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Use of 'nigger' thriving as term of black affection

By Jesse Washington
Associated Press

Mothers use it to call their children, and rappers wield it like a weapon or bestow it like a title. It seems the right to call black people "nigger" is one of few privileges reserved exclusively for blacks.

The word has been used for centuries as a racist term to describe blacks as property. These days, it thrives among many blacks as an expression of affection and familiarity — despite efforts to purge it from the black vocabulary.

When whites say it — emphasizing the "er" — the effect is less than friendly. But when 17-year-old Marcus Driscoll says, "That's my nigga," he's usually describing his best friend.

"There ain't really nothing wrong with slang, and that's all it is," said Driscoll, a Detroit high school student. "There's a right time and a wrong time to use. When you're just hangin' with your friends, it's OK."

The word is so ingrained in black speech that even many older blacks feel it is acceptable in the right situations. "There are 101 situations in which I would never use the word," said Robert Steptoe, 48, a Yale University English professor. "But I've got my friends, my home boys, and when I'm around them, I use the word. And I don't think I've sinned."

Still, the word is hardly universal among blacks. For years, many have never dreamed of using it. And these days, blacks who casually drop the word in conversation are more likely than ever to get a dirty look or a rebuke.

"The use of the word (by blacks) ... has a dehumanizing effect," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson. "In a time when African-American males are seen as less than worthy, the use of the word ... only maximizes that condition."

— Jesse Jackson

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Even rappers — considered some of the worst offenders by people who dislike the word — are speaking out against it. Public Enemy, one of rap's most respected and popular groups, included a song on its third album called "I Don't Wanna Be Called Yo' Nigga." The theme: Don't call me nigger — especially if you're black.

The song hit home for rap fan Mr. Pugh, a 22-year-old chemical engineer with Procter & Gamble Co. in Cincinnati.

"Using the word is like oppressing myself. Why do I need to do that?" Pugh said.

"White folks have done a good enough job of oppressing my people. The last thing I'm going to do is help them. I'm sure they love it when they hear

black people using that word. Then, they think they've got us trained to denigrate ourselves."

The most common argument against black use of the word is that whites who hear it may think they too can use it the way blacks do.

That's apparently what happened at Central Michigan University, where a white basketball coach was fired in April after telling his mostly black team, "We need some more niggers on this team."

The coach, Keith Dambrot, said he used the word to describe toughness and tenacity and that his players gave him permission to use the word as they did.

All the players agreed Dambrot isn't a racist, and most weren't offended by the incident. In fact, nine of the 11 black players on last season's team joined Dambrot's lawsuit against the school, although four later dropped out. A federal judge dismissed the suit last month.

Dambrot's lawyer, Robert Sedler, said the coach's use of the word in that situation was acceptable.

"The language of black America is not the language of America," said Sedler.

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Sexual assault reported at Pike fraternity house

Staff report

UK police responded to a rape report last week at the Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity house, Police Chief W. H. McComas said yesterday.

A Pike member has been implicated in the alleged Feb. 5 assault, police said, but no charges have been brought.

McComas said the victim, a UK sophomore, has refused to file a complaint.

Pike president Bryan Clark said in a statement that "the alleged incident happened outside of the chapter house on Feb. 5."

"The individual named in connection with the incident has been suspended (from the fraternity) so as not to interfere with the University inquiry."

Dean of Students David Stockham said the alleged rape is being investigated by his office.

He declined further comment.

Wethington, Swain answer questions about higher ed

By Lance Williams
News Editor

LOUISVILLE — The presidents of the state's two largest universities were probed last night about topics ranging from the recruitment of women and minorities to their stands on whether to close one of the state-funded schools.

Mark Herbert of WHAS-TV in Louisville, one of a panel of journalists brought together for the event, asked UK President Charles Wethington and University of Louisville President Donald Swain about their thoughts on closing one of the state-supported universities to provide more financial support for the rest of the educational system.



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Wethington said he did not agree with the idea, and he said Gov. Brereton Jones and the state legislature should not have to worry about that kind of decision because of problems it would cause with citizens around the state.

Swain agreed, although he conceded that "Kentucky does not need eight state-supported universities."

"However, in the culture of this state, people put a priority on ease of geographical access," he added.

The two presidents were questioned on whether it would be feasible to cut out much of the politics that surround higher education, especially during capital project requests or when debate begins about cutting programs at



universities. Swain said he believes that reducing political grandstanding where education is concerned would be difficult.

"These are things you have to live with. It's a part of the culture that we live in this state," Swain said.

Wethington said when issues such as the closing of a dental school come up, they easily cut across educational and political lines. Wethington also said the politics surrounding higher education can help prevent major decisions from being made too quickly.

"The decisions about those (dental) schools should not be taken lightly or dealt with lightly. It is politics, but not bad politics,"

Wethington said.

Kentucky has two dental schools, one at UK and one at U of L. The Governor's Higher Education Review Committee had considered recommending that one school be closed, though a proposal was never brought forward.

The presidents also were given questions about their recruiting policies — especially the recruitment of women in administrative positions.

Swain conceded that, with a study of the opportunities for women UK released about three and a half years ago, the school has the upper hand in the continuing battle to recruit women to the upper levels of university administration.

Wethington, however, was put on the defensive with questions surrounding the implementation of

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Mayor outlines new fees

By Perry Brothers
Staff Writer

Lexington Mayor Pam Miller told a campus audience yesterday that new federal and state guidelines are forcing the city to implement waste disposal fees to pay for a new landfill.

Under the guidelines, the city must spend \$11 million to cap the existing landfill and develop new waste disposal programs.

During the past 20 years, Miller said, government mandates have driven waste disposal costs from \$15,000 an acre to \$550,000 an acre.

Federal and state regulators will not, however, provide any money for local governments to implement the new standards, Miller told the crowd of about 40 gathered at the monthly Lexington Women's Forum meeting.

Miller said the regulations will cost each landfill user about nine dollars a month.

She stressed that implementing the user fee is "not something that any person in public office enjoys doing."

"The goal is clean water, and we don't want to be against that," Miller said.



MILLER

The entire city will feel the effect of the federal demands, Miller added, noting that she expects the city budget to increase 10 percent a year.

Miller also discussed what she called an "exciting" challenge facing Lexington — the new Downtown Planning Committee.

The committee's goal is "to bring life and zip to downtown area," she said.

Miller said the city brought in "visionaries" from other cities to form the committee, and she cited possible plans of cooperation between UK and Lexington as some of the first proposals to come out of the committee.

(UK) President (Charles) Wethington has not

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Committee OKs \$7,100 in spending

By Melissa Rosenthal
Staff Writer

If they don't use it, they lose it. Student Government Association Senate members are well aware of the fact they must end the semester with a zero financial balance. Otherwise, the money will be given back to the University.

In light of that fact, Greg Watkins, chairman of the senate's appropriations and revenue committee, urged committee members last night to "take advantage of the money we have."

The committee members approving four appropriations bills last night totaling \$7,122.

The largest bill requested \$2,080 in SGA funding so the UK Horticulture Club could sponsor the National Floral Crop Evaluation Competition.

The bill stated that the money would go toward registration expenses, speaker fees and entertainment — including \$400 to hire a disc jockey.

During open discussion, Senator at Large Trent Knuckles asked the committee when SGA started funding entertainment expenses of student groups.

Although a brief discussion followed, the bill was approved.

Another bill, presented by Rob Warrington, executive director of the Senate, sought \$1,750 for child-care grants.

The grants, Warrington said, will



enable parents to attend classes while their children are in day care.

"If you educate the mother or father, you educate the entire family," Warrington said of the bill's merits.

He also said it was important that some type of program be set up so students with children could attend classes and not suffer financially.

Committee member Erica McDonald said the measure was "definitely one of the most important bills this year."

The appropriations and revenue committee also recommended \$750 to the Graduate Nutrition Organization for a meeting on experimental biology to be held in Anaheim, Calif.

Susan Bogardus, a member of the group who spoke to the committee on behalf of the bill, said budget cuts in The Graduate School forced the students to seek SGA's help.

The committee also approved a bill requesting \$2,542 to fund a meeting of pharmacy students in Seattle.

All four bills will be brought to the floor of the full Senate next week and must be approved there before any money is allocated.

Meeting with state officials fruitful, SGA president says

By Melissa Rosenthal
Staff Writer

It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.

And according to Student Government President Lance Dowdy, the students are playing the game against state legislators very well.

Dowdy, along with 60 students, traveled to Frankfort Monday to attend a reception with the governor and state legislators.

"The purpose was to get to know our legislators and talk tuition freeze too," he said. "I think we really made some progress."

