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CELEBRATION Downtown Lexington was the site of many Fourth of July Festival events like the Great Race on Tuesday.

Independence Day ignites festival

Lexington celebrates Fuly 4th

By Charles Shumaker and Erich Kragel

Lexington is showing life with Spirit of America. This Fourth of July festival celebrates America's freedom, beginning with the Farmer's Market this past Saturday and ending with tomorrow's fireworks display.

Although thousands of Kentuckians are expected to participate in the week-long celebra-tion, it didn't exactly start out with a bang.

"It did pick up a little bit Sat-urday night, but this year's is def-initely smaller than last (year's)," said Bonnie Newton, former UK student and face painter. Due to the humid weather and sporadic rain, last weekend's Downtown

rain, last weekend's Downtown Dine-around in Triangle Park was disappointing to many. "Everyone seems to be having a good time," said Barbara Way, part owner of the Western Ken-tucky Barbecue, "but we really needed more restaurant partici-

needed more restaurant participants."

The festivities moved indoors to the Kentucky Theatre Monday night with the first-ever Independence Week Parade of Music. Local bands Catawampus, Balishagg and Prayers performed at the festival.

Despite the small crowd at the start of the evening and the unexpected cancellation of Born Cross Eyed, the crowd seemed to be in good mixture. to be in good spirits.

"It is great to come out to celebrate Independence Day and to support the local music scene," said Natalie Thompson of Lex-

Ington.
Playing to a diverse crowd, the Music Parade catered to all ages. In the spirit of the Fourth, the grand Kentucky Theatre was dressed in red, white and blue, while the Prayers handed out free CD's.
"Our independence is

"Our independence is some-thing to be proud of. This is a great way to begin the celebra-tion," said Dutch Schultz of Lex-

ington.

To keep the festivities rolling, The Great Race made a pass through downtown Lexington. The cross country race of antique cars stopped Tuesday for lunch at the Court House.

UK's own acoUstiKats per-form today as part of the Lunch with the Arts portion of the fes-

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UK more diverse than state

Students do not mirror Kentucky

By Aaron Sanderford

UK seeks to admit a student body that at least mirrors the minority population of the Commonwealth, according to senior associate director of admissions Randy Mills.

But the student population at UK does not mirror Ken-

Kentucky is nearly 92 per-cent white, 7 percent black and just more than 1 percent other, according to the Kentucky State Data Center at the Uni-

versity of Louisville.

In fall of 1996, UK's student population was 83.4 percent white, 5 percent black and 11.6 percent neither, according to the Council on Higher Educa-

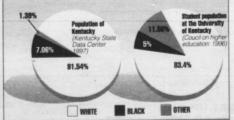
tion.

Blacks are under-represented at UK. There are more international students than

blacks—150 more to be exact. But what about that 9 percent difference in white stu-

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Population by percentages Ethnicity of Kentucky and students



ERIC SCHOENBORN Kernel staff

NEWSbytes

UPDATE UK alumnus drowns in reservoir

Lexington police and fire fighters continued searching a city reservoir for the body of a Lexington man and UK alumnus yesterday, Lexington police said. The man, identified by the Lexington Herald-Leader as Patrick Mills, 26, drowned early Tuesday morning when he and friends were rafting at reservoir No. 2 near Lexington Mall, Lexington Police Major Harold Jones said.

Rescuers searched for nearly 16 hours

Major Harold Jones said.

Rescuers searched for nearly 16 hours
Tuesday and resumed yesterday at 8 a.m.
They used three boats to drudge the bottom of the reservoir and two dogs trained to find bodies in water.

Mills was a 1995 psychology graduate.



