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WEATHER Cooler today, highs near 60. Clear and cool tonight, low of 45. Rain possible tomorrow, high near 65.

SWING, MISS The UK baseball team had the offense, but lacked the defense again. See Sports, page 2.



April 3, 1998

Long-awaited library opens doors today

ERSITY OF KENTUCKY, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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After more than a year of delays and anticipation, the UK's William T. Young Library will finally open today.

How do the students feel about it?

The library was originally scheduled to open in spring 1997 and has since been pushed back numerous times.

But the construction delays has not sat well with those who will benefit most from the con-struction of the new facility: UK students and faculty mem-hers.

Opinions on the problem seem to revolve around UK's inability to cope with a project of such magnitude.

Reasons range from the lack of coordination to inability to get

Reasons range from the lack of coordination to inability to get proper funding.

Some students say the construction of the new library will forever be remembered as a black eye on the face of UK.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," said Jeff Brandt, a journalism sophomore. "It's all because the University is in charge."

While UK seems to receive the bulk of the criticism for the construction delays, some students said they believe the problem

transcends the University's control.

"Projects like this always have some sort of delays," said Ellen Lord, a journalism junior. "Not to mention it's built on a sink hole."

Rob Maness thinks blaming the University for the delays is wrong.

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"A large part of the problem is that certain people in the university didn't understand the scope of what they were getting into," said Maness, a business management junior. "Who you blame for the construction problems, I don't know, but it's wrong to blame the entire University for this problem."

In addition to serving the UK community, the library also has just as much relevance to people outside of the school.

The library will be required to serve the needs of off-campus users, public libraries, business and public and private educational institutions such as community colleges.

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"The library needed to be opened," said Wesley May, a history student from Kentucky State University who uses Margaret I. King Library.
"It's very difficult to find books with the current library. It's going



See LIBRARY on 3

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power rangers

UK Ranger program offers valuable lessons

By Jessica Coy

01:00.
Cold, wet and hungry, you inch your way toward the enemy on your belly. Night sounds all around as you slowly make your way through a briar patch, not feeling the thorns that pierce your skin, not hearing anything but the men around you and the murmur of your leader.

your leader.
You take your position and wait. Adrenaline pumping
You take your veins, you clear your mind and focus on
your mission.
Finally you hear it, the order to open fire. Everyone
around you pulls their triggers and the air explodes with
minfire.



Governor pulls up chair for staff on board

UK staff members ready to take action now that bill signed

By Mat Herron

When the Board of Trustees meets next Tuesday, Shannon Price and other staff members will show up "to see if they're saving us seat." That's because Price and several other staff employees at UK saw the fruits of more than two years of labor yesterday when Gov. Paul Patton signed into law Senate Bill 295, which calls for a staff member to be placed on the Board of Trustees.

The staff members. attended the signing at the Capitol building, where

ton and received commemorative pens.

"The sun was shining, it was a beautiful day," said Bonnie Johnson, coordinator of Administrative Operations in the Division of Communication and Network Systems.

"We were just in there, and we got our picture taken, and he just signed away," she said. "Then we went out in the Great Hall and reminisced of times gone by."

For Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, the bill's passage quelled months of anticipation, as well as frustration over the bill's defeat two years ago in March, when it got buried in the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee and did not come up for a vote before the legislature finished its session.

"We got so close two years ago,
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and we could almost taste victory," said Scorsone, who sponsored the bill both times. "The staff at UK has worked so hard on this. They contacted legislators, and argued their case very well, and I think that made a difference."

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"He has been superb throughout the last two campaigns," Johnson said. "We've got our work cut out for us,

but we're looking forward to it."

Although Patton signed the bill,
The legislation does not go into law
until July 15. UK President Charles
Wethington said the board will act on
the bill at that time and restated his
position that it will welcome a staff
member if the bill is approved.
Kathy Scahill was excited but said
she wished the president would act less
indifferent about the passage.
"I'm a little disappointed Dr.
Wethington hasn't been more willing to
congratulate us," said Scahill, an administrative assistant in horticulture and
landscape architecture department.
The measure comes at an interesting time, she said, because of a salary
cap proposed by the administration
that would simplify UKs complex
classification system for staff, but keep
employees at the top of their grade
levels from earning more money.

