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A cracker all of you have had at some point is also the most widely produced at more than 6 billion a year, double the nearest competitor.

During the first year of production, the company baked a record 5 billion golden Ritz crackers — enough for about 40 crackers for every single American in 1935. Before long this classy cracker became a staple in an incredible number of households not restricted to American shores. Young European men often carried a box of Ritz crackers instead of the typical chocolates, to present to the young women they courted. Imagine if on a first date you gave your sweetie a box of Ritz.

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Chocolate history

Got cookies?

Charles I of Spain, who introduced chocolate to his court and to Europe with a wonderful nuance — sugar sweetening. The sweet chocolate drink became the rage of the crowned heads, as well as the wealthy families of Europe. But it wasn't until 300 years later that chocolate confectioners arrived on the scene. In 1847, confectioners Fry & Sons combined chocolate liquor with extra cocoa butter and sugar to make the first chocolate candy. As candy-making technology improved and the skills of chocolatiers became more refined, chocolate became the passion of Europe and then of the New World. People in virtually every corner of the world not only cultivated a taste for chocolate, but also made it the most popular flavor to be found.

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— Source: <http://www.nabisco.com/museum>

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Tomorrow's weather



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On Wednesday, Lexingtonians should expect to see some sun.

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DORMS

Donovan problems addressed

Not unheard: Student complaints, crew lookover has Maintenance on the case

By **Karla Dooley and Richard Cook**
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITORS

Donovan Hall residents who say their dorm is in dire need of repairs may soon have their wishes granted.

"The things in (Monday's Kentucky Kernel) are obvious problems, and we're in agreement," said Lyle Morgan, associate director of Maintenance.

Morgan said he sent

three maintenance supervisors to the residence hall yesterday morning and met with them that afternoon to discuss the dorm's condition. Morgan took the report to the temporary director of Maintenance, Frank Harris. They went to Donovan to walk through and assess the maintenance needs.

"We viewed all the bathrooms in Donovan," Morgan said, adding that his office is developing a plan to fix the

dorm's problems. A two-man crew will be sent to repair the washing machines this morning. The crew will tear down the washers and dryers he said.

"We scheduled this last week," Morgan said.

"After doing work (in the laundry rooms) on Friday, we realized we needed to do more."

Donovan residents said they sent a petition to the Office of Residence Life last week, after getting no results from complaints to Maintenance, resident assistants and the hall director.

The students said inadequate and often broken laundry facilities, moldy, crumbling ceiling tiles and improperly aligned bathroom stalls had made life trying over the last couple of months.

Donovan Hall Director Raina Turner declined comment. Director of Residence Life Jim Wims said although his office will report complaints to Maintenance, students are better off calling it themselves at 257-1591.

"Maintenance doesn't fall under our responsibility," he said.

"The stuff that they have to do is not anything they can fix overnight," said Tanya Stitt, a Donovan Hall resident who said her previous complaints had seemed to fall on deaf ears.

"As for students having to call Maintenance about holes in the ceiling, that doesn't even seem like the way it should work to me," she said.

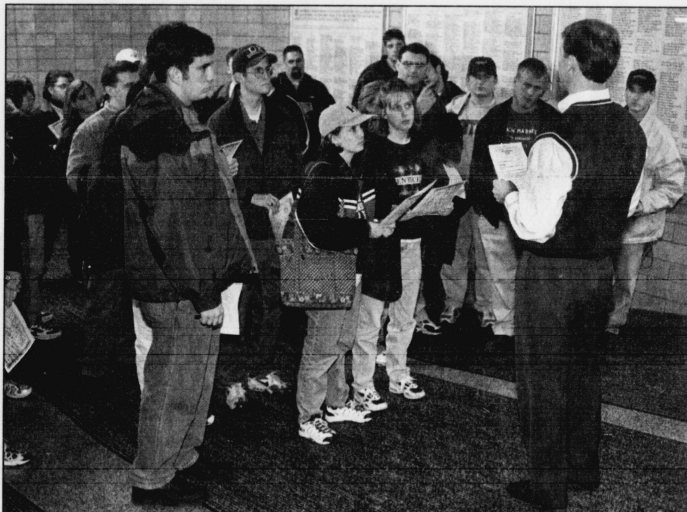
Morgan said he hopes to get the planning done today and have crews in Donovan to repair the bathrooms within the next few days.

"We're not dodging the problem," he said.

“Maintenance doesn't fall under our responsibility.”
— Jim Wims, director of Residence Life, on the issue of student complaints about Donovan Hall and its condition. He advises students to call Maintenance at 257-1591.

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— Steve Pulliam, natural resource conservation senior



Rodney Stiles (right), of the UK Athletics Association, explained to students the procedures of yesterday's ticket lottery for the Cats' upcoming NCAA Tournament appearance in New Orleans. About 30 vouchers were distributed last night.

PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Line Dancing

Small crowd: Not many line up to pick up tickets for opening round games

By **Richard Cook**
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"Everybody wins" could be the motto for the UK Athletics Association's ticket lottery to the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Last night 30 students bought tickets for the first round games being held this weekend in New Orleans.

