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Here are some things that you may have missed or are glad you didn't experience while away.

Snow, snow, snow was the theme while campus was, for the most part, shut down. It seemed at times that the city would never be gray and dirty and it would be all pretty and white forever. Not only were there a ton of accidents, I saw three and was victim of another (minor bump in the rear, nothing serious). It seemed as if sledding was a good idea. Although the snow was not deep, it was still enough to tickle the underside of one of those wiener dogs and enough to slide down a very steep slope on a bit of plasticized cardboard.

I know of at least one person (yours truly) who discovered a very fun place to go if you enjoy dancing to great music and having an all around good time. It is a place where you can dance with someone as old as your mom or dad and yet not care because of the great atmosphere. No, it is not the basement of your parent's house where you play DJ, it is the Blue Moon Saloon. Not a cut on any of the other fine establishments in the city of Lexington that cater to the same kind of crowd, I was just out of the loop in not even knowing that it existed. By its name alone, I always pictured a dark and dingy bar with waffling cigarette smoke and a free whiskey shot if you had a bad day. (By the way, I was not solicited to make these comments of praise for a local establishment, just honest opinion.)

**-Ron Norton**  
 Rail\_editor@hotmail.com  
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### THE '411'

Tomorrow's weather



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## ATHLETICS

# Bassett admits to violations

**Confession of a coach: UK and NCAA investigations take a new twist after former recruiting coordinator admits guilt**

By Travis Hubbard  
 ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Members of the UK football staff have committed NCAA rule violations and students are not pleased with the potential penalties that could result from UK and NCAA investigations.

Former UK recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett admitted Friday to two violations — one consisting of \$1,400 in blank

money orders that he sent to Memphis (Tenn.) Melrose High School coach Tim Thompson, and the other involving a \$500 check that Bassett endorsed that was mailed to the University by Vernon Cooper, a retired banker from Hazard, to help with a summer football camp.

Bassett had denied ordering the money orders to be sent to Thompson for weeks, but after being questioned during UK's internal investigation, Bassett ad-

mitted wrongdoing to a group of reporters Friday night.

Bassett said he did in fact send the blank money orders to Thompson. He also admitted to cashing Cooper's check that was intended to help sponsor a football camp. Bassett said he never made personal use of the money, and that he reimbursed the \$500 to UK.

Thompson had reportedly been considered for one of the four vacant coaching positions on UK coach Hal Mumme's staff. Mumme has since ruled out hiring any coaches or recruiting any players from Melrose.

Current UK defensive tackle

DeWayne Robertson attended the Tennessee high school.

Upon return many students are still uninformed of the allegations and violations.

"Everyone who is found to be guilty should be punished, if not terminated," electrical engineering senior William Fawbush said. Fawbush also said he was not surprised by the reported violations.

"In college sports today it seems cheating goes on at a lot of places."

UK Athletic Director Larry Ivy released a statement on Dec. 28 stating that

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## WEATHER

# Fighting snow and ice

**Prepared: Grounds workers keep campus accessible in bad weather**

By Patrick Avery  
 ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

When it snows, some UK students wait anxiously in their dorm rooms watching local television stations to see if classes are canceled.

Unfortunately, UK almost never closes, according to Jack Applegate, the director of fiscal affairs of the UK Physical Plant Department.

"The general stance is that you don't close the University because of the medical center," Applegate said, "and because lots of students live on campus."

Applegate said the decision to close UK comes from President Charles Wethington and Joe Burch, vice president of University Relations.

"However they do get advice from the UK Police and me," Applegate said.

With the help of Applegate and the PPD, UK students need not worry about classes being canceled.

PPD uses a three-phase process to handle the winter weather. The entire PPD works to clean up heavy snows, but in cases of light accumulation the grounds department handles it alone. If one to two inches blanket the ground, then custodial services help the grounds crew.

Applegate said the PPD uses other University departments, such as custodial services, to help with the preparation around their buildings when it snows.

George Riddle, superintendent of the UK Grounds Department, said his crew tries to keep an eye on the snow.

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FILE PHOTO

### A white school day

UK was forced to cancel classes in 1998, when a winter storm produced several inches of snow on campus. UK PPD workers recalled having to use their manpower to make campus accessible for students and faculty.

**"We do our best to keep the University open."**

- GEORGE RIDDLE, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE UK GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

## BRIEFS

# What happened on campus while you were gone

**The wrap up: UK Police arrest three in robbery cases, UK Hospital tries new radiation treatment**

### Robbery arrests made

Arrests have been made in three of the eight robberies on or near campus last semester, UK police said.

Police arrested two men on Nov. 15 for the Nov. 9 robberies at the corner of Woodland Ave. and Hilltop Ave. and in the yellow lot of Commonwealth Stadium. Another man was arrested for the robbery behind William

T. Young Library. None were arrested. The three men arrested may be responsible for the five other robberies, police believe.

Det. Greg Hall said it does not appear the robbers targeted students in particular. "They were just looking for someone to rob," he said.

### Limited supply of flu shots

Because of a nationwide flu

vaccine shortage, UK will only have a limited supply of flu shots for students.

Students with a UK ID will be able to get the vaccine at 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 16 at University Health Services. Those allergic to eggs, feathers or chicken or have a fever cannot get the vaccine.

### Health Services hours

University Health Services will extend its hours for the Spring semester. They will be open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturdays for primary

care, gynecology and mental health services.

### New radiation system

UK Hospital used a new radiation system for the first time Jan. 3 that could help prevent arteries from reclogging after angioplasty and ultimately prevent many heart bypass surgeries.

A team of specialists at the Linda and Jack Gill Heart Institute performed vascular brachytherapy, which uses Beta radiation to keep arteries from re-narrowing after they

have been opened through angioplasty.

Judy Wasson, 50, a resident of Bourbon County was the first UK patient to undergo the procedure.

The radiation limits the accumulation of fast-growing scar tissue and keeps blood flowing through the artery until the healing process is complete at four to six months.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the Beta-Cath System in November 2000. UK is the first center in Kentucky to make the procedure available.

## THE SEARCH

# UK presidential candidates to meet students

**Narrowing the list: Names of candidates kept private until they come to Lexington**

By Tracy Kershaw  
 NEWS EDITOR

Students will have an opportunity to meet the candidates for the next UK president. Candidates' names and details of the visits will not be made public until they accept the offer to visit UK's campus.

JoEtta Wickliffe, committee chairwoman, said the committee chose several candidates to invite for campus visits during a meeting in Cincinnati on Saturday. The committee met for nearly 13 hours with possible candidates at the Westin Hotel in downtown Cincinnati.

The candidates, who all have academic and research backgrounds, will also meet with faculty, staff, alumni and trustees.

The student meeting will most likely be at the Singletary Center for the Arts, said Winnie Humphrey, administrative assistant for the search committee.

Local media have not hesitated to speculate who might be the successor to Charles Wethington, who will retire when his contract expires in June.

Three men, including two with Kentucky ties, have surfaced as possible candidates.

John Whitmore, provost of the University of Iowa, was recognized by reporters as he left the hotel Saturday. He declined to say whether he was interviewed by the committee.

Other candidates are believed to be Lee T. Todd, a UK alumnus and former UK engineering professor known for founding two high-technology firms, and Gregory L. Geoffroy, provost at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Geoffroy received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Louisville in 1968. A nationally known researcher, Geoffroy served as dean of the Eberly College of Science at Penn State before coming to Maryland.

Todd, who is a native of Earlington, Ky., is the CEO and founder of DataBeam, a company that specializes in software that allows users in different locations to work on the same document or drawing. While a UK professor, Todd won the Alumni Association Great Teacher Award.

The media speculation could hurt the search, according to Wickliffe. She issued a statement asking the media not to print names of any possible candidates until the committee releases them.

Wickliffe said a decision would not be made at the Jan. 23 Board of Trustees meeting. The board may call a special meeting to decide, she said.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Environmentalists oppose Bush choice

WASHINGTON — Gale Norton, President-elect Bush's choice to head the Interior Department, once suggested that government recognize property owners' "right to pollute" and that they be compensated for losses when forced to protect the environment. Norton's staunch support of property rights and ties to industry has prompted opposition from environmentalists, who argue she is ill-suited to head the agency charged with stewardship of 500 million acres of federal land, rescuing endangered species and managing the nation's parks.

## Kentucky newsmen dies of cancer

John E. Lindgren, 55, news anchor for WTVP-TV, died Saturday morning in his home after a 20-month battle with cancer.

In April 1999, after covering the news in central Kentucky for two decades, Lindgren shared the news that he was battling cancer. Despite the effects of chemotherapy, and complications from the disease, Lindgren maintained an active schedule as a local news anchor and public figure. He continued to perform his duties as main anchor for Newschannel 36 and shared stories of his diagnosis and treatment on the air.

Lindgren was a devout Christian and member of Porter Memorial Baptist Church. He was also the chairman of Celebrate Jesus 2000, a missionary campaign to spread the word of God throughout Central Kentucky.

Lindgren is survived by his wife Suzanne and their three children — John, Kirsten and Natalie. He is also survived by his mother and sister, both from Nebraska.

## Court rules in favor of KSU students

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State University violated the free-speech rights of its students by suppressing a yearbook it deemed objectionable, a federal appeals court ruled last Friday.

KSU students at the time, yearbook editor Capri Colfer and Charles Kincaid, who sued university officials over confiscation of the 1994 edition of "The Thorobred" presented sufficient evidence that their First Amendment rights were violated, the court said.

The yearbook covered the 1992-93 and 1993-94 school years.

KSU officials, including then-President Mary Smith and Betty Gibson, who was vice president for student affairs, forbade the yearbook to be distributed. They said it was of poor quality, and much of its content had to do with state and national events, not the university.

## Strip clubs regulated

There may be just a month left in a four-year free-for-all at Lexington strip clubs.

If a court ruling handed down Monday has not been appealed by then, club owners and en-



**IT WASN'T ME:** Lara Flynn Boyle embraces her bad girl image but says she had nothing to do with the breakup of Harrison Ford's 17-year marriage to screenwriter Melissa Mathison. Tabloids linked Boyle, co-star of ABC's legal drama "The Practice," with Ford after photographers took pictures of the two chatting at a party late last year.



**WALKIN' AWAY:** Chuck Norris plans to walk away from "Walker, Texas Ranger" after eight seasons of the CBS action series. The TV show, which stars Norris as a tough Texas lawman, will officially end its run in May with a two-hour finale.

tertainers will need G-strings, pasties and the city's seal of approval to keep operating. That's all part of an ordinance passed by the Urban County Council in 1997.

