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Yo mama so stupid, she thought she needed a token to get on soul train.

Yo mama so stupid, she invented a solar-powered flashlight.

Yo mama so stupid, she told everyone that she was "illegitimate" because she couldn't read.

Yo mama so stupid, she sold the car for gas money.

Yo mama so stupid, she ran out of gas leaving Texaco.

Yo mama so stupid, she sold the house to pay the mortgage.

Yo mama so stupid, she thought Sherlock Holmes was a housing project.

Yo mama so stupid, she went to a Whalers game to see Shamu.

Yo mama so stupid, when she saw a "Wrong Way" sign in her rearview mirror, she turned around.

Yo mama so stupid, she thought Delta Airlines was a sorority.

Yo mama so stupid, when your dad said it was chilly outside, she ran outside with a spoon.

Yo mama so stupid, she called the 7-11 to see when they closed.

Yo mama so stupid, when someone said "Take the trash out," she moved.

Yo mama so stupid, she thinks Christmas Wrap is Snoop Dogg's holiday album.

Yo mama so stupid, she tried to drop acid but the car battery fell on her foot.

Yo mama so stupid, she thinks Taco Bell is where you pay your telephone bill.

Yo mama so stupid, she got fired from an MSM factory for throwing away all the W's.

source: [www.deeplake.com/jokes/](http://www.deeplake.com/jokes/)

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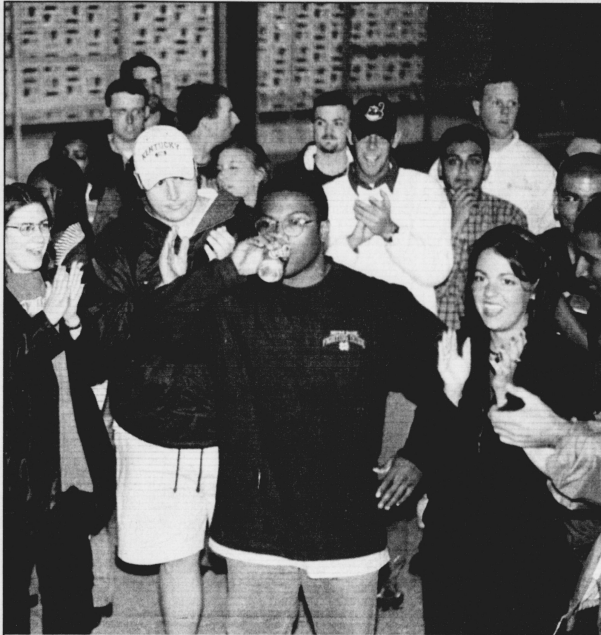
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## THE REIGN CONTINUES

# The thrill of sweet victory ...



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

## Winning ways

SGA President Jimmy Glenn and Vice President-elect Amanda Holloway de-stress in the Free Speech Area after they won yesterday's SGA presidential election.

## LIFE GOES ON

# ... and the bitter agony of defeat

## By Tracy Mershaw

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

There's always Germany. Keisha Carter might have lost the SGA presidential election, but she now has bigger plans: to study abroad, possibly in Germany, she said.

Carter, a political science and history junior, tallied 688 votes to incumbent Jimmy Glenn's 984.

"We did the best we could. We ran a true and fair campaign," Carter said. "We tried to get the truth out there about what has really gone on in student government."

A large contingent of family and friends turned out at the free speech area to support Carter and her running mate, Charmaine Neal, a chemistry junior.

And while Glenn and his supporters revelled in victory, Carter and her supporters still celebrated.

Carter and her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters gathered in the grass,

singing harmoniously with arms intertwined in a circle of support.

Carter said she ran for SGA president because of the things she has seen go on over the past two years and because several students had asked her to run.

"Over the past two years, I've seen disintegrate. Over this year, it just seems like we've gotten away from the purpose," she said. "I care about it so much, and I didn't want to see that happen."

Every politician seems to have a lucky charm, but Carter said she puts her faith in a higher power: prayer.

"I've left it up in God's hands. I prayed about it for along time," she said while relaxing with her sister before the results were announced.

She spent the election day handing out handbills and praying.

"I have no rituals. Just more prayer; I prayed that everything would go well."

Carter's interest in SGA came before

she was even a student at UK. The Lexington native and 1997 Henry Clay graduate visited the SGA office before her freshman year. Visiting the office made her really excited about getting involved with student government, Carter said.

Carter secured a freshman senator seat her first year at UK. Her sophomore and junior years, she was a senator at large and headed the Appropriation and Revenue committee.

Even though SGA has filled such a big chunk of her college career, Carter has many plans for her remaining years at UK. "I want to get involved with other student organizations, and I might study abroad in Germany," she said. "I might leave for a semester, or even a year."

However Carter plans to spend her time, she wants the students to do one thing.

"Keep your eyes and ears on SGA and make sure they are representing you at all times," she said.



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

## Comfort zone

Keisha Carter was consoled by her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters after the loss yesterday.

