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**WEATHER** Increasing cloudiness today, high 53. Cloudy tonight, low 40. Mostly cloudy tomorrow, high 60.

**QUARTERBACK'S HEAVEN** Wildcat quarterback Tim Couch is pleased with the offense in spring practice. See Sports on 3.



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## Senator wants education input

By Kathy Reding  
News Editor

Kentucky House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg told his colleagues yesterday the problem with higher education is not how it is structured, but that it is not readily available.

"I truly believe that the real need in higher education stems from the fact that so many students throughout our state are denied the opportunity to receive a four-year degree," Stumbo said in a letter to all House members.

Stumbo said he would propose a system that would allow bachelor's degrees to be awarded through the community college system, but provided no other details.

Larry Saunders, Senate president, is looking for student and faculty opinion on higher education reform proposals.

Saunders said he has met with presidents of the state's public and private universities and community college officials to discuss the plans.

"One thing I noticed that was lacking in all this was the student's opinion," Saunders said.

He has sent surveys to editors of college newspapers to be published, along with an e-mail address, toll-free phone number and address for responses.

"(The survey) was the only way I could think of to get student opinion," Saunders said.

In the survey, Saunders asks if students and fac-

**Senator Saunders's Survey**

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▼Include school and student or faculty classification.

▼Does the school prepare for bachelor's and advanced degrees and careers? Does the school adequately advise and provide career placement services? Could students be more prepared if resources were coordinated? Would better credit transfer among state schools improve students' educational and career pursuits?

▼Address deficiency areas and solutions.

ulty think their school prepares students adequately for careers and degrees, if the school does an adequate job with financial aid and course advising, and if specific deficiencies exist in higher education.

Saunders said Stumbo's proposal would make passage of an education reform plan more difficult and that not much support for it would exist in the Senate.

He expects other proposals to be made about Gov. Paul Patton's plan, but not until people have hard copies of the bill.

"The actual bill is not in writing," Saunders said. "When it is, more people will make amendments."

Some changes he has heard about Patton's measures have regarded regional requests, making passage of the final bill a regional rather than a partisan issue, Saunders said.

The community colleges have become the primary bone of contention in Patton's plan to overhaul higher education. He has proposed removing 13 of the 14 community colleges from UK's management and placing them, along with the state's post-secondary technical schools, under a separate board that would try to improve job training and literacy levels.

Stumbo said he will oppose that portion of the plan.

Saunders said he is undecided on the community college governance issue.

He said he is waiting on a "good solid argument with facts and figures" from both Patton and UK President Charles Wethington to document whether a governance change is necessary before he makes a decision.

"I'm told both of them are doing that," Saunders said.

Patton said he wants UK to aim for becoming a leading research institution, unlike its current standing near the bottom among public universities.

Saunders supports this portion of the plan as well as implementation of better cross-the-board standards for degree programs

## NEWSbytes

### STATE U of L student beaten in hazing ritual

LOUISVILLE — A University of Louisville student was severely beaten during a recent fraternity hazing ritual, police said.

Shawn Blackston, 23, suffered kidney and spleen damage and was in critical condition at a local hospital yesterday.

Police said that 15 members of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity were involved in the beating that took place off campus last week. Police were searching for those responsible.

UofL suspended the fraternity while police investigate.

No other details were immediately available.

### Lobbyists want gas tax raise passed

FRANKFORT — A highway lobbying group would like to boost Kentucky's gasoline tax but admittedly is traveling a rough road in attempting to get the issue on the agenda for a special session of the General Assembly.

"We haven't been getting a lot of encouragement on this but it is a critical problem," said Jack Fish, president of the 500-member Kentuckians for Better Transportation.

Only Gov. Paul Patton can set the special session agenda and Patton, speaking through his press secretary, said possible changes in higher education is the only issue under consideration right now for the May session.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, said several lawmakers have asked in recent days about the likelihood of considering a gasoline tax hike in the special session.

"That's left up to the governor. I would tell the governor not to do it," Richards said. "The state Road Fund may need help, but I don't think any legislator wants to take up tax increases at this time."

Kentucky last increased its gas tax in 1994 when the price went up a penny per gallon.

Fish said Tuesday that his group has no specific proposal to raise the state's tax on gasoline at the pump, which is 16.4 cents per gallon. But he said a 10-cent per gallon hike would put Kentucky on par with West Virginia and Illinois.

### NATION Social Security ends its online

WASHINGTON — Accused of putting Americans' privacy at risk, the Social Security Administration yesterday suspended an Internet service that gave taxpayers access to their earnings and benefits records.

"The Internet is a new world and we want to make sure we can provide the highest level of security for our beneficiaries and our workers," acting Social Security Commissioner John J. Callahan said.

He said the online service will be disabled for at least 60 days while he holds a series of forums across the country with privacy and computer security experts and the public about how to ease fears.

Advice also will be sought from banks that provide electronic financial services.

"We want to get the benefit of their experience," Callahan said.

### WORLD China outlines Hong Kong plans

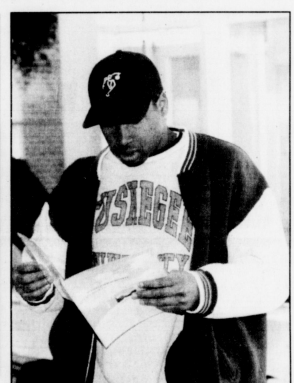
HONG KONG — In the most detailed blueprint yet of the limits that could be put on Hong Kong's freedoms, the government-in-waiting unveiled plans yesterday to require police approval for protests and allow political parties to be banned.

Hong Kong's future government said it wanted to "strike a balance between civil liberties and social stability." But the Democratic Party, which is often critical of China, called the proposals "flagrant violations of basic human rights."

Outgoing British Gov. Chris Patten said they would "undoubtedly tighten the screw on Hong Kong's civil liberties."

The proposed changes, outlined in a document released for public comment, stem from recent moves by a China-appointed committee to roll back Hong Kong's civil liberties.

The incoming government, which assumes power when the British colony returns to Chinese sovereignty on July 1, defends the moves as needed to bring Hong Kong's freedoms into line with the constitution China has written for it.



**GET A JOB** A representative of the Mazak Corp., a Japanese-American firm in Kentucky, talks to an interested student (above). Another student checks out a company's recruitment booklet.

## Foreign firms find students

By Kathy Reding  
News Editor

Students in search of jobs or internships with potential international connections had to look no farther yesterday than the Gatton College of Business and Economics Atrium.

There the International Business Management Center held a career opportunity day with 21 Japanese-American companies are located in Kentucky.

Randy Chapman, of Sumitomo Electronic Wiring Systems, Inc., said the idea for the fair for the Japanese-American firms was simply "excellent."

He talked to many students about jobs and internships, he said, and he already has some UK graduates employed in the company. As the

11th-largest employer in the state, Chapman was happy to receive some UK exposure for the firm, because its headquarters are across the state, in Bowling Green.

"So many times the Kentucky campus is unaware of all the industry out in the state," Chapman said.

"I salute the International Business Center for organizing this type of thing."

Josh Cummins, a foreign language international economics senior, used the business day both to look for a job and to recruit students as international business ambassadors.

"There's just such an influx of people into the FLIE program," Cummins said. "We focus on meeting each other, networking and finding out all our career options."

Cummins also talked with company representatives and passed out his resume. He may have found a good match with one of the companies.

"One of them has an office in Mexico and my major is in Spanish," he said. "I'll have to wait and see what happens."

Former Kentucky governor Martha Layne Collins, now director of the management center, is promoting the international focus in the college.

Collins brought Toyota, the state's largest Japanese-American employer, to Kentucky during her term as governor. Since then, many have followed.

"We've got about 100 of these companies in the state now," Collins said. "Most of these companies are very diverse ... They are all over the world."

The college's economic and busi-

ness research center is studying the impacts of the foreign businesses on the Kentucky economy, she said.

"It's got to be a long-term partnership," Collins said. "You have to keep cultivating it."

Collins was pleased with the turnout at the business opportunity day and is considering another one next year that features all international businesses, not just Japanese ones.

"You've got to think globally," Collins said. "You've got to think internationally."

Kim Carter, a Toyota representative, was surprised and pleased with the turnout.

"I'm impressed that students are looking early (for jobs) like they are," Carter said. "The best students are out there early."

## Panel problems end UK Speaks Out series

By Gary Wolf  
Associate News Editor

Organizers of UK Speaks Out postponed the session on sexuality, originally scheduled for April 16. Controversy concerning the members of the discussion panel led to a boycott by a key campus organization and kept other individual faculty members from serving on the panel.

A press release from University Senate Chair Jan Schach and Contemporary Affairs Chair Craig Dylan Wyatt of the Student Activities Board said they are disappointed the session will not be held this spring.

"They believe, however, that it is in the best interest of the series and the University to postpone the session," according to the press release.

Schach and Wyatt said the session would be a part of the 1997 fall semester Speak Out Series.

They said without the inclusion of key organizations and experts on the panel, constructive discussion of the sexuality would not be possible.

One panel member voiced his discontent with the UK Speaks Out officials.

Ben Rich, a journalism sophomore and Kentucky Kernel columnist, was asked to serve on the panel. Later he said Schach told him that groups and panel members were pulling out because of him.

"I was going to stay in line and do research on the subject," Rich said. "I was going to be logical."

