



Chinese new year

A holiday rich with tradition

The Chinese New Year has many traditions and symbols associated with it for everyone. Here are some things you can do to help ring in the usually two-week-long celebration of the new year when it begins tomorrow.

● **Red** - Anything red goes. The color is associated with good luck. During the new year, red can be seen everywhere people are celebrating it. What you can do: Display red candles in your home or actually paint your door red to frighten demons away.

● **Paying debts** - Although not great news for the credit card generation we are, it's a tradition that you pay off your debts before the start of the New Year. By doing this, you can start the new year with a clean slate.

● **Firecrackers** - On this holiday, they're used to scare off evil spirits, especially the Nian monster, which can show up this time of year.

● **Tsao Wang** - The "Kitchen God" is also looked upon highly during this celebration. He stays with families for the entire year only to report to the gods in heaven what he has seen and heard. You can give him a traditional farewell dinner and then burn his portrait, thus freeing him to ascend into heaven.

● **Nian** - Legend has it this monster terrorized villagers, but they figured out he had three weaknesses that were easy enough to take advantage of: He hated sunlight, loud noises and the color red. After encountering these, he covered his head and ran away.

- Source: Holiday Symbols by Sue Ellen Thompson

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Tomorrow's weather



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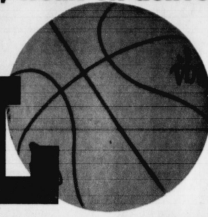
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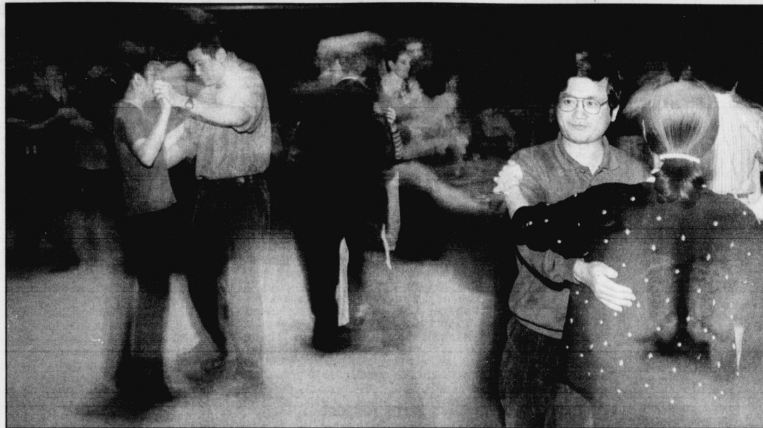
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Students danced away at the Baptist Student Center on Saturday to celebrate the Chinese new year, one of China's biggest holidays, which starts tomorrow.

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'Luck and long life for the new year'



Year of the Rabbit to be a time for reunion - not just fireworks and dragons - for Chinese

By Richard Cook
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

For many Americans, it conjures images of dragons dancing and fireworks bursting, but the Chinese New Year is more than just a rambling party. "The New Year celebration is a family re-union time," said Leo Cai, a second-year pharmacy student and president of the Chinese Student Association. For Chinese students at UK, it's usually impossible to return home to celebrate this holiday with their families, so they came together Saturday night at the Baptist Student Center to celebrate.

"It is a chance to get to know people from the Lexington Chinese community," said Cai, who thinks the party makes it easier to be away from home on one of China's most important holidays.

The tradition of the Chinese New Year is an ancient one, one so old that the origins are lost, according to Scotland Online's Chinese New Year website. Several legends exist, though, and one story stands out. Legend has it a monster called Nian terrorized the Chinese countryside before the beginning of the new year, devouring many people.

One day, an old man said to Nian, "I hear that you are very capable, but can you swallow other beasts of prey on earth instead of people who are by no means your worthy opponents?"

So the beast started swallowing other beasts of prey and the people were saved.

To keep the monster away, they placed red paper decorations in their windows each New Year's Eve. The customs of the dragon dance, fireworks and the wearing of red belts to scare Nian ("year" in modern Chinese) have survived to this day. Many people wear red belts to ward off bad luck.

This New Year's marks the end of the Year of the Tiger and the beginning of the Year of the Rabbit.

The significance of the each year relates to the characteristics of the animal, said Cai, who expects this year to bring surprises and a mixture of both good and bad luck.

"The characteristics of the animal are very important to Chinese culture," said Wei Chen, of Lexington.

"A person born in the year of the rabbit will be very intelligent and peaceful but can also be stubborn."

As part of the celebration, students participated in karaoke and dined on food donated by the Panda Garden, a local Chinese restaurant. Holly Bundrant, a doctoral candidate in nutritional sciences who grew up in Korea, said the camaraderie and the exotic Chinese cuisine reminded her of the time she spent in Asia.

"It's a blessing to participate in the celebration of the Chinese New Year."



Junyan Fu, a computer science graduate student, took her turn at the mic this weekend. Karaoke is a popular activity in China.

Astrologically speaking

Boar 1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995 Intellectual and sincere	Goat 1907, 1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991 Elegant and artistic	Tiger 1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998 Sensitive and emotional
Dog 1910, 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994 Faithful and sharp-witted	Horse 1906, 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990 Cunning and independent	Rabbit 1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999 Affectionate and pleasant
Cock 1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993 Hardworking and extravagant	Rat 1912, 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996 Generous and charming	Dragon 1904, 1916, 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988 Vital and enthusiastic
Monkey 1908, 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992 Intelligent and charismatic	Ox 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997 Methodical and conservative	Snake 1905, 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989 Romantic and wise

THE VERDICT

Clinton scandal 'played out'

Professors, students 'sick and tired' of case

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

A bipartisan sigh of relief was heard from Clinton supporters and critics Friday - the impeachment proceedings finally ended.

"I was just sick and tired of hearing all about it," said Laura Bradley, a music performance freshman. "I really don't care anymore."

The end came with few surprises to rekindle any significant interest.

"Everyone knew what was going to happen," said Mark Peffley, a political science professor. "The result was predicted from the House and preliminary Senate voting."

Fellow political science professor Ernest Yanarella checked the Internet on Friday afternoon to confirm what he was sure would happen, but also to see how senators voted.

"Political science people pride themselves on predictions," he said. "Many of us were hedging bets on what the (voting) numbers would be."

Laura Marshall, a graduate student in the Patterson School of Diplomacy, was glad the proceedings are over, even though she had mixed feelings about the outcome. "I would have voted for conviction, if I had to vote according to the charges," she said. "But I don't think it would be in the interest of our country to oust a president."

Clinton wasn't ousted, but many think his ability to serve the office has been seriously hindered.

"This hurt Bill Clinton because it'll be difficult for him to operate in Washington," said Donald Gross, also a political science professor.

"It's going to have a chilling effect on the future of the office," Yanarella said. "There will be doubts in the minds of presidents as to how confidence they can keep."

Politicians are the subject of controversy and scandal, Gross said. "People don't have very high expectations as it is," he said, adding that Clinton's recent ordeal may in fact decrease the mileage politicians will get using future scandals against one another.

"That's just fine with John Rich. "I was just really looking forward to getting it over with," said Rich, a marketing junior. "It was costing the taxpayers so much money."

Students who are sick of the media coverage won't have to worry about impeachment discussions in class, professors said.

"It's played out," Gross said. "Old hat."

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- Ernest Yanarella, political science professor

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

Native Americans twice as likely to be victims of violent crime

WASHINGTON — Native Americans are more than twice as likely as others to become victims of violent crime, the Justice Department reported yesterday in its first comprehensive analysis of Native Americans and crime.

The study by the Bureau of Justice Statistics also found that on any given day, one in 25 Native American adults is either incarcerated or on parole or probation. And reports of child abuse have soared among them in recent years, even as that problem seemed to ease elsewhere in the population.

"People need to know how desperate it is," said Kathleen Bliss, a federal prosecutor in New Mexico. "Violent crime in Indian country is increasing while it goes down nationally."

Native Americans suffer 124 violent crimes — murders, assaults, robberies and rapes — for every 100,000 population. That's double the violent crime rate for blacks and 2 1/2 half times the national average of 50.