"I went to every tournament game last year," said Steve Pulliam, a natural resource conservation senior. "It's fun (to go to the games)."

The lottery gave students the chance to reserve a place in the Super Dome's student section, which is part of the temporary bleachers set up for the tournament.

Actually, section 115's seats are some of the best," said Rodney Stiles, with the athletics department.

A map of the Super Dome passed out at the lottery showed the temporary seats are much closer to the court than the permanent seats.

The structure of the lottery allows students to buy a ticket for the first game and earn the option to go to the second, if UK wins Friday against New Mexico State.

If the Wildcats lose the first-round game, any student who paid the \$80 for the ticket book can return the voucher to the ticket office at Memorial Coliseum next week and get a \$30 refund, Stiles said.

Students received a voucher last night, which they will use to pick up the actual game ticket an hour before Friday's game and again on Sunday.

Game time on Friday is 6:40 p.m. Sunday's tip-off is scheduled for 3:55 p.m. CST, and the ticket window will open at 12:30 p.m. CST.

Stiles said he was not surprised with the low turnout for last night's lottery.

"Most students have been saving for Spring Break," Stiles said.

Susan Renaker, staff assistant in athletics, said only 28 students showed up for the opening-round lottery last year.

Normally the athletics department does not allow the transfer of tickets, Stiles said. But because they had not made this clear before starting the lottery, they decided to let it pass.



Music education senior Brian Lowellen paid for his ticket voucher last night.

This policy had been in effect since the mid-1980s when the lottery-style sale of tournament tickets first began, he said.

"I think it's a good idea," Pulliam said. "Otherwise, people who graduated four years ago could get (student) tickets."

If the Cats move on to the third and fourth rounds in St. Louis, the ticket lottery for those games will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16.

FUND RAISING

Capital campaign moves on

Seeing the results: 'People-driven' campaign continues to raise money

By **Mark Vanderhoff**
CAMPUS EDITOR

Fund-raisers have been working in the "quiet phase" since November to gauge the generosity of donors to UK's latest capital campaign project.

The outlook is so good, administrators said, they're increasing the work force to accommodate incoming donations.

"We want to find out how much major gift support is out there," said Terry Mobley, chief development officer for the Development Central Office. "So far, the reception from the private sector has been tremendous."

If the project continues to go as well as it has, Mobley expects UK will make doubling the amount of current fund raising per year the official goal for the campaign — and that could mean \$400 million in five years.

That kind of money from the private sector could mean more money from the public sector in the form of matching state funds, said Joe Burch, vice president for University Relations.

"We have every reason to believe if this campaign is successful, and it will be, the governor and legislature will appropriate additional funds," Burch said.

Burch said UK is beefing up its fund-raising staff to reach out to donors.

"We have created a large volunteer structure," he said. "We have a multitude of people working for us within the college, Med Center, within the state, outside the state."

Current efforts include hiring and training more paid staff members and increasing its volunteer base, and encompass everyone on campus, including faculty members.

Faculty play an important role in fund-raising because they help to identify and serve as liaisons for potential donors, he said.

Many alumni are interested in donating in a professor's name or to the program they graduated from, he said.

Burch said people work all over the United States contact alumni.

Those who have left UK may be a significant part of the capital off campus, but Mobley said the reason for the campaign is who's on campus.

Big Blue's latest capital campaign project means big green for the University, but the primary recipients of this fund-raising aren't made of bricks.

"This is our first-ever comprehensive University-wide capital campaign project," Mobley said. "It's very people-driven."

While past campaign projects have focused on singular recipients such as the library, specific college buildings and athletic facilities, this campaign focuses on endowed chairs, professorships and recruiting outstanding students, he said.

Buildings and facilities will receive some money, Mobley said.

"Students go to where there are more outstanding faculty," he said. "We could recruit nearly all the brightest students, but if we don't have the faculty to teach them, our reputation won't last long."

Burch said those benefits to researchers, faculty and staff will move UK toward becoming a top-20 public research institution.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

Clinton visits Central America

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — President Clinton has begun a tour of the Central American sites devastated by Hurricane Mitch, offering U.S. help with reconstruction. Voicing U.S. concern that despair not turn into political trouble for the newly stable region, Clinton said he wanted personally to reaffirm America's support for its neighbors' plight. Next stop on his four-day, four nation tour is El Salvador.

Bush is wary on abortion issue

AUSTIN, Texas — George W. Bush, stepping gingerly into the Republican Party's most fractious debate, said yesterday he would back a constitutional amendment to outlaw most abortions if more voters supported it. But he said, "America is not ready to ban abortions." However, the Texas governor and likely candidate for the GOP presidential nomination told The Associated Press he was a "pro-life person."

Colombia probes American deaths

SAN VICENTE DEL CAGUAN, Colombia — Colombia's top rebel group will investigate whether its guerrillas killed three Americans last week and will punish anyone found responsible, according to a senior commander. However, Raul Reyes, a member of the seven-man ruling junta of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, said that up to now he saw no signs of any rebel role.

