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## CAMPUS

## Diversity festival educates

Muslim Student Union participates in "A Taste of Our World" at UK's annual Cultural Diversity Festival

By Sulma Badrududja  
By Roula Alouach  
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UK's Cultural Diversity Festival educates students and faculty about the variety of cultures and religions on campus, including the Muslim community. UK's Muslim Student Association participated in the festival, presenting a booth during "A Taste of Our World." This part of the festival offered students dining at the Student Center on Wednesday a chance to sample food from six different regions.

The booth helped to eliminate stereotypes about Islam," he said.

"I really feel like the booth fulfilled one of the purposes of the Cultural Diversity Festival by educating students about Islam," he said.

At the booth, the association displayed posters and distributed brochures providing information in Islamic beliefs and practices.

and "Hijab: An Act of Faith."

Muslim Student Association members were available at the booth to answer questions from students and faculty.

Nadia Shanaa, an association member, also thought the event was a success.

"I thought we accomplished a lot by answering questions and clearing up people's misconceptions," she said.

One of the main misconceptions concerning Islam is that it is a foreign religion, followed mostly by Middle-Easterners.

However, Muslims live in countries all over the world. Only 20 percent of the world's Muslim population lives in the Middle East.

Malcolm X noted the diversity in Islam in his autobiography.

"I have never before seen such sincere and true brotherhood, practiced by

all colors together, irrespective of their color," he said, after seeing a group of Muslims interacting.

This is evident on UK's campus, where association members represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds.

UK offers Islamic courses such as Islamic Civilization, History of Islam and Introduction to the Quran as the Principal Source of Islam Thought.

"We can learn and benefit from our diversity," said Suleiman Darrat, an Islamic professor. "The Quran states that mankind's diversity is a sign, or miracle, from God. Islam acknowledges the diversity of mankind, but also recognizes mankind is from the same origin. This type of approach allows us to live in harmony."



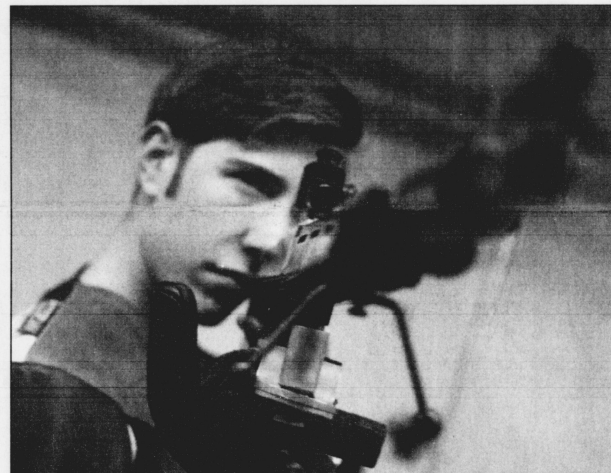
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## FIRE AWAY!

## Taking aim



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### Dead aim

A UK Rifle team member, Matt Newburn, concentrates during practice at Barker Hall, last Thursday.

### On target: Team attributes camaraderie as secret to success

By Nick Smith  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The rifle team is a sports team that has four players. They are from places as far apart as New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington State and Minnesota, yet they have a sense of impregnable unity.

"The more community you have, the more devotion you feel toward each other," said Matt Newburn, an electrical engineering senior. "You feel pushed toward each other. It's like a small family, and everybody can count on each other."

They placed sixth in the NCAA tournament last year, and they have a solid past record. Hindsight is 20/20, and they definitely know that. They look at the past and realize that they can "raise the roof" again.

The process of shooting a gun at a target can be quite nerve-racking. There are many onlookers, who are considerably quiet, and this unique situation is met by a quite realistic attitude.

"In a sport like this you have to put the pressure aside and only concentrate on that particular shot," said Taryn Lewis, a finance junior.

The philosophy is "hit the target." The team uses two different types of guns: a small bore and an air rifle. A small bore 22-caliber rifle means the round "bore" of the rifle is almost one-fourth of an inch. An air rifle shoots pellets by compressed air from a tank.

"Each shot is worth 10 points," said Robert Krukaski, a mechanical engineering freshman. "And the shot closest to the center wins."

The team shoots in three different positions — prone (lying down), standing or "off-hand," and kneeling. The small bore is used for all three positions, but the air rifle is only used for the off-hand position.

Krukaski said the team had more people in the past, but recruiting was not good this year.

"We usually have eight to ten people on the team," he said, "and next year we have a possibility of three more people signing on."

They each have their differences, while they make a conscious, affectionate effort to keep tabs on each other and to let each other know how they feel.

"As a team we celebrate together, because you won't do your best otherwise," Newburn revealed.

