



Health news

An issue with weight

- 5**
Percentage of college women who are bulimic in the United States.
- 1**
Percentage of teen-age girls who develop anorexia nervosa in the United States.
- 10**
Percentage of those girls who may die as a result of anorexia nervosa.
- 80-90**
Percentage of women who dislike their bodies, according to one American study.
- 70**
Percentage of women who are preoccupied with their weight.
- 40**
Percentage of women who are continually gaining and losing weight.
- 50**
Estimated percentage of adolescents who are dieting.
- 95**
Estimated percentage of people who suffer from eating disorders are women.
- 35**
Amount, in billions of dollars, that the diet industry has become.

— Sources:
<http://www.aabinc.org/>
<http://www.opc.on.ca/be/start/bodyimg/bodyimg3.html>

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— Carl Bard

— RON NORRIS

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HOOP ACTION

Slaughter on Senior Night



Cats deliver convincing win over Vanderbilt for last home game; 3 seniors say farewell

By Matt May
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

What looked like possibly the most disheartening Senior Night ever at UK turned into a classic, as the Cats blew apart Vanderbilt in the second half on their way to an 88-63 victory.

All the fanfare and good vibrations of a pre-game ceremony honoring UK's trio of seniors — Wayne Turner, Scott Padgett and Heshimu Evans — turned into a horrified silence just 12 minutes into the game.

Turner, who has engineered UK's Final Four train the last three seasons, stole the ball from Vanderbilt's Aiba Prater, sprinted down court, but didn't get off the ground on a dunk attempt. Turner came crashing to the floor in a heap, holding his knee. After a few minutes, he slowly walked to the locker room, as a Rupp Arena crowd of 23,797 sat in shock.

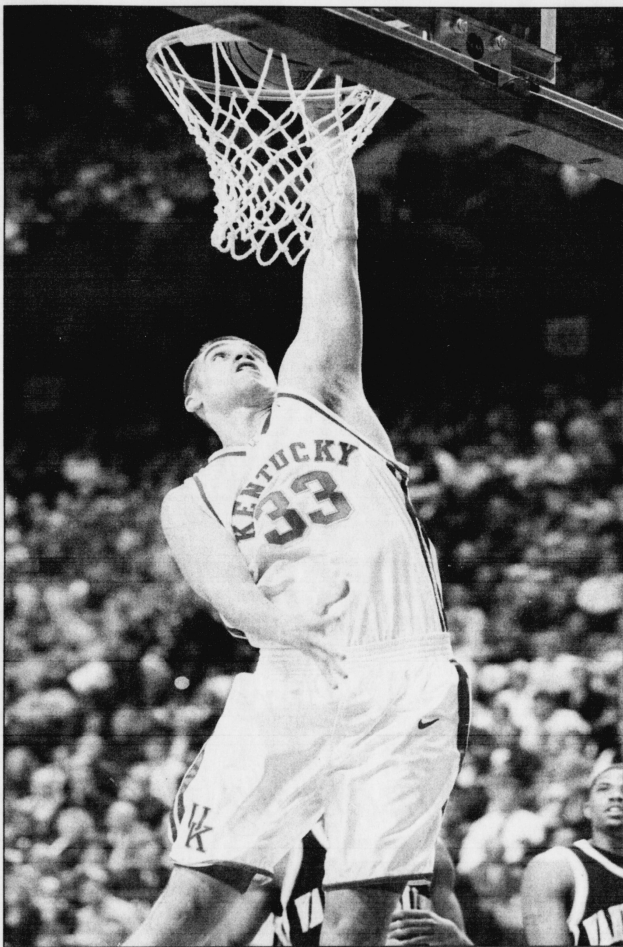
With his grandmother seeing him play at UK for the first time, Turner shook off

the strained left knee, started the second half and finished the game with 15 points, four assists and three steals. The comeback led Head Coach Tubby Smith to joke after the game, "He was trying to play possum."

After all involved had recovered from Turner's scare, UK took care of business, especially the seniors, who scored 23 straight points early in the second half. The run, which featured two steals and lay-ins by both Turner and Padgett, three from Padgett and Evans, and a no-look pass from Turner to Evans, doubled UK's 15-point advantage.

Smith said he was happy to see the seniors go out with such a solid performance.

"I was very impressed and pleased with the seniors," Smith said. "They finished strong at Rupp and had outstanding careers. It's a good feeling when you coach young men who work hard and appreciate the opportunity to be



Four general Wayne Turner took the proverbial leap through the Senior-Night banner before kicking off the game (left). Center Mike Bradley added to the festivities during last night's game with this dunk over an on-looking Commodore.

See GAME on 2 >>>

Policy outlined at meeting

Students will be students: Stockham outlines alcohol policy, shows how binge drinking spurred questions

By Amy Ernst
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UK/Neighborhoods Committee can agree on one thing — when it comes to drinking, boys will be boys, and girls will be girls, but they must take responsibility for their actions.

Dean of Students David Stockham began the committee's meeting last night with background on the alcohol policy that took effect July 1, 1998.

Stockham said the policy called for a dry campus, an increase in alcohol education and campus recreation, house directors in all Greek housing and renovation of Greek housing. Until this policy, fraternity houses were exempt from the alcohol ban.

"Fraternity houses were the last venue that you could have social activities with alcohol," Stockham said. "What we discovered there was that sadly, they had become a venue for underage drinking."

Binge drinking was one of the key issues that spurred this policy, he said. Stockham cited the study on binge drinking in higher education conducted by Harvard School of Public Health, a study that said about 40 percent of college students binge drink.

Josh Knipp, former president of the Interfraternity Council, said he thought the percentage was overestimated and is improving for UK students. But neighborhood residents still had concerns about students' behavior off-campus.

"I rent to fraternity members that probably represent three different fraternities," said Rick Bryant, landlord of Touchstone Properties. "Their parties have doubled and tripled in size."

William Turnbull, a resident on East High Street and member of a local neighborhood association, defended the students, but pointed out that sometimes they were irresponsible.

"Most people involved in the neigh-

borhood association like living there," Turnbull said. "They like living near students. What they don't like are the abuses. . . . We expect our students to be good citizens of the community."

Billy Burton, assistant chief of police, said it's difficult to say if the number of citations has increased because of a spillover from campus drinking, because enforcement has increased largely compared with recent years.

Stockham addressed three themes that universities across the nation are adopting to deal with student behavior.

First, communication that students are accountable and responsible for their actions in the community.

Second, the university needs to enhance education on appropriate behavior in the community. Last, enforcement needs to be enhanced.

At the next meeting, neighborhood residents will give a presentation on their views of the problems, along with a presentation from city police.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. March 10, in the library of the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, 180 E. Maxwell St.

CAMPUS

PPD employee injured by device

STAFF REPORT

A Physical Plant Division employee was injured when a lifting device fell at the Gatton College of Business and Economics yesterday afternoon.

Mildred Garrett, an Environmental Services employee, was in good condition at the Chandler Medical Center last night and was expected to be released soon, a University spokesman said.

At about 12:30 p.m. yesterday, Garrett and another man were tilting over the eight-foot Up-Right lift to move it through a door that measured about seven feet, said Fred Wells, building operator supervisor with the division.

He said they were attempting to move the equipment into the foyer of the building's Limestone Street entrance without the brace extended. This caused the lift, which weighs more than 700 pounds, to fall farther than it normally would have, hitting Garrett.

"To my knowledge we've not had any problems with one of these lifts," said Robert Cadle, assistant director of Occupational Health and Safety.

SENIOR NIGHT

Hoops turn to circus

Last hurrah: Final home game festivities provide antics by the end of the night

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Notes from a three-ring Senior Night:

The scene was set; a big top should have been atop Rupp Arena last night. From high-wire walking and falling by one senior guard to a Vanderbilt stuntman making a dive into a pile of reporters, it was well, interesting.

The big top nearly came down with 8:12 left in the first half when senior ringleader Wayne Turner went for a steal, ran the length of the court, went up for the score and pop. He went down, hopped once and fell on his back in pain.

"My leg locked," Turner gave as play-by-play. "And I felt a sharp pain."

His backup, Saul Smith,

gave his angle from the bench. "All I could think was two words: Get up," Smith said. "I knew if he got up, we'd be fine."

He did get up, with assistance. And he hobbled to the locker room where he didn't re-emerge until the second half.

"The first thing I thought was Derek (Anderson)," Turner said, meaning his former teammate who tore his anterior cruciate ligament in January of his senior season and returned for only two foul shots the rest of the season. "I was just laying there praying that I would get another chance to play the game."

He did get another chance, and he made the most of it in front of his grandmother, Virginia Kimble, who was there to witness her first game in Rupp Arena.

Turner returned to start in the second half with what Coach Tubby Smith called a "strained left knee," and he scored 13 of his 15 points and handed out all four of his assists.

He helped spark a 30-8 run that put Vanderbilt out of commission.

"Obviously tonight was Wayne Turner's night," Vandy Coach Jan van Breda Kolff said. "He obviously was a catalyst early on (in the second half). We had a hard time matching up against him."

Lion tamer

Center Jamaal Magloire was ejected from the game for two technicals with 9:25 to go in the second half for what he thinks was fighting.

His first technical was a double T in the first half between him and Vandy's Tony Williams. Williams was originally called for the foul, but a little conversing between refer-

ees went a long way as Magloire was whistled for an off-setting T.

"I was just diving to the floor," Magloire said after the game. "I thought I did a good job on defense. Nothing happened that first time."

The second time, referee Anthony Jordan T'd up the UK big man for what he called fighting. Magloire said he didn't intentionally hit VU's Darius Coulbaly, but he might have grazed him.

"If I was going to hit somebody, you guys would know," Magloire said to reporters later. "I get my double fouls and my personal fouls, but I've never clenched my fists and intentionally hit someone."