"I was able to gain a better understanding of the motivations of Frankfort politicians regarding higher education," he added.

Dowdy said the meeting provided a chance for opposing forces to come together to work out their differences, but SGA Freshman Senator Adam Edelen said things differently.

"The people who showed up for the reception were basically the same people who have been supporting a tuition freeze all along," he said. "The people we really needed to see and talk to just didn't show up."

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University to participate in \$30 million national study on diabetes prevention

By Sara Spears
Contributing Writer

UK's Albert B. Chandler Medical Center is one of 15 hospitals chosen by the National Institutes of Health to take part in a \$30 million diabetes prevention trial.

The nationwide clinical trial will study whether insulin treatments can prevent development of Type-1 diabetes in people whose relatives have developed the hereditary disease, said Dr. Dennis Karounos, assistant professor of medicine.

Type-1 diabetes, the most common and least severe form of diabetes, results in low levels of insulin, a hormone crucial for processing carbohydrates.

Studies have shown that, several years before a person actually develops diabetes, the person's own immune system attacks and damages insulin-producing cells, Karounos said.

"The test will be a good source for checking whether or not people treated with insulin as a

preventative therapy will develop diabetes," he said.

UK will begin its test, which is expected to last from five to seven years, by screening about 500 volunteers who are related to someone who has diabetes.

Nationwide, 60,000 to 80,000 volunteers will be screened.

These volunteers will participate in a routine blood test to determine whether they have certain immune system markers for diabetes and whether they have a significant decrease in insulin secretions, Karounos said.

If a person tests positive for these two signs, he or she will be accepted into the study. The participants will be divided into two risk groups based upon family medical histories.

Those accepted as high risk will be divided into two groups.

The first group will begin insulin injections, while the second group will serve as a control group that does not receive insulin.

Those in the lower risk group will take part in an oral insulin treatment. The insulin injection

treatments will begin immediately, while the oral insulin study is set to begin in 1995.

UK was chosen for the study because of its rigorous study and involvement in diabetic studies in the past, Karounos said.

This is the first large-scale study done to determine how to prevent diabetes.

"This also sets up a network of physicians around the country who are interested in curing diabetes," Karounos added. This will have open the opportunity for other further nationwide studies about the causes and prevention of diabetes.

The study is sponsored by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases in cooperation with the National Institute of Child Health and Development, the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the American Diabetes Association.

Volunteers may contact Karounos at 323-5217.

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Digital domain CD-ROM system may soon expand

By John Bjorkquist
Contributing Writer

Compact discs usually aren't associated with a trip to the library, but the UK Network Communications department is out to change the way students think about in-depth research.

A proposal to be submitted within a month will ask the University to replace UK's \$90,000 CD-ROM database with a \$15,000 set-up that will more than double current data capacity, said Robert Aken, UK's electronic information resources librarian.

With hundreds of users searching through the discs at any given time, Aken said, there is a definite need to offer more titles to the network community.

To expand this system, UK would have to buy more of the \$45,000 towers—a prohibitively expensive move.

The new approach will consist of single, separate disc players that may be plugged into the system individually.

This means CDs that appeal to specific fields—engineering, for instance—may be removed from the campuswide network and placed directly in a CD-ROM reader dedicated to engineering, freeing up more room on the central network.

That added capacity will be filled with discs covering a wide range of interests, Aken said.

The proposal also will ask that the Ethernet network be altered to allow Apple and Next computers to log into the system.

The current system is only compatible with IBM-based computers, Aken said.

While the CD-ROM discs may be reached from any microlab or Ethernet-connected terminal, Aken said, the network also is accessible through PRIME terminals, as well as from off-campus locations.

Aken cautioned that connection through the use of a modem or the PRIME terminals is inefficient and that key commands are much different.

He said the new system would settle these incongruities.

The speakers communicated a real sincere concern for our futures and careers as well as providing several valuable pointers for us.

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SPORTS

Cat comeback set off celebration, proved this team *does* have heart



By Ty Halpin
Kernel Columnist

When I sat down to watch Tuesday night's UK-LSU game on ESPN, I was curious to see how these Wildcats would react to two straight losses, the building pressure from Lexington and their own falling confidence.



A 31-point deficit later, I was sure this team wouldn't make the Top 25 next week, much less the Final Four in April.

But then, something clicked. Coming back from 31 down was surprising. But, the way it happened and who made it happen was shocking — Chris Harrison started the rally with two straight threes.

If you recall the Eastern Kentucky game, Harrison was labeled "The Bluegrass Bomber" by Host Communications' game programs at Rupp Arena.

Until this point in the season, however, Harrison has been more like the Bluegrass Benchwarmer. This time he proved his legitimacy as a team member, which was in question by many.

And then there was Walter McCarty hitting a three from the corner with 19 seconds left that was more exciting than Mardi Gras for UK fans.

That three came at some serious crunch time and brought the Cats all the way back. It was their first lead since 1-0.

The amazing and unbelievable win set off a frenzied celebration across campus. The Greg Page Apartment complex erupted after Travis Ford's free throws iced the game. Bottle rockets, C-A-T-S cheers, honking horns and uncontrolled shrieks of joy abound after the final seconds ticked off.

During the comeback, one apartment was shaking after every steal, dunk or three. The residents inside were high-fiving and bumping chests with the intensity usually seen only by the likes of New York Knicks' stars Patrick Ewing and John Starks.

The Wildcats' comeback was incredible, perhaps the greatest ever. It came at such a crucial time in their season too.

Without Rodney Dent, the Cats had played sparingly. The first 25 minutes of Tuesday's game would tell that tale.

This team has built a character of its own. With UK coach Rick Pitino threatening his club with a nickname of "The Forgettables," the Cats turned in a performance that won't soon be forgotten.

With gritty players like Jeff Brassow and Gimel Martinez, newfound strength in McCarty and Andre Riddick, and a clutch performance from Harrison, UK showed it was not a three-man team. To this point, Rodrick Rhodes, Ford and Tony Delk have carried most of the scoring bulk.

Now the Cats have more than just a few options on offense.

What was more impressive than the Cats' performance in Baton Rouge was the performance of the many Wildcat fans after the game on those radio shows everyone calls in to. Here is a small sampling from last night's program:

John from Lexington ...

"I just want to say that I never thought the Cats were gonna lose. I always knew they were gonna pull it out."

"When they were down 31, I thought, 'They're gonna do it.' I was right. Oh, and, (announcer) Winston (Bennett), I think you're doing a great job."

It's all well and good to believe in your team, but I find it harder to believe Tonya Harding was not involved in the Nancy Kerrigan attack than I do these people's knowing the Cats would win.

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Ticket lottery for UGA, Fla. to be Sunday

Staff report

The ticket lottery for UK's two remaining home games will be Sunday at 8 a.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

Tickets for the Georgia game, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m., and the Florida game, March 2 at 8 p.m., are available.

Both visitors defeated UK in earlier meetings this season.

Georgia beat the Cats 94-90 in overtime Jan. 8 in Athens, Ga. Florida knocked off UK 59-57 Jan. 18 in Gainesville, Fla.

The Florida game will serve as UK's annual Senior Night. Travis Ford, Jeff Brassow and Gimel Martinez will be honored.

Senior center Rodney Dent has been out since Jan. 4 with a torn anterior cruciate ligament and is scheduled to appeal the NCAA for another year of eligibility.

US hockey team to face Canadians

Associated Press

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — Oh, great. The U.S. hockey team is winless after two games for the first time in 10 years, its hopes for a medal vanishing, and guess who's dead ahead.

The Next One, Olympic version. Paul Kariya, a 19-year-old who is the latest hockey-playing Canadian teen-ager to bear the burden of being the next Wayne Gretzky, must be contained if the United States is to finally win one tonight.

"His skating style is similar to Gretzky's. He might even be a better skater," U.S. coach Tim Taylor said yesterday.

"And he loves to make plays. It's an accurate comparison."

A loss to Canada (2-0-0) would leave the Americans (0-0-2) with just two points from three games, and second-seeded Sweden still to come. Losses to Canada and Sweden would force them to beat lightly regarded Italy in their last game to have a shot at the medal round.

Kariya, a Vancouver native who attends the University of Maine, scored 100 points in 39 games and was the top U.S. college player in leading the Black Bears to the 1993 NCAA title.

Five of his Maine teammates are on the U.S. team.

"If I'd never seen him, I might be dumbfounded or in awe of him," said Garth Snow, who gets his second straight start in the United States' goal.

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DIVERSIONS

'Curse of the Starving Class' depicts dysfunctional family

By Rebecca Farmer
Staff Writer

"Curse of the Starving Class," an Obie-award winning play by Sam Shepard, is to all outward appearances a crassly realistic and dark production.