## LEND AN ARM

## Blood center kicks off "Game for Life" against Arkansas

By Pat Clem  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

If students don't get in to gear, UK could lose to yet another SEC team, only this time it is truly a matter of life or death.

The Central Kentucky Blood Center kicked off its "Game for Life" blood drive yesterday, and competing against Arkansas, and the

final outcome is a little sketchy. The drive continues through today.

Blood donation "seems a little slower than usual," said Marsha Berry, blood center director of public relations. "We're a little nervous, we are actually counting on that blood."

Currently, UK leads the running competition with a tally of

three victories to Arkansas's two, thanks to donors like Sarah Bowling, a civil engineering senior who received special recognition from the blood center yesterday.

"I'm very proud," said Bowling while holding her "one gallon donor" mug, a mug received for donating frequently. "I always give blood because I think it's important and it only takes a few

minutes of my time."

This blood drive also includes a bone marrow registry drive. The process involves giving a small vial of blood in addition to the pint, as well as giving the blood center permission to contact you if your blood indicates that you could be a possible match for someone needing a bone marrow transplant.

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## PREPARATION

## Student opinion on review courses varies

Do they work?: Kaplan review courses promise improved scores, provide overview

LaVin Troutman  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students thinking about higher education, including graduate school, are more than likely debating on whether to take the GRE, LSAT or the MCAT.

These tests are a way for graduate schools to determine how well students will do while pursuing their graduate degree.

The Kaplan review course provides an overview of each exam and discusses its importance in the admissions process.

Students also receive a computer analysis of their performance that identifies their test-taking strengths and weaknesses.

Some students fear taking the tests, especially the LSAT, because of the stories they've heard from LSAT veterans.

The Kaplan Review course gives students a practice exam, from which students can gauge how well they'll do on the test. However, several students have said that the Kaplan didn't help improve their scores.

Jay Warren, a first-year law student, said the practice test and the actual exam were similar.

"They give you a practice exam on the first day, and I got the same score on the LSAT that I did on the practice exam," he said.

Other students didn't take the Kaplan course because of what they had heard from friends who took the exam.

"I had some fraternity brothers that graduated before I did, took it (practice test) and did not do well on the LSAT," said John Pumphrey, a first-year law student. "Their parents had spent almost \$900, and they did better on the Kaplan practice test than they did on the real exam. I felt it was not a good gamble for me to take."

Melanie Goan, a student pursuing her history Ph.D., said she felt comfortable enough with the exam and didn't think the review course could tell her anything that she couldn't figure out for herself.

Another student took a different route.

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# The Low-down

## Durable goods orders fall in Jan.

WASHINGTON — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell in January, led by the steepest decline in orders for electronic and other electrical equipment in 2 1/2 years. The Commerce Department reported yesterday that orders for durable goods — items expected to last at least three years — dropped by 1.3 percent last month, the first decline since October, to a seasonally adjusted \$214.3 billion. That followed a sizzling 6.3 percent advance in December — the biggest gain in seven years. The December increase had been reported earlier at 5.5 percent.

## McCain picks up Calif. endorsement

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — John McCain billed himself as a "Reagan Republican" as he campaigned today for the March 7 Republican primary in the former president's home state, picking up an endorsement from San Diego Mayor Susan Golding. The mayor said McCain's character and his command of foreign policy made him the best candidate for the White House. She planned to announce her endorsement at an appearance with him in Sacramento, becoming the second prominent California Republican to join the Arizona senator's camp in recent days.

## Dow drops 187.47; Nasdaq down 40.19

NEW YORK — Blue chip stocks were plummeting yesterday, pushing the Dow industrial average briefly below 10,000, a drop of almost 15 percent from the record set last month. Just before Noon EST, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 187.47 at 10,038.26, adding to Wednesday's 79-point drop. The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index also shifted downward, dropping 40.19 to 4,510.14. The Dow had dropped as low as 9,993.35 this morning. The last time the Dow traded below 10,000 was Oct. 18, and its last close below 10,000 was April 6, 1999, when it stood at 9,963.49. It reached a record 11,722.98 on Jan. 14.

## Barak denies deal on Golan Heights

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak denied a newspaper report yesterday that Israel has agreed to a withdrawal from the Golan Heights in secret peace talks with Syria. The report came as Israel's Foreign Minister David Levy defended his warning that anti-Israeli attacks originating in Lebanon, where Syria is the main power broker, would be repaid in kind: "Blood for blood, soul for soul, child for child."



**BIG DADDY:** Actor Michael Douglas is hoping his fiancée Catherine Zeta-Jones, four months pregnant, will give birth to a girl, Britain's Sun newspaper reported on Thursday.