Coach Smith was not at all pleased with the second technical. He said he didn't see it. So he went to referee David Dodge looking for answers.

He never told me. You know, I don't know. He just told me he called a technical."

GAME

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a (UK) player." Evans, who finished with 14 points and five rebounds, said playing in front of family was special, and he didn't cry as he speculated on Tuesday that he might.

"I was (emotional), but I didn't cry," Evans said. "I'm very happy. My family was here, they come to all my games, but it's just good to see them."

For Turner, his family — especially his grandmother — seeing him play in person for the first time was something he said he wouldn't forget.

"I figured it was her (grandmother) first trip down here, so I didn't want to play only half a game," Turner said about his injury. "It was really special. They always talk about watching me on TV and wonder what Coach Smith and Kentucky are like. I was just happy she got to see me."

Padgett, who shrugged off a rough start to finish with a double-double of 16 points and 10 rebounds, said he knew he'd play well, but wasn't sure about the crying thing.

"I told my mom if she was going to cry to not get my attention," Padgett said. "I knew if I saw her crying, then I would cry."

"I envisioned playing well, but not waiting until so late in the second half to do it. Getting a dunk on Senior Night was great because I don't dunk much."

Gambling hurts

Money talks: Former football player and ex-wife of football star to talk on betting

STAFF REPORT

The Athletics Association is hosting a sports betting awareness seminar in Memorial Coliseum tonight at 7:30. Dennis Lundy, a former Northwestern University football player, and Michele Schlichter, the ex-wife of former Ohio State quarterback Art Schlichter, will be the quest speakers.

Schlichter will discuss her experience as the wife of a gambling addict. According to a UK news release, she has presented written and verbal testimony on compulsive sports gambling and its effect on family life. She has also written articles, appeared on television and hosted radio talk shows to deliver her message.

Schlichter will likely talk about how gambling cost her husband his freedom, his reputation, his career and his family.

Lundy was charged with lying to a federal grand jury in December while investigating sports betting at Northwestern. Twice he was accused of lying after he denied that he deliberately fumbled in a game against Iowa in 1994, and when he denied placing a bet on Northwestern's '94 game against Ohio State.

Lundy, along with three former Northwestern teammates, has been charged with perjury. He pleaded innocent to the charges in December.

Schlichter and Lundy will speak to an audience comprised primarily of UK student-athletes, coaches and athletics department staff. The seminar is also open to the public and admission is free.

The seminar is part of a continuing education program sponsored by UKAA. It is the fifth in a series of sports betting seminars that has sponsored since January 1996.

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Wildcats roll into SECs

By Adam Spaw
STAFF WRITER

Tubby's Cats won't be the only UK team causing a ruckus during this year's Big Dance. The women's team is ready to make a name for itself in March, as well.

Bernadette Mattox's club charted a school-record seven Southeastern Conference wins after whipping South Carolina last Sunday, 93-65. With three wins over ranked teams and an RPI rating of 17, the Cats hope to receive a bid in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1990-91 season.

But UK (18-9, 7-7) must first take care of business in the SEC

Tournament today against Ole Miss (15-11, 6-8 SEC). Mattox is confident going in because of her team's regular season schedule, in which the Cats posted their best record entering the tournament since finishing 20-9 in '91.

"When you look back on our schedule, it's been very tough," she said. "We've beaten a lot of good teams, and that will help us get in (the NCAA) even if the (SEC) tournament doesn't go as well as we expect."

Despite getting bumped from the sixth to the seventh seed in the SEC Tournament, neither the Cats nor their coach were fazed.

Mattox knows every oppo-

nent the Cats face in Chattanooga will be a challenge.

"Anyone you play is going to be a tough matchup," Mattox said. "You have to be ready to win. We didn't start preparing (for Arkansas) yet, so there was basically no difference."

A lot of UK's success this season has revolved around its starting point guard, Erica Jackson. The junior netted a career-high 30 points in the win over South Carolina, shooting 12 of 15 from the floor and 4 of 5 from behind the arc.

"This is Erica Jackson's basketball team," Mattox said. "She has done a great job as the quarterback and has taken it upon herself to lead. She's a winner."

Jackson, a junior college transfer, has been quite a surprise.

"She exceeded (where they thought she'd be) much quicker than expected," Mattox said. "She understands what we need as a point guard, and the other players have confidence in her."

After winning its last three out of four games, Mattox thinks her club is clicking on all cylinders.

Could a win streak, confidence and a proven floor leader be the right mix for the Cats to claw through Chattanooga?

"All the teams are close," Mattox said. "We just have to take it one game at a time and let the chips fall as they may."

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'Surly' lab attendants receiving training

Workers getting customer service training to avoid making students 'feel like a moron'

By Robert Quan
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Complaints about "surly" computer lab attendants should be going down this semester, because Student Computing Services has started a customer training service course for lab attendants.

"We have grown so quickly that the emphasis has always been on technology," said Peggy Akridge, manager of Student Computing Services labs. "Now we need to work on our student employees."

"I think it's a great initiative," said Sandra Gray, publication manager for Desktop Support and Publishing Services. "It's a skill you can use in a lot of ways once you learn it."

Teresa McIver, documentation, hiring and training coordinator for Student Computing Services, implemented the customer service training session. She was not available for comment.

Akridge said Student Computing Services hires more than 150 students, and is one of the largest employers of

students on campus.

"For many, it's their first job, some of them have never had formal customer service training," she said.

Akridge said students have always received basic instruction about basic policies and procedures. "Now we try to get them to understand the impression they leave on people," she said. "We try to make them aware of the way they present themselves to people."

Akridge said she received complaints from faculty and students.

Now she hopes to avoid bad impressions, like the one made upon Jennifer Swain, an English junior.

"The lab attendant made me feel like a moron," Swain said. "You could just hear the huff and puff as he had to get up to come and help me."

Jay Varellas, an English freshman, isn't happy with lab attendants, either.

"They don't seem to be too happy to help you," he said. "I'd say the overall attitude is really surly."

Rene Robbins, a hospitality management sophomore,

thinks the changes have been beneficial.

"Before, they've been really rude," she said. "They act like you should already know how to do everything. But I went in last week to create an e-mail disk, and the attendant was really helpful."

Kevin Hale, an economics senior who has worked in the Boyd Hall micro-lab for three semesters, said he understands the need for the training program.

"I guess for some people it's a pretty legitimate thing to go through," he said. "I had a couple of bad experiences with attendants before I started working here. But, it's really common sense stuff, you have to be really brain-dead to not know some of these things."

Hale, who recently went through the training, said it lasts about an hour. The new policy, put into effect this semester, is mandatory for all lab attendants.

Student Computing Services has also put comment and suggestion cards in the

area has been added to Student Computing's website.

NATION.

Some support Dartmouth policy

New student group forms, says it's time for campus to catch up

By Jeffrey Tanenhaus
THE DARTMOUTH

HANOVER, N.H. — Eighty-three percent of students responding to a poll by The Dartmouth on Feb. 11 said they support the continuation of single-sex fraternities and sororities at Dartmouth.

Others, though, are voicing support for the controversial initiative announced by the College's Board of Trustees and President James Wright, which includes creating a new system structure Wright said will not be "built on single-sex houses."

A few dozen students have even coalesced to form Students for a Free Dartmouth—a group that communicates mostly over BlitzMail and

was founded by alumnus Bill Kartalopoulos and freshman Phil Rutherford. The concept was a counter-reaction to the overwhelming protests against the Trustees' announcement by members of the Greek community.

"Following the decision, the campus environment seemed unwelcoming to anyone with a different view, so I decided to create an alternative presence on campus to say it's OK to have a different view," Kartalopoulos said. "Our goal is not to create an organization with a specific agenda and to get students to support that agenda."

Rutherford said life at Dartmouth could be drastically better in coming years, depending on

what students decide to do with the money the Trustees have pledged to devote to building a new social system. The Trustees have said they will spend "tens of millions of dollars" on the initiative if needed.

"If we use that money wisely, it will improve our only weekend option now, which is getting drunk. Hopefully other options will exist," Rutherford said.

But the members of the student group are not the only students at Dartmouth who support an overhaul of the College's social system. A significant minority of students are looking at the Trustees' announcement as an unparalleled opportunity for improvement rather than a threat to the Greek system.

"This [decision] is a great thing. People would be crazy to pass up an opportuni-

ty to change [Dartmouth]," senior Shaina Brown.

Brown, president of the Afro-American Society, is one of nine students on the task force, which serves as a receptacle to collect and organize information and opinions.

Like Rutherford, Brown emphasized student responsibility for reshaping social and residential life.

"I'm someone who has accepted that responsibility," Brown said.

Significant alterations to the social structure, primarily those involving Greek life, are seen by some students as a welcome change.

"The Greek system is a relic of a bygone age that was created to nurture individuals to be leaders of an exclusive society and to unify an elite class," Kartalopoulos said.



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HEALTH CARE PROPOSAL

'A cavity won't be covered'

Graduate students are in the dark about fate of health care as officials ask for health fee

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

The graduate student health care proposal is expected to pull through, but many expect the loss of an important limb.

Susan Mains, the graduate student in geography who wrote the original proposal, said she was told at a meeting Monday that the proposal may emerge from the President's Cabinet with one alteration: Graduate students will still have to pay the health fee, which comes at around \$257 per year.

Fitzgerald Bramwell, vice president of Research and Graduate Studies, will suggest Mega Life Insurance coverage, which is worth about

\$500, she said.

"This just isn't competitive with other schools," Mains said. Bramwell presented the proposal to the President's Cabinet, where it is being discussed and may be modified, Mains said.

Unfortunately, Bramwell told Mains he was "reluctant to discuss details until the decision package is finalized."