"I don't think it's depressing. I think it's funny," said Brady Thomas, the play's director.

The play takes place entirely in the kitchen of a dysfunctional middle-class family living on a deteriorating farm. It focuses on the family's spiritual starvation and the attempts of the family members to escape the bleakness of their lives.

"It certainly has dark moments in it, and it has some considerably tragic elements," Thomas said. However, she said, there is humor in the play's portrayal of human relationships and human errors.

"I've tried as much as I can to bring out much of the humor in Shepard," she said.

Thomas joined the theatre faculty in the fall, and "Starving Class" will be her directing debut at UK. Thomas has many reasons for wanting to direct the play. "I like Sam Shepard because there's so many different approaches one can take to him," she said.

However, the dominating factor behind her desire to direct the play, she said, was the fact that it was a good production for actors.

"The characters have such dimension. The actors run the gamut of so many emotions," she said. "They're such wild, bizarre characters that they're a lot of fun for the actors to do."

Thomas said the audience likely will relate to the characters and see their good points.

"There's no self-pity in the characters," she said. "Each of them, in their own way, keeps trying to make things better."

Rehearsals for "Starving Class" were set to be in the past five weeks, she said. But the snow and ice prevented many of the cast and crew from attending all of the practices during those weeks.

"I really didn't see all of my cast at one time until last week," Thomas said.



IN THE THEATER



Mark Allen Smith, Matt Brown and a sheep rehearse Tuesday evening for UK theatre's production of Sam Shepard's "Curse of the Starving Class."

The short rehearsal time caused the director to wish she could "run off to Tahiti" at one point. She now says the play has come together, and she has no apparent worries. Thomas said she has no single feeling or idea that she hopes to convey to the audience with "Starving Class."

"I guess what I want is for the audience to find in the play what they want to see and what makes them happy or what touches them. I just want them to have a human experience, a good experience and a real and truthful experience," she said.

The original production of the play was done by the New York Shakespeare Festival in 1976. Sam Shepard has written many other plays set in the Midwest, including "Cowboys #2," "Buried Child," "True West" and "Fool for Love."



Nathaniel Orr talks sheepishly with a fellow cast member.

WRFL boss tries new approach

By John Abbott
Staff Writer

WRFL-FM program director Rick Jamie wants to rouse Lexington from musical apathy.

"Breaking down the lethargy that exists in Lexington and the campus is no easy task," Jamie said. "We are here to, if not entertain, at least make people think."

As program director, one of Jamie's functions is to ensure the student-run radio station follows Federal Communications Commission requirements.

Another is to "make sure that our format stays true to being an alternative format, that we offer as diverse a music background as we can — everything from bluesgrass to heavy metal to reggae to regular rock."

Jamie, a 27-year-old telecommunications senior, has been at the station for two years. He was a disc jockey his first year and assumed the mantle of program director in May.

One of the things Jamie has tried to do is improve the station's image, which he perceived as being isolated from everyone else.

"We've been looked upon as being outcasts on campus, too hip for our own good," he said. "People have complained that we're too underground — that we're too left of center. I wanted to let people know that we are accessible to all people."

Another thing Jamie has concentrated on is alleviating the problem of "not having anything of this and too much of another."

"We had two metal shows, two rap shows, and at the same time, we were ignoring other genres of music, like funk," he said.

"Mostly what we've tried to do this year is put the focus back on UK students. It was my feeling that, when I took over the job, that focus had fallen a little off the mark."

Unlike a commercial radio station, WRFL can afford to experiment, which is a freedom Jamie said he enjoys. "We don't have to worry about pleasing a demographic — we just throw out what we think is quality music."

"Nobody in the Lexington radio market is doing what we're doing. Nobody regionally is doing what we're doing."

"We've got a staff that's extreme-



WRFL program director Rick Jamie relaxes in the WRFL on-air studio. Jamie is a telecommunications senior.

ly dedicated. They do it because they love to do it. If they get a call at 4 a.m. in the morning, they're willing to put themselves out of bed, rain, sleet or snow, and fill in the shift if I can't," he said.

"I have the utmost respect for the people down there. They've made the station look very good and, in

turn, that makes me look very good."

Jamie said the attitude that "just because it's popular and getting a little rotation on MTV, we have to stop playing it" is one he doesn't agree with.

"I don't see anything wrong with interspersing some of what MTV is doing with what we are doing because MTV is definitely not going to touch 95 percent of what we're doing anyway."

The station does tend to back off songs somewhat when they pick up particularly heavy radio or MTV rotation, but Jamie said that's he thinks the station's function is to give songs that initial push to get them going.

"We look at ourselves as being kind of a groundbreaking entity within the community," Jamie said. "Nine times out of 10, we're playing songs even before they hit MTV."

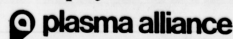
"I want to encourage students to think really hard about taking an application down to the station," Jamie said. "Anybody that's interested in broadcasting, marketing, sales — anything."

"WRFL is an excellent resource," he continued. "I don't think people truly appreciate the asset that they have here."

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Body piercing fashionable

By Perry Brothers
Staff Writer

Nipple rings and Prince Albert? No, the Queen of England's youngest son hasn't pierced his nipple (yet), but over the past decade several Americans have expanded the concept of piercing beyond the ear.

The Prince Albert, for example, is the body-piercing term enthusiasts use to describe a type of piercing on the tip of the penis.

Prince Alberts are less common among piercing advocates, but other types of body adornment have grown increasingly popular, says body-piercing technician and former UK student Kevin Posey.

Posey, employed by the Lexington clothing store Retail Hell, said he has a three-page waiting list of people wishing to be pierced.

"Eyebrows and navels are the most popular right now," Posey said.

Posey's past piercing experience includes noses, nipples, navels, eyebrows and a clitoris hood.

"I only assisted in the clitoris hood piercing, because I generally don't do genitalia," Posey said.

His training on genital piercing is limited, he said, "and I would need to assist in several more piercings before I would feel comfortable actually doing it."

Several months ago Bob Andrews, owner of local alternative stores Paisley Peacock and Retail Hell, made Posey's piercing career possible when he decided to establish Lexington's only professional piercing studio.

"Bob Andrews is instrumental in bringing new ideas to Lexington," Posey said, "and he arranged for me to train under Greg Dinkins of Flagrant Intentions, a Kent, Ohio, piercing studio and custom body jewelry shop."

Dinkins prepared Posey for the tattoo certification examination required to become a piercing technician.

"It was just like school," Posey said.

He attributes the piercing demand to the society's increased acceptance of individuality.

"Having an open-minded president has made people realize that it takes all kinds to make things work," Posey said.

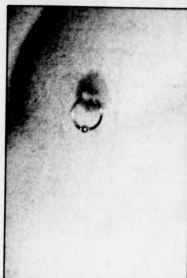
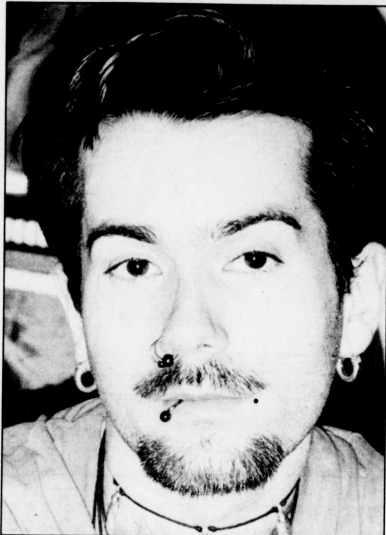
On an individual level, Posey's piercing patrons possess a sundry of mitigating motivations ranging from the philosophical to heightened sexual stimulation to simply liking the way the body jewelry looks.

Burke Martin, an undeclared sophomore, has several piercings including a septum (the wall of cartilage dividing the nostrils) ring.

"It started out as an anti-Western cultural thought statement," Martin said, "but I always saw it as a different way to be aware of your body."

Former UK student Shannon Davis said of her navel ring, "I did it for myself. I enjoy looking at it."

But Davis also said she thinks navel rings "celebrate the birth passage, and it continually stimulates the nerves connected to the clitoris."



PHOTOS BY PERRY BROTHERS/Kentucky Staff
TOP: English senior Brian Stamper shows off his nipple ring.

LEFT: Body-piercing technician Kevin Posey displays his earrings, nose rings and lip ring.

is." Posey suggested that "maybe some people use this pain infliction as a reminder or remover of certain painful experiences in their lives."

The pain experienced during piercing lasts about 10 seconds, Posey said, before the brain releases endorphins which numb the area and produce a euphoric "high" in the mind of the subject.

