



Roommate horror stories

"We interviewed new housemates. One thing I learned was that people don't check their references. I can't tell you how many people I called for references who said, 'You don't want anything to do with that 45%.' When we finally found one guy, a graduate student in a specialized discipline of psychology, we thought he would work out. But he seemed a little ... odd. He got progressively more strange, then angry and violent, and ended up whacking one of the original housemates over the head with a jug of antifreeze. It turns out he decided to go off his medication. We were concerned that he might do this again so we asked him to leave. He made death threat phone calls, which obviously didn't change our minds."

"First of all, the guy was extremely overweight. One time my husband's friend stayed the night and woke up to roommate in the living room in little purple Speedo underwear. All you could see was the back side of him because his stomach hung over the front and sides. He was rude to anyone my husband had over. When he answered the phone he didn't say hello, he just said 'yea' in a grunting manner. If my husband wasn't home he wouldn't take messages he would just say 'no he's not' and hang up the phone. There were times where he smelled so bad people had to leave the apartment when he came out of his room so they wouldn't vomit. The roommate had hair all over his back and would trim himself in the bathroom. There would be half-inch long hairs all over the sink, floor and counter."

"She dropped out of school and told me about it a month later. After she dropped out of school, she would sleep all day and leave piles of her crap wherever she felt like dropping them. She would take hour-long showers, and leave rolled up balls of hair lined up on the side of the bathtub where they would sit collecting for a week or more. She would also do things like cook something at 3:00 a.m., and then I would go into the kitchen the next day in the AFTERNOON, and find the oven on."

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TEXTBOOKS MEET TECHNOLOGY



CHRIS ROSENTHAL | KERNEL STAFF

Students buy books for this semester the old-fashioned way - in a store. Internet companies hope to change that.

Bookstores of the future online?

Several college textbook sellers bet students can do without long lines and real-life hassles, offer virtual back-to-school shopping

By Bobbiejo Winfrey
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Waiting in long lines while your arms seem to separate themselves from your body because of the weight they carry. Agonizing over whether or not you arrived quickly enough to snatch the last used copy of that English book. Wondering what black hole suddenly began sucking in your money. Sound familiar?

Online textbook stores bet they have the solution to some common book-buying woes, but some students hesitate to leave the hectic domain of the public bookstore to enter into what they might consider sticky strands of the web.

"I wouldn't do it. I'm afraid my credit card number would end up in the wrong place," said Angela Morrison, an English junior.

To reduce such possible

fears, several online companies have created different programs to ensure greater security and safety for their customers' personal information.

eFollet.com offers to store all billing, shipping and order histories in a location that can only be accessed by a certain password.

Another on-line retailer, Varsitybooks.com, places more responsibility on the reader by issuing "E-Commerce Safety 101" guidelines for students to peruse and to apply at their benefit.

Not all of the booksellers offer such protection policies, many attempt to appeal to the students' pocketbooks.

Varsitybooks.com gives savings of up to 40 percent off new textbooks while eFollet.com offers both new and used books that can be picked up at the students' local campus bookstore or shipped to their home or local address.

The U Zone, at <http://www.theuzone.com>, claims to be the first to sell new and used textbooks at cost.

"Thus, the company makes no profit margin off the books, and instead it seeks profit from other sources on the web such as advertising.

Still, students worry about buying books on the web.

"I didn't know how long it would take to get here," Elizabeth McCarty, a mechanical engineering freshman said.

Anticipating this concern, the companies have listed estimated delivery times, as well as shipping costs on their websites. Delivery times range from same-day to two to three weeks, with shipping costs ranging from free-in-store pickup to \$12 plus \$2.35 per book. In some cases a flat rate was applied instead of a per-book shipping cost. Shipping costs increased as shipping time decreased.

Local company enters online book arena

By John Wampler
NEWS EDITOR

Among the large number of companies entering the online textbook sales arena, there is one based right here in Lexington that is looking for a corner of the market.

ecampus.com, whose distribution center is located off of Palumbo Drive, offers free standard shipping, and even carries used books and electronic books. They will also buy the books back at the end of the semester.

"We can do anything a bricks and mortar bookstore can do except sell snacks," said ecampus.com president Steve Stevens in a press release.

Depending on what time of day an order is placed, UK students will receive it the same day, or by the next day, said Doug Alexander, a representative from ecampus.com.

ecampus.com is not in competition with college bookstores, said Alexander. In fact, the UK bookstore receives a commission of the on-line sales as part of a partnership agreement.

Alexander explained that manages the UK Bookstore. Instead of trying to set up an on-line service for each bookstore, ecampus.com was created as a separate company with which the bookstores could enter into partnerships if they chose to.

A massive \$12 million ad campaign has been launched by ecampus.com to promote nationwide recognition. As part of the campaign, students can register online to win a Humvee. Two other Humvees are being driven nationwide to college campuses handing out free promotional products.

"More and more students want the option of being able to shop on-line," said Alexander. "It's a convenience thing."



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EDUCATION

UK tops state ACT scores

Recent report shows average ACT scores down for state, UK freshmen still score high

By Kevin Thacker
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A recent state report had some bad news about the average ACT scores of Kentucky's college-bound high school seniors, but UK students remain well above the state in general.

According to a press release from the Kentucky Department of Education, an analysis of ACT scores revealed a drop in Kentucky's average ACT score for the high school seniors from 20.2 to 20.1. This is almost a full point behind the national average of 21.

