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"She's been doing her job there for so long that she's like a second mom or aunt."

- TROY TODD, UK PRESIDENT LEE TODD'S SON



Is it ready yet?

President Lee Todd smiles and gives Ida Byrd a hug as he looks down at the meal she's cooked for his and Patsy Todd's dinner.

JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

WHAT'S COOKING AT BYRD'S PLACE?

Throughout 17 years on the job, Ida Byrd has seen five presidents come and go through Maxwell Place

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

Ida Byrd smiled and held out a crystal serving dish, topped with a lace doily and warm cookies.

"Would you like a cookie?" she asked.

Fresh oatmeal cookies are ready for any student who knocks on the door of the UK president's house, Maxwell Place. President Lee Todd and his wife, Patsy, started the tradition almost two years ago. Byrd, Maxwell Place's cook of 17 years, bakes six dozen cookies every week to keep up with the demand.

"They just love them," Byrd said of students' reactions to her cookies.

It's not just the cookies that make her special — Patsy Todd said Maxwell Place would not be the same without "Mrs. Ida."

"She is the epitome of perfection," Todd said.

Mrs. Ida

Though the Todds are UK's first family, Patsy Todd was quick to point out who is really in charge at Maxwell Place.

"I always say, 'Mrs. Ida Byrd is always the world.' She's the queen of Maxwell Place — I'm not," she said.

She said Byrd, who has worked at Maxwell Place through five administrations, is a reassuring presence, especially when things get hectic.

"She is just wonderful to be with. When you're with her, you know everything is always going to be just fine," she said.

Byrd had equal praise for Patsy and Lee Todd.

"The Todds are easy to cook and work for," Byrd said.

Shy and quiet, Byrd isn't one to brag or talk much about herself, but former residents of Maxwell Place say Byrd is an invaluable part of the house.

"Whether she's dealing with students, faculty, major donors or whomever, she treats them all well," said former President Charles Wethington.

Byrd always works to make every-

one feel at home, said Kelley Bozeman of UK public relations, who frequently visits Maxwell Place.

"She told me once, 'Everyone should feel special,' and that's how she does her work," Bozeman said.

She said Byrd is never concerned about making herself look good or attracting attention.

"Whatever she's doing is always for someone else. It's not about her — it's about us," Bozeman said.

Patsy Todd said Byrd's attitude and spirit is representative of Maxwell Place's staff.

"Everyone works together and it's the only way to meet the demands of this job," she said.

The staff members don't just work together but have fun too.

Byrd and other staff at Maxwell Place surprised the Todds when they were in Atlanta for the SEC basketball tournament in 2002.

"We looked up and the van door next to us opened and out came Mrs. Ida and the Maxwell Place staff," she said.

The staff had driven from Kentucky to Atlanta and spent the rest of the trip with the Todds.

'Like a second mom'

The family's move to Maxwell Place nearly two years ago wasn't easy, said the Todds' son, Troy. He said Byrd helped the family adjust to the new routine.

"It just wouldn't have been as good an experience without Ida — we're lucky to have her," he said.

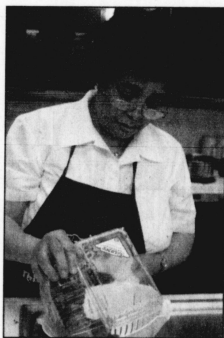
Troy Todd said that, from the family's first day, Ida has been more than just a Maxwell Place employee.

"She's much more than someone who takes care of the house — she adds a personal touch to everything," he said.

He said he hopes Ida doesn't retire any time soon.

"She's been doing her job there for so long that she's like a second mom or aunt," he said.

Like any family, the staff and the Todds don't hesitate to help each other



Ida Byrd pours some strawberries into a strainer to prepare them for a dessert she was making for the Todds.

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out, Patsy Todd said she and four of the staffers at Maxwell Place even trade clothes. Byrd loaned her a dress for a dance once, she said.

"My husband bought me a fur coat, and I said that all four of us may have fur coats," Todd said.