Upset that organizers canceled the session, he called the groups that pulled out "a bunch of gutless wonders."

"If they have opinions and don't have the guts to express them then they shouldn't be a campus organization," Rich said.

Matt Solberg, president of UK Lambda, said his group had planned to attend the event, but would not comment on whether the group was to serve on the panel.

"We have yet to be informed by any decision by the Contemporary Affairs Committee postponement or cancellation of the Speak Out Series," Solberg said.

UK Speaks Out organizer Wyatt said he has had problems this semester in gathering a panel, but those problems usually concentrated on scheduling difficulties or not having a strong opinion on an issue.

"There are lots of reasons people have for not being a panel member, but this reason it was just multiplied," Wyatt said.

The objective of the UK Speaks Out Series is to create a forum for enlightened discussion and intellectual discourse on topics of interest to the University community. The sessions have run smoothly since they began in January. Panels discussed race, gender, religion and censorship.

"I couldn't be more proud," Wyatt said. "We have done more than what we set out to do."

## NAMEdropping

### O'Donnell to host Tony Awards

NEW YORK — Rosie O'Donnell, who grew up sneaking off to musicals, will soon be in the middle of Broadway's biggest moment as host of this year's Tony Awards.

"I used to steal 20 bucks from my father's wallet, take the train in and get standing room," the talk show queen told a news conference yesterday. "I saw 'They're Playing Our Song' nine times; 'Dreamgirls' six times."

PBS will broadcast the first hour, with awards for sets, costumes and lighting. CBS will show the rest, featuring the major acting awards and prizes for best play and musical. O'Donnell will be the host for CBS' part of the program.

"I hope that this show serves as a two-hour entertaining commercial for all of America," said O'Donnell, who appeared on Broadway in a 1994 revival of the musical "Grease."

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Hege Johansson

Brining world of diversity to UK

By Matt Ellison
Staff Writer

When you think of a culturally diverse city, Lexington does not immediately come to mind.

But UK has provided Hege Johansson with wonderful cross-cultural opportunities.

As the student adviser for the Cosmopolitan Group, she has shared her love of cultural diversity with anyone with an open ear.

Johansson, who is from Norway, chose UK in part because she wanted to attend a college in the heart of America.

She "wanted a place that was truly American, away from either coast."

Johansson has traveled to many different countries in Europe, and for eight years she lived in Kenya, where she learned to speak English. Johansson thinks that experiencing cultures other than one's own can become a way of life.

"I think international exposure is addictive, because once you get some of it, you want more more," Johansson said.

One place she has found such international exposure here at UK is the Cosmopolitan Group.

The group holds bi-weekly meetings and often takes students on outings, such as hiking or rafting.

Johansson, an anthropology graduate student, has served as the student adviser to the group for the past two years.

The group sponsors many events within the international affairs department, as well as the cross-cultural workshop held during student orientation.

As student adviser, Johansson offers helpful advice and support to the officers and to the members.

Jianzhong Zheng, a physics instructor, said the group is excellent for international students to have fun while not in an academic setting.

"It's especially great for foreign students. They can get relaxed from the pressures of studying," said Zheng, who is originally from China.

The group consists of international and American students.

While the group has a lot of fun on its outings, Johansson thinks learning from different cultures is the greatest benefit.

"Everyone should learn something outside of the classroom," Johansson said.

"The best way to learn about other cultures is to meet people from other cultures; you can't learn that stuff in books."

The role of student adviser to the Cosmopolitan Group comes along with the graduate assistant position in the department of international affairs.

Johansson often provides support for those international students who are trying to adjust to the American lifestyle.

Unfortunately for those people whose lives she has touched, Johansson will be leaving the department at the end of this semester to pursue a Ph.D. in anthropology.

Carolyn Holmes, the foreign student adviser in the international affairs office, praised the work Johansson has done.

"She's been a tremendous asset to the office, the Cosmopolitan Club and the students who know her," she said.

Will Holmes be sad to see her go?

"Absolutely," she said. "She's been my right-hand person for the past two years."



Campus Impressions

Service provides personal safety

By Chris Campbell
Assistant Editorial Editor

How do you justify the existence of an organization that doesn't have numbers to qualify its use?

You don't. You just accept it.

The Student Assisted Free Escort for Campus Area Travelers program has been mentioned on numerous occasions as "a very proactive" movement to increase safety on campus and give students, faculty and staff a sense of security.

"This is not a reaction; nothing has happened on campus to provoke this," said Col. Craig Koonz, commander of the UK Reserve Officer Training Core, which runs the escort service.

The program is five years old, but relatively unknown by most of the UK campus.

Freshmen learn about the program during orientation. After that, most students on campus remember the program only because of the flyers posted in their dorms. Advertising for the program is something members of ROTC who work for SAFECATS want to increase.

"We're not advertised enough as we would like," cadet Josh Hartig said. "We are trying to look at

ways to get on the radio, newspaper ads and things like that. One thing we do is when we are escorting someone, we do ask how did they hear about it."

Students say both the flyers and word of mouth — talking to people who have used SAFECATS before — help to increase their own awareness of the program.

"A lot of my friends have used it before," said Jennifer Keefe, a journalism sophomore.

While she hasn't used the program, just knowing it is available is good enough.

"It makes you feel a lot safer even if you've never used it," she said.

One reason Koonz sees for the lack of people calling is initial social discomfort. "People always say, 'You're a real wimp if you call an escort service,' and that's just not the case at all," he said.

Although not advertised widely on campus, SAFECATS is not exactly dead every night. Its oper-

ating hours are from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

The service averages about eight calls an evening; the area most people call from is the Margaret I. King Library. The library got so much attention that the service placed a worker there to serve the people better, as well as to spread the word to those nearby that the service was there for them.

Assisting the UK community is the greatest gift the ROTC force believes it gives by participating in the SAFECATS service.

"It's a win-win situation," Koonz said. "We are accomplishing two distinct things here by doing working this program: We are providing a service to UK community and a leadership opportunity for us."

ROTC gets money from the Student Government Association for programming and travel, so the ROTC cadets work for free. That is where the plus comes in

for the Air Force training program, Koonz said, because everyone in ROTC works for SAFECATS and everyone benefits as a whole.

"This is not an ROTC advertisement. This is a public service," he said. "We are getting a lot of utility out of this program."

Some would say that the program does not see much business because of the lack of campus knowledge of the program; others would say it is because UK's campus is just that safe.

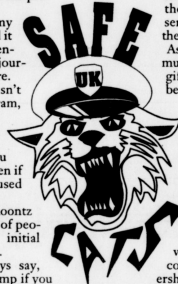
"I've heard of the service, but never needed to use it," Marisa Brown, a telecommunications freshman, said. "I think it's a relatively safe campus and I'm always with a group of people, so I don't think I've ever needed it."

Koonz said it is a combination of both lack of information and the safety of the UK campus.

"Honestly, the answer is yes to both," he said. "In my opinion, this is not a high-risk campus. It is very well lit."

"This is not a defensive effort, but a deterrent effort," Koonz said.

"This is not just for people who are afraid of the dark, but anyone who wants to feel better about walking to their car or somewhere on campus."



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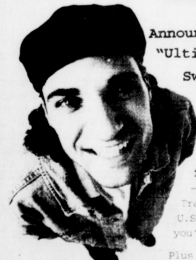
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Senator

Task Force concludes Monday, Tuesday

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and credit transfers he thinks will come about with Patton's plan.

Since the announcement of Patton's plan and Wehington's opposition on the community college governance issue, groups

around the state have offered their support to one side or the other.

The Kentucky Farm Bureau has aligned itself with UK.

"Keeping community colleges with UK is a keen interest for rural Kentuckians," Kentucky Farm Bureau President Bill Sprague said Tuesday. "Our members feel strongly about this."

UK has a pipeline to many farm interests with its agricultural extension agents in each county.

Meanwhile, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce,

with a membership of 1,800 firms, lined up Tuesday behind Patton, saying his plan "comes at a critical time for area employers who are facing increasing difficulties finding skilled employees."

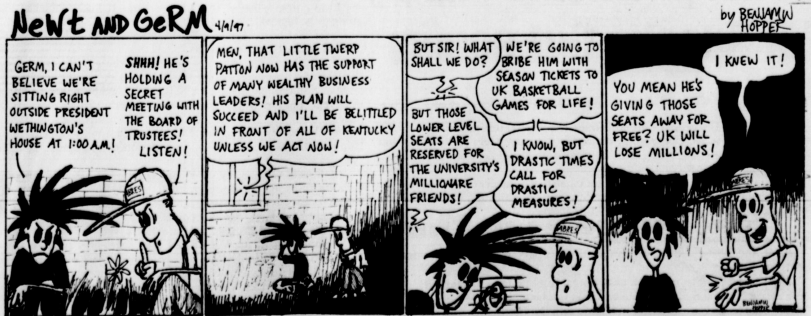
The state chamber, the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education, the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and the presidents of the state's seven other public universities and its private colleges all have endorsed Patton's plan.

A preview of the legislative and

philosophical debate will come next Monday and Tuesday during a planned meeting of the Task Force on Postsecondary Education, made up of legislators and executive branch officials, including the governor.

All 138 members of the legislature have been authorized to attend with their expenses to be paid. Patton has said he will call a special session of the legislature on May 5.

The Associated Press contributed to this article.





