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Picking up the pieces

Debris from the Columbia space shuttle lies in a parking lot in downtown Nacogdoches, Texas Sunday.

The crew of the Columbia

Space shuttle Columbia broke apart in flames as it returned to Earth Saturday morning, killing all seven astronauts on board. The crew included the first Israeli astronaut.

Michael P. Anderson
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Astronaut since 1996, first space mission

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Karnal, India
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Astronaut since 1996, first space mission

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Commander
Colonel, U.S. Air Force
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Amarillo, Texas
Married, two children
Astronaut since 1994, previous mission on STS-96 Discovery, 1999

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Ilan Ramon
Payload specialist
Colonel, Israel Air Force
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Tel Aviv, Israel
Married, four children
Astronaut since 1997, first space mission

SOURCE: NASA AP

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Authorities used horses and satellite gear Sunday to search for more scorched pieces of space shuttle Columbia across the Texas and Louisiana countryside, as NASA moved ahead with its investigation and the seven astronauts were mourned at church services around the nation.

The shuttle tore to pieces Saturday 39 miles above Texas, in the last 16 minutes of a 16-day mission, as the spaceship re-entered Earth's atmosphere. The accident occurred almost exactly 17 years after the Challenger exploded.

NASA chief Sean O'Keefe announced Sunday that Harold W. Gehman Jr., the retired Navy admiral who helped lead the Pentagon's inquiry into the USS Cole bombing, will head a special government commission investigating the Columbia disaster.

The commission will not use "any pet theory or other approach" but will



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A helmet from mission STS-107 is seen in this image from television Sunday in San Augustine. Remnants of the space shuttle Columbia remain strewn across east Texas and Louisiana Sunday.

look into every aspect of the flight, O'Keefe said on "Fox News Sunday."

At Titusville, Fla., where many Kennedy Space Center workers live, the Rev. David Waller called the trail of smoke from the

disintegrating shuttle a "glistening tear across the face of the heavens."

The Rev. Mike Weaver of the All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church said the crew had touched "the

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Shuttle explosion rattles campus, world

Searching for answers: Students express grief, ask questions as news of Columbia tragedy filters in

By Steve Ellerman and Sara Cunningham
STAFF WRITERS

The explosion of the space shuttle Columbia left UK students — like many around the country — trying to absorb and process another national tragedy.

Ericka Harney, a marketing, communications and management senior, felt regret for the astronauts.

Blazer Hall Saturday afternoon when he mistook video footage of the shuttle falling from the sky for a Chinese New Year display.

"I scooted up when I realized what it was," he said. "It just seems like more and more drama for the U.S."

When the shuttle Columbia exploded over Texas, killing all seven astronauts, students such as Lee were filled with conflicting emotions.

The cause of the explosion has yet to be determined, but NASA officials

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UK engineer remembers lost crew member

By Tracy Kershaw
EDITOR IN CHIEF

When the names of the seven astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia scrolled across television screens Saturday morning, George Huang saw the name of a former co-worker, now a hero.

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Chief of staff ready to juggle Todd's schedule

To the rescue: Bugged down by travel, appointments, president hires university veteran to help sort it out

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

President Lee Todd has decided it's time for someone to help him with his scheduling.

"After a year and a half, he came to that conclusion ... he travels a lot - he's really an external president," said Jack Blanton, the senior vice president for administration.

Phyllis Nash of the Medical Center has been named Todd's chief of staff, pending approval by the Board of Trustees.

Nash said she was excited to begin her new job.

"I believe in our president and his vision for the university and I'm glad to get to be a part of it," she said.

Her duties will include scheduling meetings, managing Todd's office, handling correspondence and making recommendations.

"Of course, the president will make the final decisions, but I hope to be able to offer advice and consultation along the way," Nash said.

In a statement, Todd said he was eager to have Nash on staff.

"I'm convinced her talents and efficiency will help ensure smooth operations by the university administration, just as I know I'll enjoy working with her," Todd said.

Nash will play an important part of managing the president's responsibilities, Blanton said.

"She's well suited for the job, has the necessary interper-

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A big gamble

Leonard Tan, a December 2002 civil engineering graduate, prepares to throw the dice for the Lucky Draw as biology senior Merrel Lim watches during the Chinese New Year celebration Saturday night.

THAI EMERSON/KERNEL STAFF



Current search includes more women, minorities

Replacement: UK seeking to fill administration seat left vacant by retirement of senior veep Jack Blanton

By Rebecca Neal
STAFF WRITER

More women and minorities have applied to replace Jack Blanton, the senior vice president of administration, than most administrators had expected.

"I'm rather pleased. After just flipping through some of the applications, it looks like more women and minorities applied than I had initially expected," said Elyse Lach, the assistant dean for administration for the College of Medicine and a member of the Commission on Women.

Lach, who has served in a consulting role for the search, said she contacted agencies and organizations that are involved with underrepresented groups to help promote the search.

Blanton, who has held the job since July 2001, said he was not interested in applying for the job again.

"I'm too old!" Blanton, 67, said jokingly. "No, I'm ready to retire, but I've enjoyed the job enormously."

Blanton also held positions as vice chancellor for administration from 1982-2001, vice president for business affairs and university treasurer from 1975-1982, and taught introduction to business management for 18 years.