The three Americans were kidnapped Feb. 25 while on a mission to help an Indian group, the U'wa, organize schools on its reservation on the Colombian side.

New fighting begins in Kosovo

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Mortar and small-arms fire broke out in Kosovo along the Macedonian border yesterday, and Yugoslavia's president shrugged off the threat of NATO airstrikes to restate his opposition to foreign troops policing a peace deal.

A U.S. envoy also was encountering resistance in trying to persuade Kosovo Liberation Army commanders to accept a U.S.-backed peace plan. One diplomat said rebel commanders still had problems accepting the plan.

U.S. jets bomb Iraqi military sites

ANKARA, Turkey — U.S. warplanes yesterday bombed several Iraqi air defense sites in the northern, no-fly zone of Iraq, a U.S. military statement said.

U.S. Air Force F-15s fired precision-guided bombs in self-defense at Iraqi anti-aircraft ar-



CONDITION UPGRADED: Legendary country singer George Jones remained in critical condition Sunday night, but his status was upgraded to stable with a ruptured liver and a bruised lung suffered in a car crash, a hospital spokesman said.



LOADED: Comedian Jerry Seinfeld, whose TV show "Seinfeld" ended a hugely successful run on NBC last May, was the top-earning celebrity in 1998, according to *Forbes*. Seinfeld earned \$267 million, surpassing fellow "Seinfeld" collaborator and second-ranked Larry David, who took in \$242 million, *Forbes* said.

tillery sites around Saddam Lake near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, the statement said.

All coalition planes returned safely to the southern Turkish base, said 1st Lt. David Westover from Incirlik, where the U.S. and British planes are stationed.

McDougal defiant on trial

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Whitewater figure Susan McDougal went back to court yesterday to face charges of contempt and obstruction of justice that could send her back to prison. She is on trial for refusing to answer Independent Counsel Ken Starr's questions about President and Hillary Clinton. McDougal insists she has no information on their dealings in the failed Arkansas real estate development known as Whitewater. But prosecutors say they will introduce evidence that McDougal had relevant information on the Clintons. McDougal already has served 18 months on a civil contempt citation.

Sweepstakes hearing to be held

WASHINGTON — A Senate subcommittee is considering cracking down on mail marketing sweepstakes that say things like "You may be a winner!" Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) says the sweeps are deceptive and prey on senior citizens, often using misleading language, trusted spokesmen and government look-alike mailings. She has sponsored legislation that would impose the first national regulation of sweepstakes mailings.

Court rejects McVeigh's appeal

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court yesterday left intact Timothy McVeigh's conviction and death sentence for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more — the worst such attack on U.S. soil.

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal in which McVeigh argued his trial was tainted by jury misconduct and news reports that he confessed to his lawyers.

Dow ends 8.47 lower, NASDAQ up

NEW YORK — The NASDAQ composite index closed sharply higher, after Intel sparked a rally in technology shares. But the Dow Jones industrials lagged the broader market, falling 8.47 points to close at 9,727.61. On the NYSE, losers led gainers 1,638-1,368. The NASDAQ composite index was up 60.51 at 2,397.62.

McGwire hits second HR in 2 days

JUPITER, Fla. — Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals yesterday hit his second home run in three spring at-bats, a fourth-inning drive to left field off the Houston Astros' Jose Lima. Lima gave up one home run last season to McGwire, No. 32, on June 17 at Houston. McGwire belted a record 70 homers in 1998.

Compiled from wire reports.

CAMPUS

Disabled people have concerns brought up front

By Richard Cook
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The death of sociology senior Stanley McGowan last week has brought the rights of disabled students to the forefront of policy discussion at UK.

"(McGowan's death) is one of the reasons I wrote the grant for this project," said Norb Ryan, disability program administrator at the University's Human Development Institute.

Ryan created the Kentucky Americans with Disabilities Initiative when he learned that nearly 70 percent of Kentuckians with disabilities do not know about the law or even how it affects their lives.

"Most people with disabilities don't know their rights under the (Americans with Disabilities Act)," Ryan said. "People need to realize what their rights are."

The workshops created under the initiative, held for any organization that requests one, are designed to educate not only the disabled in Kentucky, but their parents, teachers and employers.

"I focused the workshop on the implications of the ADA for those in higher education," Ryan said.

Ryan ran a workshop on Friday at Georgetown College to educate educators about their obligations under the ADA. About 100 educators from Kentucky universities and high schools were present.

"Disabled students are the fastest growing minority at the UK," Ryan said.

Ryan plans to host additional workshops for high schools. He said educating high school students is especially important. As students graduate, he said, they need to understand their employment rights, and rights concerning accommodations at the post-secondary level.

"They need to be aware of their rights when they enter universities," Ryan said. "Students with disabilities have a better future if they are informed of their rights."

The ADA was enacted in 1990 to target workplace and educational discrimination against Americans with disabilities. It protects the civil rights of individuals with disabilities, similar to those protections given to individuals on the basis of race, religion, gender and age.

