



Hypothetical

It could happen

There is a headline to the right of this column everyday. Even though none of these have been headlines, wouldn't the stories they follow be worth cutting out and putting on the refrigerator or sending home?

Gawking construction worker falls for sorority girl, suffers two broken legs.

Tuba player explodes and disembowels himself trying to play too hard.

Fine Arts Department resorts to making copies on toilet paper: gives new meaning to the term "sheet music."

Hippie teacher ODs and fails all students.

Parking Nazis held hostage: gunmen demand cars back at no cost.

UK grad student finds new ailment. Freshmen Fatigue Syndrome. Class action lawsuit against UK in the works.

Rifle team contracted to rid campus of pesky squirrel problem the old-fashioned way.

Twelve students arrested for turning Chemistry lab into Meth lab.

Black chalkboards found to cause cancer in laboratory animals.

Fire alarm pulled in Kirwan Tower, collegiate record set: 78 times in one week.

Girl mugged by another for designer Capri pants outside faculty club.

Senior high school tour group presumed lost in Barker Hall; new tour guide and the movie Road Trip to blame.

Engineering student spontaneously combusts during finals week.

-Ron Norton rail_editor@hotmail.com E-mails to date - 2

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SPORTS

Parker to play UK basketball

Credit where credit is due: UK signs former North Carolina recruit after finding grades acceptable all

Travis Hubbard ASSISTANT SPORTSWRITER

The wishes of UK fans have been answered, and the dreams of a young basketball player from Charlotte, N.C. have been ensured. UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy confirmed that former University of North Carolina recruit Jason Parker had enrolled at UK and was cleared to play this season. "Our reaction is that we are extremely, extremely pleased for the Parker fami-

ly, for Jason and for his mom and dad," said Ivy. "They have been through quite an ordeal and obviously as we have found out, the ordeal was not of their making." Parker was a partial qualifier and was not admitted to UNC, but attended Fork Union Military Academy to improve his entrance exam scores and become eligible. Earlier this month, however, UNC crushed his dreams of playing for his home team by refusing him admission and releasing him from his commitment. Fortunately for UK, the compliance staff found that Parker took five or six ad-

vanced-credit classes in high school and was not given weighted credit by the NCAA Clearinghouse which would have given him a high enough grade-point average to declare him eligible to play last January. "(The mistake) was significant enough to keep him from not being eligible to play," said Ivy. Ivy credited the entire staff, especially Assistant Athletic Director of Compliance Sandy Bell, who was responsible for reviewing Parker's transcripts and finding the error in his GPA. "The high school and the clearinghouse were very cooperative in getting this taken care of," said Bell. "Everybody chipped in to make sure that this young man got credit for what he had earned." Ivy said that the decision was a relief

to Parker's family and that he was not sure what he was going to do. "They were contemplating going to a junior college and maybe to try and go after one year there," said Ivy. Parker's addition gives the incoming recruiting class some solidification. Until now the only top recruit that UK had won was freshman Cliff Hawkins. Parker now gives the Cats two freshman high school All-Americans. "The coaching staff has had some tough luck with recruiting lately and to have a positive note like this lifts the spirits of everyone," said Ivy. "We're very excited that Jason's going to live out his dream of playing college basketball," said Smith. "I'm glad he is getting the opportunity to do that at Kentucky."

TECHNOLOGY

Bridging the digital divide

The tech-savvy student: The use of technology in the classroom has boomed

By Charlie Bradley STAFF WRITER

Since the early '90s, the face of education has changed. In this age of unbridled technological innovations, students are getting more information at a faster rate than ever before. Instead of going to the library, students do research on the Internet. Even paper and pens are starting to lose ground to their competitors, laptops and Palm Pilots. A recent study by Best Buy, a technology retail store, has shown that technology plays a part in almost every aspect of college life. Since 1990, the use of e-mail to contact family and friends, the percentage of classes based on the Internet and the amounts of PC's and laptops brought to college have risen dramatically. The catalyst for this change is obviously the Internet, which while widely available now, was just gaining recognition in 1990. Not only is it more available, but the Internet is crucial said Mike Wachter, a computer help desk consultant. "An Internet connection is pretty vital," he said. "Whereas a couple of years ago you didn't need much computer related stuff, you can't really do anything without access to a computer and the Internet now." This is reflected by the changes UK made to accommodate students in their uses of PCs and laptops as tools. As of last year all resi-