If no one appeals the latest ruling, Lexington strip clubs must comply with these rules:

Stages must be at least 18 inches high.

Entertainers must wear at least a G-string and pasties.

Nobody in a strip club can engage in or simulate sexual acts.

Dancers must stay at least 6 feet away from patrons.

Strip clubs can be open only between 3 p.m. and 1 a.m.

All owners and entertainers must be licensed through the city by providing detailed information about their work and proving that they don't have serious criminal convictions.

## Protesters fight police in Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand — Hundreds of people fought police in protests over the results of Thailand's elections, but officials blamed Tuesday's unrest partly on disgruntled bettors who had lost wagers on the vote. Police sent reinforcements to 10 provinces, mostly in the south, where demonstrators blocked roads and laid siege to offices where votes were counted, said national police chief Pornsak Duroongkapiul. "They burned police cars and other property and injured several officers," Pornsak told Ruam Duay Chuay Kan radio. Saturday's elections saw the apparent ouster of Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai's Democrat Party by the Thai Rak Thai (Thai Love Thai) party led by media tycoon Thaksin Shinawatra.

## Explosion injures 30 customers

SRINAGAR, India — An explosion at the gate of the main telephone exchange in Kashmir wounded at least 30 people waiting to pay their bills on Tuesday, police said. Five critically wounded people were hospitalized in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, said Ashok Bhan, inspector-general of police. The explosive device, hidden in a handcart, went off against the wall of the building as nearly 800 people crowded outside the main gate to pay their telephone bills, Bhan said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

# BASSETT

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rule violations had been found in the University's investigation, but would not reveal specifics until the NCAA's investigation had been completed. Ivy will turn all of UK's findings over to the NCAA.

Ivy's investigation began Nov. 30 when he was informed that possible rule violations might have been committed on an unofficial visit by Thompson and several Melrose players to UK.

UK is expected to propose self-induced penalties that could include loss of scholarships and official recruiting visits. Mumme may be faced with losing scholarships as well.

Mumme may face more than the loss of star recruits. Mumme's contract has a clause that permits the University to terminate his contract if Mumme commits "major" rule violations or if they occurred under his supervision by an assistant. Ivy has supported Mumme throughout

the investigation.

The firings in November and the investigations have already resulted in two of the Cats' top recruits revoking their oral commitments to UK.

Louisville Male wide receiver Montrell Jones changed his mind after Bassett was fired and did not include UK on his new list last week.

Linebacker Joe Dipre of Erie, Pa., backed out of his commitment on Jan. 3. Dipre and Jones were highly touted and formed one of the top-20 recruiting classes in the nation.

"It's kind of funny, or at least ironic that Kentucky had jumped into the ranks with Florida State, Florida, Penn State and Ohio State in recruiting," said Eric Thornsburg, a fifth year education senior.

"If we go by the standards set by Eddie Sutton we would fire (Mumme), but I don't know if that is in the best interest of the school."

Thornsburg said indicating little promise of finding a replacement.

"If Mumme knew about the violations he would have to go, but otherwise maybe he should just get a slap on the wrist."

# WINTER

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weather. If they see snow accumulating, he starts to call their employees.

"Sometimes we go to bed and then we'll get a call in the middle of the night with someone saying 'look outside,'" Riddle said. "We do our best to keep the University open."

The PPD uses many supplies during snow removal, which they get from different resources.

"We get our salt from the city because there is no place to put salt here on campus," Applegate said.

In addition to large amounts of salt, they need transportation to get the salt on

the streets.

"We use tractors, four-wheel drives that we put a blade on the front, dump trucks and snow blowers," he said.

One problem the PPD faces when it snows is people falling because of the snow and ice.

"There is always someone falling regardless of the weather conditions," he said.

"Reports go through the Board of Claims and it is investigated."

While some decide to sue, it doesn't happen often, Applegate said.

Applegate insists, for the most part, things have gone well.

"This year has been unusual with the duration of the weather," he said. "Our workers are tired from working over time but for the most part it has gone smoothly."

"I haven't been in a relationship for like five years now...It was so hard the last time...It was just like 'Aggh! God, forget all that, man, let's just be friends.'" — Keanu Reeves, 36, admitting that he's "hooking" to Vanity Fair.



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POLITICS

# Chavez will withdraw as labor nominee

**Under fire: Bush's choice for secretary of labor takes heat for housing an illegal immigrant in the early 1990s, withdraws**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Prodded by President-elect Bush's political team, Labor Secretary-designee Linda Chavez made plans Tuesday to withdraw as a nominee for Labor secretary, three Republican officials said. The officials, speaking on

condition of anonymity, said Chavez intended to say she had become a distraction to Bush because of questions about an illegal immigrant who stayed in her house in the early 1990s.

Meeting behind closed doors and refusing to discuss her situation, officials urged the conservative commentator

to withdraw.

One of the sources said there would be no discussion at the news conference of a possible replacement for Chavez.

Chavez was withdrawing because of the illegal alien controversy just one week after Bush nominated her to be secretary of labor. Since the issue arose on Sunday, Bush had said publicly that he hadn't changed his mind and believed she would be "a fine secretary of labor."

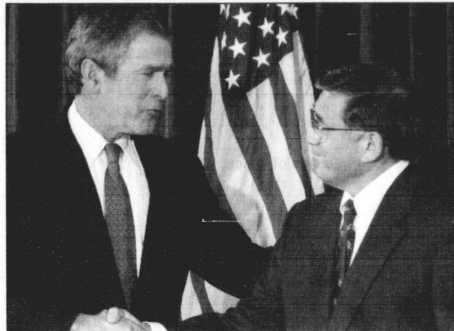
But by Tuesday, the president-elect got word to his nominee that she should step aside. It was a quick step to cut political losses.

With his nominees to be attorney general, John Ashcroft, and for secretary of the interior, Gale Norton, drawing interest group and Democratic opposition over their views, a Chavez uproar over her past conduct would have been a significant distraction.

Chavez, 53, has been a foe of affirmative action programs, an opponent of minimum wage increases, and a fiery conservative commentator — whose targets included Zoe Baird in 1993, when she withdrew as President Clinton's nominee to be attorney general because she had illegal aliens as household help and did not pay social security taxes on their wages. Chavez said at the time that the illegal alien aspect of that case was more troubling than the tax issue.

Chavez apparently had not disclosed her arrangement with the alien from Guatemala, saying she gave the woman refuge and money at times, but had not employed her as a household worker.

Chavez headed the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights during the Reagan administration.



President-elect George W. Bush, left, shakes hands with Secretary of Commerce Norman Y. Mineta during a news conference to name three more Cabinet members Tuesday, in Austin, Texas. Bush named Mineta as secretary of transportation.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Meet the Cabinet

On Tuesday, President-elect Bush completed his 14 cabinet positions, including one Democrat. Here's a look at the new Cabinet.

**Attorney General**



**John Ashcroft**  
Senator and former governor of Missouri

**Transportation**



**Norman Mineta**  
Democrat, commerce secretary under President Clinton

**Interior**



**Gale Norton**  
Former attorney general of Colorado

**Treasury**



**Paul O'Neill**  
Chairman of aluminum maker Alcoa

**Energy**



**Spencer Abraham**  
Senator from Michigan

**Agriculture**



**Ann Veneman**  
Former California agriculture director

**State**



**Retired Gen. Colin Powell**  
Former joint chiefs of staff chairman

**Labor**



**Linda Chavez**  
Former director of the civil rights commission

**Housing**



**Mel Martinez**  
Chief executive of Orange County, Fla.

**Commerce**



**Don Evans**  
Bush campaign chairman

**Defense**



**Donald Rumsfeld**  
Former defense secretary

**Health, Human Services**



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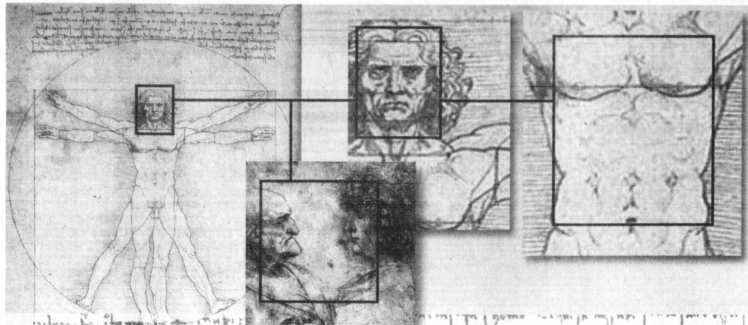
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BALANCING

# Mind, body and spirit

For your own good: Taking care of yourself now can save you stress later in the semester



## It all starts with the mind

**Staying balanced:** Student Mental Health Clinic offers counsel for students who feel the pressures of school

By Ashley York  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students often have trouble balancing everything from their checkbooks to class schedules and social lives.

Dealing with these imbalances can lead to added stress and anxiety throughout the semester. Timothy Nolan, the director of the UK Student Mental Health Clinic, helps students stay balanced, but he doesn't put the emphasis on their checkbooks.

Instead, he stresses the importance of creating a balance of the mind, body and spirit.

One reason Nolan says students have problems staying in good mental and physical health throughout the semester is because many fail to exercise their bodies adequately.

"Exercise is number one on the list," he said about the problems many students experience. "Not exercising creates problems for anxiety, depression and stress."

Nolan realizes the detriments of ignoring exercise. He laughed while mentioning

some of the cases he has seen.

"Ninety-five percent of students would say they get exercise from walking across campus," he laughed while explaining that simply walking across campus does not suffice the exercise needed to create a healthy mindset. He said pulse rates must go up in order to be effective.

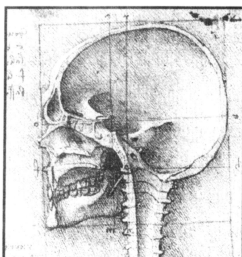
Another factor that can contribute to the imbalance of the mind, body and spirit of students is lack of sleep. Nolan said many students worsen their condition by ignoring sleep, what he claims to be one of the most important bodily functions.

"Many students have had sleep habits and are even sleep deprived," he said.

Lack of sleep when stress occurs, he said, magnifies the effects on the body.

Naturally, he recommends students try to regulate their sleep. Even though this entails what he calls boring patterns, he said going to bed at the same time, as well as getting up at the same time will create a balance.

