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## Students squeeze into Greg Page

**Overcrowded:** Some bunking six to an apartment; officials say problem will be resolved soon

By Emily Hagedorn  
STAFF WRITER

Sunshine Sousa drove all the way from California to find her unit at Greg Page Apartments overcrowded.

Mary Fox came from Maine to find she was homeless.

Students, like Sousa and Fox, have discovered that moving into Greg Page, a UK-owned complex off Alumni Drive, is more difficult than they had planned.

The housing crunch has forced some residents to bunk with as many as five other people in one apartment or to be put on a waiting list.

The rooms, which traditionally occupy two students, may now occupy three, with one set of bunk beds and a single bed.

Each apartment has one bathroom, a living room, kitchen and two bedrooms.

According to residents, this quick fix by Housing and Resident Life has been a hassle to deal with.

"It's a snag," said Sousa, a kinesiology junior.

Upon her arrival at UK, she found that not only would she be rooming with undergrads, but that there would be five other students living with her in the apartment.

Traditionally Greg Page apartments only house four people, mostly upperclassmen.

She said she tried to back out of her housing contract and get an off-campus apartment, but she didn't feel as though she would have enough time to find an apartment.

Since this occurred last week, Sousa has been placed in a four-person Greg Page apartment, but she said it still doesn't excuse the fact she wasn't informed of this before she came.

Ben Crutcher, the associate vice president of auxiliary services, said letters were sent shortly after the decision to increase roommates was made about two weeks ago. Still, some of those notifications may not have reached their recipients in time.

"Some people didn't get letters and maybe felt they weren't notified," he said. "We tried to tell them all."

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## LexTran offering free rides

Get on the bus: City exploring campus routes

STAFF REPORT

Traffic around campus may not be as congested now that city buses are offering free rides to UK students and faculty, city and UK officials say.

LexTran, which runs bus routes throughout Lexington, is starting a new program that allows students and faculty to get free rides around town when they show their UK identification.

Normally, bus rides cost \$1 for a one-way ride and \$60 for a semester pass.

LexTran received a \$1.6 million grant from the National Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program, which covers the cost of the free rides for the next three years. LexTran had to match the grant with \$400.

LexTran applied for the grant after the bus drivers noticed how bad traffic congestion had gotten around campus.

"We know it's very difficult for our Nicholasville Road route to stay on schedule, and we know that it's very difficult in and around the university for our shuttle service to stay on schedule," said Jenny Williams, the director of marketing for LexTran.

While the bus routes remain the same, LexTran will be looking into designing routes to better cater to students, Williams said.

The new routes, which will go into neighborhoods where college students are known to live, should start next fall.

Right now, eight to 10 buses go into campus and shuttle students, but since the rides will be free, more buses and routes will be needed, Williams said.

"We are hoping to pick up a whole lot more (students)," she said.

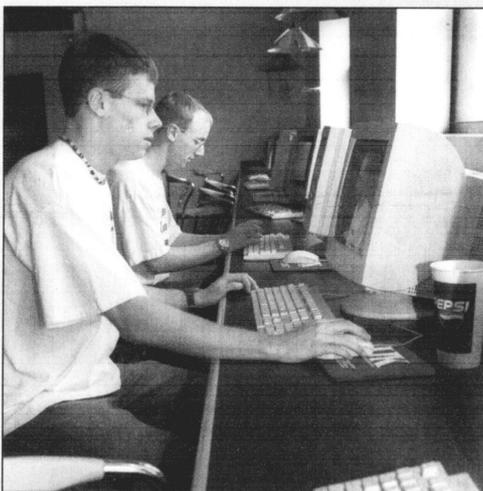
She expects 8,000 riders a day from the university area. Last year, only 640 riders were from the area.

"If the service is efficient, comfortable and convenient, I think students and employees will use the service," said Don Thornton, the UK parking director.

### LexTran information

For information on LexTran bus routes, visit <http://www.lextran.com/> Or call 255-7756.

## K-LAIR MOVES PAST MILKSHAKES



### Change

Chris Millisor, left, an anthropology freshman, and John Godley, an electrical engineering freshman, use the computers in K-Lair Grill on Sunday morning. The campus eatery is now open until 2 a.m.

HOLLY DAVIS | KERNEL STAFF

**Y2K-Lair:** On-line access, later hours come to K-Lair; managers hope the restaurant will someday be open 24/7

By Nichole Lainhart  
STAFF WRITER

For more than 40 years, K-Lair Grill has been a staple on campus - it's known as the place to go for greasy, juicy foods that many students can't live without.

