



Attention grad students!

Top 10 grad student lies

1. No really, I'll be out of here in only two more years.
2. My job prospects look really good.
3. The department is giving me so much support.
4. I just have one more book to read and then I'll start writing.
5. I turned down a lot of great job offers to come here.
6. Your latest article was so inspiring.
7. I would never date an undergraduate.
8. My work has a lot of practical importance.
9. I'd be delighted to proofread your book/chapter/article.
10. It doesn't bother me at all that my college roommate is making \$80,000 a year on Wall Street.

Top 5 lies by teachers

1. I'm not going to grant any extensions.
2. Call me any time, I'm always available.
3. It doesn't matter what I think, write what you believe.
4. Think of the midterm as a diagnostic tool.
5. My other section is much better prepared than you guys.

— SOURCE: <http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~bah61/unnies/GradLies.html>

Signs of a graduate

Your a grad student if ...

- you can analyze the significance of appliances you cannot operate.
- your carrel is better decorated than your apartment.
- you have ever, as a folklore project, attempted to track the progress of your own joke across the internet.
- you rate coffee shops by the availability of outlets for your laptop.
- everything reminds you of something in your discipline.
- you have ever discussed academic matters at a sporting event.
- you have ever spent more than \$50 on photocopying while researching a single paper.
- there is a microfilm reader in the library that you consider "yours."

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— RON NORTON

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Tomorrow's weather



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A STEP TOWARD A CURE?

Lithium tapped to treat AIDS

Lithium researcher granted patent to test chemical's value as alternative treatment

By Karla Dooley
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Vincent Gallicchio, associate dean of research in the UK College of Allied Health Professions, has received a patent to test the value of lithium in AIDS treatment.

Lithium is known to have a number of immune enhancing properties, and Gallicchio proposes that combining drugs commonly used for AIDS patients with lithium salts could reduce the amount of virus in a person's body by enhancing the immune system.

It might also help prevent toxic side effects of the drugs it would be combined with, AZT and DD1. Patients now taking these drugs often suffer from damage to the pancreas and bone marrow, and as a result have to either stop treatment or take less of the drugs.

Gallicchio, who has been involved in lithium research since 1979, said he became interested in the drug after it was discovered that lithium increased the white blood cell count in patients who were taking it.

At the time, lithium was used to treat manic depression and bi-

olar disorder.

"I was interested in ... blood cells, or hematology," he said. "It became of interest to me as a scientist to investigate how lithium can stimulate white blood cells, and the rest, as they say, is history."

In two weeks, Gallicchio will travel to South Africa to make preparations for the drug's clinical trials, which will begin later this year.

He said he chose South Africa as the site of the trial because there is no standard treatment for AIDS there, while the nation's infection rate increased by 26 percent last year, giving it one of the highest in the world. The gains in life expectancy for South African citizens have been completely negated by the spread of the AIDS virus.

"Needless to say, (the development of a drug to treat AIDS) is critically important," Gallicchio said. "It just makes all positive reasons for this project to continue."

But Gallicchio tempers his remarks with the fact that this is only a trial.

"It will remain to be determined whether these new drugs will actually reduce the amount of infectious virus by inhibiting a process that is essential for viral life cycle," he said. He hopes to present a report on the trials at the International AIDS Society's world conference, to be held in South Africa next year.

"For the first time, the meeting will be held at a site that's a developing country" which also has a high rate of AIDS infection,

Gallicchio said. "That's got to be a major political and positive public relations item for all concerned."

Gallicchio is also president of the International Society for Lithium Research, which will hold its congress meeting at Lexington's Radisson Hotel May 7-11. Gallicchio said this year marks the 50th anniversary of the use of lithium as a treatment for manic depression.

Gallicchio came to UK in 1986 after serving as an assistant professor at Yale University. He received his doctorate from New York University. In addition to his work in the College of Allied Health Professions, he is acting associate director of International Affairs at UK and director of international education at the UK Medical Center.



JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Theater freshman Dylan Paul searched for books at the UK Bookstore in preparation for the upcoming semester of classes.

Welcome back, students

Some have troubles readjusting to going to class, others enjoy being back at UK

For the first day back, campus seemed wet and dreary to many students.

But they took it in stride. "I always look forward to the first day of classes," said Dan Hollis, a visiting assistant professor in broadcast journalism.

Although he added that "It's always a little strange the first day of class, and gray skies just make it a little

moody."

Some students are starting over. Oliver Sandoval, a business senior, begins this semester as his first as a business major.

He spent 3 1/2 years in a professional program before deciding to change majors this year.

"It's been easy," Sandoval said. "It feels like I've re-

gressed a couple of years...but it's a new beginning."

For Maryann Dashti and Eman Al-Ali, it truly was a new beginning. The women came to UK a week ago from their native Kuwait. They will be architecture and chemical engineering freshmen after completing the English as a Second Language program. "We like it here in Kentucky," Dashti said. "People here are friendly."

At 12:45 p.m., students gathered outside the classroom building to smoke or just catch up on the latest news in

their friends' lives. Camie Brumit, a finance sophomore, and Alissa Olson, a business management sophomore, were among them.

"I didn't expect to sit through my whole first class, (but) I took four pages of notes," Brumit said.

"It's been good," Olson said. "I liked all my classes a lot... except I'm having a few problems with overrides."

Others just wish they could override the drab weather.

— KARLA DOOLEY, PAT CLEM
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITORS

THE UNDERGRAD PLAN

'What about cost?'

Student wonder about the dollars, sense of initiative

By Hillary Cromer
STAFF WRITER

President Charles Wethington's initiative to improve instruction for undergraduate students will mean big changes for the University.

The President's Initiative for Undergraduate Education Improvement proposes the use of technology become more frequent in the classroom. Freshman seminars, smaller classes, senior research projects, a centralized student resource center and the increased use of peer mentors for undergraduate students is also part of the proposal.

Some students like George Chavis, a social work senior, said the ideas behind the proposal are great, but wonder about the cost.

"The fees should not fall on students," Chavis said.

Although Wethington has not released the figures yet, the cost of technology in the classroom, a student resource center and more instructors for the smaller classes worries some.

"As far as comfort is concerned, that shouldn't be necessary because there is that issue of the amount of money," said political science instructor Pamela Coonan. "Where is it going to come from? Will there be a hike in tuition for students?"

Some faculty members argue the initiative is not even necessary.

"It is a waste of time and money," said Paul Lewis, a philosophy professor. "Wethington needs to state his aims. Does he want technology in the classroom to improve typing skills?"

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Variety of events to honor Johnson's legacy

By Pat Clem
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Many on-campus activities are promoting black awareness and unity in light of the 50th anniversary of black students attending UK.

It was 50 years ago this summer when Lyman T. Johnson became the first black student admitted to UK.

Johnson already had a master's degree at the University of Michigan and had no plans to get his doctorate at UK. "I may choose not to go to the University of Kentucky ...," said Johnson in his book *The Rest of the Dream: The Black Odyssey of Lyman Johnson*. "But I

should make those decisions."

The state's case was based on the 1890 Supreme Court case *Plessy vs. Ferguson*, which set the "separate but equal" standard. The highlight of Johnson's case came when Herman L. Donovan, then UK's president, was asked by the chief justice if he thought Kentucky State's facilities were equal to UK's. The president shook his head no and the case was decided.

Johnson opened the doors and 31 other blacks took advantage of the opportunity that summer to attend a better educational facility. A \$3,000 scholarship has

been set up to honor Johnson as the Lyman T. Johnson Odyssey Award.

Tapiva Gurupira, a mechanical engineering senior, won the award last year. He is originally from Zimbabwe. Grundy said that his largest problem in college has been funding. He has great respect for Johnson.

"To me he's someone who broke down barriers," Gurupira said. "He almost single handedly changed the regime."

