



The library

W. T. Yawn

I had an interesting experience on Monday night involving that big hexagonal building next to the fraternity houses. Two friends from Georgetown College needed to do some research here because their library only consists of old National Geographic magazines and Sweet Valley High books. Anyway, they wanted me to help them look because I should know my way around after three years of school here. I was as lost as they were. I kept getting looks from people who were studying, but that may have been because I looked out of place walking with two sorority girls. Enough intro though, I thought I could entertain you with a bunch of stuff to do in the library that doesn't involve schoolwork.

Get some friends, dress up in black suits and find a person in the library that's walking around. Follow the person everywhere while putting a hand to your ear and talking into your watch. Hide if they spot you.

Carry a bag of quarters into the circulation desk area and then let all of them spill out. The walls will ring from that noise. Keep dropping them as you try to pick them up too.

Take all the useless French periodicals from the third floor and build a mighty fort by a nearby copy machine. If you run out of books, use some German periodicals.

In the first-floor copy center, persist in making copies of your face and changing all the settings until you get it just perfect. This is only funny if someone notices, though.

Walk around the floors until you see a patrolling guard. As soon as they see you, take off running and scream for your life. When caught and questioned about your resistance, begin to cry about a \$2 late fee from a month ago.

Look around the library and pick up all the books on sexual education or reproduction that you can. Take them to the circulation desk and when they ask for your ID, scream and run out the doors leaving the books behind.

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ACTIVISM

Faculty fighting cost increase

Five steps: Plan includes a massive petition drive; The petitions will be delivered to the administration on Thursday

By Amanda York
EDITOR IN CHIEF

In an effort to ensure the UK administration takes seriously the plight of staff and faculty members who will be negatively affected by an increase in cost of health benefits, the staff representative for the Board of Trustees has devised a plan of action.

Russ Williams circulated the five-step plan of action through e-mail to UK staff and faculty on Monday morning. He said he came up with the plan over the weekend.

The first step of the plan involves contacting Billy Joe Miles, board chairman, and convincing him to talk to UK President Charles Wethington. Williams said he hopes Miles will convince Wethington

to rethink the University's contributions to the health benefits plan.

Under the new family plan, which begins July 1, UK employees will have to pay \$122 more to insure their children and spouses.

The second step involves a petition. Williams asks that staff, faculty and students who feel strongly about the issue sign the petition.

In the third step, Williams calls for students, staff and faculty members to wear a children's band aid on their clothing. The band aid, Williams said, is an external sign that employees want immediate relief for the pain caused by the new rates.

"People are hurting, they are going to be hurting financially," he said. "The

children of employees are going to be particularly hurt because of this (the increase)."

The fourth step of the plan will take place Thursday. UK employees will gather in the free speech area for lunch. After lunch, Williams will take the petitions to the administration. Williams said on Tuesday evening he had collected about 25 signed petition sheets.

"I hope, frankly, I need some help getting them (the petitions) all up there," Williams said.

Williams stressed that Thursday's gathering was not a protest or demonstration. The fifth and final step of the plan is meant to deal with the administration in the event that nothing is done, Williams said.

Since circulating the plan, Williams said he has received a response from Wethington.

Williams said that in a memo dated

last Friday to George DeBin, the vice president for fiscal affairs, Wethington called for the Employee Benefit Committee to meet again and look at ways to "lessen the financial impact for family independent coverage." Williams said the memo was copied to him.

Wethington tried to appoint Williams as a staff representative to the Employee Benefits Committee for a three-year term ending Aug. 31, 2004. Williams said he declined the appointment.

"I chose not to serve on the committee mainly because I want to keep my role as staff trustee in this situation pretty clear," Williams said.

Let's do lunch

There will be a staff lunch on 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Thursday at the free speech area. There will be petitions available for people to sign.

HIGH ROLLING

Venturing indoors at Arboretum



Something new: Money for Arboretum facility came from retired supervisor of home economics education for the Kentucky Department of Education

By Andrew Grossman
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Patrons of the Arboretum will soon have an indoor visitor center, largely thanks to the contributions of a former home economics supervisor.

Lexington politicians and UK officials helped break ground Tuesday on the Dorothea Smith Oatts Visitor Center, an indoor facility between the parking lot and the home demonstration garden. Oatts, the retired supervisor of home economics education for the Kentucky Department of Education, donated \$200,000 for the project and challenged the community to match her contribution.

By March 1, the total money raised equaled \$563,000.

Marcia Farris, the director of the Arboretum, said she believes the facility will increase patronage.

"We hope that people will just casually come, and they'll have a place to use the bathroom and get a drink of water."

The visitor's center is a part of the first phase of development at the Arboretum. By the time the

developments are finished, the building will encompass 12,000 square feet and include a gift shop and meeting space.

Farris said she hopes the center will benefit the University and the community. "We'll have classes on how to use herbs in your garden, ways to create wreaths for your door," she said. "We'll have a place to hold classes and events in case of inclement weather and people will come for educational and recreational purposes."

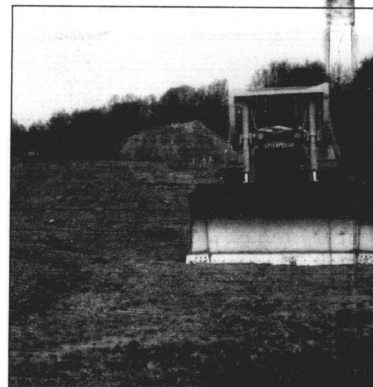
Among the changes planned for the Arboretum are a children's garden and an amphitheater. Each year, the 100-acre Arboretum, which is located across from Commonwealth Stadium, hosts several events, including an Arbor Day celebration, and features exhibits such as the "Walk Across Kentucky."

Now the Arboretum has no indoor facilities and no public restrooms.

The Oatts Visitor Center is slated for completion by December 2001, and activities and indoor classes will begin next year, Farris said.

The Arboretum is owned and operated jointly by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and UK.

"We'll have classes on how to use herbs in your garden..." - MARCIA FARRIS, DIRECTOR OF THE ARBORETUM



COLIN ANDERSON | KERNEL STAFF

Diggin'

Crews have already started preparing the ground at the Arboretum for the new facility. The facility will sit between the parking lot and the home demonstration garden.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Euthanasia legalized in Netherlands

The scoop: Some students say they are not in any hurry for United States to adopt the controversial practice

STAFF REPORT

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The Netherlands has become the first country in the world to legalize euthanasia.

As the senate voted 46-28, with one member absent, to endorse the legislation, an estimated 10,000 people protested outside, many singing hymns.

The bill allows doctors to kill patients with terminal diseases who are suffering "unbearably" if they request it.

It will now take at least two weeks for the bill to become law while a number of formalities — including Queen Beatrix signing the bill — are completed.

It regulates a practice discreetly used in Dutch hospitals and homes for decades, turning guidelines adopted by parliament in 1993 into legally binding requirements.

These require a long doctor-patient re-

lationship and exclude euthanasia for non-residents.

Some UK students think the U.S. should not try to become the second country to legalize the practice.

"When doctors take the Hippocratic Oath they are trying to prolong lives of patients, not aid in the death process," said Nitya Narayan, a communications sophomore.

Engineering freshman Nathanael Gay said he thinks legalizing euthanasia gives people a right to kill.

"It isn't godly," he said.

And even Amy Olive, a foreign language and international economics junior, who said it might be OK, still has reservations.

"It could lead to abuses," she said.

Viewpoints around the world vary.

Rita Marker, a spokesperson for the International Task force on Euthanasia, speaking to CNN, called it a "chilling" development and said it would damage doctor-patient relationships.

However Tamara Langley, of the United Kingdom Voluntary Euthanasia Society, welcomed the news and said, "This is part of a broader development in Europe allowing people to make their own informed choices."

She said the strict requirements meant it "was in no way a license to kill."

Doctors are not supposed to suggest euthanasia as an option and a patient must be aware of all other medical options and have sought a second professional opinion.

The request would have to be made voluntarily, persistently and independently while the patient is of sound mind.

Patients can however leave a written request for euthanasia, giving doctors the right to use their own discretion when patients become too physically or mentally ill to decide for themselves.

ON TV

Study finds media focuses on crime, stereotyping minorities

What's news: UK students not surprised by findings

STAFF REPORT

WASHINGTON — Network television coverage of crime fell nearly 40 percent last year, but the subject still gets too much attention, a study asserted Tuesday.

This news came as no surprise to many journalism students at UK.

"I have definitely noticed that negative news is covered far more than positive news," said Sharon Daliero, a journalism senior. Daliero credits the attention given to negative news to producers interested in high ratings.

The report, "Off Balance: Youth, Race and Crime in the News," included an

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

China negotiations could take time

WASHINGTON — President Bush, hoping to keep public and congressional support behind him, acknowledges that it could take time to resolve the standoff over 24 Americans being detained in China. "We've got every diplomatic channel open," Bush said Monday. However, he added, "Diplomacy takes time." Bush urged patience, aiming his remarks at conservatives who have stepped up their anti-China rhetoric and begun to question his handling of the situation. Polls show voters support Bush's leadership on China, but senior Republicans said the good will could erode if the standoff continues. Beijing stood firm behind its insistence that the United States apologize for the collision of a U.S. surveillance plane and a Chinese fighter. The Chinese plane crashed into the South China Sea early April 1, local time, and its pilot is missing and believed dead.