## EVERYONE ELSE

# New senators hope to make change in SGA

## By Katie Neisen

STAFF WRITER

While the president of SGA remains the same, newly elected senators are still hoping for change.

After just one year in SGA, freshman senator at large winner, Tasha Neal, ran for election because she felt there were some changes to be made among the student government.

"There were a lot of problems that needed to be rectified," Neal said. "I feel the leadership that was declared today will keep us in the same cycle that we've been in."

While focusing her role as senator at large on parking issues and the alcohol policy at UK, Amanda Lewis has some concerns about the trend in student government.

"At least we have a progressive Sen-

ate," Lewis said.

The re-election of president Jimmy Glenn and his vice presidential running mate, Amanda Holloway, has some new senators looking for ways to make changes to SGA, using the resources they have.

Jacquelynn Russell, first place winner for senator at large, and second time in office, said in order for SGA to progress, it must endure change.

"I feel the outcome is a little disappointing because it's important that we change," Russell said.

Despite the mixed feelings felt by some senatorial winners, the 15 newly elected senators at large and 15 new college senators are focused on beginning their role as a voice for the students at UK.

"I want to try to make this campus as student-friendly as possible," said Jay

Varellas, a senator at large winner. "Student government only exists to improve student life on campus."

Varellas said SGA is important to the welfare of UK students because it allows students to have a voice and find answers to their questions concerning university issues.

"SGA has a lot of important decisions to make about student life," Varellas said.

Varellas plans on tackling the tuition issue and wants to provide students with a clear explanation of why tuition is increasing.

Student government at UK involves senators from every college on campus. These senators are available to bridge a connection between students and university administration.

"People think of fine arts and they're

ally can't see how that relates to student government," said Mike Allen, College of Fine Arts senator. "Maybe there's some way we can get a little more involvement from the students in fine arts."

Aside from the opportunity to represent his college, Allen feels that running for SGA was a personal victory, as well.

"I think of this as something I really needed," Allen said. "Just putting my name out and taking the risk was a challenge."

Patrick Robinson, senator for the College of Agriculture, wants start off his responsibilities as college senator by spreading his name throughout the college.

"I want to get around to all the clubs in the agriculture college to let them know that I'm available," Robinson said. "I'm here for the students."

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Elian's father applies for U.S. visa

WASHINGTON — The father of Elian Gonzalez yesterday applied for a visa to travel to the United States from Cuba to regain custody of his son, as the U.S. government and the 6-year-old boy's Miami relatives resumed talks to end the 4-month-old legal dispute. Attorney Gregory Craig submitted the visa application on behalf of Juan Miguel Gonzalez, his wife and other family members. Craig said Elian's father would travel to the United States as soon as he is assured that he will be given custody of his son.

## Gore: keep Elian in U.S. for now

WASHINGTON — Breaking with the Clinton administration, Vice President Al Gore said yesterday he supports legislation that would allow 6-year-old Cuban refugee Elian Gonzalez to remain in the country while his custody case is resolved in the courts. Gore, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, urged Congress to pass a law that would grant permanent resident status to the boy, his father, stepmother, half-brother, grandmothers and grandfather, "so that the case can be adjudicated properly," GOP rival George Bush supports such legislation.

## Nasdaq is off 186.49, Dow off 38.16

NEW YORK — The Nasdaq composite index narrowly averted its worst day in history yesterday, ending a volatile session sharply lower as investors bailed out of stocks that recently had run up sharply. The Nasdaq fell 186.49 to close at 4,588.16, a loss of 4.0 percent. Technology stocks have been in a slide since March 10, when the Nasdaq closed at a record high of 5,048.62. The Nasdaq woes dragged the Dow Jones industrial average down 38.16 to end at 10,980.56. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 1,563-1,470.

## San Francisco Chronicle sale approved

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department yesterday approved the sale of the San Francisco Chronicle to The Hearst Corp., the owner of its century-long rival, after Hearst agreed to sell its flagship San Francisco Examiner to owners of a local free-distribution newspaper. The deal gives Hearst control of the city's dominant newspaper and ends a joint operating agreement in which the two papers have split profits evenly for the past 35 years.



**GOOPS:** Making videos can be hazardous to your health, just ask Britney Spears. The pop princess collapsed on the set of her upcoming video for "Oops...I Did It Again" last week when a heavy camera fell from its moorings and cracked her on the head.



**SATISFACTION:** Mick Jagger, lead singer of the Rolling Stones and the sixties bad boy of pop, was on his best behavior Thursday when he went back to school. Dartford Grammar School's most famous old boy visited his alma mater for the opening of a performing arts center named after him.

## Clinton wants to fight abortion law

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is asking the Supreme Court to let it join a Nebraska doctor's fight against a restrictive state abortion law. Justice Department lawyers asked the court to let them participate when the Nebraska case is argued before the justices April 27. They said the law violates some women's constitutional right to end their pregnancies. The court's decision in the case may determine the fate of 30 states' bans on a surgical procedure opponents call "partial-birth abortion."