Gurupira was vice-president of the African Student Organization last year and was the guest speaker at the International Book Project annual meeting, which sent

books to Africa last year. He is also the creator and web master of the largest online site on Zimbabwe at <http://www.zim-site.com/>.

The scholarship is awarded to a person who the awards and scholarships committee thinks best demonstrates the spirit and dedication of Lyman T. Johnson and shows a sincere commitment to the improvement of the campus and/or community.

The Office of Minority Affairs holds an annual Lyman T. Johnson Banquet. The event is set up as an awards program for blacks who have demonstrated academic success or provided community or campus service.

Campus

Tentative schedule

- A group of five workshops in February called "Art: For Us By Us" includes workshops on dance, visual arts, drama, creative writing and storytelling.

- The Affiliation Poets will be putting on a poetry reading and a virtual community, which includes a show, movies and discussion on at 6 p.m. Jan. 27.

- The Railroad Labor Series, a dance presentation, will be put on in conjunction with the art museum. Auditions will be Jan. 23 in 206 Student Center and the performance is scheduled for Feb. 7.

- Lyman T. Johnson Banquet - April 8th

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

Source: Team contacts Lewinsky

WASHINGTON — House Republicans, who will act as prosecutors in President Clinton's impeachment trial, have made their first contact with Monica Lewinsky's lawyers, the Associated Press has learned. Two sources said a member of the House team made the contact within the previous 24 hours.

House prosecutors have made clear they would like to call Ms. Lewinsky as a witness, but the senators must give their permission first. The prosecution team also contacted Kathleen Willey about a possible appearance as a witness. Meanwhile, Clinton's lawyers told senators in a legal brief that they had an "obligation to turn away an unwise and unwarranted" House impeachment that threatens American democracy.

Polls show public still with Clinton

WASHINGTON — Public opinion remains solidly in President Clinton's corner as the Senate prepares to decide whether to remove him from office.

A majority of the public says a full trial is unnecessary and wants the proceedings to be both quick and fair, several new polls suggest. And about two-thirds of Americans approve of the job he's doing, according to the polls.

Republicans, however, have been hurt politically by their role in the impeachment proceedings. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll showed more than half disapproved of Senate Republicans' handling of the impeachment proceedings.

Jordan creates global splash

LONDON — From Warsaw to Rome, Sydney to Santiago, news of Michael Jordan's retirement from the Chicago Bulls and the NBA covered front pages across the globe. Some papers likened the news of his retirement to the death of a close family member. One suggested Americans would rather keep Jordan and see President Clinton leave. But Jordan made his retirement official yesterday at a Chicago news conference. And he said he was "99.9 percent" sure he would never return.

U.S. jet crashes near Dutch border

FRANKFURT, Germany — A U.S. military refueling plane crashed and burst into flames yesterday in northwestern Germany near the Dutch border.

According to Dutch TV reports, four crew members were on board the plane, a KC-135 used for refueling other planes during reconnaissance



EXPECTING: Mel Gibson has 10 brothers and sisters — and he has often said that he wants to have an equally large family himself. Well, the British tabloid *The Sun* reported that he and his wife are now expecting their seventh child this summer and that Mel is overjoyed.



A STAND-IN CRISTAL: Whoopi Goldberg hopes that this year's Oscars won't be any less mah-velous than last's. Goldberg, the two-time Oscar host and center square, announced Tuesday it is she would step in for Billy Crystal — who apparently decided last week to give up hosting chores.

missions, but it was not clear if any of the crew was killed or injured. German and Dutch firefighters were fighting the blaze at the crash site near Geilenkirchen, a town 125 miles northwest of Frankfurt.

U.S. planes attack Iraqi defenses

WASHINGTON — American warplanes attacked air defense sites in northern Iraq for the third straight day as the Clinton administration said military pressure would continue as long as Iraq kept threatening U.S. pilots. The string of confrontations in Iraq is raising speculation that President Clinton might order a new bombing campaign to silence Iraq's air defenses. Clinton spokesman Joe Lockhart said the administration intended to continue applying economic and military pressure, but he said there were other options. "There's a credible and robust threat of force in the region if we determine that that needs to be used," Lockhart said.

Apple's quarterly profit triples

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Computer Inc., buoyed by sales of its hot new iMac computer, reported its quarterly profit more than tripled in the company's fifth straight money-making quarter.

Apple said it earned \$152 million, or 95 cents a share on a diluted basis, in the three months ended Dec. 26, 1998. Revenues grew 8 percent to \$1.71 billion. The company sold 519,000 iMacs since they went on sale last August. The new brand became the top-selling desktop machine sold at retail in November.

Stocks end down; Dow off 125.12

NEW YORK — Stocks closed lower yesterday but above their worst levels of the day, after Brazil's devaluation of its currency ignited a sharp sell-off in morning trading. Brazil is important to U.S. goods, and because a bad stumble in its economy could send emerging markets tumbling throughout Latin America.

The Dow industrials, which had fallen as much as 261 points, closed down 125.12 to 9,349.56. On the NYSE, losers led gainers 2,114-1,025. The NASDAQ was fell 3.43 to 2,317.32.

Safety panel urges kid seat-fitting

WASHINGTON — A government safety agency yesterday recommended a nationwide network of fitting stations for child seats to prevent the deaths of children in automobile accidents.

More than 80 percent of child seats are improperly installed in autos. But the National Transportation Safety Board chairman, Jim Hall, said most parents do not know a child seat is improperly installed until after a crash in which their child is injured or killed.

Compiled from wire reports.

Blevins in court Feb. 17

UK basketball guard faces charge of public intoxication after win over Georgia Tech

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

UK freshman J.P. Blevins, a guard for the basketball team, will be in court Feb. 17 when he answers to a charge of public intoxication.

Blevins was arrested Dec. 13 after the Wildcats' home victory over Maryland the night before.

He entered a not guilty plea at his arraignment on Dec. 28 after being suspended for the game vs. Georgia Tech and being placed on probation by the University.

"We don't feel that just because he's an athlete, J.P. has to plead guilty," Blevins' attorney Steven Romines said. "By (the prosecution's) own evidence, he isn't guilty."

On Monday, Romines was granted a request for a bench trial, in which a judge presides over the case and decides the verdict without a jury.

According to police reports, Blevins was spotted by a police officer leaving the restroom at a party. When the officer asked to see Blevins' identification, Blevins ignored him.

After being told by the officer to stop, Blevins fled. The chase ended when Blevins slipped on some wet steps and was subsequently arrested. Blevins told the officer he had been drinking at the Royal Lexington apartment complex before the officer arrived there

and was described in the report as having "blood-shot eyes, slurred speech and strong odor of alcoholic beverage."

Romines said the prosecution does not have a strong case, as it must prove four elements to convict Blevins.

"One, that he was manifestly intoxicated," Romines said. "He blew a .07 on the Breathalyzer, which is less than the legal limit. Two, the offense had to occur in a public place, and he was at a private party, in an apartment three, you (the defendant) have to be a danger to yourself or others, and there is no evidence that J.P. was in such a state."

Finally, Romines said, all of the above must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

The incident came about a month after UK Athletics Director C.M. Newton announced a zero-tolerance alcohol policy in late November, which laid down penalties for alcohol-related offenses. Underage drinking (Blevins is 19) and public intoxication warrant probation.

Blevins' arrest occurred around 3 a.m., two hours after the 1 a.m. curfew, which is standard on the night of games.

"J.P. apologized to his teammates, the coaching staff and to his parents," said Tubby Smith, UK's head basketball coach. "However, he must pay the consequences."

I am simply fortunate to have a really good woman. It is better than it has ever been. I call Robyn my Rock of Gibraltar — only she's prettier." — Mel Gibson, actor, about his wife.

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Walk 'n' Talk



"The improvement would be good, but would raise tuition."

