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Bombs target communications

In Baghdad: U.S. airstrikes hit Information Ministry, telecommunication centers and Republican Guard units

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Fire raged yards away from a shopping mall named for Saddam Hussein's birthday, pouring smoke into the sky after a pre-dawn airstrike Monday targeted the Iraqi Information Ministry.

Recorded calls of "God is great" from mosque minarets alerted the people of Baghdad to another night of bombings Sunday, followed by a massive

explosion and then the streaks of anti-aircraft gunners' tracers across the sky.

In the past few nights, the mosque loudspeakers have been used instead of air-raid sirens — with the all-clear signaled by another minaret announcement: "God is great, they are gone."

Another blast shook the city around 2 a.m. Monday, and a fire was seen burning at

the Information Ministry. Abu Dhabi television showed live footage of the blaze, which it said was in the ministry's press center.

Firefighters sprayed the blaze near the "28 April Shopping Center," located across the street from the ministry and whose name commemorates Saddam's birthday.

A Tomahawk missile hit the ministry building before dawn Saturday, gutting one floor and destroying many of the satellite dishes on the

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Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command, talks during a news conference at the Camp As Sayliyah, Central Command Center, Doha, Qatar, Sunday.



Technology alters coverage of war

By Emily Burton

STAFF WRITER

Weeks before the war started, Pablo Alcala was at a boot camp in Virginia, training at a FBI facility. This would be expected of a soldier, but Alcala is a photojournalist.

Now embedded in a Marine unit somewhere in Iraq, Alcala is one of the eyes behind the images under the war headlines in the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Housing journalists

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BRAD WILDER | KERNEL STAFF

A bittersweet moment for the blue

UK cheerleaders Jason Koogh and Angela McAfee line up with the rest of the squad for one last playing of "My Old Kentucky Home" this season. Marquette celebrates its Elite Eight victory over Kentucky behind them.

Three seniors led by example as Cats enjoyed historic season

For four years we've watched Keith Bogans, Jules Camara and Marquette Estill play their hearts out for a team that has been through its share of emotional highs and lows, battling its way to two Southeastern Conference Tournament championships. But Saturday was the last we'll see of them in UK uniforms after a disappointing NCAA quarterfinal loss to Marquette.

The Cats faced a turning point at the beginning of the season. Following the year of "Team Turmoil," coach Tubby Smith did some housecleaning and put together what he believed was a championship team even if no one else did. And he leaned on his three seniors to help him in his quest for a turnaround season.

Without a doubt, the road looked to be a bumpy one from the beginning. The Cats lost to Virginia in the Maui Invitational on Nov. 26 and fellow Elite Eight squad Michigan State on Dec. 14. The infamous Louisville loss on Dec. 26, when the Cats fell to the Cardinals and Rick Pitino by 18 points, further increased skepticism. The fans and the media were giving up hope, and the Cats looked to be on the same path as last year.

But the seniors kept their heads high and their vision of a championship in sight. After two early wins against Tennessee and South Carolina, UK traveled to Nashville to face Vanderbilt. The game is now famous as the turning point of the season. Down 16 at halftime, UK came out of the locker room a new team. A team that would put defense first and begin its 26-game winning streak that would lead it to the Elite Eight in the NCAA tournament.

The leaders of this new team, quickly named the "Suffocats," were none other than Bogans, Camara and Estill. Who better to lead the Cats on the floor than the most experienced players?

Bogans' game and mentality did a complete 180. After struggling during his junior year when shots would not fall and fans were giving up hope, Bogans seemed to regain his confidence and composure. With that in place, the whole team seemed to follow.

"He's been a part of the heart and soul of this team," Tubby said after Saturday's loss. "His competitiveness is contagious, and I think that shows. He'll just be phenomenal at the next level."

Saturday's loss to Marquette put an end to the Cats' 26-game winning streak and an end to Bogans' and Camara's college careers. For Estill, there is still the possibility of a return if he meets the eligibility criteria.

lanky forward who had little experience compared to his teammates. Critics said he would not amount to much if he didn't bulk up. Looking at Camara today, he still seems a little skinny, but his agility and ball handling skills have improved.

Estill, unlike Camara, was criticized for his lack of agility and for weighing too much. For him to compete meant dropping weight and keeping his legs strong. And he did just that. Since the beginning of his career, Estill has dropped 50 to 60 pounds. He credited the weight loss to better eating habits and not eating late at night. His commitment to losing the weight proves his devotion to the team.

The idea of "togetherness" is what sparked the Cats' turnaround this season. Bogans, Camara and Estill proved to the rest of the team that they could lead. No more ball hogging, no more getting the ball to one shooter. In response, the team came together. Sharing responsibilities defensively and letting the shots fall offensively for whoever was open. The result: a historic season regardless of how it ended because the team won another SEC championship, sweeping the conference 19-0.

As for next year, the seniors will be missed. Here's hoping we see Tubby proving his coaching worth and Estill back to continue his dominance in the paint.

But if the NBA calls, wish them the best.

Students shocked but still proud after UK's loss

By Dustin Adkins

STAFF WRITER

Though the partying on Euclid and Woodland avenues will have to wait for another year, UK students are still proud of their team, which ended its 26-game winning streak in a stunning 83-69 loss to Marquette Saturday. The loss robbed the Wildcats of a trip to the Final Four.

"It was a complete surprise, but I'm not that angry," said Doug Gastright, a computer science junior.

Gastright had hoped to see the Wildcats in the Final Four before he graduated, but still appreciates the season they had. "It was a bad loss, but I think the rest of the season makes up for it," Gastright said.

Amy Abbott, a sports marketing freshman, shares that sentiment.

"Yesterday's game shocked all of us; however, we should still be proud of our Wildcats for what they achieved all season long," Abbott said.