# SPORTS

## Quarterback, coach finding happiness

*Couch refreshed by offensive style*

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

It's almost as if Hal Mumme were hired specifically to appease Tim Couch.

Of course, that's not true, but just by looking at the new wide-open offense Mumme has installed, Couch has to be all smiles.

"I think it's going great," Couch said. "The receivers are picking it up real well; the offensive line is giving me time to throw the football."

"As long as we can do that, the system is good enough that we're going to get people open and I'm going to complete a lot of passes."

That didn't happen for Couch last year.

As a true freshman, the 6-foot-5, 216-pound Hyden native came to Lexington with all the fanfare of an all-star, which he was. He had been named national player of the year as well as Kentucky Mr. Football.

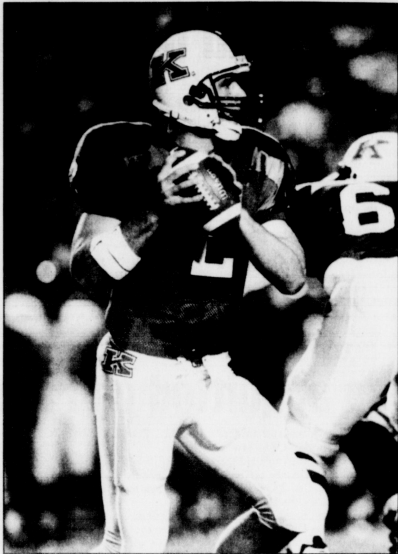
But Couch found himself in an offense that wasn't his style. Instead of the pass-pass-pass style he played at Leslie County, he was reduced to running the option — not exactly the way to utilize the biggest name player to sign with UK in years.

"The type of offense we were running, I wasn't really good at," he said. "I really couldn't live up to my expectations."

Not only was Couch in an offense that didn't suit him, but he also had to play second fiddle — to Billy Jack Haskins — something he hadn't done in years, if ever in his career.

"I was real frustrated with myself," Couch said of last season. "I've always had a lot of confidence in myself and I just wanted to be out there playing, and it was kind of stressful standing on the sideline with my team playing out there."

So Couch's numbers plummeted. He completed only 32-of-84



**SUDDEN IMPACT** Tim Couch has already made an impact in Hal Mumme's new wide-open offense. *File photo*

passes for 276 yards and one lone touchdown, in the opener against Louisville.

As his numbers fell, so did his confidence, and as UK was searching for a new coach, people began to wonder where Couch would end up.

There was talk that he would go to Southeastern Conference rival Tennessee, or to Big 10 power Ohio State, both schools that finished right behind UK in the Couch recruiting battle.

But the hiring of Mumme ended all that talk.

"The first time I talked to (Mumme), I knew I was going to

be staying here," Couch said. "He told me what type of offense he was going to be running and I knew from that point on that if I was just given that opportunity to play in this type of offense, I could be the best I could be."

Mumme didn't need to be sold on his new quarterback.

"He's a great player, no doubt about it," Mumme said. "He's tailor-made for our offense."

"The thing that is so encouraging is that he is such a student of the game," the UK coach said. "He really loves the game and really studies the game. He's got a real knack for picking up the nuances of the offense."

## Mumme settling into new position

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

After five practices and one scrimmage, as well as months of working the phones trying to rally support for the UK football program, new head coach Hal Mumme said yesterday he finally feels settled into the job.

"It's been a lot of fun," Mumme said after practice. "The guys are learning and real eager to learn and having a good time. It's a wonderful place to be."

One of the biggest differences Mumme has experienced — and one he finds to be a great improvement — is the support staff who help the football program.

"It's a lot easier because there's a lot of support people who do a lot of the things that I had to do this time last year (at Valdosta State)," he said. "At smaller schools, you walk to the field thinking about raising money, academics, things that just get done for us here."

Now that he has settled in, has the job become somewhat relaxing?

"Yeah, until about August 30 (when UK opens against Louisville)," he said. "It's going to be a real pleasure."

### Injury update

The Cats have a few bumps and bruises as they reach the mid-point of the second week of spring drills.

Lamont Smith has the most glaring injury. The senior defensive end suffered a broken fibula in his right leg during Saturday's scrimmage. He will be sidelined for the remainder of the spring.

Running back Michael Daies continues to struggle with an injury to the tendon behind his knee, the same ailment that has plagued him since the Florida game last fall.

When the injury was originally diagnosed, doctors said it was simply a hamstring pull. But further examination has revealed the problem in his tendon.

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# Cats have hope despite losing mark

By Aaron Yelton  
 Staff Writer

The UK baseball team came into the 1997 season with many questions and few answers.

Having lost nine seniors and first-round draft pick Chad Green, the Cats are left with youth, inexperience, and an 11-22-1 record.

The team suffered another setback earlier in the season when senior outfielder Andy Bendix went down with a shoulder injury.

Head coach Keith Madison sees the loss of Bendix as a major setback.

"He was our most productive offensive player returning," Madison said.

"Not having him in the lineup really hurts our team."

With the void left by Bendix, and with 22 games remaining, the team is in jeopardy of having its first losing season in six years.

Despite the sluggish start, the Cats are not ready to throw in the towel yet. In fact, they are looking to turn the year around.

The team started its season resurgence yesterday by winning back-to-back games for the first time this year.

The Cats downed Marshall in the first game, then fought through fatigue to rally in the ninth inning to beat Western Kentucky 9-8 in the nightcap.

Before the season began, Madison warned fans that this team would not start off with a 20-2 record, but would be a contender in the end.

His prediction is becoming reality.

"Obviously going into the season I had hopes that the team would grow up fast," Madison said.

"I thought our record would be better, but even though we have had a disappointing first half, I

still have high expectations that we're going to be a team that finishes strong in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division race."

A strong finish may put UK in first place in its division. Currently only three games separate UK from division leader Tennessee. Senior first baseman Jay Tedesco said the team needs to stay focused and keep competing as it has been.

"We have to take it weekend to weekend and not look ahead to the SEC Tournament," Tedesco said.

"With Tennessee coming in, our main goal is to sweep them, or win two of three."

A sweep against the Vols would keep the team's confidence high. Madison said the team is showing signs of improvement and is also starting to believe in its ability to win in tight situations.

"We played real well against

(No. 4) Alabama; we won one of the games, and were in the others," Madison said. "But the most important thing is that I really sensed that our guys really believed they could win."

Another strong win the previous week, against No. 3 Auburn, also helped show the team it has the ability to compete head-to-head with the top teams in the nation.

Madison said if the team continues to believe it will succeed, it will.

But because of the their youth, there is still a lot of room for improvement in preparing for the SEC Tournament, which begins May 18.

"We've got some young pitchers that really need to step up and help us carry this load," Madison said. "Pitching is 80 percent of the game. When we get more consistency, we certainly will finish strong."

# Indians' Mesa acquitted on rape charges

By Lisa Cornwell  
 Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Indians star pitcher Jose Mesa was acquitted yesterday of all charges in his rape trial.

Mesa, one of baseball's top relievers, wept and dabbed his eyes as the verdicts were read in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Family members hugged each other in the courtroom.

Mesa had been charged with one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition and one count of theft in complaints filed by two women.

A 26-year-old woman testified that Mesa raped her by forcing his

hand into her jeans and underpants (which under Ohio law is classified as rape) during a ride to a suburban motel early on Dec. 22. Her friend, also 26, testified that Mesa also fondled both women in a room of the motel.

Judge Thomas Curran had told the jury that it could consider the lesser charge of gross sexual imposition as an alternative to the rape count. The jury of seven women and five men deliberated for about nine hours today and Tuesday before reaching the verdicts.

Mesa's counsel have faced up to 13 1/2 years in prison if convicted on all charges. A citizen of the Dominican Republic, he also could have faced deportation

hearings if convicted of any of the charges.

The judge earlier dropped a felony assault charge. A weapons charge against Mesa will be tried later.

It was not clear when he would return to the team.

Mesa's wife, Mirra, cried after the verdicts were read.

"It's been difficult, I cannot lie," she said of the trial's effect on their marriage. "There's a lot of people who do worse ... People make mistakes and you have to forgive."

After the verdicts were read, "I just kissed him and that was it," she said.

The jurors considered testimo-

ny from eight prosecution witnesses. Defense attorney Gerald Messerman rested his case Monday without calling anyone to the stand.

In closing statements, Assistant Prosecutor Mike Nolan characterized Mesa as a "depraved" man who lured the two women to a motel and raped them on the spot.

Messerman said the accusers' story was not believable and said prosecutors targeted Mesa because he is a professional athlete.

Mesa pitched for the Toronto Blue Jays and the Baltimore Orioles before joining Cleveland in 1995 and emerging as one of baseball's best relief pitchers.

# Lindros gets two-game suspension

By John F. Bonfatti  
 Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Eric Lindros was suspended for two games and fined \$2,000 on yesterday for two high-sticking incidents in Monday's 3-2 loss to the New York Rangers.

Lindros, the Flyers' best player, will miss today's rematch against the Rangers in Philadelphia and then sit out Saturday night's game at Montreal. He will return for Sunday's regular-season finale against New Jersey, the team the Flyers are chasing in the Eastern Conference points race.

The Flyers need to win all three games to finish as the top seed in the East.

"What the league ruled is what we have to live with," Flyers general manager Bob Clarke said yesterday. "We'll just go about our business and try to win our last three games."