— Mark Mieczek, mechanical engineering freshman



"It sounds like a good idea ... if they can do it without raising tuition."

— Millinda Rumble, journalism sophomore



"Smaller classes will make it easier for people to learn."

— Ty Best, undeclared freshman



"Leave it the way it is."

— Ahmed Bhana, computer science sophomore



"The technology in the classroom is a good idea. But, I don't think we need smaller classes."

— George Chavis, social work senior

REACTION

Continued from page 1

Others agree with the proposal. Business writing instructor John Williamson already teaches in one of the "smart classrooms." His entire course has technology integrated into it.

"More 'smart classrooms' will make students become more prepared for their future," Williams said.

Undeclared freshman Ty Best said, "When the world changes, colleges have to change as well."

Wethington's initiative also plans to renovate some of the classrooms. Is it fair to raise the tuition for an aesthetically pleasing campus?

"I don't see how it will improve the actual quality of education," said Sean Leichte, philosophy instructor.

Although it would be nice, are these renovations actually necessary?

These are the kinds of questions students and faculty are asking about the president's proposal.

Computer science sophomore Ahmed Bhana said "people are learning fine now, without technology in the classroom."

While many students and faculty agree that some of these changes would benefit undergraduate students, all agree that it will come at a price that could affect students' pocketbooks.

THE REPLACEMENT

Menard takes over B&E center

Ex-SuperAmerica, Valvoline exec succeeds former governor Collins, to help Kentucky's businesses

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

Pierre M. "Pete" Menard has given up executive work to fill a post vacated by former Kentucky Gov. Martha Layne Collins in the UK Gatton College of Business and Economics.

Formerly with SuperAmerica and Valvoline, Menard now succeeds Collins as director of International Business and Management Center.

Menard coordinates and oversees public programs and continuing education, and develops new ones within

the college.

"This culminates a lot of experience," Menard said.

"I started out in human resources at SuperAmerica and then took a position there in administration, which was a promotion. Now I'm dealing with operations, administration, and training and developing."

Menard became familiar with the center while working for SuperAmerica, a division of Ashland Oil. When Ashland and Marathon announced plans for a merger, Menard began to look at other job possibilities.

"My wife and I didn't know what the future held, but we wanted to remain in Lexington," he said. "Then I heard about this job."

The Bluegrass is still home to the Menards, and as director of the center, Menard now has the opportunity to have a profound effect on the region.

"We (IBMC) provide services to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and surrounding regions," Menard said.

"We're always looking at what's going on within the Commonwealth and asking ourselves how we can improve things."

One such effort, the Family-owned Business Institute, provides consultation to businesses that have often been in a family for generations and find staying competitive in today's economy difficult,

Menard said.

Other programs Menard described involve sports marketing, collecting delinquent accounts, medical management, and leadership and cultural diversity in the workplace.

"Often, cultural diversity within the workplace can be an obstacle to success, when it shouldn't be," Menard said.

"For example, at the Toyota plant, there may be a significant number of Asians, and something as simple as the language barrier can stifle production."

The center also works with programs within the college, Menard said, citing a joint venture between UK robotics and manufacturing and

the center to form a business within the first program.

"I want to continue these programs and increase the visibility of them," Menard said.

The college experience Menard will combine with his executive credentials to accomplish this includes a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a master's of business administration from University of Phoenix.

Upon graduating from Michigan State, Menard landed a job as a chapter consultant for the Phi Delta Theta social fraternity. In two years, Menard said he saw 44 states and six Canadian provinces.



Menard

BU now No. 2 to NY

Boston no longer top American school for foreign students

THE DAILY FREE PRESS

BOSTON — Boston University lost its billing as the top American school for foreign students, a distinction it held since 1994, according to a report released last month.

The report, conducted by the Institute for International Education, showed New York University edged out BU to claim the highest number of international students enrolled during the 1997-1998 academic year.

But BU administrators said this week they are not concerned about the news.

The university has deliberately reduced its incoming international classes to make room for more domestic students, said Riaz Khan, assistant vice president for External Programs.

"Every year we decide how many domestic and international students we'd like to recruit, and for this year and last year we got the number we wanted."

"We aren't in any way below our target," he said.

BU boasted 4,603 foreign students last year, 361 less than NYU, the report states.

The report was compiled from questionnaires sent to 2,571 institutions.

Its rankings are based on the number of full- and part-time students enrolled during the 1997-1998 academic year.

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AWARDS

Selwitz shines

Director receives award for ethical use of humans, animals in research, compliance

By Beth Middleton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Ada Sue Selwitz, director of the Office of Sponsored Program Development and the Research Subjects, was recently honored with the annual distinguished service award from the Applied Research Ethics National Association.

Selwitz was announced as the recipient at ARENA's annual meeting held this past November in San Diego.

The award is given to an individual who exemplifies outstanding professional dedication to the ethical use of human subjects and animals in research, and in ensuring federal compliance with federal regulations.

"It is because of the people I work with in the research subjects office and the University administration who are committed to promoting ethical conduct and give me the sup-

port I need to work at the federal level that I have been able to have this kind of participation," she said.

Selwitz is a native of Murray, who taught at Berea College in the '70s, has been involved since 1979 with promoting ethical conduct in research on both a local and national level. She helps shape public policy-making as chair of the public policy committee for ARENA, which reviews and submits comments on regulations and policies proposed at the federal level.

Selwitz has seen the federal government revise regulations that streamline research involving human subjects and animals. She has also helped open the doors to include women and minorities in clinical trials.

Fitzgerald Bramwell, vice president for Research and

Graduate Studies, said Selwitz has had a tremendous impact in her field because of her dedication to it.

"She has done an excellent job making sure we meet all federal regulations and compliance issues," Bramwell said. "She is a testament to the efficiency and service that is provided by the research subjects office."



Selwitz

The research subjects office gave 34 presentations at the University to promote ethical conduct in research last year. She takes this message to the national arena 10 to 15 times a year at various workshops and presentations.

Thomas Foster, a professor in the College of Pharmacy who has worked with Selwitz for 15 years, was proud her accomplishments.

"Ada Sue is unquestionably deserving of this award with her extraordinary talents and commitment to human and animal protection issues," Foster said.

U.S. slides in school

Report shows country ranks 23rd in education; students admit they shortshriff academics

By Natalie Zmuda
THE POST

ATHENS, Ohio — The United States has begun a gradual slide in high school and college graduation rates as compared to those in foreign countries, according to a November report put out by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The OECD study is based on statistics submitted by each of the 31 member countries' governments.

The report, compiled by 300 experts, policy-makers and government officials, who used a complex set of 36 indicators that provide background information, figures and tables to measure the current state of education internationally.

According to the education arm of the OECD, in 1996 the United States ranked behind 22 other OECD countries in high school graduation rates, ahead of only Mexico. About a decade ago the United States held eighth place for high school graduation rates, but in the '80s and '90s, the United States

topped the list.

"Our generation is not complete slackers, but we don't do the full amount possible to get good grades," said Gina Hotchkiss, a freshman at Ohio University. The current rate of high school graduation is 72 percent, trailing Belgium, Finland, Japan, New Zealand, Norway and Poland. These countries boast rates higher than 93 percent.

Shigeru Okada, the adviser for the Ohio University Japan Student Association, said the reason for higher retention rates in Japan is the motivation to get into the extremely competitive colleges. Graduation from these competitive colleges will ensure a good job.

Hotchkiss thinks the majority of people at OU are there to get jobs in the future.

"I'm here to get a good career to be able to support myself when I'm out," Hotchkiss said.

"In Japan higher education is the only way to survive — there are lots of other things here to do," Okada said.

But for Americans who don't pursue higher education,

there are many other options for employment that don't require a college degree, Okada said.

High school dropout rates might also be related to a lack of motivation in students, said William White, a school superintendent in Ohio.