The murder rate among Native Americans is no higher than for whites, and only a fifth as high as among blacks. But Native Americans are twice as likely as blacks and three times more likely than whites to be victims of rape or aggravated assault.

Demise predicted for counsel act

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers from both parties saw almost no chance yesterday for survival of the Independent Counsel Act, which provided the framework for Kenneth Starr's investigation of President Clinton, when it comes up for renewal this year.

"This law needs to terminate. I don't want it to be amended. I want it to be ended," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The act passed in 1978 as the post-Watergate Congress sought a means to ensure that politics did not interfere when the president, his cabinet and other senior officials are investigated for wrongdoing. It expires June 30 unless Congress and the president approve its reauthorization.

Attorney General Janet Reno, at the urging of Republicans, has seven times asked for the naming of an independent counsel to investigate administration officials, most notably Starr, who has pursued President Clinton's connections to Whitewater, Travelgate, the FBI files and finally his affair with Monica Lewinsky, which led to Clinton's impeachment.

Clinton turns attention to Mexico

WASHINGTON — In a quick pivot from impeachment, President Clinton heads for Mexico yesterday for a quick summit to encourage more



NEW PAL: Chariton Heston had no idea who the friends on "Friends" were until he made a recent guest appearance on the show. "When my agent called, I said, 'What is 'Friends'?' 'Whose friends?' He said, 'It's a TV show.' I really enjoyed doing it," Heston says in the Feb. 20-26 edition of TV Guide.



A WINNER: Meryl Streep received a special award symbolizing thanks and respect from the Berlin International Film Festival in recognition of her contribution to cinema. The small, glued camera, the Berlinale Kamera, is donated by Berlin Jeweler David Goldberg.

progress in its difficult struggle against illegal drugs and government corruption.

Two days after his acquittal by the Senate, Clinton was to meet with President Ernesto Zedillo at Merida in the Yucatan peninsula, a popular tourist destination.

The visit — 23 hours from landing to takeoff — comes two weeks before the administration must render a formal evaluation of Mexico's cooperation in fighting drug trafficking. Clinton and Zedillo have met about every six months over the last few years, and officials say this meeting is intended simply to maintain good relations.

The two leaders are expected to discuss immigration and complete an agreement on border safety and curbing border violence.

Patton strains to make it a race

HARLAN — Gov. Paul Patton took to invoking the names of an odd trio last week during his initial foray out in the state to persuade people he deserved another four-year term.

The premise — that he was at risk of losing the November election — was perhaps even more unlikely than the examples he used to try to scare supporters into action.

"I remember when Mitch McConnell didn't have a chance to beat 'Dee' Huddleston," Patton said of the 1984 upset of the two-term incumbent U.S. senator.

"I remember when Ron Lewis was a joke running against a seasoned politician like Joe Prather," Patton went on.

And then, of course, Patton warned, there is Jesse "The Body" Ventura, who shocked the political establishment by defeating mainstream Republican and Democratic candidates to become Minnesota governor.

Patton, the first Kentucky governor eligible to run for successive terms in nearly 200 years, chided anyone who would let complacency set in. "I don't have the election won," Patton insisted during the stops on a two-day, 15-city swing around eastern Kentucky last week.

He did admit he has the primary won. "I'm going to declare victory," he said in Pikeville, noting that he is the only Democratic Party candidate, and no write-in votes are allowed in primaries.

De la Hoya earns respect

LAS VEGAS — Respect. Oscar De La Hoya earned it by outpointing Ike Quartey, then said he gave his opponent too much of it in the fight.

"I've just got to go out there and fight," the WBC welterweight champion said of his split-decision victory Saturday night.

De La Hoya, who had said Quartey would be the toughest test of his career, got up from a sixth-round knockdown, won the last three rounds on all three cards and knocked down the challenger and almost stopped him in the 12th round. "I beat one of the best in the world out there," said De La Hoya, now 30-0, with 24 knockouts. Quartey of Ghana, a former WBA champion who was stripped of that title, lost for the first time against 34 wins, 29 by knockouts and one draw.

Compiled from wire reports.

ACADEMICS

Business taking to the Web

Knowing your 'net: Marketing class shows students how technology applies to field

By Brandi Belcher
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In a single semester, students can get the upper hand over business world professionals who have been playing catch-up with emerging technology, says Charles Heath.

Heath, a graduate student, proposed — and now teaches — Marketing 390, the College of Business and Economics' Internet marketing class, which introduces students to the business functions of the Internet.

"This is a new and exceptionally hot topic that is having an impact on every area of business," Heath said. "Our students are on the cutting edge of what is being done in the real world."

Heath said students will learn basic computer functions, such as downloading files, e-mail use and information retrieval, and will apply these skills to analyze marketing situations and solve business problems.

"The course provides students with the knowledge they need, while maintaining the high level of instruction that they receive in their other marketing and business courses," Heath said.

Marketing and management senior Andrew Gray said he has always had an interest in the Internet and how it's used to market products. "I have seen the increasing importance of companies having a web-page presence," Gray said. "Knowing the sig-

nificance of marketing on the web is important in any possible career path I may choose."

Few universities in Kentucky — or the rest of the country — offer a comparable course, Heath said. Students graduating from this class will be able to take advantage of these skills on both their résumés and during the interview process, he said.

Heath said he will complete his degree by the end of this semester and is uncertain whether he'll stay at UK. But he thinks the course will still be taught because of its popularity and usefulness.

Steve Skinner, director of the School of Management, said the school is planning to offer two sections of the Internet marketing course next semester.

Last fall only two sections of the course were offered, allowing just 80 students to attend, Heath said.

This semester, three sections were offered. Students from the business school aren't the only ones to express interest in the Internet marketing class.

"I am taking this course to make myself more marketable," said Fernando Garces, integrated strategic communications senior, from Spain.

"It is an advantage if you can demonstrate these skills. Many people don't know a lot about the net in Europe. This class will help me have an advantage there."

They don't understand talent. It's all about money" — Lauren Bacall, actress, on why she doesn't like Hollywood.



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ADMINISTRATION

6 chairs endowed

To be filled: Chairs created for humanities, finance disciplines, part of research trust fund

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

Have a seat. Better yet, have a chair. An endowed chair at UK, vacant for the time being.

There are six new endowed chairs at UK, vacant for the time being.

When they're filled, they will be part of the University's effort to attain top 20 status among public research institutions.

These aren't positions for rocket science, either, or any medicine or engineering fields that typically get most of the attention.

The chairs have been created for vocal music, special education, 20th century American literature, American history, Hispanic studies and public finance, said Fitzgerald Bramwell, vice president for Research and Graduate Studies.

"With engineering, science

and medicine it's easier to raise funds," said Daniel Reedy, Professor of Spanish and Italian.

"The social sciences, arts and humanities for which these chairs have been created, are a little bit harder to raise money for."

President Charles Wethington took \$3 million from a bequest of William T. Bryan, who graduated from the College of Engineering in 1936, to match \$3 million from the Research Challenge Trust Fund, Reedy said.

Wethington then selected six areas as "targets of opportunity" from the 1997 task force report on research and undergraduate education to create the \$1 million endowed chairs, Reedy said.

The task force, chaired by Reedy, was created in response to House Bill 1, which the Kentucky legislature passed in May

1997 to elevate UK to a top 20 public research institution, Reedy said.

"The six chairs are for areas that are either capable of, if not already at, top-20 status in the near future, or were likely candidates for investing money to move them toward the top 20, Reedy said.

"President Wethington is moving to take positive action on those priorities the task force set," Reedy said.

The money from Bryan's bequest is funds he granted the University's president discretion on how to spend, Bramwell said.

Bramwell said matching funds from the trust fund are from a \$66.7 million part designated to UK for use for endowments, professors and graduate student support.

"It was a very wise idea to look into supporting the humanities," Bramwell said. "We are, after all, a whole entity, made of many colleges, not just engineering, technology and medicine."