"With my piercing I got an emotional boost," English senior Brian Stamper said. Stamper has his nipple pierced, and he equates "going through the pain of piercing with personal power."

He warns, however, that it is not a trivial matter.

"Piercing is something you have to contemplate and decide whether it's right for you," he said.

Initially, Stamper pierced his own

nipple and "really messed it up." He advises anyone interested to "have someone who knows what they're doing do it for them."

Lexington physician Janet Tamaren confirmed Stamper's advice, saying anytime a needle punctures the skin there is a high risk of infection. "There would have to be good sterilization," Tamaren said. "Even then you would want to check closely for signs of infection."

Retail Hell's piercing studio adheres strictly to the sterilization guidelines issued by the health department and requires that patrons read and sign a form listing infection prevention guidelines.

The store, located at 345 S. Limestone St., is open seven days a week. Fees vary depending on the location of the piercing, but range from \$15 to \$100.

Modern primitives anxious for piercing should research the procedure and carefully consider who they allow to perform it, Posey said.

"I advise anyone considering body piercing to read about it thoroughly," Posey said. "Then go to a shop and ask questions. If they don't know their information, go elsewhere."

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Mushroom Runs Amok!

Miller

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closed the doors on the possibilities of working with the city," she said.

One of the proposals Miller mentioned would involve building graduate student housing above the city's transit center, which is located on the corner of High Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

The center's roof is level with High Street, Miller said, and

would make a perfect building foundation.

"UK always looks southward," she said. "UK should look downtown."

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Drug war hits Mark Twain territory

Associated Press

ANGELS CAMP, Calif. — The war on drugs has moved into Mark Twain's frog-jumping territory, and it's not pretty.

These drug suppliers are green, squat and lumpy, with big bulging

eyes. That's not a description of some comic strip villain. These are toads — Bufo alvarius.

And forget that old myth that handling toads causes warts. These critters secrete a venom from glands on their backs.

Drying the venom produces a hallucinogenic drug, bufotenine, that can be smoked, and users and researchers say it produces a high that eclipses the psychedelic properties of LSD.

(Just imagine the effect that toad jokes would have had on the culture

of the '60s.) And yes, it's illegal. "Take a toad, go to jail," suggest some wags.

"What is the human race going to do next? Grind up clarinets and smoke them?" asked Calaveras County narcotics agent Greg Elam.

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Edelen said he was not optimistic following the reception, adding: "I hope I am wrong and they surprise us by freezing tuition — I really do."

SGA Senator Greg Watkins also attended the reception and said that it was a good way of getting to know the legislators and better understand their ideas.

"Governor Jones was at the reception and listened very carefully to what Lance (Dowdy) had to say. I think headway was made."

Dowdy said that although tuition is a tough issue to deal with, he hopes legislators will take students' concerns to heart.

"Persistence is the key to success," he said. "We should have begun lobbying against tuition increases much earlier than we did, but now a lesson has been learned."

The Board of Student Body Presidents, which consists of the student body presidents of the eight state-supported universities, plans to set up toll-free telephone line next month so students may contact their legislators.

"We can win this if we are persistent," Dowdy said.

Presidents

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the recommendations submitted after the study.

He said budget concerns have left UK without many opportunities to make specific goals for high administrative positions, but he said UK is continuing to improve the opportunities for women in that area.

"Goals and timetables can be quite meaningless," Swain said. He said the UK study on women was a "gutsy, self-confident document" that took the problem head-on despite outcry from the media and university elites.

Wethington told the panel of reporters, all members of the Louisville Society of Professional Journalists, that he thinks universities must continue to provide access to many programs to continue to support adult education in the state.

Swain, meanwhile, urged the state's journalists and lawmakers to give more credit to state schools for trying to implement changes and cut down on waste.

"We're engaged in a very important educational struggle, and just a simple response from the state would do."

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Debate

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ca. The word has a number of meanings for blacks," said Sedler, who is white.

"We're not going to apologize for what happened."

Tell that to Tommy Williams, a 23-year-old part-time supermarket worker.

"There ain't a white person alive thinks we don't care if they call us nigger," Williams said while waiting for a pickup game at a Detroit basketball court.

"The way we say it, it's clear it's a black thing," he said. "As much as we say it down here, if a white boy was down here and said it, he'd leave with a couple less teeth."

For years, the word has sparked debate in the black community.

When northern blacks began to forge a new cultural identity during the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, many black intellectuals were horrified by the celebration of words and images that had never been available to a white audience.

In 1965, activist-comedian Dick Gregory titled his autobiography "Nigger."

It ends with the words "When we're through, Momma, there

won't be any niggers no more."

In the 1970s, comedian Richard Pryor's liberal use of the word provoked outrage along with laughter.

Yet even the raunchy Pryor denounced the word after returning from a trip to Africa: "There ain't no niggers in Africa."

The use of the word "nigger" is "entirely opposite what people are trying to do in perpetuating the heritage of Africa," said Vivian Buffington, director of race relations for the civic organization New Detroit Inc.

But even as Afrocentric awareness increases, images and products of black ghetto life are moving into mainstream America.

Rap groups like the now-disbanded N.W.A., short for Niggas Wit' Attitude, top the pop music charts.

Black urban clothing styles appear in suburbia and high-fashion magazines.

Quality movies about black ghetto dwellers rake in dollars and garner critical praise from whites.

The culture of being poor and black is becoming a grudgingly accepted, even celebrated, part of America.

And although use of "nigger" is by no means confined to the lower classes, that's where it thrives.

"It's just part of the language and the culture of being black," said Williams, the supermarket worker.

"There's lots of things that white

people took from blacks and made their own — just look at Elvis. He was copying black people. So why can't I take this word that's used to keep me down and use it in a positive way?"

Some say younger blacks wouldn't be so quick to use the word if they had ever heard it used in a racist fashion. White folks used to figure it was an honor if they called you 'nigger' or 'boy.'

"They thought at least they were talking to you," said Leo Jackson, a 67-year-old Arkansas native who lives in Detroit.

"Black folks who use that word don't respect what their people have gone through. For a lot in the sub-30 generation, a lot of them have never been called 'nigger' by a white person."

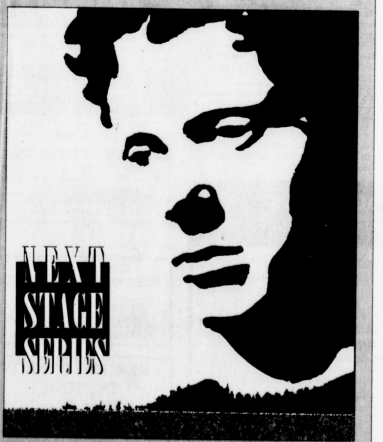
"It doesn't have the same context for them as it has for a lot of older blacks," said author Nelson George, who has written eight books on black culture.

And George said the word has carved a permanent niche in the black English.

"It's here for good," he said. "For it to disappear, it would have to be rejected by the people who are saying it. Not by the ones who don't say it."