The suspension, announced by the NHL on yesterday, stems from the two double-minor penalties Lindros received during the game. He broke the nose of Shane Churla with one high-stick, then cut Ulf Samuelsson's lip with another one late in the game. Samuelsson needed several stitches to close the cut.

Lindros, with 31 goals and 46 assists in 51 games, spoke earlier in the day on the possibility of league action.

"It's an isolated incident," he said. "It happened once. I never swung my stick before. I never attempted to hurt anybody and have never been suspended for anything."

NHL vice president Brian Burke termed Lindros' high-stick of Churla "reckless and dangerous," adding, "It is clear that his actions against Mr. Churla were not defensive in nature."  
 Burke said the shot Lindros

gave Samuelsson was "more of a defensive action than offense. Nonetheless, this type of conduct can not be tolerated in the NHL."

Lindros, who missed 28 games earlier this year with various injuries, has a dramatic impact on the Flyers. Over his five years in Philadelphia, they are 34-39-8 without him in the lineup.

After taking a number of hits he felt were illegal but weren't called penalties against the Rangers, Lindros went after Churla in the second period, taking a four-minute high-sticking penalty when he broke the Ranger tough guy's nose.

Trailing 2-1 at the time, the Rangers scored twice while Lindros was in the box to turn around the game.

Lindros then punctuated his frustration at the end of the game by cross-checking Samuelsson in the chin, opening a gash that took 15 stitches to close.

## SPORTSbytes

### Three recruits commit to UK

The UK volleyball team signed three players in its winter signing period, Coach Fran Ralston-Flory announced yesterday.

Stephanie Taylor of Bedford Heights, Ohio; Kristy Burns from Martinsville, Ind.; and Megan Weiskircher from Houston all signed letters of intent to play volleyball at UK.

"I'm very excited about the class," Ralston-Flory said. "The level of athlete we are attracting has taken another step up and that will enable our program to take another step up."

"These three players not only are good athletes, but they are good volleyball players as well," she said. "They should be able to come in and make a contribution early in their careers."

### Grades lead to lawsuit

ABERDEEN, Miss. — A professor at Northeast Mississippi Community College claims school administrators threatened to fire her after she refused to change a grade for basketball star Dontae Jones.

Jones attended the junior college in Booneville before enrolling at Mississippi State, where he led the Bulldogs to their first of the four appearances in the school's history in 1996.

The 6-foot-7 forward was chosen 21st in the 1995-96 NBA draft by the New York Knicks, but has been on the disabled list.

Peggy Rainey Wroten, an instructor at the community college for 22 years, filed the suit April 3 in an Aberdeen federal court against Joe Childers, president of the school, and two school administrators.

Childers refused to comment Tuesday, saying he was not aware of the suit.

In the suit, which gives only one side of the argument, Wroten said she "refused requests by other persons working under the defendants' supervision to change Jones' grade."

Wroten claimed she appealed the decision to change the failing psychology grade and was ultimately successful in having the grade changed back to its original status.

Wroten said in the suit that her job was threatened. She also claimed the school retaliated and she lost income when classes she taught for 21 years during the summer and at night were canceled.

This was not the first controversy over Jones' grades at the junior college.

A member of the NCAA enforcement staff met with school officials for three days in March 1996 to discuss Jones' grades.

The heart of the meeting focused on Jones' passing of 36

credit hours in the summer of 1995 before transferring to Mississippi State.

Of the 36 hours Jones passed, 23 were taken at Northeast and 13 came through correspondence courses through the University of Southern Mississippi.

### NFL, CFL reach agreement

TORONTO — The NFL and the Canadian Football League agreed yesterday to a collaboration that allows the CFL to tap into the marketing expertise of its American counterparts and paves the way for the NFL to stage a regular season game in Vancouver and Toronto.

"I believe this is a very good day for Canadian football in Canada and a good day for football in Canada," said CFL chairman John Tory. "We have great new partners who love our game for what it is."

The NFL will advance the financially troubled CFL \$3 million this year and work with the CFL in marketing. Most of the income will go to the CFL with a percentage going to the NFL.

The two leagues will also work on steps to make the movement of CFL players to the NFL easier.

The deal covers five years, although it can be reviewed annually. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen were both on hand for the announcement.

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News

# Court may review Title IX

By Andrew Goldsmith  
The Brown Daily Herald (Brown U.)

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Nine amicus curiae ("friend of the court") briefs were filed with the Supreme Court in recent weeks supporting Brown University's petition asking the court to hear its Title IX suit, Amy Cohen et al. v. Brown University et al.

Brown wants the Court to overturn a lower court's ruling that the University discriminated against its female athletes by failing to achieve "gender parity between its student body and its athletic lineup."

Some of the amicus briefs support Brown's arguments directly, while others argue that the Supreme Court must issue a decision to provide definitive answers to the questions the case raises — whatever those answers might be.

Briefs supporting the petition were filed by Caspar Weinberger, who served as secretary of health, education and welfare during the development of Title IX; 49 Republican members of Congress; five national associations of higher education;

three national athletic associations; six national coaching and athletic associations; three advocacy groups; 60 colleges and universities; the state of Colorado; and the College Football Association.

"I think it's helpful to have that many points of view represented... (demonstrating the case's) broad appeal and immediacy," said Mark Nickel, director of the Brown University News Bureau.

The plaintiffs sued Brown in 1992, a year after the school demoted the women's gymnastics and volleyball and men's golf and water polo teams to club-varsity status. Sixty percent of the affected athletes were male, reflecting the roughly 60-40 ratio of men to women in Brown's athletic program.

The suit alleges that Brown's athletic program violates Title IX gender discrimination prohibitions by not providing sufficient opportunities for women to participate in sports.

Courts deem schools to be in compliance with Title IX if their athletic programs pass any part of a three-pronged test established by the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights.

A school passes the test if it can show that the gender ratio in the intercollegiate program is "substantially proportionate" to the ratio in the student body, can demonstrate a history of expanding the athletic program of the underrepresented gender, or can

"fully and effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of the underrepresented gender."

Brown's petition to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari argues that compliance with Title IX should be dependent on whether the gender ratio among athletes matches that among interested and qualified students, rather than that among the entire student body. According to the petition, the latter interpretation of the law "effectively requires" universities to afford varsity opportunities to qualified women in preference to qualified men."

Weinberger's brief argues that the decision against Brown "is squarely at odds with the terms and intent" of regulations governing the implementation of Title IX because those regulations "authorize schools to provide opportunities on the basis of actual student interest and they impose no duty on schools to try to equalize participation rates in any particular activity."

The members of Congress, led by Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) and Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.), argue that the Court should hear the case not because they necessarily agree with Brown's arguments, but because ambiguities in interpretation of the law must be cleared up.

Their petition contends that the Supreme Court must consider "significant unresolved issues regarding the meaning of Title IX."

(In Brown's case) is whether an interpretation of (Title IX) made by an administrative agency can be sustained as a matter of statutory construction and constitutional civil rights. The case also presents the issue of the appropriate level of deference to be given to an administrative interpretation, and the appropriate reading of that interpretation."

The brief filed by the education associations — which together represent over 2,000 schools, including Brown — is in a similar vein to Weinberger's. According to the education associations' brief, Title IX regulations "make clear that colleges and universities need to achieve a statistical balance in their athletic programs so long as men's and women's differing athletic interests are accommodated equally."

David Merkwitz, a spokesman for the largest of the education groups — the American Council on Education — said, "Our reason for doing this is our concern for the decision by the circuit court ...

(and) a desire for the Supreme Court to rule on this to get clarity for other universities."

Briefs filed by the coaching associations, the 60 schools, the state of Colorado and the College Football Association make similar points.

Colorado's interest in the case stems from its own experiences with Title IX lawsuits. In 1992, Colorado State University eliminated its women's varsity softball and men's varsity baseball programs. Members of the softball team sued the school and won, resulting in the reinstatement of their team. A court of appeals later upheld the decision.

A spokesman for the College Football Association, Chuck Ninas, made an argument similar to Brown's.

"The CFA strongly supports Brown's position that the use of the proportionality standard is impractical and without merit," he said. "We're hopeful therefore that the Supreme Court will review the Brown case and that there can be a more rational means to comply with Title IX."

The three athletic associations that filed a United States Olympic Committee members USA Wrestling, Inc., United States Swimming, Inc., and United States Water Polo, Inc. — argue that the lower court's interpretation of Title IX brings the statute into conflict with the Amateur Sports Act, and therefore should be overturned.

The Amateur Sports Act requires the filing organizations — as well as the national governing bodies of other sports — to identify and train athletes for Olympic competition and develop interest and participation in their sports across the country.

According to the brief, "because (the earlier decision) has imposed a statistical equality requirement for sports programs under Title IX, wrestling programs throughout the country have been eliminated ... (as have) swimming programs."

These cuts, the brief argues, prevent the filing organizations from pursuing their federally mandated tasks.


The brief by the advocacy groups charges that the lower court's ruling "inflicts tremendous harm on male student athletes without providing a comparable benefit to female student athletes."

"Why deny men sports opportunities simply because relatively fewer women are interested in athletics?" Anita Blair, vice president and general counsel of the Independent Women's Forum, one of the groups filing, asked in a press release. "This is mean-spirited, dog-in-the-manger feminism at its worst."

The Supreme Court will probably respond to Brown's petition within the next five to seven weeks.