The position's title will be changed to executive vice-presi-

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down



There is no change to the president's responsibilities to keep the peace and protect the American people from dangers around the world."

Ari Fleischer, White House spokesman, explaining that Bush would not allow the Columbia shuttle explosion to deter his attention from world issues, including Iraq.

Baghdad: We'll 'do our best'

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Just days before a crucial round of talks with chief inspectors, a senior Iraqi official said Sunday that Baghdad is "keen to resolve any pending issues" in the U.N. search for banned weapons, but didn't immediately offer new concessions. Maj. Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin indicated, nevertheless, that Iraq may have compromise proposals on hand for the talks next Saturday and Sunday with Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei. "We shall do our best to make his (Blix's) visit successful," Amin told reporters. In his news conference, Amin, the chief Iraqi liaison to the U.N. inspectors, also dismissed U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's plan to present purported evidence of prohibited Iraqi weapons programs to the U.N. Security Council on Wednesday. That material will probably be "fabricated space photos or aerial photos," of a kind the Iraqis could refute if given a chance to study it, Amin said.

Bush's budget proposes tax cuts

WASHINGTON — President Bush will send Congress a \$2.23 trillion spending plan Monday featuring new tax cuts to boost the economy, a conservative tilt to major social programs and record deficits for the next two years — shortfalls that Democrats blame on Bush's tax cuts. White House budget officials said Sunday the president's tax and spending blueprint, complete with dozens of agency briefings, will roll out as scheduled despite Saturday's space shuttle disaster. Bush's budget outline for the 2004 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, is required by law to be sent to Congress the first Monday in February. The numbers and spending priorities undoubtedly will change somewhat over the next several months as Congress acts on his request. The Columbia tragedy certainly will prompt added scrutiny to the president's spending proposal for NASA, which has come under heavy criticism from Congress in recent years because of cost overruns for the orbiting space station and other programs.

Explosion kills 40 in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria — A powerful explosion tore apart a bank and dozens of apartments above it Sunday in Nigeria's crowded commercial capital, killing at least 40 people and trapping many others, relief workers



WHO'S THE MAN? The weather-pronosticating groundhog known as Punsxsutawney Phil saw his shadow during the annual Groundhog Day ceremony on Sunday, signaling six more weeks of winter in North America.

The legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year." Every February 2, people gather at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded knoll just outside of Punsxsutawney, Pennsylvania. Residents contend that the groundhog has never been wrong. The ceremony in Punsxsutawney was held in secret until 1966, and only Phil's prediction was revealed to the public. Since then, Phil's fearless forecast has been a national media event. The groundhog comes out of his electrically heated burrow, looks for his shadow and utters his prediction to a Groundhog Club representative in "groundhogese." The representative then translates the prediction for the general public.

said. Police were investigating a range of motives — including that the blast was part of a bank robbery plot. Looting and bloody fights broke out as hundreds of young men grabbed fistfuls of cash from the leveled bank and battled over them. In the chaos, trapped victims cried for rescue and onlookers wailed as rescuers retrieved bloody, broken bodies. The Red Cross said searchers had recovered more than 30 dead and 32 injured. Ten of the wounded died later at Lagos General Hospital, hospital workers said. Many more victims were believed caught in the rubble, and the death toll could rise, said Emmanuel Ijeweire, president of the Nigeria Red Cross.

Venezuelans seek to oust Chavez

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez declared victory Sunday after his opponents agreed to ease a two-month national strike, but thousands of Venezuelans still lined up for a petition drive seeking his ouster. Strike organizers, who began the protest Dec. 2 to pressure Chavez into accepting a referendum on his rule, said Friday they would ease the work stoppage, already waning, this week to protect businesses from bankruptcy. However, the strike will continue in the vital oil industry, where production was cut from 3 million barrels a day to 150,000 at the height of the strike. Chavez said Sunday the government boosted production to 1.8 million barrels a day, but striking workers put the number at 1 million. Opposition leaders accuse Chavez of ruining the economy with leftist policies and trying to accumulate too much power.

Vehicle sales may decline with war

SAN FRANCISCO — This year's U.S. vehicle sales likely will decline at least 1.8 percent if the nation goes to war with Iraq, but should remain strong by historical standards, the National Automobile Dealers Association predicted Sunday. NADA chief economist Paul Taylor, speaking at the organization's 86th annual convention, projected new car and light truck sales of 16.5 million in 2003, down from 16.8 million last year, the fourth-best tally on record. If the U.S. goes to war with Iraq, Taylor says total volume likely will decline by another 200,000 vehicles as the conflict chills Americans' spending. His predictions are in line with most industry forecasts, which range from 15.9 million to some 17 million. Some of the 25,000 dealers and industry observers here said they've been encouraged by recent economic indicators, such as Friday's news that Americans boosted their spending in December by the largest amount in five months.

Compiled from wire reports.

OUR NATION

Bush deals with shuttle, budget, war

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush is entering one of the most difficult weeks of his presidency, leading the nation in mourning over the space shuttle while bracing Americans for war and defending a budget proposal that promises record deficits.

He spoke with the leaders of Pakistan, Spain and India on Sunday juggling condolence calls with efforts to build support for military action against Iraq.

The president arranged to meet Monday with NASA chief Sean O'Keefe, before O'Keefe briefed lawmakers.

