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4. Avoid falling off stages.
3. Simply ignore Ross Perot when he tries to jump up and bite you in the knee.
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Miss one? The last rail of the year will be chosen by you, the readers. It's been a great year, thanks for all the ideas and critiques. E-mail me at rnort0@pop.uky.edu with the date or subject and I'll reprint the winner.

— RON NORTON

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A DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN**Ford named a fellow in Martin School****Joining a legendary list: Former U.S. senator will work on campus at least twice a month**By Robert Ouan
STAFF WRITER

Former United States Sen. Wendell H. Ford will join UK's list of luminaries as a Distinguished Fellow in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.

The announcement, made last Thursday by President Charles Wethington, came during a meeting of the Martin

School's Advisory Board.

Mike Nietzel, dean of Graduate Studies for the Martin School and one of the faculty responsible for bringing Ford to the University, said Ford will hold his academic appointment for at least one academic year and possibly longer.

Ford is Kentucky's longest serving senator and held the position of Majority Whip, the second

highest position in the Senate, for a number of years.

"The Martin School is a school for public administration," he said. "For both students and faculty, Ford will be a significant individual to interact with."

Ford's position will involve him in a number of UK lectures and conferences.

More importantly for the Martin School, he will also be available to students and faculty for consultation on matters of public policy and policy research, Nietzel said.

Students will have a chance

to talk to Ford and tap into his vast political experience when thinking about their own careers, said Edward Jennings, acting director of the Martin School.

"Senator Ford has a wealth of experience on both the state and national level," Jennings said. "We're very excited about this."

Some of Ford's seminars will only be open to Martin School graduate students, but a number of his lectures will be open to all students and the community as a whole, Nietzel said.

Ford, who lives in Owensboro, will assume academic responsibilities at the beginning of

next semester. He will be on campus at least twice a month, Jennings said.

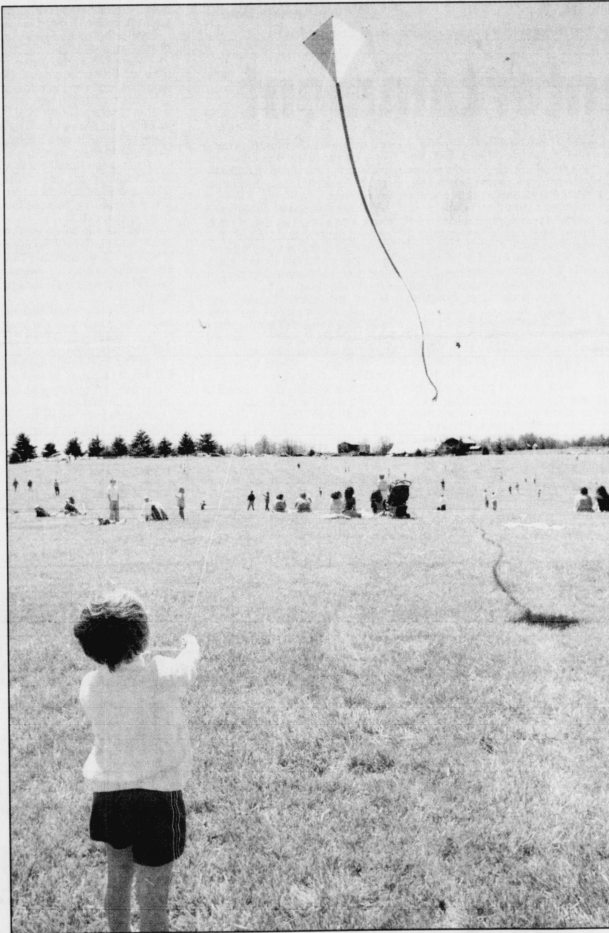
In addition to his academic duties, Ford will assist the Martin School with its civic and community outreach and public service programs, Jennings said.

Before retiring, Ford was a longtime staple of Kentucky politics. He served as U.S. senator for four full terms, and retired last year.

He also served as governor of Kentucky from 1971 to 1974 and lieutenant governor from 1967 to 1971.

**Blue bloods**

Blue team wins annual spring football scrimmage 13

<http://www.kykernel.com>**GREEKS**

Shelby Taylor (below), 6, a Brownie in Troop 489, flew her kite at Jacobson Park yesterday as part of the Kite Fest sponsored by Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority.

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KERNEL STAFF**ACADEMICS****Kids go bananas at Chem-Phys****High school students take part in UK examination**By Lexie Cheatham
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There's nothing like throwing frozen bananas against the wall, and watching them shatter.

UK's Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society had fun with various types of food Saturday at the 18th annual High School Chemistry Examination in the Chemistry-Physics Building.

The event began with a two-hour chemistry exam for high school students that made them eligible for a scholarship and cash prizes.

Laurie Watson, president of the society, said the examination will benefit high school students planning to attend UK.

"Students that pass the exam will not have to take Chemistry 105 or 107 at UK." High school students are selected to take the examination by their chemistry teachers. The society sends a letter to every high school in Kentucky, and the schools may register their students for \$10 each. This year, 100 students were pre-registered.

Jaymi Veeck, a chemistry graduate student, has been involved with Chemistry Day for two years. She said she was impressed with this year's turnout.

"This is a much bigger turnout," Veeck said. "We had 100 registered and 85 came. Last year, we only had 35 students."

The examination was followed by chemistry professor Rob Toreki's performance at a magic show of the electric pickle demonstration.

He plugged a transformer into the pickle, then ran a current through the pickle, causing the pickle to glow for a few seconds.

"If anyone wants fried pickle for dessert, let me know," Toreki joked. "We're running a special today."

Toreki enjoyed the mess he was allowed to make.

"I don't even have to clean this up." Awards were then given to the students. Each winner received a trophy and a certificate. The awards were divided into varsity and junior varsity categories.

The first-place varsity student won a scholarship for a semester at UK or \$300 if the student does not attend UK. Second place was \$150 and third place was \$50. This year's winners were from Tates Creek High School, Louisville St. Xavier, and Daviess County High School.

Many high school students thought the examination was difficult, but plan to return to chemistry day next year.

"The test was very challenging," said Melody Hobbs, a junior at Central Hardin.

Josh Baurle, a junior at St. X, was celebrating his 17th birthday while participating in chemistry day.

Baurle, a member of a winning varsity team, said his favorite part of the day was the magic show.

"My favorite part of the show was anything that made noise or exploded," he said.

After the awards, high school students were invited to attend a poster contest. The posters were research projects done by chemistry undergraduate students.

High as a kiteBy Emily Douglas
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Batman and Robin swooped down from the sky. The Tasmanian Devil zipped through the afternoon wind.

From a distance, it looked like hundreds of tiny specks were dipping and weaving in a sea of blue.

It's not an air war. It's the 1999 Kite Fest.

Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority and Phillip Galls Outdoor, Inc. sponsored the event at Jacobson Park on Saturday, where hundreds of families came out to fly kites. The sorority set up booths with face-painting, where kites, cats paws and anything the kids

wanted were colorfully applied to faces.

If the families needed more string or another kite, Phillip Galls could assist. The company had a booth and sold string and kites shaped like sharks and diamonds, among others. They had a wide array of colorful options to choose from as well.

There were hot dogs and beverages and a radio station was blasting music throughout the park. All shapes and colors of kites dotted the sky.

"It's great to be out here helping the kids, and a good opportunity to get to know the community," said Maggie Knight, a communications sophomore and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.



Biology sophomore Megan Bell (left) and José Macias, 3, of Lexington made a kite for Macias during the event.

CONCERT REVIEW



MARK VANDERHOFF | KERNEL STAFF

Widespread Panic gave fans a reward that was a long time coming on Friday. The band played many of its signature songs during a two-set concert.

Widespread entertainment

Worth the wait: Widespread Panic returns to Lexington for the first time in three years

By Martin Underwood
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Arriving in Lexington in the middle of its spring tour, Widespread Panic brought a sense of excitement and anticipation to Memorial Coliseum on Friday. The anticipation had been brewing ever since the band brought its musical mastery to the area with concert at Red Mile Racetrack in 1996. As fans mingled outside the coliseum and the surrounding area, they enjoyed the weather of a near-perfect spring day. Spirits were high as local and national fans traded stories and discussed the band's tour-in-progress. As show time began to approach, the majority of fans were still lingering outside. Many thought the concert would begin

much later than the advertised time. But, as Widespread took the stage at 8:20 p.m. and launched into "Glory," many fans were still outside. By the time the band headed into its second song, "Ain't No Use," the coliseum had filled up with fans dancing under a collective groove. Widespread Panic seemed to be in prime form. The band members — John Bell (J.B.) on vocals and guitar, Dave Schools on bass, Michael Houser on lead guitar, Jo Jo Herman on keyboards, Todd Nance on drums and Sonny Ortiz on percussion — wove their way through a complex tapestry of songs. The first set, which ran about an hour, had a nice mix of tunes like, "Aunt Avis" and "Big Woolly Mammoth," but it was the "Ju-

nior"/"Pusherman"/"Junior" combo that may have been the set's highlight. By this point, the audience was immersed in Panic's deep grooves and intense trademark jamming. "Fishwater" carried the audience into the set break and gave everyone a chance to catch their breath. While the first set offered a solid grouping of Panic songs, it was really just a warm-up for what the band had in store for the second set. The band ripped into "Space Wrangler," and the set was off and running. From there, Widespread offered up a stellar version of the fan favorite, "Jack." While the beginning of the second set was undoubtedly solid, the show's centerpiece jam took form as the opening notes of "Diner" filled the coliseum. Another crowd-pleaser, this version was a scorcher, as Houser's lightning-fast leads on guitar set the pace for the rest of the band to follow. Panic tore through "Din-

er" for about 20 minutes, until the song gradually dissolved into a bass and drums jam and finally into the amazing percussion solos of Ortiz. For their encore, Widespread chose a pair of songs that perfectly complement each other. The contemplative "Nobody's Loss" gave way to the fun-loving, good-time vibe of "Walkin'," a perfect close to the show. As the house lights came back on and shocked the audience with a sense of reality, fans began filtering back outside into the much cooler air of night. Widespread Panic delivered another amazing performance in Lexington, and the city showed a lot of support for the band. Many local fans just hope it will not take another two and a half years to get the band back in town. And with the amount of fun had by audience and band alike last Friday, Widespread Panic should be taking over the streets of Lexington again very soon.

WRESTLING

Ric Flair committed

Back to his old self: Wrestling legend offers drinks to students at Florida



Gary McCollum
WRESTLING COLUMNIST

Isn't it ironic? Don't ya' think? For the first time since Jimmy Carter was president, Ric Flair finally acted cool again. So how is he repaid? They commit him to a central Florida nut house. I have to admit that initially I was a little confused — I thought they might be carting

Flair off to Shady Pines.

Despite the plausibility issues I will address in a moment, let's look at this scenario as if it was believable.

For those of you lucky enough to miss Nitro on Monday night, let me give you this brief synopsis. Flair challenged many of the Florida Gator fans in attendance to a drinking contest at "The Swamp." But it never happened thanks to Roddy Piper, who is becoming less "Rowdy" with each Ginseng pill he takes and Depends diaper he straps around his waist.

The really sad part is this was one of the few contests Flair is still capable of winning. As a former Florida State Seminole and avid Gator-hater, I would actually have rooted for Flair if the event had gone down. Gators may live in the water, but that doesn't make them any good at drinking.

Still, this is a moot point because Flair was committed, an action I'm still trying to figure out.

When did Roddy Piper receive power of attorney for Ric? Unless of course, Piper doesn't just play the bagpipes, and the Flair really does flare.

This chilling image aside, could someone please explain to me why WCW has resorted to stealing plot lines from 10-year-old "Dallas" reruns on TNN? My guess is that J.R. and Bobby Ewing are rolling over in their graves right now ... all four of them.

That is not to say the WWF is any better in the plot department right now. This Undertaker-Ministry of Darkness crap has got to go, but as their last official act, I would love to see them possess McMahon with some acting skills.

But the difference between the lousy acting on the WWF and the lousy acting on WCW is that with the WWF, it's not sanitized for my protection. If Debra McMichael wants to flaunt it, she can. If The Rock wants to curse at little kids in the third person, he goes for it.

Originally, I had planned for this to be my last wrestling column of the year, but because the weeks' plotlines were weak at best, I'll do my best to leave like George Costanza ... on a high note.

Sadly, that might be tough if something interesting doesn't happen in next week's programming.

Where's Chris Jericho when you need him? Or The Cat for that matter?

As this year draws to a slow, painful end, maybe I should look into covering another form of sports entertainment for next fall. After all, that RollerJam show seems to become more and more addicting by the week.

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SPRING FOOTBALL

Receiver could shine come fall

O depth: McCord may stand out once season rolls around

By Michael Heppermann ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Yeah, it's only April, and the 1999-2000 college football season is months away, but just like school, it will pop up on you before you know it.

So the football team is busy at work, having played its annual Blue/White Scrimmage on Saturday, which traditionally provides a glimpse of what we might expect when the fall semester is officially under way again.

And after losing the one-two punch of Tim Couch and Craig Yeast, who can you expect to see racking up the yards, providing a spark, and stepping up to be the one guy the entire stadium knows is going to get the ball when the game is on the line?

Well, it could be a lot of people. But for now, think junior wide receiver Quentin McCord.

Nevermind that in the scrimmage McCord didn't score a touchdown while playing for the side that posted 59 points. He caught the most passes (six) for the most yards (118) and set up a couple of the Blue team's touchdowns by getting the ball inside the 10-yard line.

