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Staff leaders question benefits of unions

Dippery, Williams support current modes of staff representation

By Darish Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A recent push to get UK staff members to unionize doesn't represent the desires of the majority — and such an effort will be ineffective in the long run, said two top UK staff representatives said at a press conference Friday.

Russ Williams, staff representative to the Board of Trustees, and Kyle Dippery, chairman of the Staff Senate, spoke out in response to an announcement early last week that local branches of two national unions, the American Federation of Teachers — Ken-

tucky and the local 3372 of the Communication Workers of America, would begin offering memberships to non-teaching UK staff members.

"Partly, we were hoping to dispel the impression that the staff has become a unionized staff," Dippery said. "The staff, at large, have not even been invited to participate in the talks."

UK staffers began approaching the unions following a town hall-style forum over Spring Break where UK President Lee Todd spoke about a proposed two-tier pay raise. The two-tier system would give staff members a 3 percent salary-pool raise and faculty members a 5.5 percent salary pool raise.

Outrage triggered by the proposal has led to further frustration over existing pay and



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Russ Williams
staff representative, UK Board of Trustees

benefits issues, and Williams said union leaders and select staff members are taking advantage of UK's situation and the anger of the staff.

"What we have here is a continuation of
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Muslim sorority seeking members

Group cancels meeting yesterday

By Ana Clegg
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A meeting to further UK's progress toward landing the nation's first Muslim sorority was canceled yesterday — but those involved said they remain on schedule to open a campus chapter.

Not enough students signed up for the planned "Golden Presentation" with Althia Collins, founder and president of Gamma Gamma Chi. Collins started the organization last spring; in the fall semester, students at UK began the process of bringing the sorority to campus.

"Not enough people signed up online," said biology junior Arwa Abualsoud. "And in canceling the meeting, Dr. Althia Collins decided that it would give us more time to find people to register."

To Apply

In a Golden Presentation, which had been scheduled for yesterday, potential members receive an overview of Gamma Gamma Chi, including its objectives and expectations of its members. One such meeting was held in November, and once members finish the Golden Presentation, they must then turn in required materials and meet the sorority's standards. After all that is finished, they are accepted, their initiation is completed and they are members of the sorority.

So far, five women have completed the initiation process for the sorority. Abualsoud said.

Another Golden Presentation will be held sometime this semester before finals, and six people have already signed up to participate, Abualsoud said.

A committee reviews all application materials, and if accepted, a student is expected to uphold the sorority's six pillars, which include Islamic awareness and involvement and economic development and indigent support, as well as social awareness and involvement, according to the group's Web site.

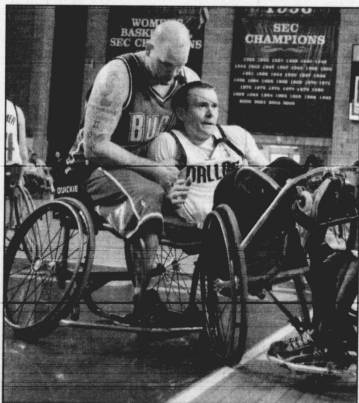
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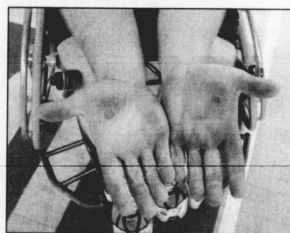


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Jeff Glasbrenner of the Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks grabbed a rebound during the National Wheelchair Basketball Association's Division I national championship Saturday, held at Memorial Coliseum. The Mavericks tried to win the championship 90-75 over the Milwaukee Wheelchair Bucks.



Joe Chambers of the Milwaukee Bucks kept Jeff Glasbrenner of the Dallas Mavericks from falling backward at Saturday's game.



John Farmer's hands are blistered and worn after his team, the Alberta Northern Lights, played the Denver Wheelchair Mavericks for the NBA Division II national championship. The Northern Lights won the championship for the fourth time in a row.

It wasn't the UK basketball teams sweating on Memorial Coliseum's basketball court last weekend — but it was just as athletic and just as inspiring. UK hosted the national championships of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association for two days of intense competition between eight teams pursuing the Divisions I and II titles.