dence halls were equipped with high speed cable Internet connections, certainly a good move for students. "I probably use my roommate's laptop to get on the Internet two hours a day," said Kate Sachs, a communications freshman. "Actually one of my teachers tells us to get on the Internet and look for sites every day. That's probably different from 10 years ago," she said. Educators have also been affected by this change in technology, especially in technology fields such as engineering, communications and, obviously, computer science. The classroom is becoming less and less a place full of desks and blackboards, and more a computer lab, or even a Web-based class. "(Having the Internet) adds a measure of reality to class," said Scoobie Ryan, an assistant in the School of Journalism. "Five years ago there was a fear of technology. Now students aren't as afraid because they see computers as appliances." Brent Payne, a computer science senior, has noticed a change, even from when he arrived at UK. "People have computers that don't really need them," he said. "Computers are going to be more and more important, so that's good. Even though people don't have to use them now, they will in the very near future."

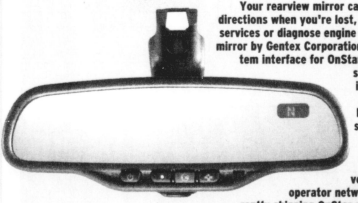


New brand, Ologi, is launching the first timepiece of its kind. Symbologi features eight functions, including a modern-day decision maker, anniversary reminder and alarm. Symbologi will be available on line and in stores.

Sony Electronics announced the first ever CD Recordable (CD-R) based digital still camera, the Mavica(R) MVC-CD1000. The new Mavica camera uses a high-capacity 156MB, 3 1/2-inch CD-R in an easy-to-use camera for Americans who use the 260 million CD or CD-R drives with their PCs, and even those who don't. The Mavica MVC-CD1000 ships with five one-time write able CD-R's and will be available in this fall for about \$1,300.



Barely bigger than two inches square, the RD1000 RCA mp3 player is a tiny but powerful audio device that lets you organize your favorite music and carry it along wherever you go. This miniature music marvel features a USB connection for fast music downloads, a built-in preset equalizer, and includes stylish backpacks for personal listening pleasure.



Your rearview mirror can now help you get directions when you're lost, call for emergency services or diagnose engine problems. The new mirror by Gentex Corporation contains the system interface for OnStar(R), the in-vehicle safety, security and information service that uses Global Positioning System satellite technology and wireless communication to link the driver and vehicle to a 24-hour operator network. Gentex is currently shipping OnStar automatic-dimming rearview mirrors for 14 General Motors models.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rape crisis center seeking volunteers for fall

Help someone: Volunteers needed for continuous coverage of a 24-hour crisis line and to support victims

By Hillary Cromer SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The only thing worse than rape is when victims do not get the support they need. The Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center is in need of volunteers for this year to ensure continuous coverage of its 24-hour crisis line. Jennifer Hancock, the education and counseling coordinator at the center, said that the volunteers gain a sense of fulfillment when they counsel rape victims. "You tend to feel committed to them," she said. "It's really hands-on in

a direct way." Deanna Simpson, a volunteer at BRCC and a UK graduate student in counseling, said that people who volunteer at the center are still able to have a social life. Volunteers are able to answer the crisis line in their own homes via call-forwarding. "You can do the laundry while volunteering," Simpson said. Volunteers answer the 24-hour crisis line and provide support to victims and families. Volunteers also meet the victims at local emergency rooms and police stations for medical advocacy. "I've actually been the only one in the

room before when a victim was giving the report to the police," Simpson said. The BRCC has had a shortage of volunteers since spring. Because school is back in session, the center's busiest time is the fall. It's important for the volunteers to be calm because they will have to deal with victims who are going through many emotions, Simpson said. Hancock said volunteers need to be nonjudgmental, compassionate and open to working with diverse backgrounds. Although the location of BRCC is kept confidential, Hancock said that it is close to campus for interested students. Training begins Sept. 15 and continues until the end of the month. During the training, volunteers will learn how to handle rape trauma syndrome and crisis

counseling, and will take a tour of the UK Medical Center's Emergency Room. The new volunteers train for a total of 24 hours. Although it is policy that men cannot answer the hotline, men are still encouraged to volunteer as they can staff information tables at local health fairs. "It's really neat when you feel like you've helped," Simpson said. "This person could be anonymous, but they know that you care, and you do."