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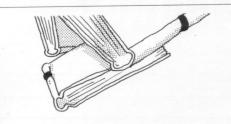
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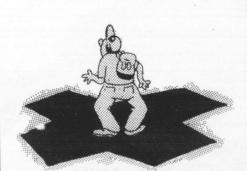
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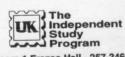
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Lack of involvement sends many packing

School loses 22 percent of freshmen

By Joe Dobner

It's summer, and UK is packed with fresh-faced students getting oriented. If the past is any indication, only about 78 percent of those students will be UK stu-

those students will be UK students at this time next year.

"Why should we lose 22 percent of these people?" asked David Watt, vice chancellor of academic affairs.

Dean of Students David Stockham would like to see those

numbers improve. Specifically, he would like to see the first-tosecond year retention rate move up to 82 percent as outlined in the June 1997 Strategic Plan

the June 1997 Strategic Plan Progress Report.
"The institution knows what it has to do," he said.
"Some students come here, and even with our best efforts, they're going to leave," Stock-ham said. Some go to work, some receive academic or disciplinary suspensions and some

One factor Watt cites as hurting retention is the low rate of faculty teaching lower division

courses. Although about 50 per-cent of lower division courses were taught by faculty in 1995, that figure has since dropped to 46 percent. The Strategic Plan sets a goal of 50 percent by this

academic year.
Stockham wants to stop losing students to undecidedness.

"They'll get more attention," he said. UK is hiring additional staff to help with student advising and academics.

Students cut their ties with the university at the greatest rate.

the university at the greatest rate between first and second year, but students continue to bleed off over the remaining years. UK will try to get 55 percent of the entering class (called a cohort) of 1993 to graduate by six years,

1993 to graduate by six years, according to the Strategic Plan.
Although retention was at 51 percent for the 1987 cohort (those who entered the university in 1989), it has dropped to 48 percent for the '89 cohort. Data is not yet complete for subsequent cohorts, but the data collected so far for the '90's cohorts suggests that the overall retention rate is inching back upward.

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So far, the '93 cohort is being retained better, but will probably fall short of the 55 percent graduation rate goal.

uation rate goal.

"Anything where students engage with others in a university-supported environment helps retention," Stockham said. The three things that Stockham pointed to as being the most

important in helping retention are living in a residence hall, using academic advisers and par-

ticipating in orientation.
Orientation started on June

24th.
"It starts building bridges between students and the univer-sity," Stockham said.
Students are assigned acade-mic advisers in their college and

major.
"I think an adviser can play a

"I think an adviser can play a cheerleader and as a confidant," said political science professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies Peggy Miller.

Undeclared students lack an advisor after the first semester of freshman year. Watt thinks the undeclared need special treatment, and UK is setting up a central advising department that will handle the advising needs of undeclared students.

undeclared students.
Stockham points to residence

Stockham points to residence hall life as a way of tying students to the university, as students are surrounded by people who can help them, such as RA's.

Stockham expects these points, along with others such as UK101 and peer teaching, should help the first-to-second year retention rate, and if continued, should help the overall graduation and retention rate.

Brian Dunn also contributed to this article

Students

Reflection of world demographic shift

From PAGE 1

Could they actually be under-

represented, too?
"I think that some of those "I think that some of those nine percent are at out of state universities," Vice Chancellor for Minority Affairs Lauretta Byars said. "There are many more white National Merit Scholars, and we lose many of the best students, if you measure by strictly ACT and GPA, to other universities.

other universities.

"Kentucky is a relatively poor state, and we have a larger percentage of African-Americans in

poverty, so many white students

hat have more money, also have more options," she said.

The 9 percent gap in white students is bridged by international students and other American ethnic minorities. UK does not yet keep statistics for multi-racial individuals.

Mills said the disproportion-ate number of foreign students at

ate number of foreign students at UK serves a dual purpose — an American education for foreign students and a diverse environment for Kentuckians.

