



EXAMS

Test-taking skills

For those of you who are approaching a time of many tests and exams, I have several ideas that may make taking them a bit easier or at least a bit humorous.

Every five minutes, stand up, collect all your things, move to another seat and continue with the exam.

Come to the exam wearing army fatigues. When the test is handed out, scream, grab the papers, barrel roll into the aisle and crawl out of the room.

Turn the exam in after 10 minutes, and as you leave make comments on how easy it was and that you can't believe no one else is finished.

Write all the answers while holding the pen or pencil in your mouth.

As soon as the instructor hands you the exam, eat it.

When the TA begins handing out the papers, run up, pull his or her shirt over his or her head and cross check them into a row of chairs. Leave as instructed to, but rush back into the room after your two-minute penalty and explain that you are now allowed to take the exam.

Get the exam. Twenty minutes into it, throw your papers down violently, screaming, "Screw this!" and walk out triumphantly.

Get a copy of the exam, run out screaming, "Andre, Andre, I've got the secret documents!"

During the exam, pick a fight. Be loud and very forward about it.

Talk out loud and debate the answers to questions with yourself. When asked to be quiet, scream, "It's not like you can read my mind!"

Call the teacher over and, ask what the answer is to number six. When he refuses, say, "You don't really know do you?" and angrily answer it anyway.

Soak the test in water before turning it in. Carry it up to the front of the room, slap the sopping test onto the teacher's desk (making sure it splatters), and comment on your "really sweaty palms."

-Jared Whalen  
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E-mail if you have any suggestions.

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ADVANCEMENT

## Top professors needed for greatness

### The tiers: Committee makes recommendations

By Amanda York  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Before UK can become a top-20 public research university, it must start attracting and retaining distinguished professors.

That was one of the recommendations the Partnership in Research Progress Committee made Tuesday to the Board of Trustees.

Other recommendations included steps UK should take to in-

crease and enhance industrial, business and governmental support of the University.

In the report, the committee said UK needed to "attract more research dollars from both public and private sources."

It is this extra funding that would enable UK to attract top professors or — in Loys Mather's case — keep top professors.

Mather, a faculty representative to the board, expressed his

frustration about the current system. Mather said his department, agricultural economics, had trouble keeping professors.

"In the last few weeks we've lost two, I have two out looking," Mather said. "I don't have the resources to keep them."

Billy Joe Miles, UK board chairman, appointed the committee last June. The committee consists of nine members from various positions within the University and state.

The committee visited seven other research facilities in the

South and Midwest to collect the data for the report. The report shows that UK ranked 49th in total research expenditures and 78th in federal research expenditures. According to the report, UK spent more than \$174 million on research expenditures and received \$96 million in federal research expenditures in 1999.

In an effort to increase the amount of federal dollars UK receives, the committee suggested establishing full-time Washington representation and considering a summit meeting of Kentucky's

congressional delegation, university presidents and others interested in greater research capacity.

Newly-elected UK President Lee Todd attended the meeting.

The recommendations presented by the committee were issued that President Charles Wethington said would be "placed in the hands of Lee Todd as he comes into this office." Todd will assume the presidency July 1.

News editor Tracy Kershaw contributed to this article.

LOOKING BACK

## One year later



A law enforcement officer arrests students April 4, 2000 for protesting by the Administration building. Members of the United Students Against Sweatshops protested the University's involvement with the Fair Labor Association.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

### Time warp: Today marks the one year anniversary of the sweatshop protests; See what the protestors are doing today

By Tracy Kershaw  
NEWS EDITOR

The eighth hour culminated in a blur of bodies, cries and pleas. About a dozen students locked arms around a side door of the Administration Building. But police forged through their barricade, herding 11 tired and hungry students out the side door of the Administration Building and into a paddy wagon.

That was April 4, 2000. One year ago today, 12 students were arrested after an eight-hour sit-in in the Administration Building in protest of UK's involvement with sweatshop labor.

