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WEATHER Mostly sunny today, high near 50; clear tonight, low near 20; tomorrow mostly sunny, high near 55.

CAT ATTACK Freshman Antoine Walker led UK to a 114-81 victory last night in Rupp Arena. Story, Page 3



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NEWSbytes

WORLD NATO airstrike prompts Serb retaliation

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb fighters set villages ablaze and sent civilians fleeing for their lives yesterday in northwest Bosnia, their response to a retaliatory airstrike by NATO planes.

Surface-to-air missiles were fired at two NATO jets flying over Serb-held Bania Luka. The British jets were not hit.

Senior officials of Croatia, site of Monday's NATO attack on a Serb-run airport used to stage bombing runs on a U.N. safe haven in Bosnia's Biham area, said NATO had asked for and received permission to fly again over Croatia.

NATION Immigrants could see welfare cuts

WASHINGTON — Republicans intent on overhauling the nation's welfare system want to finance expensive new work programs for single mothers by denying public aid to thousands of legal immigrants.

The restrictions on government services and benefits to legal immigrants, with exceptions for refugees and the very elderly, are supposed to save \$22 billion over five years and are part of the GOP's "Contract With America."

House Republicans have promised votes on welfare reform and nine other bills in the contract early next year.

Ito's wife denies clash with Fuhrman

LOS ANGELES — Superior Court Judge Lance Ito's wife says she never clashed with a detective on the O.J. Simpson case when the two of them worked in the same police station, according to court papers released yesterday.

Capt. Peggy York said she had no disagreements with Detective Mark Fuhrman and never investigated his alleged involvement in a group called Men Against Women within the Los Angeles Police Department.

"I only recall Officer Fuhrman as a productive officer," she wrote in a declaration. "I do not know of any controversy or disagreements with him."

Her comments conflicted with last week's statement by Fuhrman's lawyer, Robert Tourtelot, who said: "They had some disagreements. Mark and she did not see eye to eye."

Report says organs not handled properly

CHICAGO — About 1,000 people a year may be going without lifesaving transplants because medical examiners refuse to release organs from the dead, a study indicates.

Thousands of people die each year awaiting organs, and many more linger on waiting lists, hoping organs will become available.

The study did not try to estimate directly the number of lives lost because of medical examiners' refusal to release organs, but most transplants are reserved for people with terminal or potentially deadly conditions.

Some medical examiners believe they might lose needed evidence in legal cases if they release organs, the researchers said in yesterday's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Americans worried about condition in U.S.

NEW YORK — A Harris Poll says Americans are feeling lukewarm about the country these days.

About two-thirds of those questioned rated the state of the nation as "only fair" or "poor." They cited crime, the government and the economy as the main reasons, according to a poll conducted by Louis Harris and Associates.

Only 2 percent of the 1,246 adults surveyed said the nation was in "excellent" shape in the days after the elections; 31 percent said it was "pretty good"; 49 percent said it was "only fair"; 18 percent rated it as "poor"; and 1 percent said they were not sure.

Gay student does not have to be reinstated

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Naval Academy does not have to reinstate a top student who was forced to resign after admitting he was gay, a federal appeals court ruled yesterday.

The 7-3 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reversed the finding of a three-judge panel, which had ruled that Joseph C. Steffan should be reinstated.

Steffan was forced out of the Naval Academy in 1987 — just six weeks shy of graduation — after acknowledging he was a homosexual.

NAMEdropping

Tests confirm Jackson is not the father

MODESTO, Calif. — DNA tests confirmed what Michael Jackson said in song 10 years ago: The kid is not my son.

Superior Court Judge Glenn Ritchey Jr. threw out a paternity suit Monday brought against Jackson by Michelle Flowers.

Flowers, 31, accused Jackson of fathering her 10-year-old son and sought \$20 million a year and a mansion.

Genetic tests cleared Jackson and indicated the woman's ex-husband is probably the father.

Flowers got a restraining order against Jackson in 1991, claiming he raped her at a New Year's Eve party. She alleged Jackson continued to pursue her.



Jackson

Compiled from wire reports

Traffic tickets triple in October

By Scott Drake
Staff Writer

The number of traffic citations issued last month by the UK Police was nearly three times higher than for the same period last year.