## Bush campaign misquoted Ohio Sen.

WASHINGTON — In the heat of Michigan's Republican presidential primary battle, the campaign of George W. Bush misquoted a statement from Ohio Sen. George Voinovich. The Bush campaign gave reporters a quote from Voinovich condemning "Catholic voter alert calls" being made by a phone bank supporting John McCain's candidacy. "This smear campaign is beneath contempt and beyond comprehension," it said. Voinovich is Catholic, and a Bush supporter, but he never said that. Voinovich aide Mike Dawson confirmed yesterday that the quote was suggested language from the campaign, never authorized by the senator.

## Patients being alerted on infection

WASHINGTON — Georgetown University Medical Center is trying to contact nearly 300 former patients to warn them they might have been exposed to HIV and other infectious diseases by a medical technician accused of siphoning painkillers with potentially contaminated needles. The patients are being advised to seek testing as a precaution, said medical center spokesman Paul Donovan. "Even though the risk is extremely low we want to take the appropriate precautions for our patients," Donovan said. "We cannot confirm that anyone was or was not exposed to infection."

## Higher gas prices seen for spring

WASHINGTON — While heating oil prices are easing, the Energy Department said yesterday that continuing low stocks of gasoline and oil probably mean more gasoline price increases in the coming months. Although gasoline prices already have increased sharply, "We will likely see even higher prices this spring," John Cook of the Energy Information Administration told a Senate hearing. Cook said low inventories of crude oil and heating and diesel stocks led to the extremely sharp and sudden price increases in late January and early February, when average heating oil costs in the Northeast jumped 66 percent.

## Mike Ditka returning as CBS analyst

NEW YORK — Mike Ditka, fired last month as coach of the New Orleans Saints, is returning to television to be an analyst on CBS' NFL show. The network was expected to make an announcement about Ditka today, CBS spokeswoman Leslie Anne Wade said. Ditka worked as an NBC commentator for four years after being fired by the Chicago Bears after the 1992 season. Ditka, who won a Super Bowl with the Bears in 1986, coached the Saints for three seasons.

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## EXTRACURRICULAR

# Pom squad: no pain, no gain

### Show-stoppers: UK's Pom Squad demonstrates dedication, creativity and hard work with a positive attitude

By Tracy Kershaw  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Rupp Arena. Center court. Twenty-three thousand critical eyes focused on you.

And your body is squeezed into a revealing spandex suit. A nightmare for most of the world, however for the UK Pom Squad this scenario is reality.

Led by senior co-captains Cathy Agent and Nadia Baisch, the UK Pom Squad entertains the home crowd at both football and men's basketball games. Their dedication, creativity and skill push these girls far beyond the typical "pom-pom" girl stereotype.

While other three year olds colored pictures and watched Sesame Street, the pom squad girls spent their pre-school days learning to pile and pirouette.

"I've been dancing since I was three," said Ashley Ryan, a chemistry sophomore. Her teammates have also logged thousands of hours perfecting their shimmy and shake. The team practices an average of nine hours a week, and works overtime during winter break to prepare for Nationals.

"Sometimes we would practice until 1 a.m.," said Amy Barnes, a foreign language and international economics junior. The long nights were spent perfecting the routine, which they choreographed themselves. They do it over and over until each kick, slide and shake seemed to effortlessly occur simultaneously until they are no longer individual dancers, but one body of motion, so in sync even their hearts pulsate to

the same beat.

Continual repetition takes a toll on the dancers' bodies, said trainer Michelle Shepard, exercise science senior.

"The over-use of certain muscles causes a lot of injuries, such as hamstring and ankle sprains," she said. But the show must go on. The girls often practice and perform through the pain, said Katherine Roser, an education sophomore.

"Pretty much everyone on the squad is hurting at one point or another," Roser said.

Nevertheless, when the girls are performing, the painful practices are a distant memory.

"Once we get on the floor, it all pays off," Roser said.

The girls not only create their own routine for Nationals, but they also choreograph and memorize a new routine before nearly every home basketball and football game.

They also designed their own uniforms this year, said Coach Lisa Ely.

Coach Ely, a former UK cheerleader, calls this year's squad the best performance squad she has ever coached. That acclaim is quite a feat for such a young group; with only two seniors and two juniors, the majority of the squad is underclassmen.

While Coach Ely credits their success on many things, one characteristic of the squad sets them apart from the rest, she said. Positive attitudes.

"When I say let's do it again, they do not complain," she said. "I hear no one complaining about aching knees or backs. They have such a positive attitude."