Byrd's Place

Patsy Todd said one of the best things about life at Maxwell Place is enjoying Byrd's cooking. Byrd goes out of her way to make special dishes for guests, she said.

"She makes lemon meringue pie for my dad and she used to make it for the late Lucille Little," Patsy Todd said.

She said it would be impossible to choose a favorite dish.

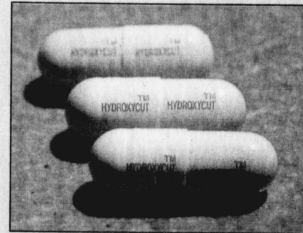
"Her side items are wonderful, and her mandarin orange salad is just unbelievably good," Patsy Todd said.

"She makes a mean spaghetti and good fish too," Troy Todd said.

Wethington agreed that it's almost impossible to choose a favorite dish.

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Diet drugs raise blood pressure, controversy



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

These Hydroxycut pills, marketed as weight loss supplements, contain ephedra, a drug linked to heart stroke and heart attacks. Such pills, which are banned by several major athletic organizations, make up a \$3 billion industry.

Fatburner: Some students take pills with ephedra despite risk of heart disease, stroke or even death

By Jake McDonald
STAFF WRITER

Elementary education senior Alli Moore has taken elementary education senior Alli Moore has taken products containing ephedra — a controversial stimulant that increases one's blood pressure and heart rate — since her senior year of high school.

She prefers Hydroxycut, a heavily marketed fat-burner available in drugstores and health food stores across the nation. She usually takes one serving each morning, but sometimes takes it in the evening if she needs an energy boost.

"Only recently have I become aware of the risks," said Moore, who has lost about 15 pounds from using the pills. "(But) it gives me energy, it keeps me awake in class and it decreases my appetite. I figure if it hasn't killed me by now after five years of taking it, then I am willing to take the risk because the results have been so good."

Ephedra-containing fat-burning supplements have enjoyed a rise in popularity in recent years despite concerns about its safety. The FDA estimates that 12 million Americans use diet pills that contain the herbal supplement, making it a \$3 billion industry.

In February, prominent health retailer General Nutrition Centers pulled all of its own products containing ephedra off shelves.

Some companies anticipated such a move, according to a report in the San Diego Tribune. Twinlab Corp., the maker of Ripped Fuel and Metabolift, plans to switch to supplements without ephedra as of March 31. E.A.S., a manufacturer of sports supplements, announced a similar move in January.

The NCAA, NFL, minor league baseball and International Olympic Committee already ban ephedra, which has been linked to heartstroke and heart trouble, according to espn.com.

President Bush's administration began building a case for a possible ban in June by proposing strong new warning labels that the substance can cause heart attacks and strokes or even death. Such labels, blocked

See EPHEdra on 2

ESPN anchor will speak at UK tonight

Sports talk: SportsCenter anchor will discuss career in sports broadcasting, ESPN and UK athletics

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

ESPN's SportsCenter anchor Recc Davis will be in Wildcat country tonight. The Student Activities Board will host Davis' lecture at 7 tonight at the Singletary Center for the Arts.

A 1988 graduate from the University of Alabama, Davis has been a part of the SEC as a fan and now as a sports anchor. Following graduation, Davis became a sports reporter, sports director and weekend sports anchor in Columbus, Ga. In 1993, Davis joined WJLT-TV as a sports anchor and reporter in Flint, Mich.

Davis joined ESPN eight years ago and has hosted ESPN2's SportsSmash. He has since moved on to cover NBA 2Night and currently holds an anchor position at SportsCenter.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Davis will share his story of working his way into sports broadcasting and give a behind-the-scenes look into the world of ESPN and SportsCenter.

He will also take a close look at UK sports and the world that surrounds them.



Davis

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"There are so many that are so good ... I just don't know of any one that's any better," he said.

Byrd said she enjoys cooking meals that people remember.

"The mandarin orange salad is one of my favorites," Byrd said.

She said she likes to make a special dinner for the Todds occasionally, setting the dining room table with favorite foods and lit candles.

"After a hard day, he (Lee Todd) needs a special quiet dinner," Byrd said.