Bush and his wife, Laura, are to fly to Johnson Space Center on Tuesday for a NASA memorial service for the seven astronauts killed Saturday.

The president was releasing a spending plan Monday for the budget year beginning Oct. 1 that offers a string of deficits for five years, with cuts in some popular programs and growth in others.

A senior administration official speaking Sunday night on condition of anonymity said the new budget would propose increasing NASA's budget from \$15 billion this year to nearly \$15.5 billion next year. The official did not know what the change for the space shuttle program would be.

Bush planned to emphasize in a Monday afternoon event his request for \$6 billion over a decade to quickly make available vaccines and treatments against bioweapons such as anthrax and plague.

Administration and congressional sources said Bush's plan envisions record deficits of \$307 billion this year and \$304 billion in 2004. The \$2.23 budget proposal does not take into account the tens of billions of dollars war would cost.

The situation in Iraq also takes center stage this week. Bush was to meet Wednesday with the prime minister of Poland, the same day Secretary of State Colin Powell goes before the U.N. Security Council to present purported evidence of prohibited Iraqi weapons programs.

A session scheduled for Tuesday with the king of Bahrain was postponed indefinitely by Bush's trip to Houston, giving Bush some breathing room to put off talk of war while the nation grieved.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush's determination to disarm or confront Iraq would not be derailed.

"There is no change to the president's responsibilities to keep the peace and protect the American people from dangers around the world."

Corrections

Stories in the Kernel last week incorrectly stated the number of December 2001 voter registration forms that were never turned in by Student Government. There were 747 cards — not 749 — found in a file cabinet in the SG office, according to a Fayette County grand jury report released Jan. 28.

To report an error call *The Kentucky Kernel* at 257-1915.

SPORTS WEEKLY CALENDAR

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- WEDNESDAY FEB. 5** Women's Tennis @ National Team Indoors Feb. 5-9 Madison, Wis.
- THURSDAY FEB. 6** Women's Basketball @ Auburn 8:00 PM
- FRIDAY FEB. 7** GYMNASTICS VS ARKANSAS, UIC, TEXAS WOMEN'S @ 7:30 PM MEMORIAL COLISEUM
TRACK & FIELD MCCRAVY MEMORIAL FEB. 7-8 NUTTER FIELDHOUSE
Swimming @ Indiana 6:00 PM
- SATURDAY FEB. 8** Men's Basketball @ Mississippi 3:00 PM - JP Sports
SWIMMING VS CINCINNATI 4:00 PM LANCASTER AQUATICS CENTER
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sonal skills, has a good knowledge of the university and I'm sure she and President Todd will work well together," he said.

Many UK administrators have supported Nash's hiring. University Senate Chairman Jeff Dembo said Nash's hiring was a move toward more diversity at UK.

"It's a positive step forward," he said.

Nash was associate vice president for academic and student affairs for the Chandler Medical Center before her appointment as chief of staff. She has a joint appointment in the College of Medicine as a professor of behavioral medicine and surgery. She earned her bachelor's degree from UK in 1968 and her master's and doctorate degrees from West Virginia University in 1979 and 1985.

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dent for finance and administration, which one administrator said will reflect the job's responsibilities.

"This person is the chief financial officer and the chief administrator for non-academic affairs," said Henry Clay Owen, the university's treasurer and controller and the chairman of the advisory committee for the position.

Last fall, the search for a provost was criticized as not being inclusive enough, with many on the advisory committee announcing their support for Mike Nietzel, the act-

ing provost, before the search was over. Nietzel was later appointed to the position permanently.

With such criticisms of UK administration searches, administrators have worked to attract more women and minority applicants during this search.

Owen said the position has been advertised in major academic journals. The ads said the deadline for applications was Jan. 30, though Owen said late applications would still be accepted.

"We'll probably have about 75 applications by the end," he said.

Jeff Dembo, the chairman of the University Senate, said he wants diverse candidates.

"It's an administrative position, not an academic position like the provost. But we still have concerns about

diversity, especially in attracting qualified women and minority candidates," Dembo said.

The advisory committee will make its recommendations to President Lee Todd, who will make the final decision. Owen said they hope to have the position filled as soon as possible.

He said the committee has outlined qualities for a new administrator, such as an in-depth knowledge of finance and administration and at least six years in an executive position, preferably at a college or university.

He said that the new administrator will have a lot to live up to after Blanton's years at UK.

"Blanton's known and respected nationally for his work," Owen said. "He's going to be hard to replace."

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face of God."

The debris being collected from far-flung areas of Texas and Louisiana is being trucked under high security to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana for analysis. A team of 20 engineering experts from the United Space Alliance, a key contractor for NASA's shuttle program, is being sent to examine the debris.

"We're securing all the debris and assuring that we look at every possible angle of what could have caused this horrible accident," O'Keefe said.

Authorities in Nacogdoches County, Texas, used everything from horses and four-wheel-drive vehicles to GPS satellite locator devices to track down shuttle debris. But Sheriff Thomas Kersse said the area "cannot muster enough manpower" to guard the hundreds of wreckage sites. At least 125 debris sites had been reported in Sabine County, east of Nacogdoches.

Seventy people went to hospitals in Nacogdoches County because they had touched debris and were worried about toxic shuttle chemicals, said Sue Kennedy, the county's emergency management coordinator.