Going into the game, he thought a big performance was in his grasp, but was hoping a touchdown would be too.

"I was expecting to have a big day," McCord said. "I'm not trying to be selfish, but I wanted to see the end zone at least once."

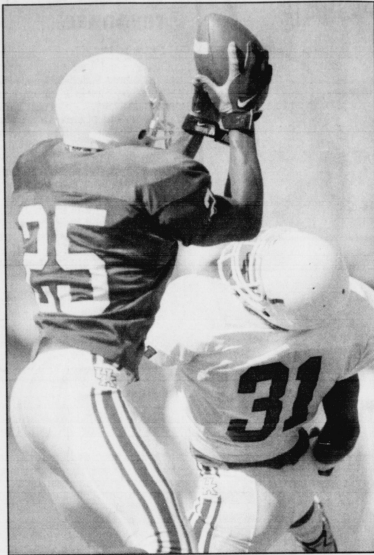
Nevertheless, he earned the praises of starting quarterback Dusty Bonner, who said that having a receiver like McCord makes his job a little easier.

"When you let down the field and know he's going to beat the cornerback, it's really nice," Bonner said. "You just have to throw it up and he'll get it."

So does McCord have the potential to be the Cats' next go-to guy?

He's the leading returning wide receiver with 57 catches for 435 yards and three touchdowns last year. He played in nine games and started in three, but missed two weeks after spraining his ankle against Georgia.

McCord also started the first six games of his freshman



JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Junior wide receiver Quentin McCord caught one of his six passes over the head of cornerback Brackston Poltier in UK's Blue/White Scrimmage.

year, making him the first true freshman to start since running back Damon Hood in 1992.

After losing just three seniors in a crowded receiving corp, McCord has lots of company in a high-powered, pass-happy offense. But McCord says with a little work, he can see himself as an impact player.

"I believe with a little extra work I can be," he said. "I want to work on being more consistent. I need to develop better hands, better speed and run better routes."

Ask Bonner, though, and he'll tell you his speed is nothing to bark at. Comparisons to Yeast quickly come to mind.

"They're both so quick," he said. "He puts the moves on and he can take off like Craig did. They're both so fast. I don't think I could ever overthrow him."

Head Coach Hal Mumme wouldn't mind seeing McCord step into that go-to status, but

said it wasn't necessary and doesn't want him or anyone else to have that added pressure.

"Quentin still has to make a lot of improvements. I hope he can be our go-to guy, but even if he stays where he's at right now, I think we'll be fine," Mumme said. "We have a very balanced offense."

And if the offense stays as versatile as it did on Saturday, UK simply may not need a go-to guy, much to Mumme's chagrin. But McCord thinks the combination of him and Bonner could post some impressive numbers every fall weekend.

"I think after summer workouts, we could develop a one-two punch."

Bonner agreed. "There were a few times today when I looked at him and knew what he was thinking and he knew what I was thinking," he said. "We're getting on the same wavelength."

Blue romps in scrimmage

By Michael Heppermann ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Offense was half the story in the Blue/White Scrimmage on Saturday at Rawlings Stadium in Georgetown.

Half the story because only one of the two teams on the field employed any.

The Blue Squad, led by sophomore quarterback Dusty Bonner, displayed its depth on offense and romped its way to a 65-8 win over the White Squad. In fact, if it wasn't for the alumni game, which spanned the first quarter of play and ended with an 8-6 score, the White team would have been shut out. In three quarters of play,

the boys in blue racked up 445 yards of total offense and 59 points, led by Bonner's 261 passing yards and three touchdowns.

"For the most part, I was satisfied," Bonner said. "I need to work on errant balls here and there, but I feel really comfortable with the receivers."

As evidence of its numbers on offense, only one player scored more than one touchdown (fullback Derek Homer rushed for two from 3 and 4 yards out), and the receiver with the most yards (Quentin McCord for 118) didn't score at all.

Even freshman linebacker Morris Lane got in on the action when a bad snap rolled to

the end zone, and he picked it up for the touchdown.

Besides touchdowns by Homer and Lane, Bonner threw TD passes to Anthony White, Garry Davis and James Whalen. Backup Mike Scipione found Jimmy Robinson for a 49-yard touchdown and cornerback Eric Kelly returned an interception 36 yards for a TD.

Junior Mark Perry replaced Corey Doyle at quarterback for the White team in the second half and threw for 109 yards on 10 of 24 passing.

"We're pretty inexperienced," Perry said. "Most guys haven't had as much practice as the older guys, but we got better today."

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BASEBALL

UK wins series over UT

On a roll: Cats beat Vols to win second straight SEC weekend

By Michael Heppermann ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Another two out of three.

For the second straight weekend, the UK baseball team took two out of three games against Southeastern Conference foes, this time from Tennessee.

The Cats (18-24, 8-13 SEC) beat the Vols yesterday 11-4 and Friday 15-12, putting UK in the hunt for third place in the SEC Eastern Division. Had Florida lost yesterday to league-leading South Carolina, UK would be tied for second, but the Gators beat the Gamecocks 5-4 to extend their conference record to 9-12.

Last weekend Florida fell twice at home to UK, which put the Cats in contention for that second slot.

Head Coach Keith Madison said the team is hungry for second place in the division.

"Our goal the whole year has been to finish in the top two, because that guarantees us a spot in the tournament," Madison said. "But we can't worry too much about (the other SEC teams). We can't control what they do."

UK was in control yesterday, particularly pitcher Nathan Kent, who threw a complete game and eight shutout innings. Tennessee recorded all four of its runs in the second inning, but only managed three hits for the rest of the game.

"They hit me pretty good in the second," Kent said, "but after that, I came back and made the hitters hit at my tempo."

Kent was coming off a stellar performance at Florida last weekend where he threw a six-hit shutout, struck out nine, and earned SEC Pitcher of the Week

honors. His shutout was the first the Gators have suffered in 160 home games.

"The last couple of weeks I've felt good," he said. "I feel confident that I can come out and pitch a good game, and I felt like I could do it again today."

Kent also received plenty of run support. The Cats busted loose for 16 hits for the series and for their third double-digit hit (22-24, 5-16 SEC).

UK fell behind 4-3 in the top of the second, but reclaimed the lead in the bottom half of the inning when sophomore Beau Moore drove in Andy Green to tie it and John Wilson drove in Moore with a two-run shot over the rightfield scoreboard. Wilson's homer was his 18th of the year, and it gave UK the lead for good.

Saturday saw UT's Jamie Bennett throw a complete game in which UK notched 11 hits but only four runs. Sophomore Bran-

don Webb started for UK and gave up eight runs on 14 hits as UT won 8-4.