"The group of students that are attracted to UK are better (than the average scores)," said UK Director of Admissions Pat Herring.

ACT scores for UK applicants remain at a higher-than-average level, Herring said.

UK's average ACT score is currently 24.8, and 38.5 percent of freshmen have a 26 or higher, as of mid-summer. Officials will have the complete average later this semester.

The UK admissions office estimates that by 2002, 40 percent of freshmen will have an ACT score of 26 or higher.

State officials have said that the reason scores have lowered could be due in part to the increased number of students taking the exam. A record high of 68 percent of high school seniors took the ACT test.

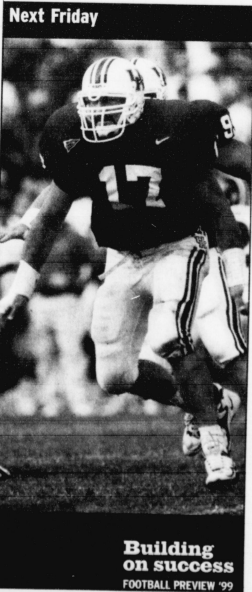
The study also shows a visible gap between white and African-American students. White students averaged a score of 20.4 while African-Americans averaged 16.8. This can be attributed to the fact that more white students take college-level prep courses than African-Americans, state education officials said.

Another figure worth examining is how Kentucky did in its geographical region. The southeastern region of the U.S. scored an average of 20.0. Kentucky's 20.1 raised them slightly above the regional average, but still failing to reach the higher national average.

UK does not have a cut-off ACT score. Instead of relying solely on a test score, Herring said, the admissions department also looks at a student's core curriculum and grade point average.

Even if the state's scores continue to drop, UK has no plans to lower any standards. The Merit Scholarship, for example, will still require a 26 on the ACT.

Contrary to the overall state trend, UK's average ACT score, Herring said, "is creeping upward."



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Fraternity grades improve

Incentives credited for rise in GPA among fraternities on UK's campus, IFC looks to improve some more

By Hillary Cromer
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Last spring's fraternity grades, released this month, pleased the Interfraternity Council.

Eight of the 18 men's social fraternities on campus were above the all-male average grade point average, which has long been a goal of the IFC. Last fall only six fraternities exceeded the all-male average GPA.

The IFC grade point average was 2.81, up from 2.74 for the 1998 fall semester. Thirteen fraternities showed an improvement in their grades since then.

The all-male average at UK is 2.828, the all-university average is 2.539 and the all-freshman average is 2.34.

"We're hoping to see continued improvement in grades especially since the new scholarships are in place," said Tony Blanton, Assistant Dean of Students and adviser for the fraternities.

Blanton attributes the raise in grades

to the fraternities working harder and the new IFC scholarship for fraternity members with good grades. Blanton said a new rule established by the IFC encourages fraternities to raise grades by putting restrictions on social activities. If a chapter's average grade drops, it is limited to four social functions per semester. If the average continues to drop, the chapter is limited to fewer social activities.

"I would say that the incentives had something to do with the rise of the average," Blanton said. "We plan to continue enforcing that."

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Brazilians Protest Economic Reforms

BRASILIA, Brazil — Fed up with economic reforms that keep unemployment high and wages low, tens of thousands of Brazilians today converged on the capital to urge the government to change course. Early police estimates said there were 60,000 protesters, but police officers later said the number could have reached 100,000. Red flags and banners calling for the resignation of President Fernando Henrique Cardoso colored the dry savannah landscape.

Turkish Gov't Urges New Taxes

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A parliamentary committee has approved new taxes to help pay for the earthquake that struck Turkey's industrial heartland. But some worried today that the funds will be siphoned off by corrupt builders and officials. Investors dumped shares in Turkish companies, sending the stock market index plummeting about 10 percent on its first day of trading since the Aug. 17 earthquake. Such falls, however, are not unusual during major crises in Turkey and experts expected a recovery.

Report: Deal Reached on Wye Accord

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinians have agreed on a timetable for a long-delayed withdrawal from the West Bank, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat reportedly told a group of U.S. congressmen today. The agreement would break a deadlock that had thwarted the revival of a U.S.-brokered peace accord. A Palestinian official said that the Palestinians agreed to an Israeli demand to extend a pullout from parts of the West Bank until January, in exchange for an Israeli offer to increase the mandated handover from 11 percent to 13 percent. Palestinians had demanded an immediate withdrawal.

Calif. Hispanics Prefer Gore

SAN ANTONIO — Vice President Al Gore has a 2-1 lead over Texas Gov. George W. Bush among Hispanics in California, a new poll found. The poll, conducted by the William C. Velasquez Institute of San Antonio, Texas, found Gore with a 49-24 lead over Bush among Hispanics in California. In Texas, Bush had 41 percent while Gore had 39 percent.



RUN AWAY: The surviving members of the zany Monty Python comedy team are to reunite to celebrate their 30th anniversary. John Cleese, Michael Palin, Eric Idle and Terry Jones have written and will perform sketches for a Monty Python special being broadcast in October.



PYRAMIDS CONCERT A DREAM COME TRUE FOR RICHIE: American soul singer Lionel Richie sang under the stars at the Giza pyramids Wednesday, fulfilling what the 50-year-old entertainer called a lifetime dream.