According to October crime statistics released last week by the UK police department, the total number of crimes reported on campus was slightly higher in October 1993.

Drug offenses increased from one last year to nine this year.

However, auto thefts were significantly lower this year, with only one stolen car reported, compared to five in October 1993.

Also, reports of stolen bicycles were down from 13 last year to six this year.

Police issued 99 traffic citations, which include speeding and parking tickets around campus. The traffic reports composed the bulk of the total 377 reported crimes in October, up from 379 in 1993.

Although the numbers could signal a consistent crime pattern on campus, UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said he does not rely on them completely to determine the extent of the crime problem on campus.



I really don't put significance in these statistics unless you look at the specifics of each individual case.

W.H. McComas
UK Police Chief

"Students not using their cars as closets and keeping things out of view could also account for the decrease," McComas said.

McComas added that he prefers to rate the performance of the police department on the feedback he hears from the public instead of the monthly crime reports.

"We prefer to be proactive instead of reactive," McComas said. "We make a strong effort to have a strong relationship between police and students."

McComas said his department sponsors many safety- and crime-related programs for students. UK has the largest self-protection program in the country, serving nearly 1,000 women annually.

McComas said the department has taken steps to address topics like burned-out lights, the student escort service, late-night bus service and placing security guards strategically around campus.

"Most of the crimes occur between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m.," McComas said.

"We have a double shift of officers between 10 p.m. and midnight, which is more than any other time of the day."

"I feel really good about the safety of the campus," he said. "If you take care of the little things, the big things will take care of themselves."



HOWDY, PILGRIM UK parking attendant Liz Jelinek waves inside her post behind Funkhouser Building. Jelinek wears a different costume for each holiday.

Costumes give drivers reason to smile

By Leigh Ann Ellis
Contributing Writer

Over the years, UK students have seen her disguised as Elvis, Mrs. Claus, the Easter Bunny and Snoopy.

Located at Gate 2 behind the Funkhouser Building, Liz Jelinek is seated in the parking booth she has transformed into a comfortable office, complete with Venetian blinds, fresh flowers, and pictures of her 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A mother of four, Jelinek said one of her sons is pursuing a country music career under the name J.T. Huston.

For Veteran's Day nearly two weeks ago, she posted a sign of Snoopy saluting the American flag that read: "To all those who gave, thank you."

It was just one of the many drawings that line her desk practically every day of the year. Jelinek said she makes them using outlines from coloring books.

Last month's Halloween get-up, an Elvis costume, took the most time to put together. Jelinek makes all

of her costumes at home in her spare time, a job she said that takes a lot of colored sweatshirts.

For the last day of classes in May, Jelinek comes each year in her cap and gown.

"That's my graduation," Jelinek said.

Does she get any weird looks?

"Oh, God, yeah," Jelinek said. "People seem a little friendlier ... or somewhat astonished — I don't know which — that someone my age would go out and do this."

Nonetheless, she said that students "seem to have a good time with it, they're a little more friendly. It's gradually wearing students down who may be intimidated by University officials."

Some students seem to agree with Jelinek.

"I think it's great," said Karen Moldenhauer, a psychology and German sophomore. "I come by here everyday. It puts a smile on your face, seems like something I would do."

Journalism and telecommunications sophomore Emily Gowin added that even on the nastiest days, Jelinek bears a broad smile and displays a "cute little

sign in the window."

Oddly enough, Jelinek came to UK on Halloween in 1988, ending a short retirement from Texas Instruments Inc., where she worked for 28 years as a machine operator. She was encouraged to take the job by her husband, Chuck, who works as a building operator in Patterson Office Tower.

University staff and faculty also seem to appreciate Jelinek's love for the holidays. Two years ago, she was named Employee of the Year for UK Parking and Transportation Services.

A picture of her, in full costume, of course, hangs in the parking office on the corner of Euclid Avenue and Rose Street.

Director of Parking and Transportation Services Don Thornton said he gets comments from other employees who say Jelinek's spirit has a positive influence on his staff, and that seeing her is a "good way to start the day."

Next Halloween, Jelinek joked, she will come as the "scariest" character of all to UK students: a parking attendant.

Craycraft selects Hoffman to fill vacant seat on SAB

By Alison Knight
Staff Writer

Dara Hoffman has been selected as the new chairwoman for the Student Activities Board's Contemporary Affairs Committee.