Get Involved Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center If you would like to be a volunteer call 253-2615. If you are a victim of rape and need help call 253-2511.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Judge: LAPD can be sued

LOS ANGELES — The city's police department can be sued under federal racketeering laws by people who claim corrupt officers from the Rampart station violated their civil rights, a judge has ruled. The ruling, reported in yesterday's Los Angeles Times, could make the Los Angeles Police Department the first in the nation to be sued as a racketeering enterprise. The move also could increase the city's estimated liability of \$100 million for police corruption cases, since the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act allows damages to be tripled.

Suspected scientist may go free soon

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Fired Los Alamos National Laboratory scientist Wen Ho Lee should be free on bail by Friday, a federal judge said today. A prosecutor said the government is likely to appeal. The judge ordered the government to complete its search of Lee's home and finalize conditions for his release on \$1 million bail by Friday. Lee, 60, has been jailed since his arrest last Dec. 10 on 50 counts alleging he transferred restricted data to insecure computers and tape at the lab.

Firestone admits tire mislabeling

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Some Bridgestone and Firestone tires supplied to Ford in Venezuela did not have a nylon layer even though they had been labeled as having that safety feature, the tire maker said. A Ford spokesman yesterday disputed part of the tire company's explanation, saying the automaker had asked for the safety feature years earlier than Bridgestone/Firestone started producing it. Venezuelan authorities are investigating the tires in connection with 62 accidents and are expected to submit a report to the country's attorney general that could lead to fines or criminal prosecution against the tire maker and Ford.

U.S. denies visa to Cuban diplomat

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration has denied a visa to the president of Cuba's National Assembly, preventing him from attending an international conference of parliamentarians in New York, two U.S. officials said yesterday. But two assembly deputies will be permitted to attend the conference. The Cuban denied a visa, Ricardo Alarcon, said last week in Havana that he had submitted an application a month ago and was to have taken a flight Friday to attend the four-day meeting of the International Parliamentary Union, which opens today.



WHIPPED THE TIGER: Sergio Garcia, 19, finally found the secret to beating Tiger Woods—play him at night. Garcia outplayed Woods under the lights Monday night, upsetting the world's best player 1-up. The win in the event won't show up on any official lists, but it was worth \$1.1 million and a ton of pride for Garcia.



THE FOOL ON THE HILL: Cristina Joyce Keleher, 27, was arrested at the home of ex-Beate George Harrison while eating a frozen pizza and doing her laundry. She was given one year of probation after pleading no contest. Keleher stated that she was feeling sick and was seeking shelter from the rain.

Pope gives transplant guidelines

ROME — Calling organ donation "an act of love," Pope John Paul II sought yesterday to establish guidelines for rapid 21st-century advances in organ transplants - including condemning human cloning as morally unacceptable. The 80-year-old pontiff left his summer retreat at Castel Gandolfo outside Rome to speak before an international gathering of 5,000 transplant specialists, a gesture that underscored how important he considers the subject.

Consumer confidence dips in August

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence levels dipped slightly in August, but not enough to cool Americans' enthusiasm for big-ticket purchases like automobiles and refrigerators, a report said yesterday. The Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index now stands at 141.1, down from a revised 143.0 in July and well below the record level of 147.7 measured in January and May. Although respondents expressed some concerns about the job market, a higher percentage than last month said they planned to buy cars, homes and go on vacation in the next six months.

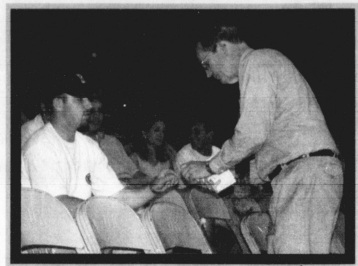
Ramsays questioning comes to end

ATLANTA — John and Patsy Ramsey wrapped up two days of questioning from authorities investigating their daughter's death, and their attorney called on police to clear the couple as suspects. The Ramseys said they had cooperated fully and gave the police other leads on who might have killed 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet. Attorney L. Lin Wood said the Ramseys refused to answer questions from the Boulder, Colo., investigators about forensic evidence because they did not have results of the tests performed by police.