Study: Risk Low From Colo. Plant

DENVER — A nine-year study released today on cancer risks stemming from secret radioactive and chemical releases at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant found few dangers. But it warned of new risks caused by the ongoing cleanup. The plant, about 16 miles northwest of downtown Denver, began producing plutonium bombs and bomb parts in 1952. State officials in the 1980s raised concerns about potential health hazards, and the plant was closed after the FBI raided it in 1989 to investigate allegations of environmental crimes.

Low-Cal Diet Said To Lengthen Life

WASHINGTON — Genes that play a role in aging tend to stay vigorous in response to a low-calorie diet, says a study that may help explain why animals that eat less often live longer. Two University of Wisconsin, Madison, researchers said their genetic analysis of mice showed that genes that normally deteriorate with age tended to continue functioning in a youthful way when the mice were underfed. They said the study, to be published in the journal *Science* tomorrow, may explain why a reduced-calorie diet can cause mice to live up to 50 percent longer.

Doughnut Co. Buys Site for Grips

HAMDEN, Conn. — Dunkin' Donuts has bought a Web site created by a disgruntled customer to give others a place to complain about everything from poor service to stale crullers. David Felton, 25, ran the gripe site called dunkin-donuts.org for two years until the company decided to purchase it. Felton said he cannot disclose the price as part of the June 30 agreement, but added that negotiations started at \$1,070 and went up from there.

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Among the fraternities that surpassed the all-male average were Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi and Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternities below the average were placed on academic warning and restricted to four social events this semester until their grades change. Sigma Chi's was already on a warning, and moved to academic probation, limiting them to two social events each semester.

Another precaution the IFC is taking this year is preventing first-semester Lexington Community College students from pledging until they have an established college GPA of at least 2.0. The LCC restriction is new this semester and the chapters are taking more precautions before inviting pledges.

Sean Griffin, the IFC vice president of education, said that while not all LCC students were having difficulty with their grades, a visible trend in that direction necessitated the change.

"It wasn't all the LCC students," he said. "But there was a consistent trend in the grades of those pledges from LCC."

Griffin doesn't think this new change will harm anyone

from LCC. "It has not hurt anybody yet," he said. "It's a very small number of people that are affected."

Griffin also pointed out that if LCC students are interested in pledging a fraternity, they can do so during spring rush, provided their GPA is above the 2.0 requirement.

"We wanted to move the entire (Greek) system forward," he said. "We want to get everyone on their grades first. That's why they're here in the first place."

The Score

Fraternity GPA's

Grade point averages for Spring semester 1999.

Alpha Tau Omega	3.7647
Pi Sigma Kappa	3.4729
Pi Kappa Alpha	2.9009
Sigma Pi	2.8001
Sigma Phi Epsilon	2.7987
Phi Kappa Psi	2.7187
Farmhouse	2.6667
Sigma Chi	2.6366
Phi Kappa Tau	2.5312
Kappa Sigma	2.5056
Phi Gamma Delta	2.5
Pi Kappa Phi	2.3863
Delta Tau Delta	2.3302
Lambda Chi Alpha	2.3132
Alpha Gamma Rho	2.2315
Kappa Alpha Order	2.0
Delta Sigma Phi	1.7288

All male average: 2.828
All university average: 2.9239
All freshmen male: 2.34

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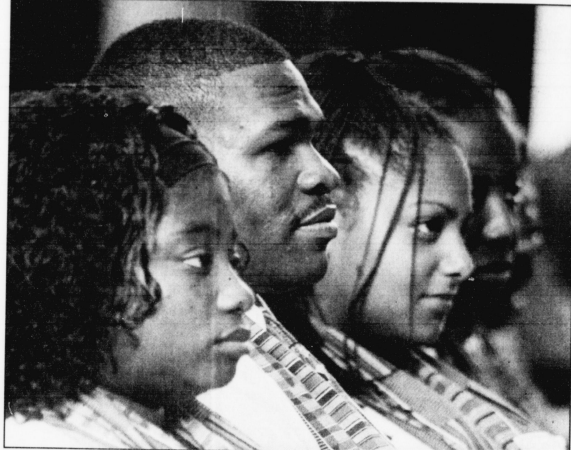
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ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO BACK



Students listened intently to George Brown Jr., a 1993 UK College of Dentistry Graduate. Brown was one of the speakers at a ceremony yesterday for minority Medical Center students.

Students hear the call of success

UK faculty and alumnus invite students to experience the world and set goals, offer directions for the road of life

By Lamin Swann
Staff Writer

As the call of the drum led first year graduate health students and UK faculty and staff through the Combs Research Building atrium Thursday evening, there was a feeling of closeness, a feeling that you were entering a small college instead of a large university.

Yesterday's ceremony "Illuminating The Path To Success: The Opening of the Way," was a symbolic rite of passage to success for students in the Colleges of Dentistry, Nursing, Medicine and Nursing.

It was as if the students were initiates, and the faculty and staff were elders.

After a powerful opening of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Black National Anthem, David Stockham, UK dean of students, welcomed the initiates and guests, explaining how elephants in the wild possess the strength to tear down a tall tree. But when in captivity, elephants can not break away from being tied to a tether, be-

ing taught not to break away by a trainer.

"While in the university, test your tethers every once in a while, try something different sometimes," Stockham said.

UK Medical Center Minority Affairs initiates programs like this one to show minorities, especially African American students, that they are a part of the University and they are welcome with open arms in their academic areas.

There was a diverse gathering of around 50 people, from family members to the Medical Center Chancellor, among others.

Dressed in traditional African attire, Nashid Fakrid-Deen, director of multicultural affairs at Kentucky Community and Technical College System, spoke to participants.