She said she spends three to four hours preparing dinner, using the best ingredients.

"I make food from scratch - I don't use shortcuts or frozen food," Byrd said.

She gained much of her knowledge about cooking when she owned a restaurant, Byrd's Place, located at Maple and Fifth Street. She

sold the restaurant to work at Maxwell Place, and the eatery is now known as Soul Food. She said she does not regret selling it.

"It made a lot of money, but it was a lot of hard work," she said.

Both Byrd and Patsy Todd said they have had many special moments at Maxwell Place. Todd said Byrd can always rationalize why someone should eat something, regardless of calories.

"She always has a reason why we need to eat a dessert," she said with a laugh.

Famous faces

Last fall, the Todds and the Maxwell Place staff hosted a buffet for the UK football team.

"They ate over 500 pieces of chicken, 20 pounds of bratwursts, 11 gallons of ice cream, a pasta bar - there was just so much food!" Patsy Todd said.

She said the football players were not the only ones consuming large quantities of food.

"I think my husband personally ate a gallon of ice cream."

Byrd said it was like the football players had never seen food before.

"Dr. Todd told Guy (Morris) they didn't feed them enough," she said.

Morris, a former UK football coach, is just one of the notable people who have dined on Byrd's cooking at Maxwell Place. Others include UK basketball coach Tubby Smith, singer Harry Belafonte, writers Bernard Shaw and Nick Clooney, Nobel Peace Prize winner and bishop Desmond Tutu and actress Ashley Judd.

"Ashley Judd was super, just very down to earth and nice. You would never know she was a celebrity," Byrd said.

Patsy Todd said Belafonte was charmed by Byrd's personality and cooking.

"Harry just thought she was something else," she said.

Whether Byrd is welcoming guests or just cleaning the kitchen, the Todds' said they don't know what life would be like without her.

"Some days you wake up and wonder how it could be so fun," Patsy Todd said.

Oatmeal and love

Ida Byrd's Oatmeal Cookies:

- 1 cup (2 sticks) margarine or butter, softened
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 3 cups Quaker Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 cup raisins

1. Heat oven to 350° F.
2. Beat together margarine and sugars.
3. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well.
4. Add combined flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; mix well.
5. Stir in oats and raisins.
6. Drop in rounded tablespoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet.
7. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown.
8. Cool one minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack.

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until now by the dietary supplement industry, could be on every bottle by year's end, the espn.com report said.

According to Geza Bruckner, a professor of Clinical Nutrition and Nutritional Sciences at UK, ephedra stimulates blood flow and constricts small blood vessels. These actions generally raise blood pressure, he said.

"Most studies that have looked at ephedra alone have

not shown consistent weight reduction," he said. "Other studies combining ephedra and caffeine have been more effective."

Ephedra is under attack. A nationwide backlash against ephedra erupted because of its involvement in the February death from heatstroke of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler.

This doesn't bode well for the supplement industry, particularly in light of the Food and Drug Administration's announcement that it had received nearly 100 reports of people who had died from ephedra-related causes.

People need to be cautious when taking products

containing ephedra, Bruckner said.

"In studies where it was given for several months, no detrimental effects were noted," Bruckner said. "However, the sample size was small. People should be better educated on the use of these products. I think the people selling them should be trained and licensed so that they can point out the potential benefits and the risks."

"I would not recommend taking ephedra or any ephedra-containing compounds for weight management or athletic performance," he said.

Computer science senior Justin Davis knows the dan-

gers personally. He said he experienced side effects, including heart palpitations and dizziness, when he took Xenadrine in high school to prepare for league basketball. "It scared me to death," he said. "I regret risking my health for cosmetic purposes. This is a substance that needs to be regulated," he said.

Despite the risk, Moore isn't worried enough to quit.

"I do plan on continuing taking pills with ephedra if I can find them," she said. "I would definitely recommend it. I believe that it is my right to take a risk by taking these pills. In my opinion, it is worth the chance because of the results I have gotten."