Outside, about 30 other students rallied in support of their friends inside who had locked themselves together with PVC pipe, chains and bike locks.

"The whole thing seems like one big, long moment," said Lindsey Clouse, one of the 12 students arrested and charged with second-degree trespassing.

The media heralded the United Students Against Sweatshops movement as a return of student activism on campuses. UK students had not been arrested for civil disobedience since the Vietnam War.

Last year, on a "national day of protest" and the anniversary of the as-

sassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., students staged protests on campuses across the country. The students were demanding their universities join the Workers Rights Consortium, a factory monitoring group created by USAs in October 1999 as a better alternative to the Fair Labor Association, another monitoring group. UK belongs to the F.L.A., which USAs claims cannot fairly monitor factories, partly because the F.L.A. governing board includes corporate representatives.

The sit-in was the climax of a year of passing out fliers, hanging posters, holding forums about sweatshops and trying to meet with administrators. Finally, USAs saw civil disobedience as their only course of action.

When the protest began, the USAs had one demand — to abandon the F.L.A.

See YEAR on 2

QUESTION

## King parallel questioned

STAFF REPORT

Thirty-three years ago today, Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis.

King had traveled north to help organize a strike to earn better pay for the city's sanitation workers.

Today, UK's United Students Against Sweatshops, see a connection between King's cause and their own — a link stronger than the mere coincidence of the date, April 4.

Amy Shelton, the president of UK's Amnesty International chapter and a leader of last April's protest, said, "The connection we're trying to make is that he [King] was a leader of the same types of causes and issues that we are concerned with today. The connection is even more apparent when he was in Memphis working for solid waste workers."

Recently Lexington's solid waste workers, who make just over \$7 an hour, petitioned the Fayette County Urban Council for better pay and hazardous-duty benefits.

However, some students have taken exception to equating the UK protestors with King and the civil rights movement. William A. Cubbedge, a history senior, called the comparison USAs's "most insulting, arrogant, and self-aggrandizing act to date." He continued, "King was shot with a high powered rifle from a long distance by a racist coward, while the UK students were arrested for trespassing by law enforcement officers. For someone to compare criminal trespassers with a martyred civil rights leader is beneath contempt."

Still, Shelton has said that USAs is largely based on King's model of non-violent protest. King wrote in his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" that a "direct action program create[s] a situation so crisis-ridden that it will inevitably open the door to negotiation."

Though Chester Grundy, director of African American student affairs, said he shares Cubbedge's sentiment, he also acknowledged, "I don't think the motivations wrong on the part of the activists. They just want a little part in trying to find an appropriate historical parallel. In terms of what they are doing it is well intended and I hope it results in something good."

CAMPUS NEWS

## Health benefit increase worries UK employees

### Going up: Employees outraged by changes in health costs

By Tracy Kershaw  
NEWS EDITOR

Many UK staff and faculty members are worried about the impact increased health benefit rates will have on their families.

Staff and faculty members have "rose up with a single voice of outrage," said staff trustee Russell Williams.

"I sent out an e-mail asking faculty and staff to let me know how this was going to impact their families," Williams said.

"More than 500 people responded to me, some with horror stories that caused me to get up from my computer for a moment to regain my composure."

"There are some whose spouses are not covered or whose children are not covered because they can't afford it."

People are really worried and scared about how they are going to support their families in the upcoming months."

Under the new rate schedule released last week, the University pays the yearly

cost — \$206 — for a single employee to receive health care coverage under the basic UK-HMO Lexington/Regional Service Area plan. The cost for employees to add family members, however, makes it difficult for some employees to make ends meet, Williams said.

Beginning in June: — The cost to an individual for the plan's Employee-Children package will increase from the \$172.30 a month paid during the 2000-2001 fiscal year to \$246.00 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year — an increase of \$73.70 monthly or \$884 annually.

— The cost for the Employee-Spouse plan will rise from \$227.56 to \$329 — an in-

crease of \$101.44 per month or \$1,217 annually.