Resignation stalls SGA's final decision

By Aaron Sanderford

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Thirty minutes before the Elections Board of Claims heard the first complaint filed against last week's Student Government Association elections, one of the board members resigned from her position. The resignation of Katie Conrad, president of Phi Sigma Pi honorary, dropped the board below the necessary three members required to hear the claims that could result in a second election.

Four board members remain: Matt Warnock, Jon Dvorak, Melissa Henke and Kelly Wesley-Henke is out of town this weekend visiting law schools, and Dvorak had to work last night.

Deliberations were pushed back to 8 a.m today. The hearings will run until 10 a.m. and will continue on Sunday if needed. Wesley said she expects Dvorak to attend today's hearings to ensure the organization meets quorum.

The board of claims has strict constitutional deadlines that require all complaints to be heard by Sunday. SGA bylaws require a written decision by Monday evening.

Wesley, head of the SGA Board of Claims, said Conrad didn't realize the obligations of accepting a position on the board.

"I could not attend the elections board of claims committee because I had a prior committement with Phi Sigma Pi," Cornaf said, "I did not want to be a detriment to the claims committee, so I just resigned so that they could go on and meet."

Regardless of the circumstances, the fate of last week's SGA election now rests in the hands of four students.

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"It's a pretty important position," he said. "I hope to look at each of the claims for what facts they hold instead of listening to rumors, and I hope to make a fair decision.

Warnock said he never expected these firework when he signed up.

"I didn't think there would be any problems, because usually people follow the rules," he said.
"This time, they didn't, so we're gonna be pretty busy."

NEWSbytes

CAMPUS Lyman T. Johnson awards deadline extended

The deadline for awards for the Lyman T. Johnson Banquet has been extended.
The applications are due at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Office of Africian-American Student Affairs, 557 Patterson Office Tower.
Packets are now available and can be picked up there or in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center. The banquet will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. Tickets are S8 for students, 510 for faculty, staff and the public. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

NAMEdropping

NEW YORK — Swordplay in movie star Alec Baldwin's stage performance of "Macbeth" turned into a bloodletting. Baldwin nearly sliced off one of Jeff Nordling's fingers in the play's climactic duel at Greenwich Village's Public Theater on March 27.

The theater said Nordling got six stitches and was back on stage the next day.

Compiled from stuff, wire reports.



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Xavier slams UK, 11-5

Big Blue offense strong but defense struggles again

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Lately the UK baseball team has lost more than it's won, and it's looking to turn things around in its three-game home series against fifth-nanked Florida starting at 6 tonight. UK ripped double-digit hits (13) for the second game in a row on Wednesday at Cliff Hagan Stadium, but its five runs were not enough to overcome Xavier. The Musketters had cass there has but scored 11 runs to hand the Cass that the the second 11 runs to hand the Cass that the second 12 runs to hand the Cass the first that the second 12 runs to hand the Cass the property of the second control of those Xavier that are discovered in the second control of the

sixth inning to turn a 6-5 game into a 10-3 snoozer.

"I thought I made a good pitch, the guy just hit it hard," Cheatle said. "The count went to 3-1, the guy was sitting on the fastball and he hit it hard."

Cheatle, who is 11 for 11 in non-conference games, tried to make up for it in the bottom of the inning by hitting a double and advancing Andy Green to third. Green made the score 10-4 after Xavier pitcher Brock Boser bounced a pitch off Jason Colemire's knee that could be heard behind closed windows in the press box. Cheatle then walked in the bottom of the eighth, eventually moved to third and scored UK's final run off of second baseman Zach Swisher's error.



A SWING AND AND MISS UK's Jason Colemire takes a healthy cut against Xavier fouls it off. The senior is in the midst of an eight-game hitting streak and is hatting.

bemiont, the team decided to make things interesting.

Belimont scored eight runs in the top of the eighth to jump ahead by one.

Head coach Keith Madison was not happy.

"You're just agonizing after blowing a very comfortable lead," he said. "It was just a situation where two young pitchers couldn't hold the lead."

UK went scoreless in the bottom of the inning, but still had the ninth to swing the

UK freshman Bradd Heyerly started the game and picked up the loss after giving up four runs off six hits in four innings. UK didn't have quite the same insurmountable debt to overcome against Belmont at home on Tuesday.

The Cats scattered eight runs over six innings to carry an 8-1 lead into the eighth inning. After six straight scoreless innings from Belmont, the team decided to make things interesting.

Sophomore chain for the Cats to earn his first win of the year.