It's Protest Day for immigrant rights

Activist rally in Lexington part of nationwide show of support for overhauling U.S. immigration laws

By Greg Miller
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of immigrant-rights activists are expected to participate today in a coordinated campaign of nationwide protest that organizers say will be the largest of its kind in U.S. history. That includes a protest in downtown Lexington today at 10 a.m.

As many as 200,000 protesters are expected on the National Mall in downtown Washington as part of a rally that acquired new urgency among immigrant-rights groups after a compromise bill to overhaul immigration

laws collapsed amid partisan rancor in the Senate last week.

The protest in the nation's capital is just one of more than 140 events planned in dozens of cities across the country.

"It is the largest national mobilization of immigrants in the history of this country," said Juan Carlos Ruiz, coordinator of the National Capital Immigration Coalition. "The goal is to show Congress and the media and the White House that we can organize ourselves."

Organizers expect the total turnout across the country to approach 2 million, Ruiz said. The protests, dubbed the "National Day of

Action for Immigrant Justice," are backed by an array of immigrant-rights groups — local Hispanic advocacy organizations, labor unions and religious institutions.

The rallies began yesterday with more than 350,000 people marching peacefully in downtown Dallas, according to The Dallas Morning News.

Prospects for legislation are unclear after a deal on a compromise bill favored by many immigrant-rights groups unraveled late last week, but several lawmakers said yesterday that the flurry of protests would likely pressure Congress to reconsider the bill later this month.

UK trying to trash habits, recycle more

By Todd Divins
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

UK's recycling efforts are gradually increasing in productivity — but in a recent competition against other schools, it finished at the bottom, said a UK recycling coordinator.

RecycleMania was started at Miami University in Ohio six years ago as a way to boost recycling campus-wide. It's now a national recycling competition with 93 colleges and universities in 33 states participating to increase student awareness of recycling and waste management. The 10-week competition started at the end of January and ended last week.

Three competitions — per-capita, campus-wide and a third that combines the two — make up RecycleMania and universities can participate in as many as the school's program can support. All participating schools are required to report measurements in pounds on a weekly basis and the school that recycles the most wins a trophy, pride and recognition, said Shane Tedder, the recycling coordinator for UK Residence Life.

"I just look at it as a good way to boost the university's recycling," Tedder said.

Tedder oversaw UK's involvement in the competition and said UK finished second of the three Southeastern Conference schools participating in the competition.

"As far as standings go, we are in the bottom
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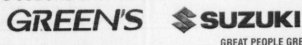
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By Linda C. Black

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You're into the game so intently, the play turns into work. Enjoy it anyway. This is what champions do, as you may already know.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - The good news is that you're in the mood to play, and you're not alone. The bad news is, this could be more expensive than expected.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Conditions are unstable for the next couple of days. You'll have to move quickly, so do the planning now. Figure out where you're going and how you'll get there. Also have a

cover that you've been wrong. But then, you'll be right. So, it's OK.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Challenge your own suppositions for the next couple of days. As you find new facts, you may also discover that you've been wrong. But then, you'll be right. So, it's OK.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You may be tired, but that's OK. There's less opportunity to be out in front of the crowds. Now, you should go and get your payment for a job well done.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're getting more confident. You're more willing to stir up controversy. This is fine, but you'd better have the facts to back up your assertion.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - You love what you do, especially now, but there's still pressure. Don't lower your personal quality standards just to make your quota.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - A gathering with friends is appropriate, but don't over-indulge. Definitely don't drink and drive - there's an accident alert later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Slow it down, decelerate and proceed with caution. Accidents will be triggered by careless, foolish movements.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Divert your attention, for a while, from your workplace to your home. Somebody there needs more attention, or there'll be trouble.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - This is not a good time to discuss money, or to go shopping. Quarrels are liable to break out. Don't gamble, either.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Conditions are unsettled. It looks like you might get the chance to go somewhere or do something. But, do take care to avoid accidents.

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THE DISH

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At New York City's sexy Underbar lounge at the W Union Square hotel, catching a flirty twosome ducking into one of the dark lounge's curtain-enclosed cubby booths for late-night alone time is hardly out of the ordinary. But heads turned on March 27 when new lovebirds Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo slipped in just after midnight for drinks and some cuddling on the down-low.