"When you look at the state of Kentucky, you are looking at a rather insulated state, and that has held our international population down," Mills said. "If a student stays in an environment that is 92 percent Caucasian, then that student is not going to be prepared for the changing demographics of the 21st Centu-

ry."
State Senator Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, agreed.
"I think the experience of a university is enriched by a mix of cultures," Scorsone said. "I cultures," Scorsone said. "I would like to see a greater repre-sentation of African-Americans,

sentation of African-Americans, but UK is making progress."

The 1997 UK Strategic Plan Progress Report set a goal to have 6.2 percent African-Ameri-cans in the student body this fall.

Byars doesn't know if that will happen, but was quick to say that UK has come a long way faster than most people thought was

possible.
"Many students come to the university thinking in terms of black and white, but there are so many variables that must be taken into consideration now," Byars said. "The reality is a lot more grev." more grev.

Bring on the Fourth

Thursday, July 3

5:30 p.m. - Bluegrass 10,000 Expo, Radisson Plaza Hotel

8:00 p.m - Patriotic Music Concert, Transylvania University

Friday, July 4

8:00 a.m. - Bluegrass 10,000

9:00 a.m. - Arts, crafts and vendors on Vine Street

10:30 a.m. - Bluegrass 10,000 awards, courthouse

Noon - Reading of the Declaration of Independence

2:00 p.m. - Ringing of the bells

7:00 p.m. - K-93 Festival, Rupp Arena-Cox Street lot

10:00 p.m. - Fireworks

Celebration

Fun-filled festival features Fourth From PAGE 1

Continuing the musical celebration, the Lexington Philharmonic, joined by the Lexington Singers and Central Kentucky Youth Chorus, take the stage at Transylvania University at 8 p.m. This concert includes a tribute to Othello Pumphrey, a singer who participated in *he concert for eleven years.

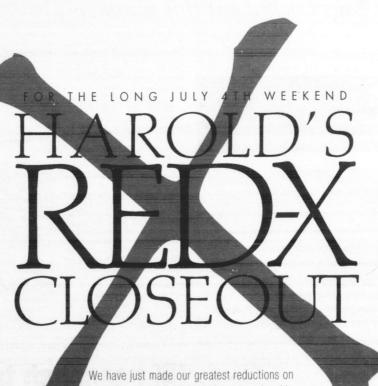
participated in the concert for eleven years.
With the anticipation of the fireworks, Friday gets started early. Participants in the Bluegrass 10,000 are off and running at 8 a.m. The 10K run or walk is sponsored by the Lexington Herald-Leader and concludes with an awards ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the Courthouse.
Shortly after the awards ceremony, the Fayette County Democratic Party will host a reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse steps.

house steps.

This is a prelude to the nationwide "Let Freedom Ring" ceremony. Bells at UK and Lexington churches will ring 13 times to honor the signing of the

times to honor the signing of the Declaration of Independence. As the sun sets on Lexington, the audience will prepare for the Spirit of America's fiery finale.

"The fireworks are the most anticipated event of the festival," said Dottie Bean from the Division of Public Information. The fireworks show will be an explosive end to Lexington's Fourth of July festival week.



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New student billing services installed

System bugs worked out this summer

The construction around Patterson Office Tower and the new

library is not the only change taking place around campus this

UK is currently working on the installation of a new billing

Though still in its larval stage, the new Student Billing System is expected to improve the existing one into a more organized entity to better serve the student population.

"We still have a few bugs to work out over summer," Judy Marshall, vice chancellor of administration said.

Student Billing has issued a brochure explaining the salient features of the new billing

According to the handout, the section of the bill on "Future Items" deals with the charges that a student is expected to pay at an ensuing date.

Due to the priority registra-tion process, students often pre-register for upcoming semesters. A student registered for the eight-week and fall sessions, for instance, would have the fees for the fall semester listed under "Future Items

This would not include any financial aid that might be offered at a later date.

The student could pay the

of billing if he or she so desires.

Although tuition and fees are a primary concern for many stu-dents, there are not many who are aware of the new develop-

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It really gets crunched during the

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semester. I don't

have much time to

Daniel Flowers

Hospitality manag

stand in line.