The Cats (12-17) will try to put Wednesday's loss behind them and focus on their series against Florida, which comes in touting a 23-7 record and a one-game lead over South Carolina in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division.

Carolina in the Southeastern Conterence Canal ern Division.

The Gators have 19 upperclassmen and bring with them All-American pitchers, including two-time All-American, Owensboro native, Brad Wilkerson.

SPORTSbytes

Softball team hits road for long trip

The UK softball team begins a 10-game road trip this weekend, as the Wildcats travel to Athens, Ga., to meet Southeastern Conference rival Georgia in a pair of conference doubleheaders.

The two teams face off in a twin-bill which begins today and con-

udes Saturday evening. Georgia (24-11) enters the

weekend contests on a roll, having won seven straight conference games. In contrast, UK (14-23 has dropped five straight after and upset win over defending SEC Champion South Carolina last Friday.

Last season, UK earned its first-ever SEC win with a victory over the Bulldogs at the UK Softball Stadium, but Georgia relatiated by winning the final three games of the four-game set.

Following the trip to Georgia, Big Blue continues its road swing with doubleheaders at Mississippi

The Shark bites back

LAS VEGAS — More than two decades after he and the NCAA first locked horns, Jerry Tarkanian today formally settled a fight with the NCAA that left him battered but not beaten.

"They totally beat the hell off me," Tarkanian said. "They screwed me and they know they

State and Ole Miss next weekend.
UK doesn't play again until an April 15 doubleheader with UT-Chattanooga.

The Shark bites back

LAS VEGAS — More than the deceder after he and the

grams to try to tain microaching,
"The NCAA regrets the 26year ongoing dispute with Jerry
Tarkanian and looks forward to
putting this matter to rest,"
NCAA executive director Cedric
Dempseys add in a statement.
Compiled from staff, wire reports.

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Play offers murder, intrigue

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UK's fudent Public Interest Law Foundation.

The plot unfolds as a naive young man is accused of murder. The chief witness for the prosecution is his wife, or is she his wife? "The story has a slow build-up as the characters are developed. By the Third Act, be prepared for a roller coaster ride. The ending will come as a complete suprise," said Laurie Warnecke, a second-year law student and director of the play. The play is showing at the UK Law School Courtroom, located in the Law Building, which lends a feel of authenticity to the story by placing the viewer in the courtroom with the actors. As the gavel

comes down, the audience will witness the tension that mounts between the characters as the mystery unfolds.

The Student Public Interest Law Foundation (SPILF) is a group of University law students who raise money during the school year to benefit the poor, the underprivileged and abused children who need legal representation, but might not be able to afford it.

Part of the money raised goes toward fellowships for law students, helping them out with living expenses during the summer while they are providing this service to the community.

Much of their work is involved with public interest organizations, eviction cases and work with children who are victims of abuse.

The law students also benefit from the program, gaining valueble hands-not experience.

First-year law student slos defense attorney Elaine Powers.

"Being in the play provides a source of networking with the prot a bay get to know the professors in a way we not all one the not also sis ostructured," Lother said, as is so structured," Lother said, as is so structured, "Lother said, as is so structured," Lother said, said is so structured, "Lother said, said is so so frustwer structured," Lother said, said is so structured, "Lother said, said is so structured," Lother said, said is so so structured, "Lother said, said is so structured," Lother said, said is so structured, "Lother said, said is so structured," Lother said, said is so structured, "Lother said, said is structured," Lother said, said is structured, "Lother said, said is structured," Lother said, said is structured, "Lother said, said is

of the play.

"It's very hard to get money for these programs. I really believe in the students and they are doing a great job," said Carol Parris, a UK Law Librarian, who plays the housekeeper.

Law Librarian, who plays the housekeeper.

Law professors, as well as students, make up the actors. There are no professional actors in the group. Oral advocacy, speaking skills and the ability to communicate clearly are vital parts of practicing law. Warnecke said.

UK's court room has hosted actual courtroom drama. It has been used by visiting justices, because courthouse rooms are often booked, and the University courtroom provides the needed setting. The Kentucky Supreme Court heard three cases there in 1995.

Nominations for the 1998 LYMAN T.

JOHNSON AWARDS are being accepted now. Submit nominations and support letters to the Office of African American Student Affairs, Room 557, Patterson Office Tower. Winners will be selected from the following categories:

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Application forms may be picked up at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center, Room 124, UK Student Center or at the Office of African an Student Affairs. DEADLINE FOR

NOMINATIONS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 7, AT 5 P.M. Call 257-5641 for more information.