"They shut the curtains and were making out all night," a source close to Minnillo tells us. "It got very intense." The very next night, the couple dined with pals at Fiamma, an Italian eatery in the Big Apple's SoHo neighborhood, before heading to Thom's Bar at the luxe 60 Thompson hotel. There, they spent an hour chatting and requesting hip-hop songs from DJ Alex Reyes. "They sat closely next to each other," says an eyewitness. Adds another: "They were very chummy. Very chummy." At the end of the night, instead of continuing on to an MTV party, Minnillo was overheard saying to Lachey, "Nah, let's just go home," before hopping into a cab together.

Though surprising, the coupling isn't totally out of the blue. Just before Minnillo filmed her starring role in the video for Lachey's hit single "What's Left of Me" on March 21 - while he was still contemplating getting serious with 19-year-old Laguna Beach starlet Kristin Cavallari - she did seem a bit smitten with Lachey. "It's the song I listen to when I go to sleep at night - it's always in my

Nick's friend now a woman with benefits

Lachey leaves Laguna Beach star behind for TRL cohort Minnillo

head," the five-foot-eight Total Request Live host, 25, tells us of his self-penned single about moving on after his split from Jessica Simpson, 25. "He's putting himself out there as a musician, a creator and as a talent. He's got a totally new life." And sources close to both stars tell us that after just two weeks, the singer already wants her to be part of that life. "Nick is crazy about her and they are talking and texting nonstop," says a Lachey pal. "His friends are making fun of him for being like a little boy in love." Another Lachey confidante cautions that Lachey isn't ready for a serious long-term relationship, but says, "Nick had a good time with Vanessa in New York. He thinks she's cool."

Taking It Slow

Minnillo, for her part, is playing her cards close when it comes to Lachey says one pal. "She likes Nick a lot and wants to take things slow," says the source close to the former Miss Teen USA 1998, who met Lachey when they both judged the Miss Teen USA pageant in August 2003. In the three years since, Minnillo has dated New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, 31, off and on. "Vanessa has told friends that dating Nick is so different from dating Derek, because she could go out and not really be noticed since [Jeter] always had pretty girls around him," says a source. "But with Nick, it's such a huge deal and she doesn't want anything to ruin it."

That means respecting her new beau's camera-shy nature. Not that she minds the buzz, says one source. "She

loves every second of this!"

What's Next

The morning after her March 28 night out at Fiamma and Thom's Bar, Lachey headed home to Los Angeles to shoot the cover for his album, *Resolution*, due out May 9. (As of April 3, "What's Left of Me" was reaching an audience of 17 million radio listeners each week, and was among the top four gainers in pop-radio airplay, according to music industry magazines.) "Nick is just focusing on work right now," says a source close to the actor, who will play a single New Yorker opposite Bring It On actress Lindsay Lohan, 28, in a pilot for the CW sitcom *She Said*. He said, set to shoot this month, Lachey plans to return to New York to see Minnillo, says another Lachey source. "He's hinting to Vanessa that he wants to be around her and spend more time with her... if she'll let him."

What about Kristin?

After what appeared to be a hot-and-heavy romance, Lachey and Cavallari hit the brakes the week of March 27. "Kristin hasn't spoken to Nick this week," a source close to the actress, 19, told us the following weekend. Why the abrupt ending? "They're just friends," says a Lachey insider. "She isn't interested in Nick," echoes a Cavallari pal, adding that the Laguna Beach star is stuck on her ex, Princes of Malibu's Brody Jenner, 22. But until then, she's living it up on her own in L.A. "You can do whatever you want, whenever you want!" Cavallari told us on March 30.

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problems," said Terry Olsen, a computer support specialist in the College of Agriculture, at the union press conference last Thursday. "There's other issues that go on and we've tried to address."

But Williams said he has other concerns.

"I thought there were intentional misrepresentations in that press conference," Williams said. "We had some concern that maybe the level of interest (in unionizing) has been exaggerated."

"I guess I'm suspicious of the motives of these organizations," Williams said.