Democrats fight over spending plan

WASHINGTON — President Bush, who suffered his first major congressional setback last week when the Senate trimmed his tax program, could be in for an even rougher battle over his spending plans. Democrats predict many Republicans will end up deserting Bush rather than vote for some of the sharp cuts the president is proposing in popular government programs. "This may be the first budget in history that wasn't just dead on arrival — it was dead before arrival," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Monday after Bush had sent his five-volume set of budget documents to Congress.

British begins helicopter investigation

KACANIK, Yugoslavia — British peacekeepers on Tuesday cordoned off the wreckage of a helicopter that crashed in heavy rain above mountainous terrain close to Kosovo's tense boundary with Macedonia, killing two people. The helicopter crashed Monday just outside of Kacanik, 30 miles south of Pristina. NATO officials said the chopper went down in mid-afternoon, when visibility was poor. British forces identified the dead as a Flight Lt. James Maguire, 31, of the Royal Air Force and Capt. Andrew Crous, 28. Though the crash occurred near the border with Macedonia where ethnic Albanian insurgents have been recently active, there was no indication of a hostile fire, said Maj. Fergus Smith, a spokesman for the British contingent in Kosovo. Five others were injured and were being treated at the U.S. military hospital at Camp Bondsteel.



BACK IN THE RING: Actor Michael J. Fox, who left the ABC sitcom "Spin City" last year to focus on his fight against Parkinson's disease, is taking a behind-the-scenes role in developing a new comedy series for the Lifetime cable network. Fox has committed to executive-producing a Lifetime project based on the book *Otherwise Engaged*, by Suzanne Finamore, for a possible 2002 launch.



FILLING SHOES: Alec Baldwin did it. So did Harrison Ford. Now, it's Ben Affleck's turn. Affleck will take over the role of CIA analyst Jack Ryan in the film "The Sum of All Fears," the fourth adaptation in the Tom Clancy novel series. The Paramount Pictures release is due in theaters in 2002.

Israel rockets Palestinian security

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel on Tuesday rocketed Palestinian security targets in the Gaza Strip, killing a policeman, after Palestinians fired two mortar shells at a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip. Twenty Palestinians were injured in attacks on a naval police installation in Gaza City and a military intelligence building in the town of Deir al-Balah, doctors said. Palestinians said Israel fired surface-to-surface missiles and tank shells. The army would not say what weapons it used. There has been a daily exchange of mortars and rockets in the last week, a sign of a continued escalation in Israeli-Palestinian fighting even as the United States is trying to arrange cease-fire talks.

American largest carrier with deal

FORT WORTH, Texas — Though American Airlines has completed its acquisition of most of the assets of Trans World Airlines, there's an even tougher job on the horizon for the country's new No. 1 carrier. The airlines will operate independently at first, with separate payrolls, reservation systems, aircraft and policies. Eventually, St. Louis-based TWA will be fully integrated into American's operation. It was not clear Monday how long the transition would take. The deal between American and TWA was completed Monday with the purchase of bankrupt TWA by American's parent company, American, the No. 2 carrier before the deal, swapped spots with United Airlines as the No. 1 carrier. But American's newfound supremacy could be short-lived if United succeeds in its bid to obtain most of US Airways.

Agency convenes confab with 11 states

BOISE, Idaho — A federal energy agency, under fire for not being more aggressive in dealing with the Western electricity shortages and high prices, was meeting Tuesday with officials from 11 Western states to discuss ways to contain the problem this summer. The unusual meeting called by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission comes as a California utility decided to sell its transmission lines to avoid bankruptcy and officials in the Northwest predicted a tripling of electricity rates unless power demand is cut sharply in the coming months. The FERC, which regulates wholesale electricity sales, asked state utility regulators from the 11 states in the Western power grid to discuss ways that the federal agency might help in easing the power crunch as the heavy summer demand periods are about to begin.

Siamese twins separated successfully

SINGAPORE — Eleven-month-old twins Jamma and Ganga Shrestha were in different rooms for the first time in their lives Tuesday after doctors successfully separated the girls who were born joined at the head. The Nepalese twins were connected at the tops of their heads and shared the same brain cavity.

Compiled from wire reports.

MEDIA

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examination of 77 media-related studies done from 1910 until now.

Homicide coverage on network news increased 473 percent from 1990 to 1998 while homicides decreased about 33 percent during that time, the report said. It based that finding on available data from the Center for Media and Public Affairs and federal crime statistics.

The report also said minorities too often are portrayed as perpetrators and are underrepresented as victims.

This finding also came as no surprise to Dalier.

Dalier said she believes increasing diversity in newsrooms may help alleviate this problem.

"Having a diverse newsroom is key because you can kind of get the perspective of a minority, and they can dispel any of the stereotypes," she said.

Vincent Schiraldi, president of the Justice Policy Institute, one of three groups involved in the study, recommended that news organizations more closely monitor their content and put crime into context by reporting more wide-ranging crime trends, even as a part of stories about individual crimes.



Mercy or murder

Herman van den Dungen, left, demonstrates outside Dutch government buildings at The Hague, Netherlands Tuesday. Despite protests the Netherlands legalized mercy killings and assisted suicide Tuesday, becoming the first nation to allow doctors to end the life of patients with unbearable, terminal illness.

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GOOFS

Corrections

An editorial in Monday's Kernel stated the wrong price for Robinson and Harralson Student Government campaign T-shirts. The shirts cost \$2, according to Jeff Klusmeier, owner of Grand Old Printing, a screen printing company in Louisville. To report an error, call the Kernel at 257-1915.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR

Teachers and Student Teachers are invited to attend the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC) Spring Teacher Recruitment Fair on Monday, April 23rd from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Recruiting representatives from the OVEC school districts will be on hand to interview for openings in their districts for the 2001-2002 School Year.

OVEC Districts include: Bullitt, Eminence, Gallatin, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble Counties.

The Fair will be at the OVEC Office, 100 Alpine Drive in the Hi-Pointe Business Center, just off KY 55, just 3 miles north of I-64 (Exit 35) at Shelbyville, KY.

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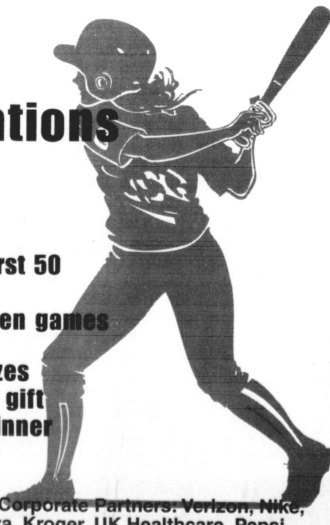
Wed., April 11 at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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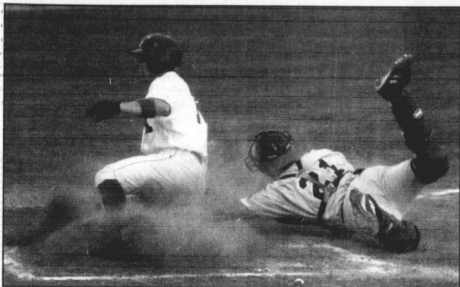
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KINGS OF THE BLUEGRASS

UK baseball takes third straight from Cardinals



UK junior catcher Caleb Brock was tagged out by Louisville junior catcher Fernando Isa while trying to score in the first inning of Tuesday's game.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

By Ron Cox
STAFF WRITER

The UK baseball Wildcats made it three straight wins over the University of Louisville Cardinals, defeating the in-state rival 8-3 last night at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

"This was a much needed win for the Cats (15-20), after losing three one-run games at Florida last weekend.

"We had a real tough weekend at Florida, so we felt like it was a real important game for us to come out and play hard," said Seth Morris, who sent one of his three hits over the left field fence.

The game was suspended twice due to lightning, but was completed, which was exactly what UK head coach Keith Madison wanted.

"It was good that we got the game in," Madison said. "I wanted to play this one because the guys needed to get on a good roll."

The Cards (20-19) jumped on UK starter Bryan Felkel (2-0), making his second start of the season, in the first after the Cardinal's first two batters reached base. Mike Hook led off the game with a single, and later scored on Mike Budak's sacrifice fly.

The Cats tied the game at one in the first when Spencer Graeter scored on first baseman Gordon Tyler's double.

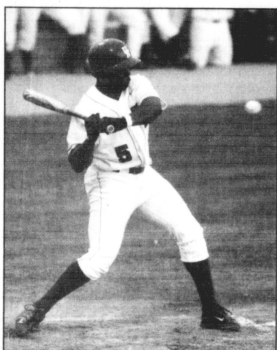
Second baseman Brad Pickrell put the Cats ahead 2-1 in the second when his two-out smash up the middle allowed Spencer Preston to score.