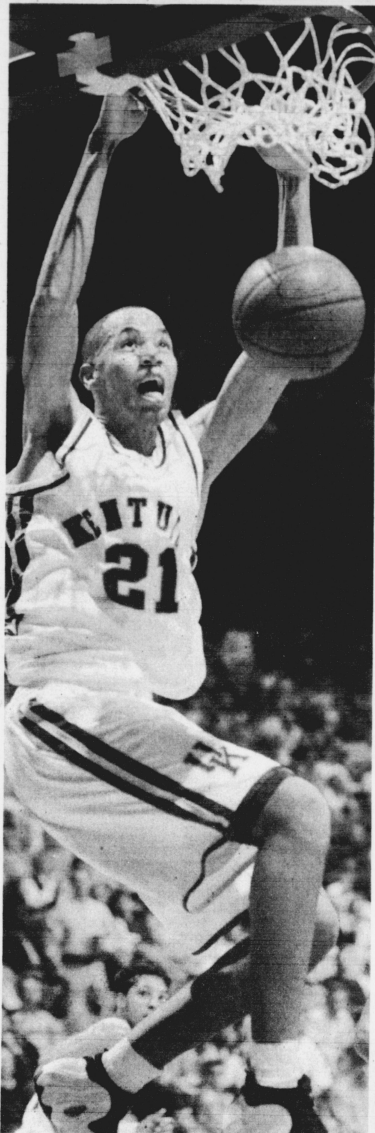
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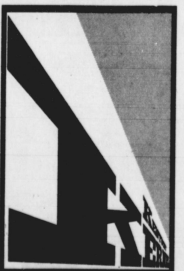
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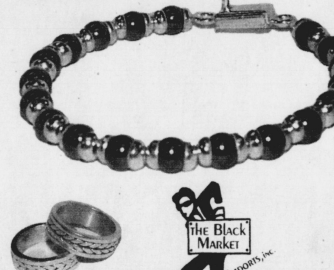
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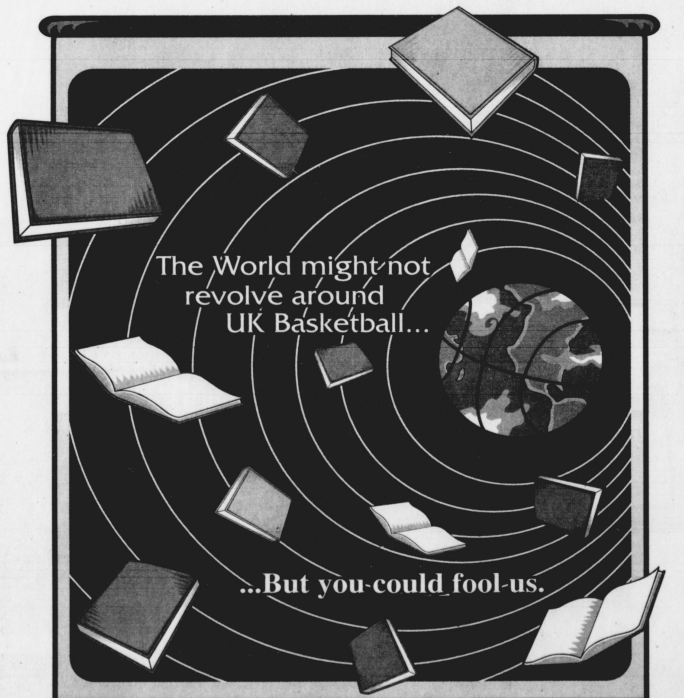


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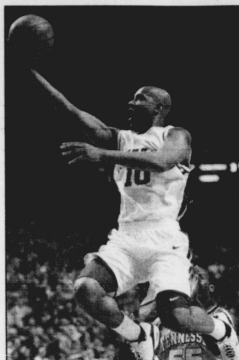
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THEATRE

# A taste of Broadway

Tony Award winning Broadway revival *Cabaret* comes to Cincinnati's Aronoff Center

By Ashley York  
STAFF CRITIC

Scandalous scenes and a busy stage created a phenomenal performance last night when *Cabaret* opened in Cincinnati at the Aronoff Center's Procter & Gamble Hall.

Directed by Sam Mendes, *Cabaret* tells the story of an American writer who goes to Germany and falls in love with an English woman. The story takes place right before Germany's Third Reich comes into power.

Emcee and The Kit Kat Klub opened the first act with "Willkommen", a provocative scene filled with women wearing open kimonos, smoking, drinking and grabbing their crotches to the surprise of the audience.

The Kit Kat Klub did more than just dance provocatively around the stage. Just after the first number they rushed up the circular stairs, grabbed their instruments and began playing the next number. Not only did the Kit Kat Klub sing, act and play in the band, they also served as stagehands.

Sally Bowles, played by Joely Fisher, illustrated much charm and a terrific singing voice when she entered the stage during the third number, "Don't Tell Mama."

The writer of the original version, Joe Masteroff, described Sally as "more self-deluding".

"We see her loving her gin, we see her taking drugs. She is more self-destructive," Masteroff said.

