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False alarms are a daily nuisance



If people would just watch their popcorn, we wouldn't have as

many (false alarms).'

A dusty problem

UK police respond to two or three false alarms daily: alarms caused by popcorn, construction and pranks

By Bea Fain

When Linda Haulk heard the fire alarm buzzing in her office two years ago, she thought little of it, leaving her eyelgasses sitting of Haulk, an administrative assistant for UK's office of legal counsel. "It had bear common for it to be a false alarm."

But this alarm was different. "It continued buzzing," she said. "It didn't stop like it usually did."

Haulk never returned to pick up her glasses.

Her office was in the Administration Building, and that day was May 15, 2001, the day fire gutted the build-

car while responding to an

m. "And the other side of a "And the other side of a district isn't as well-protect-ed if a real fire breaks out when we're checking out an alarm that's false," Beach

when we're the chairs. Beach sald. The No. 1 cause of a false alarm is burnt microwave popcorn, he said. Burnt popcorn causes so much smoke that it will set off an alarm.

"If people would just watch their popcorn, we wouldn't have as many (false alarms)." Beach said.

Another cause is construction and the dust that arises from it.

"Dust reacts the same way smoke does and will set off smoke alarms," Manley said.

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Beach said that UK has a policy where smoke detec-tors can be covered up where

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Faculty worry about retirement funds, donations



iandoval, a professor in the College of Fine Arts, expressed erns at the meeting Tuesday night.

Meeting held for BOT to communicate with faculty; money matters were a major part of the discussion

By Cara Blevins and Chrissy Tigas

UK faculty members are worried about how their retirement plans will work when the time comes, they said at a meeting Tuesday night.

Some are concerned that there is no single central bank account for benefits for retirees and active employees.

"This retirement is our life's blood, it's what you worked for your whole life," said Board of Trustees member Marian Moore Sims.

Moore Sims. At a meeting set up for the BOT to communicate with faculty, employees debated over not only retirement but athletic versus academic donations, administrative woes and faculty participation.

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Reworking employee benefits and retirement packages was proposed as a response to recent budget cuts, but the leaders of the discussion at Worsham Theater said there was no easy solution UK can pursue.

"This was a sort of a first for faculty to get to together to express personal concerns as well as (concerns) about their classes that students may not be aware of," said University Senate Chair Jeff Dembo.

Dembo, BOT faculty trustees Davy Jones and Michael Kennedy and American Association of University Professors Chapter Co-President Alice Christ led the two-hour discussion.

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Jim Timmons, an associate professor of dentistry, was one of about 30 faculty members in attendance. T came out of curiosity and was interested in retirement dialogue. Timmon and the control of the c

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If Tubby Smith went on the air and said we need support for academics, people would listen.'

Alpha Xi Delta sorority closing in spring



Alpha Xi Delta will close next semester for the third time since

Sorority faced declining membership and funds; Alpha Xi Delta has closed and reopened twice

Alpha Xi Delta, which just returned to campus two years ago, will be closing its doors for the third time.

On Oct. 14, members of the UK sorority announced they had voted to close their chapter on campus at the end of the spring 2004 semester.

Members said the main reasons for closing are de-clining membership and lack of money to allow for a full experience of the sorori-ty. The chapter re-opened in 2001.

According to Office of Greek Affairs' statistics, Alpha Xi Delta membership has had an overall decline from the control of the

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construction is taking place, but only for a short period of time. Permission has to be granted through UK's Physi-cal Plant Division. "We don't like to cover them up, but we can," Beach said. The third we have the proper

Said.

The third main cause of false alarms is what fire officials call "malicious," Beach said.

Maliciousness includes someone opening a fire exit door or pulling a red box on the wall, known as a pull station.

"Fraternities used to have an awful lot of malicious false alarms." Beach said. "But it's greatly improved."

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Beach said that false alarms at fraternities happened more when alcohol was allowed on campus.

Burnt popcorn is aless of common occurrence than it used to be, Beach said.

"The residence hall staff

has been doing a better job with providing a lot of kitchens," he said, noting that most popcorn burns more easily in the mi-crowaves often found in dorm rooms. But false alarms are still

But false alarms are still a problem.

"It's the old story of cry-ing wolf." Beach said. "It's aggravating to students, those in the residence halls and for professors trying to teach."

teach."
Only days after the fire at the Administration Building, Haulk and her colleagues temporarily worked on one of the upper floors of the 18-story Patterson Office Tower, only feet away from the gutted Administration Building.

the gutted Administration Building.
While working, they heard a fire alarm, and Haulk and others hurried down several flights of stairs.
"We didn't know if it was a fire or not, and we weren't going to find out," she said. "We observe (the alarms) now, and we always take our purses." E-mail

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ganization because it provides more money for the local chapter:

"A lot of (fees and dues) depend on the size of the chapter," West said. Members in good cacdemic standing will be granted alumnae status. But some can't join another sorority according to Greek rules. First year students have to initiate, so they may join another sorority; said and pagain in the spring of 2001.