Junior Vince Harrison made it a 3-1 ballgame with his fifth long ball of the season. The Cats touched up U of L starter Mike Tisdale (6-4), who leads U of L in wins, for two more runs in the fourth, making it a 5-1 game. Tisdale was pulled from the game with just one out, his earliest exit from a start this season.

Felkel settled down after the first two batters, taking care of 11 of the next 13 batters and holding the U of L scoreless over the next four innings.

"I just wanted to give my team a chance to win," Felkel said. "I wanted to go out there and throw strikes, get ground balls and let my team play behind me."

Felkel hit a rough spot in the sixth. U of L's Mike Budak's double knocked in a run that put two runners on base with no outs. Coach Madison



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

UK junior third baseman Vince Harrison hit his fifth home run of the season Tuesday against Louisville.

turned to sophomore Mark Michael to get the Cats out of the jam.

Michael got the next batter to ground out to Tyler at first, scoring the runner from third. From there on he pitched scoreless ball.

"I was just trying to get out of the inning and give our hitters the chance to win," said Michael, who picked up his first save on the season. "This was probably the best my control has been all year."

The Cats travel to Oxford, Ohio to take on the Red Hawks of Miami today at 3 p.m.

"Miami is a very well coached team," Madison said. "The Mid-American Conference might be the most underrated baseball conference in America. So, it's going to be a battle."

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The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities. Registered Student Orgs. and UK Depts. can submit information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MONDAY information is posted at: <http://www.uky.edu/CampusCalendar> Call 257-8867 for more information.

	Wed 11		Thurs 12
<p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Alli Meeting, Bpm, 231 Stud. Ctr. *Golden Key Int'l. Fraternity Conv. Mtg., 7:30pm, 211 Stud. Ctr. *Dance at the Shrine, HHS/Jewish Stud. Org., 8-10pm, Blaine Court Yard, Proton Dining Room *Cable Theatre, French Conversation Course, 4:00pm, Blaine Hall Proton Dining Room *Tennessee Cat for Christ, 7pm, 231 Stud. Ctr. *Green Thursday Mtg., 7:30pm, 104 Stud. Ctr. *Prayer Accountability Group, Uplink Campus Ministries, 8:30pm, Calvary Baptist Church College House *Dinner and Worship Service, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5:30 & 8:30pm, Calvary Baptist Church *UK Alumni Club, 5:45pm, North Bldg. Box 42 *College Librarians Mtg., 8:30pm, 113 Stud. Ctr. *Department Team Mtg., Bpm, Ag. South Bldg. Box 42 *Dinner Team Mtg., 5:45pm, George Bldg. 2nd Floor Conference Rm. <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UK Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Lobby <p>ARTS/MOVIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cotton Weaving Course, 4-8:30pm, Writing Ctr. Young Library *Recreation Festival, I Know He Loves, UK Black Women, 7pm, Stud. Ctr. Center Theatre *Home Edward Stronach, 5:45pm, Stud. Ctr. Workman Theatre *Floyd Collins Musical, Bpm, Fine Arts Bldg. Guigal Theatre <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UK Athletic Club, 6:30 & 8:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Lobby *Medieval and Renaissance European Dancing, 7pm, 363 Old Stud. Ctr. *Tentative Date for Golf Doubles @ Tates Creek Golf Course <p>ACADEMIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Orientation for Internships & Shadowing, 9-10am, 101 Student Bldg. <p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Cultural event in French Mtg., 5-6pm, Kesselbald Hall Boardroom <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Tate Kanan De Club Practice Hours, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Lobby <p>LECTURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Dept. of Entomology Colloquium, Apr. Ag. Science Ctr. North A.7 *Habitat and Habitat City, Home, Dwelling, Clear, 5:30pm, Pence Hall Box 209 <p>ARTS/MOVIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Floyd Collins Musical, Bpm, Fine Arts Bldg. Guigal Theatre <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Open Gym Volleyball, Uplink Campus Ministries, Bpm, Calvary Baptist Church Gym <p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Newman Center Mass, 8pm, 11:30am, 5pm, and 8:30pm *Home Chapel Service, HHS/Jewish Stud. Org., 12:00pm, Washington Bagel on Richmond Rd. *UK Sigma Phi Mtg., 7pm, 230 Stud. Ctr. *UK 12 University Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ *Bible Study, Jesus the One and Only, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5-7pm, Calvary Baptist Church *Women Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union Chapel <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UK Athletic Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Lobby <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *UK Athletic Club, 1-3pm, UK Alumni Gym Lobby *Recreation Night, Uplink Campus Ministries, 7pm, Calvary Baptist Church Box 8, Outreach Ctr. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Fri 13</p> <p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Newman Center Mass, 8pm <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Tate Kanan De Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Lobby <p>ARTS/MOVIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Floyd Collins Musical, Bpm, Fine Arts Bldg. Guigal Theatre <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Tentative Date for Golf Doubles @ Tates Creek Golf Course 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sat 14</p> <p>MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Newman Center Mass, 8pm <p>SPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Tate Kanan De Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Lobby <p>ARTS/MOVIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Floyd Collins Musical, Bpm, Fine Arts Bldg. Guigal Theatre 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sun 15</p>

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'Collins,' an unusual musical



Floyd Collins stars Micah Logsdan as Floyd Collins, Beth Collins as Nellie Collins and Nathan Munson as Homer Collins. Performances are at 8 p.m. April 11-14 and April 17-21 at the Guignol Theatre. One performance will be at 2 p.m. on April 22. Tickets cost \$9 for students, \$11 for UK employees and \$13 for the general public. Call 257-4929 for more ticket information.

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By Patrick Avery
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

A first will occur when the UK Theater production presents the musical *Floyd Collins* at the Guignol Theatre Thursday night.

"We really feel very flattered that we were able to get the rights to do the first Kentucky version and as far as we know the first college to do this production," *Floyd Collins* director James Rodgers said.

Rodgers, a theater professor, and the rest of the UK Theater Department started working on the production at the end of the last school year.

"We were interested in it because it happens to be on a Kentucky subject," Rodgers said.

The musical follows the saga of Floyd Collins, a caver

that was trapped in Sand Cave, a cave near Mammoth Cave, Ky.

His entrapment became a national media event resulting in a Pulitzer-prize winning story written by William Burke "Skeets" Miller, the reporter who was able to reach Collins in the cave.

Rodgers said the history of the play is short and controversial.

"It is a very interesting and strange script in that it opened first off-Broadway at the Manhattan Theater Club, and the musical *Rent* had just opened and stole the spotlight from *Collins*."

"Rent has the same feel as this show and a lot more rock music rather than the bluegrass music this show has," Rodgers said.

The show played 16 performances and received some good reviews, but enough controversial reviews that the producers decided to stop the show's run.

"You could classify the show as a failure," Rodgers

said. "Somehow, though, the show didn't die because a couple of regional theaters got a hold of it and decided they were going to include it in their season."

Rodgers enjoys working with the actors and the musical department to create a show.

"It's a collaborative process; by that I mean I am one of the designers of this whole process."

Rodgers looks forward to the performances and believes the audience will enjoy it even though it is not easy to identify the genre it falls into.

"There is a lot of interesting and complex harmonies in the score — so much that it is difficult to know how to classify it," Rodgers said. "It brings up the question: is it a musical or an American opera?"

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Somewhat of a non-traditional education...

31-year-old woman poses as student

VANCOUVER, Wash. — She earned a D in drama, but her acting was great.

Police say a 31-year-old woman posed as a student at Evergreen High School, where she was a member of the class of 2000, played on the tennis team and attended the senior prom. Students knew her as Brianna Stewart.

Now, she's known as Treva Thronberry and she's awaiting a May 23 trial on charges of first-degree theft, second-degree theft and perjury.

As Stewart, Thronberry completed three years at Evergreen, earning a 2.85 grade-point average, brought down somewhat by a D in drama class. The state spent about \$11,500 on her education.

Thronberry also is accused of defrauding the state of \$3,620.27 that was paid for her foster care. In addition, she is accused of defrauding Clark College, which waived \$1,050 in tuition after she claimed to be a homeless teen.

"I remember the first time I met her, thinking she was a teacher," recalled classmate Ken Dunn. "Then she said she was a student, and nothing after that ever made me think she was that old."
"There is a whole history of confusion with her identity," said defense attorney Kathleen McCann, who plans to seek a mental evaluation for her client.

Mr. Jason goes to Washington...

Boy gets to visit with President

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — An 11-year-old boy who writes about his concerns over water pollution for an essay contest called "Dear Mr. President" now can explain his fears in a more direct manner. Jason Freeman, a fifth-grader from Macungie, has an appointment at the Oval Office.