Emcee, played by Jon Peterson, created a bridge for the production. At times, when you weren't sure of what was going on, he provided the sarcasm that kept the audience guessing.

The first act provided the audience with several musical numbers, but left them completely confused after the last scene.

Emcee and The Kit Kat Band opened the second act from the top of the stage with a lively and upbeat number, "Entr' Acte."

A huge picture frame type prop surrounded them, which created a beatnik-type setting. The frame lit up at the end of the scene, creating an exciting mood for the beginning of the second act.

*Cabaret* provides the audience with shocking performances from all characters. Lots of drinking, smoking and sexual motions surprise the viewer from beginning to end. The show proved to be sexy and raunchy at the same time, though it is definitely a great choice for mature audiences.

To sum it up in the words of the production, "What good is sitting alone in your room ... go to the Cabaret."



Former "Ellen" co-star Joely Fisher (above, left) appears opposite Jay Goode (above, right) in the revival of the Broadway hit *Cabaret*.

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FILM

# 'Sweet' tale of bitter loss



Woody Allen departs from his usual themes to tell of the sad fall of fictional jazz great

By Matt Mulcahey  
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Everyone has a type of music that touches them deeply.

Emmitt Ray, the fictional guitarist of Allen's latest film, is so affected by the music of jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt that he breaks into tears every time he hears him play.

Unlike Kenneth Branagh in *Celebrity* or John Cusack in *Bullets Over Broadway*, Ray isn't representative of Allen himself. He lacks the neurotic, nebish qualities of Allen's typical leads, and the film isn't the sarcastic, light-hearted comedy expected

from Woody either.

Set up like a pseudo-documentary, *Sweet and Lowdown* features Allen himself and various jazz historians telling fictional tales of the depression-era guitarist.

What makes this approach fresh is the narrative's insistence that these are all second-hand stories. They are legends and myths passed down from the back-alley speakeasy's of the jazz age to the smoky bars of the beat movement. A word-of-mouth account of why the second-greatest guitar player alive disappeared at the height of his career.

Giving the unlikability of Emmitt Ray, it's no small accomplishment that Allen and Penn make the viewer care about his fate.

Ray is an arrogant, self-absorbed user who refuses to let anyone or anything interfere with his music. He refuses to love or be loved, fearing that it might diminish his art.

Sean Penn (left) stars as depression era jazz musician Emmitt Ray, the world's second greatest guitar player, in writer/director Woody Allen's *Sweet and Lowdown*. Instead of using the unappealing technique of cutting from the actor's face to someone else's hands, Penn actually learned to play guitar so Allen wouldn't have to cheat. Both Penn and co-star Samantha Morton are up for Academy Awards for their performances. Allen wasn't nominated this year, but probably isn't too upset considering he's already won 3 statues of his own and been nominated an astounding 20 times.

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Despite his loutish, sometimes bizarre behavior (his two favorite pastimes are watching trains and shooting rats at the dump), Ray is forgiven for his faults because of the sheer beauty of his music.

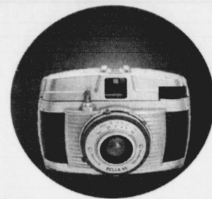
The terrible things that come out of him in his personal life are overshadowed by the soaring music that results every time he picks up a guitar.

Eventually, Ray must choose between his need for musical greatness and his need for personal happiness, which leads to a brief moment which shows how great an actor Sean Penn really is.

In this moment all the arrogance, all of the larger-than-life theatrics melt away and for a fleeting moment, we see the loneliness and self-doubt in his eyes and know that for the first time in his life Emmitt Ray is experiencing regret.

Every movie should have a moment like this.  
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**Explaining the primary process**

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Thanks to UK Political Science Professors Bradley Canon and Donald Gross for their help.

**The scoreboard**

**Current numbers of the preference of delegates**

The numbers are based on party and state rules, delegate interviews and analysis of election results by The Associated Press.

As of Wednesday, February 23:

**Democratic**

Gore 42  
Bradley 27  
Uncommitted 0

Delegates needed to nominate 2,170

Total Delegate Votes 4,339

Delegates that have chosen thus far 69

Delegates that have yet to choose 4,270

**Republican**

McCain 96  
Bush 67  
Uncommitted 12  
Keys 4

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Delegates that have chosen thus far 179

Delegates that have yet to choose 1,887

Delegate numbers compiled from wire reports.