"The purpose is opening the way for you (the students) to establish themselves with faculty and staff who can and will help you along the way," Fakrid-Deen said.

Fakrid-Deen performed a li-

baton, a traditional African ritual pouring liquids, paying respects to ancestors who paved the path before us.

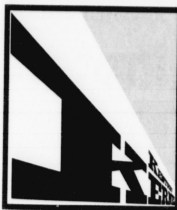
Perfect Circle, a local band, performed a musical celebration, and Ramona Thompson, a Medical Center employee, sang an uplifting rendition of "Wind Beneath My Wings" and "I Believe I Can Fly."

A 1993 College of Dentistry graduate, Dr. George Brown, Jr., gave words of wisdom to students and guests to remember for a long time to come.

Brown, along with his wife, both of whom practice here in Lexington, gave advice to students to not just set goals, write their goals down, review them often, and carry them with you.

"My wife taught me to do this, and its help me well," Brown said. "If you do this, you'll probably have more success at what you are doing."

The UK Medical Center Minority Affairs and the UK Medical Center Chancellor's Office presented the ceremony.



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UNIVERSITY/COMMUNITY STATEMENT ON STUDENT MISUSE OF ALCOHOL

As the University of Kentucky strives to provide the best possible environment for teaching and learning, we are concerned about alcohol abuse among students. Recent tragedies across the nation, coupled with the understanding that UK is not immune to such possibilities, have prompted both the University and the City of Lexington to strictly enforce alcohol policies and laws. All students, especially those who choose to use alcohol, need to be aware of the consequences of being found guilty of alcohol related offenses on and off campus.

ON CAMPUS

The University Alcohol Policy, which can be viewed on the University Web Site cited below, essentially prohibits the use of alcohol in buildings and campus outdoor areas. Regardless of a student's age, alcohol is not permitted in undergraduate housing, including residence halls, fraternities, sororities and undergraduate sections of Greg Page Apartments.

Alcoholic beverages are permitted in graduate student apartments and houses, married student housing and non-student residential housing as long as such use does not violate any law or University regulation.

Violations of the alcohol policy are adjudicated under the Student Code of Conduct, which can be viewed at (<http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code>). Typically, individuals who are found responsible for alcohol violations on campus are subject to the following sanctions.

FIRST OFFENSE

Referral to "Choices," a day-long alcohol education workshop that costs \$60.00.

SECOND OFFENSE

University discipline which can include monetary assessment, probation and/or community service and parental notification.

THIRD OFFENSE

Suspension from the University, usually for a calendar year.

OFF CAMPUS

Students living off campus have the same rights and responsibilities as other citizens and are obligated to observe local laws and ordinances. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police have primary jurisdiction for law enforcement throughout the community. Last year, enforcement of excessive noise violations and other disruptive behavior; possession of alcohol by a minor; use of false ID/possession of a forged instrument; public drinking and intoxication and DUI was increased. Citations issued and arrests made by Urban County Police, UK Police, ABC, and Sheriff Deputies are dealt with in local courts. Typical penalties for alcohol violations and related wrongful behavior can include fines, court costs, referral to Choices and/or community service. Conviction of a felony can result in a jail sentence. False ID charges can carry the additional penalty of loss of driver's license.

The University urges students to be good citizens by conscientiously striving to be law-abiding, respectful and positive participants in the life, governance and maintenance of their living environment, whether on or off campus.

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Local anchor forged path

By Lamin Swann
STAFF WRITER

About a year ago, in a meeting before retiring from WLEX-TV, Sue Wylie noticed that of the 20 producers, assignment editors, technicians and on-air talents, 11 were women.

Thirty years before, Wylie was the only woman.

Yesterday, the UK Medical Center Minority Affairs Office, in conjunction with the UK Medical Center Chancellor's Office, observed Women's Equality Day with a special event in the hospital auditorium.

"By observing Women's Equality Day, we can educate faculty, staff and students about the diversity of people that the Medical Center has," said Lavorne R. Carter, acting staff/community development director of the center's Minority Affairs.

"This is one of the many events on diversity we have throughout the year."

Wylie was the keynote speaker at the event.

A long-time anchor and

producer, Wylie became the first woman in the state of Kentucky to anchor a daily TV newscast and broke ground for women in other television markets.

Wylie started out doing commercials, the only job that was available for women at that time. She advertised products geared toward women, like appliances.

Then the doors started to crack open; television made another opening for women.

"I was a weather girl in Miami (Fla.), being on the beach on the newscasts," Wylie said. "I had to wear a bikini while reporting the weather, saying, 'It's a great day for the beach.' If it was raining, I would say, 'Today's not a great day for beach time.'"

In the following years, Wylie moved up among the ranks in television, and was the first woman to break through in many areas. In Florida, she was the first female to anchor a hard news program daily.

For 23 years at WLEX-TV, Wylie was the principal anchor and executive producer of *Noon*

Today, and had complete control of the program's style, direction and content, a rare occurrence for a woman in the 1970s.

Wylie was also moderator and executive producer of the famed public affairs program "Your Government," a show that generated front page material for the state's major newspapers and the Associated Press newswire almost every week.

Interviewing everyone from local officials to heads of state for over 30 years, Wylie became a respected member of the press and the community but decided it was time to leave television.

"I don't miss it (being on television), I can say I was blessed," said Wylie.

Wylie has not completely exited public life. She is producer and host of *Front Page*, a daily radio show heard on WVLC-AM.