Riding on the nation's longest winning streak,

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Task force studies student drinking, UK alcohol policy

Changes? Rules for off-campus events examined

By Rebecca Neal

STAFF WRITER

A recently formed alcohol task force may create new guidelines for how campus organizations can serve alcohol at off-campus events, one UK administrator said.

"We want to be sure that guidelines are established for on or off campus student organizations that are hosting events so that they are following good risk management strategies," said Patricia Terrell, vice president of student affairs.

Terrell said the rules would address underage drinking and liability issues.

"For example, SG (Student Government) and SAB (Student Activities Board) host off campus activities where alcohol is available at a cash bar, and we want to make sure alcohol isn't the focus of any event and that organizations are being responsible," Terrell said.

President Lee Todd, who formed the alcohol task force in cooperation with Terrell, said universities need to study student attitudes toward alcohol.

"We should be concerned about alcohol consumption across college campuses, not just with underage students but with responsible alcohol use as well," Todd said.

Todd said UK should work with neighborhoods around the campus to develop a better alcohol policy, something he said might have prevented the creation of the Lexington Area Party Plan. "We want to reduce the friction between the university and the city... we should be talking together about these issues," he said.

Those invited to be on the task force include Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac, vice-mayor and owner of Lexington's Applebee's franchises Mike Scanlon, neighborhood association members and bar owners, Todd said.

Two students will also be part of the task force. The students are James Adams, the vice president of external relations for the Interfraternity Council, and Mary Katherine Thompson, SG's president.

One administrator said that student input is important but may be hard to get. "It's hard to get schedules coordinated so students can come to the meetings," said Meg Quarles, the assistant dean of students and the director of the Health and Alcohol Education Programming Office at UK.

She said the task force should conduct surveys and studies to learn about alcohol use among students.

"We want to get an accurate picture of what are our students' habits and behaviors," she said.

Quarles said she was delighted Todd was putting more focus on educating students about alcohol use and creating more responsible policies.

"Now I feel like we've got more university support than we've had in the past," Quarles said.

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Song, dance and martial arts bring cultures together at International Talent Night | 5



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down



THE FEAR: For the second time this week, the Stones have deep-sixed Asian concerts due to the deadly, highly contagious virus plaguing the continent, announcing Friday that they were scrapping their historic shows in Shanghai and Beijing. On Wednesday, the band said it was postponing its Hong Kong shows slated for this weekend due to severe acute respiratory syndrome, a pneumonia-like bug that has killed more than 50 people and infected upwards of 1,500. The Stones had been set to play Shanghai on April 1 and Beijing three days later — the dates would have been the Rock and Roll Hall of Famers' first in mainland China. The duo-rockers had been seeking a permit to play in China since 1978. "We are very sad and disappointed not to be able to do these concerts," Stones frontman Mick Jagger said in a statement on the band's Web site, rollingstones.com. "We have been looking forward to the shows in China for so long and will reschedule them as soon as possible."

My mom was telling me she went to the beauty shop and one of the people there has a grandson overseas, and he called her and asked if there were a lot of people with yellow ribbons around the trees, and she had to tell him no."

Lisa Stretch, speaking at a rally in support of American troops in Louisville.

Kernel seeks SG candidate interviews

The Kentucky Kernel will be posting brief interviews with SG senate candidates online. The Kernel has not been able to contact all of the candidates and urges anyone running to call 257-1915 or e-mail us at kylkernel.com. The interviews should be posted at kylkernel.com starting Tuesday.

UK offers smoking cessation class

The UK Markey Cancer Center and its Cancer Control Program are sponsoring a free smoking cessation program open to members of the UK community and the public. The Cooper/Clayton Smoking Cessation program lasts 12 weeks. The group support program uses research-based methods to help people stop smoking. Starting April 1, class will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 1141 Red Mile Road. To register or for more information, call (800) 404-5579.

Protestors face off with protestors

LOUISVILLE — Several people who gathered for a rally to show support for U.S. troops on Saturday hung around to protest a nearby anti-war rally later in the day. "Today is about those who are giving their lives for you and me," said Jack Early, a former metro mayor candidate who spoke at the "Support Our Troops" rally in front of the Jefferson County Courthouse. That rally drew about 150 people. During the rally people were urged to attend an anti-war gathering planned for later in the afternoon. Many did go to the second rally where they expressed their support for the war. Lisa Stretch of Louisville held a sign that read: "Marine Daughter, Army Wife, Air Force Mom." She hoped that by coming to the rally, she would give strength to the troops overseas. "I think a lot of the troops are down," she said. "My mom was telling me she went to the beauty shop and one of the people there has a grandson overseas, and he called her and asked if there were a lot of people with yellow ribbons around the trees, and she had to tell him no."

Malpractice verdict overturned

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Court of Appeals has overturned a million dollar medical malpractice verdict in Lexington because it says the trial judge was ethically obliged to take herself off the case. The suit against Dr. Thomas Abell resulted in a \$1.7 million verdict for Tonya Oliver, whose vision was permanently impaired by what the jury deemed a botched series of Lasik surgeries in 1997 and 1998. It was the largest sum ever awarded in a Lasik malpractice

case. The court of appeals took no issue with the award, but said that Fayette Circuit Judge Rebecca Overstreet "knowingly failed to disclose the facts" that her husband, Jerry Wright, works in the Herren & Adams law firm that represented Oliver.

Servicemen to get tax breaks

PHILADELPHIA — When the Clarion County commissioners learned some of their employees were worried about paying taxes while on active military duty, they checked their records to see what could be done. Copying a policy from the Gulf War, they decided to exempt active servicemen and women from the county's \$5 per-capita tax and also give them a two-year grace period for property taxes. It will likely take only about \$20,000 out of the county's \$11 million budget, commissioner Donna Hartle said. "We said pretty much as long as they're in Afghanistan or wherever, this would apply," Hartle said. Governments nationwide have been searching for ways to ease the tax burden on members of the armed forces. Even as revenue shortfalls force them to slash budgets, officials say economic incentives for people in the military are too important to sacrifice.