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIMEREPORT

Selected reports from April 21 through April 26

- April 21: Burglary reported from 700 Woodland Ave. at 8:51 a.m.
- April 21: Theft of bike reported from 212 E. Maxwell St. at 9:44 p.m.
- April 21: Criminal mischief reported from 300 Alum Drive at 10:13 p.m., door kicked in.
- April 22: Theft reported from 146 Virginia Ave. at 7:08 a.m., Coke machine broken into.
- April 22: Criminal mischief reported from Greg Page Apartments at 8:59 a.m., door kicked in and frame busted.
- April 22: Disorder reported from College View Apartments at 9:50 a.m., subject being disorderly, climbing into vehicle hooked to tow truck.
- April 22: Bomb threat reported from 750 S. Limestone St. at 3:08 p.m.
- April 22: Disorder reported from 330 Hilltop Ave. at 6:11 p.m., male refuses to allow another male to leave.
- April 22: Trespassing reported from Complex Area at 9:24 p.m., male soliciting.
- April 23: Trespassing reported from 769 Woodland Ave. at 2:53 a.m., male refuses to leave building.
- April 23: Suspicious person reported from Taylor Education Building and substation at 3:01 p.m., waste being dumped by substation.
- April 23: Disorder reported from 330 Hilltop Ave. at 11:50 p.m., subject highly irate with resident adviser over resident adviser's parking spot.
- April 24: Theft of bike reported from 305 Euclid Ave. at 12:20 a.m.
- April 24: Theft of auto reported from Kelly Building at 10:52 a.m.
- April 24: Terroristic threatening reported from 763 Woodland Ave. at 11:04 a.m., threatening e-mail.
- April 24: Theft reported from 140 Patterson Drive at 1:30 p.m., laptop computer stolen.
- April 24: Criminal mischief reported from 540 Columbia Ave. at 2:15 p.m., damaged fence.
- April 24: Trespassing reported from Hilltop Ave. at 2:42 p.m., several people stopping traffic and asking for money.
- April 24: Criminal mischief reported from Cooperstown Apartments at 11:30 p.m., firecrackers outside of building.
- April 25: Disorder reported from 758 Woodland Ave. at 2:25 a.m., fight in progress.
- April 25: Noise complaint reported from Woodland Ave. at 6:38 a.m., noise complaint from one of the fraternities.
- April 25: Assault reported from 800 Rose St. at 1:55 p.m.
- April 25: Assault reported from the Medical Center at 4:45 p.m.
- April 26: Drug/marijuana use reported from 330 Hilltop Ave. at 12:11 a.m.

Source: UK Police Log at www.uky.edu/Police and police reports. Compiled by assistant news editor Emily Hagedorn.

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Catspys take the stage, honoring the Cats' finest

Glitz and glamour: UK's student-athletes dressed up last night to attend the first annual Catspy awards.

By Terra Ramsdale
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

And the winner is ... the Catspys.

Last night's first-ever Catspy awards, a spinoff on ESPN's ESPY awards, was a success. Over 500 UK student-athletes attended the awards show, held at the Singletary Center.

When UK Athletics Director, Mitch Barnhardt, came to Kentucky from Oregon State last year, he hoped to continue the tradition of an athletics banquet that honored all of the universities student-athletes.

Not only did the awards ceremony allow athletes from all of UK's 13 sports to share their successes with their peers, but it gave them a chance to show off their fashion sense — just as "Mr. Sports Information" Tony Neely did when he and football's Antoine Huffman announced the best supporting role award dressed in alternating baby blue and white suits.

Other presenters included athletes and coaches from all sports, President Lee Todd

and Patsy Todd, Bill Keightly and the master of ceremonies, none other than the "voice of the Wildcats," Tom Leach.

The evening was filled with glitz and glamour, making it seem as if a little bit of Hollywood had come to the Bluegrass. Though some of UK's biggest stars like Tubby Smith and Keith Bogans were absent from the ceremonies, future Detroit Lion Artose Pinner made a special appearance to accept two awards: play of the year and shared male athlete of the year with Keith Bogans.

"This awards was definitely a team award, I couldn't do it by myself," Pinner said of accepting male athlete of the year.

