



Water conservation

Ways to help

You can help conserve, keep water cleaner, and use less water in other ways besides not peeing in the ocean.

In the bathroom: Take a five-minute shower instead of a bath. Amount saved: 15 gallons per shower.

Don't use toilets as a wastebasket. Flush only when you need to. Amount saved: 12 or more gallons per day.

When brushing teeth, use a glassful of water instead of running the tap. Amount saved: 3 or more gallons per brushing.

When taking a bath, don't run the water without closing the drain first. The warm water that comes after running the tap for a while will take care of that first cold burst.

In the kitchen: When washing dishes by hand, fill up the sink with soap and water instead of running the water the whole time. Amount saved: 25 gallons per load.

Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator when you want a drink instead of running the tap until the water cools. Amount saved: 2 gallons per drink.

Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator, not under running tap water. Amount saved: 5 or more gallons per meal.

Start a compost pile as an alternative to using a kitchen sink garbage disposal.

Outside around your home: Water your lawn during the early morning hours when there are low temperatures and low winds. This reduces the amount of water you lose from evaporation.

Position your sprinklers to water only the lawn, not the sidewalk or street.

Don't waste water hosing down your driveway or sidewalk. Amount saved: 25 gallons every five minutes.

Drive your car over your lawn when washing it, or use a commercial car wash that recycles water.

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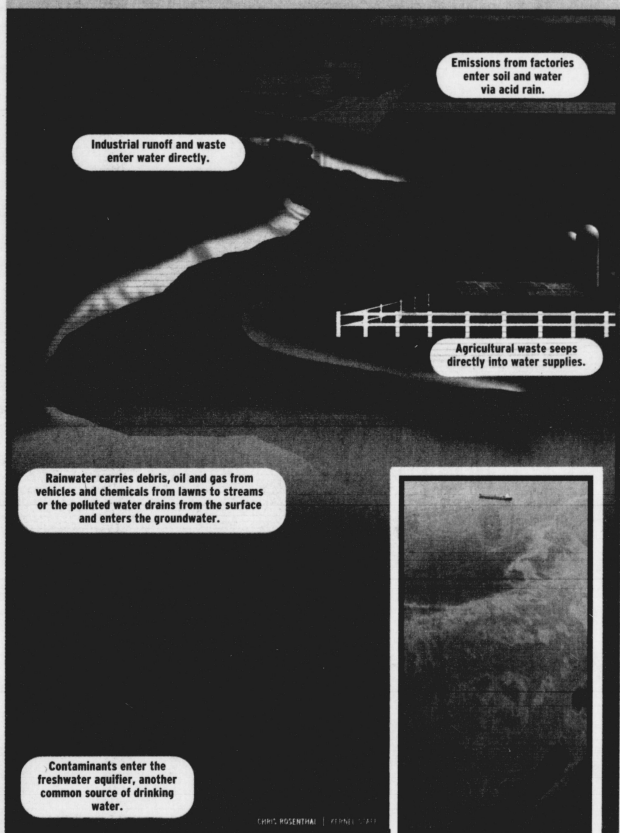
EARTH DAY 2000

So you want to go swimming. Too bad, the beach is closed. How about fishing? So long as you don't eat them — high levels of mercury have contaminated the aquatic population.

What's a regular person like you to do? Educate yourself. Today, the Kentucky Kernel looks at new threats to one of the most precious things on Earth — water. Check it out. You'll be happy you did in twenty years.

A drop in the bucket

Water, water, everywhere: Strides made in fighting water pollution may be one step forward, two taken back



By Mark Vanderhoff
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Richard Nixon signed the Clean Water Act in 1972. The legislation was passed to bring chemical, physical and biological integrity back to the nation's surface waters, so citizens could enjoy more "fishable and swimmable" waters.

Three decades later, a Republican and Democrat want to see the act updated. Sen. Kit Bond (R-Missouri) and Rep. John Tanner (D-Tennessee) introduced last week the Fishable Waters Act of 2000, an amendment to the Clean Water Act that would encourage community-based partnerships to address fish habitat issues.

The act has brought fishers, water recreation enthusiasts, environmentalists and congressional representatives together.

"What was possible in 1972 is unlikely to be either fiscally (practical) or politically viable now," wrote the American Sportfishing Association in a detailed summary of the legislation.

"There will never be sufficient federal resources to do

everything, we first must undertake to target those water bodies in which specific protection and restoration activities will make healthy fisheries a realistic possibility. Top-down regulation does not represent a complete solution, particularly when addressing non-point source pollution problems."

To put it simply: pollution has changed with the times, so it's time to come up with a new strategy.

When the Clean Water Act was passed, the government was concerned about point source pollution, or pollution that came from a specific source. A factory dumping waste directly into a stream would be an example of point source pollution.

"A lot of point sources have been addressed and regulated for 20 to 25 years," said Jim Kipp, assistant director for the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute.

"What remains is non-point source pollution that is spread across the land and is very challenging to deal with."

Non-point source pollution is pollution for which a specific

Water pollution disasters

1967 - The Torrey Canyon oil tanker became stranded off Land's End, releasing some 118,000 tons of crude oil, about 14,000 tons of which reached the British coastline.

March 24, 1989 - The Exxon Valdez oil tanker (above) ran aground in the Prince William Sound off Alaska, spilling 232,000 barrels of oil. Only 25 percent of the migratory salmon population returned to the area the following season and thousands of otters and birds were poisoned.

January 5, 1993 - The oil tanker Braer ran aground off Sumburgh Head in Shetland. Twenty minutes later the Braer with its 619,300 barrels of oil (about 130,000 tons) ran aground again and began leaking oil.

February 15, 1996 - The Sea Empress tanker hit rocks off the coast of Wales, spilling about 1000 tons of oil. By February 21 an estimated 50,000 tons of oil had been spilled.

Source: Southampton University environmental database.

RULINGS

Confederate flag put to rest

South Carolina Senate voted to bring the flag down; UK students speak on the issue

By Nikole Wolfe
STAFF WRITER

More than 40 years of history was undone last week after one vote by the South Carolina State Senate.

The Senate voted 36-7 to remove the confederate flag from its place in front of the statehouse exactly 139 years after the start of the Civil War.

The flag has been an issue of controversy ever since it went up in the 1940s.

Some citizens feel the flag should be taken down because it represents the oppression of slavery. Others feel it should stay up because it represents southern heritage.

The controversy of the Confederate flag is not limited to South Carolina. In fact, it touches Kentucky as well.

This heritage can be seen in many things. From The Lexington Cemetery, in which many Confederate soldiers are buried, to Transylvania University, which was used as a hospital during the war.

The never-ending debate over a symbol of southern heritage has even led to a homicide, right here at home in Kentucky. In 1995, Michael Westerman, a resident of Elkton, was shot and killed for having a confederate flag on his truck.

Displaying the confederate flag is a complex issue because it represents many different things to various people.

"A Confederate flag is a symbol for two different moments in history, the Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement," said Tracy Campbell, an American history professor at UK.

Campbell agreed that the flag should be removed from the Statehouse in South Carolina because it was placed there during the Civil Rights movement, and, therefore, represents racial repression.

Still, some students think the flag is an important reminder of southern heritage.

"The Confederates were fighting for something they believed in. And whether their cause was right or wrong, they still deserve to be honored for their contributions to our nation's history," said Julie Rhodes, a finance sophomore.

Other students think the flag should be remembered as representing more than just slavery.