Both closings were because the sorority couldn't afford to pay for many activities, West said. Alpha XI Delta also has an on-campus sorority house, which the sorority leases from UK. After waiting an al-

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Selected reports made to UK Police from Nov. 2, 2003 to Nov. 8, 2003.

Nov. 2: Items stolen from a green Chevrolet S-10 parked at 850 Rose St. at Chandler Medical Center at 7:44 p.m. Nov. 2: License plate stolen from a van during a football game Nov. 1, reported at 9:11 p.m.

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Nov. 2: Suspicious circumstances at 330 Hilltop Ave., report made at

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Nov. 3: Theft from a vehicle at 300 Alumni Dr.; report made at 6:18 a.m.
Nov. 3: Theft from a vending machine on third floor of 160 Tunkhouser Drive at 8:17 a.m.
Nov. 3: CD player stolen from a green Honda Accord at Greg Page Extended Lot at 10:10 a.m.
Nov. 3: Harassing communication reported at 769 Woodland Avenue at 10:36 a.m.
Nov. 3: Carafithis snaved on the wall next to the pool entrance at the

Nov. 5: Arradssing communication reported at 109 Modalan Arenace at 100.36 a.m.

Nov. 3: Graffiti sprayed on the wall next to the pool entrance at the Aquatic Center, 1000 Complex Drive, at 10.59 a.m.

Nov. 3: Hugcaps stolen from a vehicle at Donovan Hall at 12:13 p.m.

Nov. 4: Hugcaps stolen from a vehicle at 20 Modaland Ave., reported at 4:59 p.m.

Nov. 5: Theft from a green Jeep parked at W.T. Young Library reported at 2:05 p.m.

Nov. 5: Suspicious person taking credit card applications at the Commons at Kirwan/Blanding Complex investigated at 4:49 p.m.

Nov. 5: Suspicious person pahandling in front of Kirwan Tower, gone on arrival at 6:07 p.m.

Nov. 6: Citation issued for drug/marijuana use at 761 Woodland Ave. at 3:05 a.m.

ns at 11:05 p.m.

Nov. 7: Keys reported stolen from third floor of 179 Funkhouser Dr. at Nov. 7: A man involved in an altercation with the Dean of Students at

460 Cooper Drive at 10:37 a.m.

Nov. 7: Criminal mischief to a blue 1997 Saturn reported at 3:44 p.m.
Nov. 7: Arrest made for alcohol intoxication at McDonald's on South Limestone Street at 11:54 p.m.

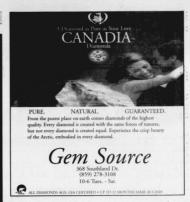
Nov. 8: Arrest made for alcohol intoxication at 769 Woodland Avenu Nov. 8: Report made for drug/marijuana use at 300 Alumni Drive at

Nov. 8: Complaint of an assault at Kirwan Tower at 10:45 p.m.

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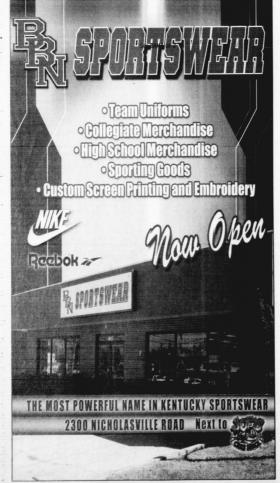
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Apple's iTunes a good marketing scheme

Store still forks over considerable cash to undeserving music labels

Hell froze over a few weeks ago. That's what Apple.com plastered on its Website when it launched its frunes for Windows. Within three days of the launch, over 1 million songs were downloaded from the frunes Online Music Store for a 99 cents apop.

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I downloaded the Windows version and dove in.
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low, of course?
Well, Steve Jobs, Apple's co
ounder, knows the riddle.

"The dirty little secret of
all this is there's no way to
make money on these stores."
Jobs said in the Nov. 17 issue
of Time in which the weekly
newsmagazine named ITunes
Online Music Store as the Invention of the Year. The article said only about 10 cents
would be going to Apple for
each track. Jobs pointed to
the sales of iPod, which the
article said would be making
Si75 on each \$499 unit sold.

Time named the inventimes. Apple's ITunes Music
Store is Time's Coolest Invention of 2003:
With Apple sharpening
with Apple sharpening
its marketting sword, it's sure
to match wits with the likes
of Jobs' old rival Bill Gates.



A Whole New Way to Pay and Play

Apple's iTunes Online Music Store has sold over 15 million tracks since its April launch. Time Magazine named the iTunes music store Invention of the Year.

Apple's iTunes has a music format different from Microsoft's Windows Media Audok, which Gates had hoped to be the dominant music file format.

I like Jobs' latest wenture, even though Apple has already run into legal issues.

Lat month, Lat month, Pepsi announced a Pepsi announced a Ilike Jobs' latest venture, even though Apple has already run into legal issues. Apple Corps, the company the Beatles formed to manage their business ventures in 1968, sued Apple Computer over the summer for alleged trademark violations. Apple Corps said that Apple Computer was only allowed to use its mane and the Apple loop for

was only allowed to use its name and the Apple logo for marketing outside the music industry.