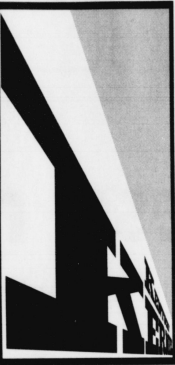
But the Cats put themselves on solid ground at the beginning of the series by taking the first game 15-12.

The Cats took an early lead, fell behind 9-5 and then stormed back in the bottom of the sixth to take the lead for good by recording eight runs.

The Cats then headed to Louisville on Wednesday and to South Carolina on Thursday to pick up his fourth win of the season.

Moore hit his fifth home run of the year and Josh Paxton pitched the last two innings to pick up his fourth win of the season.

UK has now won six of its last 10 heading into Tuesday's game against Western. The Cats then headed to Louisville on Wednesday and to South Carolina on Thursday. "We have to get a great effort for nine innings every time out and I think we have been," Madison said. "If we can make it into the tournament, I think our starters will really make some noise."



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Reaching the summit

WASHINGTON — NATO ran into objections from Russia and questions among its own members Saturday about enforcing an oil embargo against Yugoslavia by searching ships at sea. President Clinton urged Americans to be patient with the bombing strategy in the meantime. "I don't think that this air campaign has been going on for a particularly long time," the president said. The allies must be willing to prosecute the war with determination and "pay the price of time."

On the second day of their summit, NATO leaders said military commanders were laying plans under orders issued Friday night for sea searches to "switch off the oil tap" fueling Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's military machine.

Overheard

"We will continue delivering oil in keeping with our international commitments."

— Igor Ivanov, Russian foreign minister, upon learning of the expected oil embargo against Yugoslavia discussed by NATO.

"According to international rules, it is an act of war. So we must be very cautious."

— Jacques Chirac, president of France, when learning that NATO plans to begin searching all ships headed for Yugoslavia for war-related materials.

"We are moving forward with a strategy that I believe strongly will succeed."

— President Clinton, during this weekend's NATO summit in Washington.

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Chain reaction

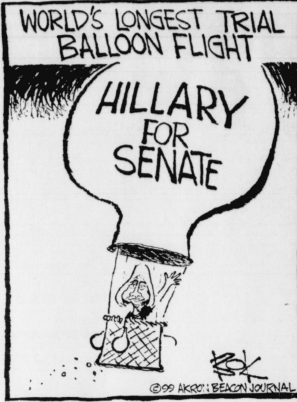
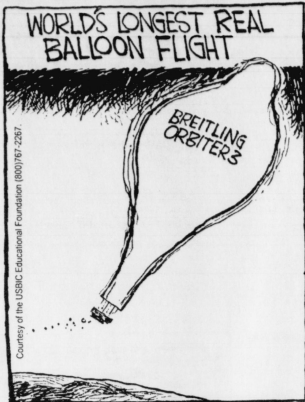
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**IN OUR OPINION**

Senseless, really

Tragedy avoidable if people truly cared

Students in Littleton, Colo. watched in horror last Tuesday.

A nation watched in horror. And the parents of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold watched in horror at the suffering and misery their children inflicted upon some innocent students.

But the question we must ask is this: Were they watching in the year before this incident? And furthermore, did they ever think to do anything about it? In the days after the Columbine High School tragedy, fingers began to point. Accusations started to fly. Excuses were given with reckless abandon.

Pinpointing the exact cause of the senseless tragedy is impossible. We could use some sort of clever buzzword like "society," or "culture" or something else. We could clamor for Congress to pass tougher legislation designed to take firearms out of the hands of children. We could attack the makers of video games and movies for glorifying violence.

But none of that will bring back the lives of 15 teenagers who were snuffed out in a tragic incident. We must try to discover the source of behavior like this. If we don't at least try, then we'll have admitted defeat in the war against violence in our schools, and even in our country.

Here's the answer, and it's not what you're all probably looking for. We've become desensitized to violence. We just don't care about it anymore.

Joel Frank

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Special honor goes to a determined person

As many of you seniors prepare for graduation, you probably have nice memories of your four or maybe five years here. The relationships, the parties, all the late-night hook-ups, you get the picture. But among the seniors who are graduating, there is one that's head and shoulders above the rest. My brother, Robert Howard Frank II.

Now, when you think of people who go to school for 9 1/2 years, you usually think of a doctor or something along those lines. Not my brother! This man has been working on his first bachelor's degree all this time! Yeah, it was pretty much like you think: too much partying, not enough studying and so on. You're right, that is a guaranteed ticket from the University telling you to stay out for a while. That is what he did.

His path went in a different direction than most of ours do. Rob did not cry or complain, he went out and got a job where he steadily got promoted. He went back, and I am proud to say he is finally going to do it. But on top of it all, Rob and I became brothers again.

You see, after our father died, he and I went different directions. I went to New York to start high school and on to college, and he stayed in Indiana to finish his senior year of high school and then on to UK. We may be saw each other once a year around the holidays, but that was it. That changed when I transferred here two years ago. Being in the same city and close to one another, most would think it was going to be great, right?

Wrong. It took almost a year for us to finally get things where they needed to be. We had a difference of opinion about things pertaining to circumstances surrounding my father, circumstances we did not see eye-to-eye on, and it caused some tension. But through testing each other's boundaries and a few fights, we have come to terms.

We now share a house and we get along pretty well. Along the way, we have taught each other a few things (mostly me teaching him), but I have learned a few things as well.

Now, because we all know style around here is dictated by the Greeks, and my brother was guilty as charged, his style was not what you would call "hip." If your world consisted of J. Crew and Polo, then Rob would have been a fashion mogul.

The New York-influenced little brother (me) stepped into the mix and got him straightened out. Now Rob will never admit it, but he did not come right out and ask for help, he just subtly started wearing the same type of things I did. He even got the matching gold chain.

Now, most of you would not think much of this, but by

changing his image, his attitude also changed. He became more self-confident about things and more assertive. You see, by being the loud, arrogant and assertive person I am and understanding the way the outside world works, I have helped groom my brother for whatever may come his way! That's some pretty hard work to do in only two years' time, but I prevailed.

You may be asking, "What in the world could I have learned from him?" Persistence, patience and dedication. When I came to Kentucky, I had a lot to learn when it came to these skills. But when I saw my brother slugging it out day in and day out with school and full-time work, I shut up and took a page out of his book. I learned what it takes to get it out and stay on task. I learned to keep the focus on the light at the end of the tunnel, and to stick it out no matter what the odds are. The results I got out of doing things that way are surprising.

The day Rob graduates is rapidly approaching, and I am proud of him. It goes without saying that our father would be proud of him as well. I am sure Rob will succeed in any endeavor he chooses. He will gain the respect through his life that he well deserves, and one day, he will have a family of his own to pass on his values to. He has my respect, and above all, he has earned the coveted title, that of the "Alpha Male."

