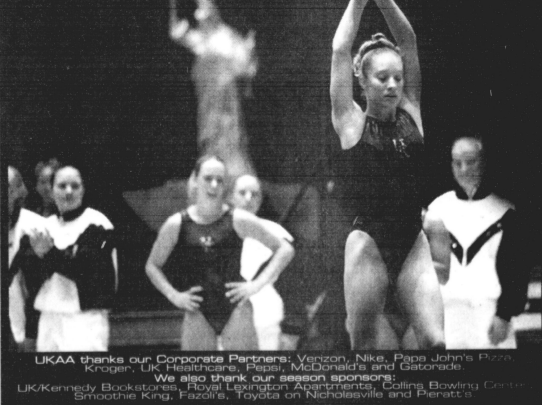
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DISEASE

STDs something to think about

By Kelley Sears
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This disease kills more women in the United States than AIDS each year, but a recent survey said 76 percent of all women haven't heard of it. Human Papilloma Virus is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases in the United States. It is responsible for 93 percent of the cases of cervical cancer in women and has 5.5 million new cases reported each year, according to the Surgeon General's Report. "Call to Action to Promote Sexual Health and Responsible Sexual Health." Only two percent of infected women or men show symptoms, said reports by the Abstinence Clearinghouse, a national non-profit organization dedicated to promoting abstinence. Pam Woodrum, a nurse practitioner and health educator at the Kentucky Clinic, said people diagnosed with HPV haven't been given a death sentence and they are not alone. "We see a good number of students with HPV and other STD's, like herpes and chlamydia," she said. "We're typical of most college campuses." HPV can be acquired by "skin-to-skin" contact while engaging in sexual contact. There are up to 100 HPV strains, only 30-40 strains of HPV develop on the genital areas and only some develop into cervical cancer. HPV viruses include 80 types of viruses that can cause warts on the mouth, hands, feet or genital areas. Depending on the type of HPV virus, these infections can develop into cervical cancer. The National Cancer Institute reported HPV as the major cause for cervical cancer. Some ways of treating warts include freezing the tissue, using a laser, conventional surgery and a few chemicals. "The Department of Health and Human Services issued a report this summer indicating

there is no scientific evidence that condoms prevent the transmission of most sexually transmitted diseases, including HPV. Leslie Unruh, president and founder of the Abstinence Clearinghouse, said people need to be aware that HPV is extremely contagious, and promiscuity is dangerous. "Statistics indicate that each college student who has had sexual contact with more than four partners could be infected," she said. "Condoms don't prevent the infection. It's skin-to-skin contact, and latex isn't the answer." Woodrum said a condom could be the best protection aside from abstinence. "Postpone sexual activity as long as possible and use a condom," she said. "Condoms are the best protection we've got. There is no 100 percent guarantee of protection, short of not having sex." Woodrum said abstinence or waiting for a long-term monogamous relationship is the best way to prevent infection. She said casual sex could be potentially dangerous. Woodrum said once a person agrees to casual sex ones, it could be easier for them to agree to have sex once again. Because this could contribute to possible infections, she offers a few suggestions: don't participate in indiscriminate sexual activity, don't mix alcohol and sexual activity, and don't fail to use a condom each time there is genital contact. "Though there is not yet a cure for HPV, frequent pap smears can detect cellular changes in early stages in women, but men can't be tested. Woodrum said early detection, through pap smears are important in determining if there is an infection and ensuring it is benign. "Early detection is key," she said. "Pap smears are important in picking up abnormalities, so they don't continue, but can be treated."

Protecting yourself with condoms

While condoms are not infallible, if you do plan to use some, here are some tips.

Prior to intercourse

1. Have on hand an adequate supply of latex or plastic condoms and water-based lubricant if you might use one, even if you plan to use another contraceptive. Have extra condoms available in case the first is damaged or torn before use or put on incorrectly, or if you have repeated intercourse.
2. Discuss condom use before you have intercourse.