Apple Corps filed a law-suit against Apple Computer in 1989. It was settled out of court for \$27 million when is-

Last month,
Pepsi announced a
deal with Apple to
promote free downpepsi purchases
from iTunes' online music
store. The Los Angeles Times
reported that Apple and Pepsi
would be awarding about 100
million free songs.
Despite the legal scuffle,
iTunes is great for music
lovers. The iTunes software
is free to download and comparable to other computer
music packages like Music
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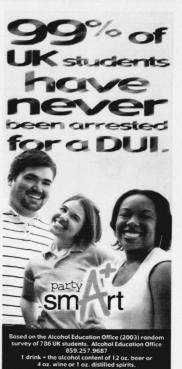
While file sharing on the Internet is still rampant, 99 cents is not a bad deal to preview and download the song, which you can burn onto as many CDs as you like. A majority of that 99 cents is sill going to the dreaded recording industry, whose recent tactics have stripped all feelings of compassion I've had for them. However, as someone who buys CDs regularly, the new Apple venture is extremely convenient, time-saving and easy to use.

Apple's Web site is already adorned with rawes and quotes from the Time Invention of the Year article.

Hell hash't frozen over. My day of buying CDs in stores probably has.

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IN THEIR OPINION

Lynch and Smart exploited

Sunday night, television viewers had to make the difficult choice of what to watch at 9 is one thing, but to have to sit through a movie p.m. The choices were a special made-for-TV movie on CBS, or a special made-

The competing programs, which ran as part of network sweeps week, were "The Elizabeth Smart Story" and "Saving Jessica Lynch." Both had the same feel-good appeal

and the same "giving America hope" message.

To pit Jessica Lynch and Elizabeth Smart against each other, like a pair of heavyweight boxers in the ring at the MGM Grand, is shameful. First of all, it makes a mockery of

shameful. First of all, it makes a mockery of the hardships these girls endured.

It is unfortunate that these traumatic ordeals will be dramatized and commercialized for the sake of ratings. It is also a disservice for the American public. Are people so incapable of keeping up with the news that they need their information nicely packaged for them in the format of a made-for-TV movie?

And are we supposed to tune in to these movies because it will make us feel patriotic?

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is one thing, but to have to sit through a movie that depicts an already over-analyzed and over-talked about story is another.

Simply making these movies is bad enough. What is even worse is that they air in the same 9 p.m. time slot. The made-for-TV movie format would allow the general public to watch the events of these two women unfold right before their eyes, possibly answering any questions they may have had.

But to have the films air at the same time forces people to choose between one or the other. If the two respective networks truly cared about informing Americans about the stories of Smart and Lynch, they would have aired

about informing Americans about the stories of Smart and Lynch, they would have aired the movies on different nights, allowing people to view both. It was all about ratings. Only time will tell who wins the battle of the kidnapped sweethearts. But does it really matter? Neither movie will do anything to better the lives of anyone, with the exception of a few people's checkbooks.

Frivolous lawsuits and free handouts hike health costs

students are generally more healthy than, say, the elderly However, when we graduate, many of us will be working frompanies that still offer health insurance as part of an insurance such as the state of the state

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LETTERSTOTHEEDITOR

Story confirmed dangers

MARY LESCH



Although the debate has been tabled recently, there are many issues that are now hotly debated regarding health care reform. In the mid-69s, Republicans attempted an overhaul of our medical system after regaining control of the house in the 194 elections. However, these efforts fell short along with Hillary Clinton's earlier attempt to pass national health care legislation. Basically, this has left Americans stuck in the proverbial balance between private care and socialized medicine. What problems are there, and what solutions should be encaused by the government itself. Regulation, regulation and more regulation along with free health care to certain portions of the population has inflated costs dramatically. This has increased the demand for health care while decreasing the supply, because doctors spend so much time filling out forms. Did you know that there are more health administrators per patient than doctors? Some may be asking why any of this matters. College students are generally more healthy than, say the elderly. However, when we graduate, many of us will be working for companies that will offer health insurance as part of an insurance package. Many states have laws that force insurance companies

for healthcare.

But what is important? I dare say anyone has a more valuable asset than one's health. We need to be willing to spend a little money to take care of ourselves. Insurance was originally intended for emergency cases, not every single doctor's visit. Why can Americans gladly pay for all of the luxuries they enjoy but be openly appalled at paying for health care?

health care?

Those abusing the system by taking a free ride and attempting to get rich quick from frivolous lawsuits are causing problems for all of us.

of psychotic UK squirrels

I would just like to commend the Kernel for its article on "When Squirrels Attack" in Friday's paper. I have been saying for years that squirrels were inherently evaluand no one listened. I guess it took an actual squirrel atack for people to realize just what squirrels were capable of doing. I went to a football game a year back, and while walking outside I was able to see a showdown between a little kid and a squirrel. There was a lot of screaming involved, and once the child started to run away, he tripped, permitting the squirrel to launch itself onto the child. Maybe now with your article we will begin to be able to do something about the squirrel scrainess on campus.