The position has been empty since former committee chairwoman Sarah Bonewits resigned last week. Bonewits said she left because of an internship she received from the Office of Admissions.

"This position is drastically important," Craycraft said. "There is an enormous responsibility involved."

Craycraft said he thinks Hoffman will do an excellent job as the chairwoman.

"She's been active with (SAB) for several years," Craycraft said. "She already understands how the board works and isn't afraid to strike up debate when necessary."

Hoffman has served on the Concert Committee for three years and the Performing Arts Committee for one year. She also is the public service announcer and a disc jockey for WRFL-FM.

He said he appointed Hoffman so quickly in the interest of time.

"The reason I'm not running Contemporary Affairs through the selection committee (which usually chooses SAB officials) is because I don't want the lag time," he said.

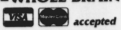
College Republicans President David Samford said he was glad to see Bonewits resign because of her failure to bring a conservative speaker to campus.

However, Craycraft said he thought Bonewits did an excellent job while in office.

Craycraft said Samford complains too much about SAB's not bringing a conservative speaker to campus.

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Magoffin native tips off season

By Nick Rhoton
Staff Writer

Rebecca Lynn Howard seems to have a pretty good grasp of what being a UK fan is all about. "I think living in Kentucky and not being a UK basketball fan is like going to church and not believing in God," Howard said.

Howard, 15, is slated to sing the national anthem at UK's first regular season basketball game. Her performance on Saturday will be her first performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner" outside of the gymnasium at her former high school in Magoffin County.

Howard, who made her first public appearance on stage at the age of 5, is excited about her first UK event.

"I've got great tickets. I'll probably be sitting on the floor," Howard said.

Howard is a long-time veteran of the stage with a handy analogy for performing.

"It's like when you first give a

body soda-pop. It just wants more," she said. "That's how singing is for me."

The Eastern Kentucky native has gained her experience from opening for some of the biggest names in country music, like Dwight Yoakam, Doug Stone, Mary Stuart, the Kentucky Headhunters, Michelle Wright, John Michael Montgomery, Ronna Reeves, Dan Seals and Ricky Van Shelton.

Howard said it is difficult to be an opening act because "the audience isn't there to see you."

She also said the occasional display of showmanship makes crowd communication easier.

"If I have to, I'll go out into the audience and sit in some laps," she said.

Howard currently is working on a "four-song demo" with Nashville producers and songwriters.

"I wrote three of the songs on the demo myself," said Howard, who added that she hopes her demo will be ready by next week.

She is hard at work with an



REBECCA Lynn Howard will kick off UK's first home basketball game.

image consultant who has worked with recognized stars like Reba McEntire and Pam Tillis.

Howard also said she hopes to attend college, and that UK is near

the top of her wish list.

"If the music business goes well, then I'll be able to go one day. I know UK is a great school, but I've heard it's pretty hard."

Columnist anticipates orgy of food

As most of you are aware of, Thanksgiving is but a day away. When this blessed holiday comes around, there's only one thing to do: Eat.

Yes, my friends, Thanksgiving is not the time to celebrate the Pilgrims and Indians and all that crap, but the time to eat everything in the house.

I haven't had a home cooked meal for a long, long time. It's going to be great to eat until everything is gone. Everything. By everything, I mean everything.

I'm talking frozen pizzas, hot dogs, potato chips, soup, ham and cheese sandwiches, even little packs of crackers left over from bags of fast food. If it's in the house, it's gone when I get home.

Now is the time to take the folks for all they are worth. Since they'll be so happy to see you, surely they won't object to ordering a few pizzas. Maybe your absence has been so revered that you will enjoy a couple of nice meals on the town. All I can say is take every chance you get.

When I'm home, I always try to ration out everything so it will last. For a while, anyway. If I had a frozen pizza and some left over fried chicken, I would pick one of the two and save the other for later.

Not this time, pal. There's no need to put on the brakes if I'm only going to be around for a few days.

Nothing is safe. I might even hit those microwave burritos or eggrolls that have been sitting in the freezer since the Reds won the World Series.

By everything, I mean everything. I'm talking about putting on some unwanted pounds, don't worry. I also fear stepping on the scale after a hearty feast. But who cares? You can always lose weight. These wonderful days off will be put to use to sample every food that comes my way, not to lift weights or work out on the Nordic track.