Bramwell was not available for comment.

The original proposal would pay the health fee and the cost of Mega Life for full-time research assistants, teaching assistants and fellowship graduate students.

"They were talking about \$800 coverage, then it fell to six (hundred), then to five (hundred)," Mains said.

Kasi Jackson, a graduate

student in biology, is not surprised.

"I knew they were having trouble finding the money," she said.

Many graduate students insist the coverage will not be competitive if it doesn't include the health fee.

"I had a friend who's getting her master's at (University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill) and she has full health coverage," said Michelle Howard, a pharmacy graduate student. "If UK wants to become a top research institution, they have to offer something more competitive than \$500 Mega Life."

Mains said there is still time for student input and encourages students to write to Bramwell and express their concern. Howard worries that might not be enough. She has been trying to improve the health care coverage for graduate students within the phar-

macy department for the last four years, an effort that has been nothing but frustrating, she said.

"It's like talking to a brick wall," she said. "They act like they're listening, but nothing ever gets done."

Several graduate students have mentioned having a "sick-out," she said, to draw attention to the issue and send a message to the administration.

The sick-out would only be done as a last resort, Mains said. The way Howard sees it, the current health package is a last resort.

"As it is now, our coverage is only accidental and catastrophic," Howard said. "The only way to get teeth work is if they're knocked out. A cavity just won't be covered."

NATION

U. Wisconsin OKs wage hike

BADGER HERALD

MADISON, Wis. — The campus minimum wage will increase by 50 cents, after a UW-Madison committee's vote Monday to raise all student wages by 9.52 percent.

The Student Employment Wage Plan Committee report will be forwarded to Vice Chancellor John Torphy, who is expected to approve the committee's recommendations.

Once formally approved, the campus minimum wage would increase to \$5.75, with workers at an intermediate level earning \$6.25. The salary for advanced employees will rise to \$6.80.

Effective in August, the wage increase will be applicable to students employed in student unions, recreational sports facilities, health services and campus libraries, among other activities.

Monday's vote followed an ongoing debate over campus wages.

Student activists have argued wages have not kept up with inflation, while administrators say tight budgets cause salary constraints.

Associated Students of Madison sponsored a referendum last spring asking for student opinion of a campus living wage.

During the spring elections, voters approved a \$7.50 wage for student workers.

Based on these results, the committee's student representatives proposed a two-tier wage structure for campus wages.

The proposal would pay students in positions funded by ASM a minimum wage of \$7.50, with the price difference donated directly by ASM.

NATION

The Flutie Factor

A strong relationship: An athletic team's success means more applications for schools

By Jayson Blair
THE DIAMONDBACK

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — It didn't seem to matter that Northwestern had been consistently ranked in the top tier of American universities and that its J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management regularly ranked among the top five business schools in the country.

Or that the law and medical schools had been ranked within the top 25 in the nation.

Despite all the academic accolades, officials at Northwestern, located only 12 miles out-

side of Chicago, say that the private institution did not start capturing the enormous national recognition it now relishes until 1996, when Wildcat head football Coach Gary Barnett took his team to the Rose Bowl for the first time in 47 seasons.

That academic year, applications for admission jumped 27 percent across campus.

The law school saw applications jump by 15 percent. And while the Wildcat athletics might sport purple, black and white jerseys, everybody was seeing green as merchandise sales skyrocketed.

Some call it the "Flutie Factor," named for the tremendous attention Boston College began to receive during the career of All-American quarterback Doug Flutie, who threw a fabled touchdown pass to beat Miami in 1984. At Northwestern, David Van Zandt, dean of the law school, likes to call it "the Rose Bowl effect." Others call it "mission-driven athletics."

Regardless of what it is called, University of Maryland officials hope to capitalize on the success of the No. 5 Teraplin men's basketball team, a team many have high hopes for, including even a possible NCAA Final Four appearance.

If that Terps make it to the Final Four, the direct financial benefits, money from the

NCAA, will be shared with other schools in the ACC, officials said, but the indirect benefits that the campus hopes to capitalize on, officials say, is immeasurable.

Carol Halstead, the president of College Connections, a New York marketing and public relations firm that consults higher education institutions, said that the free publicity creates an awareness that can be capitalized on.

"Take St. John's or Connecticut for example," Halstead said. "It just puts you on the map."

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SATURDAY
Whatever Will. AIA Sandbar, 367 E. Main. Lexington. 231-7263.

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The Galoots.
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Bogarts, 2621 Vine St. Cincinnati. 8:30 p.m. \$12.50-\$14. (502) 587-3800.

Lou Donaldson Quartet.
Bomhard Theatre, Kentucky Center for the Arts, 5 Riverfront Plaza, Louisville. 8 p.m. \$18-\$15.50 (502) 584-7777.

Eddie Prichard.
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SUNDAY
Lexington Community Orchestra.
Singletary Center for the Arts, Rose St. and Euclid Ave. Free. 257-1706.

Berlin Philharmonic Woodwind Quintet.
Centre College, 600 W Walnut St. Danville. 236-4692.

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Music Hall, 1241 Elm St. Cincinnati. \$14-\$40.50. (513) 621-1919.

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March 11, Taft Theatre, 317 E. Fifth St. Cincinnati. Ticketmaster.

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March 17, Freedom Hall, Louisville. Ticketmaster.

BEST BETS FOR A GOOD TIME Your weekend

25
THURSDAY

Television
Waiting to Exhale.
Just about everyone knows some of the actions four uncommon women take as they pick men that always seem to be Mr. Wrong. Channel 10 at 9 p.m.

Music
Heavy Weather, Rooster.
These two bands will be playing at Lynagh's tonight. The first band goes on at 10 p.m., but head on over to Lynagh's early and have some fun.

26
FRIDAY

Hockey
Kentucky vs. Springfield.
Catch all the hockey action as the Thoroughblades take on the Falcons. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. and is at the Rupp Arena.

Movie
8 M.
Private detective Tom Welles is hired by a widow of a wealthy businessman to discover the truth about a tape. He must go into the world of underground pornography to find the truth.

27
SATURDAY

NBA
Chicago vs. Charlotte.
I guess if you have nothing else to do, you can catch the last place team in the East, the Hornets, take on the Bulls. Live from the Charlotte Coliseum on WGN at 8:30 p.m.

Television
Up Close and Personal.
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Racial equity?

WASHINGTON — America's blacks as a whole are younger than its whites, and black families are more likely to include children. Those are among the findings included in new statistics on the nation's blacks, which were released yesterday by the Census Bureau. The new numbers, being made public via the Internet, are early releases from the Census report, "The Black Population in the United States," due later this year. They do not contain historical comparisons. Here are some of the figures released:

29
The median age, in years, of the nation's blacks.

37
The median age, in years, of the nation's non-hispanic whites.

8.7
The percentage of blacks under age 5.

6.3
The percentage of whites under 5 years old.

67.1
The percentage of black families which have children under 18 years old.

55.6
The percentage of white families which have children under 18 years old.

14.7
The percentage of blacks with at least a bachelor's degree.

26.6
The percentage of whites with at least a bachelor's degree.

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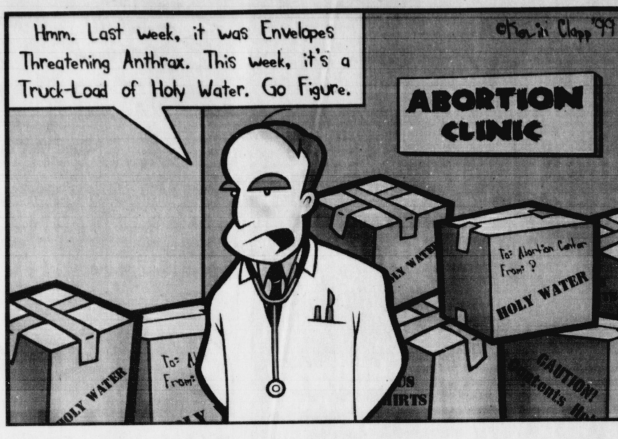
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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Anti-Christians are hypocrites

To the editor:

Reading the Dialogue page of ten makes me wonder if we have lost all capacity for rational thinking. The last few days have provided ample reason to wonder. I refer specifically to the recent articles and letters telling Christians to shut up and quit "forcing their beliefs on others."

Now, please forgive my ignorance, but how exactly are these Christians "forcing" anyone to believe? If I understand Christianity at all, becoming a Christian requires a personal decision, which, by definition, cannot be forced on anyone. Have we become such mental and spiritual wimps that we cannot tolerate challenges to our beliefs? Apparently, we don't want to be confronted with anything that makes us uncomfortable, even if it might be the truth. When someone has the unmitigated gall to challenge our beliefs and/or our lifestyle, we cry "foul," and whine that they are forcing their beliefs on us.

Here is a question to ponder: Assume Group A believes it should actively share its belief system with others, while Group B believes it is wrong to do that. Group B tells Group A it must shut up

and keep its beliefs to itself. Tell me, who is forcing beliefs on whom?

JOE CRABTREE
CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATE STUDENT

Coach Knight misunderstood by Kernel

To the editor:

The columns I have read over the last couple of days about Indiana University Coach Bobby Knight have appalled me. I don't see why we have to make fun of and belittle this man, one of the greatest coaches in NCAA history.

As for the "Who's your daddy?" or "Hoosier daddy?" comments, did anyone like it when our opponents yelled "Daddy's girl" at Saul Smith? Sure, Tubby Smith didn't do anything about it, but a person can only take so much taunting. Just because a player or two has quit his team does not mean Knight is a bad coach. You have to get used to his style of coaching, and if you can't take the heat, quite frankly, stay out of the kitchen.