The two said they also wanted to emphasize that the current system of staff representation — primarily through the legislative body, the Staff Senate, is still in place and that unionization could weaken one of the only officially recognized voices that the staff have.

"I think unionizing is the wrong thing to do at this point because it's drawing staff participation away from the Staff Senate," Dippery

said. "It's a body lacking in numbers to begin with. In the upcoming June election, 111 of the total 128 senate spots will be open, including 39 seats that were never filled in the June 2005 election and six that were vacated by senators who resigned."

Dippery said the Staff Senate is still functioning as a body that effectively represents staff interests. "The message is being heard," Dippery said. "We're just not getting the answer people want to get."

Williams said larger staff representation on the Board of Trustees might also help. Currently, the staff gets one voting trustee; faculty have two voting representatives on the board. "I've always been interested in that," Williams

said of adding an additional voting member to represent the staff on the board. "To presume to (single-handedly) represent the interests of 10,000 people is really hard."

But right now, the staff is in danger of dividing its own voice by unionizing, by adding another voice to the debate, Williams said. He also pointed out that under a state law, unions do not legally have collective bargaining

rights. "It sounds, to me like we don't need to duplicate that effort," Williams said.

Williams also worries about what message the unions will deliver to staff members.

"I want them (staff) to educate themselves. I want them to read and think critically about what's being presented to them and said and then make up their own minds," Williams said. "I don't want them led down the primrose path."

Dippery cautioned that the issues staff are dealing with are long-term in their origins, and a union won't be able to solve them overnight. "The problems have been building up over years; the solutions will take years," Dippery said.

But if the bulk of the staff believe unionization is the best move, both Williams and Dippery pledged to represent the majority's interests.

"If they indeed think a third-party arbitrator or a third-party organization can't, they should sign the (union membership) card and mail it back," Williams said.

Dippery said he and Williams will continue to do their jobs as representatives. "If a large number of staff decide to join a union, we'll continue to represent them," Dippery said.

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Kyle Dippery
Chairman, Staff Senate

Sorority

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sorority accessible to UK students are clear.

"It's been shown that participation in sororities and fraternities helps in terms of retention," she told The Kernel last week. "Students generally have somebody to relate to and identify with, and

that has a big impact on whether they stay in school and persist to getting degrees."

"This would speak to the need that Muslim women have in wanting to get involved in sorority life and doing so in a way that's comfortable for them."

UK itself would also benefit from supporting such an organization, she said.

"Everybody wins, as I see it," Collins said. "It demonstrates commitment that goes beyond just lip service."

Abualsoud said the relationships that will form in this new sorority will be invaluable.

"That's what I'm most excited about, because girls are going to meet each other," Abualsoud said. "Especially freshmen. I want to help sisters through what could be a tough first year."

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Recycling

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quartile, but we're beating South Carolina and close behind Tennessee," Tedder said.

UK recycling sets goals for each semester and is always looking for ways to improve, Tedder said. Last semester, ResLife Recycling recycled more than 73,000 pounds of materials — the most in UK history for a single semester.

ResLife plans on better promoting their involvement in RecycleMania next year and possibly trying its luck in a different competition, Tedder said.

UK was involved in the per capita competition, in which students living on campus compete to recycle the largest amount of material per student. For RecycleMania, ResLife collected recycled material from 22 residence halls, the dining facilities, four Greek houses and the Greg Page apartments.

"The bin in the dorms makes it convenient, especially with cardboard-like pizza boxes that don't fit in a trash can," said Daniel Wilkes, a business and finance freshman who participated in the event.

Tedder said he's hopeful the competition will help students recycle more than usual.

"We haven't compiled the numbers yet, but my employees think it's a possibility," Tedder said.

The situation is improving for other reasons also.

"It (UK recycling) probably increases a little each year, because we find newer things to recycle," said Tom Gregory, who coordinates non-residence hall recycling at UK. UK's newest recyclables are various computer parts, he said.

According to ResLife, the average student sends 437 pounds of trash to Kentucky's landfills while recycling 10

pounds of material. ResLife encourages faculty, staff and students to avoid wasting and to re-use products whenever possible, Tedder said.

"There is no such thing as throwing something away. It has to go somewhere, and usually that place is a landfill," Tedder said.