Other winners for the night include:

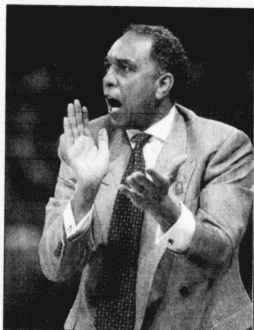
•Male and female rookies of the year: Jesse Witten, tennis, and Vicki Goss of the rifle team.

•Best supporting role: Danielle Petrisko, women's tennis.

•Male and female performance of the year: Clayton Moss, diving and Janet Crawford, high jump.

Catspy winner

Tubby Smith took home yet another coach of the year award last night at the Catspys. Men's basketball was honored as the male team of the year. Smith did not attend the event.



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•Community service award: Jed Basset, football.

•Female play of the year: Kristen Jedlo, soccer.

•Character award: Gordon Tyler, baseball.

•Blue Heart Award: Ronnie Riley, football.

•Male and female sports coach of the year: Tubby Smith and female tennis coach Mark Guilbeau.

•Courage award: Leah Kerstetter, distance runner.

•Scratch award: Deion Hollis, football.

Female athletes of the year: Sarah Witten, tennis.

•Mr. And Miss Wildcat: Mindy Smith, gymnastics and Antonio Hall, football.

•Male and female team of the year: women's tennis and men's basketball.

A committee of coaches, administrators and Barnhardt decided on the awards.



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Fish Tank presents soap box derby

A race to the bottom: 'Fish Tank 420' allows teams to construct their own derby cars for downhill race

By Justin Scarlock
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Fish Tank Bar & Grill has a unique way of blending customer appreciation with a little old-fashioned fun.

The bar's owners, Roger Roberts and John Tressaloni have announced plans for The Fish Tank's first soapbox derby, the "Fish Tank 420," to be held at 3 p.m. May 29th at a location to be announced soon.

The race will be a downhill battle in which two-member teams dash to the finish line in their homemade vehicles using only gravity as power. The name for this soapbox derby derived from the fact that it will be taking place a day after the Indianapolis 500. The length of the derby, however, will be 420 feet.

In order to compete, contestants must pay a \$25.00 entry fee. But cash

prizes in the categories of fastest car, best looking car and the "we threw our car together at the last minute and it sucks" award will be offered, said Roberts and Tressaloni.

Also, all participants will receive a free burger & fries at The Fish Tank, on the corner of Woodland and Euclid, after the race.

"We never got the chance as kids to be in a soapbox derby," Roberts said in response to why he is building a car. "So we just decided to do one now."

The purpose of the event is to have some fun, while putting an emphasis on participation and sportsmanship, Tressaloni added. A few rules and regulations will apply (every car must have at least three wheels and working brakes). The cost of the vehicle cannot exceed \$150 and promoting creativity and a sense of recycling and scav-

enging. The shape and design of the vehicles will be determined solely by the imagination of the teams.

To add to the mayhem, contestants are encouraged to use water balloons and squirt guns. Roberts and Tressaloni said they anticipate seeing some crazy and innovative cars and some healthy rivalries.

As a sign of appreciation, and part of the requirement to qualify for the race, teams must contain at least one person who is considered a "Fish Tank regular" (someone whom Roberts and Tressaloni have seen at The Fish Tank, which will have been in business for three years in August).

Fish Tank regular Chris Scott notes "I haven't started making my car yet, but I've got some tricks up my sleeve and plan on soaking the competition."

Applications are available at The Fish Tank, as are waivers, which participants must sign to race in the competition.

Build your own soap box derby car

Soap box derby cars can be quite complex and expensive during fierce competition.

Derby cars come in three different forms, according to the All-American Soap Box Derby — stock cars, super stock cars and master division cars.

Plans to build your own vehicle can be found at the All-American Soap Box Derby Web site at www.aasbd.org/html_soup/rulelink.htm and www.stofoldscouts.org.uk/soupbox/instruct.htm.