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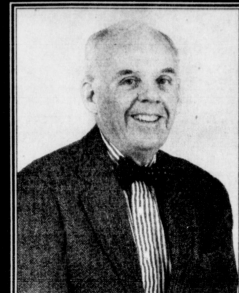
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# Suspects waive extradition

Associated Press

BISBEE, Ariz. — Four young adults yesterday agreed to waive extradition to face charges of killing three members of a Tennessee family who were returning from a Jehovah's Witnesses conference.

But two juveniles suspected in the triple-murder refused to follow the lead of their adult counterparts in Coconine County Superior Court. Another extradition hearing has been set for Thursday for the juveniles, although police say the two will probably agree to return to Tennessee.

Greene County, Tenn., sheriff Terry Jones said he will likely hire an escort service and the six could be back in Tennessee by early next week to face three counts each of felony murder in the commission of a theft. They were arrested in Douglas, Ariz., on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, one of the suspects, Jason Blake Bryant, 14, was treated at Southeast Arizona Medical Center for gunshot wounds to the leg and arm.

Jones said the boy would not tell authorities exactly how he was shot in the left thigh and left hand or who shot him. Jones said the boy's injuries were not serious.

"He told a doctor he was shot on Saturday," Jones said. All six suspects made their first court appearance by video yesterday morning before Justice of the Peace Joe Borane. The six are being held in Bisbee; the court is

in Douglas. Borane ordered all six held without bond and said he would appoint public defenders for them.

The six were arrested and charged in the roadside shootings of Vidar Lillelid, 34, of Powell, Tenn., and his wife Delfina, 28, and their two children Tabitha, 6, and Peter, 2.

The shootings occurred Sunday evening in Greene County, Tenn., after the Lillelids apparently met up with their attackers at a rest stop along Interstate 81 near Baileyton, Tenn.

The four, who had attended the conference in Johnson City, Tenn., were found in a ditch along a gravel road more than two miles from the rest area. The father, mother and daughter all died. The 2-year-old boy remained in critical condition Wednesday at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville.

"He's still very critical, but he's holding his own," Greene County Sheriff Terry Jones said.

The family's van was taken. But U.S. Customs agents in Douglas, Ariz., stopped the cream-colored 1987 Dodge van Tuesday afternoon after it tried to enter Mexico. They noticed it was wanted by Tennessee authorities.

U.S. Customs agents arrested Edward Dean Mullins, 19; Crystal Renea Strickland, 18; Joseph Lanes Risner, 20; Natassya Wallen Cornett, 18; Karen Renea Howell, 17, and Bryant.

They are all from the

Paintsville, Ky., area. Carol Burney of the public defender's office said no paperwork was completed, but she and another public defender had spoken with the suspects.

When the suspects are returned to Tennessee, the adults could face the death penalty and the juveniles may face trial as adults.

Greene County prosecutor Berkeley Bell said aggravating factors could allow him to seek the death penalty. They included the age of the girl and the carjacking.

"It's being treated as a capital case," he said. "We don't have all the facts."

Bell said he will ask a juvenile judge to transfer the juveniles to adult court.

Meanwhile, Greene County authorities are still investigating the murders. Jones said autopsies were performed Monday, but he does not expect to get the reports for several days. Authorities say all members of the Lillelid family had been shot several times.

An investigator from Greene County and a Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agent traveled to Arizona Wednesday to gather evidence. Jones said they were to look at the van and try to interview the suspects.

He said authorities have not found the .25-caliber gun and the 9mm gun believed used in the slayings. The weapons reportedly were taken from a home robbed in Paintsville shortly before the six suspects left Kentucky Sunday.



# Mommy time

Life is a gift. But what can you do when you fear giving the gift of life?

Both male and female faculty and staff members say they are having trouble with receiving time off for maternity leave.

When it comes down to the policy and what needs to be addressed, one thing is certain — there is some serious discrepancy between the policy established by the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 and UK's policy.

One of the major problems women are having is that pregnancy is still defined as a "disability."

Wherever that idea came from is not known, but to define pregnancy as a disability, which puts it into the same class as paralysis, is absurd.

Now, for once in the history of the University administration, something tangible could result from some faculty action.

Currently no consistent maternity leave policy seems to exist for faculty.

Yet this is a necessity.

Women and men work on this campus for the students, but they do not get any perks when it comes to wanting time off to raise a

child — something we humans are supposed to do to ensure that our species remains on this earth.

When it comes to enacting a policy, to make it fair to the educators of UK, some consistency with the Family Medical Leave Act would be appreciated.

If this doesn't happen, confusion will arise between faculty and administrators simply over technicalities.

For faculty members trying to reach that pinnacle of their teaching career known as tenure, time is of the

essence.

This process is time consuming, and they cannot waste time doing nothing.

Childbirth is most certainly not nothing, and currently, faculty members are having considerable trouble stopping their tenure clocks while focusing on pregnancies and caring for their infants.

Although it may be unintentional, UK is sending faculty members a clear message: We care more for this institution than we do for the people who work hardest to make it what it is.

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## READERS' forum

### Wethington story needs clarification on quote

To the editor:

In James Ritchie's April 8 article, "Wethington criticizes Patton's comments," I am quoted as saying to President Wethington that it seems to me that keeping the community colleges with UK is not consistent with UK's goal to become a top-20 research institution.

The quote is not erroneous, but it is taken out of context. It was part of a question to President Wethington which asked for a clearer account of his understanding of the connection between our keeping the community colleges in the UK system and the goal of becoming a top-20 research institution.

As I understood it, President

Wethington's answer to that question was that if we are going to expect the people of Kentucky to support the research efforts of UK, we need to realize that the people of Kentucky expect clear and direct service from UK. Much of that service, I understood President Wethington to say, is now given through the community colleges. If I have interpreted President Wethington's answer correctly, this is a serious consideration in this debate.

Joan Callahan  
 professor, department of philosophy

### Rich wrong about Cruz

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Ben Rich's (yes, the infamous Ben Rich) article concerning the vic-

tory of the ALL-FEMALE presidential ticket of Melanie Cruz and Alizha Rice.

I know Mel and Alizha personally and I know that they will do a tremendous job representing the ENTIRE student body. Ben Rich, I think you have a serious problem accepting the fact that an ALL-FEMALE ticket won. As for the 40 votes that you claim only came about because of the ad in the paper the day of the election — those 40 votes represent 40 people who felt that Cruz/Rice would represent the student body well.

Another issue which you brought up in your article was that of how Cruz/Rice would not represent minority and international students well and that not once during Cruz's campaign (outside of the Commons) did she stop to talk to one minority.

For those of you who do not know me, I am half Asian and the last time I checked we were still considered a minority. Oh, and Mel DID talk to me that day outside of the Commons. So, Ben Rich, swallow your pride and admit it: You hate the fact that SGA will be run by two females — two females who have extraordinary backgrounds and experience and WILL represent our student body well. Oh, and you should find a new major because journalism is not cutting it for you.

Marissa A. Mayfield  
 theatre freshman

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# Sexuality has found a new expert on the subject — and he is me

This year the Student Activities Board created a discussion forum for the masses at UK. UK "Speaks Out" was introduced to give students and faculty the opportunity to discuss their thoughts and feelings on a few hot topics that affect everyone on campus.

The SAB selects a panel of experts to discuss questions and engage in meaningful debates with the audience. UK has had "Speak Out" forums about race, gender, religion, and censorship. I was able to attend the censorship forum. The event was fairly entertaining and very educational. Too bad it was not exciting enough to keep the sparse Worsham Theatre crowd awake for the entire discussion.

Well, this Wednesday, the rules change. UK will "Speak Out" on sexuality. April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Student Center's Worsham Theatre, a panel of experts and what should be a packed house will discuss various aspects of sexuality.

Topics will range from sex education to sex in our culture to homosexuality.

I will be one of the expert pan-

ality — something that affects everyone on campus. Emotions will run high but the personal attacks will be left at home.

Many people and groups have been invited to the discussion. Several have said "no way" and others have threatened to boycott due to my presence. I hope that we can put the bashing of the past behind us and come together to discuss logically.

I will stay in line. Despite rumors concerning the appearance of my "erotics," I'll make sure to give them the night off. There is no reason for any students, faculty or community leaders to fear me. I will show them respect but I will expect the same in return.

I hope they attend the event because to have a discussion, all sides must be represented or else everyone's time will have been wasted.

Over the past few months, I have offended many people. These same people have called me, literally crying, in the early hours of the day.

These people have written me angry and threatening e-mail messages. These people have printed out vulgar, yet hilarious, propaganda in the library.

A lot of these people have written letters to the editor. I hope that everyone who has written to the Kentucky Kernel and used the generic "Rich is not educating" phrase will come Wednesday, so that they can logically discuss their opinions instead of calling me names.

I still enjoy being known as "Mr. Heterosexual."

I won't take back anything I wrote, but I do hope those who have called me and e-mailed me, and cut and pasted my photo, show up so we can have a discussion.

This Wednesday, April 16, at 7 p.m. in the Worsham Theatre, UK will "Speak Out" on sexuality. I hope that the theater is filled with diverse lifestyles, opinions and logical thinking.

Whether you are male, female, straight, gay, liberal, conservative, black, white or purple, I hope to see you on Wednesday.

Come one, come all, but leave the ignorance at home. I know I will.

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## INFORMED SOURCES "CERTAINLY, this one was a hummer."