The U.S. Supreme Court decided on March 3 that it was appropriate for schools to provide nursing services for disabled students, Ryan said.

"Most people think of those in wheelchairs or the blind, but you can include people with Attention Deficit Disorder, epilepsy and psychological disabilities," said Jake Karnes, director of the Disability Resource Center.

With more than 600 disabled students attending the University, the Supreme Court decision may affect how the UK deals with the safety concerns of disabled students in the wake of McGowan's death, Karnes said.

Ryan will host additional workshops throughout the year. For more information about arranging a workshop, call Ryan at 257-1719.



For us, it is another site to see on our tour. We're definitely not here in support."

— Randy Gallagher, a graduate student from Atlanta who is visiting relatives in England, on Monica Lewinsky's book signing tour that stopped in London yesterday.

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DIAMOND NOTES

Softball suffers tough loss

Love lost: The UK softball team was trumped late by the Akron Zips, dropping the Cats to a disappointing 6-12 record

By **Jonathan Dobson**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It is not as if he has to have tasted love and lost, rather than to have never loved at all. The softball team dealt with that dilemma over the weekend.

On a deceptively sunny Sunday afternoon at the Soccer/Softball Complex, the Cats (6-12) were dealt a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to the Akron Zips in the finale of the '99 Kentucky Invitational Tournament.

The game was at a 3-3 deadlock in the bottom of the fifth when sophomore outfielder Leslie Kwiatkowski (.339, 10 RBIs) hit a solo home run off Akron pitcher Sherrell Watson, giving UK a one-run lead.

The Cats led until the Zips' seventh when, with one out, Akron catcher Julie Villard doubled. Kerstin Sewell then

walked, and the runners advanced to second and third on a fielder's choice ground-out to short.

With two outs, Jackie Rothman hit a sinking liner that UK first baseman Tracie Potts got a glove on, but was unable to hold.

Two runs scored, and the Wildcats went into the bottom of the seventh trailing 5-4. Consecutive Akron errors put two UK runners on with no outs, and it seemed the momentum was about to shift back to the home team's favor. But it was not to be. The next three batters were retired on groundouts.

The defeat was made even harder to swallow because of the solid outing by UK pitcher Colleen Boddy (1-5). She held Akron to three runs over the first six innings, striking out five and retiring 10 consecutive batters between the fourth and seventh innings.

Boddy, a junior, took no solace in her performance.

"Whether I'm hitting or pitching, my mind-set is always to help the team. Our only goal is to win, and we're obviously disappointed with the result," she said.

The Cats finished the tournament with an 0-3 record. When asked if playing at home for the first time over the weekend had affected the team's play, Kwiatkowski said they should have been better.

"With our families here, I guess that added a little pressure, but it should have given us motivation to do better. Hopefully, we can step it up and start playing like we should."

Head Coach Beth Kirchner said UK can learn from the game.

"The thing that we can take away from this is a definite motivation to practice hard," Kirchner said.

"To get close like that and not be able to win really gives you fuel to do things correctly in practice. That will be the No. 1 thing that we take away from (today)."

JOLTIN' JOE

Baseball great DiMaggio dies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joe DiMaggio, the elegant Yankee Clipper whose 56-game hitting streak endures as one of baseball's greatest records, died yesterday at his home in Hollywood, Fla. Joltin' Joe has left and gone away, as the song said, at age 64.

DiMaggio, who underwent lung cancer surgery in October and battled complications for weeks afterward, died shortly after midnight, said Morris Engelberg, his longtime friend and attorney.

At his bedside were his brother, Dominick, a former major league outfielder; two grandchildren; Engelberg; and Joe Nacchio, his friend of 59 years.

A funeral will be held Thursday in his native northern California home, with burial to follow in the San Francisco area.

"DiMaggio, the consummate gentleman on and off the field, fought his illness as hard as he played the game of baseball and with the same dignity, style and grace with which he lived his life," said Engelberg,

DiMaggio's next-door neighbor.

During his 99 days in the hospital, DiMaggio suffered several setbacks from lung infections and even fell into a coma briefly, but he astounded his doctors by repeatedly bouncing back. At one point, NBC reported in error that he had died.

When DiMaggio left the hospital Jan. 19, he was invited by Yankees owner George Steinbrenner to throw out the ceremonial first ball at the Yankees' home opener April 9. After DiMaggio came home from the hospital, a sign was placed on his bed saying "April 9 Yankee Stadium or Bust."

Steinbrenner said yesterday he visited a weak, but alert DiMaggio five days ago to remind him of the invitation.

He just smiled," Steinbrenner said.

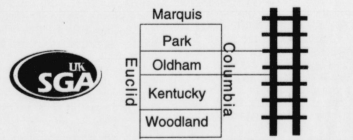
Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said DiMaggio, said, "I never saw a player who was as graceful. The was an aura about him that was amazing. I idolized him. He'll always be my all-time favorite," Selig said.