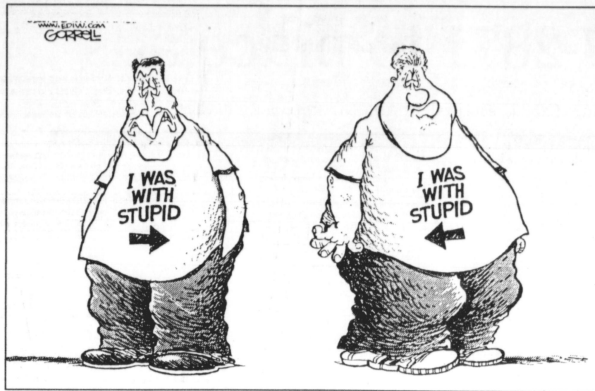
Jason is among eight pupils from across the country whose entries earned them a 10-minute meeting with the president next week. He wrote about water pollution a month after President Bush revealed a strict new standard on arsenic levels in drinking water.

"I'm very excited. I can't wait to meet Mr. Bush," Jason said.

The eight finalists' essays were selected last month by Penn State Public Broadcasting from more than 1,500 entries.

The winning letters are sent every time there's a new president but this is the first time a president invited the writers to the White House.

"We got a call from the White House this morning," Ben Sukenik, the contest coordinator said Monday. He is contacting the winners, who live from Colorado to South Carolina.

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IN OUR OPINION

China holds on soldiers' release*Let our people go. Soldiers caught in political warfare should be returned home immediately*

What? America spy on another country? No, we would never do that. Apparently nothing is above big-brother America when our spy plane is caught keeping too close an eye on China.

However, according to reports on YahooNews.com, 24 American crew members and their crippled EP-3E surveillance aircraft currently find themselves in their 11th day of captivity after a collision with a Chinese fighter jet left them stranded on Hainan Island in southern China.

Relations between China and the U.S. continue to be strained with the added pressure of the U.S. demanding the reconnaissance plane be returned. Both sides find themselves in a bickering war of "he-said, she-said" arguments, with neither side giving in. Secretary of State Colin Powell recently said that there was no evidence of U.S. responsibility, while Chinese Defense Minister Chi Haotian was quoted in the *Liberation Army Daily* as saying the crash "was entirely caused by the U.S. side."

The U.S.-China standoff sees no real resolution in sight as the bureaucratic red tape begins to pile on the floor. The U.S. wants the plane and the hostages back. China wants a full apology. Bush won't issue an apology; China, won't take anything less. Meanwhile, 24 American soldiers, people with families and homes they pledged to protect, are seeing a part of the world they hadn't bargained for when they signed up for the job. American soldiers make sacrifices every day, volunteering to be away from their homeland in order to serve their country. However, these 24 crew members aren't volunteering to be in foreign lands anymore; they are being held against their will.

Luckily, the treatment of the hostages appears to be good, with U.S. personnel allowed to visit with a limited number of crew members at a time.

Who is right and who is wrong in this issue will cause debate for some time to come. Quite frankly, we feel that the issue of accountability, while important, is not as important as the fate of 24 Americans. We offer them our support and wishes for a speedy return.

Meg Marquis

KERNEL COLUMNIST

More than cosmetic: Surgery shows social value

I recently gave up watching the "Today" show in the mornings in favor of "Clueless"—the TV spin-off of the movie, which is actually very funny and smart. Anyway, on a recent episode, Amber was deciding between a trip to Europe or cosmetic surgery, which would manifest itself in the form of bee-stung lips and larger breasts.

Fortunately, I don't know anyone who has had cosmetic surgery, male or female, so I haven't had to go off on anyone for making the decision to surgically alter his or her appearance to adhere to some preordained model of "beauty."

But being on a university campus, I can sometimes see why people consider such surgery. However, the catalyst for this consideration does not, I think, come from having to look at many "perfect" women all day, but rather from some men, who not only think that such perfection is desirable, but also think that women should want to

be perfect. Granted, I know very well that not all men think this way, certainly not the men with whom I choose to socialize. I am essentially basing this on conversations I overhear all over campus—be careful what you say loudly, by the way — a Kernel columnist is always near.

For example, while waiting outside my classroom three days a week, I am subjected to the very loud nearby conversations of two men (I'm guessing that they are freshmen based on their excessive use of four-letter words in even the simplest of statements). Quite often, their conversation revolves around women and how they could look better. Sometimes, they put their girlfriends in the context of their discussion, which horrifies me. I often wonder how they would take it if their girlfriends turned around and suggested that they could use some penile enhancement surgery (which can be and is done).

The hurt in these situations comes from someone else thinking that you are not good enough the way you are. I am not opposed to cosmetic surgery (which in essence is no longer cosmetic) when there are health concerns behind it; for example, I am in full support of breast reduction to alleviate chronic back pain. However, I think that to a society where everyone is accepting of everyone else, and all people are equally attractive. Unfortunately, this simply won't happen. Over the years of human existence, the importance of physical appearance has become too ingrained in our way of life. I mean, I wear makeup and like to dress up — this alters my appearance. Appearance is important to me, too. Why else do I wear a business suit to an interview or make sure that my socks

Joshu Goebeler

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Wonders or blunders?

It was just last Tuesday when I walked into a bathroom on campus and was pleasantly surprised with the pungent aroma of flowers.

I was in front of the urinal before I noticed that the smell was coming from a pinkie that was enveloped by a plastic holder with the word "Guardian" printed on the front of its smooth white surface.

It was just at this time, standing in front of the urinal, relaxing my muscles, when my thoughts suddenly crystallized.

The story I read in Eugene Oregon about how a tomato got into the writer's salad, the air freshener on the wall in front of me, make-up, suburban lawn care and people who wear excessive perfume or cologne all seemed to blend together like some sort of strange psychedelic hallucination.

The writer of the tomato column was interested in where his salad tomato came from and what occurred before it was brought to the reality of it now existing on his salad.

It turned out that his tomato had been grown in Mexico, where the workers used DDT without gloves. (It is illegal for farmers to use DDT in the United States but we can still export the chemical and import the produce that the poison is used on.)

The tomato had then been shipped across the U.S., packaged in Styrofoam and plastic, shipped back across the country finally arriving at the restaurant and onto the author's salad.

The air freshener on the wall attempted to reassure me that the air in the bathroom was being protected by its diffusion of fragrance molecules.

But the reality of the matter is that the air in the bathroom was merely masked by the fragrance, if any poop molecules existed in the room they would simply be unaware that they were sliding over my taste buds and into my lungs.

Makeup is designed to cover up scars, pock marks, dark circles under the eyes, wrinkles and all sorts of other natural "defects".

Makeup is nothing more than a guise, a mask and false front.

I do not see a problem with people wearing makeup if it makes them happy (as

long as it is free of animal testing). But, it is still superfluous behavior, even if it is the socially norm.

I got a part-time job doing suburban landscaping. It is extremely important for people in the suburbs to have nice lawns. This is their facade to the outside world. The yard functions as the face of the family as seen by the neighbors.

As long as the lawn looks like everyone else's then the social cohesion of the neighborhood can continue to exist.

People who wear excessive perfume or cologne have ironically provoked the exact thought in people that they must have been trying to avoid — "Sheez, you really stink!"

As in the case of the fragrance that was masking the invisible poop molecules, which were most likely doing the jitterbug on my tongue, the mind must ponder, "What foul stench is this overly perfumed person trying to disguise?"

The tomato exemplifies the people's ability to easily stomach and digest a meal — or a concept — that has been attractively presented.

The air freshener puts forth the idea that I am somehow being protected from invisible molecules, when in fact I am just made unaware that they are being digested like a DDT-enriched tomato.

The makeup that people wear is designed to make the man objects more easily digestible to the eyes.

It is similar to the tomato and the air freshener in the way that it hides reality from the observer.

Suburban lawn care, like the tomato, the air freshener and the makeup, creates an artificial reality that masks potentially negative realities and creates a fantasy land that can best be defined with the word "superficial."

Finally, we have the olfactory organ. Aptly named because they plod into a room and club you over the head with their aromatic odor.

The olfactory organ, like the tomato, the air freshener, the makeup and suburban lawn care all seem to say, "It's the American way!"