Authorities said divers may be sent into the Toledo Bend Reservoir, where a large chunk of debris was seen splashing down. Sabine County Sheriff Tom Maddox said there was no reason to worry about the water supply.

An immediate focus of the investigation was possible damage to the protective thermal tiles on Columbia's left wing from a flying piece of debris during liftoff on Jan. 16. The space agency said the first indication of trouble Saturday was the loss of temperature sensors in the left wing's hydraulic system.

The day before the disaster, NASA officials said they suspected the wing was damaged during liftoff, but there was no reason for concern.

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have pointed to damage to the thermal tiles on the left wing as a possible cause.

During the UK v. South Carolina men's basketball game, broadcast on CBS, part of the screen was taken up by newscasts of the explosion.

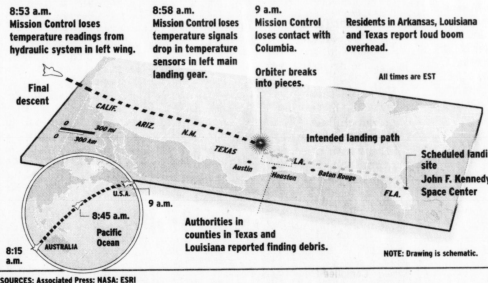
Students all over campus watched footage of the shuttle's explosion just 39 miles above land.

Ted Manahan, a mechanical engineering sophomore, criticized the media coverage of the explosion.

"Yes it's a tragedy, but I think the media is going to make it out to be a big-

Columbia's final descent ends in disaster

Space shuttle Columbia broke apart over Texas one hour into its descent Saturday, approximately 40 miles above ground and traveling at 12,500 mph. The orbiter was scheduled to land in Florida at John F. Kennedy Space Center at 9:16 a.m. EST.



"As we look at that now in hindsight... we can't discount that there might be a connection," shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said Saturday. "But we have to caution you and ourselves that we can't rush to judgment on it because there are a lot of things in this business that

any surface-to-air missile, one senior government official said. Security was extraordinarily tight on this mission because Ramon, Israel's first astronaut, was a crew member. The shuttle has more than 20,000 thermal tiles designed to keep the ship from burning up during re-entry into the at-

ports of human remains recovered in east Texas near the Louisiana line. In Hemphill, Texas, a hospital employee on his way to work reported finding what appeared to be a charred torso, thigh bone and skull on a rural road.

Nearby, also in Sabine County, two young boys found a charred human leg on their farm. The Dallas Morning News reported Sunday. "From the hip to the foot," their father Bob White said, "it's all there, scorched from the fire."

The flight was the 113th in the shuttle program's 22 years and the 28th flight for Columbia, NASA's oldest shuttle. It was built in 1981 at a cost of about \$1 billion.

The Challenger explosion led to a 2 1/2-year moratorium on launches, and Saturday's accident could also lead to a suspension of all shuttle flights and bring construction of the international space station to a standstill.

Six shuttle flights were planned for 2003, five of them to the space station. The next was scheduled for March 1.

Just in the past week, NASA observed the anniversary of its only two other space tragedies: the Challenger disaster that claimed seven lives on Jan. 28, 1986 and the Apollo spacecraft fire that killed three on Jan. 27, 1967.

A glistening tear across the face of the heavens"

- Rev. David Waller, discussing the disintegrating Columbia's path across the sky

look like the smoking gun but turn out not even to be close."

The crash took seven lives, shuttle commander Rick Husband, Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, William McCool and Ilan Ramon.

"The same creator who names the stars also knows the names of the seven souls we mourn today," President Bush said Saturday.

Authorities said there was no indication of terrorism; the shuttle was out of range of

mosphere. Columbia was at the point at which it is subjected to maximum heat when it broke up.

Television footage showed a bright light followed by white smoke plumes streaking diagonally across the brilliant sky.

Pieces of the spacecraft were found in several east Texas counties and in Louisiana, including an astronaut's charred patch and a flight helmet.

There were at least two re-

HUANG

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ed to be an astronaut. She made it," Huang said.

Chawla, the first Indian woman in space, logged more than 375 hours in space and was the prime robotic arm operator on a shuttle flight in 1997.



Huang

Huang, who worked for NASA for seven years, continues to do space-related research. He is now working on four projects for NASA which total \$300,000 in research

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Play puts new focus on eating disorders

Laughing matter?

William Henderson III, Nathan Colburn, Andrew Jessop and Kyle Zornes rehearse for the "Sally" segment of "What's Eating Katie?" Throughout the show parodies of TV spots bring humor to the serious subject of eating disorders.

BRITTANY CLARK | KERNEL STAFF



Act: UK theater teams up with UK C.A.R.E.S. for play

By Brittany Clark
STAFF WRITER

What's Eating Katie? could easily tell the story of a sister, mother or any female. The play, performed by the UK Theatre Department with the help of UK C.A.R.E.S., a UK counseling service dealing with disorders, details the life of Katie, a young woman concerned with her weight and bombarded by society's expectations eventually turns to an eating disorder for guidance.

"She's an All-American girl," said Ginny Utz, a theatre sophomore, of her character, Katie. "She runs track, her parents are busy she has friends that influence her;

everyone can relate to her because she's everyone's life."

Katie's struggles and decisions in the play are prompted by anorexia/bulimia disguised as a voice within her that quickly turns menacing as Katie's disorder begins to take over.