Suicide attacker's family rewarded

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq gave \$34,000 to the family of an Iraqi army officer who killed four U.S. soldiers in a suicide attack, and the leader of the militant group Islamic Jihad said Sunday its volunteers had gone to Baghdad for similar bombing missions against the "American invasion." Ali Jaafar al-Noamani, a noncommissioned officer with several children, was posthumously promoted to colonel and awarded two medals for the attack in Najaf that killed the unidentified Americans. Iraqi state television reported. His family reportedly was given a fortune by Iraqi standards: 100 million dinars, the equivalent of \$34,000.

Iraq decentralizes military forces

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein set up a system giving his most trusted lieutenants and local tribal leaders the power to mount a guerrilla campaign or other military measures without waiting for his orders. Saddam reorganized his chain of command before the war so that he need not give every order and thus make himself vulnerable to U.S. electronic detection. U.S. officials, however, see the absence of Saddam's strong hand on the battlefield as a sign that he may be dead or wounded. Although Saddam may not be issuing all the orders, his prediction of a tough ground fight is on the mark, and his defensive measures appear to be paying off. "I don't know whether the leader of this regime is dead or alive," Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander, said in Doha, Qatar.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Iraqi city's holy sites complicate invasion

Touchy: Damage to Islam's most sacred shrines could inflame terrorism; strategy for city unclear

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEAR NAJAF, Iraq — The 101st Airborne Division encircled the Shiite holy city of Najaf on Sunday, preparing for a possible door-to-door battle to root out Saddam Hussein's fighters — but leery of damaging some of the faith's most sacred shrines.

To the north, Army brigades crept closer to Baghdad, advancing 10 miles with little resistance, though battles with the Republican Guard loomed. To the south, Marines launched "search-and-destroy" missions to clear the road to Baghdad of Iraqi attackers.

But it was at Najaf — a city of 300,000, 100 miles south of Baghdad — that U.S. military leaders were faced with a difficult decision.

It was unclear whether the U.S. strategy is to take Najaf or simply to cordon off the city. There are too many Iraqi fighters to bypass them or leave them unattended; they're a danger to supply lines on the way to Baghdad.

But if Najaf is a key stepping stone to the capital, it is also a dangerous one. On Saturday, a suicide attack killed four U.S. soldiers at a checkpoint north of town; on Sunday, nervous U.S. troops warned approaching drivers they would be shot if they did not leave the area.

"This is our type of fight," said Command Sgt. Maj. Marvin Hill, of the Fort Campbell, Ky.-based air assault division. "This is probably the most dangerous part of combat and that's urban. Sometimes you don't find out who the enemy is until they're shooting at you."

It is also a place where soldiers must tread with sensitivity.

It is in Najaf that Ali, son-in-law of the prophet Muhammad, is buried at an extraordinary shrine, its gold dome and twin minarets gleaming for miles. It is surrounded by low buildings and narrow streets, a nightmare of an urban battleground.

Other Muslim prophets are buried there and at the vast al Wadi es Salaam cemetery — one of the world's largest — that forms a semicircle around the city. Officers speaking on condition of anonymity said some of the Iraqi fighters were hiding there.

A battle that destroyed these holy places could inflame passions of Shiites in Iraq and elsewhere, most notably Iran.

Ibrahim Khalili, a prominent Iranian Shiite clergyman, said: "I don't think that anyone dares to attack a holy site in Iraq. An attack on holy shrines will only provoke the uncontrolled anger of Muslims, especially Shiites, with serious consequences to the attackers."

Capt. Micah Pharris, an attorney in the 101st Airborne's judge advocate general's office, said some locations in Najaf are on the military's "no target" list — to be fired at only in self defense.

"We take our responsibility to these things very seriously and treat them with the utmost respect," he said.

So the Army still held out hope that the battle could be avoided. Using loudspeakers mounted on Humvees, U.S. soldiers on Najaf's perimeter will soon beseech its townspeople to turn over Saddam's zealots.

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War protests take place across U.S., around world

'Who Would Jesus Bomb?' Protesters use creative methods of voicing their disapproval for the war in Iraq

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — War protesters blocked traffic and some were pepper-sprayed and arrested during a snowy demonstration in Pittsburgh on Sunday, while thousands of protesters marched through Philadelphia in a cold rain.

In Philadelphia, several thousand people braved the weather, many wearing buttons that read "Bring Our Troops Home." Interspersed in the crowd were plainclothes officers wearing police armbands.

In Pittsburgh, a group of protesters estimated by police at 250 began with a permitted rally at Frick Park, banging drums and chanting slogans against the war. But they then began an unpermitted march through residential areas,

blocking traffic along a major thoroughfare.

In Los Angeles, a crowd estimated by police at 5,000 marched through downtown in an early spring heat wave that brought temperatures into the 80s. The march was peaceful and there were no arrests.

"Who would Jesus bomb?" asked a sign carried by Evan Leving, 40. "It's a statement on the hypocrisy of people who claim to be spiritual and support massive bombardments," Leving said.

In St. Louis, organizers of "The World Wants Peace Rally" used the World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park announced the turnout at more than 4,500.

"We must not be deterred by those who characterize us as un-American and unpatriotic. Our citizenship is not the issue," said the Rev. B.T. Rice, an area black leader. He added that protesters back U.S. troops but condemn a war that opponents deem unjust. Demonstrations around the world Sunday related to the war in Iraq: More than 100,000 Indonesians, chanting America is the No. 1 terrorist, marched from the British Embassy in Jakarta. Some estimated the crowd was as large as 300,000.