Not everyone who enters the big dance gets to take home the

trophy. Knight is passionate about what he does, and if you look around, it's a rare thing to see. Knight will move on when he's good and ready.

LISA PIETRANGELO
MUSIC EDUCATION FRESHMAN

Gay frat letter lacks a good argument

To the editor:

Next time David Lovejoy has an opinion on the so-called "gay frat movement" and tries to validate it, I suggest he provide someone sort of logical explanation that supports his claim.

How can you imply that such an organization will cause more problems and encourage anyone of a "promiscuous lifestyle" than does the Greek system that exists today? What kind of information do you have that I don't?

It was a nice try, but next time, Mr. Lovejoy, why don't you figure out what kind of ignorant point you want to make before writing in and making it? Realistically look at the facts, so the next time around, you at least have something solid to stand on while making your claim.

JENNY SEIGLE
INTERGRADED STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS SOPHOMORE

Check out www.kykernel.com for more letters to the editor.

Joel Frank
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Past errors no excuse for present attitudes

Racism. What images does it spark in your head? The Rodney King beating? The subsequent riots after the verdict?

What about the time somebody cut you off in traffic and they happened to be black? Did you call them a nigger? Chances are you did.

Did you mean it? You and I both know you may not have meant it, but the fact remains, you said it. Many of us do not think of ourselves as a racist and yet we still display attitudes, tendencies and behaviors that are still acceptable in today's society. These must stop if we ever want to stop the spread of this malignant tumor.

Think back to when this injustice started. A bunch of aristocratic white men who did not want to pay their taxes and were too lazy to take care of their own farms decided to go to a foreign country and steal its inhabitants. That country was Africa. Those people were called slaves.

Let's go back a little further. According to some scientists, humans, as a race, evolved from the primate into the Cro-Magnon. Science has shown the first sign of mankind evolved in Africa. So, in essence, we enslaved our own ancestors! Like it or not, we all in one form or another come from that continent where inhabitants are eagerly damned to hell by white people.

The attitudes, beliefs and behaviors I refer to have no merit or foundation. The only difference between a white man and a black man is the color of their skin. Yeah, I know, how obvious. There is a good reason for this, though. The reason a black man's skin is dark and his hair is curly, lacking oil and tight to his head (all different from whites) are because of evolution. In the searing heat of Africa, would it make sense to have light skin and straight oily hair? In a word, yes.

Dark skin helps prevent the Africans from being burned in the scorching sun. The short, curly, oil-less hair is to help heat rise out of the body at a rapid pace. They were adapted to their natural environment. As we moved away from this region, our features changed and adapted.

God, in his infinite wisdom, created all creatures in a special way to ensure their survival. He didn't make any of us better, he just "tweaked" all of us differently. Remember that old saying, "Judge not, lest ye be judged?" It should hold true to this day. When we put ourselves above others as well as God, we are making a grave mistake. It reminds me of the story told in the book of Exodus. Only this time, instead of killing all of the first born sons, let God kill of the racists.

Like then, it would make our society and the world a much better place.

Learn all the time, not just when it's easy to



Dave Gorman
KERNEL COLUMNIST

only happens once a year. It's like Christmas, in that people don't celebrate it all year, but they should. Freedom, justice and equality happen every day, but so does racism. Why? People just don't know anything about other cultures. It took a good friend of mine for me to realize it, but we grow up learning "white history." It's only in February when you read columns like this or see documentaries on the news. People get tired of hearing about wrong slavery was.

Nobody cared about non-whites until the whites were threatened. That's when you start learning about the Civil Rights Movement. It took people like Frederick Douglass to write autobiographies about their ordeals as slaves to bring attention to the issue of slavery.

Many of you have seen *Amistad*, the award-winning movie about one slave ship. You probably cringed when you saw how families and abandoned children were chained to the floor of a boat, naked for months, starving and badly beaten.

But is that the first time you learned about the horrors of slavery? Chances are

it was, because some producers wrapped up a sad part of our nation's history into an easy-to-unwrap package. No effort, no problem. For us to avoid any kind of cross-cultural contact is easy. All we have to do is stay inside our own little worlds, and everything will be OK.

No, it won't. That's why I'm all for Black Entertainment Television, unlike some people we might know. That's like the Black History Month channel. It's awesome. They have historical profiles, play black movies every weekend, etc. The channel is for the black person's interests in entertainment. I learn so much about a different culture from just one TV channel.

I do wish there could be more of a mix with colors on prime-time shows, but it doesn't happen. Shows like "Friends" are primarily white, and "The Wayans Brothers" are primarily black. Those shows have trouble making it to prime time because of color boundaries. Most whites watch "Friends," possibly because it reminds them of their own lives, having little, if any, contact with other races.

The bottom line is this: People go to church every weekend but they don't always know the whole story. The same thing goes with black history: They hear Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech and they feel refreshed. We need to learn about other cultures year-round and crawl out of our own, little, narrow worlds. These holidays shouldn't just be celebrated on one day, or one short month.

IN OUR OPINION

Open for debate

Adoption records should be open

Does the public have a right to know? Answer: only in certain cases.

That's according to a group of mothers in the state of Oregon, who have sued the state to block a controversial law from taking effect.

The law opens the birth certificates of adopted children when they turn 21. The initiative, which was approved by voters last fall, would enable adopted children to find out who their real birth mothers were, thus enabling them to make contact with their natural parent(s).

Adoption is a touchy subject because of the strong feelings involved. That's why in most states, adoption can be open, where the birth mother knows the adoptive family and can contact them; or closed, in which case the birth mother does not know where her child has been placed, and the parents do not know who has given the child up.

The people who've filed the lawsuit don't want children in closed adoptions to find out who their true mother is. But we find it hard to agree with them.

First of all, we're not talking about kids anymore. The records would be opened when the adoptee turns 21. This is a reasonable age for the person to find out the truth about his or her history, genealogy and the circumstances surrounding birth.

Opponents say such a measure violates the Oregon constitution's guarantee to a certain degree of privacy. But let's look at the other side.

What if a person who was adopted suffered from some sort of genetic condition, and more tests needed to be done to help the person? With the opening of adoption records, a life could be saved. This is the case in Oregon, where a woman tried to gain access to her biological records because a granddaughter of hers needed a kidney transplant. The judge refused her request, and this publicized case was the impetus for voters approving the measure.

What if a person wanted to express his or her thanks to the birth mother for not choosing to abort them? The open records would enable them to do so.

In both of these situations, one hypothetical and one real-life, much more good than harm can come out of it. Already, plenty of people will track down an adoptee's biological parents for an exorbitant fee.

People have the right to know the truth. Especially when it concerns a subject like adoption.

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16 Open
17 Preacher's due
18 Geometric calculation
20 Bell towers
22 Originated
23 Bring up a child
24 Island near Java
26 Cisco kid
29 Hurred
33 Hot tubs
34 Dixie
36 Chirpmunk of toons
37 Rank above PFC
38 "Blue 7" (Ethel Waters song)
39 Throng
40 Brewery products
42 Japanese port
44 Slobbered
45 Curb
47 Some newlyweds
49 Bear, in Bordeaux
50 Assist in crime
51 Hubbard City
54 Sadt or Mubarak
58 Pitch in
61 Lovers' lane?
62 Pit
63 Business letter abbr.
64 Auctions of 65 - out (scrapped by with)
66 Mutton or pork
67 Lock of hair
DOWN
1 Gaffers' workplaces
2 Dismounted
3 Stringed instrument
4 Sticks
5 More profound
6 Less green
7 Exploits
8 Soap unit
9 Slatom need
10 Asked about
11 "Do - others"
12 March 15, in old Rome
13 Tiny opening
14 Soda fountain treat
21 Young lady
24 It's to dye for
25 Orchard shade
26 Author - W.D. 27 Orchard monster
28 Narrators' produce
29 Person
30 Appointed
31 Wed secretly
32 Sums owed
33 Watering place
41 net
42 Rowbat
43 Propeller
44 Populist
45 Old Norse
46 Old Norse inscription
48 Meal
49 Old man
50 Hollywood figure
51 Plans
52 Oddball
53 Part to play
54 Singer James
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56 - fair in love -
59 Leader of the flock
60 In a snack

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9 Inmate
12 Thread purchase
13 Leave out
14 - Hari
16 Purplish flower
17 Shell coverings
19 Afternoon reception
20 Painter's
22 Zodiac sign
23 Doodle
24 Product from abroad
25 Fleem
28 Muslim Supreme
30 Sudy
31 4-9
32 Forest sights
36 Unemployed
37 Goose eggs
38 Arm bone
39 Look if
40 Wife of Oairis
41 Curved letters
42 Overcast
44 Angels' hats
45 Ankie injury
48 Indiana steel
49 Leamy soil
50 Big meal
52 Van's patient
55 Mirages
60 Heroin heroine
59 Precious
61 Boxing-glove tighteners
62 Change the color of
63 "Who - is new?"
64 Chinese money unit
DOWN
1 Cathedral part neighbor
2 Pinch
3 Bamb's mother
4 Even as
5 North Woods animal
6 YVES girlfriend
8 And so on (abbr.)
9 As if having no shape
10 Courtyard
11 Early anesthetic
12 Used at chair
15 Helper, for land short -
21 M.D. vs group
23 Sewing aid
24 Kinds
25 Capri sale disclaimer
26 Took the bus
27 Stag duck
28 Cliffside nest
29 Thailand neighbor
31 For fear that
33 Plus
34 Valley locale
35 Back talk
37 Promised Land
41 Terrestrial
43 Forget to count in
44 "The Eagle" landed
45 Coated
46 Guided a race
47 Type of raft
48 Quebec peninsula
50 Court jester
51 Baseball's
52 Slaughterer's measure
53 Eternal garden
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I wish I was 'Seven'

Haunting and demented, Joel Schumacher's *8MM* stars Nicolas Cage (center) as a private detective searching for the answers to a mysterious snuff film found in a wealthy man's safe. At Woodhill and South Park.

A LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE

The Scene

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Affliction. Based on the Russel Banks novel, this Paul Schrader film stars Nick Nolte as a hardened, heavy-drinking sheriff who bites back after a life of abuse from his father. Nolte's spellbinding performance earned him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor. James Coburn was also nominated for his supporting role as the mean-spirited, alcoholic father. At the Kentucky Theatre.

A Bug's Life. Dave Foley, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Kevin Spacey give voice contributions to the latest computer-animated Disney film. Although beaten to theaters by *Aniz*, *A Bug's Life* turned out to be the superior of the two. At Woodhill.

Blast From the Past. Brendan Fraser follows *Gods and Monsters* with this inane but charming role as a boy coming out of a nuclear fallout shelter after 30 years and meeting society. Alicia Silverstone and Christopher Walken try to improve on their last outing *Excess Baggage*. At Lexington Green and Man o' War.

The Faculty. Scream writer Kevin Williamson and *From Dusk Till Dawn* director Robert Rodriguez team for another in a long line of teenage horror pics. This effort slightly outperformed its inane pack of teen machine competitors. At Woodhill.

Jobbreaker. Kentucky native Rebecca Gayheart stars in this pitiful excuse for a film that resembles *Heathers* more than it does an original movie concept. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

Message in a Bottle. Robin Wright Penn finds a romantic letter in a bottle washed ashore and tracks down the author. That turns out to be Kevin Costner, whose wife died tragically early. At Man o' War and South Park.

My Favorite Martian. Adapted from the '60s TV series, Jeff Daniels stars as a reporter who befriends an alien (Christopher Lloyd). Elizabeth Hurley and Darryl Hannah also star in the Disney-released film. At Man o' War and South Park.

October Sky. Jake Gyllenhaal stars in

the true story of Homer Hickam, a man who grew up in a coal mining town and fulfilled his dreams of working for NASA and the space industry. Chris Cooper and Laura Dern co-star. At Woodhill and South Park.

Office Space. Ron Livingston and Jennifer Aniston find solace in each other in *Office Space*, a film depicting true employment hell and a group of worker's humorous schemes to outwit the big cheese. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

The Other Sister. Juliette Lewis and Giovanni Ribisi turn in beautiful and realistic performances as two mentally challenged people looking to escape the taunting and stereotypes of society by helping each other through love and solidarity. Dianne Keaton and Tom Skerritt co-star. Garry Marshall

directs. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.
Payback. Mel Gibson reaches an all-time low with this action film about a bad guy who plots revenge on those who have stolen his money, tried to have him killed and basically ruin his life. While not a strong film, it has ranked high in the box office. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

Prince of Egypt. Val Kilmer stars as the voice of Moses in this fully-animated motion picture about the Exodus story. Beautiful visuals and a powerful parting of the Red Sea sequence has made viewers take another look at the amazement of what computer images can do. Ralph Fiennes and Michelle Pfeiffer co-star. At Woodhill.

Rushmore. Hot-shot young director Wes Anderson makes a splash with his second feature which stars Bill Murray and Jason Schwartzman. The film tells the story of a 10th-grader who gets into a war with a classmate's father (Murray) over a teacher they're both in love with. At Lexington Green and Man o' War.

Saving Private Ryan. Steven Spielberg's latest gets re-released in anticipation of a big showing at next week's Academy Award nomi-

nations. Although championed for its brutal realism, the film takes a nosedive into typical melodramatic Spielberg fodder. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

Shakespeare in Love. Gwyneth Paltrow shines in this story of William Shakespeare's attempt at finding true love. While writing *Romeo and Juliet*, the Bard finds his perfect love in Paltrow, who dresses as a man to win the title role of Romeo. A 13-time Oscar nominee. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

She's All That. Rachel Leigh Cook gets the opportunity of a lifetime (yeah, sure) when she goes to the senior prom with high school stud Freddie Prinze Jr. Prinze, well-known for his role in *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, has to take her as part of a bet with a friend. At South Park and Man o' War.

The Shining. Stanley Kubrick's 1980 horror masterpiece stars Jack Nicholson as a man going insane at a isolated resort hotel. Shelly Duvall stars as his wife in what ranks among the best horror films of all time. The film plays at the Kentucky Theatre on Friday and Saturday at midnight.

A Simple Plan. Sam Raimi takes a dramatic departure from his highly stylized horror pics to direct this tightly woven film about three men who stumble upon a bag filled with \$4 million. Billy Bob Thornton leads the stellar cast. At Man o' War.

Varsity Blues. James Van der Beek leaves Katie Holmes by the wayside while he struts his stuff as an intelligent high school football player (isn't that an oxymoron?). Through his experiences with fellow teammates he learns the art of drinking beer, chasing women and being a hooligan. Fun. At Woodhill.

Waking Ned Devine. A man who wins the national lottery dies of shock upon hearing the announcement. The Irish comedy centers around his village of friends impersonating him after death and claiming the prize money. At the Kentucky Theatre.

Sneak Previews
Analyze This. Billy Crystal stars as a shrink helping mobster Robert De Niro get in touch with his emotions. Shows at Man o' War on Saturday at 7:30. The film opens nationally next Friday.

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OPENING THIS WEEK

'200' looks to party

Ricci leads cast of well-knowns in *New Year's Eve shebang*

Today's traditional college student was probably discovering their toes in 1981, and might have difficulty relating to some of the characters in *200 Cigarettes*, directed by Risa Bramon Garcia.

But one thing about this film should relate to all who see it—the desire to have that “perfect” New Year's Eve party. Christina Ricci, Ben Affleck, Martha Pimpton and many others do their best to enjoy the night and make the most of it before the midnight hour chimes.

At Man o' War and South Park.

—CHRIS CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY THEATRE



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Graduate School Dissertations

<p>Chair: William R. Boyler</p> <p>Program: Entomology</p> <p>Title: Intraspecific Predation and the Biological Control Effectiveness of Parasitoid Predators</p> <p>Major Professor: Dr. David Wain</p> <p>Date: March 3, 1999</p> <p>Time: 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Place: 8001 ACES</p>	<p>Chair: Seth Brinkley Archer</p> <p>Program: Psychology</p> <p>Title: Understanding Sex Differences in Personality Dimensions as Sex Differences in Person Personality Traits</p> <p>Major Professor: Dr. Tom Widiger</p> <p>Date: March 5, 1999</p> <p>Time: 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Place: 200 Westwood Hall</p>
<p>Chair: Robert M. Cook</p> <p>Program: Education and Counseling Psychology</p> <p>Title: Gestalt Treatment of Adolescent Patients with Depressive Symptoms: A Treatment Study</p> <p>Major Professor: Dr. H. Thompson Probst, Dr. Kathleen Clark</p> <p>Date: March 5, 1999</p> <p>Time: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Place: 122 Taylor Education Building</p>	<p>Chair: Ryan W. Hickey</p> <p>Program: Engineering Mechanics</p> <p>Title: Model Identification for Systems with Control Resonance</p> <p>Major Professor: Dr. Suzanne Weaver Smith</p> <p>Date: March 10, 1999</p> <p>Time: 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Place: 112 Raymond Building (Civil Engineering)</p>

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9. We are not stopping again. You should have thought about that before we left.
8. If you spill that in my car, you are dead!
7. Is there anywhere to eat without waffle in the title?
6. What are the chances that this many people would be here on the same day?
5. I thought you made the reservations.
4. Hey, shut up. We are already in Tennessee. You don't hear Suzy complaining do ya, and she's in the trunk!
3. How big is Georgia, anyway?
2. It can't rain, we're on Spring Break!
1. Whoops! No officer - don't look at that license, here's the real one.

Tips for the trip

Absolute necessities

- Lots of your favorite beverage (cooler, if handy).
- Caffeine for the driver(s) is always a plus for those extra long hauls.
- For the non-drivers, NyQuil
- Snacks, snacks and more snacks! The average trip to Daytona Beach, Fla., takes some 18 hours without a stop. If you are driving south, be prepared to bring a bunch of munchies. Favorite road trip grub includes Chex Mix, cookies and chips. Don't forget the paper towels, though.
- Tunes! It is highly recommended to take a car with a CD player of some sort. If everyone agrees on the same kind of music, you got it easy. If not, tell everyone to bring a couple of their favorites and rotate them with yours. And remember, the driver always has ultimate control.
- Rules about seating: Don't cram your 6-foot-3 friend in the back of your Eclipse, unless all your friends are that tall.

- RON NORTON

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Scenic routes



Time to party: Sun and sand still hold students' brains captive when it comes to selecting locale for the break

**Story by PAT CLEM
SCENIC ROUTES EDITOR**

Beaches, beer, no homework, no deadlines — all the aspects of Spring Break students love most. It's when college students lose all their worries and do what they know how to do best — relax and have fun. The most popular Spring Break destinations this year are the same as they've always been: warm, sunny beaches. "Cancun, Mexico, South Padre Island, Texas, Panama City and Daytona Beach are some of our biggest spots this year," said Michelle Tribble, a travel agent at Nouveau Travel. "Jamaica, the Bahamas and the Caribbean are also big."

So students love the beach on Spring Break, but why?

"Well, the girls, and to drink cold beer in the sun," said Ryan St. Clair, an undecided freshman at Lexington Community College who's going to Daytona Beach for the break. "Why the hell else?" Others echoed that sentiment. "I'm going to party and relax," said Cliff Maehr, an undeclared freshman, who's going to Naples, Fla.