## Economy extends retirement programs

WASHINGTON — The strong economy has delayed the projected insolvency date of the Medicare trust by eight years, to 2023, and the Social Security fund by three years to 2037. It marked the third consecutive year that stronger-than-expected economic growth has added new years of life to the retirement programs. Medicare, the health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, had been projected to run out of cash in 2015.

## Sentences in date-rape drug death

DETROIT — Four men were sentenced to up to 15 years in prison today in one of the nation's first trials involving a death linked to a "date rape" drug. The men were convicted March 14 in the death of 15-year-old Samantha Reid. In January 1999, Samantha asked for a drink at a party and was given a soft drink spiked with the drug known as GHB. She became violently ill, lost consciousness and died the next day. GHB has been linked to at least 58 deaths since 1990.

## Icahn seeks 100 million shares

NEW YORK — Financier Carl Icahn said yesterday he is prepared to begin a cash tender offer of \$13 a share for 100 million shares of Nabisco Group Holdings Corp., and said he would consider selling the food company if he gains control of it. The offer is Icahn's most ambitious effort yet to gain control of the company that was created when RJR Nabisco Holdings.

## Catchings, Auriemma earn AP honors

PHILADELPHIA — Tennessee's Tamika Catchings was honored as The Associated Press women's player of the year and Connecticut's Geno Auriemma received AP coaching honors. Catchings has led Tennessee to a 92-3 record and kept the player of the year award in the Lady Vols' court for the third straight season. Auriemma received the coach of the year award for the third time. His team is 94-1 and was ranked No. 1 all season.

Compiled from wire reports.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

# UK-less tourney not the same

By Shauna L. Horn  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's still March Madness and the Cats aren't in the last weekend of tournament play. But has basketball fever left the Bluegrass? Most students say yes.

"I love March Madness, but when UK loses early, it's hard to keep watching," said Matthew Martin, a UK alumnus who graduated just last year. "I still watch the finals, though," said Martin.

Martin is not alone in his apathetic attitude about an UK-less tourney.

"I'll always watch the NCAA tournament even without UK, but it just isn't the same," said senior accounting major, Lawrence Bell.

Alyssa Dennison, an elementary education junior, remains true blue and do not watch the games if UK is not still alive in the tournament.

"If UK is in it I watch, but otherwise I don't follow," said Alyssa Dennison, an elementary education junior.

Others keep an eye on the enemy. "I kept watching just to make sure Duke lost," said merchandising senior Gwen McGolden.

There are still those who

watch, but hanging it up until next year.

"I've kept up with some of the tournament action maybe through Sports Center, but I've lost interest until next season," said biology senior, Bridget Castle.

Among all the Cats fans, there are still those who couldn't get behind this year's team.

"How can a team that can't even uphold the standards of our university expect people to care about whether they win or lose," said Melissa Patterson, a theatre sophomore.

"There's more to life than basketball," Patterson said.

Others never got involved. "I didn't really care about the tournament at all this year," said Gretchen Shoot, a theatre freshman.

Some even want to see the Cats fall.

"I follow the University of Virginia and Louisville, and am always happy when UK loses," said Torri Martin, a theatre graduate student.

And some just miss the party.

"The basketball fever really changes when there's no hope for a Euclid/Woodland celebration," said Alycia Hall, a forestry senior.

## GOOFS

### Corrections

The photo captions in the story titled "Lexington rich in black heritage sites" should have said that they were of the present and the old churches of the Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church.

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FILM

# Film stirs controversy



ANDRI KURAS | KERNEL STAFF

Director Rory Kennedy responds to questions after a showing of her documentary *American Hollow* at the Young Library Wednesday night. The film details the life of an Eastern Kentucky family and their battle against poverty.

**Squeal like a pig, boy:** Director says her film doesn't stereotype Appalachians as *Deliverance*-esque hillbillies

Bryan Marshall  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Director Rory Kennedy came to UK this week and defended her film about the life of a poverty-stricken family in Appalachian Eastern Kentucky.

"It is a celebration of people committed to keeping their family together through everything that goes wrong," Kennedy said.

Kennedy, daughter of former Sen. Robert Kennedy, talked about the controversy surrounding her documentary, *American Hollow*, Wednesday night in the W.T. Young Library auditorium.

Many people believe that Kennedy's film shows a stereotypical view of the people who live in Appalachia by showing them as "hillbillies."

However, Kennedy says her film is not trying to stereotype anyone.

"This film is about one particular family. It is not meant to portray all of Appalachia," Kennedy said. She says she

does understand how people might react negatively toward the film and stresses that she welcomes criticism.

"This film of course takes place in Eastern Kentucky, and I am from New York. So, I am interested in knowing what you think and getting your feedback," said Kennedy.

Dwight Billings, associate director of the UK Appalachian Center, believes that Kennedy should be shown a lot of gratitude for what her film has shown people about Appalachia.