Nolan attributes these inconsistencies in many students' lives to the lifestyle col-



lege forces them to endure — no sleep or exercise, unhealthy eating patterns and drug and alcohol use for some.

Though unhealthy, he said it's inevitable.

"The freedom and lifestyle of college allows these behaviors to happen," he said.

Whatever problems one endures, Nolan encourages his patients to talk about their problems with their family, friends, himself or an adviser.

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- Friday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-8:30pm
- Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-4:30pm
- Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30am-4:30pm
- Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-4:30pm

Upon successful completion of all training sessions volunteers will:

- answer the 24-hour crisis line
- provide support and information for victims and their loved ones
- meet immediate victims at local emergency rooms and police stations
- staff information tables at local health fairs

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## Taking care of the body

**Staying fit:** Risky college habits like smoking and drinking could lead to future health problems for young students

By Tracy Kershaw  
NEWS EDITOR

It's not an unusual conversation topic: What will you be doing in 20 years? Working, married, or with children aren't unusual answers, either.

But what about fighting cancer, obesity or addiction?

For many college students, their risky lifestyle habits paint a bleak picture for the future.

"People do not tend to change until something has affected them or someone else," said Jill Kindy, the health education coordinator at University Health Services.

Talking about the risks of smoking, alcohol and unsafe sex is akin to reciting the lyrics to "Ice, Ice Baby" — everybody knows them.

So we'll spare you the lecture.

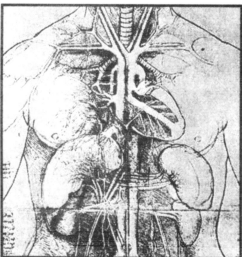
But if you are using the New Year as a kick-off to a healthier life, here are a few tips:

- Alcohol and smoking. Both are seri-

ous long-term health risks. University Health Services offers free substance abuse counseling. Just call 323-5511 for an appointment.

• Sexually transmitted diseases. According to Dr. H. Spencer Turner, director of University Health Services, HIV is just a very small concern for the clinic. The biggest risk is Human papillomavirus, which can cause cancer of the cervix in women. HPV is the cause of nearly all of the abnormal pap smears the clinic sees, Turner said. Around 20 percent of pap smears come back abnormal, he said. Because of the risk of cervical cancer, a pap smear is a must for checking out your physical health.

• Lack of exercise. "We do not see students getting out and exercising like they should," Turner said. Sitting on your rump now could lead to obesity, and many related health problems, later. Get active now, Kindy said. "It is easier to take baby steps," she said. It is good to have a plan and someone to work out with, she said. Take the stairs instead of the elevator.



• Disordered eating. Many people, especially girls hoping to squeeze into last year's bikini by spring break, have disordered eating, Kindy said.

Disordered eating is not the extreme case of an eating disorder, but includes skipping meals and eating too little or too much in general.

University Health Services offers free guidance from nutritionists. Call 323-APPT for an appointment.

## Stay in touch with your spirit

**Staying grounded:** Experts suggest practicing yoga or meditation for staying in tune with your spirit

By Ben Adkins  
STAFF WRITER

Spirituality is an integral part of most everyone's life, and with a new year upon us many will look to make a fresh start.

According to David Sharrard, professor of pastoral care and counseling at the Lexington Theological Seminary, there are many paths to spiritual renewal, two of the most important being meditation and self-awareness.

"One should give oneself the gift of 15 or 20 minutes a day and begin listening to themselves and listen to what comes to mind," he said.

Sharrard also said people should take their thoughts and ideas seriously, and dream analysis can be a helpful method to

use that people can practice on their own.

"Often times there is a deeper part of oneself trying to tell us our needs and wants," he said.

Sharrard said after people begin to discover their own needs and wants, they might begin to put them in context with their own lives or in terms of a relationship with God.

He added that having a spiritual guide can be a cathartic form of release, and that this spiritual guide can be someone such as a spouse or a good friend to talk to.

Karen Thompson, a yoga instructor at the Yoga Health and Therapy Center and manager of the American Meditation Society, said meditation helps us become more spiritual and aware of our surroundings.

"Meditation is about learning to focus

on getting in touch with a part of us that is already whole and peaceful," she said.

Thompson also said meditation is applicable to relationships and other parts of our lives.

Thompson said Hatha Yoga, which is the most practiced form in the United States, is a form of moving meditation.

"Yoga involves learning how to let go of tension by coordinating movement and breathing," she said.

Thompson also said yoga and meditation are good stress relievers.

"It helps us notice when we are creating stress for ourselves through our reactions and gives us ways of going beyond those kind of reactions," she said.

Sharrard said making changes to better our lives doesn't always include eliminating things.

"People sometimes think improvement is taking something out, but it may be better to expand rather than narrow down."

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# More aid available for early applicants

**The early bird gets the money: Meeting the financial aid deadline has many benefits**

By Paul Haker  
STAFF WRITER

Students in need of financial aid may be able to receive more money if they submit their forms early.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, forms are not due until April 1 for returning students, but students serious about receiving aid should fill out and submit them as soon as possible to avoid the rush.

Consideration for financial aid is based on a first come, first serve basis.

Toni Pemberton, a financial aid counselor at UK, said

filling out FAFSA forms early can benefit a student in how much and what kind of aid a student will receive.

"While the forms are not due until April, students should submit them as soon as possible to be considered for all types of aid," Pemberton said.

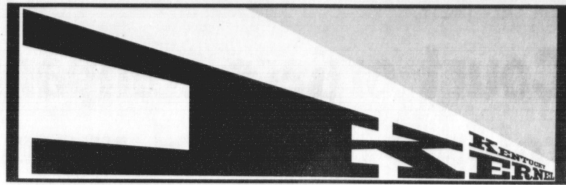
If two students with the exact same criteria submitted their form before April 1 but at different times, they would both be considered for the same amount of aid. However, if one of the students turned in their FAFSA after April 1, that student would not receive as much money or none at all if he or she were

eligible. Types of financial aid available for undergraduate students include grants and loans. The FAFSA is the only form needed to apply for these. There are also scholarships available.

The amount of money a student is eligible for is based on their income from 2000.

**Don't forget**

FAFSA forms can be found online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or in the financial aid office at 127 Funkhouser Building. For more information, call the office at 257-3772. Be sure to send the FAFSA to the address listed on the form and not to UK. FAFSA forms are due by April 1.



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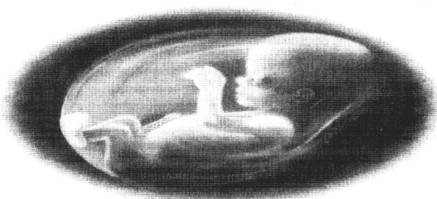
Have a terrific Spring 2001 semester!



An Elizabethtown, Ky., firefighter emerges from a burning structure after controlling the main body of fire in the house late Sunday. The house was heavily damaged by the fire, but no injuries were reported and no one was at home when the fire started. The cause is under investigation.

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# Court orders companies to release internal memos



Donna Bailey lies in her bed Thursday, at the TIRR Lifebridge hospital in Houston. A settlement involving both money and public disclosure of information was reached Jan. 8 in Bailey's lawsuit that would have been the first to go to trial against Ford Motor Co. and Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. since millions of tires were recalled. Financial terms were not disclosed but Bailey had been seeking \$100 million.

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**Public safety: Woman wants case to be seen as more than a monetary award, wants to help protect consumers, lawyer says**

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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A woman paralyzed in a rollover crash of a Ford Explorer with Firestone tires reached a settlement Monday under which Ford Motor Co. and Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. agreed to make public thousands of pages of internal memos and reports.

"We're talking about an incredible, locked-up vault of information," said Mikal Watts, a lawyer for 43-year-old Donna Bailey.

Bailey, a former rock climber and weightlifter, was paralyzed from the neck down last March when the treads peeled off a Firestone, causing her friend's Explorer to roll over.

The tire involved was not

among those specified in last year's massive recall. Bailey sued the companies for more than \$100 million.

Under the settlement, Bailey received an undisclosed sum of money — "enough to take care of her for the rest of her life," Watts said.

Ford representatives also visited Bailey in her hospital room Sunday night and delivered the apology she had sought.

"The gist of the whole thing was that they were truly sorry, what happened to me," she told "CBS Evening News."

As part of the settlement, the companies also promised to analyze the failings of 300 tires, many of which were not among the 6.5 million recalled in August, Watts said.

Ford has blamed Firestone tires for at least 200 fatal crashes leading up to the recall. Bridgestone-Firestone, in turn, has blamed the Explorer's design.

Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowiak said in a statement that the company was pleased to settle because "protracted litigation would serve no useful purpose."

Bailey's lawyers believe they have documents that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration never requested from the companies.

The lawyers said the new analysis and release of documents could spur the recall of additional Bridgestone/Firestone tires, and could prove that defects were more widespread.

Bailey insisted public disclosure be included in the settlement agreement, her lawyers said.

"She does not want her case to stand merely for someone who wanted a monetary award," Watts said. "She wanted to advance public safety and protect lives."

Bailey lies paralyzed in a rehabilitation center in Houston.

She has undergone 10 months of rehabilitation and spends her days staring at soap operas, drawing oxygen through a ventilator.

Before the accident, Bailey, who has an 18-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son, was studying at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi to be a gym teacher.

"We are pleased to have resolved this case with Donna Bailey," Ford spokeswoman Susan Krusel said. "We extend our sympathies to her and her family."

OLYMPICS

# No public funding for Cincy games

**Other sources: Members of Cincinnati Olympic organization say they will rely on private funding for the 2012 games**

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CINCINNATI — A group trying to bring the Olympic Games to the city has dropped its request for \$1.5 million in taxpayer support, after city and county officials indicated the money would not be available.

Leaders of Cincinnati 2012 Inc. sent a letter Monday to the City Council and Hamilton County commissioners stating that the organization will rely on private funding for now.

"Just as it is clear that we have presented a solid and exciting plan that has and will continue to advance our community, we realize that other, more pressing priorities make it difficult for you to consider providing financial support for our bid

process," the letter said.

The organization's leaders wrote that they hope the city and county can consider financial support later on for efforts to become the host city in 2012.

A lack of public funding cause concern for the U.S. Olympic Committee, which will select the candidate city. The USOC requires assurances that local government support a city's bid.

Last week, newly elected county Commissioner Todd Portune urged the county to stop negotiations with the group. With Portune's election Nov. 7, two of the three county commissioners now oppose Olympic funding.

The City Council's finance committee expected to discuss the issue Tuesday. But seven of the council's nine members had al-

ready expressed opposition, or at least doubts, about the expense.