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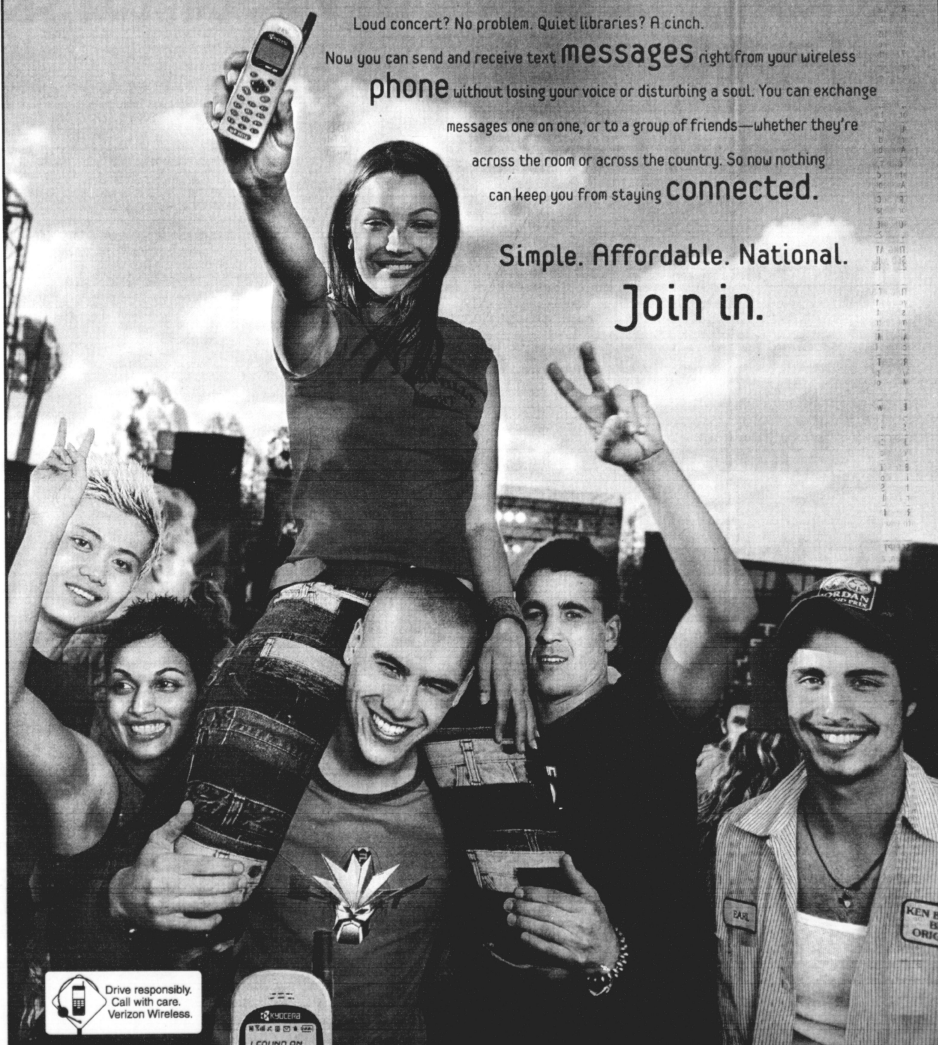
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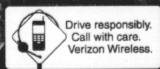
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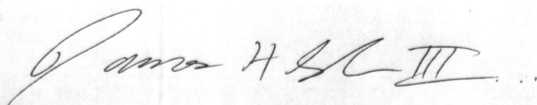
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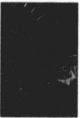
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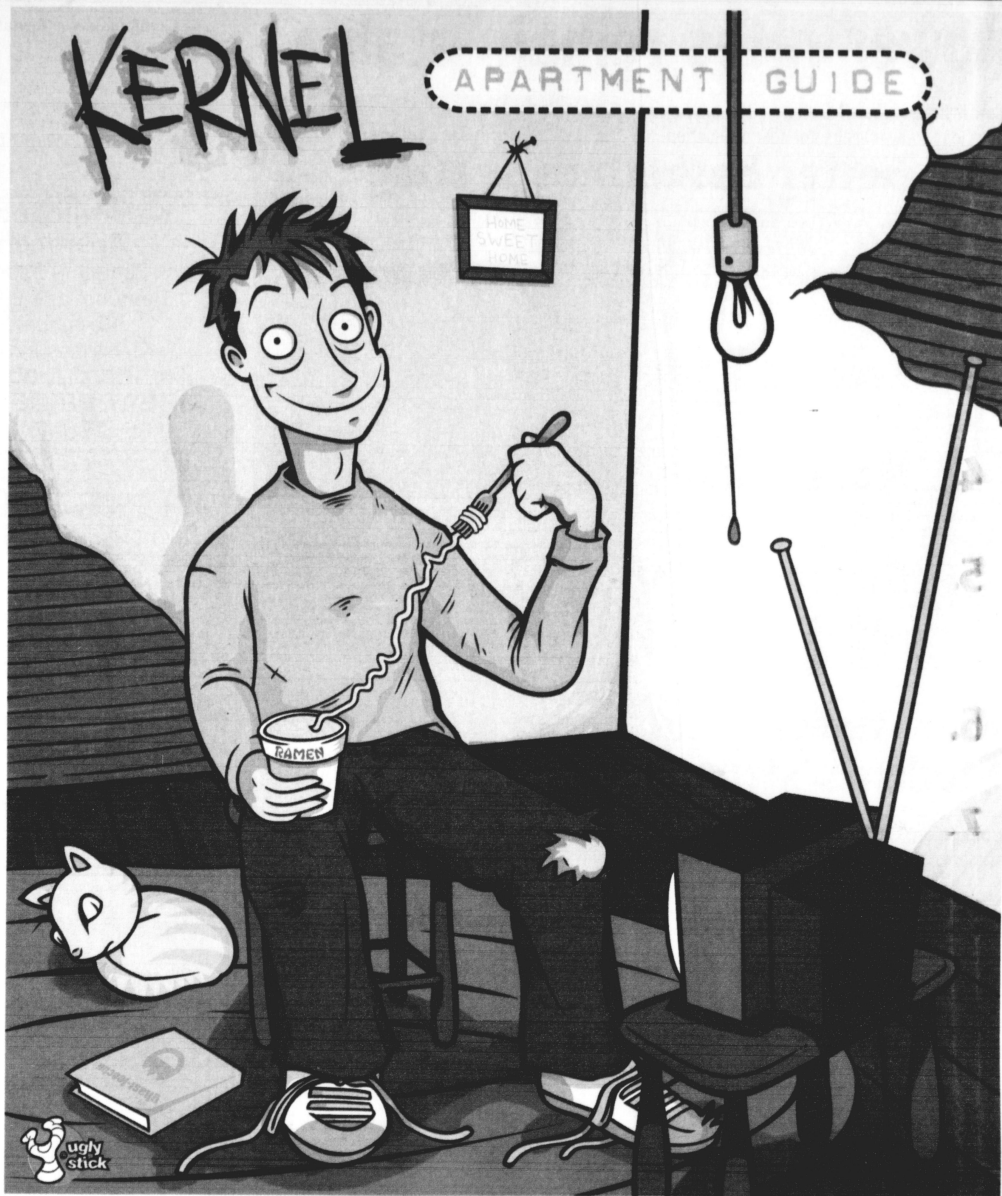


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Roommates, a mixed blessing

Why you should know: The person you choose to live with could kill you or comfort you so choose wisely, carefully

By Paul Haker
STAFF WRITER

"I think I've reached the age now when having a roommate seems... I don't know... immature," Ross Gellar said amongst glares from his sister and her roommate and the roommates from across the hall on an early episode of the television show "Friends."

Most college students would oppose Ross' statement. During college, almost everyone has a roommate, and it can either be the time of your life or a living nightmare. Finding a roommate that students will get along with is just as important as choosing whether to rent an apartment or return to the dorms.

Students moving into an apartment next year will probably choose a roommate from among their friends. However, they might want to reconsider living with their best friends. At Bolt, a popular web site among teens and college students, there

are many complaints at the "Dorm Life" message board about how they were best friends with someone until they roomed with them at college. Their former best friend drove them crazy by going through their stuff or inviting their significant other over at one in the morning the day before a test.

However, rooming with a best friend doesn't always turn out bad, as French junior Emily Schmidt discovered.

"I like living with my best friend because she is always there when I need to talk about problems. I always have someone to rely on. If she wasn't one of my roommates, I wouldn't be as close to her as I am now."

Schmidt lives with several of her friends in a house close to campus. "This year worked out because I was friends with everyone, but I wasn't that close to everyone. Because I have not one, but six roommates, I think it's easier in some ways. If I was living with just one other person, we

might get on each other's nerves more. The pressure isn't on just one relationship," she said.

Students returning to the dorms next year have the option of being placed by the Housing Offices into a room with someone that matches their interests. Like rooming with a best friend, this can either work out wonderfully, or the semester could turn out to be beyond students' worst imaginations.

Undeclared freshman Daniel Shoot offered a tidbit for those who get placed with someone they don't get along with.

"Basically, you're screwed the first semester, but if you are lucky, you can find a friend to move in with the second semester."

Advice for a smoother ride during the semester: Find out whether the person you'll be living with is a morning person or a night owl. Students that schedule a dreaded 8:00 a.m. class on purpose should not room with someone who stays out until 3:00 a.m. The tension caused by an alarm clock or someone coming in during the middle of the night may prove to be a problem, as roommates may become snippy toward one another due to lack of sleep.

Similar interests may also pave the road for smoother living quarters. For instance, imagine a student from Nashville wearing a Garth Brooks T-shirt agreeing to live with someone from Seattle wearing a Kurt Cobain T-shirt.

Their clashing musical tastes may turn out to be a learning experience for both of them, but it could also spell disaster if the roommates try to force their favorite singer down each other's throat.

Whoever students wind up living with next year, the easiest way to get along with roommates is to respect one another's privacy and differences. Keeping this in mind, rooming with someone should be smooth sailing.

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NOT HERE

Kentucky's electricity, power rates remain stable

Can it happen here? California's energy crisis not close to Ky. because of coal production

By Sterling Rouse
STAFF WRITER

If you are keeping an eye on the California energy crisis, don't expect any shocking charges on your next Kentucky Utilities bill.