These are also available at this Web site:
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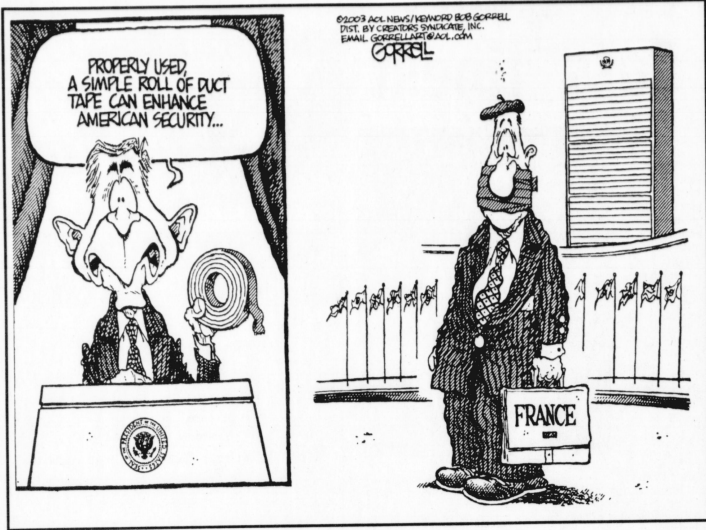
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Week of April 28 - May 4

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MEETINGS	Tues 29
*Anime, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119	
*TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave	
*Conversational English Class, 3:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106	
*Lafayette Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228	
*UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 113	
*InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 7:15pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 230, Free!	
ACADEMIC	
*Chemistry Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
*Biology (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Physics Tutoring (All 100-level courses & 211/213), 6:00-9:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
SPORTS	
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch	
*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
*The Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
LECTURES	
*Behind the Camera at ESPN, a lecture by Rece Davis, 7:00pm, Singletary Center for the Arts, Rm. Concert Hall, Free!	
*CKCLU Annual Meeting, 7:00pm	
MEETING	Wed 30
*Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230	
*Institute of Religion/Dogmatism & Covenants Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119	
*Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigus, 2nd floor conference room	
*Lavender Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106	
*Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9:00pm, CSF Building, Corner of Woodland and Columbia	
*Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228	
*College Democrats Meeting, 7:45pm, Student Center, Rm. 211	
ACADEMIC	
*Chemistry Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Biology (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room	
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 10:00-2:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Casseroen Building	
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
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*Physics Tutoring (All 100-level courses & 211/213), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*French Tutoring, 4:00-5:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby	
*How to Crave Even Though You Shouldn't, 7:00pm, Commons, Rm. 308	
SPORTS	
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch	
*Equestrian Team, 8:00pm, Ag. North Building	
ARTS/MOVIES	
*French Film Series, 7:00pm, WT Young Library Auditorium	
MEETINGS	Thur 1
*UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231	
*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:50pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor	
*Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00	
*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Energy, 8:00pm, CSF Building	
*Assembly International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228	
*Apostate Radio Club, 7:00-9:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 163	
ACADEMIC	
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB	
SPORTS	
*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*Herb Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem-Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!	
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION	
*Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.	
MEETINGS	Fri 2
*International Christian Fellowship, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*Critical Mass Bike Ride, 5:30pm, Woodland Park (parking lot)	
*The Residence Francaise, 5pm, Keeneland Hall	
SPORTS	
*The Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
SPORTS	Sat 3
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MEETINGS	Sun 4
*International Student Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 223	
ACADEMIC	
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
*Physics Tutoring (All 100-level courses & 211/213), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Chemistry Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Biology (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	



IN OUR OPINION

City, library should save Carnegie Center

If the urban county council cuts funding for the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, this is the message it is sending:

Literacy is not that important.
 Computer training doesn't really matter.
 Writing seminars — who cares?
 Arts and cultural events? Not in this city.

The Carnegie Center, which depends on the city for 70 percent of its funding, is not included in Mayor Teresa Isaac's 2004 budget, which could cause the center to close June 30. Isaac has suggested that the Board of Trustees of the Lexington Public Library fund the center. The board is considering taking over some of the center's programs, but center officials worry that the center would lose its autonomy under library control.