During intercourse

1. Open the condom package carefully to avoid damaging it with fingernails, teeth, or other sharp objects.
2. Put on the condom before the penis comes in contact with the partner's mouth, anus or vagina. If the penis is uncircumcised, pull the foreskin back before putting on the condom. Keep the condom on the penis until after intercourse or ejaculation.
3. Unroll the condom a short distance to make sure the condom is being unrolled in the right direction. The rolled ring should be on the outside. Then hold the tip of the condom and unroll it down to the base of the erect penis. If the condom does not unroll easily, it is on upside-down. Re-using it may expose the partner to infectious organisms contained in the pre-ejaculate, so discard and begin with a new condom.
4. Adequate lubrication is important. For latex condoms, use only water-based lubricants. Avoid oil-based lubricants like cold cream, mineral oil, cooking oil, petroleum jelly, body lotions, massage oil, or baby oil that can damage latex condoms. For plastic condoms, any type of lubricant can be used.
5. If the condom breaks or falls off during intercourse but before ejaculation, stop and put on a new condom. A new condom can also be used when you have prolonged intercourse or different types of intercourse within a single session (e.g., vaginal / anal).

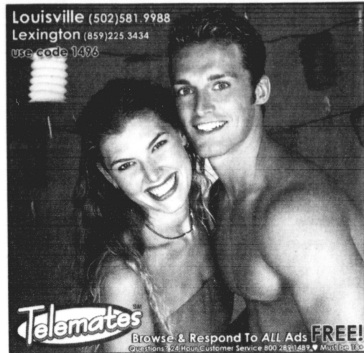
After intercourse

1. Soon after ejaculation, withdraw the penis while it is still erect. Hold the condom firmly against the base of the penis to prevent slippage and leakage of semen.
2. Check the condom for visible damage such as holes, then wrap it in tissue and discard. Do not flush condoms down the toilet.
3. If the condom breaks, falls off, leaks, or is not used: Discuss the possibility of pregnancy or infection with your partner and contact your health care provider as soon as you can. Do not douche. Emergency contraception may be used to prevent pregnancy if started within 72 hours of having unprotected intercourse. Call 888-668-2528 to obtain phone numbers of providers of emergency contraception nearest to you. Gently wash the penis, vulva, anus and adjacent areas with soap and water immediately after intercourse to help reduce the risk of acquiring an STD. Then insert an applicator full of spermicide into the vagina as soon as possible. Do not reuse condoms.

Taking care of supplies

1. Store condoms in a cool and dry place out of direct sunlight (heat may weaken latex).
2. Check the expiration or manufacture date on the box or individual package of condoms. Expiration dates are marked as "Exp"; otherwise, the date is the manufacture date (MFG). Latex condoms should not be used beyond their expiration date or more than five years after the manufacturing date. Latex condoms with spermicide should probably be used within two years of the manufacture date. Condoms in damaged packages or that show obvious signs of deterioration (e.g., brittleness, stickiness, or discoloration) should not be used regardless of their expiration date.

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Week of February 11-17, 2002

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MEETINGS

- *International Christian Fellowship: Friday Fellowship, 7:30pm, St. Augustine's Chapel, Rose Street Fri 15
- ACADEMIC
- *Math Tutoring: 2:00-4:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg.
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- *President's Todd's Inauguration, 11:00am, Memorial Coliseum
- *Presidential Inaugural Reception, Grand Ballroom, Student Center following Inaugural Ceremony
- *Alpha Kappa Psi, Chicago, IL

MEETINGS

- *Catholic Mass, 6:00pm, 320 Rose Ln.
- SPORTS
- *UK BASKETBALL GAME VS. GEORGIA, 1:00pm @ Georgia
- *James Earl Ray Case, 3:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- SPECIAL EVENTS
- *Chinese New Year Celebration, 8:00pm-11:00pm, Christian Student Fellowship, 502 Columbia Ave, Admission \$5
- *Alpha Kappa Psi, Chicago, IL
- INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
- *UK Tea Kwon Do Club, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