— The cost for the Employee-Family plan will increase from \$663.96 to \$488 — a jump of \$122.04 per month or \$1,464.48 annually.

A salary increase of 4 percent for an employee making \$35,000 a year will generate only \$1,400 in added income before taxes. Many employees make much less, as little as \$18,000 per year.

Williams gave the board an anonymous sampling of the e-mails he received from staff and faculty members.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## China says U.S. to blame for collision

SANYA, China — As U.S. diplomats waited on a tropical island Tuesday to see 24 crew members from a U.S. Navy spy plane, China's president said the United States was fully responsible for a collision between the plane and a Chinese fighter jet. "The responsibility fully lies with the American side. We have full evidence for that," Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao quoted Jiang Zemin as saying of Sunday's collision. Jiang said the unarmed EP-3 surveillance plane violated international law and intruded into Chinese airspace by making an emergency landing without permission on Hainan island in southern China. Also Tuesday, China said it has the right to conduct its own investigation into the collision, which caused a fighter to crash. It was not clear if that meant the Chinese felt they have the right to board the plane, which the United States says is sovereign U.S. territory and cannot be boarded without permission.

A university professor set an examination question in which he asked what is the difference between ignorance and apathy. The professor had to give an A+ to a student who said: "I don't know and I don't care."

—Richard Pratt

Pacific Computer Weekly, July 20, 1990



**BUSH LEAGUE:** President Bush plays host to beer-swilling frat brothers, is mocked by a White House maid and hen-pecked by the first lady in the new sitcom "That's My Bush!" from the creators of "South Park," Bush, as portrayed by actor Timothy Bottoms, also accidentally executes a death-row prisoner and is terrorized by an anti-abortion talking fetus.



**MR. KRINKLE:** Les Claypool and his Flying Frog Brigade band will be among the many acts to perform this year at the Gathering of the Vibes summer music festival. Former Grateful Dead keyboardist Bruce Hornsby and groove-jazz trio Soul'ive are also among the notable acts that have confirmed so far.

## Hundreds wounded in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Violent clashes in Bangladesh have killed four people and injured 300 as a general strike intended to force Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's resignation shut down cities throughout Bangladesh for a third day Tuesday. Opposition activists and government supporters have both used guns and homemade bombs since the strike began Sunday, a working day in Bangladesh, closing businesses and schools and halting most traffic in the capital, Dhaka, and 60 other cities and towns. Police have detained close to 300 protesters. Strikers on Tuesday smashed scores of tricycle rickshaws for defying the protest by seeking customers. Commuters, mostly government employees, used the rickshaws to travel to work as buses and private cars stayed off the streets. Three strike-related deaths were reported on Monday in the southern districts of Chittagong, Brahmanbaria and Choumohani. A trucker was killed in a bomb attack on Sunday.

## Court rejects ousted president's claim

MANILA, Philippines — The Supreme Court voted unanimously Tuesday to reject a petition by ousted President Joseph Estrada to retake the presidency, a court official said, ending two months of legal battles over the country's top job. The court also voted to strip the former leader of presidential immunity from criminal cases, opening the way for mass corruption charges against him, said Maria Luisa Villarama, assistant clerk of court. The court originally ruled March 2 in another unanimous vote to back the legitimacy of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and reject Estrada's claim to the office. It also voted 12-1 then to strip Estrada of immunity. Estrada appealed the decision but Tuesday's ruling dashed his final hope to retake the presidency through legal battles.

## Stowaways found hiding in cargo

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Twenty-three Chinese stowaways were discovered huddled inside two cramped cargo containers after apparently enduring more than three weeks at sea. The immigrants were taken to a hospital Monday night for medical evaluation before being transferred to a federal detention center, said Capt. Mike Garcia of the Long Beach Fire Department. The canvas-topped steel containers had been unloaded from a cargo ship, The Maple River, which left China on March 14 and stopped in Vancouver, British Columbia. It arrived Monday in Long Beach. The immigrants were discovered in a dockside storage area after a stowaway fell and broke his ankle while climbing out of one container, Garcia said.