"When the co-anchors beside me were younger than my son, it was time for me to go," Wylie said of her departure.

Turkish Students Hold Yard Sale to Benefit Quake Victims

The UK Turkish Student Association will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 28th, at the corner of Nicholasville Road and Rosemont Garden, across from Central Baptist Hospital. Proceeds from the sale will benefit earthquake victims. In addition, the students are sponsoring a fund-raising table of goods today at the UK student Center.



Survivors of the Turkish earthquake inspect the devastation.

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MED CENTER

Research at UK makes major discovery

by Tom Callahan
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Four years of research has paid off for researchers at UK who have made a breakthrough in the fight against spinal cord paralysis.

This discovery is a breakthrough in spinal cord injury research. It carries hope for preventative treatment for spinal cord injuries in human beings.

"We are looking at the biochemical pathways that cause cells to die after the spinal cord injury," said assistant professor Pamela Knapp of the College of Medicine. "What you want to do is to develop a drug that would prevent the paralysis shortly after the injury."

When someone incurs a spinal cord injury, the cells composing the spinal cord are signaled to commit suicide by releasing the protein cytochrome C within the cells. This process can take anywhere from several hours to several weeks depending on the extent of the injury.

Those hours or weeks may prove crucial as researchers work toward extending the lives of cells in an effort to prevent paralysis.

"We are using experimental drugs to try and interrupt the cell death pathways and to get cells to live longer," said Knapp.

Unfortunately, those who have suffered from paralysis over the course of years will not be able to benefit from this research, since these cells have

already died.

Researchers have known for several years about apoptosis, or cell death, but those findings were only in cell cultures. Researchers at UK uncovered cell death in rats.

"We are taking the research a step forward by looking at the animal model," said David Azbill, a graduate student at UK. Live rats.

Their findings were published in the August issue of *Nature Medicine*. That published article represents one of the first major findings to be funded by the Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust. This organization is funded by a small portion of the fines paid for speeding violations by motorists in Kentucky.

The next step in the research process will be drug development and testing.

"We are going to be working with companies that are making drugs to inhibit the pathways," said Joe Springer, professor of the College of Medicine. "This will be with hope of rescuing cells in the spinal cord and minimizing paralysis."

Spinal cord injury affects over 1,100 people in Kentucky and the number is increasing at a rate of 200 people a year. Although nearly 250,000 people suffer from spinal cord injuries nationally, it is rare in occurrence when compared to the number of people suffering from heart disease, cancer, or stroke.

The estimated financial burden of spinal cord injury, however, exceeds that of heart disease, cancer, or stroke.

RESIDENCE HALLS

Protect against viruses threat

Keeping expanded services free of increased potential for computer viruses

by John Wampler
NEWS EDITOR

With the arrival of ResNet services, UK students will soon be able to connect to the UK network from their residence halls. With this increased volume of computers, should students be concerned about an increased risk of computer viruses?

Sidney Scott, manager of the UK Information Systems help desk, said that the risk of getting a virus on their computer is virtually the same as before.

Viruses will not spread at

a higher rate than before because of the nature of how they work, said Scott.

Viruses initially affect only one individual machine. They spread in computer labs, or to personal computers, when information is taken from one machine and passed to another. (For example, someone copying a file to a floppy disk, then installing it on another computer.)

When students log on from their rooms, they are essentially logging on to the Internet, and from there accessing UK network features, Scott said. The only way a virus can pass from ResNet systems to a per-

sonal computer is if a student downloads a file with a virus on it.

If the machine from which a student is downloading has a good anti-virus program, then there is even less to worry about, Scott said. However, he recommends that students not take chances, and buy anti-virus programs for their own computers.

"You want to build a shield around yourself with your anti-virus product on your machine and not really rely upon machines elsewhere, because you don't know what they have on them," said Scott.

UK recommends Norton's Anti-Virus program or the Semantic Anti-Virus program for students wishing to safeguard their computer, said Scott. While Norton's is rather ex-

pensive, Scott says that they believe it to be the best. For students who do not wish to spend as much there are less-expensive programs, even free "shareware" programs.

Programs like Norton's, however, often offer free program updates for a year, said Amy Berry, a student consultant with Student Computing Services. This way, when new viruses appear, the software will be updated to detect and destroy them.

For when the virus detection doesn't work, though, computer science freshman Joe Ibershoff recommends backing up all important files (on floppy disks or Zip Drives).

"If a virus hits a personal computer, you could lose everything if you don't have (a) backup," he said.

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UK's goal: unity

By John Dobson
STAFF WRITER

Completeness. That's what UK volleyball coach Jona Braden is hoping for from her team this season.

"Our expectation is that we will perform more as a single unit, more as a complete team," says Braden. "We want a heightened commitment to defense, more solid ball control, stronger offensive play and improvement in every area of play."

The Wildcats are coming off a 16-14 season (6-8 in Southeastern Conference), Braden's first as UK coach.

UK faces a tough conference schedule, as the SEC is a strong volleyball league.

Braden feels that her team should concentrate on winning every game as it comes, instead of looking ahead to opponents such as 1998 SEC champion Florida.

"It's a solid group of teams," Braden said. "Florida has done an excellent job over the last four or five years, and they are picked to win it again this year."

"Our mission is to step on the floor and compete with every team we play, regardless of how they are ranked," Braden said. "We want to put the best possible team performance out there every night."

"If we do that, winning will take care of itself."