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Bhatia's drivel must not go without a response

To the editor:

When I decided to read Manish Bhatia's column in last Thursday's Kernel, I did so only out of curiosity. I was interested in seeing what kind of uneducated, backward opinion he would vent this time. Usually when I read his discriminatory comments, my best defense is to do nothing.

I know he is trying to get me and other readers angry, so I refuse to become outraged. After all, I take comfort in knowing I am right and he is wrong. If he wants to live in a fantasy world, let him.

But when I read his most recent ignorant comments and sweeping generalizations about women, I felt compelled to respond. By remaining silent this time, I would only be damaging my gender even more.

Letting his comments go unanswered as if what he said was correct or OK would be an injustice.

It is absolutely not OK. He bravely uses the statement, "All girls are a legal form of prostitution." This is sick and degrading. He writes as if women are some kind of lower life form, as if we weren't human beings, as if we are possessions with which men may have their way freely.

Women have struggled since the beginning of time to gain equality and to eliminate these sexist notions that Bhatia expresses, and thank God we have come a long way so far. At the risk of sounding cliché, we obviously still have a long way to go, because people like Manish are still out there spreading their brand of discrimination.

That is why I had to respond to his column. I cannot let him get away with this kind of passive oppression, and I will not let him push the women's movement back. We are stronger than he thinks, and we are not any of those things he accuses us of being in his column.

I could write a whole book on this, but I will end my letter for space and fear that I may stoop all the way down to Bhatia's level.

My boots aren't that high, though.

JAMIE KERR
JOURNALISM SENIOR

Bhatia is just after personal glory

To the editor:

I was very offended by Mr. Bhatia's article. It was extremely degrading to women and men as well. In the future, please encourage Mr. Bhatia to submit writing in the future more reflective of his participation in our institution of higher learning.

If Mr. Bhatia wishes to express such feelings in the future, please encourage him to confine them to conversation. I have been at the University for five years now, and every year a writer emerges for the Kernel who seeks infamy through "shock journalism" and editorials. Please discourage this.

Do not be afraid to tell Mr. Bhatia he is a promising writer who has suffered from poor judgment.

In fact, please tell Mr. Bhatia that if he wishes to carry on a discussion of my opinions regarding his opinions, he may contact me at any time. Again, Mr. Bhatia, you

article was disgusting, harmful, ignorant and a sad attempt at sarcasm.

CHRIS O'BRYAN
FORESTRY SENIOR

Kernel used poor judgment in printing column

To the editor:

After reading Manish Bhatia's column, "A User's Guidelines to Purchasing Women," in last Thursday's Kernel, we are appalled by the serious lack of judgment by the Kernel. We will not waste our time by relaying the numerous offensive comments included in Bhatia's column. Suffice it to say his misogynistic attitude is summed up by his central theme and statement, "All girls are a legal form of prostitution."

Sexism is intolerable and should be strongly discouraged in a university setting, particularly because this is meant to be a place that supports openness, tolerance and diversity.

Bhatia's column constitutes hate speech and should not be printed, least of all by being entered in a "newspaper" that has a campus monopoly. It seems ironic that on the day UK was marking the 50th anniversary of desegregation and increasing diversity in campus life, the Kernel was publishing a highly offensive, sexist and bigoted column that was distributed throughout the campus community and beyond.

Such columns make us seriously question just how far we have traveled toward a more progressive campus, and how students manage to attend this University without ever having to think or open their minds.

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Clarification from the man behind the material

This is to clarify any misconceptions that arose regarding my column on stereotyping women as money-grubbing individuals.

The column "A user's guidelines to purchasing women" was intended to be a response to a column written two days earlier by a someone calling all guys "jerks," "assholes," "hellions" and "arrogant," "conceited, second-class guys." Being a regular guy, I took offense to these terms.

My column was intended to show that stereotypes can, and in fact, do, work both ways.

If any reader thought I was merely attacking women for cheap thrills, that was not the case and I apologize for the misunderstanding.

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Graduation

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It's almost time. For you soon-to-be graduates who are so excited, here are a couple of things that could make you think twice about leaving this wonderful place:

- People are always saying that college is the best time of your life. Looks like it's all down hill from here!
- Living a life stuck in a job you end up hating.
- In the real world, business lunches cannot be paid for with play money, in other words, your diner card.
- Classes can be scheduled. Work usually starts early no matter what.
- Your apartment or house will probably not be as close to your work as your place now is to school.
- Midweek keg parties are not usually an option, unless your boss is really cool about coming in late.
- Say it with me: "No more help from the parents."
- Relocation: Moving to another town, not knowing anyone and no parties to meet people at.
- You have to pay for a paper to get a daily crossword puzzle now.
- People you meet no longer ask, "Where do you go to school?" but "What do you do for a living."
- Yelling like a mad man and painting yourself your team color when going to a game with co-workers will not help your reputation, unless you stay in Lexington.
- Tickets to all of the games are not \$5.
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Story by **TOM CALLAHAN** ★ STAFF WRITER

Ready, set, go: Self-gratification, financial success among the top needs, wants of students as they enter a new stage of their lives – the real world

Seniors are go for launch into the real world as they prepare for graduation.

Before they take off, many are taking time to consider what means the most to them when it comes to getting a job.

"What I value the most is to enjoy what I do during the day," said Katie Conrad, an economics senior. "I want to be an economist because I enjoy critical analysis and problem solving," Conrad said. "I'm interested in what's going on."

Location is also of the essence when it comes to finding a job.

"If I want to be an economist I'm limited to working in major cities," Conrad said. "I don't feel like I'm going away from home."

Conrad will be pursuing opportunities in economics in Washington, where her social atmosphere will be comfortable, too.

"I lived in Washington, and I have a lot of friends who are still there."

Many students desire a sense of self-fulfillment in whatever challenges they decide to tackle.

"I look more for experience, a job that will enhance my knowledge about the career path I have chosen," said Kristy Smith, a senior in educational policy studies and evaluation.

"I want a job in college administration, more specifically in the area of student life," she said. "I want to go to a place where they support the idea of a holistic student, where student affairs is on the same level as academic affairs."

Smith hopes her experience as a student will help her as an administrator.

"I like the enthusiasm that students have about college life," Smith said. "It's a time of independence and a time for educators and administrators to support this independence."

Smith, as do many seniors, wants a job she looks forward to in the morning.

"I'd much rather have a job where in the morning I don't shudder at the thought of having to go to work," Smith said.

For some seniors, graduate school provides a means for a sense of self-fulfillment.

"I want to go to graduate school and work at the same time," said Sherif Elshayeb, a computer science senior. "I will work full time and go to graduate school part time."

Elshayeb, like many seniors, seeks positive feedback and self-satisfaction.

"It's a new field of study so I feel that I can add something new to the field fairly quickly," said Elshayeb. "It's not all theory, its something that you can apply straight ahead and see the results right away."

But Elshayeb faces a challenge common to many seniors and must answer the question of where to go from here.