I don't care how much weight I gain.

It's winter, so nobody is going to see you in a bathing suit or pair

of trunks. What do you have to worry about? Take that fourth slice of pumpkin pie painted with clumps of whipped cream. If you don't eat when you get the chance, I guarantee that you will wish you had.

I might even eat with my bare hands like the Vikings — just grab a big handful of dressing, splash it into a bowl of gravy and shove it down my throat. Nab a couple of biscuits with one hand and if you're hands are big enough, palm the turkey like a basketball with your other hand and rip it apart with your incisors.

If you get thirsty, have a huge, ice-cold picture of water on deck to wash it down. If ham makes its way to the dinner table, it's OK to elbow one of your aunts in the chops or grab one of your little cousins by

the hair.

Hey, they're just family. We're talking about ham here.

I hope I get so fat that I won't even be able to move. I'm just going to lie on my back on the floor like a turtle who can't get up.

The only muscle I'm going to move is in my right thumb — to change channels on the TV.

I'll switch between football and "Miracle on 34th Street." All my little cousins can play on top of me like a mountain. If I get hungry, my mom can inject me with an intravenous needle to feed me gravy or cranberry sauce. As long as I'm eating something.

Word of advice: Think about how you scramble from one bad food service place to another in search of good food that's cheap. Well, good luck. I've eaten so much KFC that I'm starting to have dreams about Colonel Sanders. Hell, Ramen noodles are 35 cents at Blazer Xpress, as opposed to 17 cents at Kroger.

When you go home, food is there. It's even free in most households. Take it all.

Don't wait for anyone to offer it, just grab whatever you see and shove it in your mouth. You may have gastrointestinal complications for a few days, but you'll be glad you did.

Anybody hungry?
Staff Writer Eli Humble is a journalism sophomore.

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SPORTS

UK downs Lithuania 114-81

By Eric Mosolgo
Senior Staff Writer

Sparked by the inspired, confident and never bashful play of freshman Antoine Walker, UK handed the Lithuanian National team its worst loss since clearing U.S. customs last night at Rupp Arena. The Cats enjoyed an early Thanksgiving feast, forcing 34 turnovers en route to a 114-81 romp.

After falling behind 13-8 five minutes into the game, UK hit the Lithuanians like a gust of Siberian air, outscoring the foreigners 23-3 in a giddy four-minute stretch to open a 31-16 lull.

Walker, who finished with 22 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists, spearheaded the drive, draining a three to give the Cats a 19-16 lead — then immediately forcing a turnover.

Tony Delk followed with a three of his own and, after a Lithuanian timeout, Rodrick Rhodes escalated the onslaught to the verge of an international crisis with a tomahawk jam.

And the hoops-starved fans in Rupp Arena loved it — especially the newcomer.

"He has the gift that when the lights come on, he elevates his game," UK coach Rick Pitino said of his prize freshman. "He is a very talented and gifted young man. I won't compare him to Jamal Mashburn — but he is in the same class as Mashburn as a freshman."

"With the injuries we've had, it's been good for me because I've been able to work on learning to play the four (power forward position) — that's helped my post game out a lot," Walker said. "I love making the passes. I love setting my teammates up for dunks and three-point plays."

UK, which got waxed by a posse of Aussies in an exhibition game a year ago, never left the opposition back in it this time around.

Pitino's patented press rattled

UK 114, LITHUANIA 81

LITHUANIA (81): Stombergas 5-7, 2-4 13; Eriksas 6-14, 5-8 17; Igauskas 11-21, 4-6 26; Sirtauskas 3-10, 0-0 6; Lukminas 3-7, 0-0 6; Jurgilas 3-4, 0-2 8; Vaitkevicius 1-2, 1-1 4; Kemzura 0-0, 1-2 1; Zabarauskas 0-0, 0-0 0. Totals 32-64, 13-24 81.

UK (114): Rhodes 8-16, 0-1 16; McCarty 7-14, 3-3 18; Prockett 1-4, 0-1 2; Delk 7-9, 3-3 19; Shippard 4-6, 0-0 8; Pope 2-5, 2-2 7; Epps 4-7, 0-0 9; Walker 8-15, 3-5 22; Pickett 2-4, 1-2 7; Edwards 3-5, 0-0 6; Padgett 0-2, 0-0 0; Mills 0-1, 0-0 0. Totals 47-86, 12-17 114.