Five hundred citizens protested the center's closing at a rally Sunday. Yet 500 people cannot represent the thousands who have benefited from the center's programs since it opened in the old library building in Gratz Park in 1992.

The center is home to Operation Read, the designated adult literacy provider in Fayette County. Over 25,000 people visit the center each year for literacy training, computer training, writing workshops and musical and arts events.

In a letter to The Lexington Herald-Leader, UK Honors professor Brenda Weber wrote that, among other things, the center kept the Kentucky Women's Writer's Conference alive. Weber, director of the conference, said it would not have survived without the center's help.

Center officials have already signed contracts to hold UK summer and fall distance learning classes there.

If the city and library board cannot figure out a way to help the Carnegie Center stay open, they are saying that putting more library branches in the suburbs is more important than maintaining a historic presence in the core of the city.

Education improves economies and ways of life. If we lose the Carnegie Center, we'll lose a vital educational and cultural outlet.

Anti-war isn't anti-American in rural France

When I signed up for a semester in France in February 2002, it never occurred to me I could end up studying abroad during a war so heavily opposed.

But then again, this program is based in Pontlevoy, France, population 1,400 — not exactly a hotbed of the international community. The people here are just glad to see students, American or otherwise, bringing life back to an abbey that has stood here for 1,000 years.

Our reception here 11 weeks ago was incredibly warm. Even as the international tensions increased, the locals welcomed us into their businesses, homes and lives, with the small exception of one of the grocery store owners who grew infuriated at our never having correct change.

As Washington began to roll out the drum and pipe corps, the French government and many citizens, only grew more fervent in opposition, but all the while we felt incredibly welcome in this rural Loire Valley town.

But part of the program curriculum includes a week in Paris, which fell during President Bush's ultimatum to Saddam's regime.

Paris is a far cry from Pontlevoy. Try spending six weeks in Pikeville before heading for New York and you'll know what I mean. We were already filled with the fears of the typical stereotypes of the rude, smelly Parisians; we weren't exactly thrilled about the prospect of going to a part of the world where we thought anti-American sentiment was perhaps second only to the West Bank. After all, we'd been without TV for six weeks.

But again we were surprised at how unaffected the Parisians were by our presence, perhaps a uniquely American feeling. As one French-Arabic lady informed a few of us on the train one day, "I like America; I have a brother there," she said, "but Bush bad man, always boom boom boom."

That pretty much sums up the French attitude of the past few weeks. They don't like the fact that our government went against the international community but they understand the average American visiting their country has little to nothing to do with that.

On the day coalition forces began attacking Baghdad (and the French newspaper *Le Monde* ran the headline, in French, "The American War has Begun"), our group took a tour of the French National Assembly. After being treated to a much better tour than I received at either of my visits to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, the French security guards presented a small American flag, and began waving it and humming "The Star Spangled Banner."

At the end of our week in Paris, the program directors set us loose on all of Europe, free to travel at will for the next two weeks. I've been to the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and England, and have yet to experience any anti-American hostility.

It's all been a matter of common sense. We ducked into the Musée d'Orsay in Paris to avert a war protest, kept our mouths shut walking through a protest in Cologne, tried not to be bothered by the "pace" flags that apparently come with Italian citizenship, and experimented with ending every sentence with "eh."

The Europeans weren't happy with how the United States chose to handle the situation in Iraq. But they've simply used the freedoms for which the coalition forces have ostensibly been fighting to demonstrate that fact. And that's one thing this American abroad has been able to appreciate.

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European Union's double standards hinder western Balkan states

April 16 was a historic date for the European Union. In Athens, Greece, a country that holds the E.U. Presidency, 10 of 12 E.U. candidates — Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia — signed the Accession Treaty with the E.U. This is the largest expansion ever in E.U. history.

The enlargement bred resentment between other potential candidates of the union and justified the critiques for lack of consistency and implementation of double standards in E.U. foreign and extension policies.

There are three groups of countries that accuse the E.U. of being biased against them and that find themselves to be victims of the double standard policies: Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania, and the western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [FYROM], Kosovo, and Serbia and Montenegro [SM]).