While the California Public Utilities Commission approved the largest electricity rate increase in the state's history two weeks ago, rates offered by KU remain as stable as ever, community relations director Cliff Feltham said.

He pointed out that KU has not had a rate increase since 1983.

In addition, a May 1998 merger with Louisville Gas & Electric stipulated that KU offer a 1.774 percent credit to consumers each month on their bills.

KU customers currently pay about 4.3 cents per kilowatt-hour for electricity; by contrast, some California residents will now be forced to pay up to 15.5 cents per kilowatt-hour.

"Depending on the scale you use," Feltham said, "Kentucky electricity rates are anywhere from the third to fifth-lowest in the country."

One of the primary reasons for the low rates is KU's use of coal, a relatively cheap resource, for electric production.

"Our infrastructure is about 98 percent coal-fired," Feltham explained.

As reported by the Los Angeles Times, California's energy crisis was the result of flawed industry deregulation designed to increase competition and thus lower prices.

When few competitors entered the market, existing power companies actually exerted greater control over electricity rates.

Kentucky geologist Jim Drahozal added that California failed to anticipate the boom in energy usage brought on by computers and the Internet.

"In California, 25 percent of the electricity produced is used to run Internet server farms," explained Drahozal, head of the energy and minerals section of the Kentucky Geological Survey.

The likelihood of a Kentucky energy crisis is slim, Feltham said, because Kentucky electric companies have done a good job of forecasting consumer electricity needs.

He added that evidence of such foresight lies in the fact that KU has not needed to construct a new power plant in 27 years.

"It is only prudent that we stay ahead of our customers' demands, both now and in the future," he said.



Still shining

W.T. Young Library runs on auxiliary power during a power outage. KU officials say Kentucky is not suffering an electric crisis like California.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

How to stay powered up

While electric prices have remained stable for years in Lexington, if the bills aren't paid, the power goes off here the same as in California. Also, for those who have roommates addicted to computer games, remember, the electricity used by "free" Internet games does not magically disappear; it still goes on the bill. For questions about electricity supply or electricity bills, contact Kentucky Utilities at 255-0394.

BIG BUCKS

Students struggling with gas bills

Going high: Gas prices skyrocketed this past winter leaving students stuck with bills totaling more than \$200 for one month

By Sterling Rouse
STAFF WRITER

While electricity rates have been stable for years in Kentucky, natural gas prices both in the state and across the nation have been downright explosive.

Although Columbia Gas rates will drop six percent this month, average monthly bills are still nearly 50 percent higher than they were a year ago.

Unfortunately, Columbia, which serves over 140,000 customers in Kentucky, has no real control over their gas prices, explained community relations manager Lisa Smith.

"Columbia is a regulated utility," she said. "We pass [natural gas] service dollar-for-dollar to our customers."

According to the company's web site, the only profit comes from a delivery fee set by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

The cause of the price increase is a case of simple supply and demand, said Jim Dra-

hozal, head of the energy and minerals section of the Kentucky Geological Survey.

"We have the resources," he said, "it's the supply that is down."

In recent years, milder than normal winters contributed to a decrease in natural gas production, and prices were relatively low, Drahozal said.

At the same time, the demand for natural gas as an inexpensive means of producing electricity increased, partly due to the computer industry.

"(Natural gas) is being used to drive the electronic revolution," Drahozal said.

As more natural gas was used for electricity, less was stored in the spring and summer months for winter heating.

When winter finally arrived, gas prices skyrocketed, Drahozal explained.

Many UK students have been hit hard by higher gas rates.

Marketing junior Shane

McNatt received monthly bills as high as \$290.

"We've got a pretty big house, so our gas bills were outrageous," he said.

Telecommunications senior Colin Clarke and his roommates were forced to take preventative measures after their first two bills totaled nearly \$700.

"We had to start duct taping the windows," Clarke said. Drahozal said gas rates could possibly soar again this winter.

The production process, which includes exploration, drilling and storage, takes time, he explained.

"Many people are predicting that it's going to take a couple of years [for gas stores to meet customer demand]," Drahozal said.

Many experts, including Drahozal, believe a national energy policy is the answer to the volatile natural gas market.

"We had a policy," he said. "It was called cheap energy

at any cost."
In light of any legislative action, there are ways that Columbia Gas consumers can reduce the strain of high winter bills.

According to the company web site, Columbia offers the Budget Payment Plan, which allows customers to spread winter heating expenses over an entire year.

In addition, winterizing one's home can cut costs. Lexington resident Tim Clancy has already figured out a way around the problem.

"I'm going to beat [rising gas prices] next winter," he said.

"I'm going to buy a wood-burning stove."

Beat gas price woes

Clean or replace forced-air heating system's filter regularly

Stop drafts under doors by using draft stoppers

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CHEAP, CHEAP, CHEAP

Apartment life: Tricks for thriving on no budget at all



A wonderfully furnished apartment with nice trinkets on the mantelpiece is everyone's dream. However, for many college students, survival is the issue at hand, and niceties will have to wait.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Slumming it: Official Kernel cheapskate Matt Mulcahey shares his "life lessons learned" with all those students broke enough to listen

By Matt Mulcahey
SCENE EDITOR

Surviving in a new apartment is a piece of cake ... if you've got money. But for those students who don't have two nickels to rub together it can be rough. You may have to get a little creative and I'm here to offer some advice for the broke.

Before you start questioning your credentials, I'm one of you. I know what you're thinking. "But he works for the Kernel, he must be rolling in dough." Sadly, this is not true. Here's some proof. Last week I was so broke I had to pay for my gas with two rolls of pennies. They came from the giant Gatorade bottle full of change that constitutes my life savings. Don't feel too bad for me, I do have a vault of valuable possessions such as an old guitar, a fine collection of Mickey Rourke movies and a dazzling array of Houston Oilers T-shirts.

I've learned much about being a cheapskate this past semester while living alone at Woodland Studios. And I learned even more from my dad, who was the king of cheapskates.

In the winters when I would visit him on weekends we didn't have a fridge. We'd just toss 2-liters and ice cream out onto the windowsill. Sometimes you'd forget and they would freeze, but, hey, then

you'd have Big-K-sicles. Over the years I've learned to pinch pennies in unique and often times embarrassing ways. But for the posterity of our University's youth, I will divulge some of my secrets.

Razors? Toss 'em and grow a beard. Sean Connery looks pretty cool with a beard, right? Well, I guess you might end up looking like Manson.

Moving right along. Cups? Drink out of the container. (You might want to rethink this one if you have roommates who look like they probably have a communicable disease).

Never call anyone long distance. If they really want to talk to you they'll accept your collect calls.

When it comes to food, get used to macaroni and cheese. It's your new best friend.

There is an alternative, but it must be approached with careful delicacy. Make friends with a freshman girl, preferably one who looks like she doesn't eat much. She will invariably have lots of money left at the end of the semester and then you're taking the grease train to Long John's my friend. Yee haw.

Don't buy frivolous junk. Do you really need one of these plastic things that separates the different types of utensils? Heck, just throw them in a drawer and save a buck. Have you ever honestly

set there and thought, "Man, I really need some coasters?"

In fact, don't ever buy silverware. Why pay for forks and spoons when KFC has the greatest thing since sliced bread, the spork. Yes, that's right, ladies and gentleman, half fork, half spoon, all fun. Make a weekly pilgrimage to KFC and grab a handful. Pick up some napkins while you're there, and make a stop at McDonald's to fill your supply of salt, pepper, ketchup and mustard (you must go to Arby's if you desire Horsey sauce or Arby's sauce, whatever the heck those are).

But isn't that stealing, you ask? I don't know, but who cares? I've been known to swipe a few rolls of toilet paper from the dorms in desperate situations. Hey, this entire town's been screwing me out of money for years the least they can do is hook me up with some Charmin and garnishes.

Now it's time for some furniture. Who needs a bed when you can have a "floor mattress?" For those not familiar with the floor mattress, I'll relate the process to you. Step one: Buy a mattress. Step two: Throw it in the middle of a room. Step Three: Sleep on it.

The "floor mattress" has several perks. One, you will never come home drunk and fall out of your bed. Two, well, honestly, that really is about it. I just wanted to make you feel better about the fact that

you're sleeping on the floor.

Need a couch? Go to Goodwill or a thrift shop and you can probably score one for a 20 spot. Yes, it sort of creeps me out not knowing who or what has been on my couch, but just try not to think about it. Go to your happy place.

If your apartment has a stove, don't buy a microwave. I have scientifically proven that anything you can heat in a microwave can also be tossed in the trusty old skillet.

When it comes to entertainment, your approaches may vary. Personally, if I had to choose between a TV with VCR and a roof, I'm going with the TV. Why? Because the roof can't play De Niro movies.

So you can't afford fancy luxuries like DVD players, stereo systems and shower curtains. Invent your own games. I've invented one I like to call "see how high you can turn your phone bill up before they disconnect." Good times, good times.

The most important aspect of surviving when living above your means is mooching off your friends. You better hope you've got some good ones (I got lucky there) because you're gonna need them. Need an extra five bucks for food before your check comes in? Need gas money just to go get gas? You'll need some friends who, while cursing you for the bum that you are, will help you out.