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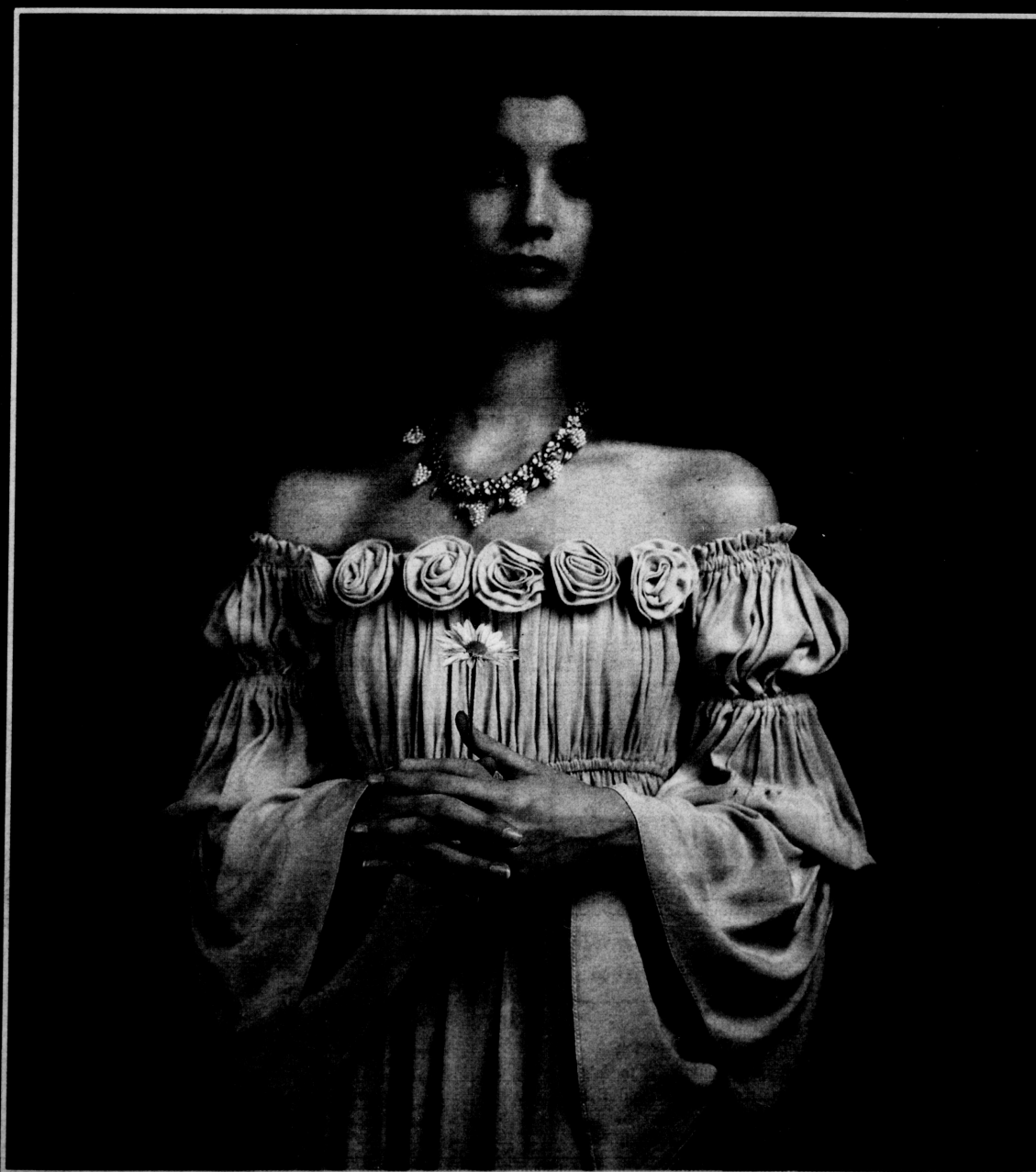
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They'd Rather be HOME & WARM

But hope springs eternal, and UK students plan to make the most of their week away from the classroom — providing Mother Nature does not have other plans.

The most popular spring break destination for UK students is home. For these people, spring break provides a rare opportunity to spend time with family members — without the big expense of a spring break excursion.

"When money is tight, many students can't afford to go the beach," said Natasha Ingram, a biology junior. "But spring break is a great chance to spend time at home and not worry about pressure from school."

Other students are planning traditional spring break trips to beaches in Florida or other warm destinations.

"But Florida isn't as popular a destination as it used to be," history senior Trevor Wells said. "The people I know are more creative with their spring break plans."

For example some students plan trips that allow them to spend time outdoors without the hassle of a crowded beach.

"I plan to go hiking and camping in South Carolina with my fiancée and some other friends," said Pete Caravello, an English senior.

Most students are crossing their fingers, hoping this year's spring break will get off to a better start than spring break '93.

The Friday that spring break began last year, several inches of snow fell on Lexington. Interstates around Lexington were impassable for a couple of days, delaying travel plans from many students.

But "as long as it stays warm this year, I think most people will be happy," Martin said.

By Don Puckett

A long, bitter winter has UK students looking anxiously toward spring break 1994.

"I don't know where I'm going yet. I just hope it's warm," said Jason Martin, an English freshman.

January's blizzard and record low temperatures kept students inside for most of a week. The Blizzard of '94 dumped 10.5 inches of snow on Lexington and forced UK to close for the first time in more than 15 years.

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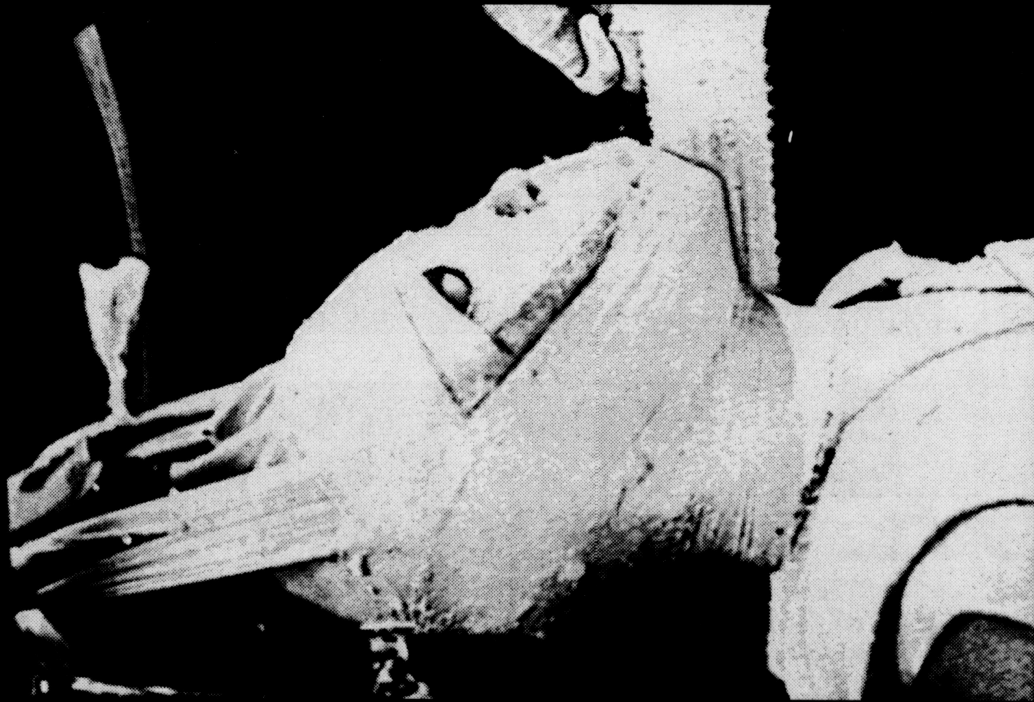
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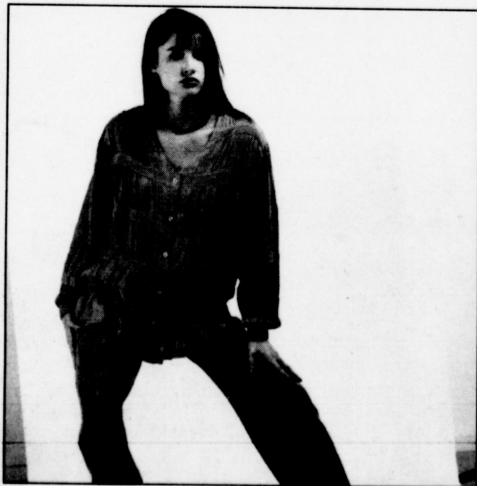
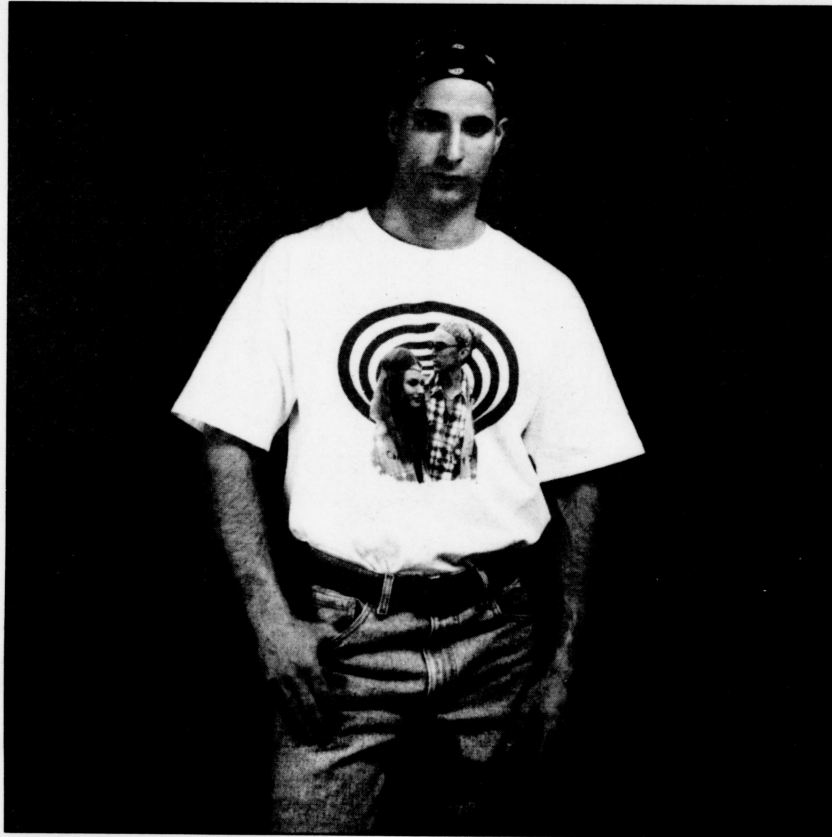


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BOTTOM LEFT: Blouse & pants with accessories from Deja Vu.
BOTTOM RIGHT: Floral one piece by Takecover from McAlpin's.