Compiled from wire reports.

## YEAR

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and join the WRC. But as the night wore on, the chained students finally said that they would disband if they could simply talk with Wethington face-to-face. The president refused. The police moved in.

This wasn't the story on every campus.

According to Amy Shelton, the president of Tulane told the protesters on that campus. "Alright, we are going to find a solution to this problem, rest assured that you will not be arrested like the students at the University of Kentucky. We would not do that here."

However, Wethington maintains that he has no regrets about not meeting with the students. "I don't really look back at decisions like that and second guess. I think we made the best decision we could have made at that time," he said.

A year later, many USAS members are disappointed by the results of their sacrifices.

A month after the sit-in, USAS member Luke Boyett presented the group's argument to the Board of Trustees. He suggested the University form a committee of students, faculty, and administrators to examine the WRC and the FLA and then recommend one of the organizations to President Charles Wethington. Students, faculty and administrators would be elected to the committee by the Student Government Association and the Faculty Senate, and Administration, respectively.

After Boyett's presentation, Wethington made an announcement of his own: He had already appointed a 12-person committee. The students were outraged and felt the committee would be biased against the WRC.

Last month, after eight meetings over the year, the committee recommended that UK remain part of the FLA and not join the WRC. Six members voted to remain with the FLA,

four voted to join both organizations, and two voted to leave the FLA and join the WRC.

Among Wethington's appointments were Sara Todd and Emily Rigdon, two USAS members who were arrested in the sit-in.

Both Rigdon and Todd said the committee did not operate democratically and lacked structure. But that was to be expected from the beginning, Rigdon said.

"We never once talked about why sweatshops existed or define what a 'sweatshop' actually means for this institution or about the lives of the men and women working there," Rigdon said.

However, Wethington said he thinks the feedback from the committee was excellent.

"That is what we hoped for. We would have a group representing faculty, staff and students that would seriously discuss these issues. By all accounts, that did take place in this committee."

Some disagree. "In a way, it made things worse," said Lindsey Clouse, a linguistics sophomore, "because the administration thinks something was accomplished when in reality nothing was. They think we should feel satisfied."

UK is one of 153 schools affiliated with the FLA, according to its web site.

The WRC has 75 university members, including Lexington's Transylvania University and the University of Louisville, which joined both the FLA and the WRC in October.

USAS members said they hope UK President-elect Lee Todd will be more receptive to their ideas.

"We call on Lee Todd to get the politics out of this decision-making, especially in an issue that involves the moral integrity of our whole institution," Rigdon said.

Even though UK did not join the FLA, most USAS members said the sit-in was worth the police record.

"Even though we are not on the WRC, the fact is that the campus is aware of the issue now," Sara Todd said.

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IS THIS ART?

# White canvas sparks battle between friends in 'Art'

**Bickering friendships: Three friends argue over their definition of quality art in 'Art'**

By Stacie Meihaus  
STAFF CRITIC

It is a painting, 5 feet by 4. It has a white background and horizontal, white stripes. Is it art? Is it worth 200,000 francs?

'Art' explores the more hilarious side of art pretension. It's a three-man play involving friends Marc (Christopher McHale), Serge (Tim Donoghue), and Yvan (Bill Kux). Serge has recently acquired the piece of white "art."

Marc, angry and disbelieving, scoffs at Serge's new painting. The men square off in a battle of wits over the question of art.

In the middle of Marc and

Serge's bickering is Yvan. Yvan is, at least according to his friends, spineless. He will agree with Marc, and agree with Serge when he is alone with Serge. As the three are brought together in the final fight, Yvan must decide whom to side with once and for all. In making his decision, his two friends take turns unleashing their anger upon him.