Cancun has turned out to be the hottest spot for Spring Breakers this year. "I honestly think it is so they can drink," Tribble said. The legal drinking age in Cancun is 18. "I'm going to do some homework while I'm there," joked David Lovejoy, an undeclared freshman who's also going to Cancun. "Maybe buy a sombrero or something."

Others have different reasons for vacationing. "I just want to get away from here," said Tara Patterson, an integrated strategic communications sophomore who's

Well the girls, and to drink cold beer in the sun."

- Ryan St. Clair, undeclared freshman

planning on going to New Orleans.

Yet Spring Break vacations are a little more complicated than merely choosing a location. Many parameters have to be considered, such as method of travel, cost, number of days, where to stay, what to eat and so on.

Traveling by car seems to be the most common method of travel.

"It's a 16-hour drive," Maehr said, "and that's gonna suck."

"I went to Florida last year and we were completely exhausted from driving when we got there," said Camille Davis, a business management junior who is going to New York.

Travel agencies are a good way to go about making travel plans. The agencies can offer good deals because of the large number of plane tickets and hotel rooms they reserve. The key is to book early. Many say that most agencies are running out of spots.

Some are going to places other than the beach. "I'm spending the break with my roommate," said Edie Summer, a math junior. "We're going to Cincinnati."

Others have no vacation plans for the break. "I wish I was going somewhere," said Leslie Donnet, an education freshman.

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SPRING ATHLETICS

No rest for Cats over the break

Unlike their peers, student-athletes won't be hanging out on the beach

By Matt May
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Spring Break is the time of year when everyone is packing his or her bags and heading to exotic locations all over the globe in hopes of a little fun, a little drinking and a lot of get-away time.

That usually includes a carload of friends, traveling south on our wonderful American highways en route to a party destination, where they won't sleep until they hit the car the next weekend.

But a select few in college may be packing their bags, but not for a week of fun in the sun.

Instead, they'll spend a week shedding blood, sweat and tears for their school colors.

It's no different at UK, as the spring sports schedule will be in full effect during the middle of March, as baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, gymnastics and women's swimming and diving will all be in action.

The busiest week belongs to the softball team, who have already played nearly 10 games.

The Cats will play in three separate tournaments during the week of March 12-21, all south of Lexington.

The first stop for the Cats will be in Chattanooga, Tenn. at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Invitational from March 12-14.

UK will face off against Southern Mississippi, conference-rival Mississippi State, Missouri, Jacksonville State and the Centenary in the three-day tournament.

From there, the team travels to the Carolinas for the Coastal Carolina University Tournament from March 15-17.

The Cats will face Coastal Carolina, Middle Tennessee State and Illinois-Chicago, which it has already faced this season.

The week will wrap up with a tournament at Winthrop College with games against Lafayette, Winthrop, Samford and Illinois-Chicago again.

The baseball team will also get a healthy dose of Southeastern Conference action over the break.

The Cats do have the luxury of staying at home, as Vanderbilt kicks off the

week with a three-game weekend series. Miami (Ohio) will invade Lexington on March 16 before the Cats cap off the week with another three-game series against Mississippi at Shively Field.

Right now, the Cats are 1-5, but should improve by the time Spring Break rolls around.

Also playing over the break will be the men's and women's tennis squads, which have started strong.

The women, who sport a national ranking, will spend the week at home against Ohio State (March 13), Florida (March 17) and Georgia (March 20).

The men will also be at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center, hosting conference-rival South Carolina on March 17 and Duke on March 21.

The UK GymKats have a rather slow week, but will compete in the Auburn University Invitational in Auburn, Ala. on March 13.

The GymKats have

had an up-and-down year but hope to have everything in place by the time the invitational appears on the schedule.

Perhaps the biggest event of Spring Break, not counting the UK men's and women's basketball teams' NCAA Tournament hopes, is the women's swimming and diving competition at the NCAA Finals.

This year the NCAA's will take place in Athens, Ga., at the University of Georgia.

The women just finished with a outstanding third-place finish at the SECs at the Lancaster Aquatics Center and should have a handful of girls qualified for the competition.

And topping it all off, Spring Break will feature the annual run at a national championship by the basketball team, as well as a hopeful tournament appearance by the women's team, which has put together one of its best seasons ever under Head Coach Bernadette Mattox.

Instead, they'll spend a week shedding blood, sweat and tears for their school colors.



FILE PHOTO
The baseball and softball squads will be one of many UK sports teams in action this Spring Break. The men will play Miami (Ohio) and Vanderbilt, among others.

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ROADS LESS TRAVELED

Alternative breaks

Students are making a tradition out of non-traditional Spring Break

By Michael Downs
STAFF WRITER

If you think sizzling beaches and crowded bars don't sound like an enjoyable way to spend Spring Break, you're not alone.

Many UK students have decided to pursue Spring Break plans that take them off the beaten path.

One campus organization is planning a trip far from any beach and further into the cold and snow. The Ski and Snowboarding Club has organized a trip to Montana for a week at the Big Sky ski resort.

The club has been planning the trip for four months and expects to take 15 to 20 people, said Tom Kingsford, a finance senior and vice president of the club.

"It's a little bit out of the way, but you'd be surprised. There actually tends to be quite a few kids out there," Kingsford said.

Skiers are not the only students, though, who are heading north for their Spring Break. Chris Canjar, a political sci-

ence sophomore, will be returning to his home in Rochester, N.Y. After arriving in Rochester, he said he'll travel to Toronto to watch hockey games.

Multiple trips are also planned by Andrew Beckerer, a political science sophomore, who hopes to travel to Dayton, Ohio, and Nashville to see two Morphine concerts.

Beckerer said he also hopes to be in Savannah, Ga., for St. Patrick's Day.

"They party like gangsters down there," he said. Both Canjar and Beckerer said spending time outside Lexington is what they looked forward to the most about Spring Break.

Other students are also planning to avoid the beach.

Although trips to the beach are still the most popular ones booked through his agency, students are also interested in alternative destinations, said Dan Dixon, public relations manager at AAA Bluegrass.

Some trips have been planned for historic destinations, such as the Rock and Roll

Hall of Fame in Cleveland, or the many tourist attractions in Washington D.C., Dixon said. Many students are using Spring Break as an opportunity for international travel, said Kari Fogle, a leisure consultant for Avant Travel.

"More Spring Breakers are leaving the country than ever before," Fogle said. Jamaica, the Bahamas and Europe have proved to be hot spots this year.

One of the more unusual Spring Break trips she has helped plan is going to Costa Rica for hiking, kayaking, mountain biking and other activities, Fogle said.

Not all students will be going so far for their outdoor pursuits. Keith Haas, a natural resource conservation senior, is planning a week of backpacking in North Carolina.

Haas said he is looking forward to "the solitude and the chance to reflect on everything I've done this semester."

Some students won't be taking the week off, opting to volunteer their time to work for the needs of others, said

Beth Willet a natural resource conservation junior and member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

Willet is one of three people responsible for organizing APO's annual Spring Break service project. The trip will include about 25 students who will help restore one or two houses near Hyden.

The project will involve painting, hanging drywall and possibly rebuilding old house porches, said Willet, who has participated in the trips the last two Spring Breaks.

"We've even redone an outdoor house," Willet said. The trips, she said, are good for not only the people they serve, but also for those who participate in them. She said they help students to overcome preconceived ideas about people in eastern Kentucky.

"When you get to know the people they completely blow your mind," she said. "You lose a lot of stereotypes."

The trip is open to non-members. All interested can call Willet at 254-4161.

AT HOME

UK making adjustments

Never really on vacation: Some University facilities, residence halls still running strong while students are gone

By Manish Bhatia
STAFF WRITER

As students pack their bags and head for the warmth of the sunny beaches of Florida or the icy slopes of Colorado, UK prepares to make a few adjustments of its own.

Only three of the University's residence halls remain open during the break, forcing the majority of on-campus dwellers to go home or seek shelter somewhere else. "Blinding 1, Jewell Hall and Greg Page Apartments are the only three nine-month halls open during (that) week," said Melanie Tyler-Wilson, assistant director of Residence Life.

Jewell Hall offers a unique cultural blend to its students, housing students from all over the globe along with American students, she said.

"We will be open during the break and the resident advisers will be doing some programming," said Judy Calvert, staff assistant for Jewell Hall.

The students who stick around usually get together and participate in games or view movies, Calvert said. "We have to wait and see how many students are left

before we plan any activities."

Because many foreign students usually stay on campus during academic breaks, the Office of International Affairs has a few trips of its own planned during the week. "We are sponsoring two different trips to eastern Kentucky," said Carolyn Holmes, foreign student adviser.

The first trip allows international students to speak at rural elementary schools to show their culture, Holmes said. Students who want to sign up for the trip should call Kay Roberts at 257-4067, ext. 226.

The second trip involves a team of about 20 students who help repair the home of a needy family, Holmes said.

"This gives the international students a chance to work side by side with Americans and see a different part of Kentucky," she said. Students interested in this event can e-mail Yung at wyong0@ukcc.uky.edu.

Because the weeklong break is an academic holiday, staff employees at UK are not affected, said Ben Carr, vice president of Administration.

"The break is for faculty and students only. All operations of the University, in-

cluding the Medical Center, will operate as usual," Carr said.

The Physical Plant Division will continue its expansion of Commonwealth Stadium during the break.

The new and improved football stadium is expected to be ready by September, said Ken Cleveland, senior director of Procurement and Construction Divisions.

Students hungry for a snack might have to deal with a shortened schedule and limited food service outlets.

The Commons and Blazer locations will be closed, said Carol Raitz, director of Food Services. "We are working on a special schedule for the break which will be posted at most of our locations."

Block and Barrel, Intermexco, Ovid's and The Lemon Tree will operate on shortened schedules during the break.

This gives the international students a chance to work side-by-side with Americans and see a different part of Kentucky."