Halftime: UK 56, Lithuania 42. **Rebounds:** UK 39 (McCarty 10, Lithuania 40 (Igauskas 19). **Three-point FG:** UK 9-22 (Walker 3-4, Delk 2-4, Pope 1-1, Epps 1-4, McCarty 1-4), Lithuania 4-14 (Jurgilas 2-3, Stombergas 1-2, Vaitkevicius 1-1). **Assists:** UK 29 (Epps 14), Lithuania 18 (Lukminas 6). **Blocks:** UK 3 (Rhodes 3), Lithuania 6 (Igauskas 4). **Fouls:** UK 22, Lithuania 18. A: 22, 897.

frenzy you would have thought they had spotted Mikhail Gorbachev selling nachos in section 30.

The Cats' lead ballooned to as much as 17 points before the half, which, mercifully for the Lithuanians, came to end with UK holding a 36-42 advantage.

But the carnage continued. By the time the second half rolled around, the road-weary Lithuanians moved with the swiftness of Dom DeLuise after his third slice of pumpkin pie. Delk took advantage of the lackluster defense and cranked for eight unanswered points to start the second half.

When Anthony Epps, who finished with 14 assists and only one turnover, stole an errant Lithuanian pass and converted the ensuing layup at the 16:30 mark, UK's lead stood at 72-46.

Game. Set. Match. As impressive as the final result was, Pitino was far from content. "Right now, you go out here and you say, 'Oh, wow, what a great team, look at the dunks,'" Pitino said.

"But then when you go watch the films, you don't see a very good basketball team. We are two

or three weeks away from opening



HANDS UP UK's Andre Riddick guards Darius Lukminas of Lithuania during the Wildcats' 114-81 victory last night at Rupp Arena.

The student section, somewhat unsuccessfully, tried to start several "We Want Ron" chants as the action stalled in the second half.

Centers Andre Riddick and Mark Pope returned from the ranks of the walking wounded last night. Each scored 7 points in 15 minutes of action.

Notes: Ron Mercer, considered by many the finest prep player in the nation, attended last night's game.

Kats set to host invitational tourney

By Doc Purcell
Senior Staff Writer

When the UK women's basketball team takes the court in this weekend's Lady Kat Invitational Tournament at Memorial Coliseum, four freshmen will be making their first official appearance in Wildcat uniforms.

Center Kim Denkins and forwards Vonda Jackson, Latasha Peterson and Shaunda Roberts will tip off their collegiate athletic careers in UK's matchup with the University of Massachusetts Friday at 8 p.m.

But the group, which ranks among the finest recruiting classes in the nation, may not be given much time to become familiar with the rigors of big-time college play.

The Cats lost several key front-court players from last season's 18-10 squad, including forwards Tedra Eberhart and Christie Jordan, who combined to average nearly 24 points per game and were staples in Coach Sharon Fanning's starting lineup last year.

And given the pair's departure, it appears the frosh will be counted on to contribute points and playing time from the beginning.

"I see them playing significantly this weekend," Fanning said. "We need to find two post players to help out with points and some rebounding too."

With an influx of players looking to play major roles and numer-

ous other untested players on the roster, Fanning is viewing the tournament as an opportunity to see which combination of players play best together and who steps

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In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we would like to take this opportunity before this holiday to give back to those who have given us so much this semester.

So here is a list detailing our gratitude to everyone from the students in highest offices of the Student Government Association to those remaining in lonely halls of the Wildcat's football training center.

▼ Highest on the list can be none other than former SGA President T.A. Jones, to whom we are much indebted.

Yes, because of his knack for mis-managing things (like selling T-shirts priced anywhere from \$7 to \$700), this fluke of campus democracy helped fill the Kernel's news pages on several occasions.

And don't you think he looks great wrapped in the American flag.

Good fashion choice, T.A.

▼ In connection to the above incidents, we would also like to offer our thanks to the wonderful, hard-working Denny's staff.

Their steadfast, late-night devotion dutifully kept our SGA senators well-fed and well-

informed this semester while they plotted, over pancakes and coffee, the demise of the world as we know it.