"This is a fine idea if funded strictly by private dollars," Councilman Phil Heinrich said. "If they can recruit private sponsors, more power to them."

Heinrich said if Cincinnati were selected as a U.S. candidate, the group's leaders have said it could cost an additional \$10 million to \$15 million to compete in the international selection process.

Nick Vehr, Cincinnati 2012 Inc.'s president, has said he doesn't know how much it would cost taxpayers for Cincinnati to be host for the Games. He believes there would be a net economic gain from tourism and new jobs.

In December, Cincinnati 2012 sent its 1,200-page bid to the U.S. Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs, Colo. The USOC is to pick a U.S. candidate city by 2002 to present to the International Olympic Committee, which will select the host city by 2005.

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ENTERTAINMENT

# Country team Hill, McGraw dominate music awards



**Starry night:** Husband-and-wife team Tim McGraw and Faith Hill won a combined four American Music Awards Monday night

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LOS ANGELES — In an ocean of teenyboppers, this year's American Music Awards were dominated by a pair of adults.

The country husband-and-wife team of Faith Hill and Tim McGraw won four awards Monday night, with Hill earning bragging rights at home with three of their four trophies.

The rock band Creed and soul singer Toni Braxton each won two awards, the Backstreet Boys scored in their ongoing rivalry with 'N Sync, and fashion-conscious musicians competed to show the most skin.

Hill's album, "Breathe," was chosen best country album Monday in the awards show decided by a vote of fans and telecast on ABC. She also won favorite female pop and country artist. McGraw was named favorite male country artist.

Hill recalled that McGraw was the winner in 1995 when both were nominated

for favorite country newcomers.

"This is payback," she said.

Creed was chosen favorite alternative music artist and their multi-platinum album, "Human Clay," beat teen favorites 'N Sync and Britney Spears in the best pop album category.

But the Backstreet Boys beat 'N Sync and Creed for favorite pop group. 'N Sync, however, won a trophy voted on by fans in an Internet poll.

Creed lead singer Scott Stapp marveled at his band's success, particularly with the song "Arms Wide Open," written about his experience with fatherhood. "It's an amazing thing for this band and taken us to a level we never thought we'd achieve," he said.

Braxton won her third American Music Award for favorite soul album, after winning in 1995 and 1997, and favorite female rhythm 'n' blues artist. She said it eased the pain after sprain-

ing her knee twice in rehearsal.

"Two awards for two sprains," she said backstage. "I'm really happy."

The final navel-baring count stood at nine. In the show's first seven minutes, Jennifer Lopez performed in a midriff-exposing outfit and host Britney Spears stripped off a pink gown in favor of a skimpy two-piece. The busy Spears, co-host with LL Cool J, revealed eight separate outfits.

Shock rocker Marilyn Manson had the night's only visible corset.

Unlike the Grammys, which are voted on by Recording Academy members, music fans determine the American Music Awards, making them a popularity contest. A polling group sent out 20,000 ballots to record buyers.

Destiny's Child won favorite rhythm 'n' blues group and the Dixie Chicks won the award in country. Country singer Billy Gilman won best new

**It's your love**

Country music sensations Faith Hill and Tim McGraw made an impression at the American Music Awards. Hill's album, "Breathe," was chosen best country album. She also won favorite female pop and country artist. McGraw was named favorite male country artist.

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country artist before reaching puberty.

The rock band 3 Doors Down, who made the hit song "Kryptonite," was named favorite new pop artist, and Donnell Jones won in the soul newcomer category.

Kid Rock won as favorite male pop artist and Celine Dion as favorite adult contemporary artist. Dr. Dre beat out his protege, Eminem, for favorite rap artist.

"I love the fact that I won," Dr. Dre said backstage.

"It means somebody's paying attention to my hard work, and that's exactly what it is, a lot of hard work."

Brian McKnight beat D'Angelo and Sisqo as favorite male soul artist.

Janet Jackson was singled out for the special Award of Merit given each year for "outstanding contributions to the musical entertainment of the American public."

She promised fans a new album and tour later this year.

Aerosmith also received a special International Artist Award.

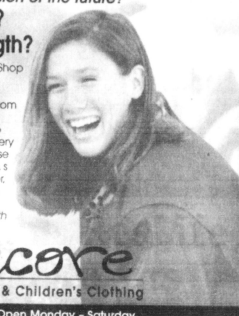
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Cats can fly...

## Flying cat lost and found again

**MANCHESTER, Maine** — An animal-loving couple on a Christmas Day drive had intended on taking their pets with them to Naples, Fla. One cat had other plans. Just before Linda and Bob Ray reached their destination, their 13-year-old cat Ollie stepped on a rear window control and bounded out of the family's sport utility vehicle, traveling 50 mph. "Ollie just flew out the window and landed in the center of a three-lane highway," Linda Ray said. The cat darted from heavy traffic into the wild grass lining Interstate 75. After a failed three-hour search, the Rays reluctantly resumed their journey with dog Bentley and cat Tabby. From Naples, Linda Ray called newspapers, veterinarians and animal shelters where Ollie had gone astray. The Rays also twice returned to the spot where they'd lost Ollie.

At last, news came from a good Samaritan. Gloria Lester had rescued Ollie, who had been banished to a back bedroom after knocking a bird cage to get at two finches. The Rays rushed back, collected their cat and thanked Lester with \$200. "I think she was happy to get the \$200, but I think she was even more happy to see the tail end of Ollie," Linda Ray said.

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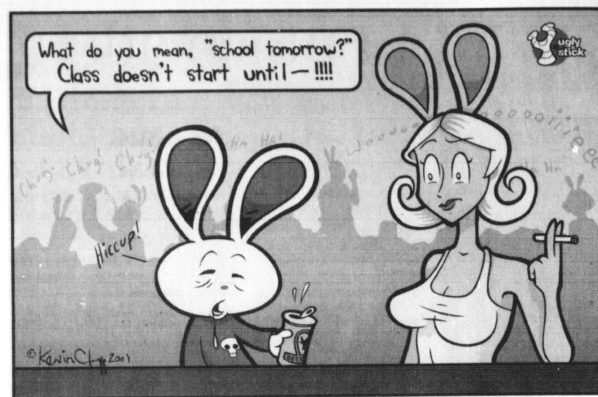
## Diabetes benefit ends in pig kissing

**GLEENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo.** — There will be no more kissing of pigs here. But smooching of swines? Maybe. Puckering up with porkers? It's possible. YouthZone, an organization for kids, must rename its annual Kiss a Pig fund-raiser after learning that the American Diabetes Association has official dibs on the title.

The kids' pig-smooching contest has had Roaring Fork Valley dignitaries vying for a chance to go cheek to cheek with an oinker for 10 years. But it's the event's recent popularity that started the trouble.

YouthZone officials were so proud of \$12,000 raised in July that they entered their contest in a national fund-raising competition and won. The prize was \$100 and an article in a national fund-raising publication. Eventually, a letter came from the diabetes association, based in Alexandria, Va. Franz said his group holds pig-kissing contests throughout the South and Midwest under the edemerketed name. The largest, a gala in Savannah, Ga., raised \$300,000 last year. Plus, pigs hold special meaning among diabetics since they yielded the first insulin, Franz said.

—Source: AP Wire  
—Compiled by:  
Amanda Thompson



### IN OUR OPINION

# Bring it on: The Kernel wants you

*We are currently looking for writers, cartoonists and anyone else interested in student media*

Well it's all over. The presents have been opened, the toasts have all been made, the champagne is all gone and the egg nog went sour a week ago. Time to face reality. Winter break is over and fellow students, we have to go back to classes.

However, the Kernel will be there for you five days a week as usual, giving you something interesting to pay attention to in class and with luck, even a crossword puzzle to help pass the time.

As much as this paper needs readers to enjoy it, we also need people to help create the words that are on its pages every day. The Kentucky Kernel dialogue page is in need of a few more good writers and illustrators for Spring Semester 2001 and beyond. We love getting new talent down here. If you like what you see and want to be a part of it, join us. If you don't like what you see and feel that you can add a different or exciting element to this page, we're interested in talking with you too.

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**Meg Marquis**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

# Watch the fanny: Avoiding restroom disasters

Over the Christmas break, I went to several movies and out to eat quite a lot; these occasions allowed me to visit a number of public restrooms, and let me tell you, it was not pretty.

A word of warning: this column is full of potty humor (literally), so if you have a weak stomach or are psychosocially afraid of germs and such, you might want to stop here.

My mother has a needle pointed saying hanging in our bathroom at home that reads: "If you sprinkle when you tinkle, please be neat and wipe the seat." These are invaluable words of bathroom wisdom that I believe should be needle pointed and hanging in every bathroom in the world... Nobody wants to sit in your mess any more than you want to sit in theirs."

I know that the ladies out there realize the problem of tackling the public toilet — the issue becomes one of papering or squatting. Papering, though somewhat sanitary, is difficult to master. As a general rule, as soon as you have the toilet seat properly papered and are prepar-

ing to sit down, the vacuum your posterior is creating with the toilet bowl creates a rush of air, and the paper inevitably slides off the seat. On the other hand, squatting requires high muscles from hell and an impeccable sense of balance.

Either way, you are likely to find yourself sitting directly on the seat. And for some reason, the seat is always wet. I can't determine if it is simply splashback or worse, but I don't want my clean hairy touching it. This brings me to my earlier statement: please, please, please if you happen to make a mess in the bathroom, clean it up!

Nobody wants to sit in your mess any more than you want to sit in theirs. Contrary to this problem, women are generally very clean. We wash our hands after doing our business and don't leave toilet paper or paper towels lying on the floor. Men, however, are another story. I do have some personal experience with this, as I worked at Joseph-Beth over the

**Joe Burch**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

# To serve or impeach?

I have received a number of calls from fellow graduates asking, "What is going on with Student Government?" A number of callers have a history with UK Student Government that goes back to the '50s and '60s.

They are saddened to see the recent action to impeach a popularly-elected president for what appears to be a failure to get along with some members of the Student Senate. They recall a Student Government modeled after our state and national governments and set up as an educational endeavor for students to give them practical experience in leadership and the workings of government.

There were to be three separate but equal branches of Student Government, the executive, legislative and judicial. Each would have specific duties and responsibilities.

The president would be elected by popular vote of the student body and would head the executive branch. The legislative branch would be composed of student senators elected by students in the colleges.

The judicial branch would be appointed. There would be checks and balances. For instance, the power over the treasury would reside with the Senate.