"Poverty is not a stereotype," said Billings, "and we should be thankful to Rory Kennedy for reminding us all of that."

The HBO-broadcast film gives audiences a peek inside the Bowling family that includes 13 children as well as many grandchildren, who all live within an hour from one another in Mudlick Hollow.

The Bowlings are a family struggling to make it on welfare due to lack of resources, including employment and money.

"It is really important to recognize that there is poverty everywhere, and it is not something to be ashamed of," Kennedy said.

Negative reaction to the film has included a local newspaper calling the family "disgusting" in a movie review. Additionally, the mayor of Hazard, Ky. says that the family did not even exist, but were just actors.

However, the documentary has many supporters, as was apparent by some of the audience reactions at the discussion.

"I think the controversy is unwarranted because the film shows a family sticking together against all odds rather than making fun of the family," said Angela Seales, an elementary education freshman.

In addition to the film, Kennedy has also written a book on the Bowling family. A photo exhibit of pictures from the book is being displayed at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts through Wednesday.

Kennedy hasn't ruled out the possibility of returning to do another documentary with the family.

"I think there were several stories there. I would be very interested in going back and telling those stories," Kennedy said.

THEATRE

# Actresses bloom in 'Magnolias'

By Matt Mulcahey  
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Who better to direct a play about six southern females than a male college student.

That's exactly the task that senior theatre major Craig Miller has undertaken. Although it might seem like an unusual choice considering his gender and age, student director Miller isn't trying to work out an unresolved Oedipus complex. Instead he's giving the actresses of UK a chance to shine.

"The UK theatre department has a lot of female talent. Most of the shows have a lot of male parts, so for this show I wanted to give the women a showcase," Miller said.

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Most people are familiar with the 1989 film version of *Steel Magnolias*, but what most people don't know is that the film was based on a play by Robert Harling and is a true story.

The play consists of six characters, all female, and four scenes, set entirely in Truvy's Beauty Parlor. Therefore, all the male characters and much of the action is never seen, only described in the vivid, colorful Southern dialogue.

Miller, who not only directed but was also responsible for casting, props, programs, lighting, and costumes, went for an abstract, minimalist approach to the set and lighting.

"I wanted the focus to be on the actresses," said Miller.

Although he has been working on the play since mid-February, the cast has had only about 20 rehearsals, a small number for a production.

Said Miller of the limited rehearsals: "It wasn't really necessary to have a long process because the female talent in the show is so great."

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# Tempo a key for UF, UNC

**Gators and Heels: Two teams are complete opposites**

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Each of these teams has knocked off a No. 1 seed to be here.

That's about all North Carolina and Florida have in common. So let the mismatches begin:

History: North Carolina is going to its 13th Final Four since Florida coach Billy Donovan was born (in 1965); Florida will be playing in its second ever.

Styles of play: Florida likes to press, run and shoot threes. This year's Carolina team, due to injuries that have limited the team's ability to play in transition, has averaged just 68 points per game in the tournament. The Gators lead all NCAA teams, averaging 81 points per possession game.

The aforementioned bench: Carolina has used only seven players in the tournament; Florida's bench goes 11-deep, and no player averages more than 27 minutes per game.

Size: North Carolina likes to play a front court featuring the 7-foot Brendan Haywood, 6-11 Kris Lang and 6-9 Jason Capel. In contrast, Florida's starting center, Udonis Haslem, goes only 6-foot-7, and his backup, freshman Donnell Harvey, stands 6-8.

Point guards: UNC's Ed Cota, who is making his third trip to the Final Four in his four-year career, is a pass-first, shoot-second guard who has been forced to increase his scoring in the postseason. Florida's point guard tandem of Brett Nelson and Teddy Dupay like to square and let it air. The two combined for 199 assists, while Cota passed for 283 by himself. Cota attempted only 83 threes despite averaging 35 minutes per game, while Dupay and Nelson combined for 252 attempts (they hit on 106 of them).

Donovan is 34 years old, UNC coach Bill Guthridge is 62.

The question becomes: Which team will be able to impose its style of play on the other? Will Florida be able to establish Haywood and Lang inside in a half-court offense, or will Florida up the RPMs on this game to a level the Tar Heels can't match?

"North Carolina is a great team," Florida guard Kenyan Weaks said. "We're going to play them with the same type of intensity and focus we've had in this entire tournament. We're not going to do anything differently than we do in any other game."

"It's hard to chase smaller players around on the perimeter," Haywood said. "A lot of times, they'll just take you off the dribble and tire you down."

Florida's postseason play earned the praise of Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, whose team lost 87-78 to Duke in the regional semifinal.

"They compliment their defense by pushing the ball upcourt," he said. "They can put pressure on you both ways. Sometimes you make what looks like a foolish mistake because you're caught up in the pace of the game."

But the press works both ways: Oklahoma State was able to come back from a 17-point deficit because they attacked the press more effectively in the second half of the regional final, before bowing out 77-65.