FASHION FUN

By Amy Barnes

Everything's coming up roses this spring, with designers turning to mother nature for inspiration. Flowers, oceans, trees and sunset-inspired fashions have been walking off the runways of Europe and New York and into the malls.

Soft, flowing fashions are taking the place of tight, form-fitting garments. To

keep your cool on the hottest days, try sheer, lightweight fabrics.

Not only are sheer fabrics more breathable than last season's cotton and denim, they also complement the wearer with a soft, smooth silhouette.

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Travel Tips & Common Sense

By Mary Brinkman

Many students may be thinking of heading to warmer climates and the beach for Spring Break, others may be interested in the positive aspects of snow, and some may just be looking forward to the vacation from classes.

Whatever your plans may be, particularly if you'll be travelling, we'd like to encourage you to PREPARE FOR and PLAN your

good time, rather than to just set out and hope for the best. Following are some important things to consider.

VEHICLE CARE

Make sure the vehicle you plan to take is road-ready. Check tires for pressure, tread, any baldness or bulges, etc. Make sure you have plenty of gas, water and fresh oil. If you can't do it yourself, have a mechanic do a road readiness check—belts, hoses, battery,

brakes, etc. This is well worth the small expense. Adhere to all speed limits.

SUN EXPOSURE

Many students may make regular visits to a tanning salon in anticipation of increased sun exposure; consider some 'sun facts.' Unprotected exposure to the sun has long-term, cumulative and permanent

effects, such as premature aging of the skin, wrinkles, precancerous sores and skin cancer. Serious, malignant skin cancers can develop years after the sun has damaged your skin. Malignant Melanoma, which can be curable if diagnosed in the early stages,

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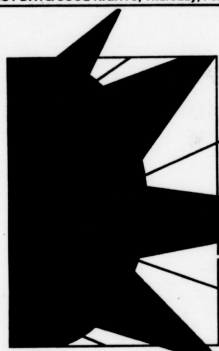
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TOP: Navy & white plaid swimsuit from *McAlpin's*.

ABOVE: Baseball hat (\$19), white twill button-down with plaid fron by *Rikken USA* (\$38) from *Yarmouth Trading Co.*

RIGHT: Black evening dress & accessories from *Deja Vu*.



Southern HOTSPOTS

By Ayana Blair

The beaches of Cancun, Mexico; Key West, Fla.; and South Padre, Texas, will be overrun by party and sun-seeking UK students

beginning March 12.

More students are flocking to these trendy new hot spots for spring break 1994, said Kathy Gross, a representative for AAA

Travel Agency.

These three locations have become popular because they offer economical vacations geared toward the college student, said Lee Knight, owner of Lexington Travel Center, Inc.

Cancun is one of the more expen-



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sive, at about \$800 per person. "When vacationing in Cancun, most students travel in groups of four to six," Knight said, because "it is less expensive that way."

Knight said, however, that students enjoy Cancun because there is no legal drinking age.

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Cats and Hogs Go Memphis Mad



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Guard Travis Ford eyes a team member to pass the ball to at a game against Alabama last year. The Wildcats are looking to repeat their success in the NCAA tournament from their '93 season.

By Eric Mosolgo

There you are, sitting in your dorm room or apartment, plotting your spring break course. You ponder which of the usual venues you will migrate to for your one-week academic sabbatical.

Will it be Fort Lauderdale this year? Miami? Memphis? South

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Wait a second, Memphis? As in Tennessee?

For anyone who has hoops fever (and on this campus, this condition has hit epidemic proportions), the city the King called home will be the place to be March 10-13 as the Southeastern Conference's roundball wizards congregate to determine the champion.

A veritable hoops smorgasbord this is, a four-course athletic extravaganza with the appetizer being Thursday's (Mar. 10) first-round games and the main course set to be served on Sunday afternoon in the form of the title game.

UK will enter the post-season tournament as the two-time defending champ. Two years ago, the Wildcats outlasted Vanderbilt, Louisiana State and Alabama on their way to the title. Coach Rick Pitino's troops used last season's SEC tournament hit list in Rupp Arena (Tennessee, Arkansas and LSU) as a prep course for their dominating run to the Final Four.

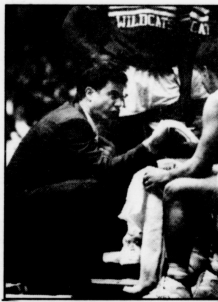
The Wildcats will enjoy no home-court edge this year, with The Pyramid (Memphis' basketball arena) located just across the mighty Mississippi from the land

of Clinton.

Sure to make the short journey are the brigades of Razorback fans, who may be the most vocal traveling troupe in the land. Whether they are cheering for their team in the Pyramid, standing in lines at Graceland or just walking in Memphis, these Hog enthusiasts will undoubtedly be shrilling "Pig Sooohoy!" in utter delight.

Nothing would incite these fanatics more than witnessing another chapter in the incendiary rivalry that is UK-Arkansas. Technically, the SEC Tournament consists of 11 games but in reality, the early games of this post-season event figure to simply serve as a filibuster to the seemingly inevitable main event.

The eagerly awaited rematch will likely take place in either the semifinals or finals (dependent on the final positions of the teams in their division). Arkansas is the only SEC team to possess a winning record against UK since Pitino came to Lexington in 1989 (the Hogs hold a 3-1 lead over the stretch, including a 90-82 win in Rupp Arena this year).



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Coach Pitino discusses strategy during a timeout.

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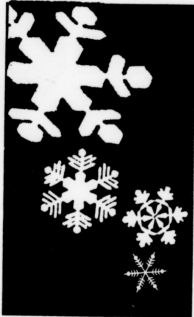
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Slopes over sand



By Anne Jackson

Year after year, a special contingent of spring breakers shun the beach in favor of the snowy ski slopes of the American West.

No matter that this year UK students have endured some of the coldest weather on record and just can't seem to see past the snow. These die-hard enthusiasts will not be deterred.

"I actually favor the snow," said David Craycraft, a political science junior. "I don't care for summer too much. What better place to go than a place that has 6 to 10 feet of snow

and 30-degree temperatures?"

"I just go every year," he said.

Chip Beake, a graduate assistant football coach and a graduate student at the Patterson School of Diplo-

macy and International Commerce, eschews the beach "because that's where everyone goes."

"I like skiing," he said. "It gives you a chance to get some exercise. It's better than just lying on the beach and being a fat hog."

Secondary education sophomore Doug Willets considers skiing less risky than the beach.

"This winter has been a lot harsher than last year," he said. "I don't want to spend all that money (to go to the beach) and have ice storms like there were last year in Daytona."

Willets also pointed out that the climate on the ski slopes is not necessarily inhospitable.

"I don't think people realize (this). I don't think it gets as cold as it did here," he said. "In March, it gets fairly warm out there. You might end up with a day when you end up skiing in a blizzard, or you might end up with a day when you could ski in shorts."

Katie Melton, a travel agent for Global Travel in Lexington, said Vail ski resort in Colorado is the most popular spring break destination for skiers, followed by Breckenridge, Colo.

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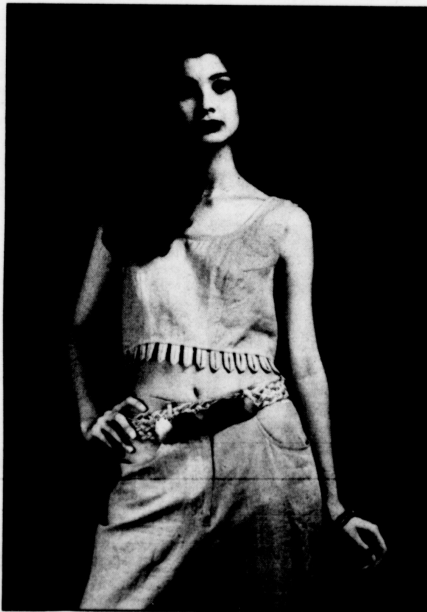
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Groups Choose Work Over Play

By Stephen D. Trimble

Ask most any student on campus what mental picture immediately comes to mind at the mention of spring breaks of the past: Their answers likely would be the beach, Daytona, margaritas, skiing ... and perhaps for the generally unloved respondents — their residence hall rooms.