At least 25,000 people in Spain marched to the edge of the Rota Naval and Air Base, which is shared with U.S.

forces. Some of the 200,000 demonstrators in Morocco threw stones, burned U.S. flags and tore down posters advertising American products.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil, some of the more than 5,000 demonstrators held pictures of President Bush with a Hitler-style mustache drawn in.

About 100,000 demonstrators joined a rally organized by hardline Islamic leaders in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar.

In South Korea, 30,000 workers demanded the National Assembly reject a government bill that calls for dispatching 600 military engineers and 100 medics to support coalition forces.

More than 2,000 people formed the Japanese words for "No War" in Osaka, then marched toward the U.S. consulate.

WAR

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Coalition bombardments have focused in recent days on positions of the Republican Guard — Saddam's best trained fighters — protecting the approaches to Baghdad, in an attempt to wear them down ahead of a U.S.-led ground assault on the capital.

In a "key strike" earlier Sunday, coalition aircraft bombed the barracks of the main training center of the Iraqi paramilitary forces in Baghdad's Rustamiyah area, said the U.S. Central Command. It said the forces targeted were in charge of security functions in eastern Baghdad.

Aircraft also used satellite-guided munitions to target command and control facilities at the Abu Gharayb Presidential Palace, near Saddam International Airport, and two facilities at the Karada Intelligence Complex, a statement

from Central Command said. Two surface-to-air missile complexes in eastern Baghdad also were targeted by satellite-guided munitions, the U.S. military said.

Residents and officials in Baghdad said at least four telecommunication installations were hit, but were believed to have been empty during the overnight attacks.

Next door to the demolished telephone office in Baghdad's Azamiah district, 70-year-old Adel Hussein al-Abdali sat lamenting the damage to his home.

"That Bush is a despicable coward," al-Abdali told a crowd of journalists escorted to the site by the Information Ministry. "But we will be victorious with the help of God." None of al-Abdali's nine-member family was hurt because they spent the night at a shelter.

The Salhiya telephone exchange, a three-story building that serves about 200,000 subscribers, was struck several times. Eight hours later, the building smoldered, and man-

gled iron dangled over a street strewn with office equipment — rolls of printer paper, desks, cabinets, wires and chairs.

The force of the blast shattered the windows of the Saddam Center for Cardiac Surgery across the street and damaged a house next door.

"Thanks be to God, none of us was hurt," said Zaimab Fouad, who lives in the damaged house with her husband, Nafaa Abu Ali, and their five children.

Iraqi officials accused coalition warplanes of bombing a cooking gas cylinder-filling factory in the southern city of Qurnah on Saturday morning, according to state-run Iraqi satellite television. The officials complained that the factory was in a residential neighborhood, Qurnah, at the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, in the site of the Garden of Eden, according to traditions.

The war on Iraq by the numbers: Casualties: Among U.S. troops, 42 dead, seven captured, 17 missing, according

to the Pentagon and families. Among British troops, 24 dead, none missing or captured.

Deployed: 290,000 coalition forces are deployed in support of combat operations. Close to 100,000 U.S. troops are now in Iraq and 100,000 more forces on the way.

Iraqi troops estimate: 350,000.

Iraqi deaths: No estimate of military casualties. Iraq says at least 425 civilians have been killed in the war.

Iraqi prisoners of war: More than 4,500, according to the Pentagon.

Volunteers: An Iraqi official said 4,000 volunteers have arrived to carry out suicide attacks against coalition forces.

Oil: More than 600 oil wells and three oil refineries are under coalition control. Leaflets: More than 32 million leaflets dropped. Notable protests Sunday: More than 100,000 in Indonesia, 100,000 in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar; at least 30,000 in South Korea, about 15,000 in Egypt.



Spc. Bernard S. Wiess, a journalist assigned to the 22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, gets a close shot with his camera of an oil fire at the Rumelia Oil Field, in southern Iraq Friday. There are 600 journalists estimated to be embedded with troops in Iraq.

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with fighting units is one of many new reporting practices for this war. While only 12 years have passed since the Gulf War, that time span has produced new reporting techniques, changing the way a foreign war is covered.

The Department of Defense estimates that 600 journalists are embedded in Iraq. Today, Alcala is capturing history by his very presence on the battlefield.

"During the Gulf War, much like Vietnam, you would go out with officers," said Tom Woods, photo-assignment editor for the Herald-Leader. In today's war, however, journalists are being embedded into soldier units for the first time, living, eating and sometimes dying beside their sources.

"The jury's still out whether reporters are still being objective," said Alan Payer, wire editor for the Louisville Courier-Journal. "They're dirty, hungry, tired, and they might lose their edge. At the end of this, we're going to have to ana-

lyze how well embedding worked."

Embedding is possible in part due to the widespread availability of digital cameras and satellite technology.

"The biggest change has been the digital camera. In Vietnam and the Gulf War, film had to be gotten from the photographer, flown someplace to be developed and then sent to the paper," said Woods. "You're looking at best, (at) photos a number of days old."

Today, a photographer takes a digital picture, downloads it onto his computer, and sends it via satellite to the paper.

"Information is immediate. There is almost no filter on the images at all," said David Foky, news director at Channel 36, about the use of videophones, also used for Iraqi reporting.

"You can't put images in context or control them, and that's a real concern for me," Foky said. "What you see is live television coverage of wartime battles. Anything could happen."

Foky said he expects videophones to get lighter, clearer and more affordable. This means more graphic images and less editorial control. "We've always had to make tough decisions. 'War is hell' and I think the pictures portray that."

REACTION

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expectations were high. "It seemed like our destiny was to get to the Final Four," said Ben Moore, an undeclared freshman. "I thought I would be more disappointed than I

was. I couldn't be prouder of our team."