"I'm pretty impartial to the whole situation," said Zach Storer, a undeclared junior. "but I think people should remember that the Confederacy arose from the argument of state versus national power. The issue of slavery did not arise until the later years of the Civil War."

Whatever the personal stand people take on the display of the confederate flag, the issue is raising conflicts and emotions to all involved.

"All symbols have real meanings and are capable of hurting people," Campbell said.

HEALTH

Students encouraged to learn cancer risks

By Ashley Heuser
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Breast cancer affects thousands of young women, either directly or indirectly, every year. Students at UK are no exception.

"My best friend's mom died of breast cancer," said Jennifer Bowling, an advertising junior. "My great-grandmother had it, but she survived it."

According to Mayo Clinic Health Information, one of every nine women will develop breast cancer at some point in her life, and breast cancer still kills more women than any other cancer except lung cancer.

No one knows for sure what causes breast cancer. Yet, age, country of birth and a family history of the disease are significant indicators of risk.

In the mid-1980s, the American Cancer Society said that a mammogram is the most valuable screening test for breast cancer and recommended that women get a regular screening mammogram.

But the National Cancer Institute explains that mammograms expose women to radiation that may backfire and even cause breast cancer if they are repeated often before the age of 50.

The key to prevention is good health, according to Dr. Leu Kelley of the Markey Cancer Center in Lexington.

He reports that the two biggest factors are diet and exercise. Kelley said limiting fat in diets, eating plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole grains, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight and limiting alcohol are good steps to take when being cautious about the illness.

Self-breast examinations are also recommended.

Still, some students seem to ignore the issue and forget the risks.

"I've thought about it, but I always think it can't happen to me," said Katherine Thomas, a journalism junior.

Even though breast cancer runs in her family, Holly Richardson, a communications sophomore, doesn't pay much attention to the ways to combat the illness.

"I've been encouraged to do them (self-breast examinations), but I don't," she said.

But Thomas said the statistics are causing her to be more aware.

"For early detection, a woman needs to know how to do self exams and needs to see a doctor regularly," Kelley said.

"I am hearing more and more about women as young as 25 being diagnosed. So, it is a good idea to start doing self-exams early," Thomas said.

Experimental drugs can help combat the cancer.

"The experimental drug is an anti-tumor vaccine approach, and it has been able to show for the first time that the body's immune tolerance to a cancer cell can actually be triggered," Kelley said.

Although technology has made a breakthrough for the disease, students still need to pay attention and take steps to prevent it from happening.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Dow ends up 276; Nasdaq gains 217

NEW YORK — Big-name stocks pushed higher again yesterday afternoon, but most shares remained lower in nervous trading following last week's freefall. At the close of the regular session, the Dow industrials were up 276.74 to 10,582.51. On the NYSE, decliners led advancers 1732-1285. The Nasdaq had its biggest one-day point gain ever, rising 217.41 to 3,538.70.

Clinton has 'digital divide' plan

EAST PALO ALTO, Calif. — Pushing to bring high-tech benefits to places missing out on America's prosperity, President Clinton won more than \$100 million in pledges from the computer industry yesterday. He also promised \$1-a-month telephone service to 300,000 American Indian households. The president came to East Palo Alto, a pocket of poverty in technology-rich Silicon Valley, to dramatize the "digital divide" of inequality between computer haves and have-nots. More than 24 percent of youngsters here live in poverty and the schools have just one computer for every 28 students.

Railroads shielded from lawsuits

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court gave railroads greater protection yesterday against being sued over allegedly inadequate warning devices at rail crossings, the scenes of hundreds of fatal accidents each year. The justices, voting 7-2 in a Tennessee case, said railroads are not financially liable if the equipment installed at a grade-level crossing was federally funded. The two dissenters said the decision "defies common sense and sound policy."

Elian's fate in the hands of court

MIAMI — A crowd gathered yesterday at the house of Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives, praying to keep the boy in this country, as attention focused on a federal court deciding a key point in the international child custody case. The demonstrators displayed signs and prayed to keep the boy from being sent back to Cuba. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta has been asked by the U.S. government to suspend a ruling by one of its judges that prevents the removal of Elian from the country.

U.S., Russia launch START III talks

GENEVA — Top U.S. and Russian arms negotiators launched a round of talks yesterday for additional strategic arms cuts, made possible by



HEADLESS: Rock star turned actor Jon Bon Jovi loved working on Second World War submarine thriller "U-571." He just wishes they had kept his head where his head was blown off so his fans would know what happened to him. The ratings board for PG-13 said that it had to go.



ANOTHER FLOP? Director Kevin Reynolds and actor Kevin Costner, who had a major falling out during "Water world," may reunite on another maritime drama. The \$60 million project is called "Okracoke," and it was written by Marc Norman, who shared the best screenplay Oscar with Tom Stoppard for "Shakespeare in Love."

the Russian parliament's ratification of START II. Officials of the two sides refused to go into detail about their four hours of discussions beyond confirming that they took place in Russian diplomatic quarters yesterday. But arms-control experts said the outcome could have far-reaching impact if the two sides are able to break out of the complex web of interrelated issues.

D.C. protesters scuffle with police

WASHINGTON — A small group of demonstrators, protesting the world finance meetings, faced a steady rain and riot police yesterday in their attempt to disrupt the talks. Protesters couldn't thwart the IMF and World Bank meetings, in part because authorities shuttled most conference delegates to the meeting site before daybreak. By early afternoon, a standoff between police and protesters along barricades near the International Monetary Fund and World Bank buildings began to ebb as rains intensified. About 200 demonstrators were arrested.

Chicago renames streets as reward

CHICAGO — Muddy Waters has one, as do Clarence Darrow and David Ben-Gurion. Even hot dog magnate Abe "Fluky" Drexler has a Chicago intersection bearing his name. "I'm the first to admit that maybe people get carried away," says City Alderman Burton Natarus, who takes credit for much of Chicago's honorary street-naming. "Some say the signs are tacky and all that, but you can make people feel good, so why not?" At last count, the number of honorary signs approached 860.

Kenyans win Boston Marathon

BOSTON — Elijah Lagat won the Boston Marathon yesterday in the closest finish in the race's 104-year history, outspurring two others to give Kenya its 10th consecutive victory. Catherine Ndereba made it a Kenyan sweep, winning the women's race in another close finish. Lagat won in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 47 seconds to break the tape a stride ahead of Ethiopian Gezahegne Abera, who was second in the same time. Kenya's Moses Tanui finished third, three seconds back.

Tewell wins Senior PGA Major

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Doug Tewell captured the rain-delayed PGA Seniors' Championship yesterday, registering his first Senior PGA Tour victory. Tewell shot a 5-under-par 67 yesterday and finished seven strokes ahead of four others. He became the 12th golfer to win his first senior event at a major championship. Dana Quigley, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite and Larry Nelson all finished tied for second.

Compiled from wire reports.



Stock market outlook

Two unidentified traders wait for the closing numbers Friday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones industrial average bounced back 100 points in the last few minutes of trading. Analysts and investors alike will be watching the markets closely to see if that upturn was an end to the plunge of last week.

WATER

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discharger can't be found. One of the biggest examples of this type of pollution, indeed the biggest water pollutant in Kentucky, is fecal coliform.

Humans and animal waste carries coliform bacteria and disease-causing bacteria, Kipp said. While coliform typically results in nothing more than intestinal problems, its presence means that more harmful bacteria could be in the water.