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- Fitzgerald Bramwell, vice president for Research and Graduate Studies

Graduates' site is up 24-7

Where classroom meets chatroom: Two are looking for contributors to lecture note area

By John Wampler
STAFF WRITER

College students who have missed a class and need the notes, or those who just want to supplement their learning experience, now can find what they need online for free.

Study 24-7, the brainchild of University of Florida graduate Brian Maser and University of Pennsylvania graduate Craig Green, is a website with a lecture note area, a discussion group section and a chatroom.

As its name suggests, it's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so students can visit any time.

"We're throwing technology into the mix of college educa-

tion," Green said.

"We're looking for people to study on the Internet, Study 24-7 advertises that students posting their own notes have the chance to earn up to \$1,500 for their efforts.

There are no note-takers on the website from UK, but the prospect of earning some extra money has some students interested.

"Fifteen-hundred dollars?" asked Ryan LaFollette, a chemical engineering freshman. "I think I'm going to start taking better notes."

Study 24-7 pays for notes by taking into account a number of factors, Maser said: Note-takers earn their money by attract-

ing people to their site. Companies post advertisements on the page, and Notetakers receive a percentage of the revenue based on how much time other students spend at their site.

"We're looking for very motivated students," Maser said. "Study 24-7 is very entrepreneurial. If you do a good job, you will be rewarded."

Students who choose to be Notetakers are given a page on the site to post their notes, and must host personal class chatrooms and discussion groups regularly. Students can become Notetakers any time during the semester, for example, by setting up a page for a couple days, for a midterm or for finals, Maser said.

Questions and answers posted to the discussion group stay there for the whole semester. Students can use the chat-

rooms to study with colleagues from the comfort of their own computer, or in a lab, Maser said.

"I'd probably tend to skip classes more often if I knew I didn't have to be there to get the notes," said Ryan Chilton, a computer science freshman.

Maser and Green said they hope the notes will be used as a supplement — not a substitute — for class.

He and Maser are trying to emphasize interaction between students in the discussion group and the chatroom aspects of the site, Green said.

Getting notes off the Internet rather than going to class is not a good idea, said John Romond, a Spanish sophomore.

"Even though (the students) have the notes, they're not actually engaged," he said. "Even a lecture is more engag-

Study says sex problems are rampant in U.S.

By Emil Kojima
DAILY BRIEF

LOS ANGELES — Sex! If that didn't get your attention, don't be surprised. After all, a recent report found that many Americans lack enthusiasm about sex.

A University of Chicago study released Tuesday found that more than 40 percent of women and 30 percent of men regularly have no interest in sex, can't have an orgasm or suffer from some other sexual dysfunction.

In what some call the most comprehensive U.S. sex survey since the 1948 Kinsey Report, the results are raising eyebrows. And the UCLA community certainly has an interest in its findings.

"That's a big number!" said Jose Nunez, a third-year psychology student. "The men aren't doing it right. They need to explore other things: stimulants, fetishes, toys. You're only young once."

Alana Cherr, a third-year art student, wasn't surprised by the study.

"It seems this society is really hung up on sex and, in my opinion, has many dysfunctions," Cherr said.

Paul Abramson, a professor of psychology who teaches the "Human Sexuality" class, wasn't surprised either.

"There was an earlier study with comparable findings among couples," Abramson said. "What's distinctive about this study is that it uses samples. This study used representative

samples of America's populace. It's a springboard (that suggests) sexual dysfunction is extensive in couples of many ages."

The study's researchers said problems with sex can be attributed to anything from emotional and health problems to lack of time, job pressures and money trouble. But they said they aren't sure which comes first — stress or problems with sex.

The report's author, sociologist Edward Laumann, said, "It gives us a base for explaining why we had this enormous response to Viagra."

Abramson reiterated the idea: "The results go hand-in-hand with the extensive usage of Viagra among men and women." The study was published in Wednesday's *Journal of the*

American Medical Association. The researchers based their findings on the 1992 National Health and Social Life Survey, a compilation of interviews with about 1,700 women and 1,400 men.

The participants, ages 18 to 59, were asked if they had experienced sexual dysfunction over several months in the previous year. Sexual dysfunction was defined as a regular lack of interest in or pain during sex or persistent problems achieving lubrication, an erection or orgasm.

Laumann said the findings could offer hope to millions, many of whom think they're the only ones having trouble in bed. "Often they don't even admit it to their partners. It's the old 'I've got a headache' instead of 'I don't feel like having sex.'"

NATION

Students favor single-sex fraternities, sororities

Dartmouth administration's decision not that popular with them, according to survey

By Sarah Rubenstein
THE DARTMOUTH

HANOVER, N.H. — Eighty-three percent of the students who responded to a survey conducted by The Dartmouth yesterday said they favor the continuation of the single-sex Greek system at the College.

Of the 4,106 students polled by The Dartmouth via Blitz-Mail, 2,003 — or 49 percent — responded to the survey, and 1,660 of them said they support the single-sex system. Fifteen percent of the respondents said the single-sex system should not be continued, and two percent were undecided.

Fifty-five percent of the students who said the single-sex system should be continued are not affiliated with a fraternity or sorority.

Junior Betsy Beck, who is

unaffiliated, said single-sex Greek houses should remain on campus.

She said there are "plenty of places in which men and women can have healthy social interactions," but single-sex houses are a "necessary part of the college experience."

"That's the most popular social avenue, and I just think that forcing them to combine social space in such a popular avenue would just completely revamp the whole social atmosphere at Dartmouth," she said.

Members of the Class of 2002 expressed the most support for the single-sex Greek system. Six-hundred and sixteen — or 31 percent — of the respondents to the survey were freshmen. Twenty-four percent were seniors, 20 percent were juniors and 25 percent were sophomores.

Of the freshmen who responded, 532 supported the continuation of the single-sex system — 32 percent of the total number of students from all classes who supported its continuation.

Freshman Jen Morgan said she doubts she would rush a sorority in the fall, but she appreciates the "tradition" generated by the Greek system. "I feel like they're taking something away that they don't have — no matter who they're taking it away from."

Freshman Louis Freidheim said he is bothered that "the opportunity (to rush) might not be there, just because I had a passing interest in it. I probably would have rushed, but I don't know if I would have pledged." He said he would have

rushed "just to see what the experience was like."

Of those who opposed the continuation of the single-sex Greek system, many were unaffiliated upperclassmen.

"I think it's a good idea, but I'm a '99, and I'm not going to be here during the transition," said Jing Wang, who is not affiliated with a Greek organization.

"In the long run, it's going to make Dartmouth a better place."

- Jing Wang, student

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Monday 2/15

President's Day!

ACADEMIC
 *No Time for Excuses: Time Management Seminar, 12-1 pm, Rm. 205 Student Center
 *Career Workshop, 3pm, Rm 109 Miller Hall, FREE

MEETINGS
 *Pizza Time 4pm, Newman Center
 *Golden Key National Honor Society meeting, 7:30 pm, Rm 228 Student Center
 *Family Studies Student Assoc. meeting, 4 pm, Rm 316 Funkhouser

ARTS
 *EXHIBIT: "Made in Kentucky: Regional Artists. Part II: 1980-1998", UK Art Museum, call 7-5716 for info
 *EXHIBIT: "Mark Priest: The Railroad Labor Series", UK Art Museum

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
 *Aikido Classes/ UK Aikido Club, 8-10 pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris at 245-5887 for info

Tuesday 2/16

ACADEMIC
 *Math 109 & 123 Tutoring, 203 Frazier Hall, FREE, call 7-6959 for info
 *Informal Creative Writing Workshop 8-9:30 pm, Rm. B108 W.T. Young Library,
 *Chemistry 107 Review, 5-7 pm, Rm 103 Barker Hall

MEETINGS
 *Green Thumb recycling meeting, 7 pm, Room 106 Stud. Ctr.
 *Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30 pm, 359 Stud. Ctr.