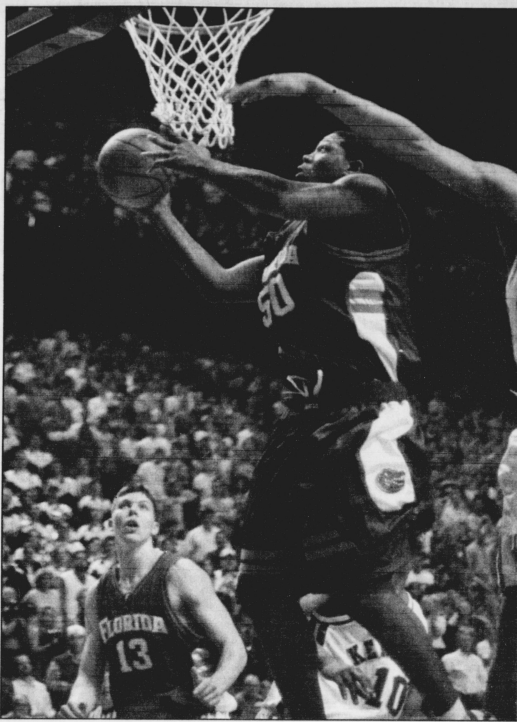
"Any time someone presses you, you have to get it in you heads that you must attack that press and you have to make them pay," OSU coach Eddie Sutton said. "You can never get it in your head to be content just to cross the halfcourt line."

Tulsa, who lost to UNC in the regional final, started a small lineup featuring the 6-foot-5 Eric Coley at power forward, which caused UNC some problems on offense, but made inside scoring virtually impossible.

"We tried to attack the basket," Tulsa coach Bill Self said. "They're so big and long that they don't even have to jump to alter our shot. They make you make plays."

But Sutton said that Florida has what it takes to make those plays.

"I think Florida's quickness will hurt North Carolina," he said. "They (UNC) have some very good players, but Florida has guys who just keep coming after you."



**Chomp!**

Florida center Udonis Haslem will battle with Brendan Haywood and a much bigger North Carolina frontline.

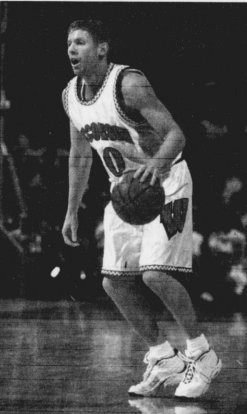
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**Face-off**

Point guards, Jon Bryant of Wisconsin and Mateen Cleaves of Michigan State, have played well thus far.



BIG-10 BATTLE

# Familiar foes meet again

**Big task: Wisconsin will try to avenge three losses to MSU**

By Matt Ellison  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The nation will be focused on the Michigan State-Wisconsin matchup to see which of the two immovable forces will give way to the other.

In one corner stands the Michigan State will to win, as evidenced by their erasing of halftime deficits in their last three NCAA tournament games. The will is led by senior point guard Mateen Cleaves, who returned to MSU for his senior season precisely to win a national championship, and several other high-powered offensive cogs, including the Big Ten Player of the Year, Morris Peterson.

In the other corner stands Wisconsin, powered by their sticky-fingered, best-in-the-tournament defense and a chip on their shoulder from people who thought they shouldn't even be in the tournament.

It's a contrast in styles, and it kicks off the 2000 NCAA Final Four tomorrow afternoon.

"Wisconsin's style is different offensively and that's difficult," MSU coach Tom Izzo said, "but what makes it worse is that their style is different defensively. It's physical and if you don't take care of the ball, you better be ready for a battle."

"I think Michigan State is the most complete team in America," Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett said. "We still have not been able to solve all of the problems they present."

That's true, to the tune of three MSU victories over Wisconsin already this season (two in conference play, one in the conference tournament). Wisconsin stayed reasonably close in two of them, but the Spartans made more plays in the end of the game to pull away.

But will things be any different for the fourth Badger-Spartan matchup this season? Izzo sees a different Wisconsin team than before.

"They've changed drastically since (the first meeting)," he said. "They went from a team that set a lot of picks down on the blocks to a lot of picks at the elbows. Now, they're doing a little bit of both. He (Bennett) made some adjustments into the month of February, whereas most coaches wouldn't make them that late. It made them very hard to play."

Wisconsin comes into the tournament holding opponents to 55 points per game both in the regular season and postseason. This includes holding the high-powered offenses of Arizona and LSU to 59 and 48 points, respectively.

But it's the resurgence of the offense, led by senior sharpshooter Jon Bryant, that's been the catalyst for the Wisconsin postseason explosion. Those endless picks and screens, coaches say, becomes a mental challenge: Go behind a single screen when you should have gone over the top, and the shooter will step outside for a three. Go over the screen, and a backdoor cut is inevitable. Call them the Princeton of the Big Ten; somewhat limited in size, but a very high basketball IQ.