WORDOFMOUTH "He had on these high-water, wrinkled khaki pants and I thought, 'I don't think

SO."

— Jennifer Chandler, wife of former democratic candidate for governor Ben Chandler, on first meeting him her senior year of college at UK. The sparks finally flow after meeting Chandler a second time during his term as Kentucky's state auditor.

This editorial appeared in the Massachusetts Daily Collegian (U. Massachusetts-Amherst).

Isaac incapable of solving city's problems

Fifty-one percent of you asked for Teresa Isaac to be your mayor, and less than a year into the your mayor, and less than a year into the your mayor, and less than a year into the your mayor, and less than a year into the your mayor, and less than a year into the your mayor, and less than a year into the your mayor. The only recalling Pam Miller.

Since she took office in January, Isaac has done little to justify the public's slim decision in her favor.

The only solution she's been able to muster to address the city's financial crunch is tax, tax, tax.

A new "public safety" tax, a higher property tax, an increase in insurance rexponentially higher than those of almost every Kentucky county; yet surrounding cities can't hold a candle to our budget quagmire. But Isaac, like many liberal politicians, seems to think raising axes is the grand solution to all of society's woes.

Lexington can't even keep police officers and fireman in the city because our wages aren't competitive. Before Isaac decides to push for a tax on walking in the park to pay for higher city worker salaries, she should examine some of her own wasteful city spending practices.

Isaac's main agenda item has been the government takeover of Kentucky American Water Co. Since the city council decided to pursue condemnation of the company under 'imminent domain' laws, well over half a million dilars of taxpayer money has been spent in the legal fight between Lexington and RWE, the German Company that work Kentucky American is a private company that is run incredibly well. Lexington water bills are extremely low comparatively. The city has absolutely no business trying to take over this private company et allows the first of the take over this private company term of the first of the first of the search of the saccordinate of the sacc

tion. Lexington already pays top dollar for a team of city lawyers, yet taxpayers are saddled with a bill for outside council to go along with the checks we write for the city lawyers. Furthermore, there's over \$150\$ thousand worth of legal bills we've yet to pay on top of the half-million plus we've laready spent. Yet most estimates, the legal fight would take several more years to resolve; and we're already approaching the million dollar spending mark.

Beyond the financial impact of the city's pursuit of condemnation, Isaac and her allied councilmembers frighten with their imperialist drive to take over a private company. We've reached a point where government can seize any property it likes simply because it sees the potential or a new stream of tax revenue. The FLOW folks might not be so happy when a wrecking crew comes knocking on their front door because the city wants to build a golf course where their house is sitting.

Isaac made a few more enemies last week by embarrassing eight city council members who voted against her domestic partner benefits plan. The council voted eight to four or eject her proposal; little did the eight any sayers know that Isaac already planned to implement the plan regardless of their votes, acting on advice from the city lawyers she do the council word of the council word of the council word council word could be council word of the council word and the council word of the council word

meaningless votes.

We even bother electing councilmen if Isaac has no use for their votes? Regardless of your opinion on certain policies, the democratic process should be respected. I wonder if Isaac agrees. Thus far into her term, she's shown a fundamental contempt for working with her fellow officials.

But hey, you get what you ask for. The majority of Lexingtonians asked Isaac to run the city, and now we're all reaping the rewards. Hopefully, a few Novembers from now, we'll ask Isaac to pack up and vocate her office.

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UKHoopsNotebook

By Ben Roberts

Gerald Fitch had more on his mind than basketball when he took the Rupp Are-na floor for last week's exhi-bition opener against Team

bition opener against Team Nike.

The senior guard had to cope with the death of his grandmother while prepar-ing for the first game of his last season with the Cats. Fitch scored a team-high learning of the loss. He also different four 3-pointers and after the control of th

play.

Head coach Tubby Smith said getting back on the court was probably the best thing for Fitch.

"This is his extended family, and he is confortable being a part of it." Smith said.

said.
Fitch traveled to Macon,
Ga., for his grandmother's
funeral Saturday but will be
back for tonight's game.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

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After playing limited time due to back spasms against Team Nike, freshman center Lukasz Obrzut should be ready for tonight's matchup with EA Sports.

Obrzut had two points and one blocked shot in four minutes of play in the first half against Team Nike.

Senior guard Antwain Barbour will sit out tonight as he continues to serve a three-game suspension after getting pulled over in a traff. 1: op last summer.

Kith Barbour sill out. Smith will look once again to sophomore accountle had 14 points and seven rebounds in his first-ever start at Rupp Arena against Team Nike.

The Tulsa, Okla., native said he was pleased with his performance in the exhibition game last week.

"It was fun," he said.

"We've still got some things to work on, but I think I did all right for my first start. I'm just trying to make the right decisions and make sure I'm doing the little things like playing defense, getting on the boards, things like that."

CATS NAB TOP GUARD

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The Cats received their first verbal commitment of the recruiting season this week when point guard Ramel Bradley agreed to play for UK.