Kuerten ousted at U.S. Open

NEW YORK — Qualifier Wayne Arthurs, best known as a doubles specialist, pulled off the first big upset of the U.S. Open on Tuesday when he knocked off second-seeded Gustavo Kuerten 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1). Arthurs pounded out 26 aces, the final one a 134-mph blazer on match point. Lindsay Davenport, seeded second in the women's singles, had no such problems reaching the second round. She began her bid to regain the title she won in 1998 by thoroughly crushing Gala Leon Garcia of Spain, who matched her American foe only in the number of rackets she carried in her bag. Davenport needed only 18 minutes to take the first set and 44 minutes to complete the 6-0, 6-1 victory.

Compiled from wire reports.



Take me to the ballgame

Matt Arnold, history junior, chooses a slip from Jake Karnes, associate dean of students, that displays a range of numbers for students to receive tickets for the Louisville vs. UK game Saturday evening.

COURTS

Ragland indicted

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The man accused of killing former University of Kentucky football player Trent DiGiuro was indicted Tuesday on one count of murder.

Shane Ragland was arrested July 14 and charged in connection with DiGiuro's shooting death six years earlier. DiGiuro was struck by a single bullet from a high-powered rifle as he sat on the porch of his home near campus on July 17, 1994.

Ragland's arraignment was set for Friday in Fayette Circuit Court. Ragland, 27, remained free on a \$1 million cash bond posted by his father, Jerry Ragland.

Police were stymied by

the murder for nearly six years. But according to court records, investigators were led to Ragland when a former girlfriend told police he confessed to her that he killed DiGiuro.

According to the woman's statement, Ragland lived a few doors down from DiGiuro at the time of the shooting. He told her he observed a party going on at DiGiuro's house that night, took his rifle and put it in some type of bag, then rode a bicycle to an area across the street from DiGiuro's home.

Ragland then told her that he shot DiGiuro in the head while he sat on his front porch, according to the records.

Presidential Search Committee Meeting

At 4:15 p.m. there will be a forum for faculty, staff and administrators at the Worsham Theatre. Faculty and staff may also attend the town meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Norsworthy Auditorium, located on Main Street in the Lexington Fayette Board of Education Building. This will be the last forum for all Lexington residents to attend. There will be two additional student forums for UK students next week. For more information see www.uky.edu. Link to Presidential Search.

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LOCAL MUSIC

Local band's music echoes the changes of Lexington



Local music group Wishing Chair will play tonight at 9 p.m. at Lynagh's, located on the corner of Woodland and Euclid Avenues. Tickets cost \$5.

PHOTO FURNISHED

Down to earth: Folk music group plans to tour the East Coast to support their latest album, *The Ghost of Will Harbut*

By Christina Caravello
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Their music was born of a changing Lexington and their response to those changes.

But if you weren't here in 1980 to see the changes that a local band noted, you can still listen to their view points on the band's new album *The Ghost of Will Harbut*.

Band mates Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood met in 1995. One thing led to another and before they knew it, they had started a band. Heartwood is best known as the founder of the band Stealin' Horses.

Wishing Chair's third album, *The Ghost of Will Harbut*, was inspired by "watching Lexington get eaten by gritty

developers," according to both band members.

"Lexington had its own character before," Davidson said. "It's sad. Around 1980 or so the whole character started to change when houses and shopping centers were developed."

And their beliefs ring true in the lyrics of the title track.

"They are selling the bluegrass, the fences are black, the old days are gone and they ain't coming back."

Wishing Chair has played together since 1996. They have toured around the United States and Canada and will appear at the Edge of the Campfire Series at Club Passim in Boston this fall.

They describe their music as crunchy, folk rock with elements of everything from classical to pop.

"We are roots rock or pop folk, but we are definitely an American band," Heartwood said.

Major influences on their music are groups like Crazy Horse and Creedence Clearwater Revival. They also believe that all music has good qualities and that all types of music have things in common.

"There is no limit to music; music is power," Heartwood said.

The name Wishing Chair comes from a rock formation in Northern Ireland where it is said that if you sit and make a wish, your dreams will come true. Wishing Chair's *The Ghost of Will Harbut* has been the most requested song on WUKY radio for six weeks. The album was recorded here in Lexington and mastered in Nashville, Tenn.