Times are changing, and the hit-and-go hamburger and chicken finger joint has been remodeled to fit the modern, coffee and computer style of college students.

It's the first time the grill on UK's central campus, has been renovated.

Over the summer, the UK Campus Cuisine crew completed the long-overdue face-lift for the campus eatery.

"It's a little retro, a little new-agey. It rocks," said Robin Gibbs, associate director of Campus Cuisine.

While the menu has remained the same, new tables, booths, soda fountains and order counters at the grill have

been brought up to date - they're all brand new, shiny and colorful. But that's not all that changed at the popular hangout.

Walk in the restaurant doors and to the right is a cyberlair. Set away from the main eating room, it's a quieter area where students can go to surf the net on one of the grill's 10 new computers.

Another big change for the grill this year is its new hours; more than 14 hours have been added to the restaurant's operating time.

See K-LAIR on 3

## 26 bikes stolen in last month

By Emily Hagedorn  
STAFF WRITER

Bicycles are becoming a hot commodity around campus as bike thefts near dorms and classroom buildings reach record highs.

In the past month, 26 bikes have been stolen, said Cmdr. Travis Manley, UK police communications director.

So far, police have no suspects.

The bikes - usually expensive models - have been stolen everywhere from residential areas that fringe campus to the medical center, during anytime between 6 a.m. and 1 a.m. Some bikes had been sitting at a rack for several days and others for only a couple hours.

Manley said bike-stealing sprees happen once or twice a year, and when students go back to school. The thieves will either try to pawn the bike around town or ride it for awhile and dump it somewhere.

"Some people are sick in the head and like the thrill of stealing things," he said.

In the past, the police department has had a 50 percent recovery rate for the stolen bikes.

That number would be larger if the owners knew their bike's serial numbers, Manley said.

Owners may also want to engrave their bike with their name or unique number in an inconspicuous location, he said.

Only three of 26 stolen bikes' owners knew their serial numbers, he said.

Many bikes are recovered, but sometimes cannot be given to owners because they cannot prove their ownership, he said.

One similarity is that all but one bike was secured with a cable and lock. Manley said these security devices can be cut with simple bolt cutters.

Buying a U-shaped kryptonite lock, usually \$30, would keep a bike more secure, he said. Most thieves don't have the equipment or time to break this lock, he said.

Bike owners are also encouraged to secure bikes in highly-visible, well-lit areas. Bicycles are sometimes covered under insurance plans.

Bicycle thieves are usually seen with large gym bags or jackets to hold their tools and usually work in pairs, according to the UK police Web site.

If you have information, call UK police at 257-1616.

## Electrical fire at Greg Page causes minor damages

**Early detection:** Apartment won't reopen until next week, adding to housing woes at Greg Page, other residence halls

By Emily Hagedorn  
STAFF WRITER

An electrical fire in Greg Page apartments last week could have been serious if it hadn't been quickly discovered and contained, UK officials said.

It did keep six students from moving into their assigned apartments.

The fire, which broke out Thursday morning in Apartment 178, was discovered by two housekeepers cleaning the apartment.

"If we had not had our staff in the building at the time, the

whole building would have burned up," said Jack Blanton, senior vice president of administration.

Greg Page Apartments, on Alumni Drive, are university-owned and operated.

According to Garry Beach, UK Fire Marshall, a fan's motor overheated, igniting lint and dust on the fan and the ceiling.

The fire was minor and was put out without hoses.

It was contained in the bathroom and damages could cost between \$5,000 and \$8,000, Beach speculated. No one was hurt.

One of the apartment's

planned occupants, Jessica Mullins, an undeclared freshman, heard about the fire Thursday, the day before she was supposed to move in.

Since then, she and her roommates moved to an apartment two buildings down.

The apartment, which sustained smoke damage, should be reopened to new occupants by next week, said Ben Crutcher, the associate vice president of auxiliary services.

This is the second Greg Page fire in four years. The last occurred when someone dropped a cigarette on a balcony and ignited it.

"This fire could have been serious," he said. "We were lucky."



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An overheated fan caused a minor fire in an apartment at the Greg Page apartments Aug. 22.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

# The Low-down



One day it's going to be fascinating to get gymnasts and dancers up there. Imagine what they could do."

- Duane Carey, a space shuttle pilot, on N'Sync member Lance Bass going into space.