MEETINGS

- *Catholic Mass, 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:00pm, 8:30pm, 320 Rose Ln.
- *University Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside
- *Christ, Rm, Auditorium
- ACADEMIC
- *Math Tutoring (12:30, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00pm, Kinross Tower)
- *Math Tutoring (12:30, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00pm, Kinross Tower)
- *Math Tutoring (10:15, 10:15, 8:00, 10:00pm, Holmes Hall)
- *History Tutoring, (10:15, 10:15, 8:00, 10:00pm, Kinross Tower)
- *English Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Chinese New Year Celebration 2002, with Lion Dance and Fire Crackers for opening ceremony, 8:00pm-11:00pm, E.S. Goodson, Advance Tickets \$8.00, at the door \$10.00
- *Alpha Kappa Psi, Chicago, IL
- RETIROBIVES
- *Ann Stewart Anderson: Mythic Women, 2:00pm, UK Art Museum
- INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
- *Marketing Pool Session, 9:30pm, Lancaster Aquatic Center, Admission \$3
- *UK Aude Club, 9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

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On the Web

Cool links

I'm passing the buck in today's rail and hoping that you will entertain yourself with the following Internet links. I'm not going to get into an argument about why I'm not coming up with anything original today, but let's just say that I deserve to be lazy every once in a while. And yes, I do realize that I've used up all my lazy days, but once again, I plead the Fifth.

redmeat.com
 This is an offbeat comic strip by Max Cannon, which is also featured in ACE Weekly. Enjoy great lines like, "Can't talk now, honey-cakes, I'm on nude patrol," and "I guess they don't recycle pigeons."

dieselsweeties.com
 This is another online comic strip by R. Stevens with the tag line, "Love and Pixels." Just go there and you'll understand.

yesterdayland.com
 This is a great site for all of you Generation X gurus who only think about the good ole days of Saturday morning cartoons. How many of you remember "The Snorks" and View Masters?

newgrounds.com
 Here's a site with Flash games and movies. I definitely recommend the top assassin game so you can get revenge on celebrities who need a good beating.

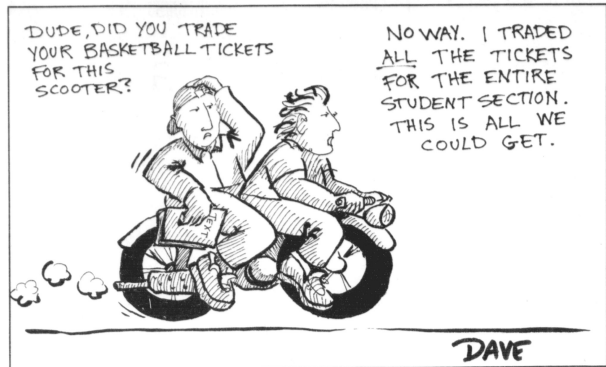
sworsonline.com
 Now I'm not promoting violence or weapons with this site, but it's worth taking a look at just for their words from movies like *Gladiator*, *Blade* and *The Highlander*.

hollywood.com
 There isn't a lot on this site but it's good to check out what movies are playing at all the local theaters. I guess you'll like it if you're into famous people and stuff.

imdb.com
 These last two sites are the best for looking up movies and actors. You can find old movies you've forgotten about and all the embarrassing roles your favorite actors and actresses would like to forget.

upcomingmovies.com
 While the last site dove into the history of film, this one leaps ahead to give you the inside scoop on all the movies, casts and plots of films yet to come. It's a good chance to see all the sequels that you'll inevitably hate.

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Ivy is a good man, still must go

I earnestly believe that Larry Ivy is an honest, hardworking, and good man, with deep ties to the University of Kentucky and an intense desire to improve our athletic programs.