Nitrates are the other major non-source water pollutant. They occur as nitrogen in fertilizers, and water carries them from farms and lawns to streams.

There are more examples: dirt, rocks and metals from mining and development, her

bicides and pesticides, leachages from old landfills and oil and gas that drip from cars. All eventually make their way to bodies of water, but there is no one specific source tunneling them directly into streams.

That's a nightmare for people like Kipp and the director of the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute, Bob Volk. But both believe the problems are coming to light and the progress is sending a clear message: clean up the water.

"People need to educate themselves about the causes and effects and understand the sources of pollution," Volk said. "By them understanding, they can make changes to their own actions, and take steps to lead by example."

The Environmental News Network contributed to this report.

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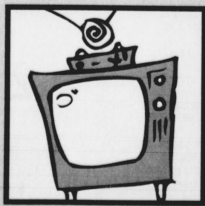
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From the river to the tap (or bottle)

In demand: The water company's quest to bring you safe water

By Deanna Masden
STAFF WRITER

Millions of gallons of water are consumed every day in the United States. Without question, consumers turn on their taps and twist off bottled water caps. Many never ponder what is in that clear liquid. It looks clean, but is it?

"The water is pretty safe (in Kentucky)," said Ralph Schieffeler, environmental technologist three at the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Division of Water office.

In Lexington, Kentucky-American Water Company is the primary public drinking water provider. The Kentucky River, Pool No. 9, along with two reservoir sources on Richmond Road enables the company to service nearly 30,000 people, according to the company's 1998 water quality report.

Regulated by the EPA, the water company monitors and tests for a variety of contaminants found within water. Viruses, bacteria, fecal matter and E. coli, radioactive contaminants and inorganic/organic contaminants may all be present in source water, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

The job of Kentucky-American is to make sure that the water is properly filtered and dis-

infected before reaching the consumer's faucet.

Recently, arsenic and methyl-t-butyl ether (MTBE) standards have been under the watchful eye of the EPA.

Arsenic, a known toxin and carcinogen, is found in plants, animals, humans and groundwater, the NRDC said. Health risks associated with arsenic are damage to the central and peripheral nervous systems, bladder, skin and lung cancer along with possible birth defects and reproductive problems.

While Kentucky-American routinely tests for arsenic, it has not detected it in their water. The water company will "test more rigorously than even the standards required; our standards are even tougher," said Susan Lancho, communications specialist for Kentucky-American.

MTBE, a suspected carcinogen, is an additive to gasoline that increases oxygen content. While adding MTBE to gasoline has improved air quality, it is slowly decreasing water quality. The health risks associated with MTBE are currently under study.

Kentucky-American tests for MTBE and has not found it in the water, Lancho said.

With these issues, consumers may think bottled wa-

ter is better than tap water. However, tap water is currently more heavily regulated than bottled water.

The bottled water industry is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA does not require as much disinfection or testing of water as the EPA. In fact, bottled water may contain some fecal coliforms and E. coli.

Cryptosporidium and giardia (two abdominal parasites) are not regulated for disinfection, either. Carbonated and seltzer waters are not required to be disinfected or tested for bacteria.

In Kentucky, however, bottled water companies must adhere to the same regulations as public drinking water providers. "We would probably be somewhat unusual," Schieffeler said, regarding Kentucky's regulations in comparison to other states' regulations. Most states depend on the FDA or its state counterpart for regulation, he said.

"Kentucky (and the EPA) does extend its arm to cover bottled water; FDA regulations don't cover quite everything," said Tab Farthing, Highbridge Spring Water Company's quality control manager.

Bottled water companies

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LOCAL

Elkhorn Creek suffers from pollution

By Mark Vanderhoff
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When 200,000 gallons of raw sewage leaked from a broken sewer main last Thursday in Lexington, the North Elkhorn Creek was hit hard.

Public officials warned residents along the Elkhorn Corridor, which starts in Fayette County, not to recreate in the creek and to keep pets and livestock away from it. The amount of bacteria and other contaminants constitutes a public safety hazard, officials said.

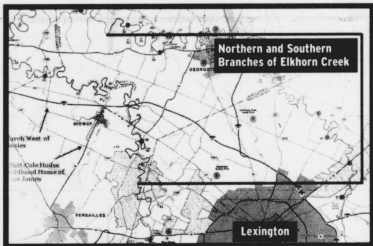
"Human contact should be avoided," said Tom Gabbard, supervisor of the state Division of Water's regional office in Frankfort.

The division will monitor the creek for any oxygen depletion that could affect wildlife, although fish and other creatures usually flee a contaminated area, he added. Barring any other leaks, Gabbard said, North Elkhorn Creek should be back at normal water quality early next week, and maybe sooner if it rains this weekend.

Meanwhile, Ed Council, president of the Elkhorn Land and Historic Trust, watches events uneasily.

"It scares the hell out of parents, and it scares the hell out of customers," he said.

Council also owns Canoe Kentucky, a canoeing and kayaking outfitter in Franklin County. He not only makes his living off the Elkhorn, but people turn to him with questions



about the body of water. Recently, a teacher phoned him, concerned that the sewage spill could thwart a class field trip to the Elkhorn.

He isn't happy about the disaster, and he wishes the Division of Water would do a better job telling the public about the movement of the "slug" of water, or the section of fouled water flowing to its eventual destination: the Kentucky River.

"They just aren't sensitive to people who love and use this creek," Council said, wondering why the division doesn't publish information about where the slug is, how fast it's traveling, and when it will arrive in his backyard.

Bob Volk, director of the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute, said things are actually a lot better than they

used to be.

"These days they (government officials) jump right on it," he said. "Quite often, there's nothing they can do." Federal, state and local environmental response teams have improved over the years, Volk said. Many experts, including Volk, would say America's bodies of water are in better shape than they have ever been.

But for Council and other lovers of the Elkhorn Creek, this latest incident is just another in a long line of problems for a stream feeling the explosion of popularity in outdoor recreation.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has ranked the Elkhorn the 10th best smallmouth bass stream in the United States.

The Elkhorn is also the

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

It's easy to drink cleaner water

A variety of filters are available for consumers to purchase. Faucet mounts, pitchers, dispensers, countertop and undersink filtration methods are among the numerous options.

Faucet mounts can be turned off and on according to when filtered water is desired. Pur faucet mounts can range from \$24.99 to \$44.99.

Pur Pitchers are easily filled, while the filter inside purifies the water. These range in price from \$14.99 to \$24.99.

Dispensers hold more water than pitchers and have a convenient spout for easy access. Pur dispensers cost around \$35.

Pur offers countertop fil-

ters. These filters attach to the faucet with a tube. The cost is \$69.99.

Pur undersink filters remove the most contaminants of any of the filters. These are priced at \$109.99.

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Pur water filters, and others, are available at local retailers and on the Internet for purchase.