Library

Buyers learn lesson from liquor store

to be great for UK and the rest of central Kentucky. The important thing is that it's opening."

Still a few more hurdles remain. Today's dedication will bring a few more problems before the library opens.

opens.

The following areas will be closed during today's dedication:

from Fraternity Row.

Police will close the following streets between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.:

Woodland Avenue between Columbia and Hill-

between Columbia and Nutrop

Whilltop Avenue
between Woodland and
Parking Structure 2, and
University Drive between
Hilltop and Huguelet
Drive.

Officials suggest if you
need to move your vehicle
during the dedication, please
park in an area other than
Parking Structure 2, R4, R10
and R12.

UK police will not con-

opens.

The following areas will
be closed during today's dedication:

The "E" lots located behind the Library off Columbia Avenue

"Y" parking on Hilltop Avenue between University Drive and Parking Structure 2

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FINAL TOUCHES J.C. Wright, the Physical Plant Division of washed ground level windows in preparation for the library's

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Rangers

Students, leaders learn valuable lessons

operation, the men did well and learned a lot, Carlisle said.

"The guys learned that everything is 10 times harder at night. The mission also reinforced the lesson that communication and teamwork are vital to the successful completion of a mission," Carlisle said.

Communication and teamwork.

Carlisle said.
Communication and teamwork are two things focused on during Ranger Training.
The training includes a sixweek period where Ranger candi-

dates go through physical training. After the training period, the candidates go through a sort of initiation as well as physical and written testing.

If you ask any member of the Rangers why they would go through such hell to become a member of this group, most of them will tell you they've wanted to be a Ranger since they were little.

"I was in second grade when I saw an army brochure with a picture of a bunch of guys holding their guns over their heads and walking through a swamp.

their guns over their heads and walking through a swamp. I thought that was the coolest thing I had ever seen, and since then it has been my dream and mission in life to become an Army Ranger," Carlisle said. English senior Damon Durall

said the camaraderie of the group is another thing that pulls many

said the camaraderie of the group is another thing that pulls many cadets in.

"Everything we do brings us closer together," he said. "By the time we are through with our training, we are like family. In fact I know many of the guys better than I know my own family."

The ROTC program is open to

ily."

The ROTC program is open to any student at UK and cross enrolls with Transylvania and Kentucky State universities, Asbury, Centre and Georgetown colleges.

Students who want to get involved in the ranger program can call Col. Robert Farquhar at 257-2696.

"The ROTC program has taught me a lot, and I think that it could be beneficial for a lot of stu-

dents who just don't ever think about it because there is this negative stereotype surrounding the program. Said Eric True, a history junior at Transylvania University.

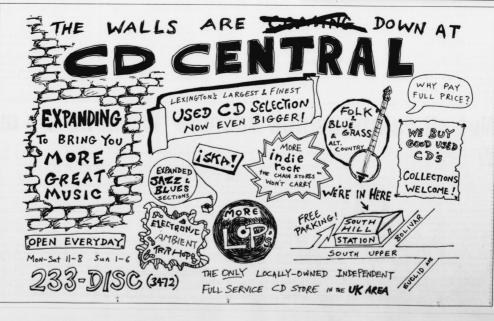
"A lot of people think that all we do is march around and shine our boots, and that all we like to do is run around in the woods and shoot our guns," biology junior Darren Fowler said.

This stereotype is one all the Rangers hope to dispel.

"We are just like any other student on this campus," said Adam Keown, a history junior. "We like to hang out and watch sports and drink with our buddies. The one thing that we have that sets us all have a drive to be our best and to go the extra mile."









Wondrous week



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Inch us, go ahead! Just pinch us!
Don't worry we won't sue for sexual harassment. Hell, we might even enjoy it with the way things have been going lately.
Not only did the Wildcats avenge Christian Laettner's shot for Jamal Mashburn and the Unforgettables, but they continued our embarrassing domination of Utah and its lovable Coach Majerus on the way to a seventh parional champing on the way to a seventh parional champional champions.

Rettables, but they continued our embarrassing domination of Utah and its lovable Coach Majerus on the way to a seventh national championship.

Who knows, if we continue our winning ways, UCLA and John Wooden might have to start watching their backs. Just imagine the street party at Woodland and Euclid when we overtake the Wizard of Westwood's accomplishments.