ARTS
 *UK Jazz Ensemble and Lab Band, 8pm, Singletary Ctr

SPORTS
 *UK Ultimate Frisbee Practice, 6-8 pm, Band Field, call Nick at 281-1256 for info
 *UK Women's Basketball @ EKU, 6:30 pm, Richmond, KY

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
 *Table Tennis Tournament entry deadline for tournament on 2/20-2/21, sign up in 145 Seaton Center

SPECIAL EVENTS
 *Mardi Gras/ Karaoke Party with games, prizes, DJ, 8-10pm, Student Center Game Room
 *Mardi Gras Party, 5 pm, French Residence: Blending I Basement
 *UK Snowed and Snowboard meeting, 6:30 pm, Rm 206 Student Center, presented by MLK Cultural Center
 *Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Informational Meeting, 7 pm, MLK Cultural Center, call Faith at 231-6553 for info

Wednesday 2/17

ASH WEDNESDAY

ACADEMIC
 *L.E.A.P. Learning Skills Program, 1-1:50 and 2:50 pm, 203 Frazier Hall

MEETINGS
 *Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9 pm, CSF Bldg. (corner of Woodland & Columbus)
 *Student Meal and Discussion 5pm, Newman Center
 *French Conversation Table 4:30-6pm, David's Cafe
 *UK Snowed and Snowboard meeting, 7pm, Rm 228 Student Center
 *Psi Chi meeting, 4 pm, Rm. 213 Kastle Hall
 *Muslim Students' Assoc. meeting, 6:30 pm, Rm. 359 Stud. Ctr.
 *W.S. Webb Archeological Society meeting featuring guest speaker Anita Coleman, 7:30pm, Lafayette Hall

MOVIES
 *Beloved, 7pm, Worsham Theatre, \$1

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
 *Aikido Classes/ UK Aikido Club, 6:30-8:30 pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris @ 245-5887 for info.

SPORTS
 *UK Women's Tennis vs. Purdue, 2pm, Hillary J. Boone Tennis Center
 *UK Men's Basketball vs. Georgia, 8pm, Rupp Arena

Thursday 2/18

ACADEMIC
 *Math 109 & 123 Tutoring, 203 Frazier Hall, FREE call 7-6959 for more info.
 *Job Search, Interviewing, and Resume Writing, 6pm, Rm 248 BAE

MEETINGS
 *Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30 pm, Worsham Theatre
 *UK Lambda meeting for LGBT+ friends, 7:30 pm, Room 231 Stud. Ctr.
 *Thursday Night Live, 7pm, Christian Student Fellowship, call 233-0313 for info.
 *Financial Management Assoc. meeting, with guest speaker Molly Stone, 6pm, Rm 248 BAE
 *Ivy-Law Assoc. meeting, 4pm, Miller Hall Conference Room

ARTS
 *Senior Recital: Tony Granados, tuba, 8pm, Singletary Center

SPORTS
 *UK Ultimate Frisbee Practice, 6-8pm, Band Field, call Nick at 281-1256 for info.

SPECIAL EVENTS
 *Visual Arts Workshop, 6:30pm, MLK Cultural Center

Friday 2/19

LECTURES
 *Cannes and the South-eastern Region of France, 5pm, Blanding I Basement

ARTS
 *Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra: Duke Ellington - The Early Years, 8pm, Singletary Center
 *Lexington Gallery Hop: UK Art Museum and Singletary Center, 5-8 pm, call 7-1706 for info.
 *Exhibits: 4-9 pm, Bassell Gallery
 *Peal Gallery Series presents chamber music concert, moon, Peal Gallery of King Library

SPORTS
 *UK Women's Tennis @ UNC, 2 pm
 *UK Softball @ East Carolina, 10am
 *UK Softball @ Temple, 2 pm
 *UK Baseball @ The Citadel, 5pm

Saturday 2/20

ACADEMIC
 *Master Student Program, 535 cost, call 7-6959 for sign up info and times.

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
 *Table Tennis Tournament, Seaton Center
 *Lavin' Trip to Carter Caves, meet at Newman Center at 8:30 am, for more info call Beth at 228-9818

RELIGIOUS
 *Catholic: Mass 6 pm, Newman Center

SPORTS
 *UK Softball @ Maryland, 9 am
 *UK Softball @ Ohio, 1 pm
 *UK Men's Tennis vs. Alabama, Hillary Boone Tennis Center, tickets avail. at Memorial
 *UK Softball @ Temple, 2 pm
 *UK Indoor Track @ SEC Championships, Gainesville, FL
 *UK Men's Basketball @ Arkansas, 1 pm

Sunday 2/21

ACADEMIC
 *Master Student Program, 535 cost, call 7-6959 for sign up info and times

RELIGIOUS
 *Catholic: Mass 9 am, 11:30 am, 5 pm, 8:30 pm, Newman Center
 *Sunday Morning Worship, 11 am, Christian Student Fellowship

MEETINGS
 *Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 7pm, 230 Stud. Ctr.

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
 *Aikido Classes/ UK Aikido Club, 1-3 pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris @ 245-5887 for info.
 *Table Tennis Tournament, Seaton Center

ARTS
 *UK High School Honors Wind Ensemble, 2pm, Singletary Center
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 *UK Women's Tennis @ S. Carolina, 2pm
 *UK Softball @ Richmond, 10am
 *UK Women's Basketball @ S. Carolina, 2 pm, Memorial Coliseum
 *UK Indoor Track @ SEC Championships, Gainesville, FL

MEN'S HOOPS

Speech spurs Cats

Tubby Smith pulls out rather loud halftime tirade, Cats charge past Carolina in Rupp

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UK Coach Tubby Smith said he lacks a good offensive team. Maybe he should let his players on the secret.

With five players scoring in double figures, UK drubbed South Carolina 74-40 Saturday afternoon at Rupp Arena.

"We're not a great offensive team," Smith said, "so we have to concentrate on the defense."

They did that too, forcing 30 Gamecocks turnovers, and capitalizing with 23 points off those. The Cats also held South Carolina's golden boy, B.J. McKie to 13 points in 29 minutes.

Twenty-two of those 30 turnovers came in the second half, after Smith "challenged" his team to perform during the break.

"Tubby was not happy (at halftime)," South Carolina boss Eddie Fogler said. "You could hear him through the walls."

If Fogler would have lis-

tened hard enough, he would have heard Smith specifically challenge senior forwards Scott Padgett and Heshimu Evans.

UK guard Wayne Turner was the only bright spot on UK's (20-6, 9-3 Southeastern Conference) offense in the first half. He scored nine points on four-of-seven shooting. One sequence included a Turner/Desmond Allison steal and then a lone Turner dunk.

But that wasn't enough to make Smith happy at the half, where no player had scored in double figures.

"(Smith) said things that needed to be said," Padgett said. "He still told us the things we needed to work on. It doesn't matter how he said it."

Well, whatever he said and however he said it, it worked. UK went on a 24-5 run to start the second half and finish off the Gamecocks. Padgett led the attack, scoring nine of his team-high 13 points in the second half. He also pulled down six rebounds and tossed out three as-

sists. The other double-figure scorers were Evans (10), center Mike Bradley (11) and Turner (11).

No other South Carolina (7-17, 2-10) player scored in double figures. The closest was Antonio Grant with six. The 40 points the 'cocks were held to was the second-lowest point total for a UK opponent this year. The Cats held Georgia Tech to 39 in December.

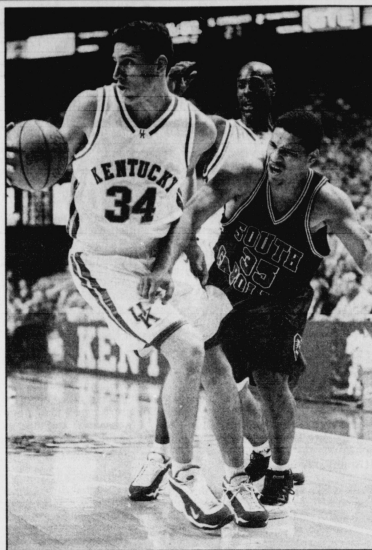
"(UK) is a lot better than we are, that's pretty obvious," Fogler said. "We just couldn't score ... This year we can't play with a good team with good athletes like them."

Fogler blamed his team's lack of confidence for its failures all year. Smith said he's glad his team has found its confidence again. The Cats tied their season low for turnovers with 10.