Braden feels that, although the team's upperclassmen will lead the way, every player has something to contribute.

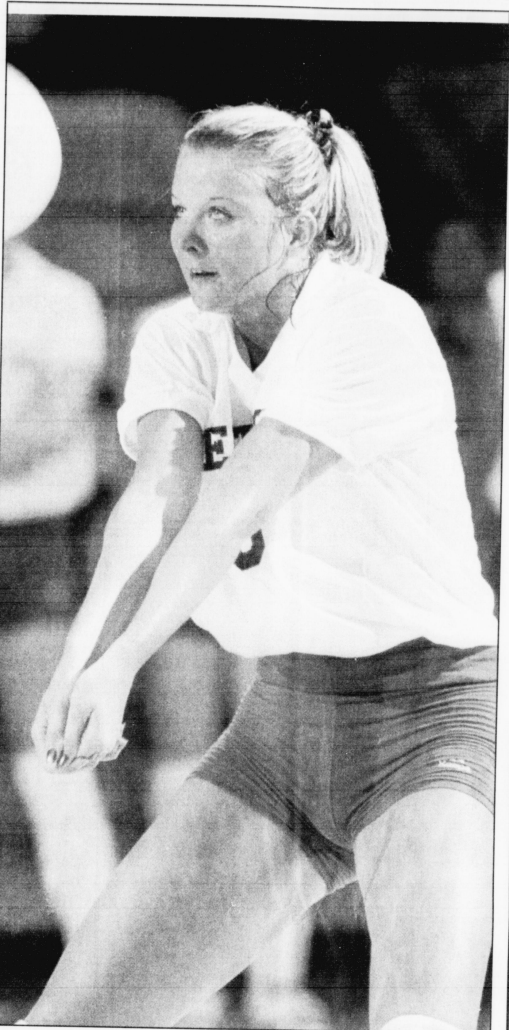
"We're looking for everyone to step it up. We have four seniors, four juniors, two sophomores and three freshmen," said Braden. "On the whole, the players who have the most experience will be guiding force for the team. However, the way the team is coming together, everyone needs to play their role and do their job."

UK's best returning players are Katie Eiserman, Jaclyn Homan and Stephanie Taylor. Newcomers to watch for include freshman Kristen Batt and Melissa Kracht, a transfer from the University of Texas at Brownsville.

The Cats open regular season play versus Eastern Kentucky University at Memorial Coliseum on September 1. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Braden says that the season opener provides the first real glimpse at the team's progress.

"It's always exciting to open up the season," Braden said. "You can practice all you want before the season starts, but there's nothing like stepping out there to actually compete. That's when you find out where you stand, where you have to go from there."



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UK HOOPS

Cats look to sign point guard

Chris Duhon and Jarred Jeffries highlight what's left of the 2000 recruiting class

By Matt May
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

National Signing Day is months away, but for the elite college basketball programs, this is the time of year when national championships are won and lost.

As the summer winds down, recruiting classes for 2000 are rounding into shape, with some of the nation's top high school seniors making their intentions known concerning which college they will attend.

Off the board already are consensus top five players Eddie Griffin, Gerald Wallace and Mario Austin, as are Andre Barrett, Michael Sweetney, Marcus Toney El and Andre Owens. Soon to follow are a host of others who want to commit early this season.

The coup d'etat of the early recruiting wars has been Seton Hall's signing of a trio of top-

caliber recruits. Former Duke player and head coach Tommy Ammaker has already received verbal commitments from Griffin, a 6-foot-8 power forward from Philadelphia, Toney El and Barrett, a point guard from New York City.

The signing of Barrett was a shocker, but precipitated the signing of Griffin, a package deal with Barrett. The loss of Barrett to Seton Hall may have been exceptionally difficult for Kentucky, as Barrett was one of the Cats top targets at point guard.

Southeastern Conference rival Alabama also pulled in a major recruiting haul with the commitments of Wallace and Austin, both from Alabama, who decided to stay at home and play for head coach Mark Gottfried. Those commitments come on the heels of a class for this season that was rated in the top 10.

But Kentucky is not out in the cold, as the Cats are still

listed in the top three or four schools for nearly every top-tier recruit who has yet to commit. The biggest target for UK is point guard Chris Duhon of Slidell, La. It is no secret that head coach Tubby Smith has been high on Duhon for several years, but it has become increasingly apparent that the race will come down to Duke and Kentucky for Duhon's services.

Many recruiting experts predict Duhon will sign with Duke because of a series of comments he has made proclaiming the Blue Devils the team he loved to watch growing up. But if he chose the Blue Devils, Duhon would be stuck behind McDonald's All-American Jason Williams at point guard and another McDonald's All-American at shooting guard Michael Dunleavy. UK can offer playing time and prestige, but will that be enough?

The pick here is he'll choose UK over Duke, but don't rule out home state school Louisiana State. It's not out of the realm of possibility he will sign there. If UK doesn't get Duhon, look for them to get

Adam Boone of Minnesota or Imari Sawyer of Chicago, Ill. The top two point guards in the class, Marcus Taylor and Omar Cook appear locks for Michigan State and North Carolina, respectively.

In the front court, UK's top target is a Hoosier. Jarred Jeffries is a 6-foot-10 power forward who can do EVERYTHING. He scores, he rebounds, he passes, he hits free throws (yes, some people can hit free throws) and best of all, he is the consummate team player.