- Carolyn Holmes, adviser

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Flying high on lower fares

Travel agencies warning students who have yet to buy tickets: Great deals getting taken

By Karla Dooley
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

If you were planning to fly to your Spring Break destination and haven't bought plane tickets yet, you may be in trouble.

"The longer you put it off, the more it's going to cost," said Karen Marcum, a spokeswoman for Blue Grass Airport. She said some flights are already selling out.

So where should you look if you haven't already gotten your tickets, or better yet, are already planning for next year's dream vacation?

"Usually I tell people to call a travel agent," Marcum said. "They will spend the time looking (for the best rates). A lot of the time, the airline will just give you the first available fee on the days you want."

Daniel Gaston, an animal science senior, said he shopped on the Internet before buying tickets for a trip to Kansas City,

Mo., last fall, but in the end bought the tickets from an agent. "It was still going to be a better deal," he said.

Travel agencies also offer flight insurance and can usually arrange for better connections in addition to cheaper fares, said Darlene Silvestri, co-owner of Lexington's Avant Travel Agency.

Students should check out charter companies that operate out of Cincinnati, which Silvestri said are often more economical than the major airlines. But she stressed that students should always investigate the reputation of a company or tour operator before committing to it.

"Sometimes (students) get so caught up in getting the best deal, they forget about value," Silvestri said. She suggested obtaining tickets and/or packages only from a local company, or one that friends or family have used in the past.

Travel agencies generally receive a commission from the airline for tickets purchased and may also charge the purchaser a transaction fee of \$5 to \$15.

Aside from going through a travel agency, travelers can also search the Internet for good deals on airfare. Sites such as <http://www.travelocity.com> and <http://www.youpriceit.com>, provide listings for major airlines and may allow you to book a flight online. Some also offer car rentals and hotel reservations as well.

Spanish education senior Kevin Poole bought his Delta Airlines ticket to Madrid, Spain, through an Internet website in January for \$412, what he thinks is considerable savings.

"I was glad I did (check the Internet) because the rates were cheaper than when I actually called the airlines," Poole said. He said Delta quoted him a rate of about \$200 more over the phone than the one he found on the World Wide Web.

Still, Poole said he thinks students should call airlines and travel agents before purchasing

Travel options

Sites for deals on tickets

Below is a sampling of websites offering airline tickets and other travel services:
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any tickets, to get the best fares with the fewest layovers.

"That's something I think you should always do," he said. "See what best fits your schedule and your budget."

And of course students can also buy tickets directly from the airline, which is what chemical engineering senior Bev Moore did when shopping last fall for a Christmas trip.

"I'd do it again because it was no big deal," Moore said. She said she searched the Internet and called other airlines for comparisons before buying her ticket.

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Bahamas: 989 miles. Musical headliners, gambling and watersports make these islands quite enticing. The official language is English and one Bahamian dollar equals one U.S. dollar. Now that's a conversion system you'll like.

Cancun, Mexico: 1,175 miles. Cancun is located on the northwestern corner of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula where its 80-degree, year-round average and 18-year-old drinking age make fun in the sun a cinch.

Daytona, Fla.: 641 miles. Home of that freaky 500 race — as well as one of the original sites to go for Spring Breakers other than the now defunct Spring Break site of Ft. Lauderdale.

Hilton Head, S.C.: 457 miles. It's the island that's shaped like a boot, and it's an absolute golf haven. It's got warm water and McDonald's signs that sit about five-feet high.

Jamaica: 1,463 miles. A beautiful Caribbean island that includes mountains, beaches, waterfalls and plantations, as well as Red Stripe beer, a world-renowned favorite.

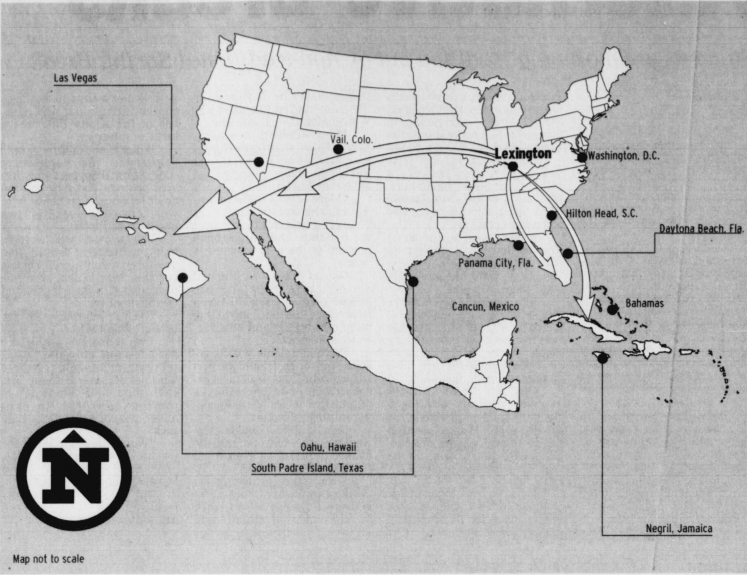
Las Vegas: 1,685 miles. Gambling, gambling, gambling, gambling. Did we mention gambling? Killer buffets and hotel rooms with low rates.

Panama City, Fla.: 535 miles. A rockin' strip and clubs such as Club La Villa and Spinnaker's make this city a popular sight for partiers — and MTV.

South Padre Island, Texas: 1,093 miles. Parasailing is key at Texas' tropical tip, plus it's a hog, skip and a jump to Mexico. So bring your passport.

Vail, Colo.: 1,181 miles. If you've got oodles of extra cash to spend, this is the place for you. This place carries killer opportunities for skiing — and a hefty price tag.

Washington, D.C.: 411 miles. Yeah, you guys know who lives here.



t's on, isn't it?

Two opinions diverge on the week known for debauchery and sun

Make like the title of Korn's album, and treat yourself to a break, 'cause it's on!



Clark Case
ASSISTANT DIALOGUE EDITOR

When it comes to Spring Break, keep in mind the two-line title of the first song on Korn's latest album, *Follow the Leader*: "It's on!"

To accept those words as your credo for that ever-cherished week without work in the midst of the hectic spring semester is to truly experience Spring Break.

Let's break that complex statement — your credo for Spring Break. In fact down with analysis, making sure that you completely understand how it will apply to you.

For the sake of simplicity, we'll consider the first word first — actually two words contracted. "It's" is a contraction of "it" and "is."

It's a tough concept, especially for Spring Breakers, but reread that last sentence until you grasp it.

Now, we must determine what "it" really is. What is "it," anyway? "It," in the context of Spring Break, is many, many things. Actually, "it" is so many things that they're impossible

to list, so if I leave anything out, feel free to fill in any possible alternate meanings of "it." In abbreviated terms, "it" is oceans, tanning oil, clothes, lack of clothes, sand, alcohol, guys, girls, bathing suits on beautiful bodies, bathing suits of beautiful bodies, the un-creased spine of a book you're supposed to be reading, cars, music, did I say "alcohol," washing sand off of somebody else, hotel rooms, trash cans, bars, steaks, underwear, no underwear, cargo pants, short skirts, razors, beach towels, beach balls, beaches after dark, waves and — um — alcohol.

Alright, now that "it" is clear, the only thing necessary to discuss about "is" is that the word is the present form of the English verb "to be."

The key therein is that "is" is in present, therefore "it" plus "is" plus the forthcoming predicate complement equals something happening now — or, in our terms, as Spring Break is in progress. Not in the future, not in the past, "it" "is" in the present moment.

Now to the third word, that ever-elusive complement to the subject, "on." "On" is what "it" "is." Does that make any sense to you? If it does, you've started your Spring Break partying prematurely

by two weeks. Let me elaborate on what the state of "on" really is — in abbreviated terms, of course.

The state of something, in our case "it," being "on" is a complex and thorough slang term used to describe a state of excited or elevated existence or presence, or maybe even a state of increased activity, or perhaps a state of thus being. Undoubtedly I should provide you, the eager disciple of the Spring Break credo, with an example.

Let me take a non-controversial potential meaning of "it" listed above: "sand." Without context, the sentence "sand is on" makes little or no sense. But when considering spring break, "sand" and "on" take on new meanings.

For "sand" to be "on" during Spring Break opens a new world of sand, emphasizing the whole of sand's symbolism in the Spring Break experience. "Sand is on" means wherever you go — and you damn well better go somewhere — there will be sand, and the sand will stand for all of the other possible meanings of "it," which will render your spring break a successful deviation from the slavery called college.

So get off your butts, get out of the library and get some sun on some beach where thousands of morally-challenged young humans will be congregating to partake in all of the world's vices.

After all, it's on!

Why not take the word 'break' literally: Just chill out at home and watch some basketball



Matt Ellison
DIALOGUE EDITOR

Spring Break. What an oxymoron. And no, an oxymoron isn't a negative term for the freshman hitting on you who also happens to be suffering from acute acne.

An oxymoron is a term (or set of words) that when put together, don't seem to make a lot of sense.

And Spring Break doesn't seem to make a lot of sense.

First of all, if you go to the calendar, Spring Break doesn't actually take place during spring.

The third week in March usually falls on the last half of winter, so it's not entirely ridiculous to expect winter weather. If I remember correctly, last year's Spring Break saw snow in the Lexington area on the Saturday before classes started again.

Even in such tropical climates as Daytona Beach or Panama City, it's not uncommon for high temperatures to make it into the 50s in March.

As for the term "break," break usually means an opportunity to relax and get away from stressful situations. But

most students take the term "break" to mean something quite the opposite.

They make elaborate plans to go to Florida, but some member of the party always drops off the face of the earth. They reserve rooms at an expensive hotel, but they begin to get stressed out about money. They decide to drive someone's beat-up old Toyota, but the car breaks down somewhere in Nowhere, Tenn.