His fallacies stem not from ignorance or mischievousness, but of a blind loyalty to this campus that has undermined his decision-making abilities. I support those who ask for his resignation, but not because he should assume all blame in this matter.

It goes much deeper than any one individual. Ivy is a UK lifer, a cog in the wheel, and has never known another way.

As much as I respect and admire C.M. Newton, it is becoming evident that he had neither the capacity nor desire to confront the troubling "inconsistencies" within UK athletics.

Ivy cannot solely be held at fault for following in Mr. Newton's footsteps, for to be a part of this program is to be a part of the problem.

What we need is an athletics director that brings to the table what Lee Todd has already brought to the top-heavy UK administration. We need an outsider who can think outside the current paradigms and jerk this university back into line.

I'm tired of Duke/UNC fans falling back on the old cliché that "UK Basketball has to cheat to win." I think the Big Blue fans deserve an athletic department that excels in the win/loss column, and does it the right way.

That should be the UK tradition: not boosters, ACT tests, and point-shaving.

JEFF HOAGLAND
 ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE SENIOR

MTV is what's wrong with music

This letter is concerning Victor Maze's column, "I want my MTV," about MTV and its hold on the American popular music market. I am an undeclared freshman and an avid music fan. I'll get right to the point. MTV has ruined popular music.

Shows like TRL absolutely make me sick. I can have no respect for these bands that rely totally on their image for their success. Victor hit the nail on the head when he said that "the emphasis is no longer on music but on style."

There is something wrong when people are buying records not for the music but because the musicians are hot or they can dance well in their videos.

What's more is that most of these kids seem to know that these people aren't very musically talented. Victor Maze said it himself, "Artists often turned to rebellious looks and sexual performance as stock methods of creating a good video, and in turn, cranking out a hit."

I do not deny that video is a great medium for self-expression, but a good video should be centered around a good song, such as the Beastie Boy's "Sabotage" or Jamiroquai's "Virtual Insanity."

These are both wonderful pieces of artwork that combine excellent music with very entertaining visual aspects.

Maze made another point that I would like to discuss. In his closing he stated, "MTV has shaped our world, our ideals, and our musical tastes."

Please, people, don't let MTV and the radio tell you what to listen to, and please, please don't let them shape your ideals. There are tons of great bands out there that actually play instruments and don't need five guys to do their vocals.

As for Maze's point that videos are the only way fans will get to see the bands, I've got a great solution. Go to their concerts. Live music can be an emotionally and spiritually moving experience, especially when it is not an exact recreation of the band's hit songs of MTV.

And what's more, there are many great bands right here in Lexington. So please get out and support local musicians and go see live music of any kind. Above all, find music that you truly enjoy, not just what MTV and the rest of the commercial mainstream tell you what to like.

BEN LUCKETT
 UNDECLARED FRESHMAN

Lack of Kernel crosswords puzzling

I was writing to complain about the lack of crossword puzzles in the Kentucky Kernel in the past few days. Please bring them back.

This is the only thing that can hold my attention through the very long and tedious lecture classes I have.

SARAH LOVEJOY
 EDUCATION SOPHOMORE

Prisoners deserve new organs

I wholeheartedly agree with Josh Sullivan in his column, "Prisoners have hearts, too." Inmates should be eligible for organ transplants, and we are all being fleeced by the prison industry.

If prisons rehabilitate their populations, why deny a functioning liver to a potential firefighter or teacher that now suffers from cancer?

If prisons do not rehabilitate, then why use our tax dollars to destroy the mind of, say, a young adult convicted for illegal possession of Ritalin, the popular ADD medication and DEA schedule II controlled substance.

We need fundamental changes in incarceration penalties if, as Sullivan writes, 55 percent of inmates are locked up for drug offenses. Remember the elementary-school teachings of that honorable McGruff dog ("Take a bite out of crime")?