(about the new system)," Daniel owers, a hospitality management senior, said. "As long as it helps reduce the delays and the long lines." long

According to the brochure, another feature of the new system involves the mail-ing of all residual checks to the stu-dents. To receive these checks, the student must file a residual address Student

Billings. Failure to do so will result in the checks being mailed to the billing or permanent

address. A past balance, if any, would be reflected as a non-itemized entry under "Previous Balance." All payments made by swould be applied to past balances before being credited to the pre-

Students need to make sure to cover both past and present charges when making their pay-

ments. The contrary could result in cancellation of their classes.

Technicalities aside, students would probably appreciate a sim-pler, faster process.

"It really gets crunched during the beginning of the semesterbooks and class scheduling—I don't have much time to stand in a long line," Flowers said.

Student Billings hopes to remove

the "bugs" during summer and have the new system ready have the before fall.

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Fayette needy focus of welfare reform study

By Chad Preston

Low-income Kentucky families hit by recent welfare reforms

are the focus of a new study.
UK researchers in the College of Human Environmental Sciences announced Tuesday the initiation of a survey to evaluate Lexington's welfare reform plan and monitor its effects on lowincome families.

The researchers will be doing face-to-face interviews with 400 Fayette County residents who are affected by new welfare reform legislation that went into effect on Tuesday.

The legislation, passed last August, named the Personal Responsibility and Work Oppor-tunity Reconciliation Act or the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, is to change aid to families with

dependent children to giving temporary assistance to needy temporary assistance to needy families, according to Claudia Peck-Heath, associate dean and professor in the College of Human Environmental Sciences and lead researcher for the pro-

"States and communities now determine what temporary aid to needy families consists of and how it should be implemented,"

how it should be implemented, Peck-Heath said.

Lexington's plan to meet the Welfare Reform Act, guided by "Lexington Makes It Work," a coalition of government, social service agencies, public schools, churches, priyate sector, reprechurches, private sector repre-sentatives and UK is to move 100 percent of Fayette County residents receiving government assistance into the work force. Under the Reform Act, which

went into effect Tuesday, indi-viduals must participate in work of some kind within two years of receiving aid.

Those to be interviewed for the survey will be chosen randomly from a representative sample of Fayette County's pop-ulation most directly affected by the change in public assistance legislation and will include the working poor as well as the unemployed. The interviews will be done over the next four to six weeks in the respondents' homes or on campus.

homes or on campus.

Each interview will take 45 minutes to an hour, and the questions will pertain to quality of life issues: economic wellbeing, behavior and attitude, child care, transportation and medical care. All the information explanated will be existence of the control of the contr collected will be strictly confi-

Other members of the UK Other members of the UK research team involved in the project — Jo Ann Ewalt, a doctoral student in the Martin School of Public Policy and Administration; Mary Secret, an assistant professor in the College of Social Work; and Teri Wood, director of the Survey Because in the College of Social Work; and Teri Wood, director of the Survey Because in the College of Social Work; and Teri Wood, director of the Survey Because in the Survey Beause in the Survey Beaus director of the Survey Research

"Welfare recipients have not had much of an opportunity to help develop the law. This is really a chance for them to talk about what the law might mean in their day to day lives," said



SPORTS Thin and thinner: BA Draft 1997



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

NUMBER ONE The first selection of 1997's NBA Draft, Tim Duncan grabs a rebound at the Great Eight in Chicago.

Several teams make headway

The New Jersey Nets showed the

The New Jersey Nets showed the world once again why they are the Nets. After their second selection in the draft, they had a team featuring Kerry Kittles, Tim Thomas, Jayson Williams and Jimmy Jackson. Great nucleus, right? Add in Sam Cassell, Eric Montross, and Anthony Parker and you have a team that could contend for the playoffs.