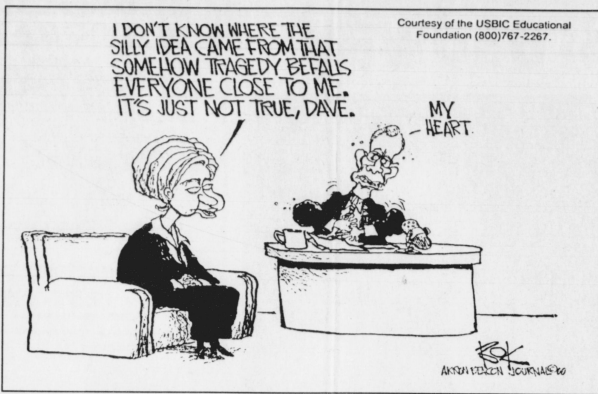
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## Women: Beware of heat-seeking males in Tolly-Ho



Since I started attending UK, I've grown accustomed to certain changes in my lifestyle. When I was younger, for example, things like, oh, clean clothes, normal food and adequate sleep were part of my daily routine. Since I've started college, those things have become fond, distant memories. So has extra spending money, free time and healthy lung tissue (I've decided to blame the university for my smoking habit — they'll be receiving notice of my civil suit in about thirty years, I'm sure).

When I came here, I had a good idea all those things were going to change. I wasn't surprised at all. That's part of the whole college lifestyle, right? Poor health and bad decisions abound, mostly because we know we can get away with it when we're younger. But I'll have to admit, there's one change that I didn't anticipate.

When did Tolly Ho suddenly become "the" place for guys to seek out the opposite sex?

Ah, yes, the Ho. Having spent a majority of my life growing up in Lexington, I was already well-acquainted with this fine establishment before I moved onto campus — mostly through friends who spent their lunch money on cheese fries or milkshakes.

If nothing else, it's remained a reliable and relatively safe place to go with friends at three in the morning on a Saturday night, and I remain convinced that you can't be a "real" UK student without going there at least once (though I strongly encourage "Ho virgins" to keep their status to themselves — that bell they ring when new customers come in is really annoying). But despite the constant presence of drunks, rednecks and other questionable types at the Ho, never once in my younger days did I find myself the focus of unwanted advances from male customers. This is why, I guess, recent events have me so disturbed and perplexed.

Take tonight, for example. After putting off writing this column for much of the day, I decided that an extra hour wouldn't matter much and convinced my roommate to accompany me to the Ho for a smoke and a cup of coffee. Pretty harmless, right? It wasn't late in the evening, we weren't out to meet anyone and we certainly weren't dressed to impress. Unfortunately,

ly for us, we weren't aware that possession of a vagina in Tolly Ho now means a sad parade of lame pickup lines and awkward requests for phone numbers.

On this particular night, a fellow customer actually walked up to us and asked for our names, because a friend of his had, "met a girl on the SinglesLine," and, "heard she might be around." Which, I guess, means he intended to ask every girl in the place if she was the girl in question. Except he didn't leave, even after we confirmed that neither one of us was the girl he was looking for.

Luckily, a well-crafted lie (we began to talk about my roommate's recent sex change operation — I made sure to comment on how well the hormone therapy was going) seemed to put him off, though we did have to eventually leave to get away from him.

I'd have to say that my most memorable experience, however, would have to be the kid who stopped me at the front entrance. He told me I looked "just like the girl from 'The Fifth Element,'" you know, that movie with Bruce Willis.

He then later said to one of my guy friends as we were leaving (and I am NOT making this up), "Man, I want to fuck your girlfriend!"

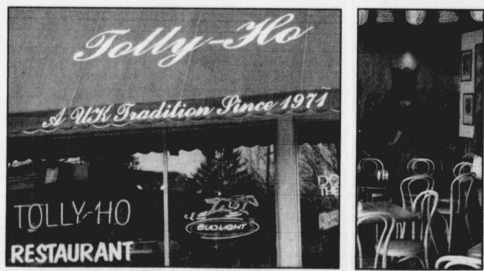
I wish I could say that this was an unusual occurrence. I wish I could say that, if I wanted, I could get a damn hamburger and be left in peace. And when it comes down to it, I have to give some of these guys credit — it does take guts to walk up to a table of complete strangers and attempt to start up a conversation. For that they earn a degree of admiration.

But it looks as though the hormone-charged impulse to hit on anyone (or anything — yeeesh) on campus is becoming more and more evident, even at the Ho, the last bastion of undesirable behavior (maybe it's just me, but a full ashtray and greasy food doesn't really convey sexiness).

I'm not exaggerating; every single time I've gone to Tolly Ho over the past few months, my female friends and I haven't been able to leave without being accosted by at least one of the male patrons. And if you ask me, it's just plain sad when a chick can't even go to a smoky little hole in the wall without feeling like she's being sized up by the other customers.

So if you see a girl with short red hair working on a cup of coffee and smoking a pack of Kamel Reds, I strongly advise you not to waste your "witty" one-liners on her. Chances are, she's already heard her share.