Many experts feel as though the lure of hometown Indiana (Jeffries is from Bloomington) will be too much, but Jeffries himself has intimated to teammates and others that he doesn't want to play for the Hoosiers. That leaves UK and Duke as the leaders, but Florida State and Arizona are also in the picture.

Should UK get either Duhon or Jeffries, the class would be successful, but don't be surprised if UK lands one of the nation's best classes without either of them as well.

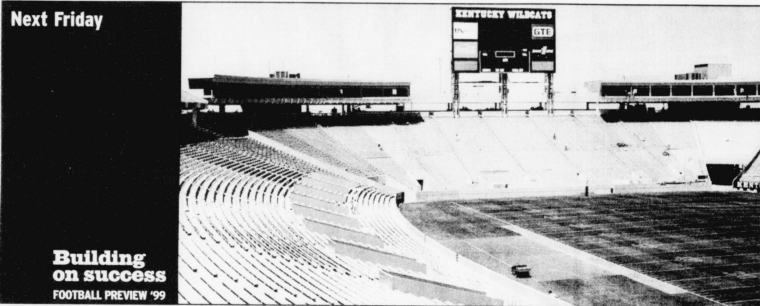


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Angels is almost heaven

Dreaming of a hit: Director Erick Zonca makes impressive feature film debut after starting in documentaries

By Max Sturgeon
MOVIE CRITIC

I'll start this review by narrowing down its target audience.

This is a French film, so if you're one of those people who doesn't like to read movies; this probably isn't the movie for you. If you thought "Armageddon" was a cinematic masterpiece, this probably isn't the movie for you. Finally, if you're thinking about seeing this movie because it is about two women and their bonding experiences, and this idea excites you, once again, this movie probably isn't for you.

Yeah, that's right, this is one of those artsy foreign movies. That doesn't mean this movie isn't any good. In fact, this film is quite good.

The movie follows

two women as they meet and become good friends. Isa (Elodie Bouchez) is a sweet but streetwise young girl new to town. Along the way, Isa hooks up with Marie (Natacha Régnier), who agrees to let her stay with her at the flat she is housesitting.

The two girls immediately hit it off and become the best of friends. Together, they go out in search of jobs and men. Marie meets Charly (Patrick Mercado), a bouncer at the local club, whom she doesn't love even though he treats her well and is willing to take care of her. Isa becomes preoccupied with trying to help a former occupant of the flat, a young girl who isn't expected to recover from a coma.

The two girls' newfound happiness is soon threatened with the emergence of Chris (Gregoire

Colin). Marie becomes destructively obsessed with the rich, attractive bar owner. The obsession threatens her friendship with Isa, her relationship with Charly and even her own sanity.

Dreamlife of Angels is written and directed by Erick Zonca. The former documentary director makes a stunning debut as a feature filmmaker. The directing style is very life-like and you can tell his documentary experience paid off with the extensive use of hand-held cameras. Bouchez and Régnier put in excellent performances as two lost souls who dream of a better life.

While this movie may not be for everyone, it should not be missed by anyone who can appreciate a good artsy, foreign movie.

Grade: B+



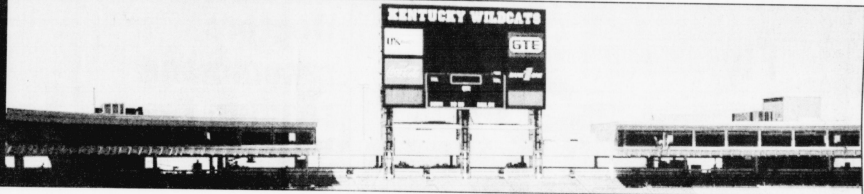
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Natacha Régnier (top) plays Marie, a house sitter with an ability to attract bouncers at local clubs. Co-starring with Régnier is Elodie Bouchez as Isa (left), a street savvy woman despite her youth.



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Concert series starts

Klub Blue opens doors for the fall: Student Center game room offers music, entertainment and more.

By Marissa Fugate
STAFF WRITER

An eclectic mix of students gathered in the new Student Center game room Wednesday night to help christen a new program sponsored by the Student Activities Board, the Student Center and WRFL.

Gothic band Broken Halos opened the fall concert series, playing to a crowd of approximately 50 loyal fans, students straight from class and curious passers-by.

The Student Center game room, reincarnated as Klub Blue after renovations in the summer of 1998, had troubles last year attracting students. If this show was any indication of things to come, their troubles may soon disappear.

"We had already been doing a local show," said Joel Adams, program manager for WRFL. "We had been getting a lot of really good feedback with it, so we brought it in here."

Event organizers hope similar events will help get Klub Blue off the ground.

"We're trying to put together a coalition of SAB, student organizations and people from Residence Life, targeting people who are here on campus in the evenings," said Student Center manager Terry Schimmel.

"The big thing for students is free entertainment," Adams said. "If you're on campus, you can walk down and check it out. You get to hear things you don't normally hear... This may be a real eye-opener."

The concerts will take place every week until eventually becoming a weekly event. Another eventual feature will be the simulcast on WRFL, allowing those unable to attend to hear the concert. Adams said he plans on having a mixture of bands from the Lexington area, from gothic to jazz fusion to rock and roll.

"We plan to have local talent as well as some nights have an on-air personality doing programs and talking with people from the community and campus, with students visiting the game room," Schimmel said.

Other events planned for the space include karaoke, a game show night with a student host, co-ed competition nights and the Residence Hall Challenge, where teams can challenge one another in foosball, air hockey and pool to win prizes and open programming for special events.