Roger Crouch, a NASA scientist on the space shuttle Columbia who had to return to Earth 12 days early because of a defective generator.

# Those Woodland Avenue revellers made UK look stupid

Somewhere I heard that it is the student who makes the school. Then after the night UK lost the NCAA Championship game, I wondered whether or not that was true.

If you recall, UK lost in overtime to Arizona. It was quite a game actually, despite the Wildcats' failure to repeat as champions.

But that doesn't matter because UK was a good team with a great season, and they just so happened to be outplayed that particular night.

No big deal, nothing to cry about, a game is a game, there will be many more.

(One could also argue that Arizona was a better team because they did beat three No. 1 seeds and UK beat only one. But there's no sense in pouring salt on the wound.)

Anyway, by now you are wondering what point I might be trying

to make. I promise there is one.

Arizona was better than UK; they deserved to win. But how come so many UK students failed

to realize this on Monday night by flooding the streets chanting idiotic remarks and throwing garbage on the ground?

Did none of them realize how stupid it sounds to scream "Arizona sucks" and "bulls\*\*\*\*" while walking through the streets? Did any of them understand that as students of

UK they were representing the school?

Which raises an interesting question: Would President Charles Wethington invite any of the select Monday night paraders

to be a representative or ambassador of some kind for the University? Maybe use them to advertise the student body and the school?

Just think, we could film something for those Southeastern Conference games they play on television. You know, where they show professors teaching, football players running, scientists thinking, basketball players shooting, and students studying on the lawn, all while some narrator

lists the many perks of the university.

Then UK STANDS OUT! The students from the screen to end the advertisement. Usually another school is profiled in a following

commercial. These are of course, advertisements for the schools of the SEC.

But with our commercial we could recruit some of the fans who brilliantly captured the spirit of the night by chanting obscenities and absurdities in the streets of Lexington.

First, we want this commercial to be real, no pretending. It would be less authentic if actors played the roles of students on campus. Not a problem though, we have our recruits from Monday night. I mean, they do represent our school, so it wouldn't be lying.

We start the cameras rolling, panning across campus while some deep narrative voice comes through the speakers explaining how UK is an atmosphere of learning.

That's when a student from Monday night can march across the camera chanting "bulls\*\*\*\*". The narrative voice can then

remark about the academics. We'll need some quick images of teachers teaching class and scientists playing with test tubes. Pictures of the marching band and a list of famous people graduated from UK would also add some spice to the advertisement.

Then, the commercial could flash from shots of the baseball team, to the football team, and then the basketball team. This is where it would woo the audience at the other side of the tube.

The narrator can say, "Not only do we have smart people at UK, we also have sports, like the 1996 national basketball champions."

After the part about sports we can get all the recruits from Monday night to huddle together in front of the camera. Once they're in place, the narrator can ask them, "What is UK about?"

The students can sit, inebriated, at the camera and reply, "Arizona sucks."

The narrator can then ask, "Does the atmosphere at UK foster creativity?"

The students can then say into the camera, "Hey, we're still number one, it's all bulls\*\*\*\*, Arizona sucks."

It's commercial can then fade from the group shot to a panoramic view showing all the broken bottles and litter students left in the streets and on campus Monday night. As the music builds and the commercial draws to its end, one more student can jump in front of the screen and yell, "UK STANDS OUT, and next year we're gonna kick yer ass!" Well, at least it's an idea, although I doubt Wethington would consider it. But something should be said to the students who behaved so poorly that night — because it is the student who makes the school, not the school that makes the student.

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**FREE TIME**

- Best Place to Watch a UK Game \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Road Trip \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to Get a Haircut \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Pet Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Arcade \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Radio Station \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to take an Out-of-Towner \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Restroom \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to Meet People \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to Go on a First Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SPENDING YOUR MONEY**

- Best Overall Music Selection \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to Buy Stereo Equipment \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Video Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Health Club \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Coin Laundry \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Florist \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Women's Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Men's Clothing Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to get your Car Repaired \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Reasonably Priced Hotel Room \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPUS SCENE**

- Best Free Event On Campus \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Campus Building \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Sporting Event \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to Study \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Classroom to Fall Asleep in \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to People Watch \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Apartment Complex \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Organization \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Kernel Writer \_\_\_\_\_
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- Best SGA Member \_\_\_\_\_
- Best UK Athlete \_\_\_\_\_
- Best UK Professor \_\_\_\_\_
- Best UK Administrator \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to Park Illegally \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Residence Hall \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Place to Eat on Campus \_\_\_\_\_

**EAT, DRINK & BE MERRY**

- Best Grocery Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Coffee House \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Barbecue \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Burger \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Italian Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Mexican Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Chinese Food \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Restaurant in Lexington \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Late Night Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Local Micro-Brew Flavor \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Selection of Beer \_\_\_\_\_
- Best Bar \_\_\_\_\_
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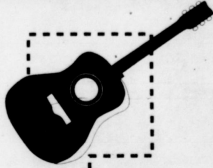


## THEATER

**Inherit the Wind**  
*By the Student Public Interest Law Foundation*  
Today at 5:30 p.m.,  
Friday at 8 p.m., \$4  
UK College of Law  
(606) 268-7705

**Blithe Spirit**  
*By UK Theater*  
Today-Saturday, April 17-19, 24-26 at 8 p.m.  
April 13, 20, 27 at 2 p.m.  
\$7-\$10  
Briggs Theater  
(606) 257-4929

**Momix**  
*Next Stage Series*  
April 17 at 8 p.m.  
\$7, \$13, \$15  
Singletary Center for the Arts  
(606) 257-8427



## MUSIC

**Niles String Quartet**  
Friday at noon, free  
Peal Gallery, King Library  
North

**Lebhead, Hoist**  
Friday at 10 p.m., \$3  
Heresy  
140 W. Main St.  
(606) 258-2662

**Stone Temple Pilots**  
Friday at 8 p.m., \$25  
Louisville Gardens, Louisville  
TicketMaster: (606) 281-6644

**The Back Doors, Clearly Transparent**  
Friday at 8:30 p.m.  
\$10 advance, \$12 door  
Bogart's, Cincinnati  
Select-a-Seat: (800) 232-9900

**Lexington Philharmonic**  
Friday at 8 p.m.  
\$15-\$26  
Singletary Center for the Arts  
(606) 233-4226

**Cigar Store Indians**  
Friday at 10 p.m.  
Lynagh's Musicclub  
388 Woodland Ave.  
(606) 255-6614

**Jimmy Roberts and the Triple Crown Blues Band**  
Friday and Saturday  
Lexington City Brewery  
1050 S. Broadway  
(606) 259-2739

**The Silos, Blueberries**  
Saturday at 10 p.m., \$5  
Lynagh's Musicclub  
388 Woodland Ave.  
(606) 255-6614

**Will Oldham, Run On**  
Today at 10 p.m., \$5  
Lynagh's Musicclub  
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**Dick Dale, The Greenhornes**  
Today 10 at 8 p.m.  
\$10 advance, \$12 door  
Bogart's, Cincinnati  
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**Alison Krauss**  
*Troubador Concert Series*  
Today at 8 p.m., \$24.50  
Kentucky Theater  
214 E. Main St.  
(606) 231-6997

**UK Men's and Women's Choruses**  
Today at 8 p.m., free  
Singletary Center of the Arts  
(606) 257-4929

**Audrey Kaiser, piano**  
Today at 8 p.m., free  
Carrick Theater  
Transylvania University  
(606) 233-8141

**Peace In The Jones**  
Friday at 10 p.m., \$4  
Lynagh's Musicclub  
388 Woodland Ave.  
(606) 255-6614

**Day of Jazz**  
Saturday at 8 p.m.  
Paid admission  
Singletary Center for the Arts  
(606) 257-4929

**Bgozod**  
Saturday at 9:30 p.m., \$3  
Firehouse Theater, Richmond  
(606) 624-3473

**Morris Day & The Time, Janice**  
Saturday at 8:30 p.m.  
\$18.50 advance, \$20 door  
Bogart's, Cincinnati  
Select-a-Seat: (800) 232-9900

**Lebhead**  
Saturday  
Arena Sports Bar & Grill  
563 S. Limestone St.  
(606) 255-8099

**Bruce MacKane  
Alejandro Escovedo**  
April 15 at 10 p.m.  
Lynagh's Musicclub  
388 Woodland Ave.  
(606) 255-6614

**Average White Band, Ray's Music Exchange**  
Sunday at 8 p.m.  
\$13.50 advance, \$15 door  
Bogart's, Cincinnati  
Select-a-Seat: (800) 232-9900

**Ron Harris & the Knott Brothers**  
Sunday at 4 p.m., no cover  
Shooters Bar  
723 Lane Allen Road  
(606) 278-0815

**UK Trumpet Ensemble**  
Sunday at 2 p.m., free

Singletary Center for the Arts  
(606) 257-4929

**The Toasters, The Scofflaws, Lee Harvey Skaswald**  
April 15 at 8 p.m.  
\$7 advance, \$8 door  
Bogart's, Cincinnati  
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**Violent Femmes, They Might Be Giants**  
April 15 at 7:30  
Alumni Coliseum, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond  
TicketMaster: (606) 281-6644

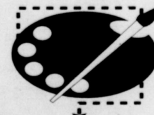
**Jimmy Roberts and the Triple Crown Blues Band.**  
April 16  
Two Keys Tavern  
333 S. Limestone St.  
(606) 254-5000

**Johnny Socko Famboey**  
April 16 at 10 p.m., \$4  
Lynagh's Musicclub  
388 Woodland Ave.  
(606) 255-6614

**Mega Sax and Saxophone Quartet**  
April 16 at 8 p.m., free  
Singletary Center for the Arts  
(606) 257-4929

**Ekoostik Hookah**  
April 17 at 10 p.m., \$4  
Lynagh's Musicclub  
388 Woodland Ave.  
(606) 255-6614

**Lebhead**  
April 17 at 10 p.m., \$3  
Heresy  
140 W. Main St.  
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## ART

**UK Art Museum**  
*Kentucky Countess: Mona Bismark*  
*in Art and Fashion*  
Opens April 13  
*Jim Dine: Glyptotek and Four German Brushes*  
Through Sept. 14  
*American Orientalists*  
Through June 29  
*A Fine Line: Master Etchings from the Collection*  
Through June 29  
Singletary Center for the Arts  
(606) 257-5716

**Center for Contemporary Art**  
*Photos and Mixed Media by Young Kim*  
Opening reception April 18 at 6 p.m., free  
Through May 9  
(606) 257-4929

**Gallery Hop**  
*Sponsored by Lexington Arts & Cultural Council*  
April 18 at 5 p.m., free  
(606) 255-2951

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Call Rod at 257-4929 to have your event listed in the April 17 issue of KeG before April 12.