"Make use of the recycling that the campus has to offer," he said. "Also, just learn to waste less in general."

Tedder also said UK will compete in RecycleMania again and he believes next year will bring even more improvement.

"I think it will be better promoted and we will compete in the campus-wide competition and not the residence hall one," Tedder said, adding that he hopes to work with UK's Physical Plant Division, which handles trash disposal for the whole university.

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CORRECTION

In its April 6 issue, The Kernel incorrectly identified the charity organization to which profits from the Pretty in Pink Beauty Pageant supported. The pageant's proceeds went to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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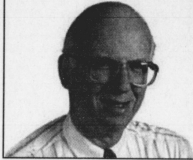
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Male duo The Ladies 'mean' business on new album

By Nathan Thacher
KERNEL MUSIC CRITIC

Aspiring drummers, be wary of The Ladies: listening to the drum work on their album "They Mean Us" may cause irreparable harm to your self-esteem and make you feel like a ham-fisted oaf sitting behind your drum kit.

The Ladies is a truly dynamic duo: Rob Crow (guitar, vocals) of the indie group Pinback and Zach Hill (skins) of noise punkers Hella have joined forces, and the resulting musical barrage of Hill's hardcore beats and Crow's rangy picking never stops raining down. But rather than mortar shells, this feels more like a barrage of, say, dinner rolls. I will elaborate.

Hill has two speeds — cheetah-fast, and three-legged-cheetah-fast. His rhythms seldom slow down, but they do become more subdued and occasionally step out of the spotlight to let Crow's diverse style float to the top. There are no other strings, only intermittent, calm vocals, and just a few subtle synth additions. So, there is a feverish, shoegazy

execution, but it doesn't sound very noisy or full; it's often rather relaxing. And it feels really weird.

Much of "They Mean Us" is driven by Hill's percussive assault, which often



sounds like an idling motorcycle and a drawer full of silverware rolling down a cliff (in a good way). The first several songs seem to be more frantic, as Crow displays a proggy savvy on the very

"Vacation, Asphyxia, Vacation," "Empathy On A Stick" and, later on, "Nice Chaps, Buddy." The songs stop and shift on a dime, and here The Ladies really show off their goods ... musically speaking.

"So Much For The Fourth Wall" is a track where Crow is king; a lethargic guitar replaces the once nimble guitar and some druggy crooning makes it a standout track. It lacks the chipper get-up-and-go appeal that shapes most of the other songs. "Non-Threatening" and last half of "Vacation, Asphyxia, Vacation" have the same kind of summery, reassuring guitar work that so bizarrely works with the visibly-restrained percussion.

Few things in this album add up to a whole, and that's OK. The fun in this album lies in its complex delivery and the combination of those complexities is simply unique. Hill's work on this album could play behind Slayer riffs, but instead, Crow's schizophrenic styling is, by comparison, more welcoming and laid-back.

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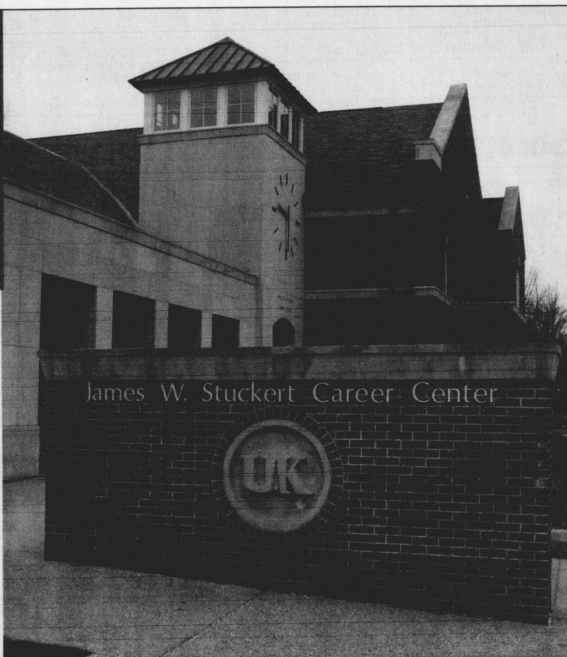
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Like it's 1999: Cats win series over Florida

By Chris Delotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

It was Greg Dombrowski's day, but the weekend belonged to Sean Coughlin.