As each man's statement gets increasingly outrageous, the laughs keep rolling. This is comedy that originates from the pure seriousness of the actors. As an audience, we see the outrageousness of their arguments, and we laugh.

The actors run a 90-minute production with no intermissions and very few blackouts. Along with their rising anger and spite toward each other, each actor steps out of the play into a single spotlight and delivers soliloquies focusing on what they actually think. This is a wonderful device for the audience to hear what common courtesy prohibits coming out in actual dialogue.

The argument of art evolves into a discussion of their friendship. They insult each other's girlfriends, jobs and intelligence. Within the petty arguments, is commentary on growing up and apart, jealousy, worship and, always, their long-lasting bonds.

Is Serge replacing Marc with the painting? Is Marc still worshipped by the other two? Is Yvan displaced as the group's

fumbling comedian?

The audience is confronted with issues ranging from modern art to the importance of friendship. Over the course of the play, we laugh at and are touched by these issues. We are swept along with the cathartic characters. We wonder if the painting will destroy the friendships or if the friends will destroy the painting.

In the end, the cast hopes that we may see the colors in the white canvas. In there are the colors of friendship, as opaque at times it may seem. This friendship is the true art.

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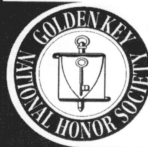
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**NCAA BOUND**

## UK gymnastics squad back where it belongs

**15 out of 16 isn't bad: Disappointing 2000 season fuels GymKats' 2001 success, leads to birth in NCAAs**

By Travis Hubbard  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Qualifying for NCAA Regionals is nothing new to UK Gymnastics, but for most of the 2001 GymKats Saturday's trip to Tuscaloosa, Ala. will be a first.

Last season's Southeastern Conference fifth place finish broke a streak of eight consecutive regionals appearances. In fact, the GymKats had made the NCAA's final 36 (regionals) 14 of the last 15 years.

"It had become expected," UK coach Leah Little said of an annual swing with the nation's best. "We got to the point where we printed regionals on our schedule of our media guide. That's why last year was a disappointment."

Little and her gymnasts defend that the team had seven freshmen and battled injuries that foiled the team's chance at a 15th straight NCAA Regional birth.

"Last year it was like something was missing," said Beth Coleman, UK's lone senior. "Making it to region was what we had worked all year for. The hard work from last year paid off."

Coleman is one of only three GymKats to have competed at NCAA Regionals. Junior Jennifer Simmons won the vault at the 1999 Regionals, but missed most of 2000 with a broken ankle and Junior Katie Toups finished third on the team in the all-around in '99.

For UK's five sophomores, five freshmen, junior transfer Nicole Allen and junior Jesse Lemp — who missed the 1999 Regionals due to injury — Saturday will be new experience.

"We are all excited because we have worked so hard," said sophomore Mindy Smith, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation on the balance beam. "We have been working for this since last year."

The GymKats have also been working to prove they are among the SEC's and nation's best despite media and fan misconceptions.

Little believes the GymKats' 7-10 record can be misleading, instead attention should be focused on statistics.

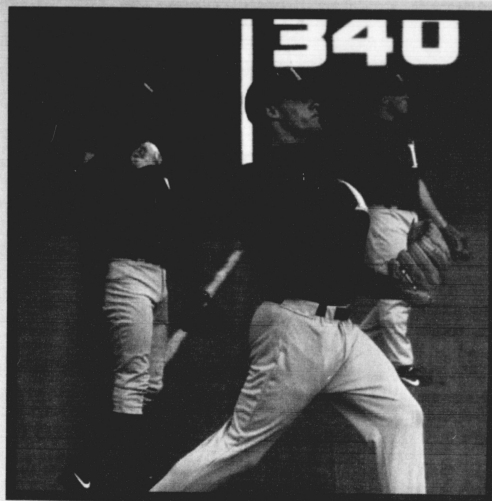
"People don't understand that we could lose every regular season meet and still win the National Championship," Little said. "If they look at our scores and do some research they can see it's all based on scoring."