"Many people tell us our music is down to earth and that it is moving, that means a lot to us," Davidson said. "If someone can listen to our music and somehow relate it to their life then we have made a difference."

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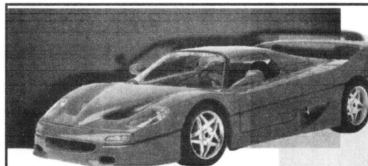
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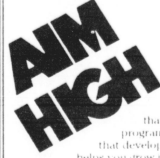
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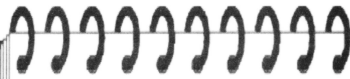
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FREE ADVICE

Tell us about your troubles

By Tim Staley
SCENE EDITOR

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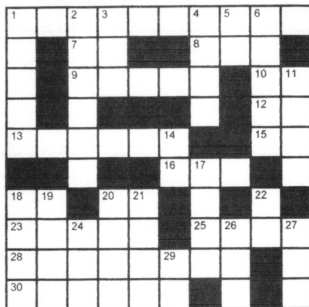
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- RINGO STARR, BEATLE

Scene crossword puzzle



Crossword puzzle contest

The scene editors would like to challenge all UK students to answer the following puzzle full of music, movie, book and other pop culture questions.

Students, faculty or staff who complete the entire puzzle before anyone else will be rewarded with two free passes to one movie of your choice at the Kentucky Theater on Main Street. The passes will be good for one month from the day the pass is issued.

So open up your brain, break out Roger Ebert's movie yearbook, and see what you come up with.

The first person to turn in a completed and correct crossword puzzle to one of the scene editors (Matt Mulcahey, Tim Staley or Patrick Avery) at the Kernel newsroom before 6 p.m. today will win the prize. The Kernel newsroom is located in the basement of the Grehan Journalism Building in room 035.

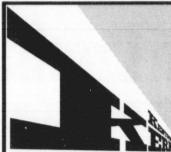
Across

- 1) Director of 1930s *Frankenstein*
- 7) "Married with Children" character
- 8) Cartoon. "Grape ____"
- 9) Sculptor of "The Thinker"
- 10) Movie. *Truth or Consequences*. ____
- 12) 007 Doctor
- 13) *Men in Black* Will and Clerks Kevin
- 15) "____ MTV Raps"
- 16) Movie. ____ *False Move*
- 18) "Incredible Hulk" portrayer (initials)
- 20) "Trapper John. ____"
- 23) 1966 Michael Caine movie
- 25) Jerry O'Connell's *Stand By Me* character
- 28) *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* author
- 30) ____ of *the Dead*. Michael Crichton novel

Down

- 1) *Journey to the Center of the Earth* author Verne
- 2) "La Vida Loca" singer
- 3) Jeff Lynne's "70s "Evil Woman" band
- 4) "King of the Hill" patriarch
- 5) Nude star of *The Whole Nine Yards* (initials)
- 6) *Of Mice and Men* character
- 11) The Who Drummer Keith ____
- 14) Weezer song, "Say it Ain't ____"
- 17) Reigning scream queen ____ Campbell
- 18) '90s killer alligator movie. ____ *Placid*
- 19) Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
- 20) *Austin Powers* star ____ Myers
- 21) Vietnam epic *The ____ Hunter*
- 22) Television hospital drama
- 24) First single from Semisonic's *Across the Great Divide*.
- 26) ____ of *the Beholder*. Ashley Judd
- 27) ____ Kids on the Block
- 29) *Thelma and Louise* star (initials)

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Taking one for the team

Packers fan actually wants to pay taxes

GREEN BAY, Wis. — John Tomasich wants to pay local taxes. Really.

In fact, the Green Bay Packers fan is so much in favor of a sales tax to renovate the football team's home at Lambeau Field that he gave up his life in California to lobby for it.

"Once I decided that this was an important issue to me, I decided I was either going to do this all the way and in overdrive or I wasn't going to do it at all," Tomasich said Sunday.

Earlier this month, he and his wife quit their jobs, sold their house in Long Beach and moved to Brown County so he could personally campaign for the proposed half-percent sales tax.