Another feature is the Klub Blue VIP card. The card, which is free for all students, gives students credit points for drink and snack purchases in the game room. After 10 purchases students can redeem the points for free games or snacks or can bank their points to receive merchandise such as t-shirts and Frisbees.

With all of these events debuting this fall, Klub Blue should offer something for every group on campus, which is what the Student Center game room is making a priority to achieve.

"You get a lot of diversity," Schimmel said. "Any student who goes in, regardless of the event, can meet people outside of their social circle."

It's About Time for Reeves

By Gary McColium
ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

As the trend towards more female country singers continues to grow, it becomes increasingly difficult to find the truly talented acts that often get lost in the shuffle.

One hopes this will not happen in the case of Julie Reeves. Reeves' Virgin Records debut, *It's About Time*, is one of the best country albums of the year and possibly the best since the Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* early last year.

Although the title cut from Reeves' album did not bring her the immediate acclaim, her latest single, "Trouble is a Woman," is quickly gaining popularity with many country listeners. With several strong future singles sitting on the album, it should be only a matter of time before Reeves is enjoying chart success.

The album blends up-tempo tunes like "Do You Think About Me" and "All or Nothing" with some incredible ballads like "What I Need."


With the exception of the girl anthem "Party Down," the album comes across as smart, fresh, and new. At the same time it stays true, for the most part, to the country format that "Trouble is a Woman" tries to attract.

All in all, *It's About Time* is an amazing debut album that won't disappoint the country music fan. This is easily one of the best of 1999.

Grade: A-

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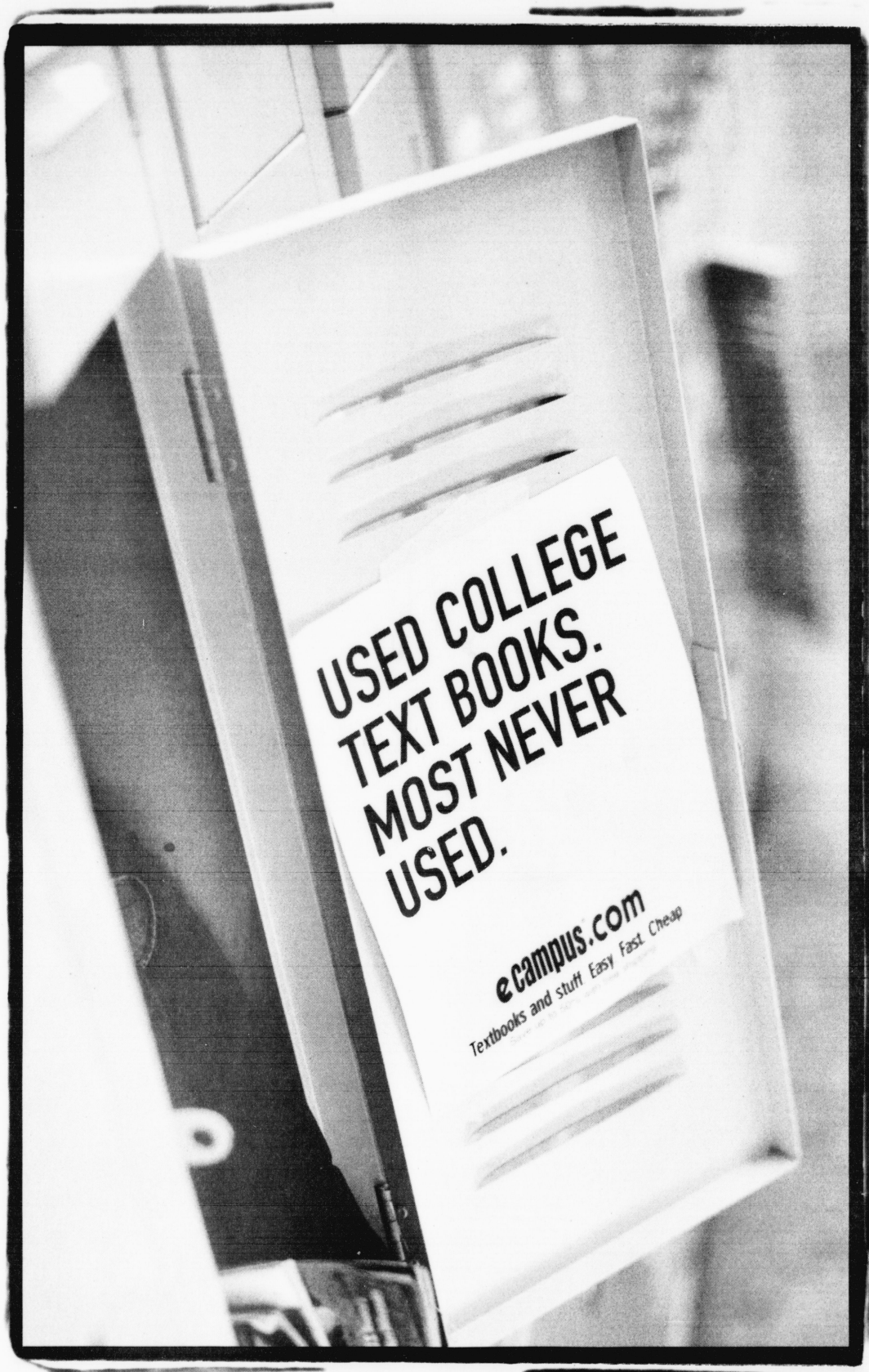
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