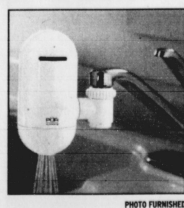


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<p>Fri 21</p> <p>ACADEMIC</p> <p>*Architecture, 12-1:30pm, 218 E. Main St.</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>*UK Baseball vs. S. Carolina, 6pm, Hoggan Field</p> <p>*Tau Kappa Chi Club, 5-8:30pm, Alum. Gym Loft</p> <p>ARTS</p> <p>*Soprano Recital: T. Tucker, 8pm, SCA</p> <p>*Torture, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for tickets</p> <p>*UK Symphony Orchestra, 8pm, SCA</p> <p>TUTORING</p> <p>*Chemistry, 7:10pm, Holmes Lounge</p> <p>*Spanish, 5:7pm, Holmes Classroom</p> <p>*History 108 & 109, 5:7pm, Commons Ballroom</p> <p>*Math, 8-10pm, Commons 308A</p> <p>MEETINGS</p> <p>*Soprano Recital: T. Tucker, 8pm, Christian Student Fellowship</p> <p>*Newman Center Mass, 8pm, 11:30pm, 5pm, and 8:30pm</p> <p>*The Sigma Pi, 7pm, Rm 230 Stud. Ctr.</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>*UK Baseball vs. S. Carolina, 2pm, Hoggan Field</p>	<p>Sat 22</p> <p>MEETINGS</p> <p>*Carroll Mass, 6pm, Newman Ctr.</p> <p>ARTS</p> <p>*Torture, 8pm, Briggs Theatre, call 257-4929 for tickets</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>*UK Baseball vs. S. Carolina, 2pm, Hoggan Field</p>	
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GIMME A

Cheerleading squad screens fresh talent

Keeping the reputation:
This weekend's tryout were tense — for everyone

By Ashley York
STAFF WRITER

This time of year tends to stress out students at UK — especially those trying out for the cheerleading squad.

This past weekend UK held tryouts for next season's squad. It seems that tryouts would be a fairly simple process, but it becomes tense when the squad has a reputation to uphold.

The squad has won at least seven national championship titles within the past 10 years.

Saleem Habash, head coach for the squad, has coached UK through four national championships. He warned the ladies and gentlemen trying out for the squad how particular the judges were in selecting the members.

"We are highly selective in choosing

the squad," he said. "We don't choose an absolute number, just the best athletes. If you don't make it, it is not the worst thing that will ever happen. We encourage all of you to get involved in other activities."

Naturally all 60 people can't make the squad because there are only so many slots.

So, who makes the squad? The individuals satisfying the basic tumbling, stunting, poise and communication skills. More importantly, UK's choice of members must satisfy its upstanding reputation.

Justin Nissley, an engineering sophomore, said even though he cheered for UK's blue squad (those who cheer at UK men's basketball and football games) the past three semesters, he still feels stressed out during tryouts.

"Just because I have cheered doesn't mean I have an automatic spot on the squad," he said. "The former members still have to tryout because we have to stay on top. If we don't increase our talent level, we will get caught up," he said.

Nissley is trying out for a national winning team.

"The squad looks for potential at the

Kentucky level," he said.

"Tryouts can definitely be a stressful time for people because they are trying out for a team that has won so many championships."

Nissley said the increased number of guys trying out this season makes it more difficult for those with previous experience.

"Tryouts can be stressful — especially this year because there are as many guys as girls trying out. The stress comes from wanting to know who is going to be on the team," he said.

Jennifer Long, a first year student at UK, cheered for UK's white squad (those who cheer for women's basketball) this past semester, but still felt nervous about tryouts for the blue squad on Sunday.

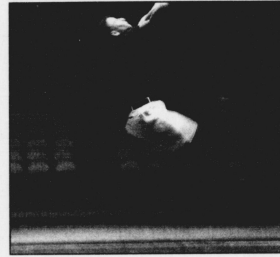
"Tryouts are a nerve-racking experience," she said. "I've never been so excited for Monday to come because I know that it will all be over."

After four distressing days, Habash and his associates cut people, held a tryout, which included an interview and made their selection for next season's hopeful national champions.

Justin Rubin (right), a pre-med freshman, tries out for the UK cheerleading squad as he lifts Cassie Napier, marketing management sophomore.

Rubin (from right to left below) performs a handspring, pushes off with his legs and moves into a flip.

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SKILLS

Community colleges celebrate educational niche

Recognizing 'part of the fabric of education'

By Jermaine Johnson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

April is National Community College Month. The American Association of Community Colleges, an 80-year-old organization established to promote the goals of community colleges and higher education, is celebrating 99 years of providing quality education.

"Community colleges are in a lot of ways not recognized," said Vernal Kennedy, LCC Director of Public Relations/Marketing. "We provide a low-cost/high-quality education."

In recent years, community colleges have gained respect and notoriety as a significant tool in educating students throughout the nation and abroad.

"Community colleges are America at its best," said President Bill Clinton.

Several business and community leaders who recognize the thousands of highly skilled workers that community colleges produce each year support Clinton.

"The community college system is an absolutely imperative part of the fabric of education in this country," said Jim Adams, Chairman, Texas Instruments.

Lexington Community College is the only community college still affiliated with UK after the Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997, which re-aligned 13 of the state's community colleges with technical schools under the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

"The whole idea is to bring awareness to the community about the excellent education opportunities at community colleges locally and nationally," Kennedy said.

Kennedy stressed that LCC is not a research institution,

which enables the faculty to put more focus on the students. The professors have the opportunity to do more one-on-one teaching. LCC students prefer the compact campus and smaller more intimate teaching atmosphere that the school provides.

"LCC is small and convenient; everything you need is in this building," said Reagan Brown, a social work freshman.

Another student agrees.

"I like the smaller classes and one-on-one interaction with teachers," said Summa Sweat, a nursing freshman.

LCC administrators are enjoying the schools increase in enrollment.

There are currently 10.4 million students enrolled in community colleges, and 44 percent of all U.S. undergraduates are community college students.

Statistics indicate that community colleges play a key role in providing the skills needed for people to obtain jobs and help the country advance economically.

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INTERNS

Students learn hands-on about General Assembly

UK students given opportunity to shadow legislators in Frankfort and watch processes

By Jill Gorin
NEWS EDITOR

A handful of students now know all too well what it's like to walk the walk and talk the talk in the capital after participating as interns in this year's General Assembly.

"We really got to see how the legislative process works," said Kungu Njugwana, a political science senior, "and what's not in the books."

The legislative process the students got to see included committee meetings and floor debates, and they also helped in aiding constituents.

"I basically did all of the

constituent work," said Jenny Berry, a marketing junior. "People would call to get their road paved or get a late check or even help with getting their children jobs. They might ask to have their resume passed around."

Some students said the atmosphere in the legislature made everyone feel welcome.

"It was kind of like 'you pat my back, I'll pat yours,'" said Berry. "They all got along and were all friends."

One student, though, said debate got heavy, especially near the end of the session.

"Some of the politics were not that partisan," Njugwana

said. "But you could see it at the end."

The students found that being a representative or senator had its stressful moments.

Jenny Martin, an accounting junior said one day was especially hectic when she had to take the place of a legislator.

"One day I remember she had to be in two committee meetings at the same time," Martin said. "So I had to sit in one committee, go get her every time we had to vote and on the way walking back to the committee fill her in on what we had to vote on."

Martin interned under Rep. Alice Forry Kerr, who was fairly new to the position.

"It was really neat because we were both learning," Martin said.

Several pieces of controversial legislation made students

sit up and take note. During these times of heavy debate they realized the importance of persuasion and speaking up.

"The civil rights bill, which was vetoed by the governor had a lot of debate," Berry said. "Along with the budget, they were both controversial."

Now, the students have a choice to get involved in politics or focus on another career. After this experience, some say they at least want to be partially involved in government.

"In the beginning, everyone said you'll either love it or hate it," Martin said. "I love it, but I'm not sure I will pursue it. But I'm not ruling it out."

Others said the experience and the legislators they worked with made all of the difference.