"Many students from affluent families take things for granted and slip by," White said.

White also said students from lower classes don't have much value for education because some might be fourth- and fifth-generation welfare recipients.

"There is no encouragement from family," White said. "The United States also has one of the highest dropout rates for undergraduate programs."

Thirty-seven percent of students who enroll in U.S. colleges never see graduation day.

Okada attributes United States' low retention rates to colleges accepting a wide variety of students, as opposed to the select few accepted in Japan.

"The U.S. has lost its supremacy as the premier educator," said Andreas Schleicher, an OECD administrator who helped write the report, to USA Today.

More athletes rolling dice

Michigan study finds sports gambling higher than expected in the NCAA

By Kelly O'Connor
MICHIGAN DAILY

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — After a semester marked with incidents of illegal gambling among college athletes across the nation, a report released Monday confirms what many have feared: The number of athletes who gamble is higher than previously thought.

The report, conducted and funded by the Michigan Athletic Department, states that 72 percent of student athletes who answered the survey have gambled in some way since entering college. More specifically, 45 percent of male athlete respondents gamble on sports, the report states.

The term gambling can include anything from playing cards for money to betting on horses or dogs to taking money for purposely losing a game, the report states.

One seemingly low statistic is of great concern to the study's authors, Mike Cross and Ann Vollano, assistant directors for compliance in the Athletic Department.

They found that more than 5 percent of male student athlete respondents have provided inside information for gambling purposes, bet on a game in

which they participated or accepted money for performing poorly in a game.

"Five percent might not sound like a lot, but to me, that statistic should be zero," Vollano said. NCAA rules strictly prohibit gambling on sports for which the NCAA sponsors a championship.

Although many of the gambling practices covered in the report are legal in the United States, gambling has proven to be an addictive practice for some people, Cross said.

"Society has gotten to be so accepting of gambling," he said. "Gambling is like alcoholism or drug use — you don't know you have a problem until you try it the first time."

With nearly 80 percent of male college athletes trying it, Cross said he feels there is something to be concerned about.

Track and Field team member Joshua Sellers, an LSA sophomore, said he doesn't think the athletes he knows participate in gambling.

"With the exception of going to the casino over the holidays, people really don't have time," he said.

Sellers also said higher profile sports like football and basketball might find the issue of gambling more problematic.

MEDICINE

New vaccine will fight lyme disease

By Trina Mendiola
NEW UNIVERSITY

IRVINE, Calif. — Infecting about 10,000 Americans every year, lyme disease may soon be eradicated with the creation of the nation's first vaccine by a UCI researcher. The vaccine was approved for immediate release by the Food and Drug Administration on Dec. 21, 1998.

"The action by the FDA is an important milestone in the prevention of lyme disease," said Eddie Gray, vice president and director of LYMErix, which is the company reproducing the vaccine.

Lyme disease is currently the nation's most prevalent tick-borne illness. Realizing that this disease needs to be quickly controlled because it affects so many Americans, Dr. Alan Barbour's work has recently led him to uncover a solution.

Barbour's development for this vaccine began with the isolation of the bacterium that causes the disease in 1981 while he worked in a National Institute for Health laboratory. In 1986, he continued his research at the University of Texas and has been with UCI since 1987.

The bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi* that causes lyme disease is carried by ticks and transmitted to nearby mammals such as mice, deer and humans.

Flu-like symptoms (fever and joint pain) and a bulls-eye rash are present at the onset of the infection.

Barbour said antibiotics have currently been effective in treating the disease, though, it is commonly misdiagnosed and left untreated which leads to serious arthritic, cardiac and neurological disorders.

After isolating the bacterium itself, Barbour and his colleagues were able to discover the gene sequence (OspA recombinant) of the protein on the surface of the bacteria, allowing the cloning of the gene and its mass production for the use in the creation of the vaccine.

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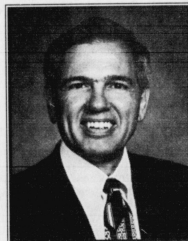
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SWIM AND DIVE



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The success continued for the swimming and diving teams over the break, as the Cat women swam swim meets with Arkansas and South Carolina. The divers also competed at a national meet in Austin, Texas, over the break.

UK drowns out SEC foes

Men and womens' swimming and diving teams sweep meet with Hogs, Gamecocks

By Michael Heppermann
STAFF WRITER

During a time in which most were resting, the UK men's and women's swimming teams took time out Saturday to down Southeastern Conference opponents South Carolina and Arkansas at the Lancaster Aquatic Center.

The women took 13 of 14 events on their way to pasting South Carolina by 30 points (84-54) and Arkansas by nearly 50 (92-45). And yet somehow they think there's room for improvement.

"Time wise we can improve a lot," junior Annabel Kosten said. "We're not expected to swim our fastest times now; we're supposed to do that five weeks from now — in the SECs."

Coach Gary Connelly wasn't exactly taken aback by the

women's dominating performance either.

"I said before we went in that the women (3-1) could win every event," Connelly said, "and that you don't want to be the only person not to get the win."

That race was the 500-yard freestyle that went to Sarah Doyle of USC. Otherwise a total team effort for the Cats was clearly evident as the only two-race winner was sophomore Melissa Olson in the 200-yard individual medley and the 1000-yard freestyle.

What was impressive for Connelly, though, was the men's 154-146 defeat of the Gamecocks.

"The men swam exceptional," he said. "They knew they'd have to fight the whole way through."

They did just that as Shaun

Zitani, Matt Hampton, Jarrod Rush and Aaron Workman captured first in the final event, the 200 freestyle relay, to clinch the victory.

The men also won half of their events as sophomore Macon White won in the 200 and 500 freestyle events.

"It definitely ranks as one of the best meets on my list," White said. "Lots of people didn't expect us to win. South Carolina is pretty comparable to us, but they had a real good recruiting year last year."

The distance races, which were expected to hurt the men at the beginning of the year, played a big part in their favor as Ben Fowler won the 1,000-yard freestyle in 9:31.8 to go along with White's win in the 500.

The win boosted the men's record (1-2) as well as their confidence as Alabama pays a visit to the men and women Saturday at noon at the Lancaster Aquatic Center.

"We're real excited," White said. "We should beat Alabama pretty easily."

NOTE PAD

Lack of team play hurting Tennessee

The school with two faces: Volunteers' football and hoops squads are light-years apart



Matt May
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Welcome back notes: I'm back sports fans, like it or not. This is just the beginning of another semester where I get to rant, rave and say my piece on just about any facet of the sporting world I like.

As one would expect, having three weeks off without writing anything has left me with a lot to say, especially with so much going on in the sports world. I can't fit it all in today, but let's start with UK's less-than-stellar performance Tuesday night against Tennessee.

While the Cats were building a new brick arena, my attention turned to a Tennessee squad that was ranked by many "knowledgeable" hoops writers as a top 10 team. To be precise, I think they began as the No. 9-ranked team in the country.

At the time, I remember thinking, "I refuse to believe Tennessee is a top 10-caliber team." While the Vols have a ton of talent on their roster, I have not seen anything to change my mind, even after their 47-46 upset of UK.

There are several reasons for my insisting that the 11-4 Volunteers are nowhere near capable of being a consistent top 10 team. First, they have yet to prove they can continually win the big game, and more importantly, win the games they are supposed to (see Miami, Ohio, and St. Joseph's).

But the main reason UT will not challenge in the NCAA Tournament this spring is because they are too worried with individual stats. In Tennessee's contests against Arizona and Auburn (both losses), rarely did the team make more than three passes on a possession. It was one pass and shoot all too often for Tony Harris, Brandon Wharton and Co.

So to prove my suspicion, I charted the number of passes per possession during Tuesday's game. Although I would be the first to say my results are less than official, I think it proves my point fairly well.