After trading Thomas, Jackson, Parker and Montross to the Philadelphia 76ers for Keith Van Horn and sub-par players Lucious

Parker and Montross to the Philadelphia 76ers for Keith Van Horn and sub-par players Lucious Harris, Don Maclean and Michael Cage, the Nets look more like well, themselves.

Philly's lineup next year will be the most athletic in the NBA with Allen Iverson running the point, Jackson at shooting guard and a front court consisting of Jerry Stackhouse, Thomas and either Montross or Derrick Coleman. (Coleman, however, is likely to be traded before the 1997-98 tip.)

The Nets will have a frontcourt combination of the Great White Hype (Van Horn) at power forward (where the Shawn Kemps of the NBA will feast on his slow footwork and scrawny body), rebounding force Jayson Williams, Kendall Gill and Chris Gatling. Should Sam Cassell re-sign with the team, he and the state of the state of the Responsibility of the Shawn Kemps of the NBA will feast on his slow footwork and scrawny body), rebounding force Jayson Williams, Kendall Gill and Chris Gatling. Should Sam Cassell re-sign with the team, he and the state of the NBA will feast on his slow footwork and scrawny body), rebounding force Jayson Williams, Kendall Gill and Chris Gatling. Should Sam Cassell re-sign with the team, he and the side will assure themselves of getting nothing when he leaves. And besides, a title this year isn't guaranteed!

*Hats off to Lakers' GM Jerry West for realizing that DeJuan Wheat belongs in the pros.

*Attention: there has been a point guaranteed!

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Sam Cassell re-sign with the team, he will join Kerry Kittles in the backcourt. Prediction for the first Nets-Sixers meeting of the season: Philadelphia by 20. Great trade Nets!

•Bravo Pitino! In one draft he solved two of the Celtics' four needs. Chauncey Billups will be a great floor general and Ron Mercer's scoring ability will compliment Antoine Walker's 18 points a game nicely. One more awful season equals. nicely. One more awful season equals a return to competitiveness for the Celtics.

Houston, you have a problem. Rodrick Rhodes in the first round? That's not saying he's not good enough for the

not saying he's not good enough for the NBA, but he would have been available

in the second round.

•Cleveland gaurd Terrell Brandon
might need to find a moving company to
help him move. With the selections of
guards Brevin Knight and Derek Anderson, Cleveland might be sending a mes-sage to the man Sports Illustrated pro-claimed "the best point guard in the

•With their first pick, Orlando passed on point guard Jacque Vaughn to take small forward Johnny Taylor. Maybe a new team optometrist is needed. •Is the term "twin towers" overused? If it isn't, it's sure to be this year after San

Antonio puts a lineup on the floor composed of 6-11 Tim Duncan and 7-1 David Robinson.

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David Robinson.

*Kudos to Denver for drafting big
man Tony Battie and trading for guard
Bobby Jackson and forward Danny Fortson. If they can solve that little problem
with Antonio McDyess, they could contend in the Midwest in a few years.

*Isiah Thomas appears to be threefor-three in drafting. First, Damon
Stoudamire, then Marcus Camby, and
now Tracy McGrady. All Thomas needs
is to keep them in Toronto.

*Chicago fans shouldn't get too excited because Scottie Pippen didn't
get traded. By not trading him,
the Bulls will assure themselves of
getting nothing when he leaves.
And besides, a title this year isn't
guaranteed!

•Since 1989, these players were Golden State Warriors: Mitch Richmond, Chris Mullin, Tim Hardaway, Latrell Sprewell, Chris Webber, Tom Gugliotta, Donyell Marshall and Joe Smith. Is Adonal Foyle going to make that much of a difference?

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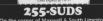
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access

If you looked only at the name, you might think that the Student Center was for students. But upon closer look, you would realize that the Student Center offers At many univerIN OUR OPINION ing. While quality and selection has students very little.

sities, student centers offer a safe place for students to study, even late at night. Other schools offer entertainment to their students with extensive game/activity rooms, some of which even

include a bowling alley.