"He (Rep. Steve Riggs) made me want to be a representative," Berry said.

DRINK

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may belong to various trade organizations who encourage regulatory efforts, but the NRDC encourages writing letters to members of Congress, the FDA and governors to implement better bottled water standards.

The tap and bottled water industries are constantly scrutinized. Public drinking water facilities are required to publish an annual water quality report to be mailed to consumers, the NRDC said.

The EPA offers a Safe Drinking Water Hotline to answer questions about

the reports and water quality.

Another method consumers can take advantage of is water filters. Purchasing filters certified by NSF International (formerly the National Sanitation Foundation) is the most effective.

"I own a Brita water filter — a pitcher," said Ben Gallagher, an architecture senior at the University of Kentucky. Gallagher said that this improves Lexington's tap water "ten-fold."

When asked why, he responded, "because it tastes better" and the tap water is "a little off-color coming out of the faucet, (but is) crystal-clear coming out of the pitcher."

CREEK

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most popular whitewater stream in Kentucky, with class I-III rapids that make it a prime training ground for beginners, Council said. Its location makes it even more popular, he said. People who live north of the Ohio River in colder climates flock to the Elkhorn in early spring when their local streams are too cold, and the Elkhorn's proximity to Louisville, Lexington and Cincinnati keeps it attractive to relative locals.

Biking, hiking and camping in the area are also gaining in popularity, Council said, with six new miles of trails opened in the last two years and 10 more on the way. But accidents like the sewage

spill and a paint spill two years ago in Lexington are interrupting people's enjoyment of the creek. Unrestricted development also dumps tons of silt into the tributaries of the Elkhorn, filling the creek up from the bottom, Council said.

Three agencies — Department for Public Health, Department for Environmental Protection and the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources — issued a health notice warning women of childbearing age or children 6 years old or younger that mercury levels in fish from Kentucky were high and they should limit consumption.

"If I were the CEO of a company, one of my departments was the Elkhorn Creek, I would nurture the hell out of it," Council said. "Unfortunately, the cities practice something I call benign neglect."

ELIAN SAGA

Anniversary coincides with ruling

The 39th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs and Elian saga reminds Cubans of U.S. betrayal

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuban exiles marked the 39th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs fiasco yesterday as they stood watch at the home where Elian Gonzalez's relatives waited for a key ruling in the custody fight.

Protesters recalled the disastrous and deadly attempt on April 17, 1961, in which CIA-trained exiles failed to invade Cuba. Their criticism was extended to the Clinton administration, which wants the 6-year-old Cuban boy returned to his Cuban father.

"That was the first betrayal. John F. Kennedy betrayed the Cubans, now Clinton is betraying us. This is the second Bay of Pigs of the Cuban people," said Enrique Leon, 85, a retired physician from Bethesda, Md.

More than 60 women linked hands and

sang at the barricades, a larger than usual crowd for the morning prayer session. Later, quiet fell over the crowd, broken by an occasional yell of "Elian is staying!"

Elian's Miami relatives have cared for him since November, when he was found clinging to an inner tube off the Florida coast. His mother and 10 other people fleeing Cuba drowned when their boat sank.

The Justice Department has pushed for Elian's return to his father, saying only he can speak for his son on immigration matters. The boy's Miami relatives say he will have a better life here, and they have gone to court to seek an asylum hearing for Elian.

They have also attempted to portray the father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, as a pawn of Fidel Castro.

Both sides were awaiting a ruling from the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta. The government wants the court to lift an order that bars Elian's removal from the U.S. and to order Elian's great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez to release the boy.

The relatives want the court to let them meet with Elian's father without conditions. In a statement yesterday, they said the Immigration and Naturalization Service has no authority to order Lazaro Gonzalez to turn over Elian.

The agency last week revoked Lazaro Gonzalez's custody over the boy after the family defied an INS order to make Elian available for a reunion with his father in Washington.

"It is especially ironic for the INS to insist it has jurisdiction to dictate the actions of Lazaro Gonzalez when the INS has severed its relationship with Lazaro concerning the status of Elian," said the family.

Cuban exiles had looked toward the anniversary with apprehension, fearing a Justice Department attempt to take the boy from Lazaro Gonzalez.

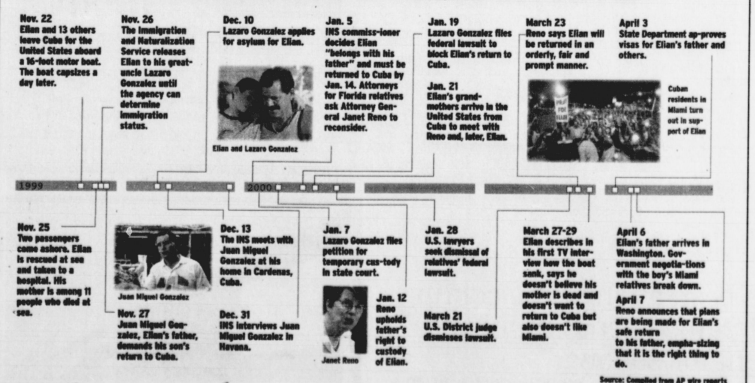
But the day passed like most others in the four and a half-month long custody fight, with a vigil outside the Gonzalez home and a noon rally with speeches reaffirming the community's commitment to free Cuba from communism.



Elian Gonzalez

Nearing a solution for Elian

Here are some key events in the custody fight for Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy who was rescued off the coast of Florida.



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ALUMNI FILE

Riley closes in on 1,000 wins

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MIAMI — To explain how Pat Riley accumulated 998 NBA victories, Jack Ramsay recalls a game that got away.

It was a few years ago in Charlotte, where the Miami Heat blew a three-point lead in the final seconds of regulation, then lost in overtime.

"To me, after that game, I would have been ready to punch somebody's lights out," said Ramsay, a Hall of Fame coach and now a Heat broadcaster. "It was really a tough loss. So we flew back to Miami, and as Pat is getting off the plane, he looks at me and laughs and says, 'That's why you got out of coaching, isn't it?' He can get rid of all the frustration. He lets it go, which is very good."

By coping well with defeat, Riley has lasted long enough to approach 1,000 victories, a milestone achieved only by Atlanta Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens.

An occasional critic points out that it has been 11 years since his most recent NBA title. Still, no one suggests the guy can't coach.

"In this game, with all the stresses and pressures, to be able to win 1,000 games is a huge achievement," said Wilkens, who is 1,178-980 (.546) in 27 seasons.

Riley is 998-432 (.698) in 18 seasons. Because the Heat have already clinched the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs, their final two regular-season games are meaningless, so Riley may not reach 1,000 until next season. Postseason wins don't count toward the total.

But there's no hurry. At 55, Riley plans to coach at least several more years. He'll leave the 1,000 barrier far behind and could eventually surpass Wilkens' win total.

"Pat has been at a top level for a number of years," Indiana coach Larry Bird said, "and one of these days he'll be the all-time winningest coach. I can see it coming."

Three years of coaching millionaires were enough for Bird, who plans to call it quits after this season. Riley, in his fifth season with his third team, still thrives in a job with high turnover and low security.

Riley's jutting chin, erect posture and Armani suits reflect a man proud of how far he has come from a blue-collar childhood in Schenectady, N.Y. Yet he seems humbled by the prospect of his 1,000th win.

"When I think about 1,000 wins for me, with where I came from, I would have never, ever believed it. It's going to be something I'll be very proud of. It gives me a feeling there's been real success and longevity," Riley said.