Coughlin and his teammates gave No. 23 UK men's baseball team a 6-0 cushion in the first two innings and Dombrowski did the rest. The Southeastern Conference's earned run average leader shut down the Gators by allowing two earned runs through 7.2 innings to help UK (25-8, 7-5 SEC) capture the rubber match of a three-game series with No. 19 Florida with an 8-6 win.

The Cats are now off to their best start in SEC play since 1992. It's the first time they've won a series over Florida in seven years.

Coughlin plated two runs on a double in the first and went 2-for-3 on the day, capping a weekend where he went 8-for-11 at the plate. He hit 4-for-4 on Saturday and drove in all four UK runs in a loss — both career-highs.

"I was seeing the ball real well," said Coughlin, who worked last week to change his stance and swing. "This was real important for us. It's incredible to take two of three from the defending SEC champions."

The two weekend wins marked the first victories over Florida for third-year Cats head coach John Cohen. The Gators (20-16, 4-8) are coached by Pat McMahon, who coached Cohen at Mississippi State and had him as an assistant at Florida before Cohen took the UK job.

Cohen said the series victory over the formerly top-ranked Gators, one of college baseball's most tradition-laden programs, provided satisfaction for the team and for him personally.

"When you beat teams that are quality programs, it's good for your program," Cohen said, adding that he'd "be lying" if he said the win wasn't significant.

"I had to keep my focus today," he said.

Dombrowski, who held a 1.65 ERA entering the game, improved to 6-1 on the year.

"We just needed a win bad today to stay above .500 (in SEC play)," Dombrowski said. "It's huge."

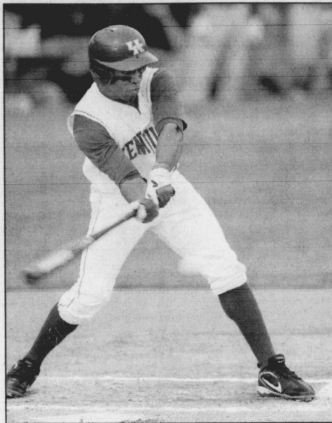
The Cats jumped on the Gators early. The first four UK batters scored before an out was recorded by Florida.

After Coughlin's double, Ryan Strieby clubbed a two-run home run, his eighth of the season.

The Cats scoring continued in the second inning when outfielder Collin Cowgill put the Cats up 6-0 with a two-run homer. Cowgill's shot was his eighth of the season and moved him into a tie with Strieby and second baseman John Shelby for the team lead.

UK pushed the lead to 7-0 on Michael Bertram's career-high third home run of the season in the fifth inning.

After scoring three runs in the sixth, the Gators threatened in the eighth, plating two unearned runs and chasing Dombrowski from the game with two on



KEITH SMILEY | STAFF

Junior second baseman John Shelby swings during UK's 8-7 win over Florida on Friday in the first game of the weekend series. UK lost Saturday but defeated Florida 8-6 yesterday to win the series.

and two out. Reliever Brock Baber entered the game and, after an infield single by Gavin Dickey loaded the bases, induced David Cash into an inning-ending flyout.

"I just wanted to come in, throw strikes and get outs," said Baber, who moved into a tie for fifth on the school all-time saves list in picking up his 10th career save.

It is the first UK series victory over Florida since

1999. The Cats had dropped six straight to the Gators and 14 in a row in Lexington prior to winning the first game of the series Friday night.

UK captured game one in walk-off fashion when Lehmann drove Coughlin in with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to cap an 8-7 win. Florida responded with a 6-4 win Saturday.

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Long-winded win can't save Cats

By Matt McGuire
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Not even the longest set of the long career of UK senior Alex Hume could will his team to a win.

UK lost to No. 15 Florida 4-3 yesterday at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center despite the fact that Hume outlasted Florida's Vladimir Obradovic in a 20-game third set, 11-9.

"I thought the team played really well," head coach Dennis Emery said. "(But) I was really disappointed in our doubles play today."

The No. 21 Cats fell to 15-7 (6-4 Southeastern Conference).