## Movie casting call comes to Lexington

An open casting for the movie "Seabiscuit" will be held Friday, Sept. 6, and Saturday, Sept. 7, at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. Tryouts on Friday are for adults only and will be at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tryouts on Saturday are 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. for adults and 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. for children ages four to 17. The movie will be directed by Gary Ross and star Tobey Maguire. No experience is necessary. Those trying out should bring a small photo, professional or candid, that they can keep. The Marriott is located at 1800 Newtown Pike.

## Police looking for robbery suspect

Lexington police are looking for a man suspected of robbing the First Security Bank at 3616 Walden Drive on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at about 12:19 p.m. The man, who entered the bank and demanded cash, was last seen driving towards Bates Creek Road, police said. The suspect is described as black, about 5-foot-4 to 5-foot-7, with a heavy build. He was wearing an olive green ski mask, blue jeans and a gray t-shirt with lettering on the front, police said. He was also driving a full-size, two-tone maroon Chevrolet pick-up truck with a silver stripe. Any information should be reported to the Robbery/Homicide Unit at 258-5700.

## Mexico's Independence Day honored

To honor Mexico's Day of Independence, the Division of Parks and Recreation will be hosting its first Lex-Mex Fiesta from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at Phoenix Park. There will be live music, dancing and food. It is free and open to all ages. For more information, call Amber Luallen at 288-2925 or 288-2900.



**INFANTRY MODE:** If being jailed since April is depressing Robert Blake's spirits, he's not letting it show. In his first TV interview since his arrest in April on charges of killing his wife, Blake told Larry King on Saturday that he's in "infantry mode," and that the "cement wilderness" of the Los Angeles County Jail is not as bad as some of the dressing rooms he's endured during his long career as an actor. He indicated optimism (saying, "My glass is three-quarters full") that he would be acquitted and return to acting. Blake's daughter Rose, now two, is scheduled to visit her father next week for the first time since his arrest.

## Men indicted on alleged terror support

WASHINGTON — Federal grand juries charged six men with conspiring to support Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network Wednesday as the government escalated its efforts to stifle the flow of money and assistance from U.S. soil to overseas terrorist groups. American citizen and Muslim activist James Ujaama was accused in a two-count indictment of trying to set up a "jihad (holy war) training camp" on the West Coast and providing support and resources to al-Qaida. The indictment accused him of leading discussions about creating poison to use on the public and firebombing vehicles. Ujaama has repeatedly denied any ties to terrorism. Separately, four men who had been in the United States since at least 2000 were charged in Detroit with operating a "covert underground support unit" and a "sleeper operational combat cell" for a radical Islamic movement allied with al-Qaida. A fifth man whose full name isn't known by the government was also named in the indictment. Their indictment said the men plotted attacks on sites in Turkey and Jordan and possessed a videotape that appeared to case U.S. landmarks such as Disneyland in California and the MGM Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

## Elections a risk for White House

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush's vigorous campaigning to elect Republicans in November could make the elections a referendum on his presidency. Bush has been more active than most presidents in the midterm election cycle. He has personally recruited candidates, raised millions of dollars and traveled to dozens of states in an effort to help the GOP take control of the Senate and keep a narrow majority in the House. The gain or loss of just a few seats could make a major difference in how Congress treats Bush's proposals during the final two years of his term. A GOP gain of a single seat in the Senate could return it to Republican control. The loss of six seats in the House could put the Democrats in the majority. Strategists in both parties say that while congressional elections depend heavily on local issues and trends, the war on terrorism and Bush's hands-on effort in many races have made him an issue, too. He's always welcomed by Republican candidates, but things don't always go smoothly.



**BIG DADDY:** The Master of His Domain is about to be put back on diaper duty. A rep for the former sitcom star confirms that Jerry Seinfeld is expecting his second child with wife Jessica Sklar. The newest Seinfeld costar is scheduled to debut at the end of February. No word whether the babe's a boy or a girl - or will be named Cosmo, for that matter. New York Post gossip maven Liz Smith did manage this "scoop," though: A friend of the couple says Sklar's "excited" to be a mommy again. The former Tommy Hilff PR rep, who is 31, gave birth to Seinfeld's first child, daughter Sascha, in November 2000.