New York Yankee great Joe DiMaggio was well-known for his 56-game hitting streak in 1941. Joe D became a cult hero in New York over time.

Columbia Heights Neighborhood Association

Meeting Tuesday, March 9
7:00 pm
Christian Fellowship Center
Corner of Columbia and Woodland
Students who live in this area
PLEASE ATTEND!



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CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is produced weekly by the Office of Student Activities. Postings in the calendar are free to all registered student organizations and UK Departments. Information can be submitted in Rm. 203, Student Center or by completing a request form on line at <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter>. Posting requests are due ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Monday information is to appear in the calendar. For more information call 257-8866

Tuesday 3/9

- ACADEMIC**
•Math 108 & 123 Tutoring, 203 Frazer Hall, FREE, call 7-6959 for more info
•Informal Creative Writing Workshop 8-9:30pm, Rm. 8108C W.T. Young Library, Free
•Chemistry 105 Review, 5-7pm, 103 Barker Hall, FREE
MEETINGS
•Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30pm, 359 Student Ctr.
•Inter-university Christian Fellowship Quest Meeting, 7pm, Rm 230 Student Center
•Green Thumb recycling meeting, 7pm, 106 Student Center
•Habitat For Humanity meeting, 6 pm, 113 Student Center
•Communication Student Assoc. meeting, 7:30 pm, Maggie Room of Grehan Bldg.
•Speakers from Medical School Admissions Offices of UK, UoU, Pikeville 7-9 pm, 137 Chem/Phys Bldg.
•Societas Pro Legibus Meeting, 7 pm, 228 Student Center
INTRAMURALS
•Soccer Tournament to be held on 3/26 and 3/27, mandatory managers meeting today 5 pm, Worsham Theatre
ARTS/MOVIES
•MacAllister Awards and Masterclass-Vocal Competition/ Audition, 9am, Singletary Center
SPORTS
•UK Ultimate Frisbee Practice, 6-8pm, Band Field, call Nick at 281-1256 for info

Wednesday 3/10

- ACADEMIC**
•LEAP Learning Skills Program, 1-1:50pm, 203 Frazer Hall
MEETINGS
•Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9pm, CSF Bldg. (corner of Woodland & Columbia)
•Student Meal and Discussion 5pm, Newman Center
•French Conversation Table 4:30-6pm, Ovi's Cafe
•Psi Chi meeting, 9pm, Rm. 213 Kastle Hall
•Holy Eucharist at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel, 12:05 pm & 6 pm
•Russian Table sponsored by the Russian Club, 4:30 pm, Lynagh's, (no knowledge of Russian required)
ARTS/MOVIES
•Senior Recital: Noemi Lugo, voice, 8pm, Singletary Center
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
•Aikido Class/UK Aikido Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris at 245-5887 for info
•Volleyball Officials Meeting - Earn Extra \$\$\$, mandatory meeting 6pm, 116 Seaton Center

Thursday 3/11

- MEETINGS**
•Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre
•UK Lambda meeting for Lesbians/trans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
•Thursday Night Live, 7pm, Christian Student Fellowship, call 233-0313 for info
•UK Snowboard and Snowboard meeting, 7pm, Room 228 Student Center
•Golden Key National Honor Society Meeting, 7:30pm, 228 Student Center
ARTS/MOVIES
•Senior Recital: Laura Adams, flute and Hannah Hopkins - Maupin, piccolo, 8pm, Singletary Center
•UK Opera Workshop, Memorial Hall, call Tara Anderson at 257-8366 for info.
SPORTS
•UK Ultimate Frisbee Practice, 6-8pm, Band Field, call Nick at 281-1256 for info

Friday 3/12

HAVE A FUN SPRING BREAK!!!!
SPECIAL EVENTS
•Cultural Presentation by Emmanuelle, presented by French Dept., 5pm, Blending I Basement, FREE
•\$48 Applications Available in Room 203 Student Center - Apply Now for President, Vice President, Communication Director, and Committee Chair Positions

Saturday 3/13

- RELIGIOUS**
•Catholic Mass 6 pm, Newman Center
•Sunday Morning Worship, 11 am, Christian Student Fellowship
ARTS/MOVIES
•Opening Reception for Kopans Art Exhibit, 7pm, Singletary Center President's Room
•Bluegrass Area Music Teachers 8:30 am, call 257-8169 for location

Sunday 3/14

- RELIGIOUS**
•Catholic Mass 9am, 11:30 am, 5pm, 8:30pm, Newman Center
•Sunday Morning Worship, 11 am, Christian Student Fellowship
•Holy Eucharist at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel, 10:30 am & 6 pm
MEETINGS
•Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 7pm, 230 Student Center
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
•Aikido Classes/ UK Aikido Club, 1-3 pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris at 245-5887 for info
ARTS/MOVIES
•Indian Students Assoc. "Sensation" - dance, etc., 5pm, Singletary Center, tickets \$20 and \$40 VIP seats, call 257-4929 for info.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BOARD SELECTIONS ARE COMING UP!
The applications will be in the Student Center room 203 on March 8, 1999 and will be out until March 31, 1999
Interviews will be scheduled on April 7th and 8th for Selections of the Board

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White House
 vernacular

What's in a name?