Contributing Columnist Candice Jackson is a journalism freshman. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



Tolly-Ho, one of UK's famous restaurants. Inside the restaurant (right), one can find intoxicated males desiring female companionship, according to the Kernel Columnist.

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## Final Word

**The Question:**

The Kentucky General Assembly has introduced and supported several bills promoting the Christian religion in state-governed services, much to the chagrin of several liberal outlets. These elected officials — working for the Kentucky people — have resolutions that, among others, require the Ten Commandments posted in public schools and will replace the word "evolution" with the phrase "change over time" in Kentucky's science teachings.

According to The Bluegrass State Poll published in the Louisville Courier-Journal, these legislators are representing the people's opinion. 86 percent of 800 Kentucky adults polled agree that the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools. Only 23 percent of those Kentuckians believe in the theory of evolution, while 63 percent believe in Creationism.

Obviously it is difficult to judge the opinion of the entire state from just a 800-person cross-section. However these findings, along with the number of pro-Christian rallies at the state capital last week, seem to encourage the majority pro-Christian legislators to pass their resolutions.

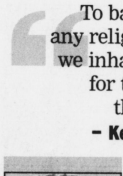
Should the legislators give the people what they want — a Christian Kentucky?

**What They Said:**



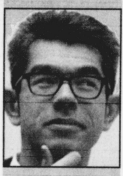
Put it up to a communal vote. Posting the Ten Commandments is a case-sensitive issue so let the people of the community — its parents and teachers — decide."

— Danny Tenkman, Kernel Columnist



To baptize a state into any religion only shows that we inhabit a country ruled for the rednecks, by the rednecks."

— Kevin Clapp, Kernel Cartoonist



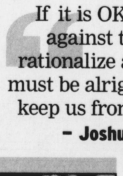
Just because this or that percentage of people is ignorant doesn't mean we should base our educational curriculum on arcane beliefs. ...when does democracy simply become tyranny of the majority?"

— Robert Quan, Senior Staff Writer



Yes, God's word always prevails through it all. It will come out on top in this case, and in many to come."

— Dave Gorman, Senior Kernel Columnist



If it is OK for the schools to go against the constitution and rationalize altering history, then it must be alright to break laws if they keep us from our egocentric goal."

— Joshu Goebeler, Kernel Columnist



Kentucky as constitutional entity has a duty to govern by consent of the majority. You cannot govern by majority consent without also honoring the beliefs of the majority."

— Clayton Sandford, Kernel Columnist

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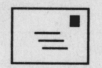
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LADIES HOOPS

# Seniors set for final dance

**Bye-bye: UK's senior basketball players take Memorial Coliseum's floor for the last time**

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

They came into a program that had fallen on hard times. Along the way, they've shared memories, heartbreak, wedding plans (for one player anyway), and some victories.

And now, they'll be suiting up for the last time at Memorial Coliseum this Sunday at 2 p.m., as No. 17 Mississippi State comes calling in UK's last regular-season game. But for seniors Eric Jackson, Tiffany Wait, Shantia Owens, Natalie Martinez and Katie Vieth, this will be their last chance to play at home in front of their fans, not to mention their friends and family.

"I'll have about 20 or 25 family members there," Vieth said of her delegation, which includes her six brothers and sisters. "All my aunts and uncles are coming. My grandparents are coming. It will be special. A lot of them have never seen me play. My grandmother gets so nervous she gets sick. She just wants us to do so well that she starts worrying about us."

For Martinez, Sunday's game marks the first time her mother and father, who live in Albuquerque, N.M., have seen her play this year. Martinez admits getting a little more pumped to play in front of family members.

"It's always fun to play in front of my mom and dad," she said. "I would love to do well in front of my parents and give them a good show, especially while they're watching their daughter play out there for the last time."

Martinez, Vieth (who's battled nagging injuries this season) and Wait form the backbone of this year's senior class, each playing during head coach Bernadette Mattox's second season, struggling to a 9-19 record (Wait red-shirted during the 1995-1996 season). The team welcomed Jackson and Owens in the spring of 1998, with both transferring to UK after successful junior college careers.

It was during those times that the three original seniors forged a common bond together, enduring through tough times with the promise of suc-

cess ahead.

"We've been through so many ups and downs," Martinez said. "We came in during Coach's second season, so we were pretty much her original recruiting class. It's going to be a sad thing when we have to leave."

"It's kind of like, 'Oh my God! I can't believe my career is over,'" Wait said. "It's always a plus playing in front of your family. It's your last game, so you're going to give like 150 percent or something."

UK really began to experience winning when Jackson and Owens jumped aboard last season, helping the Cats to their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1990. And with time running out on a repeat appearance, it's the will to win that has driven this group of seniors closer during this up-and-down season.