Among the other reasons to celebrate:

▼After much anticipation, the William T. Young Library — one of the most impressive in the country — opens its doors to students today.

▼The University of Louisville decided to extend Denny Crum's contract, thus ensuring UK's mastery of the "dream game" series. So what if U of L beat us at home this year? Occasionally, we have to beat us at home this year? Occasionally, we have to the contract of the table of the contract of the state's move.

▼Lost in Space opens at theaters today with "Friends" star Matt LeBlanc and a new, styling robot to warn "Danger, danger Will Robinson."

▼The entertainment value one derives from watching SGA senators argue for an hour about a funding bill they have no choice but to pass.

▼The poince is the the track today when Keeneland's spring meet opens this afternoon.

▼In Washington, D.C. we saw a judge — a former law student of President Clinton's — throw out the sexual harassment lawsuit by Paula Jones. Of course, there will be an appeal, but for the time being we can discuss something other than Clinton's the control of the control of

ton's sex drive.

▼In case you didn't hear, some non-basketball athletes also kicked ass recently. The women's swim team picked up seven All-American titles, followed by the men who won five.

▼In Frankfort, state House representations of the three Senate to

UK's top dog rolled over for state senators

Wethington didn't fight for the state's promised funding

once again, the leaders of this state have given me all the more reason to leave once I am finished with my education here in Kentucky.

I am referring to the state Senate's decision to remove \$100 million in funding for UK and U of L from the top of Gov. Paul Patton's priority list and place it at the bottom. Fortunately for UK, the state House representatives fought this move and won!

Now, for those of you unfamiliar with how this budgetary process works, you're not alone.

If the average human being were to log onto the Kentucky Legislature Home Page, he or she would soon be overwhelmed by facts, figures, vague language, and the inability to find what they want to find.

More specifically, when I attempted to find specifically what pork projects are now at the top of the priority list, I got only vague headings about "providing direction and mandates of propartical programs. Remembering from my 18 255 class that a government can not give a mandate young from the providing direction and mandates in the providing direction and mandates of propartical programs. Remembering from my 18 255 class that a government can not give a mandate young from the providing direction and mandates in the providing direction and the providing directio

If this is true,

If this is true, then our administration is even more spineless than I thought."

heard of the Murray (Ky.) Vitcaulturalists? Neither have I, but apparently, they're important enough to include in the category "provide direction and mandates for."

Can anybody even tell me what a vitcaulturalist is?

More pork projects include endless road construction and development costs, \$3 million to "support" the UPS expansion in Louisville and funding for renovation of Cardinal Stadium, a stadium soon to be without a tenant.

But don't forget hiring more state auditors for performance audits, or funds for capital area projects improvement plans, or money to study drainage in the city of Frankfort.

State Sen. Benny Ray Bailey (D-Hindman) was quoted in last Friday's Lexington Herald-Leader as saying "Nobody meant to ortied to do any harm to any program in the surplus plan."

That's simply not true. By putting everyone clse's port shead of the \$100 million improvements that Gov. Patton wants to give to UK and U of L, if for some reason the \$500 million anticipated surplus doesn't pan out, the money earmarked for postsecondary education reform will simply not appear.

We are at the bottom of the financial food chain because greedy senators all want to say that they did something for their community, even if it means takenoments.

ing away funds that benefit all those in the Commonwealth through improving the state's only two doctoral institutions, then so be it.

Shall I point out that one item of pork includes "providing operating funds for the Hzaraf Community College extended campus at Hindman?"

Is it just coincidence that the chairperson of the Senate Budget Committee is Senator Bailey, who just so happens to live in Hindman?

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improving a minor league baseball stadium.

What, are they going to build luxury boxes or something?

But perhaps the most disturbing face is that Bailey claims that the presidents of the Managhan state of the both "signed off" on the Senate's decision to reverse priorities.

If this is true, then our administration or reverse priorities.

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READERS' forum

Don't be fooled. gun proliferation to blame for deaths

If guns had not been present in the houses or towns Paducah and Jonesboro, then the rest would not have happened.

There is no denying that fact.
Guns are the problem. Look at the statistics: In 1990, 68 people in Canada were killed by guns, 11,000 people were killed in the US

US.
Want to base it on population size? Compare Vancouver to Seattle in 1993. Seattle-ites were 63 percent more likely to die of gunshot wounds than Vancouve-

Parents who keep guns in their house are endangering their children no matter how safe they think they are being. What is missing in these chil-dren's lives is not some antedat-

parents.