Director Margo Buchanan feels that anorexia/bulimia is Katie's demon or her dark side. In the script, anorexia/bulimia is a woman but Buchanan cast Jason Thompson, a theater sophomore, after seeing how right he was for the part.

"Dr. Susan Bordo, a professor at UK, wrote a book called *Unbearable Weight*, in it she wrote that anorexics often heard a voice in their heads telling them what to do and that that voice is always male," said Buchanan. "So I felt redeemed in casting a male."

Some people find they can relate to the laughs *What's Eating Katie?* generates with sarcastic advertisements sprinkled throughout the show's for faux-diet products such as "Fat Attack"

Lauren Osborne releases her "Butt Crusher" scene for *What's Eating Katie?* The play highlights society's expectations of bodies.

BRITTANY CLARK | KERNEL STAFF



and "Butt Crusher."

"I think sometimes it is easier for someone to look at themselves through humor than to be hit over the head," Buchanan said. "This play has lots of humor and some absurdity. Annie Lopez, a junior cast member, agrees. "The play is filled with dark humor but though all the parody there is a difficult message."

Act II of the play takes place in a psychiatrist's office, showing that anorexia/bulimia can be a serious psychological problem.

"The play shows the psychiatrist as human for those who may need to see that and for the rest of us seasonal observers, it helps us to laugh at ourselves," Buchanan said.

'MovieMask' cleans up dirt in movies

Where did it go?: New software angers directors by taking out original material in movies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles — Last June, Utah software developer Breck Rice met with movie directors to pitch new software for letting consumers digitally alter Hollywood hits.

It could insert product placements into movies, make a New York skyline resemble Tokyo and even drape a modest negligee over Kate Winslet during her nude scene in *Titanic*.

The program, called "MovieMask" was designed in large part to make movies more family friendly, skipping violent or sexual content and toning down language.

To demonstrate, Rice showed the directors a demo tape. The swords in a fight in Rob Reiner's *The Princess Bride* became light sabers. Jack Nicholson's lips in *A Few Good Men* were altered and an added voiceover substituted "you funny people" for a rant using an offensive term. The directors were furious.

"It was heated. The directors did feel threatened," said Warren Adler, who attended the meeting and is associate national director of the Directors Guild of America.

That gathering solidified the battle lines between Hollywood and a growing business dedicated to sanitizing films and television programs.

On one side are a chain of video rental stores and a number of software programs and devices that serve an audience grown tired of gratuitous sex, violence and foul language, which typically peppers films aimed at teenagers.

"In the privacy of your own home, consumers have whatever liberties they want to take with property they own or have paid for the rights to use," says Rice.

In August, the owner of a Colorado "CleanFlicks" video store that rents sanitized video tapes and DVDs fired the first volley, suing the Directors Guild of America after word circulated that the DGA was planning its own suit.

The following month, the Directors Guild filed a countersuit against video stores that carry the edited films as well as software companies that do the editing. The suit named additional defendants, including Trilogy Studios, makers of MovieMask, ClearPlay and others.

CleanFlicks, a chain based in Pleasant Grove, Utah, uses a proprietary system to scan DVDs and videotapes for what it considers objectionable material, including the use of God's name in vain. Then it creates altered copies for rental or sale. Among the films CleanFlicks has cleaned up is *Good Will Hunting*. The company says 125 curse words were muted in the 1997 film.

Other firms market software that acts like a remote control, muting foul language and fast forwarding past objectionable parts. Technicians at MovieMask, for example, scan films frame by frame, then create templates, or "masks," that skip certain frames depending on the viewer's choice.

Matt Green, a 29-year-old medical student in New York City, said his family won't watch R-rated films and uses ClearPlay to filter movies. Green, a Mormon, recently watched *The Matrix* using ClearPlay.

"From what I hear, I definitely missed a couple of fight scenes," he said. "But I don't feel like we missed any of the plot."

Check this out

The show will run February 12-15 at the Briggs Theater in the Fine Arts Building. Each show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is free. The play is highlighting Eating Disorders Awareness Week

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Helm's 3-pointer misses, Cats fail to knock off USC

Last gasp: Last-second attempt off target again

By Terra Ramsdale
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive year the UK women's basketball team missed a last-second shot and was unable to upset the South Carolina Gamecocks.

On Sunday, UK (9-9, 2-4 Southeastern Conference) was behind eight points at the half. The Cats never led but got within three points with less than four minutes remaining. When UK sophomore forward Sara Potts nailed a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left, the Cats found themselves in the same predicament as last year.

Last year, UK lost at home to the Gamecocks for only the third time. Though the Cats trailed by 10 at half-time in last year's game, they were able to come back in the second half and led by five.

But it was UK who fell short in the end. The Cats lost 74-73.

UK fought for the comeback again Sunday, but again walked away with another loss. After a last chance 3-point attempt by junior center SeSe Helm failed to go in, the Cats lost 46-49.