## Useful Campus Phone Numbers

- Academic Ombud: 257-3737
- Campus Directory: 257-9000
- Financial Aid: 257-3172
- Housing Office: 257-1866
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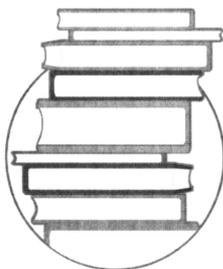
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# Pop singer training for space tour

**'Bye Bye Bye': Lance Bass will be aboard shuttle mission to the international space station**

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Quicker than a hot boy band sinks, NASA is being 'N' fused with much-needed kid appeal this week as its first celebrity space tourist, pop star Lance Bass, trains to become the youngest person ever to hit orbit.

Bass may not be the most scientifically savvy or most experienced guy to go through space training. But he certainly is one of the most appealing to the hard-to-impress, under-20 crowd. Even the children of NASA workers who were ho-hum about space travel are taking a sudden interest and seeking Bass' autograph.

"What's exciting about this is getting a creative person up there," said Duane Carey, a space shuttle pilot and father of two teens.

"One day, it's going to be fascinating to get gymnasts and dancers up there," Carey added. "Imagine what they could do."

Before Bass can be considered a member of Russia's next crew, TV producers need to wrap up a deal with the cash-strapped Russian space program. Bass is rounding up corporate sponsors to pay his \$20 million fare.

Despite the singer's off-again, on-again status over the past several months, NASA politely agreed to accept Bass for a week of

space station training at Johnson Space Center.

NASA and the other space station partners signed off Tuesday on Bass' trip. The ink was barely dry when NASA's public affairs machine began cranking out news releases about Bass' participation in a press conference and an Internet chat with school children.

At this astronaut training base, grumbling still echoes in the hallways. Some see Bass' flight as a burden, others as a distraction or side show.

"He's buying it, and there's something deeply embedded in the NASA culture that finds that difficult to accept," said a pro-Bass space agency official who did not want to be identified.

Bass is probably the polar opposite of John Glenn, who opposes the idea of vacationers at the space station.

"We have spent tens of billions of dollars putting the station up there, and it was to be used for basic research, not for other things," Glenn said last February on the 40th anniversary of his first orbital flight.

"John's not in sync," Mercury astronaut Wally Schirra joked in response to his friend's tough stand.

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- Duane Carey, space shuttle pilot

## K-LAIR

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When they closed at midnight, some of their busiest times were at 11:45 p.m., Gibbs said.

According to a survey, the extended hours were something the students wanted, said Doug McKenzie, the K-Lair manager. He said they plan to be busy during the hours they added.

"We are hoping some of the busiest times will be 1:30 a.m.," she said.

"Ultimately our goal is to be open 24-7."

McKenzie is one of the workers at the grill who is excited about the renovation.

"It's a real morale booster," McKenzie said. He said the grill had started to look ragged.

Renovations of the numerous campus restaurants began in 1992, but K-Lair's makeover didn't get started until 1999. The construction of the William T. Young Library just a few steps away from K-Lair, delayed the project.

"(K-lair) was functioning beautifully with what (it) had," said Gibbs. "But it was (the grill's) turn to get a chunk of the pie."

Reactions from students have been positive so far.

"I usually have lunch here about every other day," said Dawn Jude, a graphic design junior. "I love it (the new look of the grill). It looks so much better and checking email and stuff here is pretty cool."

Campus Cuisine has more plans in the mix, Gibbs said. She said it will be adding 10 to 12 new computers at Commons Market on South Campus later this year.

## New hours at K-Lair

K-Lair Grill's new hours: Sunday 9 a.m. to 2 a.m., Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 2 a.m., Friday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## GREG PAGE

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Like Sousa, Fox, an undeclared freshman, wasn't aware of the situation until she arrived at Greg Page either. She wasn't placed in a six-person apartment, and had to find other means of housing.

"It sucks traveling all this way and not having a place to stay," Fox said.

Fox, who is currently staying with friends, is now in limbo, waiting for a space to open up.

"At least I'm on the waiting list and have a foot in the

door," she said.

Out-of-region students like Fox top the list and should be given a space with in the next couple of weeks, Crutcher said.

Housing and Resident Life are dealing with the overwhelming amount of people on campus just as the students are.

"I hope students will give us time to resolve this situation," Crutcher said.

Six people to a room is just a temporary solution to a problem that should be solved shortly, according to Crutcher.

"It's not ideal," Crutcher said. "But I would be surprised if it lasted very long."