The Senate would also be given the power to impeach the president, presumably acting in the best interests of protecting the student body from serious offenses committed by the president. This was a power to be exercised only in the most serious cases.

Up until recently this power was never used. It appears that in the recent past Student Government presidents have had difficulties with the Senate. These difficulties appear to have a lot to do with a lack of cooperation between the two branches.

The Student Government Constitution provides for the removal of a president for "failure to perform assigned duties," whatever that means. The difficulties have finally reached the level of impeachment.

Could it be that these difficulties stem from a misunderstanding of the roles of the two equal branches of government? The present case seems to suggest that the Senate is treating the president like an employee, who can be fired if they do not like his attitude, personality or performance.

Where are the serious charges that would justify an

impeachment of a president twice elected by the popular vote of the student body? The charges simply do not rise to the level of impeachable offenses by any objective standard.

What interests of the student body are being protected by this action? None is apparent. There is another compelling reason to proceed carefully in removing a president of Student Government.

After all, the person in that position represents the entire student body as a member of the UK Board of Trustees.

One would hope that calmer voices will be heard and prevail. There are other alternatives available to the extent which they disapprove of the manner in which the president conducts his office.

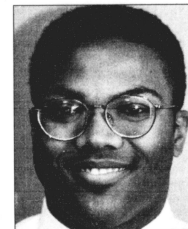


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Under fire: SGA President Jimmy Glenn faces impeachment charges.

They can reimprand, censor and more tightly control the treasury. Impeachment, however, should only be used for serious wrongdoing.

The larger issue is not the present occupant of the office of president, but whether the executive is an equal branch of government or is under the control of the Senate.

Perhaps the Senate should re-examine the issues surrounding this controversy before proceeding down a course that may permanently damage future relationships between the Senate and the Student Government president.

**Guest Columnist Joe Burch is vice president of University Relations at UK. He served as dean of students from 1974-1988, and is a 1962 alumnus from UK's College of Arts and Sciences and a 1966 alumnus from UK's College of Law. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.**

know if this is because we students are actually cleaner than the rest of the world or if our custodial staff just does a superb job — I am somewhat inclined to think it is the latter. Regardless, it is high time that we become more conscientious about our bathroom and our personal cleanliness (perhaps bathroom etiquette as well, but that is another column entirely). Women, please remember your sisters who will be following you in that public restroom stall, and wipe things down accordingly.

Gufs, if it hasn't met hot water and some antibacterial soap, don't be holding your hand out to shake. The world and the public restrooms in it can be cleaner and happier places if we all just do our part to make it happen and stop leaving it up to hard-working cleaning crews at Joseph-Beth.

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Two-a-days

## What you missed

The powers that be have given me twice the space to entertain you with today, sorry about your luck! So here is a rundown of things that may or may not have happened that you may or may not have missed since we last met, err, since the kernel was last published.

We have a new president whether you like it or not. The Democrats went to the state courts; the Republicans went with the big guns of the Supreme Court. Is this ironic? Alanis was unable to be reached for comment (meaning she wasn't in the office, and I did not try to contact her).

Kentucky basketball is doing better, but I would still love to see them demoralize somebody. These close games to Louisville and Georgia are enough for me to take stock in TUMS (which by the way is "smul" spelled backwards, just interesting observations) and just watch for the results on SportsCenter. Maybe I could tape the game and hope it is not too bad to watch later.

After being unable to restore them to their former glory, Rick Pitino stepped down as head coach of the Boston Celtics this week. Maybe he should read his book *Success is a Choice* again. Take that, Benedict Arnold.

Meanwhile, Kentucky football is in trouble with the NCAA for slipping some cash to a high school coach. You would think that if UK really cheated that we could pull off better than a 2-9 record.

The "real" millennium began and no one cared because it occurred last year or something. Little does anyone care that the date is an estimate anyway. Oh well, the year zero was left out because it was worth nothing so yadda.

Get out your pencil and paper and prepare to write your council member. Lexington officials have finally passed a law requiring that strippers remain at least six feet away from their patrons. What I want to know is how you are supposed to put your dollar bills in their g-strings now?

On a more serious note, John Lindgren passed away Saturday. No witty comments for this one. He will be sorely missed.

**-Compiled by Ron Horton and Matt Mulcahey**  
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Since the date is today, I have gotten no mail. Let's solve that problem. I know that none of you really have any homework or anything, so hop to it. Waste some time while you have some to waste and let me know what you want to see in the rail this semester.

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## CONCERTS

## 2001: A rock 'n' roll odyssey

Something for everyone: From classic country to modern rock, the concert season is upon us

By Tim Staley  
SCENE EDITOR

With any luck, you still have a few dollars left of your holiday money. Before you waste your cash on things like books and rent, check out some of the artists that will be coming this way in the next few months.

## Ratt

Jan. 14  
Bogart's, Cincinnati

## Joe Diffie

Jan. 20  
Fistar Center, Cincinnati

## Green Day

Jan. 23  
Hara Arena, Dayton, Ohio

## Kid Rock with Fuel and Buckcherry

Jan. 26  
Freedom Hall, Louisville

## Dr. John

Jan. 26  
UK

## The Kelly Richey Band

Jan. 26  
Cheapside

## Everlast

Jan. 30  
Bogart's, Cincinnati

## Thin Lizzy

Jan. 31  
Coyote's, Louisville

## Ario Guthrie

Feb. 1  
Procter & Gamble Hall, Cincinnati

## Toby Keith

Feb. 2  
Executive Inn, Owensboro

## '1964' The Tribute

Feb. 2  
Taft Theatre, Cincinnati

## Barenaked Ladies

Feb. 11  
E.J. Nutter Center, Dayton, Ohio

## Pantera with Soulfly

March 2  
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## Dirty Dozen Brass Band

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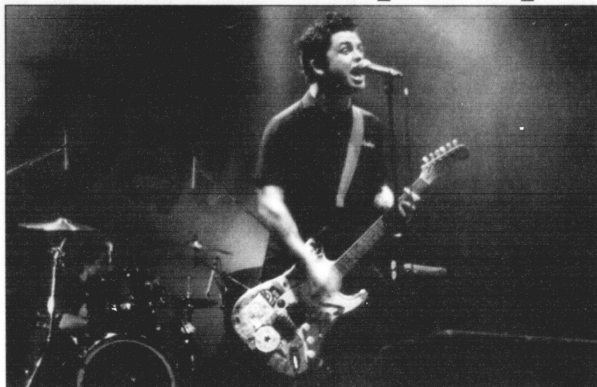


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## Beautiful day

Neo-punk-rockers Green Day is one of the many bands that will come near the Bluegrass this semester. The band is touring behind their latest release, *Warning*. The concert should be interesting, if nothing else.

## Rascal Flatts

March 10, Taft Theatre, Cincinnati

## A Perfect Circle

March 16  
Louisville Gardens

## George Jones

March 30  
Palace Theatre, Louisville

## Afro-Cuban All Stars

April 18  
UK Ballroom

## The Association

April 28  
Louisville Gardens

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## Gone country

Even though he should have been a cowboy, I'm sure Toby Keith is happy being a country superstar. Keith is one of the only big name country acts that will visit our great state this semester.



## Naked women

The immensely talented, yet lovably quirky Canadians, The Barenaked Ladies, will be on tour again this year. Unfortunately, Ohio is the closest the group will come to Lexington.



## Rock on

Kid Rock, pioneer of the rock/hip hop/white-trash genre, has lined up an all-star cast for his concert tour. The ever-popular Fuel and Buckcherry join Kid Rock for his trip to Louisville.

## KILLER INSTINCT

## Cats focus on finishing off the prey

A dangerous opponent: The South Carolina Gamecocks upset Florida this weekend and provide a challenge for UK and its late game stall ball offense

By Travis Hubbard  
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Tubby Smith knows his team must finish off South Carolina tonight when it gets the chance. "When we have a lead we need to build on it," the UK men's basketball coach said. "I think a team has to have that type of personality that they keep playing the same way no matter what the score, and I think we have the tendency to let up."

UK has held double-digit leads over its last two opponents only to allow each team to creep back into contention in the closing minutes. The Cats led Louisville 60-50 with 4:27 to play in the second half and barely escaped with a 64-62 win. Then, the Cats stalled in the last five minutes against Georgia

to win by four after leading 61-47 with 6:47 remaining.

"You can't keep letting teams get back in the game," junior guard J.P. Blevins said. "Sooner or later one of these teams is going to come back and beat you."

The Florida Gators know the truth in that statement. The Gators led the Gamecocks 63-53 at the 4:43 mark in the second half, but struggled down the stretch and lost 69-68 on a buzzer-beating three-pointer by Travis Kraft.

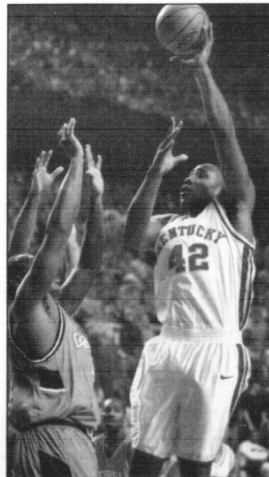
"Certainly everyone is going to focus on the last shot, but we had a chance to put the game out of reach," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "Our turnovers, our lack of free throw shooting down the stretch in the last three or four minutes cost us the game."

"We have to contain South Carolina because they are coming off a big win against a very good Florida team," Smith said.

Smith is pleased with the improvement and the turnaround his team has made during the last four games. Still, UK's coach does not anticipate blowouts by his young and inexperienced team during its conference schedule.

"My personality is one where we are never going to be a team that looks to hammer people," he said. "We just want to play the same way from start to finish."

Of course, consistency comes with experience - both of which have been lacking at times. "I want them to be more aggressive and that should equate to being able to pull away from people and finalize things."



## Fabulous freshman

UK starting freshman center Jason Parker is averaging 8.8 PPG and 5.1 BPG. Parker moved to the center position after Marvin Stone was replaced by freshman guard Gerald Fitch against Indiana Dec. 22. Since the switch the Cats have won four straight. Parker has not seen much action in the closing minutes when the Cats have struggled because of his Shaquille free throw shooting.

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"We just want to play the same way from start to finish,"

- TUBBY SMITH, UK MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH



Movie personas

## The movie star look

It's sometimes hard to recognize favorite actors in movies these days. Here are several of the looks that your favorite movie stars have had in the past.