Between now and the Sept. 12 referendum, Tomasich, 41, plans to lobby ceaselessly for the tax, distributing homemade pamphlets and talking with as many people as possible about a cause that has changed not only his lifestyle but his life.

"There's a lot more involved here than just a football team. I am truly in love with the fact that Green Bay as a smaller community has been able to create and maintain what no other city in the world has been able to create and maintain," Tomasich said.

A different kind of crop circle

Corn maze puts new spin on dairy farmers' business

MONROE, Wis. — These days, Jerry and Faith Grossen make a living with a maze in the maize.

Their two-mile maze carved into a cornfield on their 215-acre farm west of Monroe came after a four-year search for a new livelihood after a barn fire ended three generations of dairy farming.

The fire destroyed all the cattle's feed, much of the dairy equipment and killed several animals.

More than 300 people have come to visit the Windmill Hill Corn Maze since its Aug. 1 opening.

They've even had visitors from Rome and the South Seas.

Last February, Grossen attended a seminar by a woman who helped create a corn maze near Janesville in 1998. "We learned all the ins and outs of having a maze," Grossen said.

Then they began growing corn.

"We worked literally from dawn until dusk all spring long," Grossen said. "You never know what opportunity is out there. Five years ago, we didn't even know what a maze was."

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How to better enjoy your stay in Lexington

To the Editor:

Dear students and tenants living in the University area:

With the recent exposure of the substandard condition of some of Lexington's housing, here are some tips to keep in mind:

From time to time you may have problems and will need to contact your landlord to do corrective maintenance or repairs.

First contact them by phone or mail. If the problem is not corrected in a reasonable amount of time, contact the Lexington Division of Code Enforcement. Their number is 258-3270. Any code enforcement officer will be more than happy to help you with whatever problems

you have. Have a pen ready and record the time and name of the person assisting you. Remember, you are the customer and landlords do have an obligation to you.

Also, in order to be a better neighbor to those around you, please keep in mind that the following are citable offenses:

Any loud parties, yelling, music, stereos, barking dogs and discharging firearms are a violation of the law. If it can be heard away from your legal property, it is too loud.

Improper surface parking of a vehicle in any place other than designated property spaces is a violation. Improper parking would be: front yard, side yard or any other grassy area, etc.

Trash, litter, waste, beer bottles, junk vehicles and furniture (especially on the porch) are also violations.

The speed limit on all residential streets is 25 mph. Always look for children, pedestrians, joggers,

bikers and Lexington's finest.

Fraternities and sororities, remember: You are dry! Open containers are forbidden.

If you find yourself needing to report a citable offense, the proper channel is through the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Department. Their number is 258-3600. Again, have a pen handy and record the time as well as the name of the person assisting you.

And please remember, always keep downtown clean.

LISA JOHNSON,
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IN OUR OPINION

Not just drinking

Coalition needs wider focus

Students living off campus have often found the trials of noise disturbances filed by working neighbors. Such examples of these events in the recent past are the noise ordinance violations filed against the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

As anyone could have read Sunday in the Herald-Leader the fraternity decided to throw a party to draw in prospective members during dry rush week. Part of the party was a band, Lucid Grey. Shortly after the band began playing, police arrived. It was shut down completely by 9:50 p.m.

In an effort to find peace between students and neighbors, a new organization has been formed. The Campus Community Coalition has brought new light to an old goal, reducing the consumption of alcohol by underage drinkers. The Coalition is attempting to open students' minds to alcohol-free fun. While this attempt is not new in any respect, the effort is considered a worthy cause. But, the people attending the Phi Kappa Psi party were not involved in alcohol-related problems, so the coalition must deal with more than issues surrounding alcohol.

Ruth Staten, a member of the committee, has stated that the coalition is currently looking at programs as options to help bridge the gap between the sparring parties of residents and students. One example of the possibilities to come is the establishment of a hotline for neighbors to call university officials during those long nights of loudness.

While officials state that the number of calls received concerning students is down from past years, so far the problem is as serious to students as it is to other residents.

After all, the fear of dealing with violations and citations is a hassle for any side. And while the Campus Community Coalition, in its efforts regarding the issue of alcohol is appreciated, there is more to the rift between students and tired neighbors than meets the eye.

Danny Tenkman

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Reality TV deserves to die; it will soon

Shame on you.