The 6-foot-3 Bradley was also recruited by Clemson, Miami (Fla.), Georgia and Boston College but cancelled visits to those schools after an official visit to Lexington last week.

The Brooklyn NY na-

last week.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., native is in his senior season with IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. He averaged 20 points, eight rebounds and six assists per game last sea-

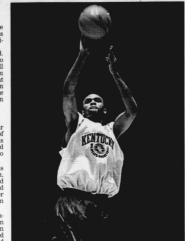
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The Associated Press released its preseason poll Tuesday with the Cats ranked No.
11 in the country. UK opponents included in the Top 25
are Michigan State (No. 3,
Florida (No. 8), North Carolina (No.9), Louisville (No. 16)
and Notre Dame (No. 21).

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

About 1,400 tickets remain for tonight's game against EA Sports. Tickets can be purchased at the Memorial Coliseum ticket office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Student tickets are \$5. The game is at 7;30 p.m. at Rupp Arena.



Senior guard Gerald Fitch scored a team-high 26 points against Team Nike on Tuesday, one day after learning of his grandmother's death.

DE WOMEN'S TEAM

UK's women's basketball team plays its final exhibiting plays its final exhibiting plays its final exhibiting plays its final exhibiting plays from the players. Admission is free for situdents and the general public. Season tickets solve here.

Season tickets sales have already topped 1,000 this sea-son. Last season the women's team sold 140 season tickets.

"I believe with all my heart that we can sell out Memorial (Coliseum)," head

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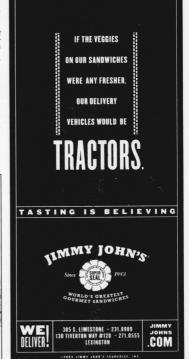
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Around About

Political drama drifting; no more plot or humor

Every Wednesday night for four years, I camped out in front of the television at 9 p.m. (8 p.m. Central).

The schedule was cleared, homework set aside, the cell phone turned off.

It was time to watch the broadcast magnificence that was The West Wing.

Writer Sorkin brought to life a bureaucracy you could actually grow to love. Rarely did I fin-

ish watching an episode without feeling all warm and fuzzy inside about government. But this season has been different. Now, 1 finish watching an episode wondering how on earth so little could happen in 44 minutes of television.

The decline in quality is due mostly to the departure of Sorkin. He wrote every word of every episode for the first four seasons. He created all the characters and their idiosyncrasies. And while some viewers had to take a Dramamine and gingko biloba to keep up with all the brisk hallway meeting scenes, that quick pace distinguished scenes, that quick pace distinguished the show from all the drivel in TV land

Sorkin even dealt with Rob Lowe's departure by bringing in his go-to guy, Joshua Malina (see SportsNight, The American President). The senior staff got to pull their hijinks by breaking in a newbie, and the show never missed a beat.

But all the brass at NBC could see were the declining ratings and episodes that were still being rewritten and filmed two days before broadcast. Heaven forbid a quality show come from it.

So Sorkin went off to find other creative outlets, and NBC was able to

bring in their own guy, producer John Wells of ER fame.

While I never got into ER, its ratings and critical success can't lie. But Wells just doesn't have the knack for mixing witty, fast-paced dialogue with, well, plot.

After President Bartlett's daughter was kidnapped in last season's finale, it took two episodes to bring the ordeal to a conclusion. Sadly, the reunion scene happened at the end of this sea-son's second episode without any real explanation of what happened to her or how the feds found her.

Wells has also decided to give Josh, the deputy chief of staff, an in-tern to drive him nuts. Watching the scenes with the intern is a bit like watching a Rodney Dangerfield movie - a few laughs, but no real reason to

Tim them.

Two weeks ago press secretary C.J.

Cregg mentioned living with a man for six months several years back. That's all well and good, but not something you should mention five years into the show, especially when we've been through intimate stories such as her relationship with a reporter and her father's battle with Alzheimer's.

Chief of Staff Leo McGary used to rule with tough love, but this season he's seemed more like a bully.

Two weeks ago Communications Director Toby Ziegler left Leo's office complaining the administration had lost focus and message.

"We're drifting," he said.

The Bartlett administration has become a conceit for the show. Both are in a vortex. And both are in danger of losing the most loyal of supporters. At least I've got reruns on Bravo.

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Now, I finish watching *The* West Wing wondering how on earth so little could happen in 44 minutes of television."







Ferrell's role in Elf smart career move but strictly kids' stuff

Staff Writer

Beneath the garish green elf suit and wooly exterior, Will Ferrell might very well be one of the smartest men in Holly

After shedding his human bobblehead character in 1998's Night at the Rox bury, the SNL alum stepped back and scaled down his screen time for bit parts in movies like Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back

He hammed his way into increasing ly bigger parts, culminating in the sur-prise hit *Old School* earlier this year. Now, in the Christmas comedy *Elf*, Ferrell is trying to join the list of bankable A-list nedians that includes Jim Carrey and

Adam Sandler.