"We did a better job of taking care of the ball," he said. "When we did get a steal, we capitalized on it. I am pleased with the way we moved the ball."

In essence, the defense charged the offense, a similar theme for UK last year on its

run for a national title. "I think the defense really got guys some easy baskets," Turner said. "When you're playing as hard on defense as we did in the second half, everybody's gonna score points."



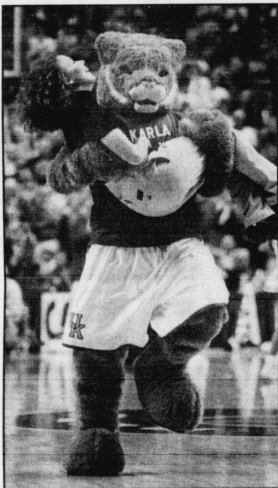
Forward Scott Padgett looked to score after making a steal against South Carolina. The senior finished with 13 points, six rebounds and three assists.

NAME	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk
McKie	29	5-12	1-3	2-2	2
Lucas	21	2-10	1-6	0-0	4
Gallman	31	1-9	0-0	0-0	6
Johnson	24	1-2	0-0	2-2	7
Nix	12	0-2	0-1	2-2	3
Kelch	24	2-8	0-0	0-0	5
Grant	23	3-7	0-3	0-0	7
Ross	8	1-3	1-2	1-2	4

NAME	pts	reb	ast	stl	blk
Evans	10	4-12	1-7	1-2	4
Padgett	23	6-10	1-4	0-0	6
Bradley	19	5-6	0-0	1-4	1
Turner	23	5-8	1-2	0-0	3
Allison	23	1-4	1-3	0-0	3
Mesjore	19	4-5	0-4	2-3	1
Hogan	10	1-3	1-3	0-0	3
Prince	22	3-6	1-4	1-2	6
Canara	17	1-2	0-0	0-0	7
Smith	12	1-2	1-2	0-0	3
Blevins	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	0

South Carolina	20-11	42-77	38-74
Kentucky	20-6	33-58	44-74

What a proposal
Masoc Gavin Duerson used a unique method to propose to girlfriend Karla Fodan. She said yes.



JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Turner's career memorable

Senior point guard keeps setting records, carrying UK title hopes on his own back

By Adam Spaw
STAFF WRITER

"Anything you can do, I can do better."

Perhaps a fitting motto that sums up Wayne Turner's career at UK this far. Former Georgia Tech star Stephon Marbury could attest to it, anyway. While Derek Anderson was busy throwing alley-oop passes off the backboard to Walter McCarty in the Cats 83-60 rout of Tech in '95, the UK point guard did his job of holding Marbury to a scoreless second half. Turner finished the game with eight points, three rebounds and three assists.

Then there was that magical night in St. Petersburg nearly one year ago. After UK found themselves down 17 to Duke, Turner went one-on-one with

the ACC's defensive player of the year like he was playing a game of street ball, scoring 16 points and dishing out eight assists.

Could it be that Turner just craves the thought of a big-time challenge?

After the Cats' 74-40 win over South Carolina Saturday, it was the same old story for Turner. Earlier in the week, UK Head Coach Tubby Smith presented his floor general with this challenge: to score more and be more offensive-minded. In just 23 minutes of play, the senior guard scored 11 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the floor. Nine of Turner's points came in the first half.

"I still feel no one can stop me off the dribble," Turner said. "I'm pretty sure that's how (USC guard Aaron) Lucas feels too."

Smith knows that if his team's going to playing its best, he needs employee No. 5 to take charge.

"Wayne really set the tone for us today," Smith said. "He came out hitting shots and playing with great energy. He's the one who makes the team go. When he's playing well, we're hard to beat."

Which comes as no surprise to Turner.

"If I don't come out and play with a lot of energy, it affects everybody," Turner said. "My whole mindset going into the game was to try and spark the team and get them going offensively and defensively."

And spark the team he did. UK jumped out to a 10-0 lead over the Gamecocks and held them scoreless for the first five-and-a-half minutes of the game.

"There's going to be some days when our offense doesn't work," Turner said. "When we stop teams defensively, there's nobody who can beat us; that's

what we need."

Turner is the lone ranger of the '95 recruiting class that included Nazir Mohammed and Ron Mercer, who have left for the NBA. So far during Turner's four-year stint as a Wildcat, he has been in three final fours and played in two national championship games. He has collected more steals than any other UK player in history and is the only Cat to ever top 1,000 points, 300 rebounds, 400 assists and 200 steals during a career. Turner needs only nine more games to play in more college basketball games than anyone on record.

"Every time I step out onto the court, I try to make the guys around me better," Turner said.

One day, Turner's jersey will be hanging from the rafters of Rupp Arena.

And one day, Turner will be part of the UK Basketball Museum, perhaps with a statue and a plaque that reads, "I can do anything better than you."

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

Jackson saves day for UK

Last-second stunner: UK squeaks past South Carolina on Erica Jackson's winner

By Matt May
SPORTS EDITOR

UK's week of good fortune continued, as junior point guard Erica Jackson sank a game-winning shot as time expired to lift the Cats over South Carolina 78-76 in Columbia.

After tying the game at 76 with only 26 seconds remaining, UK watched as Carolina's Nikki Miars drove and missed a leaper with five ticks left.

UK rebounded, then called a time out to set up a potential game-winning play.

What UK Head Coach Bernadette Mattox came up with was Jackson taking the

inbounds pass, bolting down the court and throwing up a shot between two South Carolina players as the horn sounded.

South Carolina Head Coach Susan Walvius said the shot is just part of the game.

"There's not a whole lot you can say about that shot," Walvius said.

"It was a great shot. It was a money shot. You have to give (Jackson) credit."

Despite the clutch shot, UK once again should have put the game away much earlier, as after piling up a 10-point half-time lead, the Cats let Carolina back into the contest, even spotting them a lead late in

the game.

South Carolina, which is now winless in 12 South-eastern Conference games, used an 11-2 run to open the second half to surge past the Cats.

Forward Jocelyn Penn lead the charge with 17 points and eight rebounds, while guard Shaunzinski Gorin added 14 points and nine assists, while junior center Shantia Owens had a solid game with 12 points and six

rebounds. Sophomore reserve Kenya Young came off the bench to lift the Cats with 12 points.

The victory lifted UK to 16-8 overall and 6-6 in the SEC, making the NCAA Tournament a real possibility for the Cats for the first time in Mattox's tenure.

The Cats now face games at Mississippi State (late yesterday), then at intrastate opponent EKV, which UK beat 76-60 in Memorial Coliseum last year.

UK will finish up its regular season at home next weekend against the same South Carolina team it just defeated, then travel to Chattanooga, Tenn. for the SEC Women's Tournament from Feb. 25-28.

Only after the conference tournament will UK find out if it has been selected to participate in the NCAA Tourney.

South Carolina (76)

NAME	mi	fga	3-pt	ft	rb	tp
Lester	27	5-8	0-2	1-3	7	11
Penn	26	6-15	0-0	5-6	8	17
Williams	28	17	0-3	1-2	5	3
Gortman	31	8-12	1-1	0-0	2	17
Miars	40	4-11	0-1	6-8	3	14
Hill	19	2-4	1-2	1-1	2	6
Segres	17	3-4	0-0	2-2	3	0
Jeffcoat	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0

Team 200 29-42 29 16-22 58 78

Kentucky (78)

NAME	mi	fga	3-pt	ft	rb	tp
McDole	33	15	0-0	1-2	5	3
Meadows	33	11-2	3-6	3-4	11	20
Owens	26	5-8	0-0	2-2	6	12
Wall	39	4-13	2-4	4-6	14	14
Jackson	39	5-8	0-0	4-7	4	14
Martinez	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Alexander	8	1-3	0-0	1-2	0	3
Barnes	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0
Young	15	5-6	0-0	2-4	2	12

Team 200 28-51 29 17-27 32 78

South Carolina 37 39-76

Kentucky 47 31-78

SIDE ORDERS

Valentine's Day weekend leads to interesting game

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Love was in the air at Rupp Arena Saturday, not necessarily between the Cats and the Gamecocks, but just about everywhere else.