Aronia Primault has been one of the biggest reasons for UK's record-breaking season. The freshman has become the GymKats' best all-around gymnast this season and has a chance at qualifying for the NCAA's final 12 at Athens, Ga. on April 19.

"At the beginning of the season I was a little scared, but as I got used to it I started to improve," Primault said of her rise to the top of UK's depth charts. "She was rough around the edges when she first got here," Little said of Primault. "I kept pushing her and telling her what she was capable of."

Little has molded this team of GymKats into a regional contender in search of its first NCAA Championship appearance.

"It would be such a great way to finish," Coleman said. "No matter what, we shouldn't be disappointed. Our ultimate goal was to just do better than last year."



**Young guns**

Bobby Stiehl, a right handed pitcher for the Lexington Legends, practices with the team at UK's Cliff Hagan Stadium Tuesday. The Legends, an affiliate of the Houston Astros, will compete in the A South Atlantic League. The 21-year-old Stiehl was the Houston Astros' No. 1 draft pick (27th overall) in the 2000 draft and received a \$1.4 million signing bonus.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR



**Boys of spring**

Members of the Lexington Legends stretch before beginning practice Tuesday. The Legends begin their inaugural season with a three game series in Charleston, W. Va., April 5-8 against the Alley Cats. The Legends' will play their home opener against the Hagerstown Suns April 9.

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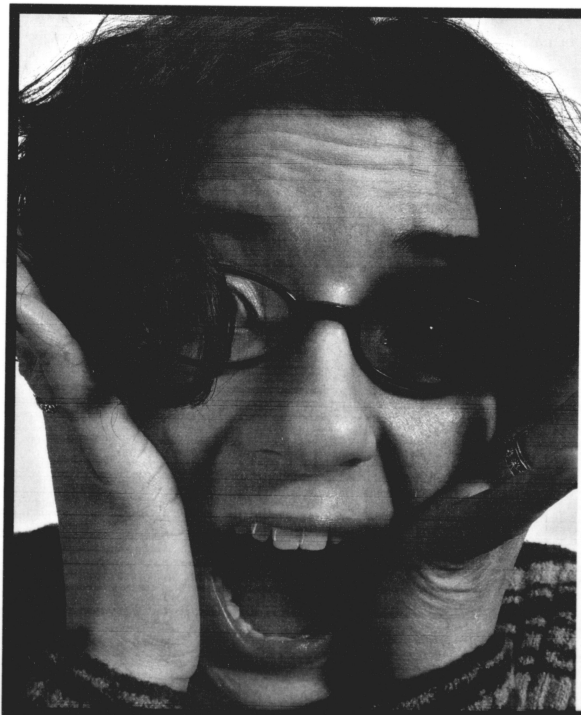
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KFC might be in trouble...

## Residents sue over chicken farm

MARION, Ky. — Just about everybody agrees the smell from hundreds of thousands of chickens — and their waste — isn't pleasant.

Some of the residents near one of the state's largest chicken farms complain the stench attracts buzzards and makes just about any kind of outdoor activity unbearable. "It's so bad you almost sometimes want to get sick," said Jennifer Moore, who lives in the adjacent Greenwood Heights subdivision.

But whether it's a public nuisance punishable by millions of dollars in fines will be up to a jury to decide next month.

If convicted, Tyson Foods and farmer Mike "Bud" Wardlaw, which operates the chicken houses under contract with Tyson, could face up to \$100 million in fines.

Springdale, Ark.-based Tyson contends the prosecution under a city public nuisance ordinance — typically reserved for barking dogs, stray cows and loud neighbors — is misguided and calls the fines excessive. "Nuisance ordinances are intended to address animals given to chasing vehicles, attacking other animals," Tyson lawyers wrote in court papers. "These offenses are not typically committed by nonresident chickens."