This family-friendly effort from director Ion Favreau may do the trick since parents and kids are less discerning and

cynical than older movie audiences.

Elf earns every bit of its friendly PG rating and Ferrell shows an unexpected int of restraint for a man in tights who is best known for his lewdness and knack for self-deprecation. He even man-ages to keep his hairy hindquarters hid-

den from view.

The filmmakers' avoidance of the audacious pays off to a degree. The characters are charming in a Ned Flanders sort

of way. When Buddy (Ferrell) errs in his elf ways, he calls himself a "cotton-headed ninny-muggins." Okely-dokely-do. If you say so, Buddy.

Elf is all about Buddy's struggle to fit in. Orphaned as an infant, he hitches a ride in Santa's sack of goodies and finds a new life at the North Pole. Under the gentle care of the demure Papa Elf (Bob Newhart), Buddy blossoms into a tower-

ing toymaker.

But, predictably, his mind doesn't But, predictably, his mind doesn't follow course. Already feeling alienated thanks to some uppity elves, Buddy acci-dentally learns he's not really an elf, but instead a human with a father living in New York City.

And thus Buddy's journey begins.
His father, Walter (James Caan), is reluctant to accept the man-elf. Walter's new wife (Mary Steenburgen) and son (Daniel Tay) are more accepting, but the weasily workaholic (who, to Buddy's disgust, is on Santa's "naughty list") won't budge. Buddy's plight takes us through a

revolving door of fish-out-of-water gags, which coincidentally, include Buddy's fixation on revolving doors. Some of the gags are amusing, but none are original.

After the last two Austin Powers movies, big-on-little person violence has lost its impact. There's Something About Mary accelerated the downfall of the small animal-attacks-man gag. Unfortu-

nately, variations of both pop up in Elf.
Favreau unleashes Ferrell for the
middle third of the film, letting him hyper-act through gag after gag. Ferrell's atypical size and crinkly childish facial pressions are interesting to look at, but material pins him down. The movie eventually abandons the

gag-a-minute pace and becomes a battle to save Christmas for Santa (Ed Asner) after his sleigh slams into Central Park due to a lack of Christmas spirit in the air.

So Buddy wages an epic 15-minute battle to resolve the three running plot-lines: his quest for his father's love, his quest for the girl (Zooey Deschanel) with a heart of gold and a velvety soft voice, and the guest to save Christmas.

It's all very mindless. However, Favreau does spice things up visually with some delightfully simple effects compared to the high-tech fare Hollywood

usually offers up.

To accentuate the size discrepancy between Buddy and the real elves, he used forced perspective, meaning Ferrell would stand closer to the camera and stare at one fixed point while Newhart would do the same from a greater dis-

The vibrant colors on the North Pole are lively, matching the film's breakneck pace. A few peculiar computer-animated creatures pop up from time to time, in-



Christmas cheer

After drawing crowds for Old School, Will Ferrell stars as an overgrown, humorous elf named Buddy in Elf.

voking images from traditional TV staples sulted. like Rudolph and Frosty. Is For older audiences, these trippy

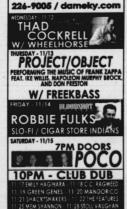
animations may provide more yuletide cheer than anything else in the movie. Elf is strictly kids' stuff, and even some of them might leave the theater feeling in-

Is it a smart career move for Ferrell? Probably. But will he be remembered for parading around in a green pointy hat and curly-toed elf shoes? Let's hope not.

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Members of the UK Dance Ensemble devote their blood, sweat and time to an art they love in preparation for their Fall Recital

BY MANDY LANGSTON

Bruises, sore feet and blisters are painful bat-Bruses, sore reet and disters are painful bat-tle wounds the members of the UK Dance Ensemble proudly bear. Before their rehearsal Monday night, Ensemble members took a few moments to compare the collective damage and decided that Angie Galloway, an elementary education junior and Dance Ensemble publicist, definitely had the largest bruise on her left shoulder.

"It keeps getting bigger!" Galloway giggled, sitting on the dance floor of Barker Hall.

Their wounds mark the long hours of prepara-tion spent for the Fall Recital taking place Saturday night in the Singletary Center's recital hall. Com-pletely choreographed by students, the Dance En-semble provides a creative outlet for dancers to proudly display their talents. On Saturday, the Ensemble will be performing

to io separate dances, including choreography to Michael Jackson's "Beat It," James Taylor's "Caro-line on My Mind" and Simon and Garfunkel's "The Sound of Silence.

Sound of Silence."

Each song will showcase different costumes and distinct dance styles, such as jazz, modern, Polynesian, Latin and Mongolian.

The UK Dance Ensemble consists of 19 women and two men. These 21 individuals study technique and rehearse at least six hours each week outside of class. "We live in the studio

of concerts," Galloway said before practice. "We are here because we want to be here; we get no credit or pay for this."

"Dance Ensemble is definitely important to UK because we are one of the few performing arts groups that represents the university on a state and national level in dance," said elementary education senior Ashley Holbrook.