UK's Student Center offers few activities for students, and the few things there are in the game room are lacking in quality. When movies are shown in the Worsham Theater, the audience in limited both by the number of seats and the popularity of the film.

The main thing that UK's Student Center offers is food, and even that is lack-

improved over the last few years, the hours for students to eat have not. Students are limited essentially to pizza and fast food after 2 p.m. on weekdays. In order for the food services to serve students, they have to be open. Students at UK need a

place to call their own. On most campuses, the student center fills that need. At UK, all students have is a building that closes too early and offers them too little.



READERresponse

Don't judge a person's ability

To the Editor.

Although I am a new student at UK, perhaps some remarks about a recent experience between myself and a member of the faculty may prove useful to

Last Friday after my early-morning class, while walking along the sidewalk in front of the Journalism building, I was con-fronted by an authoritarian fig-ure who demanded in a booming voice where I was "trying to go! At first I wasn't sure if he wa At first I washt sure in the was speaking to me or one of the other students near me, although the word "trying" had an ominous quality since it implied that I might not actually get to where I was planning to go. Since I did not respond, moving closer, he once again demanded, "Where

once again definanced, are you going!"

I was a little apprehensive and somewhat offended about being asked to reveal my destination to a complete stranger. But I replied half-humorously, "Are you with the Gestapo?" Unfortunately, my sense of humor was not well received as the distin-guished professor rushed past me, mumbling a few expletives.

Quickly turning around, I tried to explain that while I did-n't actually mind someone asking me if I needed assistance, I felt it was unreasonable that someone I didn't know would ask me where was going. Not surprisingly, the obdurate man was uninter-

ested in any further discourse.

I can understand why someone might impulsively wish to rush to the rescue of someone traveling alone carrying a while cane — who happens to be blind. But wouldn't it be more equitable first to evaluate the situa-tion before rushing to any pre-judgment about the person's ability to travel alone. In fact, since most would not be able to identify you by sight, wouldn't it even be more equitable to identify yourself by name first before asking whether the person would

asking whether the person would like your assistance.

At a time when we are encouraging self-reliance and personal responsibility among our fellow citizens, wouldn't it be even better to encourage each other not to expect assistance

Don Bowmer

Boycott a good decision

I am not a Baptist, but I was pleased when the Southern Bap-tists announced their boycott of the Disney Corporation. I also plan to support the boycott. It plan to support the boycott. It has been suggested in letters printed in the Kernel that the Southern Baptist have a problem with gay couples attending Disney Land. This is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. The reason for the boycott has nothing to do with who visits Disney. Land, but is concerned with the Disney Corporation encouraging homosexuality and low morals in general. For example, Disney extends company health benefits to unmarried gay couples ... but does not extend the benefits to unmarried heterosexual couples. Also Disney has sponsored gay benefits and orga-nizations, advertised in gay mag-azines, and a VP at Disney has stated that Disney is very sup-portive of homosexuality (The portive of homosexuality (The Advocate 6/25/94). Although, the homosexuality issue is in the spotlight, there are many other issues which lead the Southern Baptists to boycott Disney. The largest issue is probably that Disney and Eisner both con-Disney and Eisner both contribute to People For the American Way (PAW), a group which states as its goal to "monitor and counter the divisive agenda of the Religious Right." (PAW Annual Report) Obviously that is in direct opposition to Southern Baptist. I am surprised that they waited this long to begin a boycott. We also cannot forget that Disney owned company's are cott. We also cannot forget that Disney owned company's are responsible for the group Danzig, the show Ellen, the autobiography of RuPaul, the movies Pulp Fiction and Kids, and the book Growing Up Gay. We'll Disney is responsible and collects the profits. It is about time that Disney be held accountable for their actions. In the past, boycorts have been sucaccountable for their actions. In the past, boycotts have been suc-cessful in stopping racist oppres-sion and economic exploitation. I hope this boycott is just as successful in stopping cultural and moral attacks on decency.