Tennessee had 62 possessions during the game, and not counting inbound and backcourt passes, the Vols made three or less passes on 38 of those possessions, (62 percent). Of those 38, five times no passes were made, 20 times one was made, seven times two were made, and in six instances three were made. In its last nine

possessions, UT made more than three passes only once.

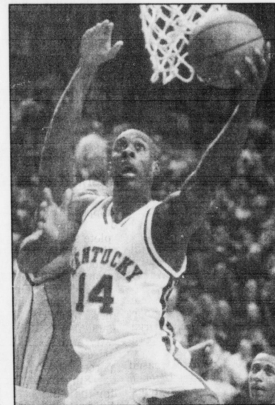
The point to all this is no matter how much individual talent you have, the only way a team can win is through team play. Just ask last year's Cats. As the cliché goes, "There is no 'I' in team."

Now, if someone could just explain that to the Volunteers.

Staying on the same campus, but shifting gears to pigskin, I faintly remember dismissing the Tennessee football team early in the year as a title pretender. I corrected myself once after a reader pointed out the error of my ways, but let me just take this time to say, Tennessee was for real. UT beat all comers, including my beloved Florida State Seminoles. The Vols are truly deserving of the national title for this year.

By the way, in that same column where I trashed Tennessee, I also predicted the winner of the Florida-Florida State game would play for the national championship. I guess I'm not as off-base as some thought.

Finally, let me lead a little cheer for this weekend. J-E-T-S, Jets! Jets! Jets!



MOBIE HILIER | KERNEL STAFF

Heshmu Evans found life tough against Tennessee Tuesday night. Despite the victory, the Volunteers still have a lot to learn about playing team ball.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Cats look for confidence in Cajun Country

SEC brawl: Lady Tigers, Cats will mix it up tonight in Baton Rouge

By Matt May
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Home cookin', Cajun style.

That's what the Louisiana State Lady Tigers will be cooking up for UK tonight in Baton Rouge, as the Wildcats travel south for an important contest with LSU (11-3, 31 in Southeastern Conference).

With both teams coming off disappointing

conference losses over the weekend, the game will serve as a get well

matchup, with UK (11-4, 2-2) looking to rebuild its confidence before traveling to Knoxville over the weekend for a showdown with the No. 1-ranked and three-time defending National Champion Tennessee Lady Volunteers.

After dropping its second conference game of the season on Sunday to Ole Miss 60-57 in Ox-

ford, UK head coach Bernadette Mattox said her squad must focus on eliminating turnovers and controlling the Lady Tigers on the backboards.

"They (LSU) do a great job of rebounding," Mattox said. "(LSU forward Detrina) White does a tremendous job. They are a running team and really get after it. We have to stop the transition baskets, play great defense and score."

Scoring has been a problem of late after UK's first player off the bench, junior center Katie Vi-

eth, went down with an injury. The lack of experience off the bench has hindered the Cats' scoring, Mattox said.

"There is a big piece missing in Katie," Mattox said. "We lose a lot of experience with her out. We have a freshman coming off the bench so we're trying to improve. We told our veterans we need them to step up."

One of those veterans is senior forward Jaye Barnes, who despite being UK's second-leading scorer at 12.7 points a game, has disap-

peared in the Cats' two conference losses to Florida and Ole Miss, scoring a combined four points in the two games.

Mattox said she is pleased with UK's start, sees room for improvement.

"Obviously, we are very pleased with the progression of the team," Mattox said. "Individually we can get better, but we are moving forward, recognizing mistakes and correcting them. We are learning and having fun and the enthusiasm is still there."

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THE GREATEST

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Leaving so soon? King of basketball Michael Jordan retires from National Basketball Association, ending speculation about his future

CHICAGO — The NBA's greatest player made it official yesterday.

Michael Jordan retired from the Chicago Bulls after 13 seasons, six championships and countless soaring dunks. But he left open the slightest possibility that he might return one day.

"Mentally, I'm exhausted. I don't feel I have a challenge," Jordan said at a news conference at the United Center, where a bronze statue of him stands outside. "Physically, I feel great."

"This is a perfect time for me to walk away from the game. I'm at peace with that."

Jordan said he was "99.9 percent" sure he would never return and added, "You can read that for what it's worth. . . I'm very secure in my decision."

When pressed why he wouldn't say he was 100 percent certain, Jordan said: "Because it's my 1 percent and not yours."

Word of Jordan's retirement broke late Monday, but he had refused to comment until today.

The Jordan era included five MVP awards, 10 scoring titles, 12 All-Star appearances and many magic moments, from last-second shots to phe-

nomenal scoring outbursts. More important, Jordan had charm and a nice-guy image that earned him multimillion-dollar sponsorship deals and reached even non-sports fans.

"I tried to be the best basketball player I could be," said Jordan, who was joined by his wife, Juanita, Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and NBA commissioner David Stern.

Asked if he had lost his desire to play, he said: "The desire is always going to be there." But he said he wanted to make sure that the desire was there "not one-fourth of the time I step onto the court, but every time."

"I'm just going to enjoy life and do things I've never done before," he said.

"My life will take a change," said Jordan, adding that he also will tend to his many business interests. He makes an estimated \$45 million a year from endorsements.

Added his wife: "I see Michael doing a lot more carpooling."

"Mentally, I'm exhausted. I don't feel I have a challenge."

— Michael Jordan, Chicago Bulls guard

Reinsdorf called Jordan's announcement "a tough day for basketball fans all over the world."

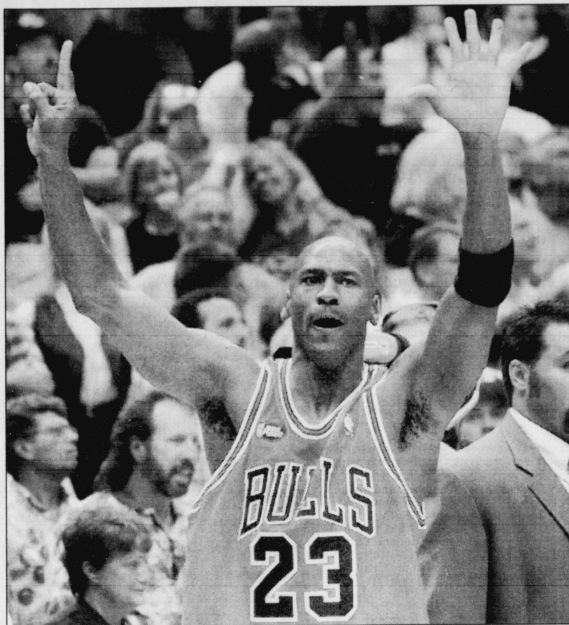
Counters Stern: "I disagree with Jerry. This is a great day. The greatest basketball player in the history of the game is getting the opportunity to retire with the grace that described his play."

Jordan met with a few teammates at his home Monday and told them the thought of playing an abbreviated, 50-

game season wasn't enough of a challenge.

Now, Jordan goes out as he always wanted — on top. His last-second shot gave the Bulls a victory over the Utah Jazz and their sixth title.

"There's a way to go out as an athlete, and that's the way to go out," said B.J. Armstrong.



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The Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan, wearing his familiar No. 23 jersey, held up six fingers to signify the number of titles he and the Bulls have won after defeatin the Utah Jazz in six games in last year's NBA Finals.

So long, Michael

A special thanks: Native Chicagoan says goodbye to "His Airness"



Brenna Ohlson
KEE EDITOR

Y e s — t e r d a y t h e s p o r t s w o r l d s a i d g o o d - b y e , a g a i n , t o o n e o f t h e g r e a t e s t b a s k e t b a l l p l a y e r s o f a l l t i m e .

Michael Jordan announced his retirement this afternoon after a disheartening NBA lock-out. Most people can only guess how a Chicagoan, like myself, feels about this loss — or specifically the lack of joy. Surprisingly, the citizens of Kentucky (Lexington in particular) of all people, can.