For the love of the dance

To take part in the show each semester, each performer must sacrifice a significant amount of his or her sweat and free time.

"I'll get home at 10 tonight after rehearsal and write a paper. I'm not sleeping tonight; I slept last night," said English senior Sarah Jackson.

"You know it's bad when you go to bed and your feet hurt, and you wake up and your feet still

The dancers form tight friendships while spending countless hours together rehearsing. Members said they consider their friendships to be

unlike any other friendships formed in college. "The relationships you form through dance unique because they start with a common interest. We all love to dance and we start from there," said French senior Alexis Redish

I can tell who people are by their feet," said Tes-sa Harris, a kinesiology health pro-

fession

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(Above) UK Dance Ensemble members Anna Hitron, Angle Galloway, Sarah Stinson, Ashley Hollbrook and Lydia Childress practice during a rehearsal. (Top Left) Galloway and Childress perform some fancy footwork in preparation for the ensemble's Fall Recital. (Top Right) Ensemble members Mary Brown, Casey Brown, Ashley Dawson, Katie Daniels and B.J. Lee take time out during states of the paratic state of the paratic state.

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FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 12 - NOV. 18

COMMANDER: FAR SIDE OF THE WORLD Based on a popular series of books, Master and Commander follows the follies at sea of Captain Jack Aubrey (Russell Crowe) as he sails on the HMS Sunrise in search of the far side of the world. The film, which is the latest from Aussie director Peter Weir, is already generating Oscar buzz. Set in the early 1800s, the lavish set pieces of the period are augmented by a shipload of modern special effects. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

LOONEY TOONS: BACK IN **ACTION**

Daffy Duck and Brendan Fraser team up for a journey around the world as Bugs and the rest of the Looney Toons gang are, well, back in action. Fraser plays Bobby, a stuntman who gets canned. He and Daffy, who's also fed up with Hollywood, embark on a search for a diamond belonging to Bobby's father. Bugs and a female studio exec (Jenna Elfman) are hot on their trail. Also starring Steve Martin and Heather Locklear. At Lexington Green and Wood-

TUPAC: RESURRECTION

Tupac continues to posthumously provide entertainment to the masses with provide entertainment to the masses with this new "official" documentary. The Shakur family vaults have been unlocked and Resurrection takes the opportunity to show never-before-seen home movies, poetry and photographs. New footage detailing the deceased rapper's im-pact on the younger generation is interspersed with the archival material Tupac also provides some ominous narration

Russell Crowe sails the high seas during the Napoleonic Wars in Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World, which opens Friday.

LOVE ACTUALLY

After a limited release last weekend, this twisting tale of British love hits Lexington this week. The creator of Notting Hill and Four Weddings and a Funeral reunites with Hugh Grant, with seemingly every prominent British star signing on and falling in love. The twisting narrative culminates when almost 10 romances col-lide at the end. The ensemble cast includes Liam Neeson, Laura Linney, Colin Firth, Bill Nighy, Alan Rickman and more. Hugh Grant's hair and dancing skills also shine. At Lexington Green.

MATRIX REVOLUTIONS

Morpheus, Neo and Trinity are back to battle Agent Smith and the machines in the ultimate special effects-laden battle. With over \$50 million at the box office, the Wachowskis can't be wrong, right? Judging by the collective groans from audience and big drop off from Matrix Reloaded earlier this year, the franchise may be mercifully limping to an end. But even if the Revolutions disappointed some viewers, at least there's a satisfying and decisive conclusion. Right? At Woodhill.

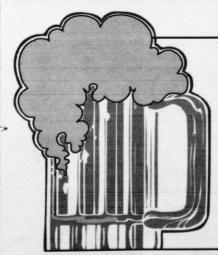
ELF

Will Ferrell trades his cheerleading sweater and bare buttocks for a bright green elf suit in this feel-good family flick with a Christmas backdrop. Budy (Ferrell) has grown up at the North Pole, but as his size becomes more of a hindrance (and he crushes poor Bob Newhart), he leaves for New York in search of his biological father (James Caan). The film includes plenty of laughs and love, but lacks the lewdness of previous Ferrell vehicles. At Woodhill.

Compiled by Matthew Towner

DVD RELEASES

I3: Rise of the Machines
John Connor is back one last
time (maybe?), and he's still the
savior of our future. Some guy
named Arnold (who may or may
not even be in acting anymore) returns as the Terminator in charge of
protecting Connor from the likes of
the Terminativs. Schwarzenegger



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- 3 SARAH MCLACHLAN AFTER-GLOW

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- 10 LYRICS BORN LATER THAT DAY

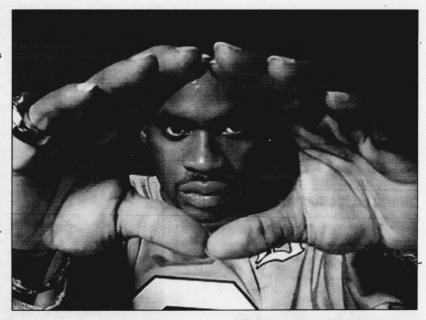
WRFL'S **TOP 10 REQUESTS**

- 1 ORANGER "SHUTDOWN THE SUN/FROM THE ASHES OF ELEC-TRIC ELVES'
- 2 LAIKA "WHEREVER I AM I AM WHAT IS MISSING"
- 3 HIGH LLAMAS "BEETS, MAIZE AND CORN"
- DAY
- 5 GLEN VELEZ "INTERNAL COMBUSTION"
- 6 FRIENDS FOREVER "KILL-BALL"
- 8 STEREOLAB "INSTANT O IN
- 10 ARRINGTON DE DIONYSO AND THE OLD TIME RELIJUN "VARI-ETIES OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE"

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Rapper Obie Trice will perform at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 at Boga-rts in Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20.