Jason McDonald

Adding identity

For years, UK's name could be found on two nicely built stone gates—one at Rose and Maxwell and one at the head of Administration Drive.

Those two gates seemingly had only one purpose—to be a place to this place we call the camwhere a strangely diverse group of students could gather and pose for the picture that would be on the cover of any UK brochure.

This summer, UK is adding two other such gates—one at Woodland and Columbia by the new library and one on Alumni Drive.

But, we hope the gates will be not a place for fake groups of purposefully smiles to lie on, pretending to have a fine and dandy and culturally rewarding time.

We hope the new stone gates will give the campus an

Now, drivers-by can see and know where UK starts and ends; where many dreams start and some end and others just happen.

Now, truly, campus life goes on between the gates; between Limestone Maxwell and Alumni and Woodland.

Now, finally, the boundaries are drawn and everybody knows our name.

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Bar experience, Felice style

A funny thing happened to

me the other day. Some buddies and I were talking politics over a round of beers at Cheapside when a pale, round-faced and slightly crosseyed fellow came up to our table and stuck out his hand.

"Matt, how are you doing! Don't you remember me?" he asked, as I shook what felt like a

limp fish. Usually I remember the face and not the name. This time I was stumped all around, and feeling pretty bad about it.

"C'mon, you remember me, surely, from the bar the other

My deer-in-the-headlights stare must have cued his next line, delivered quickly and brilliantly despite a subtle lisp.

"Don't you remember the feel of my hand?" Like a lightning bolt it hit my

brain with searing force, and before he even finished following through with something along

the lines of "you mean you're not out yet?" I finally realized what was

tinally realized what was standing before me and responded appropriately.
"Oh, I see," I said pointing at the sly devil's grinning face. "You're one of my fans!"

The fraternity brother.

The fraternity brother sitting across from me, otherwise known as "the wookie," momentarily got that familiar smirk on his face that says "oh boy, something is about to happen And it might even be violent

But my friends and I collec-tively realized we're almost grown-ups now, and for me the old glory days have faded behind a premature awareness that I'm approaching old age. There wouldn't be any trouble tonight.

So I continued, in a disappointingly civil tone. "Look, I'm here to have a good time with my friends, and I wasn't planning on being harassed for my opin-



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ed, "yes, tell me about your opinions, Matt!" His tone was catty, but you could hear the anger swelling underneath. And he kept repeating himself, "I want to hear about your opinions," throwing in something about Jesus and religion in there

somewhere. Civility was beginning to

I didn't get a chance to finish before he demand-

lose its comfort.

The brother to my left, a sixand-a-half-foot Army reservist, must have realized this, because he cut in to address our visitor like the voice of reason rising above to control the chaos: "You have the right to your opinions and he has the right to his. But you don't have the right to be here, at this table, right now."

I thought that was pretty

rational, but the taunting didn't

argument down to "go away, and it seemed he was going to do just that — but not without first dumping his beverage into the middle of our table and all over

the four of us.

Now, I don't know exactly what I thought I was going to prove chasing after him and getting up in his face with "f" this and "f" that, but I have to say shoving me backward was a surprisingly manly act for a creature of such calibre, despite the slightly effeminate recoil motion of

his wrist and shoulder. Bouncers and staff came out of the woodwork, somebody grabbed me from behind, gay boy strutted away, and I swallowed my pride, returned to my seat, and lit up a

As I look back, I ponder the

fact that the whole thing was a big mistake — he had the wrong guy, I've never been a gay basher and I hardly ever write about the subject.