WASHINGTON — A nickname, says the proverb, is "the heaviest stone the devil can throw at a man." Some wound and leave scars. Some stick like burrs. Others fall away and are forgotten. American presidents have attracted and endured nicknames ever since George Washington was called the "Sword of the Revolution." "Father of His Country," the "Sage of Mount Vernon" and, interestingly, "The Old Fox." Presidential nicknames have been piling up for two centuries, from George "Father of our country" Washington to Bill "Slick Willie" Clinton. Here are some other fun quibbles about presidential nicknames:

- When John Adams insisted that Congress call President Washington "His Highness," some senators, snickering behind their hands, dubbed Adams "His Rotundity."
- William Henry Harrison was a "Log Cabin candidate" before Abraham Lincoln but was also widely known as "Tippecanoe," after his 1811 victory on a battlefield of the Indian Wars.
- Many people thought of Martin Van Buren as sly and "Toby," the "Little Magician." But finally, to his political foes he was little Van, "the used-up man."
- Andrew Jackson was "Old Hickory" for the tree so hard it resisted nails. Some Americans, trying to recycle the title, called James Polk "Young Hickory."
- Zachary Taylor is still known as "Old Rough and Ready," a reputation earned during the 1848 war with Mexico.
- Theodore Roosevelt will always be a "Rough Rider," even though his cavalry regiment had no horses with them when they captured San Juan Hill. The president detested "Teddy" even though he had been called "Teddy" as a boy.

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IN OUR OPINION

Whose standards?

Different ways of ranking top-20 status

Know what you want. Or in the case of UK's quest to become a top-20 public research institution, know whose standards you want to adhere to.

And amid all this hubbub that's been brewing about UK becoming a top-20 public research institution, we'd like to make this point known to administrators working diligently to meet the challenge Gov. Paul Patton has proposed to make UK a top-20 by 2020.

Once again, we have a better question: According to who? Because if UK wants to be ranked among the top 20 public research institutions according to the Carnegie Foundation, they really can't be. The Carnegie Foundation's system is not a ranking system per se, but rather a classification system. In this system, UK is one of 88 universities considered a Research I institution.

Whether UK wants to be ranked in the top 20 among those 88 is not clear.

Wanting to be ranked in the top-20 public research institutions according to *U.S. News and World Report* might be a little bit closer to the mark, but science, ask any college football coach. Improvement is great, but don't focus just on the number 20.

spring, and for many years, UK's pharmacy school has been the one to outshine the University's other programs. A high ranking for multiple programs at the University would be great. Again, it would be nice to know that's what the UK's gunning for.

This lack of a clearly defined goal threatens the success of the University's mission. It makes the university's quest seem aimless, and makes it seem like the title of top-20 is just another accolade to add to UK's mantle. The last thing this school should do is look at top-20 status with a shrug of the shoulders. And even if we got up there with the University of Michigan, Washingtons and Wisconsin-Madisons, letting a magazine tell us how good we are is shortsighted.

You can ask the College of Law what it's like to play the numbers game. In the world of graduate programs, rankings are everything, and there is an intense amount of lobbying and posturing that goes on. Rankings are everything when it comes to finding graduates to attend, grants to apply for and so on.

Numbers are fine, but they don't always tell the whole story. That's especially when you're trying to quantify academic excellence. Folls are an inexact science; ask any college football coach. Improvement is great, but don't focus just on the number 20.

Katy Crossen

KERNEL COLUMNIST

If you build it, maybe they will come — safely

I love to drive. Sometimes the urge strikes, and I put the pedal to the metal. With the windows rolled down and my Kentucky flag waving, a soaring sensation overcomes me. I'm flying.

But last week, I reevaluated my sometimes insatiable appetite for life in the fast lane. It hit me (no pun intended) like a ton of bricks: I share the road with so many others. Other people are trying to get to their destination just as quickly as I am, and if I'm not cautious we could collide.

Sadly, other drivers like to soar down streets and careen around corners. Last week, three people have paid the price for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

The worst incident happened to sociology senior Stanley McGowan. McGowan passed away last Monday after being hit by a car the previous weekend.

McGowan was trying to cross South Limestone Street at Keneland Drive. It was a convenient spot for him because it was close to his dorm and a ramp gave him access to the street. When he was struck by an oncoming car, he was pitched from his wheelchair, and sent rolling under a parked car.

Most people know that Limestone is crossed by many students at all times of the day. The high volume of traffic poses a threat to

all pedestrians. Jaywalking has become a fact of life. We jaywalk because it is a waste of time to walk all the way down to the intersection of Limestone and Euclid Avenue to catch a light to cross. We have places to go and people to see, and time is too precious a commodity to waste on street crossing.

I've seen some students play chicken with the oncoming traffic

"We're also entitled to the right to cross the street safely, regardless of our physical condition."