And, last but not least, in the immortal words of my father: "Use coupons, dammit."

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Personal touch, wild creativity keys to decore



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Shnazzy dazzy

Decore helps to define a house or apartment, and to some extent, its owners. To many, creating the right decore is a necessity.

By Kristi Martin
STAFF WRITER

Decorating a place of your own can be a challenge, especially if you are on a low budget and your only furniture is from your grandparents' attic. Decorating an apartment can be an expression of a person's personality. It takes a little creativity and an imagination that can run wild when let loose.

"Art, color, inexpensive posters and photographs have been inspirations for decorating my apartment," said Jessica Gnaou, a secondary education sophomore. Gnaou said that her goal in her apartment was to find the best way to connect functional and inexpensive decorations.

There are many items that can be purchased at relatively low cost to aid in your decoration efforts and give your apartment a new look.

Tami Heugin, an interior design freshman, advised using mirrors and bright colors. "They are a good way to make a room appear larger and open it up to more light," she said.

Picture frames can be a way to tie in family and friends to any room and create a sense of home. They are functional and can be fun to put together. If you are running low on money, then a collage or home-made frame might be your best bet.

"I like to use and accentuate what I already have to decorate my house," said Winona Palmer, a communications sophomore.

Using items you already have can save money and time. You can display things that you had from home or maybe items that you have collected through the years.

Gnaou and Palmer both have a number of collectibles in their apartments, which include items such as colored dishes, tapestries and antique fans.

"I have one item in my

house that stands out. It is an antique birdcage that I have put a picture frame into to create something unique," Palmer said.

Furniture can also easily make a statement in apartment decoration. Furniture is one of the biggest investments in an apartment, but it can be inexpensive depending of who you know. However, old family furniture can often provide interesting items with which to decorate your apartment.

"A lot of my furniture is antique and has been handed down to me from my grandparents," Palmer said. Palmer said her bed is her grandmother's and she has coordinated the antique look of it with the bedspread.

Gnaou said her most unusual piece of furniture in her apartment is a glass table that is set on pedestals adorned with glass dragonflies on top.

Finding ideas may be the most difficult part in decorating an apartment. Looking through magazines or noting someone else's decorating ideas can be an easy way to develop your own. Palmer developed her ideas for decorating from magazines such as *This Old House* and her imagination.

Apartment decorating is not a matter of spending money or coordinating every item in the apartment; it is about expressing your own personality and taste.

"To decorate my apartment I use things I find interesting. It is all part of my individual personality that makes my apartment come together," Palmer said.

Students should keep in mind that the most important aspect of decorating an apartment or house is to make it your own.

"I want to put things in my house that you normally wouldn't see anywhere else; I want my apartment to be different from any other," Palmer said.

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HOME ALONE

The joys of independence can be stressful for students

Bills, bills and more bills: When students go out on their own for the first time they realize how much their parents did for them

By Kathy Wyatt
STAFF WRITER

"I wanna rock 'n' roll all night and be responsible every day." Not exactly the words of the KISS song, but it is the story of college students living independently, away from their parents.

Mark Etscheidt, a clinical psychologist and associate professor of anesthesiology at UK, says that new stresses are introduced to college students. He said that there is stress in handling ones own finances and organizing a schedule without parental feedback.

Not all students see their parents' absence as a negative element, though. Kenneth Koester, a history freshman, said one advantage was the ability to use one's free time however they want.

Matt Gleitz, a mechanical engineering junior, also did not seem to miss his mother's presence getting in the way of his

daily schedule.

"You don't get nagged to shower every day," he said. Despite these advantages, many problems can arise from students separation from their parents. Students realize their parents have provided for them in ways the never considered.

Megan Hastings, a communications sophomore, said that motivation is hard to come by without some parental encouragement. "It's much easier to skip a class without mom and dad," she said.

Jared Campbell, an economics freshman, gave some other disadvantages of living independently.

"Having to cook clean and pay your bills are major draw backs, but also the little things you always take for granted like when you get sick, how your parents are always there to take care of you," he said.

Students away from home may struggle with missing the

parents they have lived with all their lives. Etscheidt said that students leaving home and feeling out of contact with their former social networks could cause homesickness, especially if the student is far from home. Tara Watts, a RA at Blanding Tower, sees evidence of students combating homesickness.

"Some people go home every weekend," she said.

Financial stresses become familiar to students with grocery store trips and bills to pay. Etscheidt said that students learn about their finances when they move out. "Students quickly become aware of financial constraints, and they must rapidly learn how to project and live on a budget," he said.

Rachel Barber, a French and marketing senior, said that paying bills has made her aware of the use of her utilities. She said she is careful to turn out lights. Struggles caused by inde-

pendent living can be serious, but others can be looked back on with amusement. Life away from home creates a trial and error process that sometimes makes things interesting. Gleitz said that if he did not have his George Foreman grill, he would starve. However, some of his first cooking experiences were not such a success. It was this same grill where he undercooked some hamburger, which had his friend throwing up in the radiator by his bed.

Hastings discovered that household chores aren't as easy as they look as she loaded the wrong kind of dishwashing detergent in her dishwasher and returned to the kitchen to find sopsuds everywhere.

In the end, experiences of living independently give more than comic relief, however. Etscheidt said he believes that living away from home is a necessary step that needs to be taken as one progresses in life.

"College is a transitional stage for learning to be independent. In my opinion, moving away from home and living in a dormitory (or apartment) is extremely important," he said.

GREEK LIFE

Six pack, off campus ups and downs

What it does: Greeks who live on and off campus say both have their pros and cons

By Scott Sloan
STAFF WRITER

A few streets can make quite a difference.

While the majority of UK's social fraternities have on-campus houses, nearly a quarter of them have houses off-campus.

Living off of UK's campus can affect recruiting and create an entirely different environment for fraternities, but it can also mean houses that are in better condition.

Matthew Johnson, an agricultural communications senior and corresponding secretary of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity, said being located off-campus has hurt the fraternity during rush week.

The group makes up for their location problem by advertising. Phi Kappa Psi, which is located on Aylesford Place, is also between the Sigma Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon houses, so interested students can visit all three houses during their visits.

Phi Kappa Psi also encourages students to join by offering scholarships for incoming freshmen.

"We stress academics a lot," Johnson said.

Phi Kappa Psi is not the only off-campus social fraternity that has come up with creative solutions for recruiting problems.

The Delta Tau Delta social fraternity brings the recruits to the house in style.

"We knew someone who owned a limo company, so we rented limos from them to bring freshmen and people around the six pack over to the house," said Daniel Imbus, a chemical engineering freshman and member of Delta Tau Delta. "We have to bring the people to us."

The social fraternities housed in UK's six pack do not have these recruiting problems.

"The majority of the guys that are rushing live on campus in the dorms ... and they can just walk from house to house," Ryan Smith, a plant and soil science freshman and member of Farmhouse social fraternity, said. "It's easier to get the guys through."

Smith said there are also other advantages to living on-campus.

"One thing is proximity to classes," Smith said. "Personally, living in the six pack is real good because it's right next to the library."

Smith said that living in the six pack also creates a community feeling, since members of Farmhouse have friends in a number of nearby fraternities.

"It's an easy walk to most of the Greek houses rather than being spread out all over the place," he said.

Grant Davis, an elementary education administration sophomore and member of Phi Kappa Psi, said living off-campus has its share of advantages as well, though.



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

The FarmHouse fraternity house is located by the William T. Young Library. Members say living on campus definitely has its advantages.

"We don't have to move out during the summer or winter," Davis said. "There's also a lot of fast food places around."

Davis said another plus was that parking is a lot better at Phi Kappa Psi than on campus.

Davis said the off-campus location is actually an advantage for members of the fraternity that do not live in the house because they usually live in houses just a few streets away.

Johnson said another advantage for Phi Kappa Psi is the group owns its own house and can make renovations such as the computer lab they are currently building.

"Soon we'll have a lab with five computers," Johnson said. "That will be great for academics."

The new computer lab at Phi Kappa Psi is just one exam-

ple of the better condition of off-campus houses. Davis said most off-campus fraternity houses are in better shape than the on-campus housing in the six pack.

"There's more opportunities to get money," Davis said. "If you live on campus, you have to go through UK."

John Cahill, a marketing freshman and member of the on-campus Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, agreed.

"In the six pack, I know they're (houses) older and it seems like the upkeep services provided by the University, is not really up to par," Cahill said. In the end, living on campus or off is not the most important aspect. Imbus made his decision based on other things.

"It's just a nice place and a nice group of guys," he said.