RODMAN P. BOTKINS Kernel staff

**QUEEN OF THE BALL** Twyla Knight performed during the drag review at the Beaux Arts Ball last Saturday night at the Radisson Underground. The ball was sponsored by students of the College of Architecture.

# Having a Ball

By Rodman P. Botkins  
KeG Editor

Following a three-year hiatus, the Beaux Arts Ball returned to a sold-out crowd April 5 at the Radisson Underground.

The industrial setting of the Radisson Underground contrasted with the carnival atmosphere of jazz and world beat, supermodels and drag queens, and Cajun food and retro shops.

"I thought the whole event, the vibe, the whole energy of the place and music, and the space, and people's attitudes were nothing but positive," said Walter Zausch, co-chairman of the ball's planning committee.

The evening began with Jazzberry Jam taking the stage at 7 p.m. in front of a sparse audience. Some of the local architecture community's old guard watched from tables as a younger couple — Jo Mackby from New York City and Steve Sizemore, a kinesiology senior and Spotlight Jazz Series chairman — ventured onto the dance floor.

By 8:30 p.m., however, the cavern's crowd grew toward capacity. The Isle of You fashion show gathered everyone around

the stage as models sashayed down the runway.

Despite the obvious security presence, superhero "Johnny Lightning," who in his spare time is Nick Nevels, an architecture senior, has been to a couple of Beaux Arts balls, and he enjoyed the crowd and the fashion show.

"There's a lot of expressionism," Nevels said.

Masquerade attire was encouraged for the evening, and patrons complied: Angels, plastic-wrap dresses, a jellyfish, the grim reaper, kilts, ornate head-dresses, and dominatrixes with love slaves in tow graced the Underground.

Area clothiers set up booths opposite the stage, including Zing, the Paisley Peacock, and the Mad Hatter Hat Shop. The Zebra Lounge's booth doubled as a retro relaxing area and boutique.

Linda Wardle, a sociology doctoral student and "Willow" the fortune teller, read tarot cards from a gypsy-esque canopy bed.

Rousos Basil, an architecture senior clad in drag for the evening, wasn't selling many

Beaux Arts Ball T-shirts, but he did get a few requests from patrons to light their cigarettes off his cigar.

The night continued on with Catawampus Universe, a royal drag show, and Groove Collective — an acid jazz band from New York with world beat and Havana rhythms.

The members of the ball's planning committee — Zausch, Bob Carbon, Mark Meinhart and Mike McKay — began preparing last October. At least another 30 students helped, Zausch said.

Proceeds from the ball went to Habitat for Humanity. Zausch said he would not have a specific figure on how much was made until later in the week.

"We did a lot better than expected," he said.

The planning committee agreed that the Radisson was a good venue for the ball, and they hope to hold it there again next year. "We want to — it's a great space," Zausch said.

"It was the most successful Beaux Arts ever. And the positive energy that we found there we hope carries on with next year's and future events ... the Beaux Arts Ball is back," Meinhart said.

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# Keeneland opens season in full bloom

Tiffany Bryant  
Staff Writer

"Racing as it was meant to be." Ever heard this before? Living in Lexington, you should have.



**WIN, PLACE, SHOW** Many patrons bet on the horses (far left, bottom). If races, fans may get a closer look at the jockeys (below: center and right), call to the post (left). Then the gates race around the course (below: left).

Hal Price Headley, one of the track's founders, described Keeneland's philosophy in this way: "We want a place where those who love horses can come and picnic with us... We don't care whether the people who come here bet or not. But we want them out here to enjoy God's sunshine, the fresh air, and to watch horses race."

Keeneland offers two race meetings a year, each lasting about three months. One occurs in the fall, and the other is going on right now.

The track is a little more than a mile long, with two finish lines.

Until 1984 the stable area was open to the public. People could go and see the horses as they were being saddled.

However, for safety reasons, this is no longer permitted.

Those at Keeneland feel their track is the best road to the Kentucky Derby, the Oaks and the Breeder's Cup.

Kecene Dangerfield, who earned recognition as the most respected racing official in America, said, "Horses do well here. It's a good place to train and get a horse ready for the Derby. It's just been proven time after time. If trainers are really intent on winning the Derby, I think this is the place to be."

Many of those who are associated with Keeneland feel the same way.

Frank Childs, the trainer of Tommy Lee, said, "As far as I am concerned, there is no place in the world a horse blossoms more in the spring than right here in the Bluegrass."

As long as people in the horse racing business feel this way, Keeneland will also blossom.

**What to wear**  
What do most people wear to the track?  
"People take pride in their appearance at Keeneland," Jim Bowls, events manager at Keeneland, said — in his opinion, more here than anywhere else.

Many of the men wear suits, and many women wear dresses.

However, this is not necessary; plenty of people wear everyday clothes.

**Dress so that you feel comfortable.**  
**What to eat**  
If you are in the mood for a quick bite, try The Track Kitchen.

They offer a cafeteria-style breakfast with eggs, sausage, waffles, and any other items you would like.

The Equestrian Room serves appetizers, soups, entrees and desserts. Costs \$5. Sandwiches and drinks are available for groups of 16 or more.

The Phoenix Room is open for breakfast, try The Track Kitchen.

The charge covers admission, buffet, gratuity and tax. Keeneland's famous fund of beef, baked chicken, potatoes au gratin, vegetables du jour, salad bar, including alcoholic beverages.

Phoenix Room, men must wear suits or sport coats. Women should wear slacks.

No denim is allowed. Lexington and Keeneland for groups of 40 or more person, which covers it. Room price does.

The buffet and dress same as for the Phoenix Room.

**What are the different types of bets you can make?**  
A win bet requires the bettor to pick the winner. The bettor collects if the horse finishes in 1st or 2nd place.

In a show bet, the bettor picks the horse to finish in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

A daily double occurs on two races on the card. The bettor has to pick the winners of two races.

The exacta bet requires the bettor to pick the first two finishers in the exact order.

The trifecta bet is the same as above, only with three winners.

A pick-three occurs on races three through five and six through eight.

The bettor has to pick the winners of the three consecutive races.

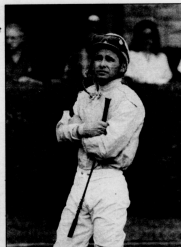
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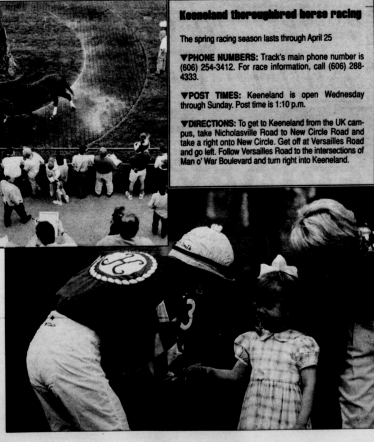
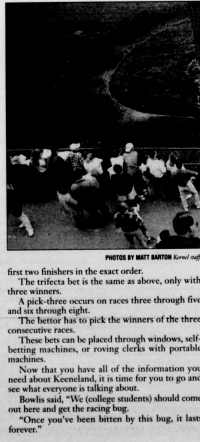
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# AND THEY'RE OFF!



**Keeneland thoroughbred horse racing**

The spring racing season lasts through April 25

**PHONE NUMBERS:** Track's main phone number is (606) 254-3412. For race information, call (606) 288-4333.

**POST TIMES:** Keeneland is open Wednesday through Sunday. Post time is 1:10 p.m.

**DIRECTIONS:** To get to Keeneland from the UK campus, take Nicholasville Road to New Circle Road and take a right onto New Circle. Get off at Versailles Road and go left. Follow Versailles Road to the intersection of Man of War Boulevard and turn right into Keeneland.

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# Texas Toast revisited

## Bacon burger is 'da' bomb

Oh, what a feeling!  
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This special feeling can only be compared to the feeling you get after you hit a home run in baseball, slam dunk a basketball, or ... well, you can probably figure out the other one.  
 Unlike the Texas Toast breakfast sandwich, which highly disappointed me, the sequel is by far the best food Hardee's has ever placed on the menu. So sit back and relax as I help you vicariously experience my anticipated acquaintance with the new bacon burger.