Either one on one or two on one (if I hear one more reactionary or just plain stupid politician — thank you Dan Quayle — generalize about the inadequacies of single parents I will throw up ... no, I will run for office).

will throw up ... no, [will run for office).

A hard-working single parent can raise a child just as well as two hard-working parents.

But it takes work, and it takes time. If you do not have the time or inclination to work, sacrifice and be present for a child, then don't have one.

So guns are the problem and so are irresponsible parents.

Timothy Capehart

Shots at Zurcher were unfair

In response to Christy Jones'

and Nicole Fortner's letter to the editor in the March 31 Kentucky Kernel, perhaps they should have taken the time to read Jeff Zurcher's column fully, instead of only reading until they got to the big words. Zurcher was not necessarily supporting Duke or their coach. He was using that as an example of the single-mindedness of UK fans that feel theirs is the only program worth following.

is the only program worth fol-lowing. It's all fine and good to sup-port your team, but others out there deserve backing too. Your letter went on forever discussing how UK gets no sup-port outside of Kentucky and how Billy Packer hates us, etc. All fine points, but having nothing to do with Zurcher's column.

As for your not-so-subtle attacks, perhaps you should keep your personal life just that — personal.

TALKback!

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words like "ALOE" and "RAZED." We also is some of whom are neither gay be a some of whom are neither gay or related to me.

Perry — one of whom are neither gay and of the stinction of being the only ones in the room (including the professor) who enjoyed the subject.

By the second week, we were sitting next to each other, trading insults in French. (Since it was an a.m. class, we could rarely summon up anything more complex than "Merdef")

We also discovered our mutual passion of Scrabble. Since neither of us liked crowds, we spent several party evenings in his room, gleefully cobbling together

with each other, we traded phone numbers and promised to get together soon for Scrabble. (My father blinked.)

Perry and I spent about one evening a month at the house he shared with three of his siblings. (I never had him over. His place had a stereo; mine had vermin.) We took walks, rented movies, shopped for flower seedlings, cooked genuine Italian food, and folded laundy. I pored over the photos in his grisly Ahonormal Embryology book. We passed new boyfriends and griffriends by each other for inspection. (They were always approved.) And, of course, we played Scrabble for blood.

Perry had won more Scrabble games when we were at Centre, but I soon forged ahead. "You've bad time to read and pick words up," he grumbled.

"You've been learning new ones, too," I protested. "In med school."

"Ever try to fit 'blastocyst' on a Scrabble board."

Many of our conversations turned into ... um ... lively debates. When you put a liberal, imaginative agnostic together with a conservative, "sensible" Catholic, you're bound to get arguments. Perry, the latter, would pace up and down his bedroom (all three steps of it), expostulating and pounding a fist into his hand. Some of our popular refrains were: "Sam is not going to go to hell for being homosexual, Perry."
"There is no overpopulation problem, Bev. That's a myth!"
"Per, if you're against abortions, don't have one."

have one!"

His sisters, who came up every so often to encourage me to annihilate Perry in Scrabble, thought our debates were hilarious. One of them offered to tape us for National Public Radio.

NPR wouldn't have been interested in our biggest fight. In his desperation to use his Q at the end of a close game, Perry

laid down the word "QUO." I challenged him and looked it up in the dictionary. It didn't exist. He didn't take it well.
"It's legitimate." he protested...
"It's not in there."
"You're breaking the letter of it.
"It's from 'quid pro quo." Didn't you ever see Silene of the Lamb?"
"Oh, so you're modeling yourself on someone who eats human liver with fava beans and a nice Chiant?"
I went on to win the game, Perry arguing every step of the way.
Soon after that fateful match, Perry and I sally parted — him to enter his residency in another city, me to attend grad school. I got a letter from him yesterday. In the corner, above the return address, he denoted himself "Le vrai Scrabble champion."

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Wrestling vs. Basketball

A weekend for the ages

By Gary McCollum

The greatest professional wrestling event of the year completed the best sporting weekend of the year for UK students. Wrestlemania XIV on Sunday night was held in Boston, providing another connection to UK, although I doubt that Coach P was anywhere near the Fleet Center that night.

Granted it can't compete to the best Wrestlemania of all time — Wrestlemania VI, but it was a card that finally showed the full movement of the WWF from its mid-80s superstars to a "new generation" of athletes.