**"It sucks traveling all this way and not having a place to stay."**

- Mary Fox, undeclared freshman

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# Discussions intensify as MLB nears strike

**Cautious: Teams prepare for strike even after positive negotiations**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball owners and players met three times Tuesday, holding two-on-two discussions instead of trading formal proposals among the full negotiating committees. Union negotiators returned to the commissioner's office Wednesday afternoon.

"The drug testing is a done deal," Los Angeles Dodgers player representative Paul Lo Duca said Tuesday night. "We agreed on that, and that's great. They're getting closer and closer."

Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer, wouldn't say if owners agreed to the testing plan.

"We made progress on the drug issue," he said. "Right now, I'm not confirming or denying any agreements, proposals or potential agreements."

While there were upbeat assessments, some teams made strike preparations.

The Chicago White Sox called off their Thursday charter to Detroit and said they would travel Friday only if there isn't a walkout. The Boston Red Sox rescheduled their charter to Cleveland for Friday, too, and the Atlanta Braves will remain in Pittsburgh an extra day. But the St. Louis Cardinals will travel Thursday for the following day's game at the Chicago Cubs, which would be the first game affected by a strike.

Commissioner Bud Selig

## Fearless litigator

Donald Fehr, chief negotiator for the Major League Baseball Players' Association Union, and representatives for MLB owners are getting closer to reaching a deal and avoiding a strike before the Aug. 30 deadline imposed by the union.

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didn't know when the deadline for a settlement would be that would enable the schedule to remain uninterrupted.

"The closer you get to the date, it's tougher," said Selig, who was on his way to New York from Milwaukee.

Lo Duca said the drug agreement included a penalty phase for positive tests, and help would be available for players who have problems. While he said the testing was for steroids, marijuana and cocaine, other players said Wednesday that the agreement included only steroids.

"What they agreed on was once in spring training, and then random tests during the year, which I think is very good," Lo Duca said. "Once you put the word 'random' in there, you don't know when it's going to happen, so I think it's going to keep guys off and I think that's good for the game."

Lo Duca was chided by players during Wednesday's union conference call for

misstating the agreement. St. Louis player representative Steve Kline said.

Brandon Inge, Detroit's assistant player representative, said players agreed to random drug testing for two years. If 5 percent or more of tests come back positive in either year, mandatory testing would be required for all players. NL player representative Tom Glavine from Atlanta thought the sides were headed to a labor agreement.

"I think there are still going to be some ups and downs between now and Thursday," he said. "But ultimately I'm optimistic that we're going to get something done."

Some still expect a strike. "I plan on striking Friday," Red Sox pitcher John Burkett said. "I think it's going to be long. I'm just going by my experience in '94." Burkett said the players had already given too many concessions to the owners.

Manfred said no new proposals have been made since

management's offer Sunday. "We did, however, have conceptual discussions aimed at resolving the differences between us," he said, adding: "We have time to make an agreement."

Owners and players disagreed on how much to increase revenue sharing and on the level of a luxury tax on high-payroll teams that would increase to \$111 million in 2006.

Players have proposed thresholds of \$125 million next year, \$135 million in 2004, \$145 million in 2005 and no tax in the final season of the deal.

Owners also want teams to share 36 percent of locally generated revenue, up from 20 percent this year. The union proposed 33.3 percent, with the increase phased in.



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# Seniors outnumber freshmen at UK

You can't miss us: UK "top heavy" on seniors

By Curtis Tate  
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Though UK has a record number of incoming freshmen this year, the university's senior class totals far larger.

UK estimates there are 5,171 seniors enrolled this fall, compared to 3,644 freshmen.

Ruby Watts, director of data management, said UK averages more than 5,000 seniors per year.

"We're top heavy on seniors, there's no question about that," he said. Watts said the figure includes students who have transferred to UK and those who are taking more than four years to complete their undergraduate degrees.

The determination of senior status is based on number of credit hours earned, he said.

Typically, students must have earned 90 credit hours to attain senior status. Most degree programs require a minimum of 120. But factors such as class availability and switching majors can impact a student's total number of credits.

Watts said a "high percentage" of students switch majors while they are at UK.

Biology senior Brayne Justice did exactly that. Justice had planned to go to medical school but instead her mind recently changed, she will do a physician's assistantship, which has different requirements.

"I thought it was going to be easy," she said. "But now I



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## Almost there

UK anthropology seniors congregate on the steps of Lafferty Hall. The university has 5,171 seniors, compared to 3,644 freshmen.

have to take more classes."

Justice is enrolled for 19 hours this semester and will have to come back to UK next fall to finish her degree. But she said the wait does not bother her.