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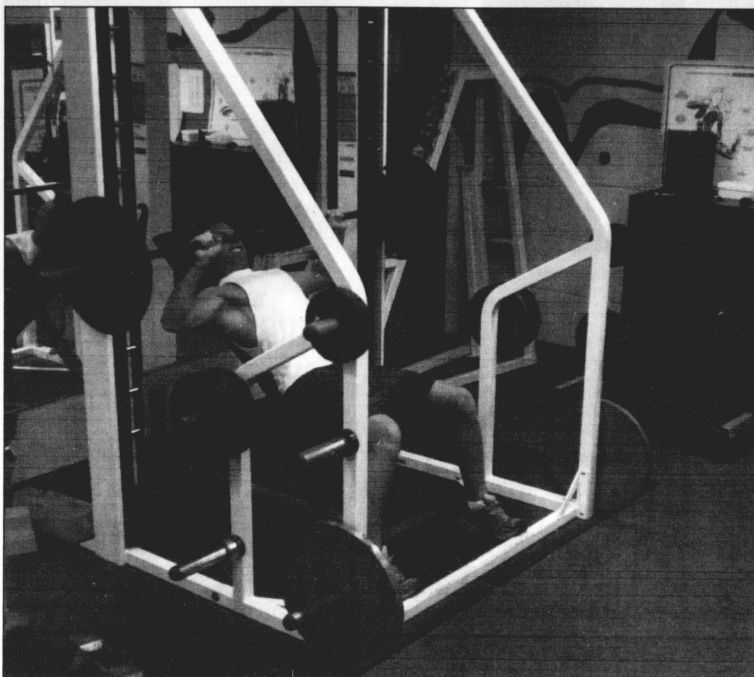
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Bulking up

Wes Carter, a marketing freshman, works out in UK's Wellness Dorm, Kirwan II. The dorm is located on South Campus. Smoking is not permitted in the Wellness Dorm, which is just one of the its many attempts to promote a healthy lifestyle. Carter, who works out daily, said having a weight room in the same place that he lives is very convenient.

Getting fit: Residents, supervisors of dorm say it is clean, convenient and really delivers

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Eat well. Work out well. Live well.

A healthy lifestyle is a growing craze and priority for our society, but UK began accommodating health-conscious students years ago.

UK Residence Life designated Kirwan II as a "wellness dorm" in 1994 at the request of students concerned with personal health.

"The big advantages are that the staff really cares about the students and gear programs toward them," said Jason Moncer, a wellness assistant at the dorm and a graduate student at UK.

The wellness dorm is a smoke-free dorm, which appeals to many students, but not all of its residents are non-smokers. The dorm has evolved into a dorm for all students who want to live healthy. Moncer

said several athletes including baseball and softball players live at the dorm and take advantage of his help as a part-time personal trainer.

Moncer said that approximately 192 students live in Kirwan II and the population is divided evenly among males and females. The residents pay an extra fee of \$52 each semester to live in the wellness dorm and have access to the facilities. "People know up front that it has the facilities," Moncer said. He also said students must request to be placed in Kirwan II.

For Wes Carter, a marketing freshman who said he works out every day, the weights and workout center at Kirwan II were what attracted him to living at the dorm.

"I work out and [living in the wellness dorm] made it really convenient," Carter said. "Almost everybody who lives on my floor has used the room,

but not everybody uses it consistently."

The hall offers students much more than routine exercise, though.

"We are cooking dinner for all the RAs and it is really nice," said Valerie French, a residence adviser and communications junior, of the kitchen facilities at Kirwan II.

The kitchen gives students perks not enjoyed at other dorms. A range, refrigerator and cooking accessories allow for healthy eating.

"We have free food all the time and the chef from Ovid's comes over to cook," Carter said.

A chef from Ovid's, the cafeteria at W.T. Young Library, prepares healthy food for the residents once a month, according to French and Tiffany Douglas, a junior education major and RA.

French, who tries to use the running machines every-

day, said the availability of the workout center and kitchen also attracted her to live in the dorm. She said the condition of the dorm was a much more enticing attraction, though.

"This is the nicest dorm on campus," French said.

Not only is it nice, but the dorm is clean.

"We had heard from people that [Kirwan II] was cleaner than most of the other dorms," Douglas said. Douglas also said guests given a tour of the wellness dorm had praised the facility's cleanliness compared to the rest of the campus housing.

Moncer said the upkeep of the wellness dorm is due to the well-done job of hall director Steve Stauffer and the staff he surrounds himself with.

"The weight room usually gets students' attention first, but the programs bring the residents back," Moncer said.

"The big advantages are that the staff really cares about the students and gear programs toward them."

-JASON MONCER, WELLNESS ASSISTANT AT KIRWAN II

THE NET

Web site helps students check for violations

'Next best thing I could do': Student starts web site to help students find safe places

By Charlie Bradley
STAFF WRITER

Pretty soon students are going to have an online resource to help them better choose the apartments and houses they will live in. Stephanie Blessing, a philosophy and sociology junior, is putting up the web site as part of a Gaines Center for the Humanities jury project. The web site is sponsored by SGA.

"The site is going to be a place for students to go and check out different things

about their apartments. They'll be able to find things about code violations, common problems, and the best ways to get things fixed," Blessing said.

Blessing said the idea came to her after her attempt to organize a tenants' association fell through.

"This is probably the next best thing I could do. Organizing a tenants' association for the area that students typically live would be hard because usually people only stay for a

year, which means they usually just deal with the problems they have and move on. Hopefully the web site will help to make sure students know how to get things fixed for good."

However, getting things fixed can be hard, so the site will help give students an idea of what they are getting into before they sign a lease. Blessing said there are a lot of things that can go unnoticed when students are looking at apartments, if they are not sure what to look for.

"Students will be able to look at stuff that normally goes wrong with apartments and how difficult it is to get it fixed. Also, the web site will

be a resource for students to know what stuff they really need to get fixed, and what's not that important."

Blessing suggested knowing this is vital because a lot of times students and landlords end up fighting over repairs that are unnecessary.

"A lot of times the repairs that students need are necessary, though, so students shouldn't be intimidated to ask for what they want, without reason," Blessing added.

The web site is not currently up, but should be operational by the end of summer. Students will be able to access the site directly as well as connect to it through a link on SGA's web site.

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Wildcat Lodge, 'definitely the best'

The basement of the Wildcat Lodge provides an atmosphere of UK athletic tradition, with a relaxing area for watching television and a fireplace to keep residents warm in the winter.

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'A family atmosphere': Lucky students who reside in the lodge enjoy amenities such as a big screen TV, a large fireplace and private bathrooms

By **Melanie Curtisinger**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Who said living on campus was so bad?

Someone in a cramped South Campus room might think so. Students living in North Campus dorms would probably agree. And most likely, those on Central Campus don't think of their living quarters as ideal.

So is there anyone who actually likes living on campus?

"I like it a lot," undeclared freshman Cory Sears said.

What?

"It's like a family atmosphere here," Sears added.

Sears, a guard for UK's men's basketball team, is one of the lucky few who live in the Joe B. Hall Wildcat Lodge.

The Lodge, located on North Campus, is home to the UK men's basketball team, their trainers, managers, and other staff, as well as a manager and strength coach for women's basketball, one resident adviser, the North Campus area coordinator and two regular students.

According to UK Housing, the number of regular students occupying rooms in the lodge varies from year to year, depending on the number of openings.

So what makes the Lodge so intriguing? It could be the nationally known Wildcats that reside inside. It could be that each room has its own private bath. Or it could be the big fireplace in the lobby beside the big screen TV.

Whatever it is, it sure doesn't feel like a dorm.

The Lodge, which opened in 1979, is conveniently located next to Memorial Coliseum, the team's practice facility, and is less than one mile from Rupp Arena.

But the basketball team hasn't always had it so good. Last year, due to major renovations, the team was forced to live off campus for the first time in more than 20 years at the University Commons, an apartment complex on nearby Red Mile Road.

Sophomore forward Marquis Estill, a social work sophomore, said living off campus had its advantages and disadvantages.

"I really liked the Commons," Estill said. "A lot more people could come over and things like that. But, the lodge definitely has more privacy. The lodge is cool."

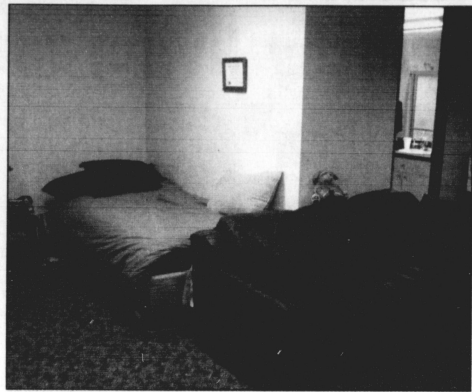
After a year of construction, the basketball team is back on campus, where coach Tubby Smith wants them to be.

The renovation, which cost an estimated \$1.4 million, included much more than just a face-lift to the exterior. Rooms, bathrooms and plumbing systems, as well as the outside, were revamped.

The money supplied for the transition of the dorm, which was originally built for \$490,000, was acquired from private funds and money generated by UK's revenue sports.

Although former UK Athletic Director C.M. Newton termed the dorm 'old' before the renovations, the lodge has now solidified itself as one of the best, if not the best, dorm on campus. And as for that, Sears would have to agree.

"Oh, yeah, it definitely is the best," he said.



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Breathing room

The rooms in Wildcat Lodge are spacious and have the scent of a newly renovated building. Walking room and storage areas are readily available for videos and toys.



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