All of you.

You know you watched it. Just admit it. Whether you pawned it off as a guilty pleasure or harmless drinking game, whether you boarded yourself up in your basement with no one knowing or you just embraced it. No matter your excuse, you know you watched "Survivor." There is no way you can deny it now, Leslie Nielsen and his ratings system rattled you out.

Every Wednesday this summer millions upon millions of Earth's most intelligent lifeforms gathered around a television to watch volunteer "castaways" try to outwit, outplay and outlast each other on the lamest deserted island of all time. Dozens of cameramen and producers crowded the so-called stranded contestants and put them through a series of recess-style tasks as they competed for a million dollars. In all honesty, survival never really entered the equation. The set was more like a jungle obstacle course or poorly funded summer camp than life or death.

Some bleeding hearts may take offense at this statement, due to the show's mocking of serious problems; thousands of impoverished families fighting for real survival in Third World conditions. My worries aren't exactly as global, I just thought it made for crappy TV. Let's face it, the crew of "Gilligan's Island" faced more peril.

It seems now that every network has dreamed up a million-dollar show. Just sign up to answer questions, be stranded on an island or auctioned off as a bride and the sweepstakes can be yours. Regis started this craze and before the luster wore off his ties, a revolution was born. Fox's disastrous "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?" was not only a blatant rip-off but set the women's movement back hundreds of years. The only redeeming value in that display of primitive misogyny was that it shut up Oprah and Rosie for a day or two.

Soon "Survivor" showed up on

Wednesday and Kathie Lee's manic half became only a four-day-a-week venture. Of course, "Big Brother" was next in line and presented the dumbest idea ever considered by a network. That show is more like a videotaped detention and airs every night! But of course, people watch. The true beauty behind this one is that people sit trapped in their houses watching people sitting trapped in a house. I guess some things are just beyond explanation.

I'm sure we are just steps away from an actual version of "The Running Man," airing Sundays at 9 p.m. with host Arnold Schwarzenegger. "Survivor II" will probably take place in a nursing home. All of America will watch to see who gets senile first. Promotions will scream, "Last week Erna couldn't keep her sup down. Tune in tomorrow to see who God votes off the island." And instead of that tribal foghorn they always blew, you will hear the sweet symphony of arthritic joints cracking.

Alas, the reality-based game show onslaught is sure to come to a quick and painless end. Our nation quickly forgets a dying fad. Eventually ratings will slip, alternatives will be considered and these shows will be a small part of our viewing memory sandwiched somewhere between "Dukes of Hazard" repeats and the crew of "Gilligan's Island" episode where Zac, Slater and Screesh use fake ID's to get into The Attic. Regis and "Survivor" will go the way of jams, hypercolor T-shirts and Steve Guttenberg movies and something else will quickly replace them. Maybe next they can develop a pay-per-view Russian roulette. So the next time you are watching "Who Wants to Marry a Slepstick?" don't just dismiss that twinge you feel in your stomach. That little pain is made of guilt and shame and trust me, you've earned it.

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Meg Marquis

KERNEL COLUMNIST

An apartment that crawls with crickets

I have just moved into a new apartment, as I am sure that many of you have done, are doing, or will do at some point in your lives, so I know you will appreciate my concerns. I am not really worried about the stairs outside that are rusting so badly that I fear for my life every time I walk down to the parking lot. I am not even worried about the fact that every major appliance and all the carpeting in my apartment were replaced just before I moved in (the question is why exactly all of this would need replacing). No, I am only concerned about crickets and my bathroom.

Not at the same time, though. Since moving in, I have found precisely one cricket a day sitting in the same spot on my kitchen floor. This situation baffles me. Since crickets are said to be good luck, I never abuse my amazing human powers of the foot to squash them. Instead, I set a glass down over them and slide a piece of paper gently under both cricket and glass. Then I carry the whole ordeal outside and let the cricket out into the big bad world to make his way.

I can't tell if it's the same cricket; crickets all look surprisingly similar considering their vastly different personalities. Perhaps if it is the same cricket, I should simply leave it alone if it likes my apartment so much.