Led by junior Dwayne Wade, who had a rare tournament triple-double, the Golden Eagles were able to play through what is arguably the nation's toughest defense.

"Wade, (Robert) Jackson, and (Steve) Novak probably played their best game of the season. Marquette would have beaten any team in the nation

yesterday," said Greg Hardin, a biology junior.

Hardin took a walk around Lexington after the game to cool off.

"That game was an anti-climactic ending to a superb season," Hardin said. He was glad to see Bogans return for his final game after he suffered a high ankle sprain in the first half against Wisconsin.

"Losing Bogans is really going to hurt because he showed by playing through pain that he knows what it means to wear that jersey," Hardin said.

The mood on campus is somber, but Hardin said his team did justice to the UK tradition. "A 32-win season solidifies our dominance among the college ranks," he said.

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Campus Calendar

Week of March 31 - April 6

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MEETINGS
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Feminist Alliance Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
Freshman Casa, 7:30pm, CSF Building
Bible Study, 7:30pm, off Campus
American Civil Liberties Union Meeting, 8:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
Rock Climbing Club, 8:00pm, Climb Time

ACADEMIC
Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 10:00am-2:00pm & 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 Classroom Building
Math Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
French Tutoring, 3:00-5:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

SPECIAL EVENTS
Care Packages for Troops, 11:00am-1:00pm, Student Center-bridge (bring the Deployment Address of family or friends who are stationed overseas and the Angel Social Club will provide them with a care package)
Magazine Drive, 11:00am-1:00pm, Student Center-bridge
Anti-War Peace Stroll, 11:30am, Patterson Office Tower Plaza
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MEETINGS
Animals, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 429 Columbia Ave.
Conversational English Class, 3:30pm, Baptist Student Union
Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
Lafayette Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
UK Kappa Psi Bible Study, 9:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 113
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Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
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Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
Institute of Religion/Dogma & Covenants Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigues, 2nd floor conference room
Lavender Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9:00pm, CSF Building, Corner of Woodland and Columbia
Table Francaise, French conversation group, 3:30-4:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
College Democrats Meeting, 7:45pm, Student Center, Rm. 211

ACADEMIC
Summer Environmental Writing Program, 3:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
Chemistry Tutoring (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
Biology (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check the coordinator desk for the room
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Synergy, 8:00pm, CSF Building
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International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union, Rm. 203
Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

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ARTS/MOVIES
Free Family Day at the UK Art Museum, 1:00-4:00pm, UK Art Museum
Magic, Mystery, and Materials: Treasures From the Tommell & Margaret Core Collection of Asian Art, UK Art Museum. Free for students, \$5 for UK faculty & staff

After uncharacteristic loss, Cats' offseason uncertain

Answers: Marquette's Wade embarrasses No. 1 UK

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

MINNEAPOLIS — The team that was incapable of playing a bad game and always capable of overcoming an opponent's remarkable performance, accomplished neither Saturday with a Final Four berth on the line.

UK, the consensus No. 1 team in the nation and winners of 26 straight, was reduced to chants of "overrated" by Marquette fans as the third-seeded Golden Eagles cleaned up the final garbage minutes of a 83-69 upset in the NCAA Midwest Regional Final.

The Golden Eagles played a near-flawless game, led by All-American guard Dwyane Wade's triple-double (29 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists), and shot 50 percent from the field against what many believed was the nation's best defense.

Marquette shot seven of 13 from 3-point range, while UK struggled to shoot better than 39 percent from the game and 25 percent from long range.

"We started off not making shots and it carried over the rest of the game," said departing UK senior Keith Bogans, who played 24 minutes and scored a team-high 15 points despite a sprained ankle from UK's Thursday-night win against Wisconsin.

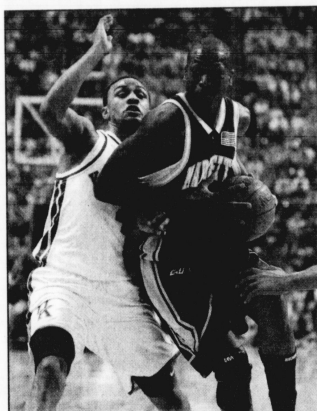
Gerald Fitch also scored 15, but Marquis Estill — who scored a career-high 28 Thursday — was outplayed in the post by Robert Jackson, who scored 24 and grabbed 15 rebounds. UK shot four of 16 from long range and Bogans contributed three of the UK 3s.

UK shot only 25.8 percent during the first half and did not make a 3 until Bogans scored on a curl with 7:46 left in the first half. It was also UK's only field goal in a 12-minute span until Cliff

Golden Eagle

Marquette's Dwyane Wade drives against Gerald Fitch in the Midwest Regional Final Saturday in Minneapolis. Wade recorded a triple-double and earned Most Valuable Player honors in the region. UK's Keith Bogans and Marquis Estill joined Wade, Robert Jackson and Steve Novak of Marquette on the all-Midwest Region team.

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Hawkins drove and scored with 12 seconds left in the half. Marquette outscored UK 31-12 in the final 12 minutes and took a 19-point lead into the half, UK's largest deficit of the season.

"At the beginning of the second half we told ourselves, 'we've been down before,'" Bogans said. "We just couldn't get it down under a double-digit lead."

UK never got closer than 12, and only once did it threaten Marquette's double-digit lead. With less than 11 minutes to play, Antwan Barbour drove on two Marquette defenders and spun in the lane before converting a layup, but the minimal contact resulted in an offensive charge on Barbour and nullified the basket, keeping the lead at 59-47. Had the foul gone the other way, a Barbour free throw could have cut the lead to nine.

Instead, Scott Merritt put the

Golden Eagles up by 14 on the subsequent possession. From there, Dwyane Wade took over and scored his last 12 points, including two explosive dunks.