And celebrity, because the 6-foot-4 Riley has become the towering sports personality in Miami. Dan Marino retired, Jimmy Johnson came and went. Jim Leyland won a World Series, then left.

How long will Riley stay? How many games will he win?

"He wants to win a championship here," Ramsay said, "and I don't think it will be this year."

If not, that's OK. After 998 victories, Riley knows he can't win them all.

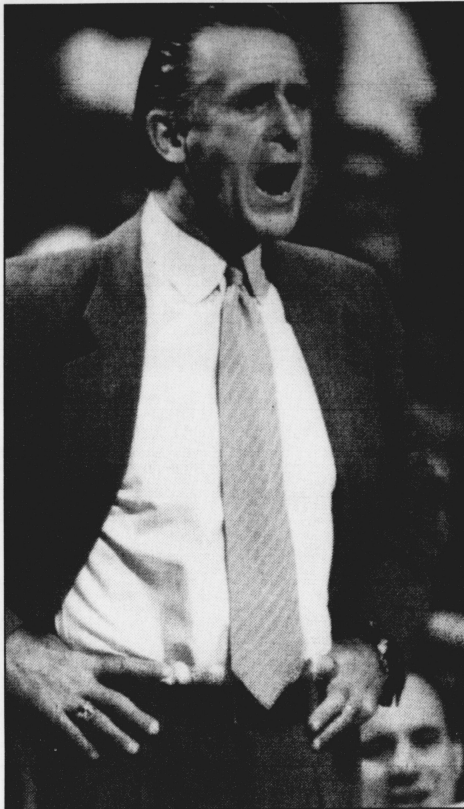


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Winning ways

Miami Heat coach Pat Riley has won 998 NBA games over the course of 18 seasons. The 55-year-old former Cat had his number retired by UK this season.

IN BRIEF

Sportsbytes

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The UK track and field squads finished competition in the Sea Ray Relays Saturday on the campus of the University of Tennessee.

Senior Matt Kavanagh gave his best performance of the outdoor season in the invitational section of the hammer throw. Competing against other world-class athletes, Kavanagh earned third place with a season-best heave of 214.4. His toss was 5-10 better than his previous best this year and also ranks as the second best in UK history. Already provisionally qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Durham, N.C., Kavanagh is closing in on the school hammer record of 221.4, which he also holds.

Completing the action for the women's team, junior Shevan Threats and freshman Semidele Adego-bio came in 12th and 15th places, respectively, in the long jump.

UK returns to the track when it travels down I-75 on April 22, to meet competition in the Colonel Classic at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond.

Tennis

The 35th-ranked UK women's tennis team overcame a 4-2 deficit by winning all three doubles contests to beat the 36th-ranked Mississippi State Bulldogs 5-4 on Sunday at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Complex.

Sophomore Carolina Mayorga beat Ivana Belanic on court one to give the Cats a win, while Lauren Rookledge, who has compiled a 9-2 record since March 10, notched UK's only other singles win on court four against Claudia Oliveira.

Down 4-2 with only three doubles matches left to be played, the Cats responded. Brooke Skeen and Leigh Bradwell quickly disposed of their opponents 8-2. Rookledge teamed with Jill Buckley to tie the match at four, with an 8-5 come-from-behind win on court three. This left the match in the hands of UK's top and the nation's 31st-ranked doubles pair of Mayorga and Sarah Witten. The duo started strong taking a 3-0 lead, only to see that lead diminish before taking the victory 8-5.

"This was a great match to end our season," said coach Mark Guilbeau. "This was a very competitive match. I was very happy with our composure. The team really deserved this win."

The Cats end their season 12-9 and will travel to Oxford, Miss., on Wednesday, April 19 for the Southeastern Conference Championships.

BEANTOWN RUN

Kenya continues Boston dominance

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Elijah Lagat won the Boston Marathon yesterday in the race's closest finish in its 104-year history, out sprinting two others to give Kenya its 10th consecutive victory. Catherine Ndereba made it a Kenyan sweep, winning the women's race in another close finish.

Elijah Lagat hit the tape just a fraction ahead of Gezahenge Abera.

Lagat won in 2 hours, 9 minutes, 47 seconds, a stride ahead of Ethiopian Gezahenge Abera, who was second in the same time. Kenya's Moses Tanui was three seconds back after making his move with 200 yards to go but tired before the finish.

As Tanui fell back, Lagat took the lead and just barely held off Abera. In Boston's 1988 race, Ibrahim Hussein beat Juma Ikangaa by one second; the closest three-way finish was previously 18 seconds, in 1998, when Tanui won for the second time.

"After I saw Moses leaving, I was trying to fight for the second position. But I found that I was moving closer to Moses," said Lagat. "Then I started to sprint to the maximum that I could make. And that's how I managed to win."

The 10 straight Kenyan victories are also unprecedented. Americans won from 1916-25, but the 1918 race was a relay race.

Jamie Hibell, of Bethlehem, Pa., was the top American finisher, com-

ing in 24th with a time of 2:22:09. Ndereba made her move in the final mile to win in 2:28:11 and snapped Fatuma Roba's three-year winning streak. In a photo finish for second place, Kyrgyzstan's Irina Bogacheva edged Roba at 2:28:27.

The women's finish also was the closest in race history.

Roba was in the lead pack for much of the race. At about 22 miles, Ndereba pulled even with the Ethiopian, and the two ran together from there until the final mile.

Bogacheva passed Roba with a final kick at the finish line.

Jean Driscoll won the women's wheelchair race, securing an unprecedented eighth laurel wreath in a time of 2:00:53. Franz Nietlispach of Switzerland won his fifth wheelchair race today — his fourth in a row — in 1:33:32.

All of the times were slowed by a 13 mph headwind that battled the field of 17,813 along the 26.2-mile course from Hopkinton to Boston's Copley Square.


Driscoll, of Champaign, Ill., surpassed Clarence DeMar, who won the men's open division seven times from 1911-30. She won by 23 seconds over Australia's Louise Sauvage, who snapped Driscoll's seven-race winning streak in 1997 and beat her in each of the past three years.

"It's been a long time coming," Driscoll said. "I dreamed about No. 8 for so long."

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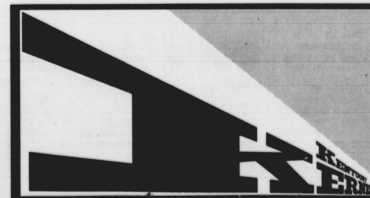
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If it sounds like a mechanic's shop, that's what Dr. Lisa Grigg had in mind. While waiting at the garage for her car one day last year, she noticed a board listing charges and wondered why medicine couldn't be that simple.

Now she runs Simply Medicine, an acute care walk-in clinic where patients know what services they'll get and how much they'll pay. Grigg takes only cash as payment and doesn't accept insurance. The 36-year-old osteopath treats ear infections for as little as \$8 and wraps simple sprains for \$20. For a \$40 flat rate, she'll make house calls.

For more serious ailments, Grigg urges patients to see their own primary care physician.

Patients seldom have to wait long before getting to see Grigg. In the age of managed care, when patients don't always choose their doctors, this type of encounter is rare. The one-on-one doctor-patient relationship is an ideal that Grigg wants to return to. Now patients can talk to Grigg for as long as they're willing to pay. She keeps track with a stop clock in her office, which she punches only after she has introduced herself and had a minute to chat.