I have begun to feel a fair amount of guilt about putting them outside. You see, I live on the second floor. I try not to toss them to the ground because I don't want them to break their legs. But when I put them on the concrete walkway, I am still worried about them making it down the stairs safely. I try to give them words of encouragement as I let them go, partially in an attempt to prevent their return. "Goodbye, now," I always say. "Be careful on those stairs, they're rusty. I know you'll do wonderfully out in the 'real' world. Make me proud!" Then I shut the door. The next day, I walk into the kitchen, and there sits another.

The crickets are not so bad, though; my bathroom, however, is killing me. First of all, a cleaning woman cleaned before I moved in and yet there was still some sort of brownish, splashy-looking stain on the green tile wall. I assumed that since the cleaning woman cleaned, it was an indelible stain. I stand corrected — I cleaned last week and the "stain" washed off with one swoop of 409 and a paper towel.

I have already come up with plenty of terrifying possibilities. What is worse than the stain, though, is the green tile itself. I would like to take a bath in my tub instead of taking a shower (in case you've never had the pleasure of a good soak in the tub, talk to any woman for elucidation) but I haven't quite worked up the courage yet.

Anyway, my bathroom is wonderfully inviting. The green tile is a lime green, which makes it sort of a light-hearted green of a traffic light. "Go ahead," it whispers, "you can take a bath!" But on the other hand, the lime green suggests a sort of mean-spirited tartness to me, one which pretends to write a column for the Kernel, when I will suddenly jump up, run to the bathroom (shedding clothes as fast as possible), and jump into the tub before the tile knows I'm coming.

I suppose if you don't mind bathroom tile that is plotting against you and Jiminy Cricket using your kitchen as an insect hostel, then my new apartment is just fine. You new freshman who are living on campus should enjoy it while it lasts. I miss the days in Kirwan IV when there were no bathtubs to begin with and the roaches had the courtesy to stay hidden until night.

Kernel columnist Meg Marquis is an English senior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

David McIntosh
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Different set of rules

Opposing schools of thought: Athletics and academics don't mix well in Britain

Before I came to Lexington as a British exchange student, I was aware that sports played a large role in college life here in America. On my arrival, though, I realized that the gulf between the attitudes toward sports in Britain and the United States was far greater than I could ever have imagined.

In Britain, college sports are not a business like they are here. There is no large advertising revenue for teams, and playing at college is invariably done just for the fulfillment of students and their participation in a game they love. Although the vast majority of college athletes in America may share that attitude, the sentiment also provides a stepping-stone to the professional ranks.

Very few athletes in Britain make it to the professional ranks by the college route. Usually by the age of 18 if you are good enough to go professional, you will have been signed. Serious participation in a sport mainly happens at clubs outside school hours, where athletes can get professional training rather than tap the vast athletic knowledge of the geography teacher who had been picked as coach because of a convenient free period.

You might not be able to imagine my reaction on my first day in Lexington when I caught a glimpse of the Cats' Commonwealth Stadium. Having large sporting arenas on campus may seem second nature to Americans, but to my British peers and I the concept is a thoroughly new one.

The differences in facilities are unbelievable. At my school



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Jock deficit

Professional-grade facilities such as the Cats' Commonwealth Stadium don't exist in the world of British collegiate athletics. Sports are of far less importance at the U.K.'s institutions than they are in the U.S.

In England, we were restricted to a small gymnasium, limited to playing fields and a small changing facility, on a seven-acre site about a 20-minute drive off campus.

We also tend to play only rugby and soccer (or football as we call it) at a serious level in college. Very few participate in any other sport. The only American sport really seen is basketball, but again few play seriously, as it is not actively encouraged.

The British problem starts at high school level. There, sports are not promoted because there is no audience. The local community does not unite behind teams and the few spectators who do turn up are usually parents or girlfriends.

My school's attitude was that money was needed in areas other than sport.

That ideology was responsible for our soccer team having

to sit out one year, as the school did not wish to clean up the aftermath of a flock of Canadian geese which decided to leave their mark, so to speak, all over our fields on their way south one winter. It was over a year before health and safety allowed us to reopen the field.

I'm in no doubt that the difference between the American and British attitude will be reflected in Sydney later this year. As America runs away with medal after medal, the British public will be satisfied with one mere gold medal. One gold medal from 59 million people shows the extent of the problem, with the lack of facilities at the grass roots being the main culprit.

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