"I'd rather stay in school than work, so I'm not really looking forward to graduating," she said.

Anthropology senior Marcus Masters also has to stay an extra semester, but he said he would rather not still be at UK.

"I want to just get a job, make money and not have to worry about [school]," Masters said.

Chemical engineering senior Ginger Anderson echoed that sentiment. She said she can't wait until she graduates next May.

"It feels good to get this far," she said. "I like it here, but I'm ready to get out. I'm tired of studying, papers and tests."

But Anderson said her class load is lighter, making life easier during her final year. She is taking 12 to 15 hours per semester.

Emily Ragsdale, an early childhood development senior, said she is excited about her last year.

"It makes me happy that I'm taking classes that actually pertain to my major," she said.

Still, Ragsdale encourages incoming freshmen to appreciate the relative freedom they have now.

"Don't get too stressed out," she said, "because it just gets more stressful."

# UK dorms like 'dungeons'

Not an official goal: UK made Princeton Review's Top 20 list of colleges with "dorms like dungeons"

By Katie McDonald  
STAFF WRITER

UK has the distinction of making a Princeton Review Top 20 list, but not one that measures athletics or academics.

In the category of "dorms like dungeons," the university ranks 20th.

Despite the ranking and this year's residence hall overflow, UK Residence Life officials are taking steps to improve on-campus living conditions for students.

One project currently in the works will enable dorm residents to use magnetic cards instead of keys to access their halls.

New doors and card readers already have been installed in some dorms on North Campus, and Residence Life plans to implement them campus-wide.

Other improvements undertaken during the past two years include the replacement of every washer and

dryer on campus and newly remodeled lobbies in the Kirwan and Blanding towers. More recently, landscaping improvement projects have targeted the common areas surrounding the residence halls.

First impressions vary among new residents.

"It's kind of like a prison," said Kevin Majors, an animal science freshman, and resident of Haggin Hall.

"I think the bathrooms are really, really nasty," he said.

On the other side of campus, physical education freshman and new Kirwan Tower resident Justin Hardesty said he plans to be proactive about the cleanliness of his floor.

"It's tidy on the 18th floor," he said. "We all got together and decided we were going to keep our bathrooms clean."

Hardesty also said he had plenty of help moving in and little hassle.

"The move was efficient—very efficient," he said.

But for Beth Marshall, an undeclared freshman and Kirwan Tower resident, moving in during rush week was a "horrible" experience.

"You had to wait an hour and a half for a cart and then there was one elevator you had to wait for," she said, adding that she and her brother had to carry her belongings up 20 floors.

Tony Ralph, associate director of Residence Life, said that during the past two years, UK has done more for students who are moving in, involving more campus organizations, departments, and free food and drinks.

And a new program called Project Elevation was launched last year to provide free tutoring in the halls to all on-campus residents.

"One thing we focus a lot on is living [and] learning communities that complement students' classroom experience," Ralph said.

He said the department relies on student feedback. Students are encouraged to participate in RSC meetings.

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## New year starting on track

2002-03 will be a great year to be a Wildcat. All of us in Student Government are looking forward to two outstanding semesters. We've been working hard on programs and activities that students cannot only benefit from, but will enjoy.

As students have moved into campus residence halls SG officials have been alongside to assist, be it by lifting boxes or offering a cold drink at our old-fashioned lemonade stand.

One major reason this year is shaping up as a sentinel one is that it's the centennial basketball season for our beloved Wildcats. UK men's basketball is the gold standard of the sport; the winningest program in the nation's history. Our blood always runs blue, but this year, Wildcat pride will be even stronger. The basketball Cats 100th season is a truly special occurrence.

In Student Government, our mission is threefold: unity, service, and advocacy. Service is a fundamental hallmark of our mission. SG provides crucial funding for many worthwhile organizations across campus. We offer several helpful services to students including tutoring, legal assistance, campus escorts, and an online textbook exchange.

Our enhanced Internet site, www.uksga.com, also features a unique ride board which allows students to link up with other students traveling to common destinations. In addition, we have introduced an up-to-date campus events calendar, allowing students to keep up with the latest happenings.

Another service sure to be a hit is SG's upcoming free movie library. Students will be able to select from more than 1,000 DVD and VHS titles in the SG office. This service will be ready by October 1.

A unique opportunity for freshmen students is SG's Freshman Representative Council. I encourage interested freshmen to stop by our office to pick up an application for a spot on this prestigious body. FRC members will participate in a variety of activities focusing on developing student leadership skills, including attending special events and meeting top university officials.