Why Kentucky? What could a city with such southern hospitality have in common with a big mean bustling city of "big shoulders?" It's simple: understanding the utter euphoria of victory.

When the NBA playoffs reach a fever pitch. It has become a certainty that the United Center is packed with fans — young, old, rich, poor — all of whom are there to celebrate a team that represents the city of Chicago: the Bulls.

Everyone who lives in Northern Illinois refers to the Bulls as "My Bulls," or "My team." Every citizen of Chicago is on a first name basis with people like "Pip," "Luc," "Denise" (chidingly referred to as

"Denise"), "Ronnie," "Tony," and the most profound being "Mike."

By the time June rolls around, Kentucky has already had their fun. When the flowers start to bloom in the Bluegrass, blue and white are seen on all sides as Tubby takes his team to the NCAA tournament. People eat, sleep, and breathe basketball, and when Kentucky's winning the Commonwealth of Kentucky's smiling.

Despite the malaise that effects both Chicago and Lexington during "hawing" season, both places truly understand one of the more sacred components of title victory: the outdoor celebration.

In those precious moments between baskets and buzzers, people fill the streets. In the city by the lake, people scramble out of every crevice to join together in a victorious march through the streets of Chicago.

In places where basketball legacies live, so does the sweet sound of victory celebration. In Chicago's case, Michael Jordan was the conductor of the victory orchestra. Every time his tongue came out before he dunked, every time the fade-away left his fingertips, through an unsuccessful baseball career, through the death of his father Vernon, Chicago was there. We felt his joy, we felt his pain, we felt his sadness, we knew when he hugged that ball that he was making peace where peace was

due. Mike made the Bulls.

When people talk about Jordan's retirement, it's easy to criticize. They see him play on a basketball court, see him in news conferences, and see him in commercials and other media vehicles and believe they know Michael Jordan.

People who support his retirement like the fact that the NBA will be more suspenseful — there won't be a "superteam" per se, but close games and a return to the everyman's game that prevails in the lags between the Wilt Chamberlain's, Magic Johnson's and the Michael Jordan's.

Those who want him to stay love "His Airness," his personality, his game (no small thing), but also the manner in which he handles himself. Jordan has a cool self-confidence that comes to those few who are blessed with both athletic ability and a good attitude.

Basketball will never forget the impact that Jordan has made on the game. Chicago will never forget the years "MJ" spent in the NBA. He stayed in Chicago because Chicago loved him, and he loved Chicago.

In a sports industry filled with children interested only in money and revenue, Jordan set goals, and worked until he met them. He was a role model for many, and should pose as a role model for the future of basketball. Goodbye Mr. Jordan, and thank you.

The last dance

Michael Jordan, hailed as the greatest player in NBA history, is expected to announce his retirement from basketball after 13 years with the Chicago Bulls.



Career highlights

- NBA Finals MVP (1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998)
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- Bulls' all-time leading scorer with 29,277 points
- Career scoring average of 31.5 is highest of any player in NBA/ABA history
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MVPs	5 2nd (tie)
Career points	29,277 3rd

30+ point games

Player	Count
Jordan	109
K. Abdul-Jabbar	75
J. West	74
E. Baylor	60
H. Olajuwon	53

Career 3-point FGs

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Jordan by the numbers

- \$1,500,000 Amount of money raised by the Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic for Ronald McDonald Houses in North Carolina
- 29,277 Points scored in his career
- 3,041 Most points scored in a season
- 69 Most points scored in a regular season game
- 23 Jersey number
- 13 Shoe size
- 10 Regular season scoring titles
- 6 NBA titles won by Jordan and the Bulls
- 5 NBA Most Valuable Player awards
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Want live music? Bogart's is nice, but AIA and Lynagh's are bringing Lexington up to par.



Ben Salmon
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

Two years ago, it seemed like the only time I could ever see a good band live was if I was willing to drive up to Cincinnati. Bogart's, in the hipster/hobo section of the Queen City, used to do a really good job of booking quality, national touring acts.

In about a year's time, I saw Teenage Fanclub, the Afghan Whigs, Pavement, They Might Be Giants and a host of other really good bands at Bogart's. We caught the Mighty Mighty Bosstones before they were the flavor of the month, and my buddies saw Green Day before they were writing theme music for Must-See TV.

Now, though, Bogart's has raised its prices and crappy-bands quieter's calendar is now made up mostly of high school band contests and metal acts.

Which is sad, but tolerable in light of Lynagh's recent rise to power. The Lexington Irish-themed pub/music emporium has become, by leaps and bounds, the best place in all of Kentucky to see live music.

The club seems to concentrate on the burgeoning "alt-country" scene, and, in the last year, has booked some of the best bands going today — the Old 97's, Bottle-rocket and the V-roys, to name a few.

The club also does a commendable job of trying to provide a variety of acts for Lexington music lovers. Bluegrass musicians The Del McCoury Band, Lexington's Bailando Desnudo, Big Ass Truck's brand of funk-rock and Solas' Irish sounds have also filled Lynagh's in recent months.

But Lynagh's cannot do it all. It has an established audience that target toward the bands they book, which is great. The bands are some of my favorites and I am thankful such a great club exists. But Lexington desperately needs a club to fill the need for some straightforward rock 'n' roll music.

Now, let's get some things straight. Some might point to AIA as a bona fide rock club. In the last year, AIA has had



The Afghan Whigs were one of many nationally renowned acts to appear at Bogart's in Cincinnati. Overall it was an opportune year to catch live music in Lexington and Cincinnati.

Cinderella, Loverboy and, even worse, Days Of The New — not exactly what I'm looking for. Also, there is no doubt in my mind that The 37 Center is somewhere, doing something that is really good for the city, but I don't even know where it is, much less what their schedule is.

Once upon a time, there was a club in Lexington called the Wrocklage. It lasted a long time, attracting big crowds to shows by seminal artists like the Replacements and Uncle Tupelo. More recently, House of Heresy and Area 51's short-lived runs on Main Street included performances by Buttery, Neutral Milk Hotel, Man or Astro-man?, and The Kelley Deal 6000. All good bands, all good-sized crowds.

I'm not trying to dis any of the clubs out there that are doing a good job of bringing music to Lexington.

In fact, they should be applauded for their efforts and rewarded with some patronage. Get out there and watch the bands, don't just show up to ogle the opposite sex and drink.

I just sometimes wish there was another choice out there. But there's not. And that's alright, because, anchored by Lynagh's, 1998 was still a darn good year for Lexington music.

Kernel Music Critic Ben Salmon is a journalist and he can be reached at bsalmo0@mik.uky.edu.



Ryan and Hanks are compatible online, and their compatibility is tough to match on movie screens.

'Mail' a success

Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks back together again for love and romance cyber-style

By Brenna Ohlson
REG EDITOR

The Internet's scope of users is far and wide. It's about time a movie was made about it.

Many people who use the Internet take advantage of its chatrooms and discussion boards getting in contact with millions of people per day. Hence the idea behind *You've Got Mail*, Warner Brothers' newest film starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Ryan plays the role of Kathleen Kelly, who runs a quaint children's book store on New York's West Side. Hanks plays Joe Fox, a businessman whose family-owned book chain Fox Books is building a bookstore just around the corner from Kelly's store. The two despise each other after a series of chance encounters and funny scenes.

Both Fox and Kelly subscribed to America Online. The two characters both feel they met someone charming and endearing in "NY152" and "shopgirl," their respective screen names. Though disliking each other fiercely outside cyberspace, the two are unknowingly the perfect match for one another.

Hanks and Ryan are joined by Parker Posey as the eccentric Patricia Eden, and

Greg Kinnear as Frank Navasky, a columnist with crazy ideas, each the significant others of Hanks and Ryan. Each does a magnificent job of playing the wall between a successful relationship.