"Early in the offense, they will shoot open threes," Purdue coach Gene Keady said before his team lost 64-60 to the Badgers in the regional final. "But they have the capability of rebounding missed shots. They will put you on defense, tire you down and get a good percentage shot."

The beneficiary of these screens has been Bryant, a Division II transfer who outscored everyone in the West region on his way to regional MVP honors. His three-point shooting late in the game against LSU killed the Tigers' late rally, and helped Wisconsin jump out in control early against Purdue.

"The shots just seem to keep falling for me," Bryant said. "I'm not doing anything differently that I was during the season. I guess it's just our time."

Izzo's team, while confident, concedes nothing.

"I think we can beat them because we've beaten them three times already," Izzo said. "But to think we don't have to show up because we've beaten them would be ridiculous."

HOOP DIVAS

# Few surprises among the women's final quartet

**Perennial powers: Top seeds led by Tennessee and Connecticut prepare to meet in Philadelphia for the Women's NCAA Final Four.**

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In contrast to the unpredictability of the men's side, the women's tournament saw no less than a No. 3 seed advance to the regional finals.

And, in predictable fashion, the four teams ranked near the top of women's college basketball all year round will be hooping it up in Philadelphia tonight in the semifinals of the Women's Final Four. Tennessee, Connecticut, Rutgers and Penn State all finished the regular season in the top 15 of both polls.

The Lady Vols and the Lady Huskies are favorites to make it past the semifinals and meet in an epic match-up Sunday night to determine the

queen of college hoops.

But both coaches are taking steps to not over-look their semifinal opponents.

"We can't look past anything except for preparing Rutgers in terms of personnel and defense," said UT coach Pat Summitt, who defeated Texas Tech 55-49 in the regional finals.

"We will have to be much better offensively, and they (Rutgers) do an excellent job of dictating tempo. We like to get up and down the floor and we look to push it in the open court. That's not going to change," Summitt said.

Unlikely to change will be Rutgers' bruising, physical style of basketball that Tennessee has been susceptible to this season, and it was the same style that Texas Tech deployed, almost to

the tune of a Tennessee waltz out of the tournament.

"The game against Texas Tech certainly can be one of the games that prepares us," Summitt added. "Playing UConn twice, Louisiana Tech and Georgia, who were all very physical teams, has given us many opportunities to prepare."

But those three teams have also dealt Tennessee their only losses this season, giving the Scarlet Knights a dose of optimism in an otherwise just-happy-to-be-here environment.

"Never before have I felt like this," Rutgers guard Tasha Pointer said after the Scarlet Knights' 39-51 upset of No. 1-seeded Georgia in the regional final. "Dreams come true. People continue to count us out, but we have faith in ourselves."

The nightcap features UConn against Penn State, who rides into the Final Four on the shoulders of sweet-shooting guard Lisa Shepherd. Shepherd hit her first four threes (on her way to

20 first-half points) in the Lady Lions' 86-65 thumping of No. 1-seeded Louisiana Tech in the regional final, and is shooting 50 percent from three-point range.

"This means so much to the university," said PSU coach Rene Portland. "This is a very special place to coach and it's great to get back."

UConn is no stranger to the Final Four, having been there every year but one in the past six seasons. They've had the target on their backs all season long, and their undefeated conference season in the Big East, conference tournament and season-ending No. 1 ranking in all polls make them the odds-on favorite to add another banner to Gampel Pavilion.

"It is amazing how hard you have to work to get to the Final Four," said UConn coach Geno Auriemma. "I am truly proud of these kids because they put forth such time and effort. It's not easy going through the season with everybody coming after you. They handled it like champions."

Those doggone commies!

## Sticky material reveals church offering thief

CHALMETTE, La. (AP) — Authorities say they've found the man who pilfered the donation box at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church.

One of the clues? Sticky stuff.

The Rev. Warren Cooper said donations were down recently, requiring the church to cut assistance to the poor "just about in half." He said a sticky substance had been noticed on the donation box.

On Monday, two church employees told St. Bernard Parish sheriff's deputies that a suspicious-looking man had been at the church. He was later arrested.

Police said the man was found with \$381 and three long, thin, flexible metal rods coated with a sticky substance, which authorities believe he used to remove the money from the donation box.

Dennis Ferrer, 56, was booked with theft and was held on \$10,000 bond.

According to a police report, Ferrer said he was "not stealing the money, just removing it because the church was run by communists."

## "Do" the right thing outside

## Judge signs warrants for messy pet owners in "doggie court"

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Those who don't clean up their doggie doo-doo could be in deep trouble with the local judge.

About 70 Santa Fe residents face arrest for failing to appear for Municipal Judge Fran Gallegos' inaugural session of doggie court.

Gallegos signed bench warrants this week for people who either didn't clean up after their dogs or broke leash laws.

She assigned community service to about 10 other people who did show up after ignoring earlier fines and court summonses.

Gallegos said people in canine court were touchy. She called it "a vicious environment."