Grigg is not the first to shun insurance. A group of doctors in Seattle set up a program called SimpleCare made up of 200 physicians around the country. The doctors offer patients who pay in cash their "best prices" on office visits. Drs. Heather Sowell and Jonathan Sheldon say they want to treat patients based on medicine and not on insurance coverage. Patients pay in cash. Sowell and Sheldon charge \$80 for a 20-minute interview and \$240 for a full hour. If a patient knows he or she has an ear infection, the appointment will be quick. Grigg concedes her approach would not work for more complicated cases, but for acute care — sinus infections, earaches and sprains. The concept appears to be working.

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Matt Laplante

GUEST COLUMNIST

Fueling fire in words

The great thing about the online world is that everyone can be a columnist.

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The caveat to this is that we are now able to spread lies and half-truths with the same ease. Case in point: An eight-times-forwarded e-mail I received from a very good friend. The letter, called "A tribute to the United States," contained the words of an editorial broadcaster in Canada who had taken it upon himself to defend the honor of the United States of America. It reminded people of all the great and virtuous things that the United States does and chastised those who criticize this great nation.

The broadcaster's words obviously sparked a flash of patriotism in the hearts of those who read them. They took on the mission of sharing his kind of thinking with as many people as possible.

But unlike the people who read and seal along the e-mail before her, DeAnn noticed something that was rather key: In our zeal to get this message out to as many people as possible, we were not really learning from the message.

In essence, we were condoning a blind patriotism that expounds upon the virtues and the wonderful things our nation does,

conveniently hides our collective evils and criticizes those who would criticize us.

Blind patriotism fuels many fires. China's Great Proletariat Revolution and Germany's Nazi-driven holocaust are only two of the more infamous examples.

We tend to believe that by getting as many people as possible to subscribe to a certain thought process that we could perhaps change the world for the better.

So did Mao, Stalin and Hitler. But education — truly the only way to change the world for the better — does not happen in a vacuum. It requires dialogue and argument, not blindly forwarded messages.

DeAnn noticed this and sent the e-mail to me, not requesting that I send it to 10 more people, but rather that we discuss the merits and flaws of such ideas.

Bravo. I'm sure we are both better people for it. And we are better citizens of a nation that has its merits and its flaws. A nation that does as much good as it does evil. A nation that by the grace of God and the keen eyes of people like DeAnn will never sink into the trap of blind patriotism.

Guest Columnist Matt Laplante is an OSU Daily Barometer columnist (Oregon State U.). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Jason Brownless

GUEST COLUMNIST

Movie offers insight into reality and time

In last year's post-apocalyptic sci-fi hit *The Matrix*, Morpheus offers Neo a critical choice: "Take the blue pill. Wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe. Or take the red pill. Stay in Wonderland and see how deep the rabbit hole goes."

A decision between accepting the world as it appeared — a beautiful illusion crafted to enslave humankind — or breaking free of the matrix into a nightmare reality of burnt skies and computer domination. Neo swallowed the red pill and, for a time, so did I. The first week of March I undertook an Internet fast, abstaining from all e-mail and Web use. I disconnected from the network of URLs and inboxes that permeates our lives — the real-life Matrix so indispensable to social interaction and academic work at Princeton.

After taking his red pill, Neo awoke in a vat of nutrient-sucking slime. My experience was far more banal. The morning of March 1, I found myself in bed. I unplugged my Dormnet cable from my PC, but nothing else seemed different. My favorite breakfast cereals had the same sweet flavor and crunchy texture I knew so well — a sharp contrast to the bland synthesized mush consumed by Neo and his comrades in *The Matrix*. I soon realized that my Net-less journey in Princeton would prove less drastic than Neo's crusade to save his world. Still, I thought that my experience could hold insights into how deeply the Internet penetrates my life. And so I ventured on.

Contrary to expectations that I'd feel "withdrawal pains" from giving up e-mail, my week-long fast began with surprising ease. Of course, the fact that I had to totally break my connection to the Internet indicated how little control I had over using it. There was no middle ground for moderating or reducing my interaction with the Web and e-mail. Going cold turkey was the only way to escape the Matrix. For the fast, I swore off checking e-mail and anything that linked me to the Internet. I even avoided using the Firestone library catalog. (My thanks go to the

reference librarian who unwittingly accommodated my fast by looking up books on the computer.)

Research at Stanford found that the Internet takes time away from friends and family. Ironically, I feared that my fast might produce the same effect since I'd be out of the loop of e-mail communication. I wasn't cut off from my peers, however. In fact, most were interested and very supportive. Eventually he cooperated with my fast, and we talked more on the phone than we ever had before.

Not surprisingly, I found myself holding tremendous amounts of time in my hands. During the fast I did not saturate this "clean" time with demands for greater productivity. Instead, I treated it as a bonus. I goofed off. Sometimes I worked. At other moments I let myself be bored. I traded the Internet for the internal and relished following a simpler schedule. But more than just freeing up time, my experience exposed how I was using time. I could see clearly where the hours went because they were frozen before me.

I bought a journal to record all my difficulties of a week without the Internet, but the pages went unfilled. No major crises sprang up. The days passed by smoothly. My fast became a vacation. As the end of my fasting week approached I grew concerned about getting back online. I had become accustomed to the relaxation and freedom that came from having an "inbox" only as fast as the last conversation or phone call. But just as Neo reentered the matrix to continue waging a campaign to free humans from it, so too did I reconnect to the Internet to re-engage my peers and share what I had learned.

Now that it's over, though, I still can't tell you what it's like to leave the Matrix. You have to experience it for yourself.

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Ritter commended for stance on Ten Commandments in public schools

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Mr. Ritter for recognizing that posting the Ten Commandments in public schools is a problem. Although Mr. Ritter wonderfully argues that children of other religions will wonder "why wasn't my faith important enough" to be posted, the solution of posting all religions does not pass the second prong of the Stone v. Graham test ("can neither advance nor inhibit religion").

The posting of principles from all religions is clearly an advancement of religion in general. All too often, people forget that when all religions are posted, the atheist, agnostic or free-thought child will receive the same message as does the Islamic, Hindu or Buddhist child when the Ten Commandments are posted.

Despite the widespread disapproval fostered by America's Christian-dominated society, atheists and people who lack belief, the First Amendment's protection of freedom of religion must include a protection of freedom from religion to have meaning.

Robert G. Ingersoll, 19th century orator and lawyer, said, "To recognize a deity in the organic law of our country would be the destruction of religious liberty." Religious liberty is just as equally destroyed when all deities are recognized.

ALEA AMBER ARNETT
 FIRST YEAR LAW STUDENT

Ignorance of system shows lack of consideration by UK Film Society

To the Editor:

I can't believe those UK Creative Film Society People. Don't they know any better? Instead of going through the proper channels at UK, they just went ahead and held their film festival. And then they passed around a petition just because they want immediate action!! Don't they realize the proper way to get things done at UK is to wait until the administration is good and ready to move?

And what a poorly educated bunch of people! Showing films when they should be studying films. Sure, they say they know what they're doing. But I've never been to a meeting, so I can't be expected to believe that. All these flyers and movies are just stuff these people do because they have too much time on their hands and don't understand what's really important. They need to stop what they're doing right now until Father UK says go. We all know that student movements don't work.

Right?