Well, the prison industry takes a juicy bite out of our wallets and, by imprisoning drug offenders, also chomps on many children that need parents — regardless of whether they smoke an occasional joint.

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Several ideas for spreading Olympic fever

Does the fact that I'm entirely bored by the Olympic game point to some wretched character flaw within me? Call me unpatriotic, but even amidst the current uniform sense of nationalism the only emotion I feel when I watch a man ice skating in spandex tights is nausea.

But I also feel disappointment. Because with all of these great athletes from every corner of the globe gathered to assert their physical superiority over the rest of the world, it just doesn't have to be so dull. With a little courage and creativity we could turn the Olympic games into a Roman-esque bastion of entertainment.

That's why I'm here to help out. I've got a few ideas for how to make the Olympics much more exciting in years to come.

The first thing we need is Tonya Harding. As far as I'm concerned she generated the greatest Olympic story in history. We employ Harding to be a part of the figure skating competition. You give her a blunt object and tell the competitors that any team that doesn't earn a medal has to spend three minutes in the rink with Tonya once she's good and liquored up. That should be just as motivating as a gold medal.

You could also have Harding chase the speed-skaters. World records would go down faster than Ted Kennedy in a hotel with a hooker.

Next we adjust that event where the skiers fly down the huge ramp and see how far they can jump. We dig huge 6 foot deep pits all around the area where the jumpers might land and put angry badgers we've injected with heroin in the bottom. We could put some of those helmet cameras on the competitors so we could hear their screams as they realize they've chosen the wrong spot to land.

There should also be new events introduced. In particular, one called the "Al-Qaeda Royal Rumble." You take all those terrorists being held captive in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and transport them to Salt Lake City. Erect a giant cage like they do in WWF pay-per-view events.

You place hundreds of bludgeoning weapons in the cage, like baseball bats with nails in them, or spiked maces: no guns or things that would result in a quick, painless death. Then tell the prisoners that the last three men standing will be allowed to return to Afghanistan to pursue their illustrious careers. I'd be willing to let a few terrorists go free in order to watch the carnage that would ensue.

Now, one event that doesn't need a whole lot of tweaking is hockey. We just need to encourage the players a bit. There will still be one point given for every goal scored, but a team will be awarded two goals for every tooth they knock out of a rival player's mouth. And if you cause a competitor to lose consciousness, you earn three.

We're right on track with one current event, the biathlon. That's the race where skiers have to maneuver around the course, periodically stopping to shoot targets with an air rifle.

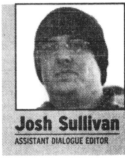
Incorporating firearms is a great idea. Good concept, bad execution. Why shoot at targets? Let the skiers shoot at each other. That way, if someone's getting trounced they have the opportunity to plant a pellet in the ass of whoever is in front of them and even the odds.

We could also exercise a few demons as well. Put the American team next to the Iranian team. We'll teach them to talk back when the U.S. president puts them in their place. Then put the British and the French next to each other. It would be wholly engrossing to watch the French run away screaming while the Brits give chase.

Finally, we've got to do something about this drab medal ceremony. While the national anthems are being played the silver and bronze medalists will have one last chance to capture the gold. Whichever one can beat the winner into submission and take their medal before the song ends will be crowned the new champion. The podium will be traded for a wrestling ring.

It's time to forego the pageantry and false sense of sportsmanship. With our newfound sense of patriotism let's truly embrace the underlying purpose of the Olympics, to be able to say, "My country can kick your country's ass."

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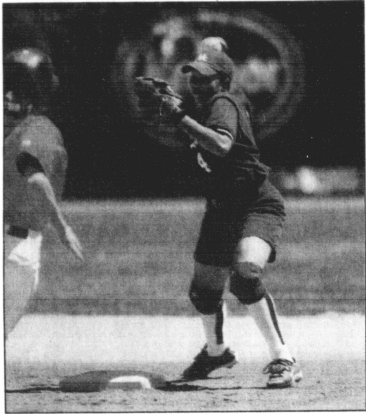
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Softball Cats stick together with plans of breakout year



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Making the turn

Junior second baseman Nikki Jones makes the pivot in a double-play attempt last season. UK travels to San Antonio, Texas this weekend.