Unfortunately, we are left to ask a timeless question: How does the chicken cross the road ... safely?

Last week, our Supreme Court made a monumental ruling in favor of disabled students. An Iowa high school student sued his school district because he wanted to stay in school. But as a disabled student, he could not afford the mounting medical bills

needed for him to stay in school. Garret Frey needed aides to help him eat and perform other necessary functions while at school.

The school district refused to pay, saying it wasn't its responsibility to pay \$18,000 in medical bills for their students.

Because every person is entitled the right to attend school, Frey believed that included the coverage of his medical bills that were necessary just to attend high school.

The Supreme Court agreed. With only two dissenting justices, the court said Frey had the right to go to school, and if he needed something extra because of his disability, he deserved it.

What a wonderful ruling. The Supreme Court flat-out said we all deserve an education. Black or white, disabled or not, we all are entitled to go to school.

We're also entitled to the right to cross the street safely, regardless of our physical condition.

UK and the city of Lexington owe a crosswalk to students. Something on Limestone permits all students to cross the street without the fear of being smashed by oncoming cars.

Some of us can run across the street, hoping our legs can beat out the cars heading straight for us. Others in wheelchairs are left with a more dangerous scenario.

If you build it, they will come. And they will come safely. Build it.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Nice guys will always finish last in love, Ms. Marquis

To the editor:

I recently read the column written by Meg Marquis titled "Nice guys don't have to finish last in love." To say the least, I disagree! I claim to be a "Nice Guy." In fact, I actually pride myself on it! I open the car door, actually, any door, for a lady. I treat any woman as a goddess, or a princess, if you will. As reward for being the "Nice Guy," I get walked on. Not just now and then, but all the time.

I recently had a long relationship end. All seemed to be going well, we had a wonderful Valentine's Day, we treated each other to a nice dinner and hotel stay. She always told me how nice of a guy I was. Then one day, entirely out of the blue, she ended it. Reason? There was none given!

So how do I finish first if the most wonderful person in the world breaks up with me for no reason? As long as I can remember, I always see the pricks getting the great girls, and I've gotten nothing but a walking on. It's almost as though once you begin to treat any girl with respect, she doesn't like it and would rather have a jerk for a boyfriend.

Marquis said, "My boyfriend right now is a nice guy who has succeeded in love; I promise that all you other nice guys out there can do the same..." But who is to say any minute for no reason what so ever, she may wake up one day and decide he isn't worth it anymore?

"Terrible generalization? Yes, but unrealistic? No, not a little bit."

Simply put, if you're a "Nice Guy," you're going to get walked on. If you're a prick, you're going to get the girl!

NATHAN LIVINGSTON
 INFORMATION SYSTEMS JUNIOR

Nothing wrong with New York DUI law

To the editor:

I read the Kernel editorial "Booze and Lose" on Thursday and couldn't believe my eyes. Your editorial declared the New York seizure law unconstitutional (a bold claim) but offered no convincing evidence as to why.

Oh yes, you mentioned that it circumvents due process. How exactly does it do that? By your own admission, drunk drivers must be convicted before their cars are auctioned. Let me quote it for you, "Once convicted, the vehicle can be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder." If you are perhaps referring to the impounding of the car as "seizure," I suggest you bone up on your law a little.

Items of personal property, including cars, are impounded by the police as evidence in criminal trials every day. These items are held pending the outcome of those trials.

Sure, it's not always fair. But life isn't always fair. Tell the little girl I met whose family was hit by a drunk driver and now has to wear braces on her legs for the rest of her life how unfair it is. Tell her mother, who can't lift objects that weigh more than five pounds because of damage to her arms in the crash. Or tell her father.

Oh wait, you can't. He's dead.

Is it fair her family was

deprived her father? By the way, the drunk driver in that case isn't in jail anymore. He served a short sentence for manslaughter and was released early. Last I heard, he moved out of state and was working as a stock broker. You're right. It wouldn't be fair for him to be deprived of his car.

Drunk driving is not a "slip-up," as you so casually put it. It is a crime. It is not something that always happens by accident.

BRAYAN BOLING
 HISTORY SENIOR

Racism is most certainly NOT overhyped

To the editor:

After reading the letter "Racism is often overhyped" by Erin Woodall, I was stunned at her seemingly ignorant remarks. It was amazing to me that with the recent trial of a man who was dragged to death in Texas, which was a crime committed by a white supremacist, she remarked, "I don't believe they (racist incidents) are as widespread as people make them out to be."

Woodall also commented on certain African-American events and programs such as the Miss America Pageant and Black Entertainment Television. She said, "If I were to move for a WET (White Entertainment Television) or Miss White America Pageant, I would automatically be labeled as exclusionary or racist."

If Woodall had done her homework, she would have come across evidence that these kind of programs have been in existence for a long time already. For instance, the Miss America Pageant first began in 1921, but took until 1970 for Cheryl Brown, the first black woman, to ever compete in such a pageant. Therefore, maybe everyone isn't "sick and tired of hearing about racism," like she is.