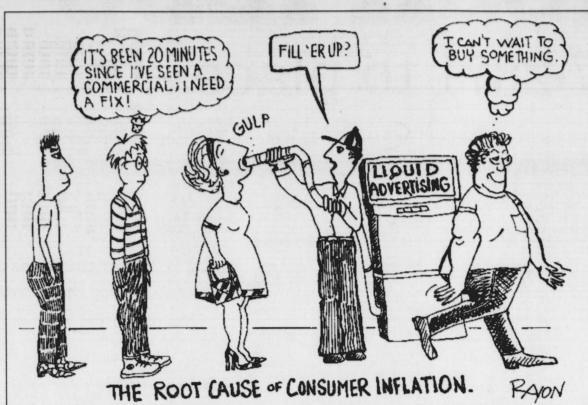
Residents, the City Council and animal control officials for several years have pushed the judge to crack down on people who "are basically allowing their animals to run loose," she said.

Offenders who don't pay fines or have repeated citations could be assigned to city cleanup crews, the judge said.

"They will be provided with gloves and shovels and whatever they need" to pick up after other people's dogs, she said.

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## Tolerance: leave everyone alone

So I was thinking about tolerance. Tolerance is hard to nail down to a concrete definition. Is tolerance lovingly trying to educate stupid people, or is it exercising every last shred of civility you possess in order to keep from beating the hell out of them? There's clearly a lot of gray area there.

Liberals and conservatives can whine about tolerance until we are all sick to our stomachs. I'm here to tell you that 95 percent of the people who preach tolerance do not practice what they preach.

Let me give you a few glimpses into what I'm talking about.

Right now, gay rights groups are throwing a fit over Dr. Laura Schlessinger's TV talk show deal with Paramount. Dr. Laura is a syndicated radio host. She is conservative, and in accordance with her religious views, she regularly proclaims that gays are deviant and dangerous to social welfare because they are the result of "biological errors." She also maintains that tolerance can be "heterosexualized" by reparative therapies.

Now Paramount is giving her a TV show, and homosexual activists are livid. They are demanding that Paramount cancel the show because they view Dr. Laura as an agent of intolerance. Because she says gay people are deviant, they want to censor her freedom of expression implied in the Constitution.

Keep in mind that this is coming from Leftists, who are always there to stick up for free speech and anti-censorship — until it conflicts with their beliefs and lifestyles. Then they want to put a gag order on it. That is intolerance.

Then from the Right, conservative Christians — the same people defending Dr. Laura — are working to stop the broadcasting of NBC's new cartoon comedy "God, the Devil, and Bob." They say the show is "blasphemous." They are concerned that kids are watching the show and are getting a distorted concept of the Almighty and his followers. So they want to get the show cancelled, or at least limit the extent of the broadcast.

There is a simple solution: let the shows air. If they upset you, turn them off. If they entertain you, leave them on. That's the way capitalism works.

I could go on and on. There are still active KKK groups in America, even in rural Illinois and Indiana counties. I've heard black speakers call me racist when I've never said or done anything of his minority.

Democrats and Republicans hate each other. So do liberals and conservatives, gays and heterosexuals, gun owners and gun haters, rich and poor, Christians and non-Christians, black people and white people.

And in the midst of all the intolerant fighting, everyone whines about tolerance. Well, to hell with their tolerance.

There are two things I find in common among intolerant people: hatred and fear. People are unable to tolerate things they hate or are afraid of.

In light of this realization, I would urge everyone to consider my concept of tolerance, which I shamelessly borrow from my high school sociology teacher. When he gave us his rules on the first day of class, there were only three: don't cuss, participate and "leave me alone."

I want people to leave me alone and let me live my life the best way I know how. Therefore, I extend that courtesy to those around me.

At the same time, I don't shed many tears when what I say offends someone by political incorrectness, or when what they say offends me.

The Constitution didn't guarantee protection against offense, so if I step on someone's toes without being slanderous, they can suck it up, have a beer and get over it.

To sum it up, I think society's attitude toward tolerance should be, "An it harm none, do what ye wilt." You don't have to like that opinion, or even tolerate it.

That's the beauty of tolerance — it can't be forced upon you. Forcing tolerance on people is an act of intolerance in itself.

Sometimes the hardest thing to tolerate is intolerance, but Americans have the right to hate and fear whomever they want.

It's sad that people can't just live and let live. An old oil man from my hometown, dead now, would probably shake his head and mutter, "Silly damned people."

I can disagree with intolerance, but I can't stop it. All I can say to you is think about the way you regard other people's feelings and thoughts. Oh, and by the way, leave me alone.

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## READERS' FORUM

### Expressions

## Editorial should back up claims

To the Editor:

You have got to be kidding me! When I read "Gay, Sir?" (editorial) in the March 28 edition of the Kernel, I was shocked and appalled.

I cannot believe that an "award-winning" publication such as the Kernel would print such an unfounded, idiotic, and inflammatory statement as "over 40 percent of men in the military are subjected to the persecution

of being homosexual."