"I just want to have the best season possible," Owens said of the few games remaining on the schedule in her senior year. "Even if it was my sophomore year, I still wouldn't want it to end on a losing streak or a bad note."

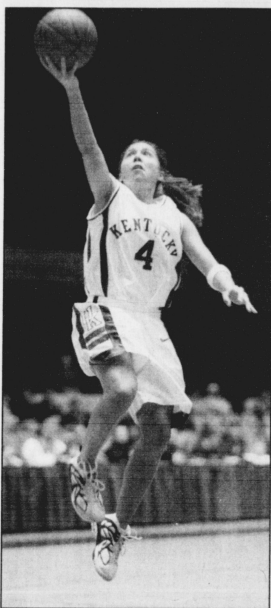
"We all have a great bond with each other," Martinez said of the five seniors. "I think that's going to be the saddest thing about leaving."

But it seems as if the bond will continue on long after graduation, as several members of the class will participate in Wait's summer wedding.

Martinez will stick around UK to pursue a graduate degree in social studies. And Owens, Jackson and Wait will probably attempt to continue playing professionally.

But before the seniors will celebrate their accomplishments as a class, they'd like to add a win over a nationally ranked opponent led by ex-UK coach Sharon Fanning to their resume.

"I think it's very important, especially since it's our last game," Vieth said. "Winning three games in a row would be a great way to close our careers. Plus, it would give us some good momentum heading into the SEC tournament."



Natalie Martinez and the rest of the Cats will try to go out on a high note with a win over Mississippi State on Sunday.

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**Changing of the guard**

Senior Natalie (top) Martinez will say her goodbyes to the UK crowd on Sunday while freshman Rita Adams (below) will flash signs of the future.

FLIPPIN'

# GymKats hoping to bounce back

**Tumbles: UK set to take on Alabama after a second-place finish at home quad-meet two weeks ago**

By Luke Saladin  
STAFF WRITER

Like all young things learning to walk, a few progressive steps are usually followed by an ugly fall.

Such is the case with the UK GymKats.

After a second-place finish at a home quad-meet two weeks ago, the youthful GymKats (3-5, 1-2) looked strong early in last week's meet at No. 14 North Carolina State.

The GymKats had been on track to record their best score of the season. But in the fourth rotation, the GymKats counted three falls on their way to a 196.775-193.125 loss.

"I'm still disappointed in our performance level right now," coach Leah Little said. "We can't seem to get it done."

In the first rotation UK was on the uneven bars. Sophomore Katie Toups set a new career-high with her 9.875 to lead Kentucky. Freshman Mindy Smith was equally as impressive, posting a season-high 9.725 on the bars.

In the second rotation, Kentucky posted a 48.550 team score, led by senior Krissy Hoferlin's 9.875.

The Kats found themselves on the floor exercise in the third rotation. Nicole Allen, Julia Gore, and Lori Loesch each posted career-highs en route to a team total of 48.975.

The Kats then showed their ineptitude when they recorded three falls on

the balance beam in the fourth rotation. The falls were especially disheartening based on the team's performance in the first three rotations.

"We were on track to our best score of the season and we counted three falls on the balance beam," Little said. "These gymnast have to step up and show that they are much better than they've been performing."

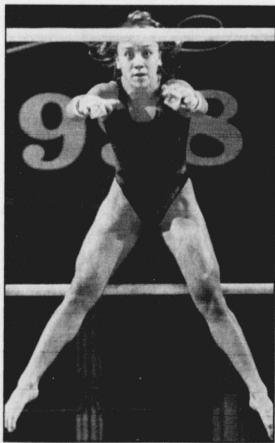
Tonight, the GymKats must ready for another maturation process when No. 2 Alabama comes calling.

Although Alabama is coming off a sluggish, second-place finish at a quad-meet visit to Arizona State last week, the team still boasts the nation's top-rated gymnast, sophomore Andre Pickens.

The Tide's line-up also includes Robin Hawkins, who is rated No. 7 nationally in the all-around. Teammates Katie Hornecker and Natalie Barrington are ranked No. 20 and 21 respectively in the same category.

Alabama is the No. 1-ranked uneven bars team in the nation. It is also ranked second on the balance beam, fourth on the floor exercises and seventh on the vault.

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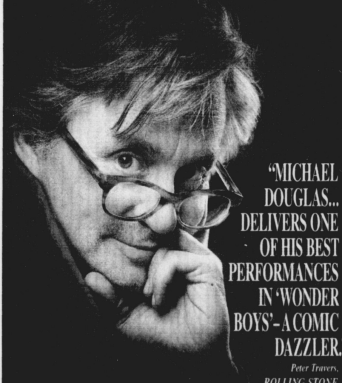
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