Twenty-five select students will be chosen to serve, and applications must be received by Sept. 13.

Perhaps most important is SG's advocacy role. We are proud to be the voice of students, and we have made great progress in standing up for your rights. SG was successful in implementing a change in the way parking appeals are handled.

Now, students, rather than parking officials, will hear appeals. What's more, SG successfully lobbied for a change in campus dorm visitation, gaining extended hours for visitors. We are also nearing completion on work on a new graduation contract.

Finally, this year we're making campus unity an absolute priority. SG seeks to unite the diverse groups and individuals that comprise our Wildcat family. We are committed to doing all we can to bring people together.

Last year's GatorRoast was a success in getting nearly 7,000 folks from all across our campus to spend an evening with each other. We're planning other events this year. In the spirit of GatorRoast, we're closing Enclid and kicking things off with our Hoosier Daddy? Street Party on Sept. 13 at the football Cats face Indiana.

Then, we'll be hosting a Beat the Gamecocks! Field Party as the Big Blue takes on South Carolina. Our CATatonic Halloween Bash at Heritage Hall is an event you should put on your fall calendar. When basketball season rolls around, and the thrill is in the air, SG will present a CATapult kick-off event. Next winter, we'll be hosting the President's Valentine's Day Gala again downtown.

We want students to know that our door is always open. We're here to serve, and we encourage students to take advantage of what we have to offer.

The SG office is located on the first floor of the Student Center, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 257-3191.

Tim Robinson is the Student Government President. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



Tim Robinson  
SG PRESIDENT



President Lee Todd, Jr. greeted incoming freshmen in front of Memorial Hall on Saturday. Todd was effective in his campaign to increase freshman enrollment, but now faces the problem of finding adequate housing for them.

### IN OUR OPINION

## Gimme shelter: Housing crunched

UK may have to wedge a few bunk beds between the treadmills and weight benches at the new Johnson Center.

With 120 students on a waiting list for campus housing, 288 students living in apartments three miles away from UK and in some cases, six people crammed into units at Greg Page Apartments, something must happen fast.

No plans have been announced, but President Lee Todd says building new dorms to handle the burgeoning enrollment is on his priority list.

Todd aggressively pushed to increase enrollment, creating three new scholarship programs to draw high school seniors to UK. It worked: there are 19 percent more freshmen at UK this fall than last.

Todd and other officials should reconsider their desire to increase enrollment until they have anticipated and addressed the problems it will bring — like ensuring that students will have a roof over their heads.

UK last built campus housing in 197X with the addition of Greg Page Apartments. Some dorms are still without air conditioning and many were without sprinkler systems until

this year. Now on top of having residence halls that need updating, we need more dorms. And there's no obvious place for expansion.

While the UK brain trust figures out where to put everyone, more deals such as the leasing arrangement with University Commons apartment complex will probably follow. UK should look at apartments closer to campus next time, possibly Royal Lexington or Campus Downs, both within walking distance.

It's unfortunate that freshman who choose to live on campus are being forced to take a bus to class. More, they are not experiencing the charms of dorm life: sharing bathrooms and showers, having 20 new people within shouting distance.

It's not realistic to expect new dorms tomorrow, or even next year, but UK needs a plan of action.

Upon their arrival, the Todds have opened their home to students. Patsy Todd has gone so far as offering passing students cookies on their way to class.

But how receptive are they going to be when students start showing up with sleeping bags?

## When good house pets turn deadly

As in many summers past, in late June, I found myself on the coast of North Carolina in a beach town called Pine Knoll Shores.

This is tradition. Every year, all the schedules converge on one or two weeks when the whole family piles into the grandparents' house for sun and satisfaction.

Some semblance of tradition also lived in the fact that as the house filled to capacity, I was found dwelling farther downstairs and eventually on a foldaway bed in a converted room filled with photos of people I don't know and relatives who are now much older.

As I went downstairs and pulled at the metal frame of the foldaway bed, I discovered a nice little mouse-made hole filled with little mouse-made feces. I dragged the mattress off a sofa bed and made do.

A few mornings later, I awoke to a tussle outside and the out-of-focus silhouette of Toby, the family feline, popping through the cat door and running under the sheet I had hung in the doorless entryway to block the light in the mornings. In his mouth could be seen the shadow of a thin tail.