Sweaters beware

## Man faces moth battle

BLACK BETSY, W.Va. — It's a man against moth, and Mike Arnold knows he will eventually lose. Arnold is West Virginia's gypsy moth man — working ahead of the ever-expanding swarm to warn people about unwittingly helping a pest that has defoliated about 300,000 acres of state woodlands.

Since March, Arnold has been working a defensive line south of the 36 counties the West Virginia Department of Agriculture now has under a gypsy moth quarantine.

While the moth spreads naturally, it's the unnatural spread Arnold focuses on. Gypsy moths can hitch a ride on just about anything that provides shelter for their velvet, tan-colored egg masses. To Arnold, everything is suspect: Christmas trees, lawn furniture, grills, dog houses, firewood, logs, even mobile homes.

"It's amazing how many things are moving around in this state," he says. "They'll lay their eggs on anything. If you stand still long enough, they would lay eggs on your shoes."

It was a commercial venture that unleashed the gypsy moth in this country in the first place. The insects were imported to the northeastern United States in 1869 as an inexpensive source for silk.

Their infestation now extends from Maine to Wisconsin. Its range growing by about 15 miles a year.

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## sloppy-wet magazine

Arson, the 'Sloppy-Wet' rabbit, will be coming to UK's campus as a part of the "Let's Find an Excuse to Spank the Weasel" pictorial, appearing at newsstands this fall.

Auditions will be held at a seedy location and participants will be asked to appear blindfolded before our panel of experienced perverts. If your boobs and crotch are worthy of our publication, we will contact you with further information including an exclusive trip to the Sloppy Wet Mansion, as well as lots and lots of naked pictures.

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### IN OUR OPINION

## Kremlin crushes freedom of press

Russia fights for the rights of television station

Flag burning, a T-shirt with the Confederate flag, school uniforms: These are the most recent controversies that involve freedom of speech in our country. While many disagree on what exactly constitutes freedom of speech, no one can disagree that people have a basic right to express grievances about their government.

Obviously, citizens must know what their government is doing in order to declare these grievances. And this is another right that Americans take for granted: the freedom of the press. Regardless of your views on American media, one of its most important and basic functions is to act as "watchdog" over the government; it makes our government accountable for its actions. Without this, the public never would have known about Watergate, the Iran-Contra scandal or the more recent Whitewater issues.

Unfortunately, this essential right of government accountability is being threatened in Russia. Currently, there is only one independent television station in Russia, NTV. The station has been independent for seven years and has recently become known for its critical reports on the war in Chechnya and other actions on President Vladimir Putin's part. Gazprom, a state-controlled energy monopoly chaired by a Putin aide, is hoping to get its hands on the station. Tuesday, it planned to announce itself as the majority owner and replace the board of directors. While Gazprom claims that it is only interested in preserving the financial interests of the station, citizens are crying "foul" over this conflict of interest.

On Saturday, 20,000 people convened in Pushkin Square in Moscow to protest the imminent takeover. Politicians, TV stars, rock stars and a world-champion gymnast staged a concert to pressure Putin to give up its financial and legal campaign against NTV.

The mere fact that this many people could come together to support this cause makes evident how important the cause is. During the past decade, these protests have become more and more rare due to governmental instability and economic problems.

If the Russian people can come together despite their many hardships, then we feel we should support their cause as well. As an independent newspaper (whose very existence depends on the freedom they're fighting for) and as people, we support this fight. Without this freedom, we wouldn't be here and you wouldn't be reading this.

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## Crying for help: Africa ignored in world politics

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The other morning, I read the strangest thing in the newspaper, and I'm still not sure if I'm ready to believe it.

Apparently, the United Nations has agreed to send 2,500 troops to keep the peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

First of all, only a handful of people know the correct name of this nation, formerly known as Zaire. The fact that one of these people writes for The Associated Press wire is truly amazing.

The strangest thing, though, is that the UN is getting involved in a war that doesn't involve Europe, Israel or oil.