"Location's my biggest concern," Elshayeb said. "I want to go somewhere where I can continue my graduate studies."

When it comes to location, many students are prepared to take what they can get.

"You can't be picky about where you want to live," said Mike Scott, a social work senior.

"You have to go around where the jobs are."

"I look more for experience, a job that will enhance my knowledge about the career path I have chosen."

- Kristy Smith, educational policy studies and evaluation senior



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COLD FEET

'What do I do now?'

The end of a journey: Students wonder what happens next

By Jill Gorin
SGA WRITER

With graduation comes many mixed emotions, including nervousness. What will I do? Where will I work? How will I pay back those school loans? "I'm so ready to get out of UK, but I am a little nervous about what I'm going to do with myself," said Stephanie May, a math senior. "It's tough," she said. "I have to go to school more if I want a job. I think because I'm

a pure math major as opposed to applied math."

Although nervousness is sure to come to any graduating senior at some point, some students seem content with the future.

"A lot of my friends I'm graduating with have jobs already," said Patricia Everett, a civil engineering senior.

"I think I'll find a job pretty quickly. I'm moving back home, and then I'll start looking."

Some students have graduate school to calm their nerves.

"One thing that doesn't make me nervous is the fact that I'm not really getting out into the real world," said Steven Pulliam, a natural resource conservation management senior.

"I'm going to law school in the fall, so I've got three more years before I have to be nervous."

Whether you're a senior who is uneasy about tomorrow or calm about the future, many students agree it's good to get out.

"I've been here for five years now," Pulliam said.

"Even though I'll still be going to school, it will be something different. It's about time."



Retirement not that far away

Why you should care: In the long run, planning ahead pays

By Clint Martin
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Now that seniors are on the verge of becoming alumni, it's time to turn your frazzled minds toward something really important: retirement.

"Everyone in their 20s should be thinking about long-term investing," said Richard Gift, an economics professor.

"People are living longer, it's becoming more expensive to raise children, and insurance rates continue to rise, meaning young people need to start worrying about their future costs," said Pat Shellenberg, financial adviser at Prudential Securities. This means giving yourself plenty of time to financially prepare for your post-working life.

According to the *Wall Street Journal Guide to Planning Your Financial Future*, there are two things you should take immediate advantage of when you start working: First, begin contributing to a voluntary tax-deferred retirement plan. This will most likely be offered by your employer in the form of a 401k or 403b.

Plan to contribute as much as you can. The more of your salary you invest, the faster it grows and the less the government can tax, the guide said. If your salary is \$40,000 and you contribute \$5,000 to your 401k, the government can only tax \$35,000.

Second, you should set up an investment account either with a mutual fund, brokerage or bank. In short, start playing the stock market or set up an IRA. It's a lot easier to make your money work for you, rather than always having to work for your money, the guide said.

Social security is not enough for an individual to depend on, Gift said.

"Absolutely not," he said. "It (Social Security) was designed for minimal standards of living. It would not be prudent to depend solely on Social Security."

Taking advantage of investments may be hard without seeing immediate benefits, but remember: it'll be worth it in the long run.

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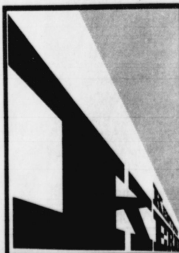
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Next challenge: finding a job

What are my options? Students say job market will be good when they graduate



By Jill Gorin
SEA WRITER

You've survived four years (or more) of college and have a degree. Your next challenge is to compete for a job. College seniors preparing for graduation have been warned: The job market gets tight at times. "I think in general the job market will be pretty good, but for history, it will be terrible," said Scott Whitehouse, a history senior. "I would love to do something with my degree, but I'll probably go back to doing what I was doing before — management." Whitehouse went back to school because he noticed how essential a degree was to employers. "Everybody wants you to have at least an un-

dergraduate degree to work," he said. The job market and the potential of getting a job goes beyond a degree, and depends on several aspects of the market. "The economy and unemployment has a big effect on the market," said Ashley Moore, assistant director of the Career Center. "The market continues to be good, but not quite as good as last year because the economy has slowed down some this year." Of course, with graduate school, one can circumvent the job market altogether. "I'm pretty optimistic about the job market, but won't have to worry for awhile," said Valerie Viers, a French and German senior. "I'm going to graduate school and pos-

sibly study library and information studies, which has a good job market."

The choice to continue education is really a personal one.

"It's not absolutely necessary for everyone to go to graduate school," Moore said. "It really depends on what you're going into and your personal preference."

Another student choosing this route, provides a perspective about the job market in the United States.

"I'm originally from Columbia," said Al Mendez, a political science senior. "I am going to graduate school in England to study Latin American politics. I'll probably come back to the U.S. to work because the job market is better here."

THE HUNT

Finals nothing compared to starting a career

Getting started: While the market may be good, though, the job hunt can prove daunting for students just getting out of college

By Jennifer Caldwell
STAFF WRITER

Finals week is enough to drive almost any student crazy, without any extra worries.

But graduating seniors have a lot of extra worries, not the least of which is finding a job after college.

There are many sources UK graduates can use in their job quest. One almost everyone agrees is important is the Career Center.

"I went to the Career Center and signed up for some job interviews there," said Beverly Moore, a chemical engineering senior.

"I also looked at some books they had and asked around about what kinds of companies chemical engineers worked for."

Although Jeffrey Brand opted not to use the center, he did turn to another resource.

"I used the Internet quite a bit," said Brand, an architecture senior.

After picking a city he wanted to work in, Brand turned to the Internet to supply the names and addresses of the architecture firms there.

David Meade, a mechanical engineering senior, registered with the center, but he also had help from computers in his job hunt.

Meade said the College of Engineering provides its students with a little extra edge in finding a job: The students send their resumes to the college, which then puts them all on a disk. The disk is then distributed to various companies.

"Though technology seems to be one of the favorite means of searching out jobs, word of mouth has always been a popular method of job-hunting among seniors.

"I've gotten some letters of recommendation ... and (am) trying to make some contacts back home," said Jennifer Bradshaw, a nursing senior.

Bradshaw said she would like to become a staff nurse.

Having an idea of what kind of job they're looking for usually helps seniors in their pursuit. Meade has thought about what kind of job he wants to have in engineering.

"I would really like to get into design," he said.

Theresa Currier, a biotechnology senior, said she would like to get a lab tech job at a university to gain the required experience for her field.

For this reason, she's turned to her professors to help her in finding something available at UK or at another university.

While some students are still looking for jobs, those for-

tunate ones have had success early on in their quest.

Moore was formally approached by Marathon-Ashland Refinery at the beginning of the school year.

She said working for them for four summers gave her an advantage.

"I started working for them right after I graduated from high school, and they were supposed to guarantee me a job when I graduated college," Moore said. "It was part of the deal."

Moore said even though she had been offered the Ashland job early on, she still wanted to know what else was out there.