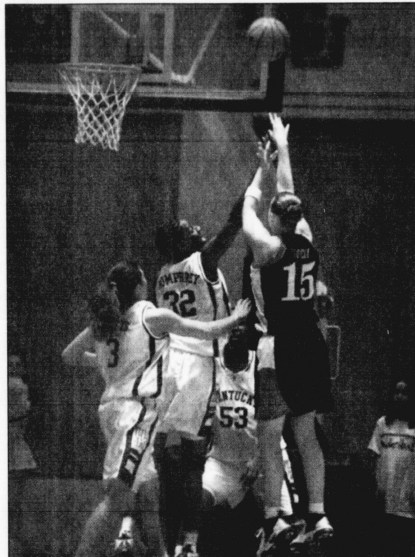
"I thought (Helm) was a great person to take the 3-point shot for (UK)," South Carolina coach Susan Walvius said. "We wanted to contend the 3-point shot. I was surprised Helm wasn't guarded."

UK struggled offensively throughout the game. Averaging 70 points a game, UK was held to only 46 points against South Carolina. The Cats grabbed only 36 rebounds, two less than their season average.

Behind center

Freshman forward Jennifer Humphrey, center, contests a shot by South Carolina's Cristina Glocan during UK's 46-49 loss Sunday. Junior SeSe Helm missed a last-second 3-pointer that would have tied the game.

FILE PHOTO



"That's our Achilles heel," UK coach Bernadette Mattox said of her team's rebounding.

The Cats made 17-of-48 field goal attempts, giving up 18 offensive rebounds. "We gave up too many offensive rebounds," Mattox said. "It goes back to us making shots that we make in practice, and we did not make those shots today."

A lack in offense may have cost UK the game, but

its defense is what kept the game close.

South Carolina senior forward Jocelyn Penn was the No. 2 shooter in the country coming into the game on Sunday. She was averaging 26 points a game and eight rebounds. The Cats were able to hold Penn to only six points and two rebounds.

Overall, the Gamecocks were held to 26-percent field goal shooting and UK pulled down 26 defensive rebounds.

While the defense stepped it up, the Cats were not able to get over the offensive hump. UK turned the ball over 23 times and grabbed only 10 of

defensive rebounds. "To stop turning the ball over and getting more shots in, I think that is going to get us over the hump," UK senior guard Rita Adams said.

"Then we are going to come even more together as a team and start winning more games."

SportsBytes

Riflers ready for NCAA

The UK rifle team defeated Rose-Hulman 6,049-5,987 Saturday at Buell Army on the UK campus. UK's commanding victory in the smallbore event was enough to offset Rose-Hulman's victory in air rifle.

Freshman Brad Donoho and junior Robert Krukoski led UK in smallbore with scores of 1145 each, while junior Melody Cook led the Rifle Cats with a 379 in air rifle.

UK Coach Harry Mullins was pleased with the victory over Rose-Hulman.

UK will prepare for the NCAA Sectionals Sunday at Murray State in hopes of advancing to the NCAA Rifle

Championship next month in West Point, N.Y.

Fast-pitch starts slow

MIAMI — The UK softball team rounded out its participation at the Fun & Sun Classic with a loss to Illinois State, 4-3.

The Cats finished the tournament in fourth place with a 1-4 record. UK defeated host Florida International 3-2 Saturday, but lost to No. 17 Georgia later in the day. The Cats also lost to Illinois State and Georgia on Friday.

UK shortstop Rachel Friberg was named to the all-tournament team after batting .357 with a double and a home run.

Next up for the Cats will be the Stanford Tournament in Palo Alto, Calif., Feb. 14-16.

Tennis women win two

The 23rd-ranked UK women's tennis team won two matches at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro, Tenn., on Saturday. UK (3-2) defeated host Middle Tennessee (2-4) by a count of 5-2 and blanked Murray State (0-1), 7-0, later in the afternoon.

Saturday's two wins get the Cats back to their winning ways as they prepare to head to Madison, Wis., for the National Team Indoor Championships on Wednesday.

Singles plague men

The UK men's tennis team dropped its first road dual match of the season Sat-

urday, falling to the Minnesota Golden Gophers by a count of 6-1.

The Cats took the doubles point but did not register a victory in singles play.

The doubles pair of Rahim Esmail and Jesse Witten along with the tandem of Alex Hume and Matt Emery accounted for the Cats' lone point of the match. At No. 2, Esmail and Witten defeated Roman Lievano and Clay Estes, 8-6. At No. 3, Hume and Emery notched an 8-5 victory over Aleksey Zhari-nov and Chris Wettengel.

The Cats will resume dual-match competition on Feb. 12 against Appalachian State and Murray State at the Hilary J. Boone Indoor Tennis Center on the UK campus.

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Here's a look back at events and issues from last week. If you want to sound off on any of these, e-mail the Dialogue desk at dialogue@kykernel.com

TUESDAY

President George W. Bush worked to strengthen his case against Saddam Hussein during the State of the Union address. He catalogued estimates of Saddam's inventory of lethal weapons, accused him of actively undermining the work of United Nations inspectors and insisted ties exist between the Iraq leader and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network. The speech came as polls showed Bush's approval ratings slipping into the 50s, down from about 90 percent right after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his rightist party, Likud, defeated the Labor Party in parliamentary elections. Likud was projected to win 37 seats and labor only 19 in the 120-seat Parliament. Sharon has favored military reprisals over negotiations to contend with the Palestinian uprising. He is widely viewed as the country's most dependable leader. Another winner was an anti-religious party, Shinui, which went from six seats in the last Parliament to 15.