UK coach Tubby Smith conceded defeat with 1:26 to play and UK down 83-64, substituting rarely-used reserves Josh Carrier, Bernard Cote, Ravi Moss and Brandon Stockton.

UK had few doubters after January, but things changed Saturday. Carrier may have scored the last five points of his UK career when he scored the final five of the game. His father has publicly criticized Smith's use of his son.

Senior Marquis Estill's return for a second senior season is uncertain also. And Smith may also consider NBA coaching jobs.

Suddenly, the once-untouchable Cats have plenty of uncertainties.

Cat golfers fall a spot to third place in UK's Johnny Owens Invitational



Tyler Wilson scans the green before his putt during the third round of the Johnny Owens Invitational at the University Club on Leesport Road Sunday.

DEREK POORE | KERNEL STAFF

By Adam Sichko
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's golf team hosted 14 collegiate squads in Lexington this weekend, but an uninvited guest provided the toughest competition.

Playing in unusually cold weather and battling fierce winds, the Cats finished in third place at their own Johnny Owens Invitational. After Saturday, UK remained just two strokes behind then-leader Vanderbilt, the eventual winner. Yesterday, UK slipped from second to third.

"We did not have our best stuff," said UK coach Brian Craig. "I think we're all a little disappointed. We thought we were going to win the tournament."

The highlight for the Cats was the play of sophomore Brandon Waldrop. Waldrop finished in a tie for fourth at 8-over-par, his best finish this season. But Waldrop downplayed his performance.

"Although I didn't play all that great, I still finished high," he said. "Craig was more excited and encouraged by Waldrop's play."

"Brandon played super-good," Craig said. "He had some bumps in the road, but every time he fought right back and kept battling. He's a terrific player and is clearly the type of young man that is going to have a bright future for the next few years at UK."

Both Waldrop and senior Ryan Coyne, who finished tied for

eight place, expressed frustration with the unfriendly weather. "The issue with the coldness is that you start to lose the feeling in your hands," Waldrop said. "It's hard to hit a true shot. The cold made it twice as hard to play."

Coyne echoed the need to have that certain touch.

"Golf is such a 'feel' game, and when it's 35 degrees outside and there's 20 mph winds, it's a lot tougher to have any feel. Everything's different... the weather just throws in so many variables."

Craig sympathized with his golfers, but also said the weather and poor course conditions were not excuses for the UK's play.

"It's immeasurably harder" to play in tough conditions, he said. "With the wind and the cold, it's unbelievably more difficult."

"But we didn't do a real good job of handling the adverse conditions as well as I would have liked. We have the team to win a tournament like this, but we couldn't get it done."

UK has won its home tournament three times, but not since 1988. Last year, the Cats finished in second place, with current Cat golfer John Holmes winning the individual title.

"The team still felt there was a lot to learn from the tournament. "We still have a little work to do," Craig admitted. "Maybe we need to be a little tougher emotionally when the conditions are tough."

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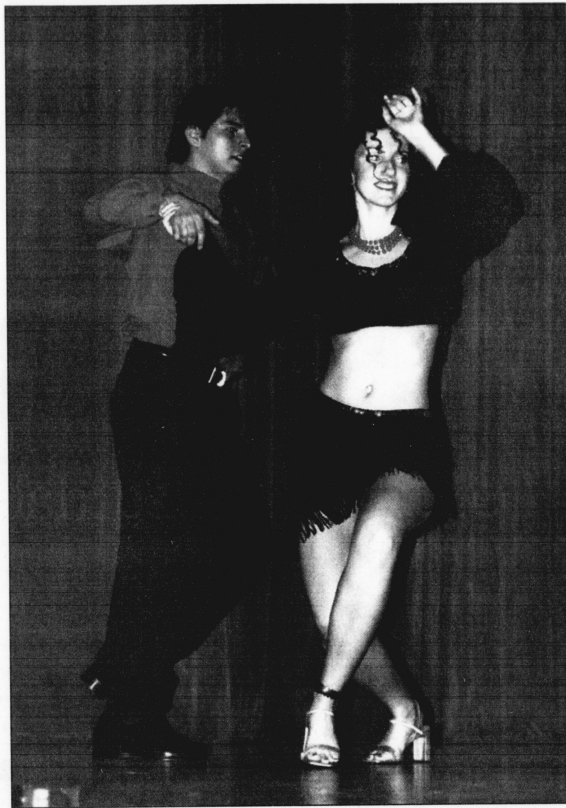
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Paul Acosta and Irina Goloborodko perform the merengue as part of the International Talent Night in Memorial Hall Friday night.

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Worldly event: Full of song and dance, talent show is a diverse success

By Jennifer Mueller
STAFF WRITER

The International Talent Night celebrated cultural diversity with a solemn moment of silence Friday night for the people in the world who are hungry, oppressed and affected by war.

Following the silence, festivities kicked off with some hot Latin merengue, and the international and American crowd couldn't get enough. The annual event, sponsored by the International Student Council, was full of song and dance, as well as a bit of well-performed Chinese and Japanese martial arts.

The event also featured the presentation of an award to Karen Slaymaker, the assistant director for international student services, in appreciation of her services to the international community.

After receiving the award, Slaymaker, eyes glistening with tears, said she felt lucky to come to school every day and work with such wonderful students.

"I learn something from you every

day," she said to the crowd.

Highlights from the show included a beautiful Chinese dance entitled "The Rainbow-colored and Feathered Costumes" by He Xing, an enchanting Indian dance by Adinda Paramita, and the fashion show, which featured traditional fashions from 13 countries.

The evening concluded with the introduction of next year's International Student Council.

Hsuan-Hsiao Chen, a foreign language and international economics senior, said he thought the evening was a success, with a diverse mixture of acts and lots of good dancing.

"On a scale of one to 10 I'd give it a 9," he said.