Hume, UK's top-ranked singles player at No. 56, lost the first set to UF's No. 65 Obradovic.

"I broke him early in the first set," said Hume. "I knew I could do it again."

Emery said he was proud of the way Hume stayed in the match after failing to lock up the first set.

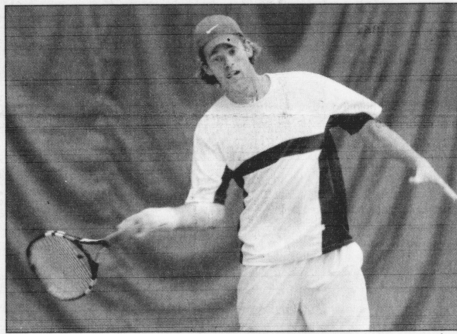
"(Hume) had opportunities to close out the first set," Emery said. "But he stayed on task. It's not always too easy to lose a first set like that."

The senior took the second set 6-3 before winning the marathon third.

"Once I got up a break point, I knew I could get (Obradovic) frustrated," Hume said. "I just stayed focused."

Like Hume, UK senior Carey Rubin fell in his first set to Florida's Stefan Tell 1-6. Rubin then came back to win, 6-4, 6-2.

"I'm always surprised at how close these matches are and how thin the win-



BRAD LUTTRELL | STAFF

Senior Alex Hume returns a serve in a match against Butler's Brandon Gill at the Hilary Boone Tennis Center on Feb. 2. Hume won his match yesterday against Florida, 6-7, 3-11, 9-9.

ning and losing margin is," Emery said. Marcus Sundh defeated UF's Chris Brandi in three sets 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

UK freshman Greg Anderson lost to the Gators' Ryan Sherry in two sets.

Even though the Cats lost another close match in SEC play, Emery had a positive outlook.

"I am pleased with how the team fought back," Emery said.

Emery took solace in the fact that the Gators were at the top of the national rankings at one point this season.

"Florida is just a solid veteran team that was ranked No. 1 earlier this year," Emery said. "We dug ourselves a hole early and they did a good job of getting the much needed three-set win at No. 3. I thought our team fought hard today."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's golf takes tourney title

UK shot a final-round team score of 287 Saturday to claim the Courtyard by Marriott Intercollegiate by four shots over runner-up Duke. Sophomore Brad Doster fed off an opening-round 67 to lead the Cats and tie for fifth place overall in the tournament with a three-round total of 211 (67-72-72). UK finished 10-under-par as a team. Senior Matt Kohn finished tied for ninth, his second top-10 finish of the year.

Florida dominates women's singles

No. 22 UK (15-7, 4-2 SEC) was swept by Florida in all six singles matches and dropped the match to the third-ranked Gators, 6-1. Florida (17-1, 10-0 SEC)

snapped two UK individual match win streaks: Carolina Escamilla's 10-match streak and Jessica Giuggioli's nine straight.

Gymnastics receives region accolades

UK's gymnastics team fell short of its first NCAA Championship berth in school history this weekend, finishing fourth in the Central Regional at Louisiana State University. The top two schools, top-seeded Oklahoma and second-seeded LSU, advanced to the final. UK junior Krystle Cook made the national finals as an individual after posting a 9.9 on the vault. Coach Mo Muhammad was also recognized as Central Region Head Coach of the Year

for leading the young Wildcats to a 16-15 record. UK assistant Tom Haley was named Assistant coach of the Year.

Track has 10 first-place finishers

Ten Wildcats finished first in their events this weekend at the Seminole Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla. Freshman thrower Ashley Muffet took home crowns in the hammer throw and the shot put and senior Ildiko Varga won the discus. The women swept the 1,500, Levera Morris, senior Candance Leap and freshman Andrea Brown took the top four positions.

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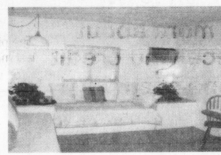


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IN OUR OPINION

IRIS will make UK more efficient

After seven years in the works, IRIS is beginning to change the way UK works. Through Integrated Resource Information Systems, UK is making more of its information digital, eliminating the need for many paper documents and streamlining the way information flows on campus.