▼ As usual, we doff our hats to the folks on the state Council on Higher Education.

They thanked students for their hard-earned tuition dollars the best way they knew how: by slapping us with another increase.

Those guys at CHE sure do have the Thanksgiving spirit.

We should be so thankful.

▼ We also want to thank students and officials at the College of Pharmacy for realizing that education cannot take place unless students are wearing the latest in Calvin Klein formal wear.

We hope our own dear College of Communications and Information Studies will see the value of this principle before those rouges in sandals and tank tops undermine our right to a proper education.

▼ And, of course, we must give our thanks to the person who designed our football team's schedule to end (finally) last weekend.

Those turkeys were already cooked anyway.

IN OUR OPINION

Americans must agree with Alex, and that vocal minority that at the polls is not only wrong, but morally reprehensible.

Perhaps I'm being too hard on my fellow graduate student. Maybe he simply lacks the ability to craft a well thought out, closely argued column and therefore must fall back on simple-minded buffoonery.

But until such time as he decides to mount an intellectually honest attack on conservatism, it seems reasonable to assume that he's just not up to the task.

Mike Baranowski
Political science graduate student

Children of illegal aliens born in U.S. deserve services

To the editor:

I have a bone to pick with Editorial Editor Trent Knuckles on his column concerning illegal immigration which appeared yes-

terday's edition of the Kentucky Kernel.

I will not address his political views, but rather will merely address a legal point.

Knuckles states that "more than 65 percent of all births in Los Angeles are children of illegal immigrants."

Perhaps the parents are illegal aliens, but the children, being born in the United States, are American citizens.

People born in the United States deserve the same rights that other American children have, most importantly, a public education.

Under a Supreme Court ruling, even illegal immigrant children are entitled to a public education.

This is the law.

I was born in California, the child of legal Canadian immigrants. My parent's nationality is irrelevant.

I am an American citizen.

I do not agree with Knuckles' political views, but I hope he can see the relevance of this legal matter.

Alison Grande
Library science graduate student

READERS' forum

DeGrand unable to overcome election victory

To the editor:

I suppose that I shouldn't expect much in the way of cogent, insightful political commentary from an editorial cartoonist, but even so, the extent to which Editorial Cartoonist Alex DeGrand consistently manages to misconstrue Republican intentions and policy proposals is amazing.

Based on my fairly consistent reading of his rants, I believe that the "Gospel According to Alex" goes something like this:

Republicans are all evil fascists who:

- ▼ Despise the poor and would ideally like to simply be rid of the whole smelly, uncouth lot of them.
- ▼ Are all religious nuts who would gladly follow Pat Robertson straight to the gates of Hell if that's what it would take to bring

prayer back to schools; and

- ▼ Are virulently racist, sexist and homophobic.

It is true that there are some Republicans who fit that bill, but I'm sure Alex is well aware that the majority of Republicans are a good deal more moderate than this.

Alex appears content to follow the disingenuous practice of citing the extremes to vilify and discredit the whole — something he would have known not to do had he been paying sufficient attention in his introductory research methods classes here.

Perhaps he's only acting out his bitterness and disbelief at the outcome of the recent elections, where the majority of the American people indicated their displeasure with what many liberal elites smugly assumed to be the "permanent Democratic majority."

But I imagine that Alex would respond that the evil suppression of minority voting by the conservative "power elite" invalidates the election results — after all, we all know that the majority of

Happy days of youth are quickly falling by the wayside

Simple things brought about joy during carefree days of childhood

Youth, my friends, is fleeting. We've heard our parents use this statement so much, and giggled our little giggles at their stupidity, all the while clamoring to grow up as fast as possible.

Well, we're here, and maybe this isn't the place that we dreamed of. This is not to say that approaching the realm of adulthood is not exciting and self-affirming — it is. But nothing like the carefree days of our childhood — the days when problems were few and happiness was so easy to attain.

The days of my childhood shine with so much more gloss than the recent trials of teen-age-



Nick Rhoton
Kernel Columnist

corn. Noticing my delight and being at the age when words are new things everyday, she repeated the word and screamed, "Shit!"

I thought it was even funnier that time.

I remember the smell of chalk and the grin on my dad's face after a certain little league game at the community baseball park. It was my second season in the league, and I was still a little feller. My major complaint was that all the bats were too heavy for me to swing, thus using my dad's coaching to the full advantage.