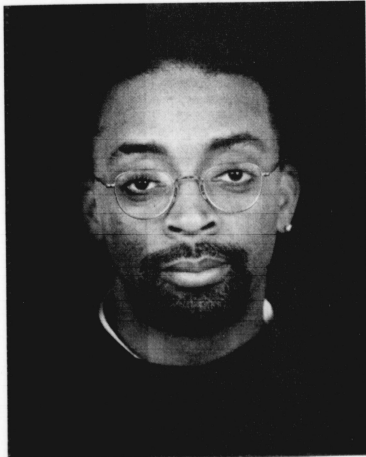
Albert Kalim, president of the International Student Council, also thought the evening went well.

"I am particularly amazed by the cultural interactions that took place throughout the evening," he said. "Different countries came together through the Talent Night. New cultural friendships are made and existing relationships are strengthened."



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He Xing Qiong performs the Chinese dance "The Rainbow-colored and Feathered Costumes" for the International Talent Show.



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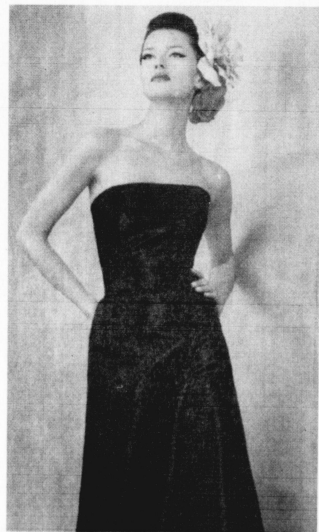
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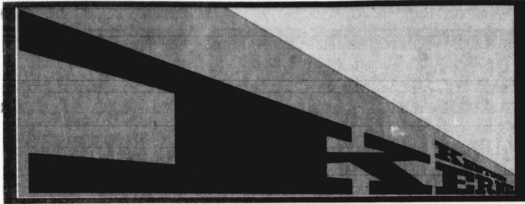
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READER RESPONSE

Columnist in error

To the editor:

The article written by Assistant Dialogue Editor Josh Sullivan, "War protesters blind to facts," March 28, was extremely offensive. I am surprised that you did not take the time to edit this article properly and that you allowed this individual to publish such insults. War protesters are not anti-patriotic or un-American. I am an American, and I am proud of it, yet I believe that the current administration is not acting properly and I disagree with its policies overseas. As an American, I believe that I have the right to express my opinion in an orderly fashion. I do not believe that war protesters are offending anyone and as far as I know we have the right to express ourselves. I am truly saddened after seeing a fellow American takes such an attitude against people who want to voice their opinion.

I have not seen any protesters in the city of Lexington take an offensive attitude toward anyone who has a different opinion. I do not agree with Sullivan's views, yet I have not lowered myself to insults. This is ridiculous. Also, how is it possible that Sullivan is aware of everything that is going on in Iraq? I believe the New York Times has correspondents in Iraq and is also considered one of the most respected newspapers in this nation. I don't know what kind of journalism you are teaching. I hope you don't tell students that newspapers such as the New York Times, the Boston Globe or the Washington Post are telling lies about the war in Iraq. If Sullivan firmly believes that these respected journalists are making things up, I believe he should seriously think about his career in writing and switch from journalism to fiction. Where does Sullivan get his information from — Fox News?

Finally, I would like to make clear the same weapons of mass destruction Sullivan talks about were sold to the Iraqi regime by the Reagan administration during the Iraq-Iran war. Good journalism is about facts. He should read a bit more about U.S. history.

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Ignore GPAC endorsement

To the editor:

Let me say right up front that I don't dislike Greeks — some of my best friends are in fraternities and sororities. But I wonder if they wield more power than they should.

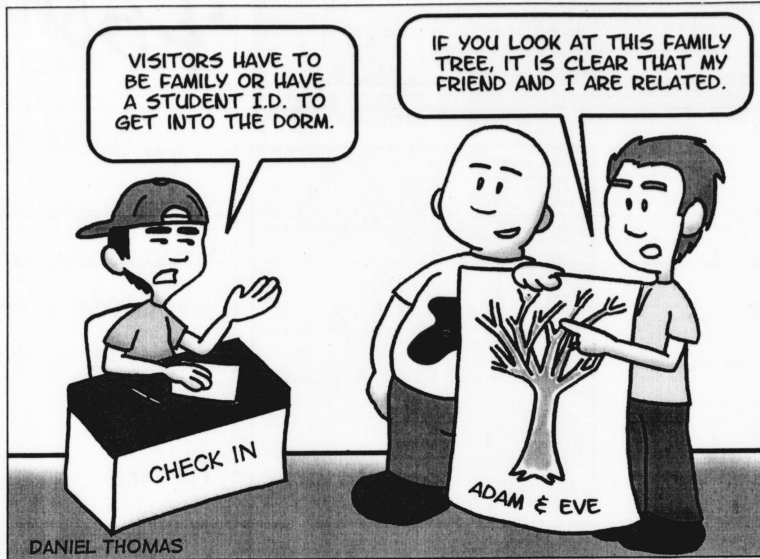
The Greek Political Action Committee endorsement is a powerful and sought-after political prize. The Student Government presidential candidate who has won this endorsement has won 14 of the last 15 elections. It behooves candidates to make promises that benefit Greeks more than average students, which should be disturbing to most of us. The overwhelming majority of people running for office and presently holding office are also Greeks.

The GPAC endorsement helped Tim Robinson to win his first presidency two years ago. Even after questionable election violations and misappropriation of funds, GPAC endorsed Robinson again last year. He then spent an inordinate amount of the students' money on himself, his supporters and parties that no one went to. This year, GPAC endorsed two former underlings of Robinson for the presidency — Rachel Lee Watts and Matt Rippetoe.