"I was pretty sure it was what I wanted, because I'd worked there and I really enjoyed it," she said.

Brand was also successful in finding a job before the end of the school year.

After sending out 25 resumes to different architecture firms in Phoenix, and spending three days doing eight interviews, he was offered a job at the firm of his choice.



"I think in general the job market will be good, but for history (majors), it will be terrible."

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Winning the game

Thousands of students, decked in cap and gown, ponder the great unknown. Will it be career, grad school or an extended vacation?

By Shalea LaVie Stewart
Staff Writer

For those who don't have a job lined up, there's always home, graduate school, and time to just chill.

The only thing left to do is put on that cap and gown. Journalism senior Martin Underwood will return home to the family and friends he left behind four years ago to sample the career track.

Leaving to get some experience at a small newspaper," said Underwood, who said he has enjoyed his time at UK and one day will return for graduate school.

Other students have their eyes on an extended vacation.

"I am going to Hilton Head for the summer to relax. I will work as a waitress while I

am there," said Megan Blankenship, an integrated strategic communications senior.

Blankenship made plans to leave right after graduation. As a college graduate plan a life of financial security, expanded family and a serious career, vacationing might be the last thing on some of their minds.

Blankenship expects to struggle at first, "but it is a good way to find out who you really are."

Graduating does, after all, cap years of figuring out where to go and what to do next.

Kendra Hatcher, a family studies senior, changed her major twice before she decided on one. "When I graduate, I plan to go back to school for a master's degree in psychology."

Some students, like Solomon Johnson, are ready to abandon academia for financial stability.

"I am ready to move on and I am not looking back," said Johnson, who wants to have

a family but before then, wants to enjoy life without worrying about money.

"I am going to get paid," Johnson said. He is confident in his skills advertising and believes he will meet the challenge with welcome arms.

"I view it (the future) as a huge challenge because I haven't had a career," Johnson said.

Zainab Abubakar, a food and nutrition sciences senior from Libya, is glad to be completing a degree so she can return home to make a difference in her country.

"Home is still home," she said.

Cheddi Acham, a broadcast journalism senior, may also leave the country to use his degree, but he doesn't have to travel that far.

Acham is from Canada and says he is fortunate to have two locations to choose from while searching for a career.

"I have high expectations of myself, because that is the way I was raised," he said.

But Acham has yet another circumstance to deal with.

"I am in a long term relationship, but I will not commit to marriage until I am financially stable," Acham said. He wants a well-paying job and said he's not afraid to work hard to make it happen.

Some students, like social work senior Matthew Crutcher, aren't looking forward to money so much as the opportunity to help others.

"My financial situation will be tight at first but I want to see what I do and helping others doesn't always pay much," Crutcher said.

"I look forward to helping people reach a stage of empowerment that will allow them to increase their standard of living for themselves and their families."

No matter what students have planned, most said they are relieved at having obtained a degree and are excited at the prospects of the future.

Tamer Mohamed Abdel-Salam, a management and marketing senior from Alexandria, Egypt, hopes to return home to see family and friends. He plans to take the GMAT over the summer and relax a little before returning to school spring 2000.



Wage against the machine: College graduates will fare well in today's job market, despite decrease in average salary

By Clint Martin
Staff Writer

Now that you've put in your time and money and drink enough beer to quench a small third world country, it's time to start thinking about the afterlife: jobs, jobs and their accompanying paychecks.

The job market looks good. The economy is booming, so entry-level jobs are wide open," said economics professor Joseph Krulow.

The U.S. Department of Education reports that 1988 college graduates made an average of \$23,600 in their first post-college year. Salary survey, that number is down from the 1980 average of \$25,453.

This drop-off lies in the numbers, according to the department. The 1988 graduating class received more than 230,000 more de-

grees than the 1986 class did, the department said. This figure suggests competition is growing.

Now for some news that could be good or bad, depending on who you are: Graduating males earned \$4,133 more on average than graduating females.

The difference in gender salaries lies in males being more concentrated in engineering and business areas and more women in education and social work," Krulow said.

Students in the engineering and business areas have access to higher wage entry-level positions.

The National Association of Colleges and employers reported that chemical engineering majors received the highest average salaries at \$25,200, while on the other side of the spectrum, sociology majors made the least at \$21,575.

Amber Owen
GRADUATING COLUMNIST

Bound for the City of Angels, dreams



“I don't want to spend the rest of my life doing something I don't have a passion for.”

When I was a young girl, I had three dreams: to be the high school football homecoming queen, to cheer for UK and to be a movie star.

I knew if these dreams came true, I would be truly happy.

Yes, I know it may seem a bit petty and vain, but I'm only human, and I am certain there are little girls today who share these same dreams. If my dreams didn't come true, I would still be content with the many blessings God bestowed upon me.

But achieving these goals would mean something even more extraordinary, because I had a passion for them.

When my first dream became a reality I was truly happy, even though "Prince Charming" left me standing at my doorstep with one hand holding roses and the other holding my crown. Ironically, my prince went frog-gigging with his friends.

My second dream taught me some things just aren't meant to be. Besides, one really can't make a career out of cheerleading unless she moves to Dallas and works for the Cowboys. I also learned that there are plenty of other opportunities at this University to occupy my time.

My last dream is still in sleep mode, I guess one could say.

But I plan on waking up someday soon to stardom. Growing up, family and friends called me "Hollywood." I even had one of those jackets with rhinestones glued all over with "Hollywood" airbrushed on the back in hot pink letters outlined in silver. My entire life, an eerie force told me to follow this dream and live in the land where movies are made and stars are born.

Of course, my dad has told me my whole life that I could follow in his footsteps and live in the land of law; not as a police officer or a criminologist, but as an attorney. Don't get me wrong, being a lawyer would have its benefits, and I am fascinated by anything in relation to criminology. The only attorney I'll ever play, though, will be on the hit show "Law and Order."

The other day I was talking to a mentor and friend, a local sportscaster. When I told him of my plan to move to Los Angeles, he shook his head and laughed, but then he said he knew Ashley Judd and he could introduce me.

That's when I redirected the conversation to the topic of success. I honestly believe that, along with luck, there are three keys to success:

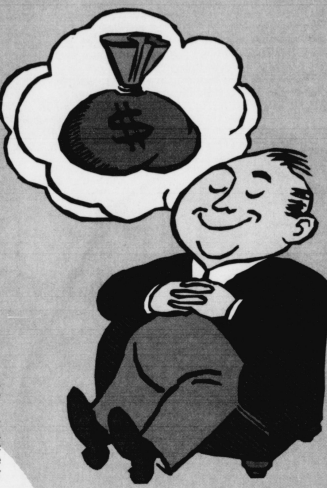
One, you must have personality and character. Two, you have to know exactly what you're doing, and if you don't, you'd better learn fast. And three, you must have a true passion for whatever it is you're doing.