The game started with a sign shooting up from the student section: Ryan Hogan, will you be my Valentine?

It continued with a large banner on railing of upper arena: Diana, will you marry me? Love, Jason.

Then, the crowd gave much love to UK's first All-American, Basil Hayden, when the 99-year-old man moved toward center court to form the Y in the K-E-N-T-U-C-K-Y cheer. He was in town for the opening of the new UK Basketball Museum on Saturday.

It ended in a big way. The Wildcat, Gavin Duerson, seemed rather subdued most of the day. Nothing extravagant. Maybe he was preoccupied.

With about seven minutes left in the second half, the Big K flag made its way onto the floor.

The cheerleaders got ready to make their pyramid. And the Cat started to strip.

He went from a warm-up jacket to a T-shirt with a phrase on the front and back that said it all: Karla, will you marry me? As the pyramid made its rounds to each end of the arena, a teary-eyed, stunned Karla Fodan made her way onto the court.

The Cat, Gavin Duerson, pulled out a box with an engagement ring and got down on one knee at half court. She said yes.

Then, he carried her off the court to the bowels of Rupp Arena.

Trey day
The Cats tossed up more three-point shots in Saturday's game (28) than they have all season. The previous high was 23.

Smith encouraged his team to take open threes. The Cats put up a lot of attempts, but couldn't complete many of them.

UK only shot 25 percent from beyond the arc.

Senior Heshimu Evans put up a game-high seven treys, making only one.

"Two or three (three-point shots) of them were quick threes, we maybe could have maybe made a better pass," Smith said.

Old times, new times
Former UK greats Bob Burrow and Rick Robey had their jerseys hoisted to the rafters at a ceremony before the game.

Burrow, who wore No. 50, averaged a double-double in his two years at UK. The 6-foot-7 center averaged 19 points and 17.7 rebounds a game while leading UK to a Southeastern Conference title and a No. 2 national ranking in 1955.

He tallied 1,023 points and 823 rebounds for the Cats. Burrow was the first junior college product to start for UK.

Robey, who wore No. 53, was a member of UK's 1978 national championship team. He was one-half of Coach Joe B. Hall's twin-tower approach. He teamed with Mike Phillips to

Poll worthy

Kernel Top 25

This Week	Last Week
1. Duke	1
2. UConn	1
3. Auburn	3
4. Michigan State	5
5. Cincinnati	5
6. UK	8
7. Maryland	7
8. Arizona	9
9. Stanford	4
10. St. John's	10
11. Ohio State	13
12. Utah	27
13. Miami	14
14. North Carolina	14
14. UCLA	11
16. Purdue	19
17. Indiana	17
18. Wisconsin	23
19. Coll. of Charleston	20
20. New Mexico	21
21. Syracuse	15
22. Florida	24
23. Louisville	NR
24. Iowa	15
25. Ole Miss	NR

lead the Wildcats to a 30-2 record when the two were seniors.

He still holds the school record in career field goal percentages (63.5 percent). The New Orleans native ended his career with 20 points and 11 rebounds vs. Duke in the final game of 1978.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's tennis rolls

The UK women's tennis team destroyed the University of Michigan 8-1 at the Hilary J. Boone Indoor Tennis Center last Friday.

The No. 23-ranked Cats ran their record to a perfect 4-0, winning five of six singles matches and all three doubles matches.

In perhaps the most impressive performance of the day, UK's Carolina Mayorga defeated Michigan's No. 29-ranked Danielle Lund 6-3 and 6-2, setting the tone for the rest of the day.

Also picking up singles victories for UK were Massoumeh Emami, Christy Sigurski, Kelly Brown and Brooke Sken. The tandems of Brown/Emami, Sken/Mayorga and Sigurski/Stafford took home doubles victories.

UK will be back in action on at 2 p.m. Wednesday when Purdue arrives in Lexington for a dual match.

GymKats fall
In another UK-Michigan

battle, the Wolverines defeated the UK Gymnastics team fairly easily Friday night at Memorial Coliseum before a crowd of around 650.

Winning every team event, Michigan outscored UK 195-525 to 189-975. The Wolverines also took home the best individual performances in all four events.

The GymKats will return to the mats this weekend when Ball State University and Brigham Young University come to town.

Baseball drops first two
UK baseball fell on hard times this weekend in its season-opening weekend, getting shelled on Friday, then losing a heartbreaker on Saturday to Florida Atlantic.

After dropping an 18-2 decision in the first game, UK rebounded to play tough in the second, before falling in the bottom of the ninth.

The Cats trailed 9-5 going into the top of the ninth, but

rallied to score five runs, led by outfielder Beau Moore's second three-run homer of the game. But UK couldn't hold the lead, as Florida Atlantic pushed across two runs in the bottom of the inning to take an 11-10 victory and raise its record to 5-0.

UK did finish the game with four home runs, two by Moore and one each by Aaron McGilone and John Wilson, but couldn't overcome seven walks by the pitching staff.

In Friday's loss, pitching staff ace Ben Shaffar faced six batters, but never recorded an out as Florida Atlantic scored seven runs in the first inning and cruised to a win.

The Cat pitchers gave up 10 walks and 13 hits, while the UK hitting attack mustered only four hits off Florida Atlantic starter Todd Moser.

The Cats were to finish up the series yesterday afternoon before returning home.

Compiled from staff reports.

Cheer riles Bob Knight's temper

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVANSTON, Ill. — Bob Knight, the king of profane outbursts, was offended.

Chants of "Who's your daddy?" got him hot. Or was that "Hoosier daddy" that Northwestern students were directing at the Indiana bench?

Knight didn't care. He just didn't like it.

So once his Hoosiers won 69-62 in overtime Saturday, he pointed to the scoreboard and repeated the same chant to the bleacher section nearest the bench.

"I just asked them: 'Who's your daddy now?'" Knight said.

Moments later, Knight angrily confronted Northwestern Coach Kevin O'Neill at mid-court where coaches usually meet after games.

Knight lectured O'Neill about the crowd and O'Neill took offense. The Wildcats coach grabbed Knight's trademark red warmup before Knight ripped his arm away. O'Neill was intercepted by an Indiana assistant coach. The whole exchange lasted seconds.

Less than an hour after the game, Knight and O'Neill cooled off and made peace, meeting on a practice court to shake hands and to talk.

Knight tried to downplay

what happened.

"I didn't think (the crowd) was hostile. I thought it was a great environment except for that end. What more could a team ask for than the crowd behind them like this one was?"

O'Neill professed innocence, saying he didn't know what the crowd said and couldn't control it if he did.

"Crowds get like that," O'Neill said. "I didn't hear anything. If our crowd said something out of line, I'd be upset."

"Who's your daddy?" is not an uncommon cheer in college basketball, although its meanings are open to interpretation.

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He said, she said

Debate on the Senate floor over the impeachment of President Clinton was closed to the public on Thursday and Friday. Using transcripts published by the Senate offices, here's what several senators said at the trial behind closed doors:

"The record of this impeachment trial is a time capsule. We leave it for succeeding generations."

-Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)

"I think my country sinks beneath the yoke. It weeps. It bleeds."

-Robert Byrd (R-W.Va.)

"We must not permit a lie to become the truth."

-Jesse Helms (R-N.C.)

"No saloon fights here. We engage in verbal battles."

-Byron Dorgan (D-I.D.)

Kill the ref!

Personal foul

COLUMBIA — A Pulaski County basketball fan was arrested for punching a referee. Garry E. Sears, 51, of Somerset, was jailed briefly Friday night on a charge of assault on a sports official, a Class A misdemeanor under a state law passed last year.

"I'm not that kind of person," Sears said. "I just kind of flipped. I got caught up in the heat of the game. I'm embarrassed."