WEDNESDAY

Faced with a possible \$26 million cut in state funding, UK administrators froze hiring, restricted travel and overtime and — among other ways to reduce costs — encouraged employees to turn down the heat in their offices, the Kernel reported. With cuts as serious as these, administrators said they will increase tuition and may restrict enrollment. State budget estimates show a \$384 million budget shortfall for the fiscal year 2004. The Kentucky Constitution requires the General Assembly to produce a balanced budget. State legislators are asking universities to cinch their purse strings in hopes of sparing primary and secondary education from severe cuts.

THURSDAY

Leaders of Kentucky's public universities met with the state's House budget subcommittee on education to discuss the measures they would have to take if a 9 percent cut in higher education funding is approved by the legislature, the Kernel reported. Cutting higher education funding will not only hamper the ability of universities to conduct research and provide quality teaching, but will threaten the long-term economic and social well-being of all Kentuckians, they said. UK President Lee Todd said if the cuts are passed UK would have to eliminate 125 faculty positions and more than 500 staff positions.

Richard Reid, a British-born follower of Osama bin Laden, as sentenced to life in prison for trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with explosives stuffed in his shoes. A defiant Reid, who pleaded guilty in October to all charges stemming from his failed attempt in December 2001, told Chief U.S. District Judge William Young that he was a soldier "at war" with the United States because it sponsored the "rape and torture" of Muslims.

SUNDAY

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroder's Social Democratic Party took a hit in elections. Its main opposition parties received record totals in two state elections, exit polls showed. The conservative Christian Democrats appeared to have won 48 percent of the vote in Lower Saxony, Schroder's home state. The Social Democrats got only 34 percent, down from 48 percent last time. This was the first electoral test for the Social Democrats since they won the national election in September. The vote shows voters' unhappiness with Schroder's economic performance, especially his failure to stem a rise in unemployment levels to the highest in a decade.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Here's a look at events happening this week and a preview of this week's papers.

FRIDAY

Student Government President Tim Robinson will be arraigned in Fayette County. He was indicted last week in Fayette Circuit Court by a grand jury on charges resulting from an election fraud investigation.



DANIEL THOMAS

IN OUR OPINION

Transportation politics

Anyone walking along Limestone has undoubtedly noticed the LexTran buses dropping off and picking up students living at the Greg Page Apartments. In fact, one recent Friday afternoon, five of these buses passed by heading toward Greg Page in a one-hour period. It certainly seems that students living at Greg Page never have to wait more than 10 or 15 minutes to be picked up. But for those students living at University Commons, there is an entirely different story. Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., one bus running a regular LexTran route picks up students on campus between 50 and 55 minutes past every hour, right after classes let out three days per week. Commons students are often left on campus for an extra hour while waiting on the next bus to arrive. There is an important distinction here. The campus buses run directly between the Greg Page and Shawneetown apartments and back. The University Commons bus, though, is on the Leestown Road route, and is not provided to students as a shuttle. This was not an issue until last fall, when UK was forced to place students at University Commons due to the housing shortage. The Greg Page apartments hold 480 students at maximum capacity. University Commons is currently at capacity with 674 students. Why should more buses be provided to Greg Page students when there are a significantly larger number of students living at University Commons? According to Don Thornton, director of parking and transportation services, the shuttle services are provided only to students who pay for parking permits, since these permits are the means of paying LexTran for the services provided. He also said a shuttle to the Commons would result in an enormous expense that would ultimately come back to the students. It is unlikely that students would support such a charge. So it seems that if students living at University Commons want a more frequent bus service, they will need to contact LexTran directly. The executive director, Steve Rowland, can order counts of riders in order to assess whether there is a need for a second bus on the route. If there is significant student interest, Thornton can arrange a meeting. Things cannot change on their own. If Commons students want this change, it is necessary for them to initiate the discussion themselves. Hopefully, with student involvement, a change can occur, and students will no longer be left to wait for an extra hour for a ride home.

Funding cut compromises progress

Greetings from Kentucky, where education pays, and I'm still waiting for my check. Indeed, despite the state's pledge to higher education, it appears more funding cuts are in the works for our university. If legislatures decide to cut funding 9 percent across the board, it will set back our state's ambitious post-secondary education program by several years. The numbers only tell half the story. In the past two years, Todd has made increasing enrollment and expansion of state-funded education programs the centerpiece of his administration. As a result, we have record enrollment, as well as the staffing and housing problems that accompany it. So with record-sized classes, an already over-burdened educational infrastructure and departments competing for sparse resources, UK is about to see a large part of its funding evaporate. This is a hard reality for the staff, faculty and administration. They are watching their well-intentioned plans for making UK a top-rate center of learning become subject to the whims of a partisan state legislature. It's an even harder reality for the students. Lured by the promise of "America's Next Great University," students from all over the state and abroad have been drawn to UK. The relatively low tuition, the state-funded enticements (such as KEEES), and Kentucky's "commitment" to post-secondary education are just a few of the reasons for the large classes of 2001 and 2002. If funding cuts are implemented, they will force these students into larger classes, higher tuition payments and fewer resources with which to launch their careers. The upperclassmen among us know this story all too well. We've already tried 40-student seminars, 300-student lectures and entire departments — chemistry, for example — where students are more closely identified by their social security number than their name. Todd was supposed to have all the answers, but it's becoming apparent that his promises are only as good as the Kentucky General Assembly that funds them.