After days of begging, he relented and spent \$75 on a bat

specifically for me to use. I played with it that very evening and had my first real hit, a single, in my first at-bat.

We were playing a good team, and they were supposed to beat us, but as the game entered the dreaded fifth inning, we were only down one run.

With one out, I stepped to the plate and jacked the ball in the direction of the center field fence. It didn't go over it, but it would have if the centerfielder hadn't stuck his arm over the fence and knocked it back in.

I wound up with a triple, probably the highlight of my baseball career. What's weird is that I don't remember if we won or even if I scored. I just remember jerking my head toward the stands and seeing my dad just sitting there clapping, not making an ass of himself like so many other dads.

Republican victory signal of bad times for music industry

I'm afraid that this month's Republican Congressional victories may signal troubled waters ahead for the quality of contemporary rock music.

After all, the "Contract for America," signed before the election by most House Republicans, would return us to the economic and social policies of the 1980s; and the first thing that comes to my mind when I think of the 1980s is cheesy pop music.

Before you get the wrong impression, I do not think that Congressional legislation has that much of an impact on music. Rather, I think that music and politics are created by a similar set of social forces, such that large changes in one can often signal forthcoming changes in the other.

their efforts. Going solo may bring in more money for a self-interested artist, but it is not the way to produce good tunes.

I really thought that the American music scene had broken the trend toward music from solo artists, which was so powerful in the 1980s. So many new bands, loaded with talent, have broken on to the music scene. Musicians actually are working together to create good music again.



Don Puckett
Kernel Columnist

Take my favorite contemporary band, Phish. If you haven't heard Phish's music, you should. Or better yet, see a Phish show.

Three of the four members have college degrees in music. All four of the members are talented enough to lead their own bands — you can tell when they play their solos. But there is nothing quite like hearing them all jam together. I'm sure it takes a lot of hard work and patience to coordinate the efforts of four talented musicians, but the result is just heaven to listen to — some better than any one of them could ever do alone.

Do Americans want to return to the time of every musician for him- or herself? The people that I know certainly do not. We prefer the Red Hot Chili Peppers over Whitney Houston, Pearl Jam over George Michael, and Arrested Development over Michael Jackson.

Who among us will admit to ever seeing a Milli Vanilli concert?

No one you are likely to find soon. They were charlatans, crooks. The music at Milli Vanilli concerts was pre-recorded, and they only moved their lips on stage. Audiences were outraged when the scandal was exposed, and future Milli Vanilli albums flopped.

Sen. Bob Dole, Rep. Newt Gingrich and other Congressional Republicans may be moving the ones moving their lips now, but their message was recorded long before Milli Vanilli first appeared on MTV.

The tax cuts Republicans plan to give the rich would further divide our society into classes of haves and have-nots. Cuts in government spending for entitlements and social programs would reduce the government's ability to reach out to needy citizens. Just like in the 1980s citizens would be cooperating less to tackle social problems. Here comes the greed again.

Is Eddy Vedder coming out with a solo album any time soon? Staff Columnist Don Puckett is a political science and journalism senior.

INFORMED SOURCES

"THERE'S A growing recognition that the federal welfare system cannot serve as a deluxe retirement system for elderly people from the Third World."

Robert Rector, welfare expert from the Heritage Foundation, on GOP plans to deny public aid to illegal immigrants.

I remember that grin, and the pat on the back he gave me after the game, as we headed to Pizza Hut to get some cavatini.

I miss the days when I was just a kid with some quirks, some weird interests and some great friends. I remember a time when I could do as I chose within the rules set by my parents without question.

I remember being taught that our family of two parents, boy, girl and two cats was what was called "traditional."

Most importantly, I learned, thanks to my parents, that being that way made us no better than any other family. I was taught that a family is a unit of love and support, regardless of the number or sex of its members.

For a long time, I have been astounded by the connection the arts have to memory. I remember

I miss home.
Staff Columnist Nick Rhoton is a journalism freshman.

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Sports rivalry takes deadly turn

Associated Press

GREENVILLE, Ala. — An Alabama fan has been charged with murder in the death of an Auburn fan. Authorities believe the shooting erupted during a fight over the game this weekend between the bitter rivals.