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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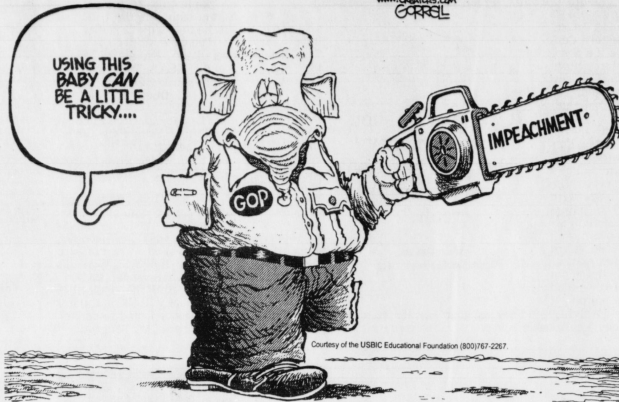
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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Diversity, not morality, is the question

To the editor:

The issue of whether a gay fraternity should be formed on UK's campus should be one of diversity, not morality. The Greek community is already quite diverse. During the rush week, potential pledges can visit different fraternities and make a decision about which group of individuals he wants to associate with. Joining fraternity A is not the same as joining Z.

The issue of whether a gay fraternity would be accepted, on the other hand, will depend solely on the level of maturity of the Interfraternity Council and the Greek community as a whole. I would hope that a "gay" fraternity would not consist entirely of gay men, but the heterosexual friends, brothers, sons and even cousins of gay men as well. In short, I would hope such a fraternity would be diverse in its composition.

When I was active in a UK fraternity in the late 1980s, my fraternity consisted of about 55 active

members, of whom at least five were gay. It was never an issue. Furthermore, no matter how narrow the parameters of tolerance or how strict the rules of conformity, any fraternity which asserts, "it's never happened," is lying.

MARC JOHNSON
 BIOLOGY SENIOR

Housing woes faced by all

To the editor:

The Kernel article on the housing woes at University Commons is only the tip of the iceberg. I have had my share of apartments over the last four years and have yet to see a return of my initial deposit. If students choose to live in an apartment complex, it's generally the rule rather than the exception that their deposit will be taken.

This has happened way too often to me and my friends, leaving us with little or no recourse in getting our money back.

Having had my fill of being bilked by complexes, I moved a little closer to campus in one of the many rat traps that surround it. In

the last two years, I have been through my fair share of problems only to have the problem persist over several months or never get corrected. For example, carbon monoxide leaks, dead pigeons, mice, no running water, water falling through the roof and sewage running down my driveway are some of the many problems the houses around campus have. With all this inconvenience, one would think they deserved their deposit. It didn't happen.

This, undoubtedly, is an all-too-familiar story for those living near campus: paying outrageous rent for several months and also donating the deposit. Granted, the houses are older, and the plumbing might not be what it should, but landlords find it all too easy to put a coat of paint on the walls and move another group of suckers in.

We all can't live in the dorms for our entire academic career. There just is not enough room, and besides that, one year is more than enough "time served" for lots of students.

We are in a lose-lose situation. You can move into an apartment complex and be cramped, pay a little more, and live a little farther away from campus, or live in one of the dumps and face "city" life.

I am sure some landlords maintain their property, but I guess the trick is wading through the sewage to find them.

MICHAEL BROWN
 CHEMICAL ENGINEERING JUNIOR

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

Mark Linton

GUEST OPINION

Solitude, not TV, is the place to find answers

With impunity, I begin to click away on a marvelous little device called the lap top, well out of place here at the Abbey of Getsemani. I know starting out that I will not be able to just describe the strange aura this place exudes — an odd combination of dole and hope, of struggle and solace — nor would such a description be a fair shake to any reader. No one should take my word for such a wondrous place best experienced without words.

This might be the most clichéd setting a writer could ever want — unlimited hot beverages waiting down in the kitchen, a rustic snow-covered landscape, cold flurries outside and warm good space inside. Corridors are nicely kept and rooms are comfortable but simple enough to avoid distraction. Now place every tweed-toting, denim-covered, twinkle-eyed Whitman you could ever envision walking through wooded acreage with nice little trails (nice enough not to get lost but rugged enough to make the frustrated writer feel "earthy.") Now put yourself in my shoes.

The Abbey of Getsemani surpasses any lighthearted imagery I could conjure. The fact is, this place is an island in a sea of good ol' American hoopla. Hoopla? Yeah — noise, consumerism, violence, well-meaning people, friends, family, work, school — that hoopla. You certainly don't have to be an angst-filled writer to fit in here. Anyone and everyone comes to Getsemani, located in Nelson County, for a retreat.

Yes, it is a Catholic monastery. No, you don't have to be a Catholic. Christian or even have a religion to come here.

No one has any agenda for the visitors here: There are no attempts to convert you, no attempts to force you to go to church. You may just be with yourself for a week (or a weekend) alone. The monks who live here believe that part of their calling is to receive any and all visitors as if they were Christ — a fortunate detail for the broke college student who wants to get away from it all.

One thing that's missing from this place is young people. This week I'm the only person here under 25. That's what got me thinking.

I thought it might be good to describe this free opportunity to my own demographic. Despite what Phillips-Magnavox thinks, I don't believe everyone between the ages of 18 and 25 wants to live out the absurd myth of wearing colorful, baggy outfits and getting off when five of their closest friends move a new wall TV into a shared living space the size of a U-Haul. Could they insult us anymore?

"You've got to admit it's getting better, it's getting better all the time."

It's a catchy tune, but bullshit. I want a lot more than that out of life.

What's funny is that we are in a stage of our lives that is changing more than the average adult's. Everyday we question ideas and purposes we used to take for granted. But do we ever have time to consider our condition? In the last few days, my only concerns have been food, rest and thought (a bit of writing and reading, too). I have no concept of time or commitments.

If this sounds a bit better than the wall TV, consider going on your own retreat.

IN OUR OPINION

Impeach this

Let's focus on the good, not the bad

It's over. Finally.

President Clinton has been acquitted of the two articles of impeachment brought before him. In the wake of the trial, senators are clamoring for political position. The American public still feels the Senate did the right thing to acquit him.

All of these revelations are probably big surprises.

Not.

With all of the negative talk surrounding the impeachment inquiry, what might be a big surprise is that positive things were able to come out of this year-and-a-half long situation:

- Justice was served according to the laws of the Constitution. The House brought the charges, the Senate acted as jury, and they failed to gain the two-thirds majority needed to remove the president from office.

- The trial resulted in senators and representatives showing they are unable to partake in non-partisan politics. If anyone thought there were non-partisan members of Congress, this trial showed there's no such thing.

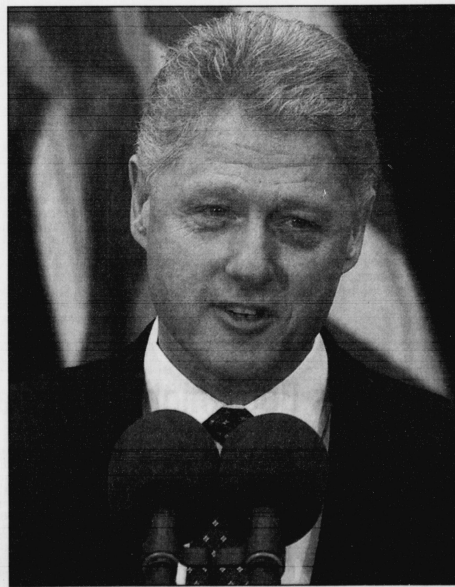
- Clinton was punished for his endeavors. His public image will never be the same, no matter what the public opinion polls show. His status as a lame-duck president will no longer go into effect in the last year of his term — it started as soon as he admitted to having an inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

- Congress didn't cop out and try to bring a censure resolution against Clinton. To do so would have been a cop-out, an escape clause from following to the letter the law's prescriptions for such a situation. It truly would have been a slap — no, make that a light tap — on the wrist.

- Kenneth Starr's tactics have now shed light on the role of the independent counsel. Maybe after this whole ordeal, Congress will take a serious look at the unchecked powers given to one man who may or may not have been driven by political motives.

- And most important, the investigation that started with land deals in Arkansas has ended after tens of millions of dollars and a few sexual encounters later. It's time to move on with the business of the country.

Time's up.