"No harm," said my inner logician. "They're in the foyer, it's out of your jurisdiction. Go back to sleep." And though this is the same voice that recommends sleeping through fire alarms and numbness in the extremities, I blindly followed it as always. Until the mouse broke free.

Yes, the mouse ran back into the room and Toby, in what must be an instinctive Tom and Jerry response, came in as well. Even as they ran through the pile of dirty clothes, under chairs and even on top of my still latent form. I tried going back to sleep.

But soon the mouse realized that his reflexes outmatched Toby's, and by running at a wall and turning sharply right before impact, he could effectively give Toby a series of minor concussions.

Call me a lightweight, but I couldn't sleep through a head-butting cat ignominy. So I got up to bring the smackdown on Flo Jo the mouse.

Now I was the one running around the room on the trail of a creature far too small to deserve this much trouble. He scurried into the bathroom and I shut the door. No cat, no nothing; just him and me. So he began jumping up the walls. Really. Like a good 12 to 14 inches up the wall.

I scanned my limited knowledge of Animal Planet for any reference of the vicious, jaguar-like, flying mouse and then grabbed a lawyer. Let me tell you, trying to hold onto a jumping mouse in fight or flight mode is like trying to get bars of ivory to mate. Not that I've tried.

So I trapped the mouse in a corner, got a jar and tricked him in. Mark one for human inventiveness. I left the bathroom and Toby looked up as if to say, "You got him, great! Let's go outside and bat him around a bit."

No, cat. I must show my spoils to the household.

I took the mouse-filled jar upstairs with a gleaming smile. Those who were awake sat with my grandmother around the breakfast table with an open box of Frosted Mini-Wheats and a half-done crossword puzzle. There was jumping, some light yelps and a command of "Put that outside."

My cousin and I took the mouse into the "woods" and set it hopping off to freedom. I filled the rest of the day with boasting and exaggeration. The mouse got bigger and, during one telling, even had metal retractable claws.

Toby can back me up on that.

Eric Lijdt writes for The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

## Same-sex marriages quite a quandary

Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate Robert Reich has openly endorsed the idea of gay marriage, according to a June 22 article in the Boston Globe.

The key here is the word "marriage." That means we're talking not about Vermont-style civil unions, but full-fledged marriage. Such status is currently only available in the Netherlands.

While at first glance, this seems like a godsend to gay and lesbian couples everywhere, something more needs to be said. According to the same article,

James Lafferty, an opponent of gay marriage, said, "It [gay marriage] is cultural. It's very religious. It's not like some sort of tax policy where you can change a few numbers and everyone smiles and goes along. It's very passionate." Lafferty has reached the central issue of this argument.

Marriage is, and always has been, a religious institution. If a church, or even a religious leader, decides to condone or ever perform same-sex marriage, that's great.

But it should not be up to the government to extend the institution of marriage to same-sex couples.

However, that evidently creates a group of second-class citizens. Since the government and many companies use marital status as a factor in determining things like income taxes, estates and insurance, among other things, and denying an entire group of citizens those benefits is wrong.

So along comes the Vermont-style idea of civil unions. That's a great idea, but it's not quite right either. The first major hurdle is that it's valid only in Vermont. If, for example, I wanted to commit myself to a life-long relationship with my boyfriend, he and I could

not do this in either of our home states (Idaho and Ohio.) Traveling to Vermont is not a very appealing action just to get a civil union.

One plausible option is to register with one of the handful of American cities that offer civil-union-like registration. Seattle is an example.

Still, this is of no benefit to us when paying income taxes or for insurance purposes. This makes the need for a standardized, national same-sex union policy/program evident.

But marriage is not that option. Put quite simply, marriage is and should be a solely religious entity. The easy solution is that the government, federal and state, should abandon the recognition of marriage in favor of official "partnerships," or something comparable.

This blanket term could then apply to same-sex and

opposite-sex couples.

This solution would have multiple effects. It would effectively eliminate the second-class status many same-sex couples endure.

It would create a national standard, thus making it easier for those corporations and cities that now register same-sex couples. It would also preserve the religious definition of marriage. After all, one of the cornerstones of our government is the separation of church and state.

Also, just as it is unfair that religious groups currently impose their standards on American society by not recognizing same-sex unions, so too would it be unfair for the U.S. government to redefine marriage for those religious groups.

Keith Southam writes for the Idaho Argonaut (U. Idaho). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

"The government, federal and states, should abandon the recognition of marriage in favor of official 'partnerships'..."



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