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MUSIC

TONIGHT
Pigface
8 p.m. Bogarts,
Cincinnati. Tickets
cost \$15.

Wee Helen Reeves 9 p.m. Mia's. Tickets are free.

Thad Cockrell w/Wheel Horse 10 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Open Mic w/Trypta-mine Arkestra 10 p.m. High on Rose. Tickets cost \$3.

THURSDAY Oneida w/Magnoli Electric Co. & Gun-8 p.m. ArtsPlace. Tickets cost \$5.

Project/Object

w/Freekbass 9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the

FRIDAY

Static-X w/Soil, Skrape & Twisted Method 8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20.

Robbie Fulks w/Cigar Store Indi-ans and Slo-Fi

SATURDAY

Karrin Allyson 8 p.m. Memorial Hall. Tickets cost \$17.50 for the ger

9p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$7.

Ron Harris and the Knot Bros. 10 p.m. The Library Lounge. Tickets cost \$3.

MONDAY

Relient K w/Anbe

Down 8:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.50.

Chitara Rhythm Sec-

10 p.m. The Library Lounge. Tickets cost \$4.

Club Dub Sessions 10:30 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

SUNDAY 311 w/Alien Ant Farm 8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$29.50.

Bluegrass Collective 9 p.m. The Fishtank. Tickets are free.

The Ataris 7:30 p.m. Jillian's, Louisville. Tickets cost \$15.

Monday Night Spot-light featuring Emily Hagihara & Ben Lacy 9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

TUESDAY

The Ataris w/Hopes-fall, Planes Mistaken for Stars & Squirtgun 7:30 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$16.50.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra 7:30 p.m. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$29.50 - \$39.50.

weed w/The Wear Boys 9 p.m. The Dame.

Tickets cost \$10.

Club Dub Sessions 10 p.m. High on Rose. Tickets cost \$3.

COMING SOON
The Shins w/Aislers
Set & Broadcast
Oblivion
9 p.m. Nov. 19.
Headliners Music
Hall, Louisville. Tickets cost \$12.

Green Genes 10 p.m. Nov. 19. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

Obie Trice 8:30 p.m. Nov. 21. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$20.

"On Tap" was Com piled by Assistant KEG Editor Crystal Little.



The Shins will perform at Headliners Music Half in Louisville at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at CD Central.



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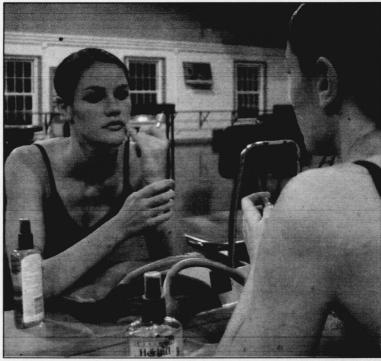
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Angie Galloway puts on the final touches before the dress rehearsal for UK Dance Ensemble's Fall Recital.

BEAT IT

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teach dance. Ultimately, the dance members said they want to change a popular view that dance is an elitist art form.

The members want to make dance more accessible to people of various incomes and social back-

grounds.

To encourage this change, the Ensemble visits local schools to encourage interest in dance among young students. They also partici-pate in the Downtown Gallery Hop.

The Callery Hop, sponsored by the Lexington Arts and Cultural Council, provides a forum for local artists to display their work. Partic-ipating galleries are open to the public as part of Gallery Hop the festivities

The Dance Ensemble also represents the university yearly in the American College Dance Festival.

The Dancers devote even more time from their already overextended schedules to prepare and re-

A diverse tradition

Ensemble dancers hail from a wide range of academic interests that includes pharmacy, engineer-ing, English and kinesiology. They continue a legacy of dance at UK that dates back to 1939 when Mary King Montgomery Kouns began teaching the art in the Physi-cal Education Department. Kouns directed the first dance

performance at UK in 1930 and con-tinued to guide dancers for many

In 1986, Dr. Rayma Beal reestab-lished the UK Dance Ensemble and has since provided instruction and direction for the group. Beal has received an Outstand-

ing Art Educator award from the Na-tional Society of Arts and Letters as well as an award from the National Dance Association.

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You know it's bad when you go to bed and your feet hurt, and you wake up and your feet still hurt."

- Sarah Jackson, English senior and member of the UK Dance Ensemble