They think about all the fun parties they'll get to attend, but wind up wondering how they're going to get bailed out of jail after their arrest for possession by a minor.

The only things receiving a break are your sanity, your conscience and all common sense you might have previously owned, but sold for beer money.

So instead of making tons of elaborate plans that will only bring you trouble and stress, I suggest the following alternative.

Go home, lock yourself in a room and do nothing.

Well, the locking yourself up part might not be the best idea, especially if you have no bathroom within your confines. And when I say do nothing, I really don't mean for you to lay still and act like a stalk of celery.

I mean, why not just chill at home, and use this break as an opportunity to get ahead on the rest of the semester?

Last year, I used my spring break as a chance to go ahead and begin a class project I had otherwise been neglecting. I used the mornings to work on my project, and used the afternoons as my personal recreation time. I didn't feel like I was buried in books and papers, but I also didn't feel like I had ceased being a productive person during this time.

It was great. I got an "A" on my project, and I broke 90 on 18 holes for the first time in a long time.

I am not advocating sloth, laziness or slug-like behavior. I am merely suggesting that the break might be best used as an opportunity to catch your breath, relax a little and gather your thoughts in a non-threatening, alcohol-free setting.

Of course, I'll get lambasted for being a goody-goody two-shoes, having the audacity to suggest that a quiet week at home might be the best cure for an otherwise stressful college life.

But, as many of you will realize when you're trashed and penniless on the beach, I am right. And I won't bail you out.

You might be asking yourself, "What are you doing on your spring break?" I will respond quite simply: I have tickets to the NCAA Tournament.

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Colquhoun (Robert Carlyle, left) is put on the defensive in *Ravenous*, a story in which Carlyle is forced to eat the flesh of his fellow men to survive. Explored is the American Indian myth of Weendigo, in which the man who eats flesh gains the strength and power of who he ate.

Movie-hungry March

From eating to intelligent babies, spring officially set in motion with the films galore

By Brenna Ohlson
KEG EDITOR

20 Dates: Writer/director Myles Berkowitz makes a movie about the singles scene in L.A. What better way is there to capture the ins and outs of love than to film your own dates? That's just what he did. The movie stars Berkowitz, Elisabeth Wagner, Richard Arlook and Tia Carrere. (March 12 release)

Arlington Road: Michael Conroy is a college history professor who lives with his 10-year-old son Grant in the Washington suburbs. His FBI agent wife is killed, leaving him alone and lonely with his son. Soon, Oliver and Cheryl Hunt move in and the two families heal each others' emotional wounds. Stars Jeff Bridges, Tim Robbins, Joan Cusack, Hope Davis and Robert Gostett. (March 12)

Baby Geniuses: Goo-goo, ga-ga? This movie, starring Kathleen Turner and Christopher Lloyd, suggests there's more to gurgling than meets the eye: ultimate knowledge. The premise is that babies know the "secrets of the universe," and that they lose this knowledge when they turn 2 and grow to become regular humans. Elena Kinder (Turner) runs a corporation that secretly researches this baby phenomenon. (March 12)

The Deep End of the Ocean: Michelle Pfeiffer plays a mother who loses her beloved 3-year-old son Ben in the middle of a crowded hotel lobby. Ben reappears out of the blue nine years later, with no apparent memory of his parents and his troubled, older teen-age brother. Also starring Tony Musante, Michael McElroy, Whoopi Goldberg and Treat Williams. (March 12)

The Rage: Carrie 2: The sequel to the original *Carrie*, this movie features a girl, Rachel (Emily Bergl), whose best friend has just committed suicide. Despite his friends harassing her, Jesse (Jason London) tries to reach out to her. Realizing she has the power to move things with her mind, Rachel meets Sue Snell, the only survivor of Carrie White's rampage 20 years earlier. As Rachel learns to trust people, others are plotting against her. If she gets angry, there's no telling what she'll do. Also starring Dylan Bruno, J. Smith Cameron and Zachary Ty Bryan. (March 12)

Forces of Nature: Ben Affleck returns to the big screen alongside Sandra Bullock in this romantic comedy about a man who meets a woman in a plane mishap on the way to his wedding. As the groom makes his way to the wedding in Savannah, Ga., he falls in love with the stranger — and realizes his wedding could be his doom. (March 19)

Ravenous: A man heads to a California military outpost to find a group of desolate people trying to survive in the year before the gold rush begins. Colquhoun, a Scottish man, tells of how he was snowbanded with a group of people and ate the flesh of those who perished to survive.

The tale chills the campers, but only starts to worry them when they learn of the Indian myth Weendigo, which suggests that "the man who eats the flesh of another man steals the person's strength, spirit and



very essence. At the same time his hunger grows stronger: The more he eats, the more he wants, and he becomes stronger and stronger."

The predicament is soon apparent: to eat or to be eaten. Stars David Arquette, Guy Pearce, Robert Carlyle, Jeremy Davies, Jeffrey Jones, John Spencer, Stephen Spinella and Neal McDonough. (March 19)

Off the deep end

Whoopi Goldberg and Michelle Pfeiffer star in *The Deep End of the Ocean*, a film about a child who, after being lost in a crowded hotel lobby, returns to his family with amnesia.

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NOT LOSING YOUR SHIRT

'Too good to be true'

Is it really a deal? Travel agents offer their advice on ferreting out Spring Break swindlers

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

You've seen them before. Advertisements offering the ultimate Spring Break in some exotic local for less than \$500.

What a deal, right? "You get what you pay for," said Kathleen Tork, manager at Travel House, Inc. in Lexington. "It's probably not the most premier property."

Spring Break is a feast for travel agents, a period of high demand and big profits, said James Ashurst, representative of the American Society of Travel Agents, a trade association for travel agencies. And ... "it's so alluring to scam artists," he added.

The association, in cooperation with the College Parents of America, an organization that represents the interests of parents with children in college, advises students on Spring Break traveling.

According to a report by the joint initiative, travel scams cost people more than \$12 billion last year, and much of that fraud involved Spring Break packages.

they can get deals an individual probably can't," she said.

McLarney said to check them out. The bureau often gets complaints from people who have paid hundreds of dollars for little-to-nothing, she said.

"People get to their destination and find they have no reservations or their room is in some flea-ridden roach motel," McLarney said. "You're not going to stay there for health reasons, or maybe there's no security because the doors don't lock."



A student's idea of a drink might be a little different than theirs."

— James Ashurst, American Society of Travel Agents

A popular feature of the deals are fringe benefits that include free drinks, meals, parties and activities, Tork said.

These all inclusive packages are often deals that local businesses make with the hotels, and can really save students money, she said.

Yet students should always read the fine print, Ashurst said.

"Find out exactly what they mean," he said. "A student's idea of a drink might be a little different than theirs."

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"Joe's Restaurant might only honor that discount you got on Tuesday night after 9, and they might be an hour away from where you're staying," McLarney said.

The best method is to find out everything the package price covers, and what it doesn't, she said.

"Get the names of airports, hotels and restaurants and find out independently what they offer," she said. "Ask, 'Do you have a working relationship with this company? Are you offering this deal?'"

Companies who aren't forthcoming with the names of businesses included in their packages should not be trusted. All three each had a little saying they offered.

"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

BEING DIFFERENT

Home is truly sweet, sort of

Broke or not interested: Finances preventing some from heading out of town for break, but it's not a total loss

By Brandon Hart
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It's time to pack up the car and head to some sunny beach in Florida, Texas or any other popular tourist trap to drink way too much and sleep way too little.

This is the chance for all those collegiate bookworm types to break the monotonous chains of studying and seemingly endless lectures.

This is the image that comes up when thinking about that wonderful week of non-stop partying. At least that's the misconception anyway. But while some students get to have their fun, some end up with no plans.

Ryan DeLong, an undeclared freshman, said he wishes he could go on his first Spring Break in college, but finances are preventing him.

"I really just don't have the money to go anywhere, but if I did, I would probably go on a cruise," DeLong said.

Nathan Stephens, a telecommunications senior, agreed. Spring Break is a blast, but money is the biggest factor.

"I simply lack the funds to get out of town. I usually go to Jamaica, but I didn't save any money this year," Stephens said.

So what do the people who stay in Lexington do while their classmates are frolicking on some crowded beach?

There are a lot of options. If you can't find anything to do in town, then Cincinnati and Louisville are always nice options for short road trips.

For those old enough to gamble or brave enough to use a fake ID, several riverboat casinos lie within an hour and a half of Lexington. The boats have hotels if you decide to make the trip an overnight affair.

People also catch up on their shut-eye and prepare themselves for the home stretch of the spring semester.

At least one student, though, thinks Spring Break can be more of a hindrance

than a help.

"I went to Florida last year and blew all of my money. I had a good time, but I came back more fatigued than when I left," said Melanie Barrett, an undeclared sophomore. "This year I'm going to enjoy the time off. I might go to the movies or something simple, but I don't have anything extravagant planned."

"I am just going to watch a lot of movies, and try to catch up on my rest," DeLong said.

Stephens said she plans to work over the break and to begin saving for next spring. "I would also love to drive down to Atlanta. It's a great city, and it doesn't take much time to get there, but I think I'll end up logging some extra time at work and save my pennies for next spring."

Barrett also said if she had the money, she'd go somewhere more relaxing than Florida.

"If I had the money I would go to somewhere in the South Pacific," she said. "I would be able to just lie on the beach and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the ocean without having to worry about rowdy drunk people."

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It is one of the true measures of a band's worth: whether they can amass a large following and still pump out quality music over several decades.

So sit on the edge of your seats as next Thursday approaches, and prepare to get rocked! Steven Tyler would be disappointed if you didn't.

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