But it doesn't matter, because to be gay is to have a political

is to have a political cause, and people with a cause need something or someone to hate. This being a relatively tolerant campus, I have been the gays' best bet for a legitimate target. So seeing me at Cheapside was an opportunity this guy just nity this guy couldn't pass up. just

I'm over it now, but I do have one thing to say to my new friend (using the

proper lisp and voice inflection). Go pick on Ben Rich, you

silly goose! Kernel Columnist Matt Felice is a telecommunications senior. His iews do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kerncl.

Be satisfied and find true happiness

Why do people in general, and Americans in particular, grow so quickly bored with every

single thing in their lives?
It starts small. As children, we get tired of the GI Joe action figure or Barbie Doll that we have, so we ask Mom or Dad for a new

Then, as we grow, so do our tastes. We have an old pair of shoes that are perfectly fine, yet we tire of them, so we go buy a

new pair.
Next come CD's. We tire of one artist and move on to another, and another, and another, keeping the purses and wallets of record companies filled to the

Then we move on to slightly larger, more expensive toys. Stereos, televisions and computers all fall victim to our seeming-ly natural fickleness.

Evenually, we continue on to bigger, more consequential trinkets, like cars, and houses.

With time, we move on to less

tainment, such as television shows, movies, or magazines.

we become Finally, bored with not only objects, but with people We change our circle of friends, we elect new politicians, we even divorce spouses of whom we grow tired.

We continue this pattern our entire lives, and then we die, having never found lasting satis-

faction in anything.
Our luxurious standard of living allows us to pick and choose ing allows us to pick and choose every aspect of our lives, to discard anything which loses its newness. If it's not bright and shiny, we simply throw it away and get a new one, whether it's a car, a house, a spouse or an entertainer. That seems to be the American way. American society is built on dissatisfaction. The Declaration of Independence is a document inspired by discon-tent. The American dream is that

your station in life, go out and change things. Our country is founded upon, revolves around and hinges on discontent. Hicks Contributing

Discontent seems to be a trait which permeates all

of human existence. The glaring difference in our society is that we have room to express and act upon that discontent. People in third-world countries, working day in and day out to survive, don't have time to tire of having a specific hut, loincloth or spouse. They're too busy try-ing to make sure their little girl esn't starve or get eaten by

alligator.
People, in general, are pleasure-seekers, but Americans specifically thirst for ever higher, ever greater sources of entertain-ment. How else could American athletes and entertainers make 20, 30 or 40 times the salary of the President, arguably one of the most powerful and important entertain us. Of course, we will eventually tire of them and move on to other, newer entertainers.

Americans are constantly exposed to so many stimuli, we become callused to it. Some become so callused and bored, they turn to drugs to heighten their enjoyment of life. Small doses of those drugs become doses of those drugs become boring, so they in turn seek ever higher "highs." When taken too far, those highs take them over the edge into oblivion.

Others don't become callused

enough, and seek out meditative seminars, or retreats in the country. They have to get away from it all. They suffer from overex-posure to happiness. Some are posure to happiness. Some are too sensitive, and they react violently to the "luxuries" of everyday life. They may commit crimes, lose their sanity (see "Falling Down" with Michael Douglas), or start a utopian cult, preferring a commune to modern-day conveniences. Such is

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start a commune. Far from it. I'm simply saying that we need to seek satisfaction with what we have, rather than always looking to the horizon. The grass always seems greener on the other side of the hill, but we need to learn that it's just a mirage. To paraphrase Master Yoda, never our minds on where we are or what

we are doing.

True happiness comes from within — it's not just a cliché no matter what the external cir-cumstances happen to be. Be happy with what you have. Don't base your satisfaction in life on material possessions. Take a hint from Yoda and try to enjoy where you are, instead of con-stantly looking to the horizon, the new, and the unknown for your happiness.

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We have always encouraged readers of the Kernel to inform us of your thoughts

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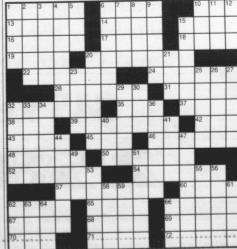
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