TRISHA PFISTER
 THEATRE FRESHMAN

More talk about religion

To the editor:

I would like to address a few comments made by Joe Crabtree in his recent letter to the editor. He said, "If I understand Christianity at all, becoming a Christian requires a personal decision, which, by definition, cannot be forced on anyone."

Mr. Crabtree, you're right. A personal decision cannot be forced on anyone. Christianity cannot be forced on anyone. But on the other hand, one can say they feel another is trying to force them into something as a figure of speech. Imagine someone using a "figure of speech": "The last time someone said they were going to do something 'until the cows come home,' I hope you didn't stand up and yell, 'But you don't have any cows, you idiot!'"

Sometimes hypocrisy can be good. Many innocent people get smacked in the head with the Bible every day. Oops, I just used a figure of speech. After you get smacked in the head three or four times (again, this is a figure of speech), you decide to stand up and say "STOP!" That all these letters over the past week have been doing. Someone was smacked, and so he wrote about it. That's all there is to it.

DYLAN PAUL
 THEATRE FRESHMAN

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FILM THOUGHTS

Feel the rush of 'Rushmore'

The year's first great comedy: Murray and Schwartzman provide lots of laughs in new film

By Jonathan D. Gent
STAFF CRITIC

Let's start like this. *Rushmore* is a funny movie.

No, it's a damn funny movie. Full of dark humor and serious undertones, the film makes a simple concept work, armed only with odd characters and dialogue.

Rushmore Academy has two oddities: Max Fischer (Jason Schwartzman) and Herman Blume (Bill Murray).

While Blume is an alumni of the prestigious prep school, he has a child in him (we see him smacking down shots in an elementary basketball game); Max is a sophomore at the acad-

emy, on scholarship. He participates in every extracurricular activity at the school (even founding quite a few), which reflects in his studies.

One of the best examples of his activities is writing, producing and directing the on-stage version of *Serpico*.

The conflict starts when both men fall for the same woman: first-grade teacher Miss Cross (Olivia Williams). Her rejection of Max is heightened with her embracing of Herman.

The two men who had befriended each other start a long and particularly nasty war that includes one destroyed bicycle, one failed marriage, a teacher's resignation, and the sabotaging

of one set of brakes.

Herman ends up alone (he loses both his wife and Miss Cross), Max ends up expelled (and in jail temporarily), and everything pretty much goes to hell, basically so Max can put it all back together in a climactic last effort to set things right.

This movie has one major fault: It is too good. Not just all that hype about Murray acting. The movie is funny.

Without gimmicky stars (even though I like Chris Tucker), or concepts (the teen movement is also not in my doghouse).

Max is a grown-up kid. Herman is a childish adult. They mesh wonderfully. The script is charming and witty without the joke being seen around corners.

Finally, the only jokes aren't located in the trailer (al-

though the joke about the scrubs is still priceless).

Rushmore comes to us from Wes Anderson and Owen Wilson, the creators of *Bottle Rocket*. They seemed to have focused a bit more here.

The plot in *Rushmore* goes straight ahead, while *Bottle Rockets* takes an exit on the plotline express early on. Both are focused on character, but *Rushmore* really has too much going for it.

In a time when quirky comedy usually means that a nearly anorexic lawyer has hallucinations including dancing babies, *Rushmore* amuses, letting a mediator and a critic just sit back and enjoy.

I just wish it would have sucked some, nothing to complain about makes for pretty dull writing.

Rating: A

GAME REVIEW

Let the madness of March begin with a game

What better place to start than with hoops: *College Hoops '99* gives a good mix of graphics and realism

By Gary McCollum
STAFF WRITER

As we approach March Madness, we at the Kernel bring you yet another first.

I took some time out from my schedule to do some serious research on college basketball.

That's right, I decided to review Fox Sports *College Hoops '99* for Nintendo 64.

With 120 teams, different playing styles, and a ton of regular-sea-

son and tournament options, I expected the game would have a lot to offer.

The game wasn't that bad, but it wasn't that great either.

Others consulting on the game made a notable comparison between *College Hoops '99* and the old *Double Dribble* game for Nintendo.

Unquestionably, the best graphics on the game are in the form of the crowd in the background.

The best aspect of this game was that Indiana flat out sucks. I

found that out when I got drilled by 35 because I was playing with the Hoosiers.

If a team lacks a point guard with a quick first step, or you have little in the way of three-point shooters, then you will be in trouble.

Both of those factors can mean the outcome in the game.

The homecourt advantage also has a huge impact on *College Hoops '99*.

The sad illustration of that is the one away team to win during our playing time was Louisville over UK at Rupp. But as any Kernel

editorial will tell you, it's because there were no students in the lower arena.

All in all, Fox Sports *College Hoops '99* is a quality game that doesn't take long to learn.

To learn how to play the game well is a different story all together. Switching defense, running an effective offense and keeping a lead all take time to master.

Frankly, that would take more time than I'm willing to spend.

Still, the game is a good one.

Grade: B



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