Kinnear is a notorious columnist who writes incessantly about seemingly unimportant topics. One of the more humorous scenes of the movie is when Kinnear is interviewed on television and hits on the television commentator.

Posey plays a whiny book editor with ease. Through party scenes and one elevator scene particularly amusing, Posey shines through her character.

The movie has brought Ryan and Hanks back together after their successful romantic comedy *Sleepless in Seattle*. Their performances in that movie were subpar to the manner in which the two characters interact in *You've Got Mail*.

The chemistry between Hanks and Ryan is to be credited for this movie's success.

As of Jan. 3 the film had grossed \$77.9 million in three weeks of release. If two other actors were playing the roles of Kelly and Fox, the success of this film would be questionable.

Nora Ephron directs this film and her efforts are, for the most part, flawless. Filmed on location in New York, Kelly's "Shop Around the Corner" bookstore has a hardwood decor reminiscent of an old-aged bookstore.

The Fox Books superstore featured in the movie was a remarkable set that resem-

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Civil Action No. 1

LOS ANGELES — A Civil Action, a fact-based litigation drama starring John Travolta, received the thumbs-up verdict from North American moviegoers in its first weekend of wide release.

Travolta plays a personal injury lawyer who battles corporate might in the case of eight children stricken by leukemia allegedly caused by toxic drinking water.

The film ranked No. 1 with a haul of \$14.5 million for the Friday-to-Sunday period, while reigning champ *Patch Adams* slipped to No. 2 with \$12 million, according to stu-

dio estimates. *You've Got Mail* and *Stepmom* each reported about \$8 million, and *The Prince of Egypt* was at No. 5 with \$5.8 million.

Jewison to receive memorial Oscar

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood producer-director Norman Jewison, best known during a 35-year career for *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Moonstruck* and in the *Heat of the Night*, will get his first Oscar at this year's Academy Awards, a spokesman says.

Jewison, whose films have won 10 Academy Awards and

45 nominations, has been picked for the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award, a spokesman for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said.

The award is given to a producer whose "body of work reflects a consistently high standard of motion picture production."

'The King' lives again on virtual tour

HOLLYWOOD — It's now or never time for Elvis devotees across the Atlantic as "Elvis — the Concert" launches the Europe/U.K. leg of its virtual tour in London later this month.

The event — staged by Graceland/Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. — reunites various former Presley band members on stage with concert footage of the King running on a giant video screen.

The spectacle lands in London's Wembley Arena on Jan. 23, before moving onto Belgium, Germany, Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

Plans for an Australian leg are in the works for the fall. Similar events were held in the United States last year.

Compiled from wire reports.

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Overheard

Ventura's new ride

"I just felt I wanted something comfortable and practical ... for running over reporters. They've assured me I can be accommodated."

- Gov. Jesse Ventura, jokingly when asked why he purchased a Lincoln Navigator as his official vehicle as Minnesota governor.

Court not hustling

CINCINNATI - Larry Flynt has convinced a judge he's too sick to stand trial on obscenity charges. Judge Patrick Dinkelschper agreed yesterday to postpone the Hustler publisher's trial a month and a half to April 5 while Flynt undergoes surgery to correct a urological problem common among paraplegics. Flynt has been in a wheelchair since he was shot in 1978.

Gentlemen rock!

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The lead singer of Quiet Riot was a perfect gentleman when arrested recently for failing to pay a court judgment. Kevin DuBrow, 43, was arrested Thursday when he arrived at the airport for a concert. DuBrow, whose band is best known for the 1980s hits "Let's Get Crazy" and "Bang Your Head," is accused of not paying a \$105,000 judgment awarded a woman who alleged DuBrow broke her leg at a 1994 concert. DuBrow was released on \$210,000 bail. "He was very cooperative," Sgt. Michael Smith said. "He's actually a nice person to talk to."

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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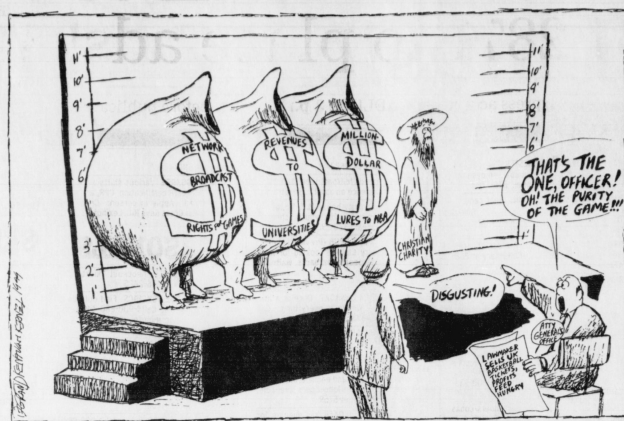
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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

UK should give its money to the frats that need it

To the editor:

It is not a question of whether or not the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter of UK has a large number of wealthy alumni, but a moral question of why the University feels that it should kick another \$425,000 toward the future fraternity behemoth.

Let me fill in all the students reading this who were not on campus over the summer. The Sigma Phi Epsilon house, which is located across from K-Lair closest to the parking structure, was struck with a tragedy over last year's summer break.

It seems that because of the new parking lot the University built, regulated and in the process took a lot of the Sig Eps' spaces, caused a tidal wave of water to be directed into the basement of said fraternity house.

The amount of water in the basement was enough to hide the Titanic, cause a small electrical fire, force several residents out for two nights and cause thousands of dollars of damage to the basement.

Since then the fraternity has not seen a dime from the University for the damage.

Maybe I am out of line or just plain nuts, but I would think the University could put a little less cash into the donation column and a little more money into the IOU column.

The entire Greek system gets screwed enough as it is.

SETH HOLLIGER
 FINANCE SOPHOMORE

UK fans were enjoyable foes at the Outback Bowl

To the editor:

The Kentucky Wildcats are winners — especially their fans. Big Blue fans have a right to be proud of their team and of themselves.

The Cats took the game right to my alma mater, Penn State, and gave us a bit of a scare during the first quarter and several times throughout the game, and then accepted defeat with poise and class. The same can be said for the fans.

Last-minute tickets had my wife and I sitting in the south end zone among all the Wildcat fans and we were ready for some cheap abuse — abuse that never came. We all had a good time, trading good-natured jabs and mutually

concluding that drug-testing should be expanded to include the referees.

No one threw beer. There was no obscenity — except toward the refs.

No personal insults — except toward the refs. Indeed, the UK fans screamed and shouted, groaned at their own miscues and laughed at ours, and I did the same to them. It was fun for both sides.

Penn State fans and players have been to bowl games before, and we know how to behave. We know how to drown out the other team's signal-calling and we know how to let our Nittany Lions know we are in the stands. And we know how to party.

While the UK fans were great, don't think they know it all yet. I mean, we Penn Staters have quite a legacy of partying, but we will gladly share the knowledge with those willing to learn.

I am a member of the Penn State class of 1966. My children are both graduates of Florida State University. I have worn Seminole garnet and gold into Gator territory. The Wildcat fans could teach the University of Florida all about class.

I would travel miles to be among the Cats but would not walk across the street ...

Well, you know.

RICHARD BOETTIGER
 TAMPA, FLA.

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IN OUR OPINION

A legend still lives

Robin Hood at large in state politics

Dost thou recall ye olde tales of Robin Hood and his band of merry thieves?

Not particularly the Robin Hood portrayed by Kevin Costner (who needs to go back to his day job), but the Robin Hood in the timeless tale by Howard Pyle. You know, bows and arrows, Friar Tuck and Will Scarlet, Nottingham and Sherwood Forest?

Well, it would appear that Robin Hood, who some may even think to be just a legend, is alive and well in the Kentucky House of Representatives! Of course, he's not addressed in the roll call as "The Gentleman from Sherwood Forest" or "Representative Hood" — he has cunningly changed his name to Tom Riner and taken a job as minister of a Louisville Baptist church to conceal his true identity.