Television and movies are my passion. Even if I decide acting isn't for me, I still want to do something in that industry, whether it be writing, producing, public relations, etc. I don't want to spend the rest of my life doing something I don't have a passion for. Sure, I may

be content, but I won't be truly happy.

This goes back to my dad's dream of me becoming a lawyer. I love my father with all my heart, and I admire him for the great man he has become. My father dreamed of being a prominent attorney and businessman. His dream turned out to be a success. To be successful in life, you have to do whatever it is you have a passion for and if you don't know exactly what your passion is, take time exploring different opportunities until you find it. Just because some people insist upon a real job or an even higher education immediately after college does not mean we have to obey their wishes. Why should we live somebody else's dream when we have dreams of our own?

My mother and my journalism professor told me to follow my dream, and for once, I'm going to listen to them. Fortunately, I have a place to live in Hollywood, and I will move on Aug. 12, 1998.



ONLINE NEWS

Student Group Health Insurance Summer Enrollment

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Big dream: Own a home

By Kathleen Ellison
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The American Dream: owning your own home. Maybe your dream consists of a home in old Lexington with a large yard and mature trees, easy access to downtown, excellent schools and is close to the University.

And for \$250,000, you can live in Ashland Park or Chevy Chase and have that dream.

Most first-time home buyers cannot afford to pay this. So they look for a home that maximizes the amount of space for the money, said Charlie Britt, agent and manager of business development for Realty World.

Britt helps first-time buyers looking for government loans that allow a low down payment. He also guides them toward a realistic goal.

Young buyers are looking for innovative features, he said: open space, even if it's not a large home in terms of square footage, cathedral or vaulted ceilings, and rooms that flow into each other rather than being partitioned off.

John Elling, real estate broker for Rector-Hayden Realty, sees similar interests among new buyers. The biggest trend is from a formal living area to a "great room" concept.

The great room idea has been around for 10 years, Elling said, but it has become more popular because of the changing lifestyles of homeowners.



BMW coupe perfect for students fresh out of UK

By Kenneth Sebasta
STAFF WRITER

BMW has the perfect car for the UK student fresh out of school, with a nice new salary: the new Z3 2.8 coupe.

Most people are familiar with the Z3 roadster as the blue convertible that James Bond drove in *Goldeneye*. Now BMW has advanced the car by making a coupe version of its popular roadster. At \$36,200, newly employed graduates without a family can easily afford this car.

The roadster is an absolute thrill to drive. The added rigidity from the hardtop provides a level of stiffness and road handling un-found in other cars. With the short front windshield, one can almost imagine being in the cockpit of an airplane. But this car is as firmly attached to the ground as a boulder, with the handling and grace of a ballerina. A 193 hp 6-inline engine powers the car to 60 in 6.3 sec. For graduates who worry that the stereo will not be able to be heard the next town over, BMW has graciously provided an optional Harmon-Kardon sound system. The built-in sub-woofer is guaranteed to destroy the eardrums of anyone inside.

A few words of warning: People who are real tall will not fit in the car. The average 5-foot-11 person has only a few inches of headroom. There are no backseats and the trunk is only large enough for a couple of suitcases. This car was made to be driven, not to haul people across the Sahara Desert.



Students and their toys

A money pit?

By Ashley Warren
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This year, graduates will leave behind one characteristic of college life — empty pockets. Unaccustomed to the bulging pockets that accompany a salaried position, many graduates buy big with their first paycheck. "Most graduating seniors spend their first paycheck on electronics," said Jonathon Wise, a sales associate at Circuit City. "Camcorders, 27- to 32-inch television sets and DVD players are typical. Most spend from \$800 to \$700."

Allyson Keen, a business management senior, can't wait to do a little refurbishing. "I have to spend my first paycheck on furniture. I have no place for people to sit."

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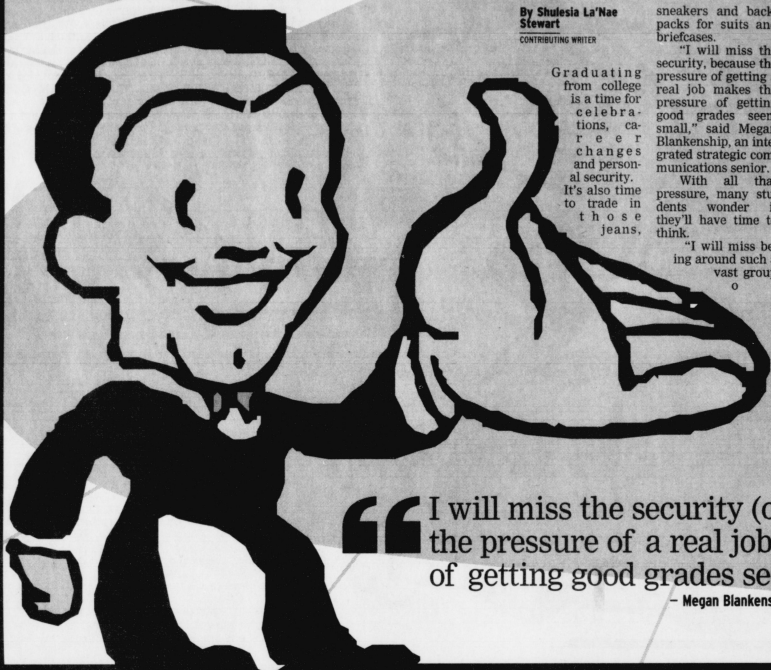
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FOND MEMORIES

Sense of sentimentality

So hard to say goodbye: Some say they'll miss the secure confines of campus life; others relishing the move forward

By Shulesia La'Nae Stewart
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Graduating from college is a time for celebrations, career changes and personal security. It's also time to trade in those jeans,

sneakers and backpacks for suits and briefcases.

"I will miss the security, because the pressure of getting a real job makes the pressure of getting good grades seem small," said Megan Blankenship, an integrated strategic communications senior.

With all that pressure, many students wonder if they'll have time to think.

"I will miss being around such a vast group of

thinkers," said Matthew Crutcher, a social work senior.

Crutcher said he will also miss the student organizations he feels gave him opportunities to help others. Those groups really made school worth while.

Many students agree they will miss certain people the most.

"The only thing I will miss is all the great friends I've made in my major," said Craig Thomason, an ISC senior. "I will still have the same friends but I will not be able to see

them every day." Chadli Acham, a broadcast journalism senior, also wants to keep in touch.

"The challenge will be maintaining those meaningful relationships after we move on with our life."

But some students just don't want to look back.

"I will not miss one thing about the University, and I am glad to be graduating," said Erin Murphy, a music education senior.

"Of course, I will miss my friends."

"I will miss the security (of college), because the pressure of a real job makes the pressure of getting good grades seem small."

- Megan Blankenship, integrated strategic communications senior

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