Andrew Grossman
KERNEL COLUMNIST

This assembly sees college education cuts as the only way to avoid cutting money for elementary and secondary education. However, if those institutions are spared at the expense of our university, it will be a solace to graduating high school students who will be left without the resources to become members of a skilled workforce. It was that dream of training skilled workers that was supposed to elevate Kentucky's economy, bring more research dollars into our state and give students across the Commonwealth an opportunity to attend college cheaply. In light of recent news about our state's drug problem, high disability rolls, high unemployment and lower rates of literacy, this dream is even more important today than when it was conceived. Unfortunately, a state's promises are only as good as the money backing them. I urge Todd to fight this cut with every ounce of conviction he's got; if accepted, a 9 percent cut sounds the death-knell for higher education in Kentucky. Andrew Grossman is a political science senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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Extra repetitions help as GymKats beat BYU

More practice pays off: UK gymnasts combine for school record on vault

By Ben Roberts
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The GymKats took advantage of several outstanding individual performances to defeat No. 16 Brigham Young 194.075-192.475 on Friday.

UK (4-3) was led by junior Aronda Primaault, whose score of 39.050 was tops in the all-around standings. Primaault also took first place in the vault and was one of three GymKats to post a personal best in the event.

"We just kept our confidence up and stayed positive all week," Primaault said. "We worked real hard and that showed tonight."

Sophomores Michelle Gales and Kara Prestigiacomo also achieved career highs in the vault, helping the GymKats to tie a 7-year-old school record of 49.325 in the event. Seniors Julia Gore and Melanie Zaharias rounded out the top five as UK swept individual honors from the Cougars.

"We added more repetitions in practice and worked more on our landings, especially in the vault," said Zaharias, who won the event in UK's previous two meets.

Coach Leah Little said she set up a tougher practice schedule after a disappointing meet at Florida last week that saw the GymKats turn in their lowest overall score of the season.

"We pushed the girls pretty hard and they responded," Little said. "They practiced hard, were more intense and came in with good attitudes."

The extra work in practice paid off in the meet, especially for Zaharias, who won both the floor exercise and balance beam events. Her score of 9.925 on the floor was a career high. After the meet, Zaharias had a simple plan to continue her winning performances.

Gore also earned individual honors finishing first on the uneven bars and placing second in the all-around. She pointed to the more rigorous practice schedule as the reason for the team's success.

"Our practices were definitely more intense," Gore said. "We didn't want to ever do that bad again."

The victory marked UK's first of the sea-



Krista Roemer performs on the uneven bars on Jan. 31 against BYU.

son against a ranked opponent and kicked off its current three-meet home stand on a positive note. The next two weeks will see three ranked teams visit Memorial Coliseum, including SEC rival Georgia, last season's national runner-up.

"We just need to keep working hard, focus on our mistakes and remember that each out meet is another opportunity to prove ourselves," Gore said.

Estill powers UK's inside offense, Cats stroll to easy road victory

Odom: 'Estill, right now, is the most improved center in the (SEC)'

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Marquis Estill doesn't see man-to-man defense very often. When he does, he tries to take advantage.

Estill did just that Saturday, scoring 16 of his 18 points in the first half and lifting No. 7 UK to its 10th straight victory, 87-69 over South Carolina.

"I like when teams play me one-on-one," said Estill, who shot 7-for-11 in the first half. "I feel like it's going to be hard for them to stop me. I don't think anybody can stop me when I get the ball inside."

The Cats (16-3, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) used a 21-4 run in the first half to break the game open.

The Gamecocks (7-10, 1-6) lost their sixth straight game and 13th in 14 meetings with UK.

While UK's Keith Bogans and Gerald Fitch get plenty of notice for their outside shooting, South Carolina coach Dave Odom said, "UK, like all great teams, still beats you from five feet."

"Marquis Estill, right now, is the most improved center in the league, I think," said Odom, whose team is in the midst of its longest losing streak since dropping nine straight during the 1999-00 season.

UK extended its longest winning streak in three seasons, when the 1996 national champions closed with 13 straight victories and opened the following season

Down low

Marquis muscles his way inside against South Carolina's Rolando Howell for two of his 18 points in UK's 87-69 win Saturday. Estill led the UK offense with 16 first-half points.

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with four consecutive wins.

Things might not be so easy for UK in its next game.

The Cats face fourth-ranked Florida, a 77-66 winner over Arkansas on Saturday at Rupp Arena on Tuesday night in an SEC Eastern Division showdown.

Estill said he and his teammates didn't even mention the Gators during the past week.

"We don't know much about them, except what we see on TV," he said. "We spent our time on South Carolina."

It showed. Estill dominated the middle and opened up chances for his teammates.

Estill's inside basket gave UK a 23-20 lead and started the Cats' charge. Erik Daniels completed a

three-point play and Keith Bogans added a driving layup. Bogans and Gerald Fitch had consecutive 3-pointers, extending the lead to 38-24.

Estill hit another shot from close range, and Josh Carrier closed the run with an uncontested layup to put UK ahead 42-24 with 3:39 left.

"When you can come out the road and play with poise and be patient, it's important," UK coach Tubby Smith said. "I'm seeing the maturation of our team."

Odom entered the game concerned whether his team could withstand the Cats' defense. The Gamecocks couldn't, committing six turnovers and taking only three shots during the six-minute surge.

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