However, there are a brave few on campus who sacrifice the perennial pilgrimage to fun, sun and partyland for (gasp) volunteer work.

And its a growing trend, said Genni Button, director of UK's Student Volunteer Center.

"Spring break has traditionally been known as 'party-til-you-drop,' but there are some students who just don't want to do that," she said.

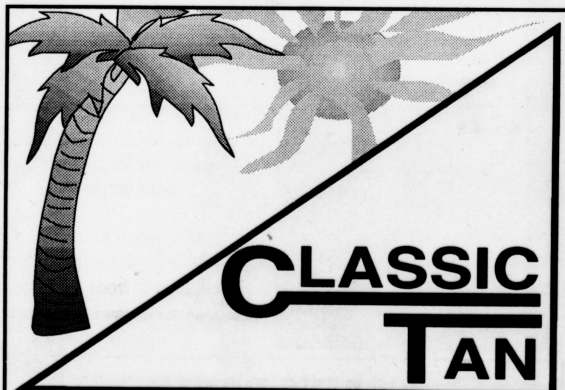
At UK, goodwill ambassadors are reaching out to those in need from the southwest corner of the United States to economically depressed areas of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Welcome to New Mexico

For example, nearly 30 students will travel to a Navajo reservation in New Mexico for spring break week, said Steven Shytte, in-house minister for the Wesley Foundation. The group is a campus dormitory operated by the United Methodist Church.

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Iridescent pink and pale lavender are making appearances in sheer garments, and solid shades of blue and tan earth tones are showing up in thin cotton fabrics.

Black and white are being replaced by this season's shyer, earthy shades of cream and navy. Try navy for a clean, polished look, or cream to appear fresh and romantic.

If it buttons, ties or zips, don't wear it. It's back to the basics for spring: Simple, no frills garments are the key to comfort. Forget lace, silk, and ruffles — the best garments of the season are classy and easy to care for.

Less is more. The more comfortable the outfit, the better it will look. Accessories should be kept to a minimum to complement the fresh, starchy appearance of the new spring fashion styles.

This season, sport-inspired clothing is making a comeback. The tennis skirt is coming off the courts and into the streets, in basic white with sharp, defined pleats.

Jersey-style shirts and loose shorts are paired with pin-striped baseball caps for fun, flirtatious fashions.

Baseball stitching is showing up in everything from T-shirts to long dresses, boldly displaying worn, jagged edges for the latest look.

Grunge fashion has turned the T-shirt into the basis of warm weather styles,

emerging into long, one-piece dresses as well as creeping up above the midriff into cut-off crop tops.

Be ready to bare all; the biggest word of the season is micro. Emerging from last summer's closets are the return of "Daisy Duke" shorts and hip hugging pants.

Paired with a crop top, these fashions provide comfort in the heat and excellent ventilation. For the more daring, the micro-mini skirt is great for spring break bar-hopping.

Stores are overflowing with dresses this season. With the muted earth tone and luminous pastel shades, dresses are making the switch to more innocent romantic styles. Although the empire shirtwaist dress is still popular, floor-length flowing styles are this season's rage.

Fashion has made the transition from bold and awkward into more natural, simple styles that are easy on the color and comfortable for the wearer.

Last fall's grunge influence has transformed fashion from flashy and bulky to simple and comfortable.

A few tips to update last fall's wardrobe into spring fashions:

•Cut off any too short pants or tight fitting T-shirts.

•Take off the sleeves of a lightweight fall sweater and sew the edges back together, baseball stitch style.

•Remove gold and silver buttons from old summer garments and replace with tan or tortoise shell colored buttons.

•Cut ruffles or lace trim off of last year's spring shirts and fray the edges.



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LEFT: Taupe shirt with creme shirt & shorts with accessories from *DeJavu*.

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For a safer time in the sun, try the following:

- Do your best to avoid direct contact with the sun from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or limit exposure to short periods (10 to 20

minutes), as your tan is developing, ESPECIALLY if you are fair-skinned.

- Wear loose-fitting cotton clothing and a light hat with a brim while in the sun.

- Use a sunscreen or sun block. The higher the sun protection factor (SPF), the better the protection--and sunscreens help prevent or slow aging of the skin and development of skin cancer. It is important to use a sunscreen appropriate for YOUR skin--information about the SPF and skin types can usually be found on the container label.

ALCOHOL AND DECI-

SIONS

Use logic and common sense when it comes to alcohol, both on and off the road. Think about how you can PLAN to avoid the following:

- Chugging a few drinks and then doing 'field sobriety tests' on a balcony railing.

- Accidentally drowning from swimming under the influence.

- Drinking while exposing yourself to the sun and ending up with a blistering sunburn.

- Drinking and driving - accidents, death or the embarrassment of an arrest and a hefty fine.

- Hooking up with someone

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tance rape situation, or coming to the Health Service after you get back home and being diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection or, for girls, pregnant.

- Doing anything under the influence you may later regret.

A simple, logical rule about alcohol that usually applies is: The MORE and the MORE OFTEN you drink, the more at risk you are for something happening that you never intended to happen!

Some tips to remember:

- Never drink and drive.

- When you do drink, don't drink on an empty stomach and pace your drinks, rather than chugging.

- Girls: Think before getting intoxicated with guys you just met or don't know well, especially if they insist on buying your drinks.

- Guys: Don't assume you'll be "rewarded" for buying a girl's drinks all evening. Besides, you might find better ways to spend your money.

- Everyone: Know when to say "when" or "no" to yourself and

respect someone else's right to do the same.

- Set up a "buddy system" with friends -- watch out for each other, whether drinking or not.

If someone passes out from drinking, watch them for signs of abnormal breathing or a purplish cast to the skin. If these signs are evident or if the person cannot be aroused by poking or shaking, call for medical help. Keep the person on his or her side in case of vomiting.

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Keep your wits about you around rest stops and dark places. Protect yourself from theft and injury. Be on your toes around strangers. Don't spend all your money the first day -- remember you'll need some for the trip home.

Use common sense and plan for a great break. Relax, de-stress and ENJOY YOURSELF!

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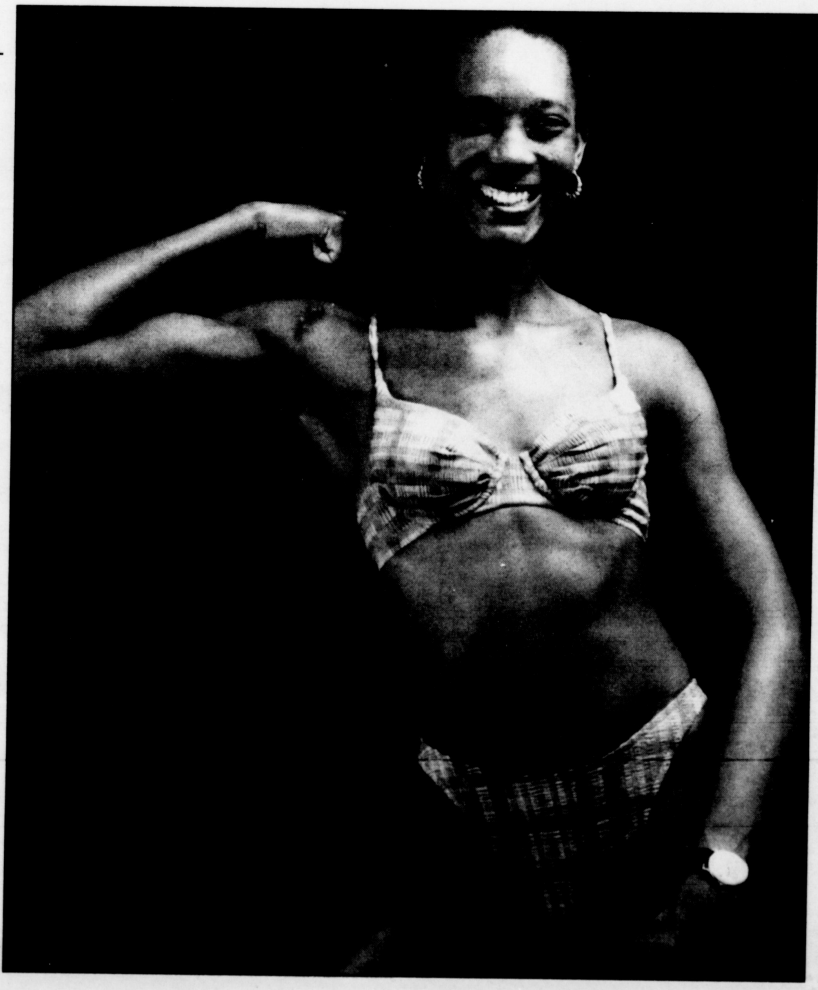
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Many students stay in double-occupant beachfront hotels, and a fortunate few have reserved condominiums.