Cameron Diaz



Tom Hanks



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## Two hotties in one picture

Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts star in *The Mexican* opening March 2. Pitt stars as a gangster who must complete one more job before he can settle down with his girlfriend (Roberts). His job is to track down a cursed weapon called *The Mexican*.

SEMESTER PREVIEW

## Framebyframe

Spring 2000: Teen flicks, remakes, horror flicks and sequels



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Benicio del Toro in *Snatch*.

## January

## Snatch.

Guy Ritchie's first film *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* introduced the American movie audience to a new kind of British film, something definitively different than the Shakespearean and Jane Austin flicks they are used to seeing. His new film that explores the gangster world of London promises to be more of the same. Starring Brad Pitt, Benicio del Toro, Dennis Farina and Vinnie Jones.

## Shadow of a Vampire.

Based on the making of the 1922 classic vampire flick *Nosferatu*, *Shadow of a Vampire* explores the relationship of F.W. Murnau, the director, and Max Schreck, the actor hired to play a vampire. It turns out that Schreck is a real vampire and begins to eat the cast. YUMMY! Starring John Malkovich, Willem Dafoe and Carey Elwes.

## Oh, Brother, Where Art Thou?

The Coen Brothers' latest film is packed full of bluegrass music and references to the movie *Sullivan's Travels* and the epic book *The Odyssey*. Should be a hillbilly of a time. Starring George Clooney, John Turturro, John Goodman and Holly Hunter.

## The Pledge.

Sean Penn moves from on the screen to behind the screen for the third time with a story of a detective on the track of a child killer. Starring Jack Nicholson, Aaron Eckhart, Benicio del Toro and Robin Wright Penn.

## Sugar and Spice.

A teenage black comedy about five cheerleaders robbing a bank because one of them is pregnant. Where do you get these premises nowadays? Did this actually happen? Starring James Marsden, Maria Sokoloff and Mena Suvari.

## Wedding Planner.

Jennifer Lopez received approximately \$9 million for this movie about a wedding planner that realizes she should concentrate on finding romance for herself rather than other people. Maybe this salary would help her pay the insurance premium



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Anthony Hopkins in *Hannibal*.

she took out on her body. Also starring Matthew McConaughey.

## February

## Hannibal.

Reasons to be excited about this picture include direction by Ridley Scott. Anthony Hopkins back as Dr. Lecter, Gary Oldman playing a stalker and Julianne Moore using a dead-on accent as Jodie Foster's character Clarice Starling. One reason to be skeptical is a screenplay that stays true to a book that was panned by critics. Also starring Ray Liotta.

## Valentine.

This teenage horror flick is about four girls that tease a nerdy boy. Ten years later he comes back for revenge. Starring David Boreanaz, Denise Richards and Marley Shelton.

## Head Over Heals.

One of the many Freddie Prinze Jr. films coming out this year, *Head Over Heals* looks to be the most tolerable. Prinze stars as a suspected murderer who is a women magnet. Also starring Monica Potter.

## Down to Earth.

Directed by the Weitz Brothers (*American Pie*), this remake of the 1941 film *Here Comes Mr. Jordan* stars Chris Rock as a comedian who accidentally dies before his time in a bus accident. When he gets to heaven there is no room for him so they send him back to earth in another person's

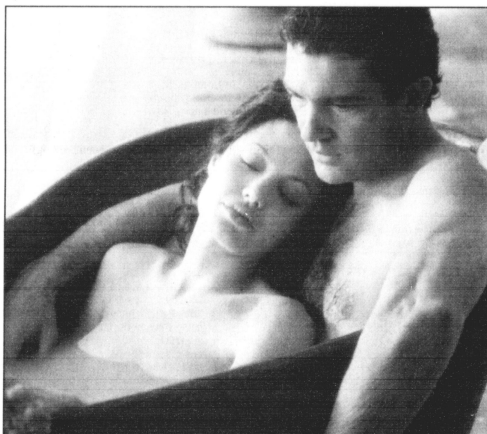


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Angelina Jolie and Antonio Banderas in *Original Sin*.

body. Also starring Regina King and James Gandolfini.

## Original Sin.

Expect lots of sex in this film about a wealthy Cuban tycoon who discovers that his younger bride cheats on him. The only warning sign here is the movie was directed by Michael Cristofer, the man responsible for the abysmal film *Body Shots*. Starring Antonio Banderas and Angelina Jolie.

## Saving Silverman.

An impressive cast bodes well for this slapstick comedy about two friends that try to save another friend from marrying a nightmare woman. Starring Jason Biggs, Jack Black, Amanda Peet, Steve Zahn and Neil Diamond.

## Sweet November.

This movie will suck because it stars Keanu Reeves as a man that tries to become a better person by dating a woman that only dates men for one month. Women may dig this romantic story but the only redeeming value for men may be Charlize Theron's mandatory nude scene. Also starring Frank Langella.

## March

## Adventures of Joe Dirt.

David Spade wrote this "white trash" comedy about a DJ that goes on a search for the parents that abandoned him when he was eight. Also starring Gary Busey, Kid Rock, Dennis Miller, Roseanne and Christopher Walken.

## 15 Minutes.

*Two Days in a Valley* director John Herzfeld directed and wrote this film about a police detective and fire department investigator who goes after a killer who tapes his murders. Starring Robert DeNiro, Ed Burns, Avery Brooks and Kelsey Grammer.

## Animal Husbandry.

Ashley Judd's new film takes her on a crusade to study how men behave like animals. I'm serious!

This movie also includes the sophomore acting effort by Hugh Jackman, *Wolverine* in *X-Men*. Also starring Greg Kinnear and Marisa Tomei.

## Spy Kids.

Newcomers Daryl Sabara and Alexa Vega star in Robert Rodriguez's big budget film about two kids who become spies to save their father that have been kidnapped by bad guy Alan Cumming. Also starring Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino, Teri Hatcher and Cheech Marin.

## April

## The Heartbreakers.

A mother and daughter look to con some men in a new film by the director of *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*. The highlight of the film is sure to be Jason Lee as the person who ends up falling in love with the daughter. Also starring Sigourney Weaver, Jennifer Love-Hewitt, Gene Hackman and Ray Liotta.

## Josie and the Pussycats.

Three musical playing bandmates are the characters of this classic television show and comic book remake. Starring Rachel Leigh Cook, Tara Reid, Rosario Dawson, Breckin Meyer and Parker Posey.

## Driven.

Action movie master Renny Harlin (*Deep Blue Sea*, *Cliffhanger*) directs this movie about Formula One auto racing. Sylvester Stallone wrote and stars in this film. Also starring Burt Reynolds, Gina Gershon, Kip Pardue and Robert Sean Leonard.

## Wakin Up in Reno.

This movie could win the prize for premise of the year. Two redneck couples travel to Reno to see a monster truck show. Once again the movie might only be worthwhile for the male viewing audience with the way actress Charlize Theron likes to take off her clothes. Also starring Billy Bob Thornton, Patrick Swayze and Natasha Richardson.

FILM

# 'Horses' pretty but empty



Matt Damon and Penelope Cruz play star-crossed lovers in *All the Pretty Horses*. Billy Bob Thornton's follow-up to the 1996 Oscar winning low-budget classic *Slingshot*.  
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Ride em' cowboy: *Slingshot* director steps back behind the camera

By Matt Mulcahey  
SCENE EDITOR

There aren't cowboys anymore, not real ones anyway. They went the way of the rotary phone and the wood stove, buried underneath a mountain of technological advances, their morals and way of life given way to laziness and self-interest.

There aren't Westerns anymore either, not real ones anyway. You may get an *Unforgotten* or *Tombstone* every now and then, but they're gone. Relics of the past, buried underneath a mountain of slick action and formulated romance.

And although Billy Bob Thornton's adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's *All the Pretty Horses* falls on many levels, you have to admire him for trying to revive a rich but sadly neglected genre.

Thornton's first turn behind the camera since *Slingshot*, however, is not nostalgic

back to the good old days. It's a revisionist view of what a cowboy really is. The film's hero (John Grady Cole) is no Gary Cooper in *High Noon* or Alan Ladd in *Shane*. He's not a larger than life hero, just a simple, hard-working cowboy. A real cowboy, and in 1949 they're a dying breed, even in Texas.

Cole (Matt Damon, once again giving a fine performance in an unconventional film) longs for the way it was, when a man's word and his horse were the two most important things in his life. But the kind of man he longs to be faces extinction.

After his grandfather dies and his mother sells off the family ranch, Damon does the most cowboy thing he can think of. He hops on his horse and heads to Old Mexico with his best friend Lacey Rawlings (Henry Thomas).

On their way, they share the trail with a young man (Lu-

cas Black, just as impressive as he was in *Slingshot*) who gives both the gut feeling he's going to be trouble.

Cole and Rawlings end up breaking horses at a sweeping ranch owned by a rich land baron (Rubeen Blades). All is well until Cole sets eyes on his boss' daughter (Penelope Cruz), triggering a chain of tragic events.

Thornton's original cut of the film was four hours, and the version that ends up on screen is just over two. You definitely get the impression that the lack of character development that results in this beautiful but ultimately distant film could have been solved in the bits and pieces that ended up on the cutting room floor.

What does remain in tact is the beautiful Southwestern scenery, captured in all it's dusty, boundless beauty by *Slingshot* cinematographer Barry Markowitz. The images seem straight out of a Stein-

beck novel. You can almost feel Tom Joad's soul drifting on the journey with the two young protagonists as they seek contentment in a changing world.

But ultimately *All the Pretty Horses* isn't really about the adventures of two friends or finding true love. It is a film about the passing of a way of life, a breed of men born a century too late.

The code of honor Cole lives by no longer exists, and ends up the cause of all his deaths. Loyalty gets you killed, honor is more important than happiness and love will only leave you with a beaten, broken heart.

Although *All the Pretty Horses* never reaches the grandiose, epic proportions of *The Searchers* or the classic Western myths of *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, it is an interesting departure and deconstruction of a dying genre and a film everyone who's ever longed for the days when John Wayne rode off into the sunset should see.

Grade: B-

FILM

# Cage discovers it's a wonderful life

By Matt Mulcahey  
SCENE EDITOR

"For all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: It might have been."

From Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* to Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life*, John Greenleaf Whittier's words of wisdom have often formed the theme of books and films.

Life is full of crossroads, choices that forever shape who and what we will be. How would your life be different if when you came to that fork in the road you went left instead of right?