Greek students comprise about 18 percent of the campus population, but they control the majority of SG. Does this seem fair to you?

Given the track record of the quality of people GPAC endorses and the fact I want a better balance between Greeks and non-Greeks on this campus, I'll be voting for someone else. If you do the same, maybe this campus will be just a little bit fairer.

JENN LAMBERT
EDUCATION JUNIOR



IN OUR OPINION

Last week shows students can make a difference at UK

When you sign in your friend from another college, thank Keith Kurzenoerfer.

And if you ever think students can't make a difference on this campus, remember Keith Kurzenoerfer.

He's the usually mild-mannered student who, upon finding out the new visitation rules in all UK residence halls, did something about it.

He wrote an e-mail to President Lee Todd, threatening to march on his lawn.

His boldness got administrators' attention.

They organized a student forum on the issue instead, and the next night, students like Kurzenoerfer told the administrators what was wrong with the rules that restricted dorm visitation to UK students and their families only and required residents to produce their UK ID each time they walked through the doors.

The FBI has identified universities as a "soft target" for terrorism. Since the United States began war with Iraq, UK officials began implementing tighter security restrictions, including closing the circle drive in front of the WT Young Library, increasing security in medical research labs and reforming dorm policies.

But by Thursday, UK administrators — Patricia

Terrell and Jim Wims — had changed their minds about the policy. Wims, director of Residence Life, told a Kernel reporter, "We heard some reasonable feedback (at the forum Wednesday). We went back and said, 'Let's rethink this.'"

After you thank Kurzenoerfer, thank Terrell and Wims.

Terrell, vice president of Student Affairs, is in her first year at UK, and since arriving this summer, has been an ardent supporter of students. Her decision to repeal an unfair visitation policy shows UK students are well represented in the administration.

Last week began with an announcement that UK was hammering down on students' rights and ended with the news that administrators had rethought their decision.

They changed their minds because students spoke out.

The events show that UK is a school with students who care and with administrators who listen.

Kurzenoerfer isn't in Student Government. He isn't an athlete. He isn't Greek.

He's a student who spoke up when it mattered and proved that anyone can make a difference.

Will support remain when war spreads to Damascus or Tehran?

Americans have long assumed their nation possessed the strongest and most destructive military on earth, and they have long assumed the right to utilize such a force to protect their interests.

The question thus becomes, after the Baath Party in Baghdad has been deposed, how will the U.S. citizenry react to yet another expansion of the war on terrorism? Will a country that hitherto has demanded a specific mission and an expeditious conclusion tolerate de facto perpetual war? We know that our president, whether we dispute his findings or not, genuinely believes he has a duty to protect American lives. And if that means advancing toward Tehran and beyond, then so be it.

Unquestionably, this president is being carefully advised by arguably the most faithful foreign policy team in American history. Paul Wolfowitz and Richard Perle, among others, are dreaming more ostentatiously than ever before.

For years, the so-called neohawks have attempted to find someone who will enact



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their grand scheme and with President George W. Bush, they had their man.

Of course, America has seen something similar to this before. I speak of the Reconstruction-era "Radical Republican" contingent that had bold plans for remaking a shattered ex-Confederacy.

However, this elitist domestic policy initiative died soon after the assassination of President Lincoln, and the dreamers (or pillagers to some) retreated to their enclaves where their predecessors would not emerge for nearly a century.

There are some in this administration who are using Bush's Manichean foreign policy to further their pet projects, namely, but not exclusive to, reshaping the Middle East. We already have a sizable portion of the Iraqi populace that continues to harbor resentment for our inaction of 1991, and sadly, we're not fighting this war to liberate the Iraqi people. We're fighting it to eradicate threats and potential threats, but we are not solving the problem.

I fear the president has the best of intentions, but the law of unintended consequences could exacerbate an already tenuous situation.

We need to face reality: there are a lot of widely diverse people who are disillusioned

or even disgusted with America, and we are really rolling the dice if we think that invading sovereign Arab nations is going to help matters. It is not that these nations, however rogue and inhumane their leaders may be, don't admire American power — they simply don't respect us.

As many have clearly articulated, the only way that this invasion could help to "turn down the temperature," is if America sticks around and shows the global community that we will do something for the betterment of them.

In ordinary and stable fiscal times, this would be politically infeasible; we are not fortunate to live in such times. America's debt is rising, and it appears Bush has banked on the \$75 billion he asked for from Capitol Hill to be eclipsed by the opening of the Iraqi oil reserves.

Perhaps the administration, holding true to its steadfast beliefs, in association with the Wall Street Journal and Milton Friedman, believes that the president's second round of ambitious tax cuts will revitalize an economy that has worsened since the summer of 2000.

But, as some have dryly pointed out, just what does the affect cuts on capital gains and dividends have, if no one is investing in the

first place? Can this president truly navigate America through a dreadful financial situation all the while pursuing the Bush Doctrine of "pre-emption"?

Americans support the president in his managing of the war in Iraq, and even though it is not as resolute as the Afghanistan campaign, it's still palpable, particularly to the Democratic presidential candidates. As one Washingtonian has aptly put it, "this plan of perpetual warfare is incredibly easy to criticize, but somehow, somehow, it cannot be easily dismissed."

Such is the quandary of perpetual "liberation" warfare, if the issue is framed correctly (and the administration has done a so-so job), it is at once wholly idealistic and noble. And yet it smells of fendish realpolitik. Our country has always felt sympathy for the less fortunate and has been willing to put its prestige on the line for others — to a point.

How far does this disposition stretch, and is it far enough to support the audacious campaigns of the ideological aspirants?

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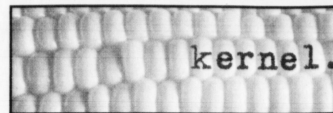
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