In fact, the Congo has been entangled in a civil war for two and a half years, yet the UN efforts have just begun now. Uruguay sent in the first round of troops, and the United States doesn't seem to have a great deal of interest in the conflict.

Funny, when the same thing happened in Europe, how quick we were to send our armed forces

to intervene. The Congo is by no means a rich nation. Its people often live in rural villages, and most clothing and food is made by hand. The nation is not eligible to join OPEC, which I could have sworn was a prerequisite for receiving UN assistance.

Over the past three years, the war has drawn involvement from other African nations, though mostly for their share of the spoils. Rwanda and Uganda have supported the rebels, led by Jean-Pierre Bemba, and Zimbabwe, Namibia and Angola have supported the government and President Laurent Kabila.

For much of that time, the UN has turned a blind eye to the nation they don't feel is particularly important to their interests. Africa often receives the short end of UN involvement, and the Congo is no exception.

The United States, for all its talk about ensuring peace, hasn't taken any action to end the conflict, hiding behind UN resolu-

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## Nice day? Don't ask

Conversations are not as spontaneous as many people believe. Rather, they are somewhat scripted as far as norms go.

When someone asked you "How are you doing?" The correct response is "Fine, how are you?" Any other reply would most likely be construed as deviant.

An alternative answer to this question might be, "My life is a miserable cesspool of pain, failure and broken dreams. No one loves me and if it were not for my sadistic instinct for self preservation, which is holding my body hostage while my soul screams for suicide, then I would not be standing here breaching the expected conversational norms of our culture by answering a rhetorical question truthfully."

This answer would most likely be met with a response similar to sneaking under the blankets and attempting to perform a surprise act, which is both flippant and cheeky, on an extremely conservative and sober one night stand.

Another alternative to normalcy would be to reply "Fine," and nod. This is unacceptable conversational etiquette. When a person asks you how you're doing they expect an echo.

It is as if one computer is chirping to another computer: "Beep-beep-beep," person A says. "Beep ... Beep-beep-beep," person B responds. "Beep," returns A, and the conversation transaction has been successfully completed.

Can it be that we are no more than social computers clicking and beeping information across space to one another's hard drive-like brains? Do slow talkers just have more outdated modems than the rest of us?

Is a line of cocaine somehow synonymous with a TI line? Should we be more careful about what we save on this hard drive brains of ours?

I always fear that some frivolous conversation about the weather or what it was like at work today will tape over some really interesting memories. Will new breakthroughs in science give us more RAM, more memory and, oh yes, a bigger hard drive — figura-

tively if not literally? And why shouldn't this be the next revolution? Imagine what power someone would have access to if there were a chip in their head that gave them nanosecond-speed access to a world of information that was stored on an international supercomputer.

It would be such an evolutionary upgrade that anyone refusing the chip would die out in the face of such strong intellectual market competition. With our new cloning technology, it will be possible to build soulless flesh vegetables in our own image that we will be able to use for spare parts.

It will be possible to grow babies in embryonic glass cylinders so that women do not lose valuable work time with sickness and nonproductive labors. Finally it would be possible to regulate population growth with mathematical exactness. But I am getting ahead of myself.

It is unlikely that very many people have chips in their heads at present.

And yet, I seem to find myself constantly put in conversational positions that reduce me to a social robot. "Beep, click, chirp," one more interpersonal interaction completed in a satisfactory manner.

Is this the curse of modernity? To be forced into a robot like existence?

I want no part of it. Yet is there anyway out of it? My brain always seems to flash back to Weber and his concept of the iron cage of capitalism.

According to Weberian theory there is no escape from this non-tangible reality. But I will not believe that anything is escape-proof and especially not a social construct. I have heard it said that FINE is just an acronym for: F\*\*ked up, insecure, neurotic and emotional.

I really don't feel fine at all. I also do not feel like validating a rhetorical question such as "How are you?" by responding with the socially expected response echo.

How are you? A little salty, or so I have been told.

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