For Nicolas Cage, his mo-

ment of life-altering epiphany occurred 13 years ago when he left his girlfriend (Tea Leoni) standing at an airport for an internship in London. But what if he would have stayed?

Cage gets a "glimpse" of that alternative existence when he stops at a drug store Christmas Eve and runs into an unlikely angel (Don Cheadle).

Cage wakes the next day in suburbia next to Teala, two kids and a job as a tire salesman for his father-in-law Big Ed. Standard fish-out-of-water humor ensues as Cage must learn to change diapers, walk the dog and bowl.

Unlike most films with

similar premises, Cage isn't unhappy with the life he has. He isn't wallowing in self-pity like George Bailey. He's got a great job, lots of money and a constant parade of beautiful women throwing themselves at his feet.

But eventually Cage comes to embrace his new life as superior to his old one. It helps that his new wife is still beautiful and his two kids the most well behaved in history.

*Family Man* is never realistic and isn't really meant to be. Cage's alternate life would never stay perfect, no ones kids are that good and most wives aren't as hot as Tea Leoni.

The film is a fable, a modern day fairy tale complete with moral.

The moral is simply that love of things isn't as fulfilling as love of people.

*Family Man* is nothing new. This story has been told many times before and better.

Maybe back in Hollywood's heyday, a good-intentioned star vehicle like this may not have meant much, but these days any big-budget studio film that can come up with enough warmth to make it seem like it wasn't mass produced on an assembly line deserves some credit.

Grade: B-

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FILM

# 'Forrester' finds greatness in splendid performances

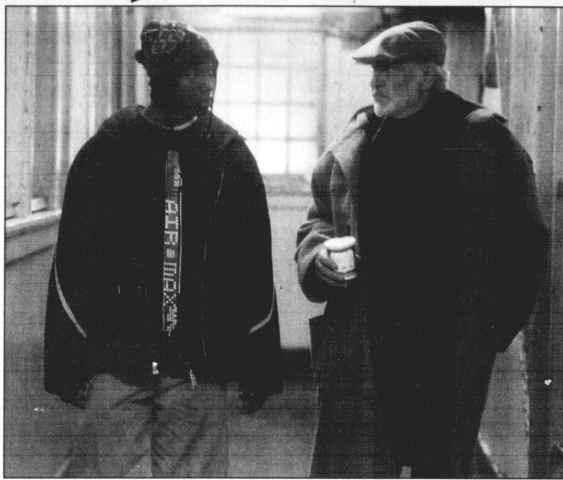
By Patrick Avery  
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Friends often come from places you don't expect. Sometimes they defy race, religion and economic class. When that happens, the friendship makes an impact that will last a lifetime. Such a friendship is established in *Finding Forrester*.

*Finding Forrester* focuses on the relationship between a great writer and a writer that strives to be great. William Forrester (Sean Connery), the great writer, lives in a ghetto apartment in Brooklyn that he never leaves. He limits himself to the outside world requiring him to voyeuristically glance out his window to get a dose of reality. Through his window he sees Jamal Wallace, played by first-time actor Rob Brown, at the base of his building playing basketball, though he doesn't realize he will soon come into his life in another way.

Jamal and his basketball buddies look to Connery's character as a ghost. After all he hasn't come out of his house in many years so the kids can only speculate about him. Jamal's friends issue a dare when Jamal begins to talk trash about not being scared to go up to the strange man's house. He accepts the dare only to be scared off by Forrester who waits behind a piece of furniture for the unwelcome visitor.

The heart of the movie begins to kick in when Jamal finds out that a bookbag full of his writing that he dropped in Forrester's apartment has been edited by Forrester himself. Jamal, who is a talented writer but scared to admit it to anyone, approaches Forrester only to get an unwelcome reception at first. Forrester is upset about the break-in and



Friends and mentors

Sean Connery plays William Forrester, a great writer that has secluded himself from the world, in *Finding Forrester*. He comes out of hiding to assist an aspiring young writer.

says that Jamal should write 5,000 words about why you should not break in to someone's apartment. Jamal obliges and Forrester opens his door to him.

We begin to see an extraordinary sorcery-apprentice relationship begin to take place as Forrester teaches Jamal on the basics of great writing, with the first rule being to just sit down and write, not to think about it.

Another subplot of the

movie is one that involves Jamal transferring to a private school where it seems that they want him based on his academics, but it later becomes clear that they only want him to win a basketball championship.

Supporting performances come with Busta Rhymes as Jamal's brother, Anna Paquin as Jamal's classmate and semi-love interest, F. Murray Abraham as the evil professor, and a surprise performance by an

uncredited movie actor that starred in *Good Will Hunting*. But the real greatness in this movie lies with the relationship between Jamal and Forrester and their top-billed performances.

The only problem with the movie is its slow pace. But the performances distract the audience from that aspect. Add an exquisite jazz score and what you have is Hollywood at its best.

Grade: A-

MORE FILM

# Bullock plays beauty queen



Michael Caine, Sandra Bullock and Benjamin Bratt star in *Miss Congeniality*, a romantic comedy.

By Patrick Avery  
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Sandra Bullock loves to play the role of the underdog. In most of her movies (*White You Were Sleeping*, *Speed*, *The Net*), a transformation takes place where Bullock turns from no one to a hero during the course of a movie. In *Miss Congeniality* she goes from tomboy to beauty queen.

Bullock stars as Gracie Hart, a FBI agent who opens the movie by shooting a fellow agent therefore putting her on the ropes with her boss, played by *Ghostbuster's* Ernie Hudson. She is taken off duty and told to do paperwork.

Meanwhile fellow agent Eric Matthews, played by "Law & Order's" Benjamin Bratt, is assigned a special operations assignment requiring him to hunt down a killer who may bomb a beauty pageant. Eric needs someone to go undercover and be a beauty queen. Gracie is volunteered and reluctantly agrees.

Gracie and Eric make their way to the Miss USA Pageant where they meet the two hosts, Kathy Morningside (Candice Bergen) and Stan Fields (William Shatner).

They agree to let the police enter Gracie as long as they let someone train her. That person is the top beauty consultant Victor Melling, played by Michael Caine. After a little time, Victor turns Gracie into a believable beauty queen and the romantic interest of Eric.

This movie is typical Hollywood fluff. It's enjoyable but nothing new, especially for Bullock, who also co-produced this film. Shatner is briefly funny but not as funny as he is in the preline.com television ads.

All romantic movies have a scene at the end of a movie that is supposed to make all of the audience members feel good about themselves. This technique is so overused now in romantic movies that I find most of the audience members cringing instead of enjoying it, and *Miss Congeniality* is no exception. It's time for directors to be creative with this genre and try something else.

As for Sandra Bullock, she remains arguably the most charming person in Hollywood. So there is a place for her in these movies. They just need to be a little more creative and use her talents in a different way.

Grade: C+

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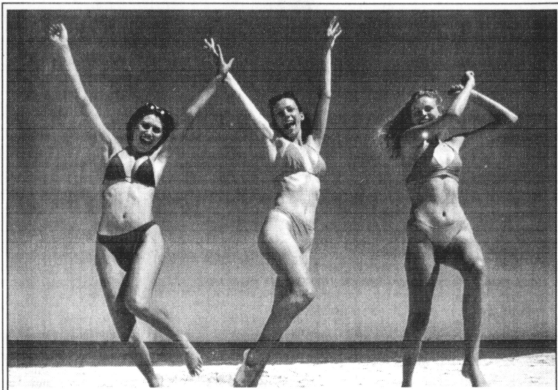
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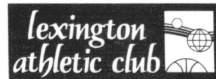
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MUSIC

## America's art form finds a voice

By Tim Staley

SCENE EDITOR

It's not often a documentary filmmaker achieves widespread notoriety, but that is what has happened to Ken Burns.

After making critically acclaimed documentaries like *The Civil War* and *Roseanne*, Burns is now taking on music.

In *Jazz*, Burns explores the only truly American art form. He traces its growth from the clubs of New Orleans to its current place in concert halls and classrooms.

The first two segments of the 10-part series aired Monday and Tuesday. The remainder of the documentary airs at 9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 10 through 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 23 on KET.

The film looks deeper than just the music, exploring the artists behind the sound as well as the culture and society that created it and that the music, in turn, influenced.

"It is a story of that century. It is about race, it is about two world wars, it is about a Great Depression, it is about sex, it is about drugs and the terrible cost of addiction," Burns said in a news release.

The documentary leads viewers on a voyage from the bayou to the Big Apple using more than 500 jazz pieces; 75 interviews with musicians, writers, historians, club owners and fans; and more than 2,000 film clips.

This documentary is not only for jazz aficionados. It is for anyone interested in the struggles of a society and the role art plays in that struggle.



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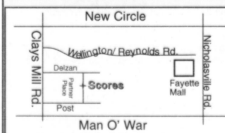
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# Celtic charm wears off and Pitino quits

**Now where: Former UK coach opts out of final six years of contract and has options to ponder**

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BOSTON, Mass. — Rick Pitino came to Boston with a reputation for turning around troubled teams, and the Celtics were indeed troubled: Their 16 NBA titles is a record, but their 14-year drought without one is their longest.

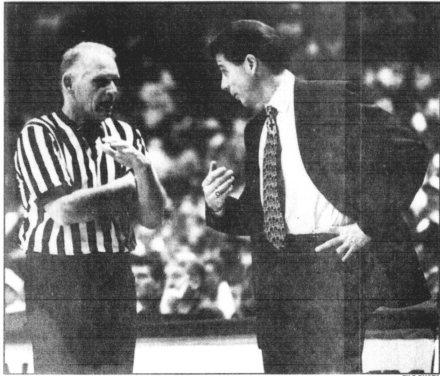
The team went 15-67 the year before he arrived, earning the most chances in the draft lottery for Wake Forest star Tim Duncan. Pitino promised fans he would have Boston back in the playoffs in three years.

The Celtics didn't get Duncan. San Antonio did, and he led the Spurs to the NBA title in 1999. Instead of Duncan and Keith Van Horn, who was also coveted by Pitino, the Celtics got Chauncey Billups and Ron Mercer; both have since been traded.

Pitino has since said he would never have taken the job if he'd known how the lottery would turn out. Last March, he said he would leave if the team didn't make the playoffs, giving up what's left on his reported 10-year, \$50 million contract if the Celtics don't make the postseason this year.

"All I would be doing if I stayed at that point is trying to take Paul Gaston's money," he said. "If I don't see a major difference in our ball club and we're still struggling, I think enough's enough. What I will do is just go on and try my next job and wish everybody well."