KENN SEBASTIA
 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE STUDENT

Care for issues a positive influence

To the Editor:

When I walk by the free-speech area, I am proud. Even when they tell me I am going to hell, even when handed a petition I don't understand and don't want to sign, I am proud. I feel strong knowing that there are people who care enough about an issue or a cause that they are willing to accept the ridicule and coldness that comes with canvassing comfortable people, asking people to pause their life and reflect on some aspect of their pattern, their "normal" world.

When I read letters from people who don't want the sweat-shop protesters to protest, when I read of people who wish to be left alone, when letters are printed whose stance is "We don't care about your issue," I am ashamed. Why discourage activism even if it is annoying, even if it means that prospective students might be approached with petitions?

The problem that the USAS faces is that they are the only ones who have researched the issue. None of the opposing positions to the USAS that have appeared in the Kernel regarding the WRC versus the FLA truly know what they are talking about. Further, writing to the paper in protest of the protests is like yelling about people who yell, without thinking about why they might be yelling in the first place. For those who are interested, the USAS has a plethora of materials and information for anyone who is interested in the facts of this issue.

SEAN ZEHNDER
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SPOTLIGHT JAZZ

Jimmy brings it old school

In spite of technical difficulties, Smith's performance showed why he's a legend

By Luke Saladin
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

A jazz icon. A devoted audience. Really bad equipment courtesy of University Sound and Lights.

Just another concert in the Spotlight Jazz Concert Series sponsored by SAB. Or was it?

As Spotlight Jazz bid farewell to James Morris, the committee's student chair for the past two seasons, the sparse but dedicated audience waited in eager anticipation of one of jazz's most venerable organ players, Jimmy Smith.

The night started on a very high note. Chester Grundy, director of the Office of African American Student Affairs, announced that Sonny Rollins would play on campus during the 2000-2001 series. Grundy said the event would be nothing less than "historic."

Smith looked like an anomaly playing in a concert series usually highlighting younger jazz musicians like Nicholas Payton and Christian McBride.

Before Smith began, he walked around his Hammond B3 and gave the audience a quick look at his boxing moves before laughing all the way back to the piano.

After a few technical adjustments the group began their set. Smith was lively throughout the show, like a jaded yet humorous grandfather, telling the young people, "We just wanted to show you we can play your shit, too. But we ain't goin' to."

The concert was smooth and laid back, with Smith moving without effort through scale after scale like it was as natural as walking. The only problem arose when feedback caused a grimace on the face of the saxophone player.

"You all hear something," Smith joked as the feedback continued between songs.

After taking his jacket off midway through the show, Smith started dancing flamboyantly with a giant grin on his face, letting the audience know he wasn't that old.

"We know what you're doin'," he joked. "At least we know what you're trying to do."

Other than Rollins, selections for next year's Spotlight Jazz artists have not been finalized.



Jazz giant and master of the Hammond B3 Jimmy Smith got his groove on Friday night, the last Spotlight Jazz concert of the season.

FILM

Students search for home at UK



By Brandie Bright
STAFF WRITER

Go West, young man. That is precisely what Ryan Cooper will be doing next semester. Since he can remember, Cooper has always wanted to be a film director. UK, however, does not offer courses in cinematography that would benefit Cooper in his quest to become the next Mike Nichols or David Lean.

"The interested students, including myself, would definitely be up for the challenge if a cinematography major was offered at UK," said Cooper, an English freshman. "The demand is there, but it will take a long time to get the program started."

Cooper, who will be attending film school at either California State University at Long Beach or the University of Southern California, has advice for UK's aspiring directors who cannot make the journey to California or New York. "The best bet is to enhance your storytelling skills along with participating in such organizations as the Creative Film Society," he said.

The Creative Film Society (CFS), recently established in January, offers students and anyone else who is interested in cinematography a chance to pool resources in a "creative outlet."

"We welcome everyone and all points of view," said Tony Smith, a computer scienc-

sophomore and president of CFS. "We want to get as much creative energy as possible."

Since CFS's inception in January, the organization has taken great strides. Last Saturday night was a shining moment on behalf of CFS's endeavors. Outre, the Lexington Indie Film Festival, had a great turnout with over seven hours of submitted footage. Considering CFS had the Old Student Center Theater for only four hours, some submissions had to be cut from the event.

Thanks to the coordination of Ray Adams, an art studio (photography) senior and head of the CFS Events committee, the evening's winners were granted the opportunity to screen their film at a midnight show-

ing in the Kentucky Theater.

"We hope to make these midnight showings a monthly event next year," Adams said.

The Creative Film Society, which divided into several committees during their first few meetings, has set short and long-term goals.

"Right now, we are still working on drawing awareness for the organization," said Amber Schroeder, a telecommunications sophomore and co-chair of the CFS University Relations committee. "The key, though, is to gain support from faculty members who can convince the administration that there is a demand for film production courses."

It is not to say that UK does not offer any film courses. Actually, there are many classes that incorporate film history and criticism; they are just spread throughout several departments.

"The short-term goal of the University Relations committee is to gather all of the film classes and place them in one section of the schedule book," said Schroeder. "That will make it much easier for students to locate the actual film-related courses."

Although Cooper is leaving UK to pursue bigger opportunities in the West, he does commend CFS's efforts to fill the gap in the University's curriculum.

"I strongly encourage people to keep doing what they're doing. Someday ... it'll happen," Cooper said.

MOVIES

'War Zone' necessarily painful

New movie explores dark and disturbing side of family life

By Patrick Avery
STAFF CRITIC

After watching *The War Zone*, the pain of any wrong that was ever presented against me seemed to be brought back in the form of salt that burned in my soul. Anger fuels this fire of mine as I sit down and vent with word.

The War Zone marks the directorial debut of talented actor Tim Roth. After several critically successful months in limited release, *The War Zone* seeks a wider audience.

The film stars first-time actors Lara Belmont (Jessie) and Freddie Cunliffe (Tom) as brother and sister. The film opens with a delightful family. The pregnant

mom tends to the kitchen, the dad cleans up around the house and the daughter and son get along. However, the scarring begins early when the family car tips over on the way to deliver the baby. The family survives along with a newborn named Alice.

Despite the fact that the family survives, disruption begins to slowly destroy this family. It begins with a lie and ends in death.

Tom discovers one rainy morning his father and Jessie in the shower together. He confronts Jessie only to hear her denials. He begins an investigation to discover the truth that results in an utterly uncomfortable scene of incest.

Tom struggles with the decision to tell his mother or keep his secret. He continually confronts his sister only to no avail. What results — more pain — leaves a wound in Tom that will never be healed.

The photography in the film stands as no less than brilliant. With a dark, damp English coast filming location, the photographer can do no wrong.

Symbolism in the film comes in the form of doors. In multiple scenes, the main characters shut the world out by closing their doors. A door for them represents freedom from their troubles until they must open them again to face the pains of reality.

The two most disturbing films ever made remain *Happiness*, a 1968 film from director Todd Solondz, and *The War Zone*. Each movie examines aspects of sex that are usually left alone.

The War Zone studies incestuous rape. The movie at least will warn families of the scarring that can occur by one lie within a family. However, one warning is not enough. It must serve as prevention for this worldwide travesty.

My anger has subsided slightly. But the scar will remain until a movie like this is merely fantasy, not truth. Even then it will remain hard to contain the emotion of hate and rage.

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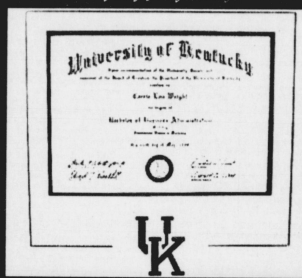
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