Richard Nicholas, who was an Auburn supporter, was killed by a shotgun blast a few hours after No. 3 Alabama's 21-14 victory Saturday over previously undefeated and now ninth-ranked Tigers, authorities said.

Michael Smith, a loyal Crimson Tide fan who is now married to Nicholas' ex-wife, was charged with murder.

Authorities said Nicholas was killed by a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun Saturday outside Smith's mobile home in rural west Alabama.

"It appears (Smith) had been ragging (Nicholas) about Alabama winning the game," Butler County Sheriff's Department investigator Terry Mullins said earlier this week.

"We believe the death may have been connected to emotions over the game."

Auburn (9-1-1) had its school record 21-game unbeaten streak snapped in the loss to the Crimson Tide in Birmingham over the weekend.

Mullins said Nicholas, 35, had watched the game at a friend's house.

He returned home to find eggs and black shoe polish splattered on his car and toilet paper strewn in several trees near his home, Mullins said.

A friend of Nicholas told The Montgomery Advertiser that the Auburn fan also found "an unfriendly message on his answering machine about the ballgame and his support for Auburn."

Nicholas apparently suspected Smith, and went to his mobile home to talk to him about it, Mullins said.

Nicholas' father alerted authorities, but by the time state trooper Carl Youngblood arrived, Nicholas was lying dead outside the home, Mullins said.

"(Nicholas) went to the door and began to knock or pound on it" and was shot from inside the home while standing in the doorway, Mullins said.

Smith is free on \$25,000 bond.

Clinton rejects Dole's GATT deal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton rejected attempts by Senate Republican leader Bob Dole to link passage of a world trade agreement to a GOP-backed capital gains tax cut.

"I disagree that there should be some deal cut," he said yesterday.

But with a vote nearing on the historic accord, Clinton reiterated his pledge to work with the Republican party after the Nov. 8 midterm elections that gave the GOP control of both houses of Congress.

"There are a lot of areas where we can work together with the Republicans," he said.

"We can finish the battle that this administration began with the last Congress to change what I would call yesterday's government."

On the trade agreement, Dole, as majority leader-to-be in the Senate, is in position to hold the key issue hostage.

He wants concessions toward a capital gains tax cut, protections for his state's wheat industry and checks against the world organization that would be established under the trade accord.

As Clinton spoke, signs of trouble.

His limited experience with one SAB committee does not give him complete knowledge of the inner workings of the organization.

Samford, who is a member of the Contemporary Affairs Committee, said he and his fellow College Republicans have had extensive trouble in attempting to get a conservative speaker for the University.

"Every time, (SAB has) shot down a proposal we've had," Samford said.

"If you go by results, SAB hasn't had a lot of success this year."

Craycraft said Walter E. Williams, a black conservative speaker who is the College Republicans' newest choice to invite to campus, is not well-known enough to be worth the money it would cost SAB.

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ble with the trade deal mounted: Sen. Robert C. Byrd, the Senate's most-senior Democrat, joined Republican conservatives in urging postponement of a vote on the global trade accord.

Failure to pass implementing legislation for the agreement — under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — would be a blow to Clinton's reputation abroad just as he leaves for Budapest to attend a 52-nation conference on regional security. Aides say Clinton is already looking beyond GATT, trying to set his presidency back on course after the election.

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SAB

Samford, Craycraft spar over speaker

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"Mr. Samford doesn't have enough to do with his time," Craycraft said.

"If anyone is out of touch it is

Kats

Reed, UK set to tip off regular season

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up in the clutch.

The squad's obvious go-to-player, senior guard Stacey Reed, a preseason All-Southeastern Conference selection, undoubtedly

ly will provide experience and hefty stats for the unit, but Fanning indicated that she doesn't want the squad's performance this weekend to be a one-player show.

Instead, the coach is looking for a more balanced attack. And she is hopeful several players will emerge and her team will begin to gel.

"When I talk about success for this team I think of team stats," she said.

Considering that the tourney is

the Wildcats' season opener, Fanning also said getting off to a good start is important for her squad's confidence.

"It's a special time," she said. "It's a good time to get off on the right foot."

St. John's will tip off against Eastern Michigan at 8 p.m. in the tournament's other first round contest. The event's championship game will take place Saturday at 5 p.m. while the consolation matchup will be played at 3 p.m.

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