The Celtics have lost 11 of their last 14 games, allowing 100 or more points in nine of those games. This



**Next stop?**  
Rick Pitino interrogates referee John Clougherty during his UK days. UK fans might have to get used to Pitino as an adversary should he return to college hoops.

would be an unprecedented eighth consecutive losing season for a franchise that has won more NBA titles, 16, than any other.

"I just want him to make the decision that's going to make him happy," Celtic guard Paul Pierce said.

Pitino played at Massachusetts and coached at Boston University and Providence, two programs he took from mediocrity to the NCAA tournament. He spent two seasons with the New York Knicks, taking them to the playoffs in 1989 for the first time in four years.

Then he took over a Kentucky

team that had been on probation, leading it to the Final Four three times in eight seasons, winning the NCAA title in 1996. Before joining the Celtics, he had just two losing seasons in 17 years.

Rumors of Pitino returning to the college coaching ranks began with Indiana when Bob Knight was fired. Pitino denied contacting IU about their interest in him.

UCLA, UNLV and UMass — his alma mater — have been rumored to interest the former UK coach if coaching vacancies are opened at season's end.

**IN BRIEF**

# Sportsbytes

**Women's basketball**

The UK women's basketball team continued to struggle during the semester break, winning only two of its last six games.

The Cats are 4-9 with wins over Florida International and Florida Atlantic on Dec. 17 and 30. The team dropped games to Miami, Fla., Cincinnati, Auburn and Florida.

Bernadette Mattox's young squad has opened SEC play 0-2. UK has lost by an average of 35 points in its two conference losses.

The Cats played the No. 14 Gators tough throughout the first half behind strong performances by freshmen Kristin Connolly, Dasieka Hawthorne and SeSe Helm. The Gators led 39-35 at the half, but rolled to an 85-48 romp.

Junior LaTonya McDole leads the team in scoring and rebounding. Her 12.8 PPG narrowly edges SeSe Helm's 12.1 PPG. Freshmen Alvine Mendeng and Stephanie Stoglin are each averaging 5.2 RPG, trailing McDole's 8.3.

UK's eight freshmen are averaging a combined 43.9 PPG.

**Excite Nite**

The UK GymKats kicked off their season with a "Jungle Gym" theme to the 18th annual Excite Nite scrimmage Jan. 5.

This year's Excite Nite featured the gymnasts in leopard pattern uniforms and jungle apparel competing against one another in the balance beam, floor exercise, uneven bars and vault. The crowd was divided into two separate cheering sections and competed for prizes.

The GymKats begin their season by hosting LSU at Memorial Hall Friday. The tumbling begins at 7:30 p.m. and the theme is "Smiley Face Night."

**Camara decides against appeal**

UK junior forward Jules Camara has decided not to appeal his September DUI conviction and remains ineligible to play the rest of this season.

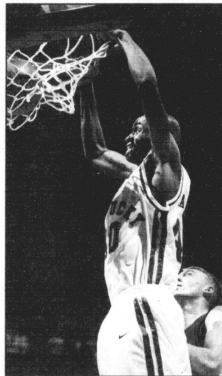
Camara issued a statement apologizing for the embarrassment of his conviction and subsequent suspension

from the men's basketball team.

"I have decided not to continue with the appeal of my conviction. As I understand it, a successful appeal would only get me a new trial, and that is something that I do not want to put UK, my teammates, friends or myself through again," Camara said in a released statement.

"Under the revised UK policy, I will be able to keep my scholarship and remain in school. I plan to use this year off to focus on my academic goals and to prepare myself to return to the team a better person and a better basketball player."

"Jules' decision not to appeal his conviction closes a very difficult chapter in his life. Since that time, he has done everything we have asked, both off and on the court. We look forward to his return next season." UK coach Tubby Smith said.



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**Perseverance**

Jules Camara will continue to sit out this season and prepare for the next two years.

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PUMP IT UP

# Screens make for jumbo transformation

**Energized atmosphere:** Tubby, players and fans were energized by the new sound, lighting and video enhancements at Rupp Arena

By Travis Hubbard  
ASSISTANT SPORTSMANLY EDITOR

The WWF and WCW are frequent visitors to Rupp Arena, but Saturday UK opened up the arena with its own bit of wrestling flare.

Four big screen video monitors were added to Rupp Arena during a month long stretch in the Cats' schedule in which they played only one home game. After defeating EKV on Dec. 5, UK played four of five games on the road, including two at Freedom Hall in Louisville. UK defeated High Point at Rupp on Dec. 27, but the monitors were not operating.

The large screens added a new updated dimension to the legendary arena that allows for instant replays and constant live game action.

But the monitors were not the only surprise for fans at Saturday's game against the Georgia Bulldogs.

After Georgia coach Jim Harlick and the rest of the hohum introductions of the Bulldogs were finished, the lights dimmed, the crowd hushed and

the big bang began. Fireworks, music and spotlights energized the frequently complacent Rupp crowd, but also energized the players and coaches.

"I liked our introductions," UK coach Tubby Smith said. "It was outstanding and adds something to the atmosphere of the arena."

The pyrotechnics and flash are new to Rupp Arena, but have been used at Memorial Coliseum during Midnight Madness festivities.

"It's the first time I have ever been jumping up and down in the warm-ups and introductions," junior J.P. Blevins said. "It's a great addition."

The video screens are each 12 feet 6 inches tall and 20 feet wide. They are positioned in the four corners of the arena above the upper arena bleachers.

"The video system will be the first all-digital system in the country," Lexington Center CEO Bill Owen said last month. "It is state-of-the-art, cutting-edge technology."

The lack of video screens was a major inadequacy of Rupp Arena. Now fans can view close-

ups of players, coaches and even themselves during timeouts. The ever-critical Cat fan can also view the instant replay to see if a referee's call was legit.

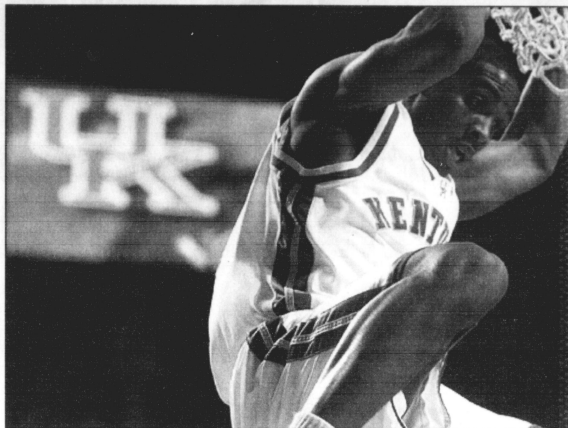
"The atmosphere surrounding a UK game at Rupp Arena in downtown Lexington is unique in the basketball world and would be very difficult to duplicate anywhere else," UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy said.

Blevins said he appreciated the support of the fans during the Georgia game. If they were not energized by the pre-game introductions, Blevins' performance and defensive intensity gave them reason to applaud.

"I've always been an emotional player," he said. "I'm not sure (the introductions) had anything to do with it."

"Kentucky fans are spoiled and expect a lot," Blevins said. "Nothing less than superior lighting, pyrotechnics and sound in Rupp Arena are part of that spoiling."

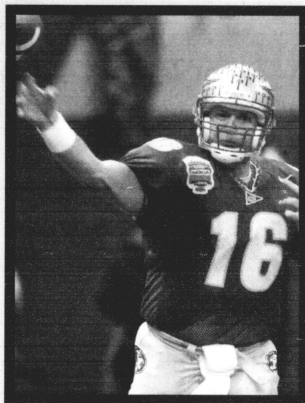
Now that Rupp Arena is state-of-the-art, Vince McMahon will have to find a bigger and louder way to impress Rupp Arena visitors.



NICK TOMCEK PHOTO EDITOR

**Spectacular**

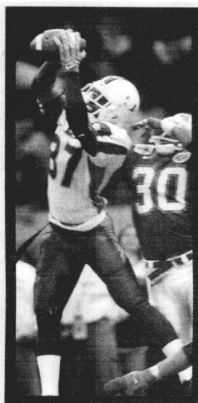
One of the four new jumbotrons at Rupp Arena provides a backdrop for a Cliff Hawkins dunk against High Point. The video screens are working to their full capacity and provide play-by-play, replays and fan interaction.



**Heisman, yes... BCS, no..**

Florida State senior quarterback and 28-year old Chris Weinke won the Heisman Trophy over Oklahoma's Josh Heupel, but Heupel and the Sooners beat the Seminoles 13-2 in the FedEx Orange Bowl on Jan. 3 to win their seventh National Championship. After amassing over 4,000 passing yards and throwing 33 touchdown passes through 11 games Weinke was unable to lead the nation's top offense to an offensive score against the Sooner defense.

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**Second best**

Miami did its best to prove deserving of the Orange Bowl bid instead of Florida State by defeating the Florida Gators 37-20 in the Nokia Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2. Miami's Ken Dorsey completed 22 of 40 passes for 270 yards and three touchdown passes. Miami finished the year ranked No. 2 behind Oklahoma and just ahead of Florida State.

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**Kernel's krystal ball: Final Staff Pigskin records for the fall 2000 football season**

**Chris Rosenthal (72-28)**  
Bowl Games: 12-4

**Ron Cox (66-34)**  
Bowl Games: 11-5

**John Dobson (64-36)**  
Bowl Games: 9-7

**Will Messer (63-37)**  
Bowl Games: 9-7

**Adam Spaw (59-41)**  
Bowl Games: 6-10

**Travis Hubbard (52-48)**  
Bowl Games: 6-10

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7:00-7:50 • Ball Toning • Linda	7:30-8:20 • Kick-Fit •	7:30-8:00 • Booty Sculpt • Stephanie	6:30-7:20 • Advanced Step • Tara
8:00-8:50 • Move and Groove • Tara	8:30-9:30 • Body Sculpt •	8:00-8:50 • Pilates Yoga • Ashley	
9:00-9:30 • Late Night Abs • Jason		9:00-9:30 • Late Night Abs • Jason	

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8:00-8:30 • Awesome Abs • Courtney	7:00-7:30 • Body Sculpt • Whitney	8:00-8:30 • Awesome Abs • Courtney	6:00-6:50 • Tone, Abs & Stretch • Jessica
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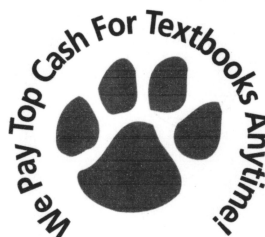
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