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The good news is that "Stone Cold" Steve Austin is the new WWF Heavyweight Champion. The bad news is as a the result of the match we probably won't be seeing Shawn Michaels rouptured a disk, but chose to compete anyway.

Shawn Michaels competed in the face of a real injury, in a sport where even if you're hurt people assume that it's part of the "plot". He didn't have to wrestle, but he did ... and the

match was great, but it was obvious that he wasn't 100 percent. You also saw Michaels take a cheap shot from Tyson after the match.

And Tyson, I hate to deflate your state-penitentary-sized ego, but Michaels satyed down because his back wouldn't let him get up — not because you're the "baddest man on the planet." The simple truth is that Michaels was so beat up that Wojo could have taken him in a match, and we all saw what a beating he took from Magloire! to My hat's off to Shawn Michaels and hopefully he'll be back in the ring soon.

obvi- his place. Unfortunately most of us missed the best Monday night of wrestling in a long time. Syxx was named into DX saying that Hall and Nash would be with him if they could get out of their WCW contracts. And another huge addition to the WWF talent roster was another former UFC champion, Dan Severn, who joins Ken "Dumb as A" Shamrock.

So over the last week

So over the last week the WWF has looked as rowdy as Woodland and Euclid ... well ...

Celebrities boost opera

Men's basketball coach Tubby Smith, Lexington mayor Pam Miller, and news anchor Barbara Bailey will be making cameo appearances during the UK Opera Theatre's benefit production of Die Fledermaus on Saturday.

UK Opera Theatre's benefit production of Die Fledermaus on Saturday.

The cameo appearances will occur during the famous masked ball scene that opens the second act.

The UK Opera Theatre is the first showcase of UK's soloist since the vocal program was named one of the 33 areas of strength at UK. With national recognition, students and alumrecognition, students and alum-ni hope that the UK School of

Music will become a top 20 research institution by the year

research institution by the year 2020.

Performances of *Die Fledermaus* are Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. All shows will be performed at the Lexington Opera House. Tickets are \$15, \$12, and \$10. All ticket nurchasers are eligible for ticket purchasers are eligible for prize drawings that include tick-ets for art and sports events including *Riverdance* in Cincin-

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There is also a VIP ticket option for Saturday's benefit performance. It will cost \$50 and include preferred searing and a post-show reception with proceeds supporting vocal schol-arships for students.

Dance ensemble a cultural gem

Artistic athletes leap into action at 3 p.m. on Sunday as the UK Dance Ensemble takes the stage for its 1998 Spring Concert in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center of the Arts.

"Dance is an interesting art, its a form of communication, a person sees how the movements are translated into an ideal, and then spoken with movement," said finance junior Jeamie Lee.

The Dance Ensemble has 24 dancers who will perform in the Spring Concert in 11 dance pieces, 10 or which were created by student choreographers.

The concert will present elements of ballet, modern, jazz and lyrical. Students will find induspried pieces from Broadway musicals, prose by William Shakespeare and set to music from Enya, Uz, Celtic and the Rolling Stones.

The concert is a "good mix of Mangel" was featured at the Complex, thought-provoking dances, that varies with intensity," said Air

The Spring Concert has some-thing to offer everyone with dance pieces entitled: "Dreams," "A Chorus Line: I Hope I Get It," "The Elements" and "Common Threads," created by guest chore-ographer Alan Lommasson of Barking Dog Dance Company, Tickets can be purchased at the Singletary Box Office of by calling 257-4929. Tickets are: general admission 510, students and senior citizens \$7, and children 12 and under \$2. Organizers suggest pur-chasing tickets as soon as possible.

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.— Lead actors in HBO's megabuck minseries, 'From the Earth to the Moon,' paced up and down the ed carpet, fretting, as they awaited the real stars of the show. "From the Earth to the Moon" is a 12-part miniseries on HBO on six consecutive Sunday nights beginning this weekend. It chroni-

cles events leading up to Aldrin and Neil Armstrong's historic moon steps on July 20, 500.

The \$65 million production was filmed in part at Kennedy Sate-Genter, where hundreds gathered in late March to preview the fourth episode, about the Christmas 1968 moon voyage of Apollo 8.

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Tuesday, April 7, 3 - 4:30 p.m. (EDT) - Lexington, Henry Clay High School Wednesday, April 8, 9:45 - 11:15 a.m. (EDT) - Williamsburg Tourism Center

Wednesday, April 8, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. (EDT) - Somerset Community College

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