And instead of making the drive to Mexico, Knight said, most students drive to Cincinnati and charter planes from there.

As for the Florida beaches, most college students avoid Daytona Beach because it has become a popular vacation spot for high school students and their families, Gross said.

However, there still are several popular beaches along the western coast of Florida, including Clearwater, Fort Myers, Naples, Sarasota and Key West, Knight said. These have become favorite spots because they are somewhat economical, at a cost of \$300-\$400 per person.

Those vacationing along the western coast of Florida can

experience clubs, bars, special wet T-shirt and video game contests, rock bands and plenty of outdoor games, Knight said. She added that the hotel rooms in the area are quite inexpensive.

But if money is not a problem, then consider what South Padre, Texas, has to offer. With long stretches of beach and special events targeted at college vacationers, Knight said this Gulf coast attraction has become the place to go for the spring.

Calling the area "a haven for artists, photographers and ecologists," Gross said that because the area borders Padre National Seashore, the seashells are spectacular, the fishing is excellent and the wind surfing action superb.

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They are sure to find plenty of sun and sand, but the area may be weak in the beach ball department and a little too hefty on the tumbleweed supply.

"We could be painting, laying some concrete and possibly laying the framework for a house," said Shytle of the group's five-day exodus.

He said the purpose of the trip is "definitely to serve people ... because that is the basic premise of Christianity," adding that the Wesley Foundation has made mission journeys to Israel, and even New Jersey, in spring breaks of the past.

An educational visit to England is in the works for next year's spring break, which Shytle said the Foundation sponsors "to offer alternatives to the individual activities" commonly associated with spring break.

Traveling to Tennessee

Another group heading south this March is UK's Baptist Student Union. Senior Amy Huaccani said the group will visit the Woodcock Baptist Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Sounds fun, right? Maybe soak up some country music? Wrong. These students are heading for the inner-city housing projects of Nashville where the Woodcock center provides child-care to more than 100 low-income children.

Huaccani said many of the students will not only provide day-care help but also lend a hand in basic repairs, maintenance and painting for the center, which is in a not-so-comfortable area of town.

"You know you're in the inner-city," she said of the center's location. "You have to be careful."

But to BSU students the effort is worthwhile. Huaccani said often their most lasting payback from the day-care children is "just seeing their smiles."

Appalachia, anyone?

UK's Alpha Phi Omega co-ed service fraternity is heading for the hills of Eastern Kentucky's during spring break, said Button, who in addition to directing the volunteer center, coordinates events for the Alphas.

She said nearly 20 members of the group will invade "terribly serious pockets of poverty" in the Appalachian region.

"Strip mining is the economic base of the region" and is basically the center of all activities in the area, Button said.

When coal production is up, Button explained, all is well in Appalachia, but when the market hits bottom, which is the situation now, things are not so good.

Originally, the students were supposed to do some home repair for low-income households, but that situation may change as the Kentucky rivers continue to swell, Button said.

Flood relief is now a major possibility for the college students.

"Well, we're prepared for what we were originally intended to do," Button said. Jobs like painting and sealing holes in roofs may be replaced by sandbagging and fixing holes in flood barriers.

But all work and no play isn't necessarily what the students have in mind. Button said the group intends to experience real Appalachian culture. They will sleep at the senior citizen's center, dine at the historic Mary Breckenridge Frontier Nursing Service and even tour a strip mine.

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No matter the results in Memphis, the Cats and Hogs both figure to advance to the NCAA Tournament, which begins on Thursday, March 17.

Labeled "March Madness," the NCAA's serve as college basketball's ultimate showcase. The Madness, an essential part of any hoophead's life (surely circled on the calendar along with family birthdays and major holidays), exudes an unquantifiable and mystical charm which annually holds sports fans of all ages hostage to their television sets throughout the month of March.

Where UK will begin its single elimination, do-or-die, stress test is anyone's guess at this point. The first and second round sites which host tournament games on Friday and Sunday (Mar. 18 and 20), include: Landover, Md. (East Region), St. Petersburg, Fla. (Southeast Region), Oklahoma City (Midwest Region) and Sacramento, Cal. (West Region). UK will not play on Thursday and Saturday (Mar. 17 and 19) since Lexington's Rupp Arena is a host for the Southeast Region on those days and

teams are not allowed to play on their home-court (or play on the same day as the games at their arena, for attendance purposes).

Obviously, Wildcat fans would prefer sunshine-drenched St. Petersburg to Landover, Oklahoma City and Sacramento (cities seldom associated with fun-in-the-sun).

Imagine afternoons on a Florida beach and nights watching UK hoops. Local travel agents would surely be licking their chops at that kind of dream combination.

Wildcat squads besides the roundballers will also be in action during spring break. The following is a brief synopsis of some of their activities:

- Depending on how they fare during the conference stretch run, the Lady Kats may be participating in the women's NCAA or National Invitational Tournament.

- The Bat Cats will be especially busy, hosting Eastern Michigan for a three-game series (Mar. 11, 12, 13), then traveling to the Fresno State Tournament (Mar. 14-19).

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vored by the natives," said Beake, whose home is in Colorado. "It's really good. Good ski lifts. Hard and easy runs. A big mountain." He added that the top of Winter Park is 12,000 feet, which is above the tree line.

Willetts plans to go to Steamboat Springs with his ski-enthusiast friends from UK.

"That's apparently the big spring break area," he said. "I've been there before, and I think it's one of the best resorts in Colorado."

Utah also is considered a prime ski destination, but usually only families go there, Melton said.

He noted that Utah is a very conservative state, which might explain why spring breakers head to Colorado instead.

"You don't see night clubs," he said. "There aren't any."

The liquor stores are state-owned businesses that Craycraft described as "plain brown buildings" without any kind of advertising. He said people take their own liquor to restaurants.

Perhaps Craycraft will not be enjoying the night life, but he's looking forward to the serenity.

"Many people go on spring break for excitement, parties and so forth," he said. "But I don't particularly care for that kind of atmosphere."

"You can go up in the

mountains and ski off on a trail and you won't hear anything. You won't hear cars. You won't hear things that you hear in everyday life."

"I think the perfect way to describe it would be serene," Craycraft said. "When you're so busy with school and work and such, some serenity can be useful."

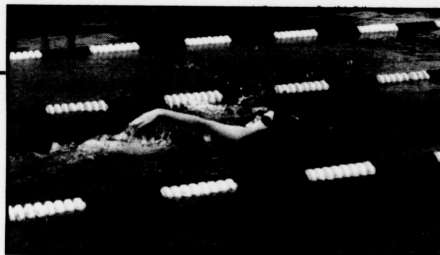
Skiing is not the budget alternative for spring break.

"It's more expensive," Melton said, "But they're usually the serious skiers, and they go every year."

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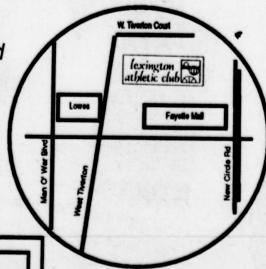
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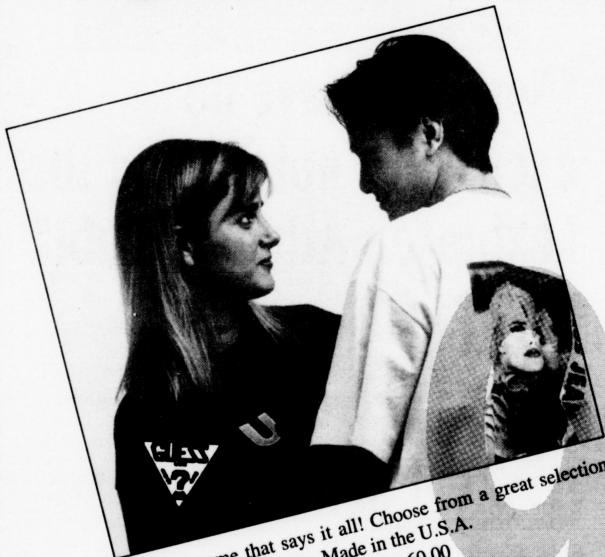
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