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Time to move on

President Clinton addressed the media after Senators voted to acquit him of the two articles of impeachment. Clinton called for leaders of both parties to move on with the business of the nation.

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FILM THOUGHTS



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Bad movie icon Kevin Costner teams with Robin Wright Penn in *Message in a Bottle*. The film is a romance about losing love and finding it again. The film also stars Hollywood legend Paul Newman, star of such classics as *Cool Hand Luke* and *Hud*.

Bottle like any other

Can three be a crowd? A trio of towering stars can't make *Bottle* more than mediocre

By Jonathan D. Kent
STAFF WRITER

Thoughts before going to see *Message in a Bottle*: Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn, Paul Newman.

Costner has not done back-to-back good movies since ... well, never. Since his last movie was *The Postman*, this film should be good.

On the other hand, we also know romances with Costner rely on two important factors: sports and comedy.

Granted, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* did deliver at the box office. Of course, I believe the Supreme Court ruling still stands that if HBO shows it one more time, the cable channel

has to pay all of us \$14 million each.

The lovely wife of actor Sean Penn also has some romantic baggage. The last time she played a decent romantic role, it was as Buttercup in *The Princess Bride*. Since then, she has been Jenny in *Forrest Gump* (which incidentally was the most annoying character in a film full of annoying characters), and capped it all off with *She's So Lovely*, a bitter-sweet film in which she plays (shock) the single most irritating character in film history.

The only reason I limit it to film is because no one could beat Edith Bunker and Gopher from "The Love Boat" at being annoying. Finally, we have Newman.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. *The Sting*. *Hud*. Newman is the man.

So, we could assume that with these three, the movie couldn't possibly be bad.

Thoughts after going to see *Message in a Bottle*: Sweet. Romantic. Heartwarming.

Other thoughts include banal, cliché and heavily flawed. Here's our story: Costner plays Garret Blake, a widower who still loves his long dead wife, and shows it by writing and sending letters to her via bottles in the ocean (hence that catchy title).

One of the letters washes up on a different beach, where it is found by Theresa (Wright Penn), who then sets out to find what kind of man would write such a letter.

Who has thought processes like this? "Hey look! A guy is obsessed with his dead wife, so I'll

find out who he is and see if I can have him." This woman is obviously deluded.

This is a dreamy movie, though. Not in a hazy dream sequence sort of way.

Rather, it looks real and feels warm and fuzzy, as a good dream does.

Costner charms, Newman dazzles and Wright Penn, well, she just kind of sits there like a cocker spaniel after acting classes.

She's a great actress. Her roles just lack any passion, something a great actress would inject into the part.

Thoughts after writing the article on *Message in a Bottle*: hmmm movie. Costner and Newman impress, Wright Penn confuses and annoys, and film itself is cuddly, yet full of clichés of romantic sentiment.

Rating: B-

By Gary McCollum
WRESTLING CRITIC

It's a dog-eat-dog mentality in wrestling

This past Monday, WCW finally found a way for me to sit through its entire three-hour telecast. That's right boys and girls, it's that time of year again. The Westminster Kennel Club's dog show is up and running.

So, I can either watch Luchadores the size of a West Highland White Terrier, or I can watch actual West Highland White Terriers.

I choose the former over the latter, but it was a much closer decision than I would have imagined.

As I watched Monday "Nitro," I couldn't help but imagine if "Rowdy" Roddy Piper could possibly trace his first wrestling match back to the initial lineage of the Belgian Sheepdog of 1799. It certainly looked that way during his bout on Monday night.

But I must give Hot Rod some credit. In case you were busy watching the Hound Group on the USA Network, Piper beat an obviously ailing Bret Hart for the U.S. Heavyweight title on "Nitro." This rematch from *Wrestlemania VIII* was actually pretty good as far as rematches go, but that might be because I was laughing from my brother's attempt to describe the latest Piper movie he had seen.

He mentioned something about a pair of sunglasses that enabled him to see the aliens he was out to kill.

By the way, if anyone knows the title of this flick, please e-mail it to me so I can add it to my "Crap That I Will Never Watch" list of movies.

Piper did win the belt though, so we must give him credit for that. His possession of the belt can only lead to two things, especially at

his age. The first possibility is the belt could only serve as an anchor.

This would of course allow Piper's 50-year gut to hang worse than the 400-pound fat guy that tests the limits of the all-you-can-eat-bar at Shoney's.

At Piper's advanced age, the second option is for the belt to begin creeping up Piper's waist more awkwardly than a high school freshman working on his first official groping.

The problems associated with the increasing age of WCW's wrestlers is something has got to be addressed in the coming months. If for no other reason than I've been informed by a number of readers that picking on old people is tacky, and I'd hate to overstep my journalistic bounds.

What's next? The Golden Girls as ring girls? WCW, I warn you.

The day that Bea Arthur and Betty White approach the ring in a spandex tube top is the same day that I stop watching wrestling, after passing out in a pool of my own vomit of course.

If Piper wants to stay active in the public spotlight, then maybe he should consider getting into the dog show scene.

He's more likely to avoid injury, unless a rabid Rhodensian Ridgeback gets loose.

Plus, for 51 weeks out of the year, I wouldn't have to worry about him or the Golden Girls popping up on Monday night wrestling.

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Brendan Fraser's latest role truly a blast from the past

Film about life in a nuclear fallout shelter bears uncanny resemblance to past films

By Tucky Williams
STAFF CRITIC

Blast from the Past is like four or five episodes of a sitcom that have been made into a movie. If it had been sitcom, it probably would have been successful because it's cute and funny. But on the big screen, (I'm sorry, I can't help myself) *Blast* comes off without much of a bang.

Blast starts out with a young couple (Sissy Spacek and Christopher Walken) entering a huge nuclear fallout shelter in 1962. Fearing the effects of radiation, they stay inside the underground shelter for 35 years. While in the shelter, they

have a son, Adam (Brendan Fraser), who grows up knowing only the shelter. Because they can't make contact with the outside world, the family remains stuck with '60s-era attitudes and beliefs: They watch "The Honeymoons" together, Adam studies baseball cards, and using curs words is a cardinal sin.

When they finally leave the shelter, the year is 1997, and the world above is alien to them. But 35-year-old Adam is eager to explore the city above the ground, Los Angeles. The bulk of the film shows the difficulties Adam has adapting to the world outside of the fallout shelter. He is amazed by things most peo-

ple take for granted. The sky, public transportation and adult bookstores are just a few of the things that puzzle and amaze him.

If this plot sounds familiar to you, you aren't the only one. It is the same story line every other Brendan Fraser movie has. *George of the Jungle* and *Encino Man* both featured Fraser as a character who is suddenly moved from a primitive world into a modern big city.

Fraser could not have been challenged with his role in *Blast* as Adam — it's the same part he has played at least twice before. There was no need for him to expend the energy re-discovering his character.

Lucky for the audiences, the standard Fraser part is fun and entertaining. Maybe it's because he has played the role so many times before, but he has

the character of Adam down to a "T," and his comedic timing is impeccable.

Alicia Silverstone and Dave Foley round out the cast as the love interest and her gay male roommate. Silverstone's role is refreshing, as she gives a realistic portrayal of a hardened, self-centered urbanite who Adam hires to show him around L.A. She seems to have regained some of the appeal audiences haven't seen since *Clueless*.

Foley is by experience a natural in his role. He doesn't get enough screen time, but he makes the best of what he has and delivers some of the film's best lines.

But it was disappointing Foley's character didn't have a love interest. Instead, his romantic energies were focused on his roommate's budding relationship. Sooner or later, Hol-

lywood will have to realize gays and lesbians don't live like eunuchs — they have sex drives just like straight people.

The screenplay remains true to the romantic comedy genre: Boy and girl encounter obstacle after obstacle on the way to falling in love. *Blast* seems to have been written around this formula, and sometimes the dramatic tension is so forced that the screen almost cracks.

For example, when Adam tells his love interest how he has spent his life, she rejects him. Couldn't the writers have thought up something slightly less predictable than that?

The writing is pleasant and funny. The jokes in this film would make any episode of "Must-See TV" a classic. The problem is the jokes are not based on the characters. What

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