On what basis is this claim made? This article had no reference to a report that stated 40 percent of men in the military are gay. There were no statistics stating the percentage of men who are gay in the military; nothing to back up this claim. The first paragraph shows irresponsible journalism at its worst: someone has passed off opinion or hearsay as fact. I would expect this from a grade school paper, maybe even a high-school paper — but the Kernel is on a different level. Or so I thought.

I have no doubt that gays in the military are subjected to cruel treatment at times. However,

when an article like this one makes such an obviously idiotic statement to the effect that 40 percent of men in the military are gay — it's hard to maintain any credibility for the rest of the article. The entire message was lost in the smoke of blow credibility.

I urge you to check your facts. If you are going to make such a claim as this — please back it up with an accurate, reputable study stating the percentage of men in the military who are gay. Simply saying "it has recently been stated" leads to the unanswered question: By whom?

Without telling us the source of the statistic, your argument holds less water than a block of Swiss cheese. This article never would have made it in English 101 class, and it never should have made it in the Kernel.

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## Crackdown on college papers kills free speech

Attention viewers: please stand by. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is experiencing technical difficulties.

Despite last week's U.S. Supreme Court ruling limiting the distribution of student-activity fees to viewpoint-neutral organizations, students with controversial opinions continue to face challenges to their constitutional rights.

The recent confiscations of student publications across the nation could hurt students at UK. What happens elsewhere may very well legitimize future censorship of student publications here. Surely the Bill of Rights is more than a distant memory of Government 310 to University of Texas students.

Three incidents over the last two weeks appended an already mounting inventory of blatant censorship: Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md. stopped the presses on 3,000 copies of The Spokesman for fear "the newspaper's coverage of the student elections would disrupt the campus political process."

That's funny. How are students supposed to stay informed about the candidates? And what happens when the paper covers national elections?

MSU administrators claimed that because student fees support The Spokesman, the paper must remain neutral during the election. Not only does that sound like a cover-up excuse for some hidden disagreement; it also sounds like their administrators need a refresher course on constitutional law. The U.S. Supreme Court has twice ruled that prior restraint of the press is unconstitutional.

Driven by their duty to inform, however, Spokesman staff photocopied their 18-page publication and posted copies of it throughout the city. They also taped the pages to a poster board and set it outside of their campus student center. That, fellow Americans, should remain the spirit of constitutional freedom as guaranteed by the Founding Fathers.

However, beware trivialities in the line of duty. Last Wednesday, Villanova University in Pennsylvania impounded 2,000 issues of The Conservative Column because the publication allegedly detached itself from a registered student organization and had not yet found a new advisor. The editor of the Column disagrees; he thinks the controversial picture of an aborted fetus in that particular issue prompted the confiscation. He might be right.

Even if he's wrong, why is an advisor so vital? If 14-year-olds can be tried as adults in criminal courts, do 20-year-olds really need a publication babysitter to protect them from - gasp - an offensive photograph?

Wait, there's more.

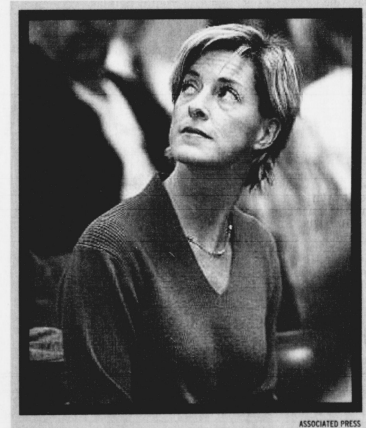
Two student editors-in-chief of a New Zealand university may lose their positions for publishing an article about how to commit suicide, written by a local student. Editors of Cracrum contend the article does not represent the magazine's official editorial position but rather was published simply to provoke debate. The university's Students Association, which finances the publication, alleges "reckless and inappropriate use of editorial powers."

Seems no one wants open dialogue, critical analysis or the honest truth just pre-written words and pictures to fill the page and leave the human mind unstirred. The value of free speech and free press is paramount in deciding whether the college campus is still a garden for the cultivation of critical thinking or if it's becoming a deathbed, raked for unorthodox ideas.

Keep in mind that in countries where controversial debate is banned or open discussion discouraged, people often pay with their lives or forsake their basic human rights to think and speak freely. And while the courts have ruled it possible to curb some forms of speech, the exceptions are few and far between.

That said, students should continue to fully express their concerns or freely invoke substantive topics of discussion. It's healthy for the mind and crucial to democracy.

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Don't stand so close to me ...  
Cassidy Elementary 1st grade teacher, Susan Almgren, is arraigned on a charge of prostitution in District Court, in Lexington, Ky., on Feb. 16, 2000. Almgren pleaded guilty to the charges Wednesday, March 29, 2000 in Fayette District Court. Almgren, 29, pleaded guilty to one charge of prostitution and one charge of running an escort service without a license.

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