Standing tall: UK's softball family targets second SEC East title in three years

Jack Medlar
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UK's softball team lives by the state's motto, United, the Cats stand. Divided, the Cats will fall.

There is a special bond with this group of athletes — particularly the seniors — that could lead to a breakout year for UK's softball program.

"This group of young ladies is really a special one, especially considering the type of leadership we're getting from them this year," Coach Beth Kirchner

said of the five seniors on this year's squad. "I would say by far they are the strongest class we've had as far as leadership goes."

The Cats are hoping that leadership will translate into a third consecutive trip to the SEC tournament, but they also have loftier goals. UK has its sights set on a NCAA Regional Tournament berth.

"I think this year we have a great chance at advancing to the Regionals," senior Beth Fogle said. "In the past we probably haven't connected as much

as a team as we have this year. This year the team cohesiveness is unbelievable, we work very well together."

UK will have to wait until the middle of May for Regionals, but has already shown improvement in the season's opening weekend. UK traveled to Miami, Fla., Feb. 1-3 for the Fun in the Sun Tournament.

UK emerged with a 2-3 record but managed to finish the tourney on a high note. UK avenged a 9-3 loss to Illinois State by pounding the Redbirds 12-0 in the consolation game.

This rapid improvement and the cohesive nature of the team have caused the Cats to be optimistic about this season. But they are concerned with the lack of student support that UK's program has received.

"It would be great if more students would come to our games," Fogle said. "We go to other places and it's packed. In Louisville students sit right beside our dugout and give us a hard time. It's a totally different experience."

"We would almost rather play away games all the time because everyone else gets more fans than we do."

The sparse student support is not because of underachievement by the Cats, who won the SEC Eastern division in 2000. The reason for the student body's apathy toward the softball team is probably a lack of knowledge about the sport, said junior Nikki Jones.

"A lot of people don't know much about us," Jones said. "All they know is that we throw underhand. Softball is similar to baseball, but it's actually a much faster game."

Despite the lack of support the softball team has received, the seniors are unanimous in the belief that UK softball has been a positive experience.

"It's been the best experience of my life," said senior Andy Ellertson. "I've met friends that I'll have for the rest

of my life. The team is like a small family and the coaches are great role models. Everyone helps each other and (playing at UK) is probably one of the best choices I've ever made."

The Cats will try to continue on their path to the Regional Tournament as they head to San Antonio for a six-game tournament this weekend.

UK will open its home schedule with the Kentucky Invitational on Mar. 9-10. The weekend will be packed with four games and the Cats would greatly appreciate a strong presence from the student body.

This may be the most united softball team ever to wear the blue and white, and together they plan on standing atop the SEC.

Softball home schedule

- Kent State 5 p.m. March 9
- Evansville 7 p.m. March 9
- Ohio 5 p.m. March 10
- Illinois State 7 p.m. March 10
- Tennessee (doubleheader) 3 p.m. March 19
- Tennessee (doubleheader) 3 p.m. March 20
- Akron (doubleheader) 3 p.m. March 26
- Alabama (doubleheader) 1 p.m. March 30
- Alabama 1 p.m. March 31
- Mississippi State (doubleheader) 1 p.m. April 6
- Mississippi State 1 p.m. April 7
- Louisville (doubleheader) 5 p.m. April 10
- LSU (doubleheader) 1 p.m. April 20
- LSU 1 p.m. April 21
- Arkansas (doubleheader) 3 p.m. May 2
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Meeting topics will include Careers in Pharmacy, with a presentation from Dr. Shelley Nail on Community Pharmacy Practice. Phyllis Nally, Pre-Pharmacy Advisor, will also discuss Pharm.D. application eligibility, the PCAT for Practice, and any other pertinent info. Current Pharmacy students will also be available to share information about "what it's really like to be a UK Pharm.D. student". The Club meeting will take place in the College of Pharmacy, Room 223. Please contact Phyllis Nally to reserve your spot: (859) 323-2755.