For its accession in the last round of enlargement, Turkey enjoyed the firm support of the United States, especially before its refusal to offer access to the coalition troops of its territory to attack Iraq from its northern border. The pressure President Bush allegedly exercised on the Danish Premier some time ago with the aim to persuade him to support a pro-Turkish lobby within the union spurred the fierce reaction of the E.U. Commission's President, Romano Prodi, and many other E.U. member countries' leaders. The message was clear: get out of our business, United States.

Turkey often complains that the E.U. is biased against its Muslim majority but the E.U. claims Turkey has yet to work hard to raise its economy and civil rights to acceptable levels. The estimated gross domestic product per capita of Turkey as of 2002 is \$7,000. The E.U. is not satisfied with reports of systematic violation of civil and political rights of Turkish citizens. Turkey still detains in prisons people convicted of crimes that the international standards of human rights consider merely as fundamental human rights.

Furthermore, the unstable situation with the Kurds



populated southeastern region of Turkey forces the E.U. to decide to not import ethnic conflicts.

Bulgaria and Romania are enjoying an Association Agreement with the union, but they failed to persuade it to admit them by next year. Their economic situation is far from being compatible with the E.U., and the high spread of organized crime, corruption, illegal trafficking and smuggling compose an increased concern for the E.U.

The western Balkans continue to suffer the consequences of the violent disintegration of the former Yugoslavia. Several countries still have problems with economic sustainability, institutional and economic reforms, a high level of corruption, criminality, border control, trafficking of drugs, weapons, white slavery and the smuggling of human beings. Some countries, such as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, FYROM, Serbia and Montenegro have yet to address the return of refugees and internal displaced people. FYROM has to implement the Ohrid Agreement between the Slavo-Macedonian majority and the Albanian minority that has to improve its political stability, continue in the path of economic growth and fight against the stifling corruption, organized crime and illegal trafficking.

Up to this point, everything seems to be perfectly justified. But the excluded countries and critics within the union complain that the criteria used for E.U. enlargement does not fit with any given formula, which will make candidates focus on concrete tasks and satisfy specific requirements. For example, the E.U. claims to not allow ethnic conflicts to be imported into the union. But this policy was not applied to the United Kingdom and Spain, both of which were accepted to the E.U. while the IRA and Bask armed conflicts were killing hundreds of people. By the same token, Cyprus, a newly accepted country, is already a divided country, since Turkey took over the northern part of the island in order to deter its unification with Greece. Isn't this conflict — which generated thousands of refugees and continues to breed victims on the borderline between communities — an import ethnic containment within the Union?

Several years ago, the British minister for home affairs

declared that almost half of illegal migrants enter the E.U. from the Balkans. Although other conflicting estimations also exist, given the statement of the British official and scrutinizing the map of Europe, we can conclude that the other half enter either from the eastern European countries (already accepted into the union) or from south of Italy, France and Spain (E.U. member countries). Therefore, the E.U.'s struggle against trafficking is not any great deal and so seems to be the situation in newly included eastern European countries.

Sometimes the E.U. complains about the civil and political rights of minorities in the Balkans. However, since France's and Greece's constitutions deny the recognition of minorities in these countries (while in both of them live people claiming to belong to ethnic, cultural and religious minorities), the E.U.'s democratic rhetoric seems to be invalidated, if not hypocritical. The systematic repression of ethnic minorities in Greece has often been an object of critiques by international institutions and organizations of human rights.

Even economic sustainability remains an unpersuasive argument. Data shows that Latvia's gross domestic product per capita (an absolute criterion to compare economic development) in 2002 is \$8,300 and Lithuania's is \$8,400.

But, the same data shows that the GDP per capita of Croatia is \$8,800. However, Latvia and Lithuania are expected next year to raise the 12-star EU flag on their border cross points while Croatia's admission is postponed for an unspecified period.

The Balkans have always argued that they can better resolve their problems within the union. Remaining apart from the European political and economic organization, as Lis Baret argues, will make them feel like outsiders and will decrease their interest in reforms. The "stick" of ostracization is proved to be nonfunctional, but also the "carrot" of economic assistance has not been effective enough.

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