Name and occupation aside, olde Robin "Rep. Riner" Hood is still up to his olde tricks: robbing from the rich to give to the poor.

On the one hand, maybe Robin Hood has toned down a notch. No longer does he hold rich travelers at bow point and graciously remove their purses only to donate them to peasants in Merry Old England.

Instead, he's scalping his UK season basketball tickets (a perk given to state legislators, which could be the reason half of our lawmakers ran for office in the first place) and giving the illegal profit to charity.

On the other hand, scalping tickets is illegal in Kentucky — as is armed robbery. So maybe Robin, a.k.a. Tom Riner, is just as bad as ever.

Riner, though, argues that he is doing nothing wrong, as he sold the season tickets to his church at face value, \$620 per pair.

A couple of other representatives evidently constitute Robin's band of merry thieves, as they also sold their season tickets to Riner's church.

The end result? The church sold the tickets to a broker in Texas for \$7,900, turning a \$5,940 profit that they gave to feed needy people at Thanksgiving.

It looks like Robin "Rep. Riner" Hood is gonna have to find a new gig, though.

This time, the rich he was robbing have actually defeated our hero.

In other words, UK is going to relieve Riner of his season ticket privilege.

And for good reasons — laws are laws and there are other ways to help feed the poor.

We guess heroes don't always win, do they Robin Hood?

Easy resolutions get the year started right



Greg Laber
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

It's a brand new year and a fresh start for everyone. Traditionally, this is time of year when people make up a list of goals they hope to achieve in the following months. And traditionally, no one does any of them.

But not me. Not this year. What makes this year any different from all the previous years?

Am I more driven? Am I more dedicated to the pursuit of my goals? Of course not.

No, this year I am going to set my goals at a standard I can achieve. In fact, I'm going to set resolutions I almost can't help but achieve.

OK, so I won't get a lot done in 1999. I didn't get anything done in '98 either.

This way I just won't feel guilty about my sloth.

So, without further ado, here's my list of New Year's Resolutions for 1999:

• Use the word "sloth" in at least one column. (check)

• Make certain the year is named after a Prince song. (check)

• Restrict intake of fried red meats to 3 pounds per sitting. (I'll have to work on that)

• End tawdry affair with Ashley Judd. (Step 1: Begin tawdry affair with Ashley Judd)

• Get at least two minutes of vigorous exercise a day. (Too ambitious? Maybe)

• Define "vigorous exercise" as any kind of physical movement. (check, check)

• Help move the world one step closer to world peace (by finally destroying all of my enemies).

• Retire from the NBA. (check)

• Participate in massive cover-up to hide all evidence of Bill Clinton's long-running affair with Hillary. (Nah, no one would believe it anyway)

• Invade France. (every-one else has)

• Become the hairiest member of the Backstreet Boys. (change name to Backhair Boys)

• Eat less cheese. (substitute animal lard)

• Resume affair with Ashley Judd. (Come on, did you see that hockey poster?)

• Stop biting my nails. (Bite someone else's)

• Get elected pope. (Or at least start wearing funny hats)

• Write funnier columns (Ah, screw it. I'll just recycle last year's jokes.)

Holiday break was all luck for UK students



Clark Case
 ASSISTANT DIALOGUE EDITOR

You all must be the luckiest bunch of students in the whole, wide world. It seems that over this holiday break you have dodged several bullets.

First, though not necessarily most important, you've gotten lucky with the weather. Snow, ice, freezing rain and every other type of hazardous precipitation has blanketed much of the nation for a couple of weeks.

Yet, no classes were in session during the time when the road was quite hazardous, whereby you never had to venture forth on the roads or sidewalks. A good thing, too, because nobody enjoys car wrecks or broken legs.

Second, you were somewhat distanced from the first two-game UK basketball losing streak since time immemorial. Granted, you were probably watching and crying at home as our poor Boyz in Blue walked off the court smarting from the sting of defeat twice in one week. At least you had the luxury of taking to your bed for a couple of days without missing class.

Duke and Louisville — seeing those words in print still hurts. But everything will be OK, I assure you. We'll see them in March — if they make it as deep into the NCAA Tournament as us. Things aren't much better, what with a loss to Tennessee, but at least we haven't lost an-

other two in a row — yet.

Finally, and quite possibly most important, a couple of big-time events took place in national and world news while we were away from school. Specifically, the attack on Iraq and the impeachment of President Clinton. You ask yourself, why am I lucky that these things happened? It's simple: Since those happened during the holiday break, the Kernel was also taking a breather.

So what? Precisely! Although I'm certain some residual opinions will be printed on the Dialogue page about these things — as both the Iraq situation and the President's trial are still active — you did not have to read any of our opinions about either of the messes.

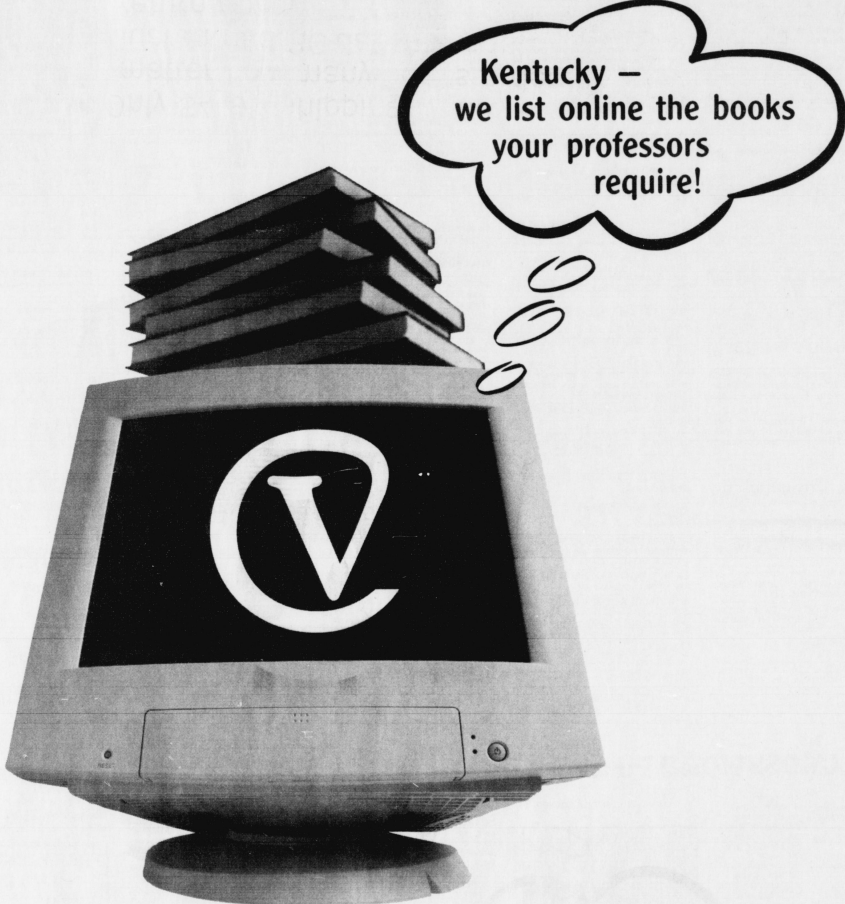
Most of you will probably agree with me — not having to read what a bunch of undergraduates think about major world issues is a good thing, isn't it?

Don't you see how lucky you are now? The weather is balmy again (in the scope of January weather, anyway), the basketball team is kicking around its red-headed step-brother (or, at least they're trying to) and the Dialogue page is too far behind to rant any more about Iraq or Clinton.

Fear not, though! We'll find something to rant about. There's plenty going on around the old institution — pizza deals, sports developments, an ever-unpredictable administration and more.

Mmm, pizza.

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