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HARD KNOCKS

GymKats look past tough losses

Next: UK gymnastics team hosts Ball State, continues to work toward Nationals

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The UK gymnastics team knows how difficult its competition can be and does not let losses overshadow the progress it has made.

UK hosts the Ball State Cardinals at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Memorial Coliseum. The GymKats expect to not only improve their scores, but also add to their win total.

The No. 21 GymKats (5-4, 0-2 in the Southeastern Conference) have two losses to top 10 teams (Georgia and Florida) despite tallying their second- and fourth-highest scores of the year in those matches.

"I like to win," said sophomore Aronda Primeault. "But I am the kind of person that if I

don't do well, I let it roll off my back. The important thing is that we are improving."

Primeault is UK's best all-around competitor and is coming off a career-high 9.9 on the vault at Georgia, but sophomore Julie Joy has pressed her this season.

Joy won the all-around competition in the Bahamas Breeze Invitational against No. 23 BYU and No. 25 North Carolina State. She also leads the GymKats with a 39.1 average all-around score.

"At first I was like, 'whoa,' because I had not done this well in a while," Joy said. "But I wasn't really surprised because I have been working really hard for this."

Joy arrived at UK in January of 2001 and had little time to

prepare for her freshman season, but the Villa Park, Ill., native did everything she could to be ready for this season.

Joy's improvement is indicative of the consistent improvement the entire UK squad has made. Despite setbacks against higher ranked teams and disappointing road losses, UK has maintained a plan to be ready for the SEC and NCAA Championships.

Last year UK missed qualifying for Nationals by one position. The GymKats hope, no matter their record, their improving scores land them a spot in the NCAA Championships and their progress will show enough to make the step up to Nationals.

"We still have the same goals," Primeault said. "Because we lost two teammates to injuries we've dedicated the season to them and become even closer."

Senior Jennifer Simmons

ended her career after she tore her anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee prior to the season. Then, senior Katie Toups tore the ACL in her right knee during practice in January resulting in the same ill fate.

UK Coach Leah Little stressed that the progress and improvements the GymKats have made are far more important than their win-loss totals.

"We have made steady progress," Little said. "I'm sure losing matches discourages the girls some, but they realize that improving our scores each week is more important."

GymKats vs. Ball State

7:30 p.m. tonight
Memorial Coliseum

CATS-EYE

Shooters host Jacksonville State

By Clay Kennedy
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Confidence is running high as the fourth ranked UK Rifle team competes again this weekend at home.

"After our past week's performance, I think we stand a better than average chance of winning," said Harry Mullins, coach of the UK Rifle team.

This week's meet is against Jacksonville State University. The competition is an all-day event slated for Saturday in the basement of Barker Hall.

It will be the first time this year the two teams have met.

After UK's top place finish last week at the NCAA Sectionals, sophomore shooter James Nash is ready to compete again. Nash took first place at the sectionals in the air rifle event with a score of 393. Nash said the meet against JSU will be the last of the regular season.

Coach Mullins isn't expecting a cakewalk for UK.

"They (JSU) are coming up here eager to prove to everyone that they can go to nationals," Mullins said.

"They are going to want to put up some big scores, but I think we have what it takes to pull it out."

The meet will last all day. Rifle events consist of two parts. First, competitors use .22 caliber rifles in three positions. Prone is the first position, which consists shooting from lying flat on the stomach.

The second position is a standing round and the third is a kneeling round. Shooters fire 40 shots from each position. Part two is the air rifle competition, which is all standing.

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