On that unforgettable day I strolled on down Euclid from Holmes Hall with my mind on my food and my food on my mind. I knew something good was going to happen because the day before my fortune cookie forecast, "There is a prospect of a thrilling time ahead of you"

With this in mind I held my head high. I almost hooked a left to go to Blazer and get some fried chicken from KFC, but some unknown force steered me in the direction of Hardee's.

This made me wonder, is it true that for every man there is a bacon burger out there somewhere that is just right for him?

This thought seemed to hold true as I entered the fast food restaurant smiling ear-to-ear and smelling the aroma that I knew could have only come from that special something.

As I approached the counter slowly I seemed to hear the opening chords of "Here Comes the Bride" in my head. Not only that, but the cashier turned into a priest and asked me, "Do you, Dave Gorman, take this Texas Toast to be your lawfully wedded bacon burger?"

I didn't know what to say, so with cold feet and a dry mouth, I responded, "I do," as I forked over my last few dollars and the rest of my life along with it. When I received my wife/dinner from the priest/cashier, if I may say so, I ran excitedly to the nearest table and opened the wrapper that restrained the true beauty of the bacon burger with fumbling hands. Uncontrollably I sank my well-brushed teeth into the burger of my dreams. And the crowd went wild. As I took another bite they did the wave enthusiastically as if they were trying to get noticed by an NBC camera that was scanning the crowd at the World Series.

Between the second and third bite I could tell that this was going to be the beginning of a beautiful relationship. I confessed my love to the burger and took another bite, and then another. I didn't even take a

drink of my Sprite, even though I admire Grant Hill and I can't dunk a basketball. The fries seemed to be looking at me in despair, just begging for attention. But I had other things on my mind. I was staying true to my dinner and not cheating on it.



**Dave Gorman**  
 Kernel Columnist

I guess word got around town and the nation that the all-famous, five-star fast food restaurant critic Dave Gorman was enjoying his meal because all of a sudden people started showing up unexpectedly. Famous people. Ronald Reagan put down his jelly beans, Bill Cosby put down his Jello Puddin' pops, Jimmy Carter threw out his peanuts, Robert Downey Jr. quit narcotics, and Bill Clinton set down his Big Mac in mid-stride and hobbled over to Hardee's on his crutches surrounded by Secret Service agents and joined me for a Texas Toast bacon burger with the rest of the gang. Sitting with my new-found friends I celebrated the happiness I had stumbled upon. The fortune cookie was right! I was having a thrilling time. In addition I was pigging out with some of Hollywood's and the Capitol's most famous and respected people.

Call it what you want; I say it was destiny.

Kernel columnist Dave Gorman is a journalism freshman. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Kentucky Kernel.

# 'Blithe Spirit' opens at the Briggs

By Ellen M. Johnson  
 Contributing Writer

Briggs Theatre will abound with spirits this month — ghostly spirits, that is. The UK theater department is proud to present its adaptation of Noel Coward's comedy *Blithe Spirit* beginning tonight.

Danielle Stickler, stage manager, said the play is "definitely a comedy — a straight play, not a musical," meaning there were no songs written into the text of the play.

"The play is about a man, Charles Condomine, who holds a seance to get material for a book he's writing. His first wife returns (as a ghost) and sticks around for the rest of the play," Stickler said.

A press release adds that the return of first wife Elvira makes things quite uncomfortable for Condomine's present wife, Ruth. Much humor is derived from the "eccentric medium, Madame Arcati."

Doors open on their own and plates spin on walls — Elvira's ghostly presence calls for creative special effects on stage, Stickler said.

Russell Henderson, director and associate professor in the UK theater department, said this play is incredible. One amazing thing about *Blithe Spirit* is that Coward wrote it in only six days and later made just a few minor revisions, Henderson said.

In addition to writing plays, Stickler said, Coward composed songs, which will be included between scenes.


"The music will cover the scene changes instead of using blackouts," she said. "The musical numbers are called 'olio acts,'" and they will be performed by cast members. Russell Jones, UK theater department chairperson, designed the set. Costumes were designed by Nelson Fields, UK assistant professor.

Tickets for *Blithe Spirit* can be purchased at the Singletary Center for the Arts box office. Prices are \$10 for general audiences, \$8.50 for UK employees and senior citizens, and \$7 for students.

*Blithe Spirit* opens tonight in the Briggs Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Building, at 8 p.m. and continues April 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. Matinees will be performed on April 13, 20 and 27 at 2 p.m.

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## 'Hamlet' and Czech film open against big attacking snakes



### Hamlet

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After seeing a triple digit amount of previews over the last six months, the four hour uncut epic film of Shakespeare's most celebrated work hits Lexington's Sony Fayette Mall this weekend.

The film industry's modern day Bard, Kenneth Branagh plays the title character as well as writing and directing the film. His impressive international cast includes Julie Christie, Kate Winslet, John Gielgud, Billy Crystal, Robin Williams, Jack Lemmon and many more. Branagh shot the film "in glorious 70 mm" to ensure plenty of beautifully photographed scenes.

Break out the schedule books, pack a lunch and see one of the boldest (or most arrogant) filmmaking attempts in time.

### Anaconda

Isn't that big plastic snake to the left scary? Well, it plays the lead title character in the jaws-with-B-grade-actors flick *Anaconda*.

The 40 foot, 5,000 pound Queen and the 25-foot, 1,500 pound Warrior snake attack a group of documentary filmmaking scientists in the Amazon River.

Led by Eric Stoltz and Jennifer Lopez with Ice Cube as the cameraman, the crew set out to find the legendary Shirishama Indians. Along the way they meet Jon Voight, who takes on the enigmatic Crocodile Dundee meets Don Corleone character and whose mission is to hunt and kill the savage Amazonian constrictor.

Any redeeming camp value may have been ruled out with the soft PG-13 rating.

### Kolya

The Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film opens at the Kentucky Theatre tomorrow. The critically acclaimed Czech film tells the story of the relationship between a 55-year-old cellist and Sean Connery look-a-like Louka (Zdenek Sverak) and a 5-year-old boy Kolya (Andrej Chamilon).

Set during the Russian occupation of 1988, Louka is forced to take the boy in after his guardian dies. Immediately his love life suffers as his multiple women do not like the presence of a youngster.

The depiction of their ultimately close relationship relies on irreverent humor which details the idiosyncrasies of human behavior.

Sverak wrote the script and his son Jan directed the film.

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# Help Me Harlan: Tenure followed by complacency

Dear Harlan,

I'm a sophomore telecommunica-  
tions major with a production  
concentration. I'm currently  
taking an upper-level production  
class and would like to produce  
network television.

Television production is an  
active learning process that  
can't be learned from a book.  
That's why we have a 75-minute  
lecture and a one-hour lab each  
week (for which we have to pay,  
like, \$175 in addition to tuition).

Well, the professor is a joke.  
This is the eighth week of  
classes and he's missed one  
lecture and didn't teach for  
another. Note, his longest  
lecture to date has been 30  
minutes, and that's including  
video clips. The lab portion of  
this class is the most important.  
He's already missed five and  
when he is in lab, he just sits  
in the control room and doesn't  
say a word. Occasionally, he'll  
speak up to complain, but  
never to offer advice.

This man has tenure and from  
what I understand, this means  
the university continues to give  
him a big fat check and he can't  
get fired - and that's wrong.

My professor is wasting my  
time, he's wasting my money  
and he's depriving me of the  
knowledge I need to further  
my career in television  
production. Someone needs to

get this bum out of here. There  
are plenty of other people who  
would jump at the opportunity  
to teach at such a university.



**Harlan  
Cohen**  
Syndicated  
Columnist

I've talked both to him and  
to the head of the department.  
The professor agreed with  
all the negative things I said  
about him, but he hasn't  
changed a thing. And the  
department head basically  
said his hands were tied.

I've already accepted the fact  
that I'm screwed, but I want  
to know how I can get this  
guy to shape up and preferably  
leave.

Trapped by Tenure

Dear Trapped,

You're supposed to be the one  
sleeping in, skipping class and  
making excuses — not the professor.

Tenure is not about bamboozling  
students. In fact, the whole  
idea of tenure is to protect the  
intellectual freedom of professors  
by encouraging innovation,  
application and the pursuit of  
discovery.

Traditionally, tenure is offered  
to select faculty members after  
a period of about five to seven  
years. Once tenured, professors  
can expect lifelong employment,  
assuming they exercise proper  
conduct and act within school

policy. Stories like yours coupled  
with tightening budgets have  
threatened the traditional ideals  
of tenure. In the University of  
California system, an elaborate  
structure of post-tenure review  
now serves as a model for other  
universities to follow. Such a  
system consistently reviews  
faculty members and rewards  
only those professors who  
continually strive for excellence.

While the head of your  
department may have his hands  
tied, you on the other hand have  
two hands free to make some  
noise. Document your story and  
forward a letter to the university  
president, the dean of faculty,  
the head of the department,  
the campus newspaper, the local  
paper, your mother and any  
other resource that can help  
right this wrong. You're not a  
helpless victim and you don't  
have to sit idle. You're completely  
entitled; it's your time, your  
money and your future.

*Harlan is not a licensed psychologist,  
therapist, or physician, but he is  
a licensed driver.*

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Staff report

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