The goal is to move as much information as possible online to allow students, staff and faculty access to more.

It's a good move, and it's nice to know UK is looking forward instead of just trying to catch up.

Currently, two of the four IRIS modules are operating, one for human resources, which handles payroll, and one for financial activity. The goal of the IRIS project is to develop administrative systems that allow the University of Kentucky to change business practices to meet the demands of the 21st century," said Doyle Friskney, UK associate vice president for Information Technology and Human Services.

The human resources module went online April 1, and it will eliminate most paper documents and spreadsheets in the department.

The final two modules yet to go online are campus management and plant maintenance. The campus management module is planned to go online in the fall, and it will affect registration, class scheduling, grading, academic history and student accounting.

Such a system could allow individual colleges to respond more easily to students in regard to

scheduling. Eventually, the system could replace the current webUK that students use to register and view financial information.

That system needs updating, and UK is heading in the right direction by looking for new fix.

Earlier this semester, campus communications were slowed for three days when university e-mail accounts locked out users. Other university online activities were interrupted, too, as users had their passwords reset without their knowledge by a glitch in the system.

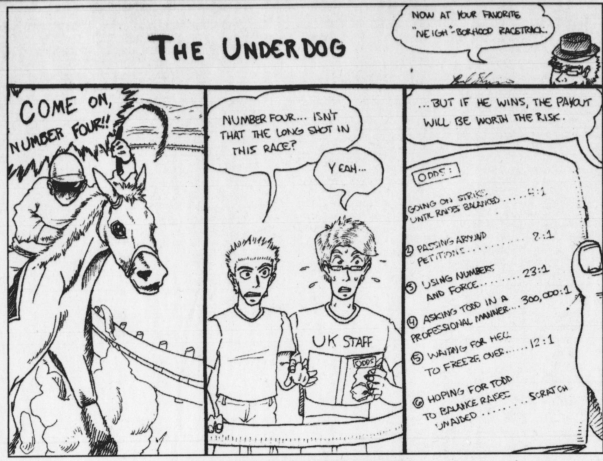
The problem arose as a result of UK's password synchronization plan — an effort to give each user one password for all UK online activities.

If you have still not updated your Active Directory account — the one that affects all your online UK activities — you need to go ahead and do it. Go to www.ukykernel.com for links and steps for how to do so.

That three-day computer headache was a sign that UK has some work to do when it comes to online activity. We hope the IRIS project should help eliminate future ones. But to do so, UKIT must get the word out about how students, staff and faculty should work with any changes.

The e-mail lockout was partly a result of the fact that so many had failed to update their passwords.

The IRIS project is good investment and good example of planning ahead, but UK must add the human touch to the computers and reach out to make sure everyone knows what is going on.



BRAD STURGEON, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Kernel Editorial Board failed to address SG's 2005-06 successes

While I read the Kernel Editorial Board's opinion on my year in office last Wednesday, it further reaffirmed by suspicions that what they write about Student Government lacks any



Becky Ellingsworth
SG PRESIDENT

journalistic integrity or due-diligence. Although the column was on the Opinions page, as a person who has actually stepped foot into the SG office this year, one can only infer that the information they tout as the "truth" comes from an un-informed and biased source.

I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish this year, despite last summer's five-month stalemate, when time was wasted due to the arbitrary and capricious actions of UK administrators.

The Kernel brought up a laundry list of "promises" that I did not "accomplish" this year, but what they failed to do was actually inquire about this list with SG officials. They could have called me, or any one of my executive staff members to retrieve answers to their questions. Instead, in their typical fashion, the Editorial Board shot from the hip and put their foot in their mouth.

For example, the taxi service, which according to the editorial board I "flubbed," was not finished because of our administratively appointed adviser. My chief of staff and I worked on getting this accomplished for two months last fall when I finally took office, only to be told that "many other student organizations were working on it, and that it was something Student Government didn't need to be doing."

With this year's changes to the Governing Regulations, in Student Government's world, that meant, "Sorry but we aren't signing off on expenditures for this."

I will not go through every other issue in which I "failed," but I will point out that Senate meeting minutes are ultimately the responsibility of the legislative branch, and the fact that even SG presidential candidates did not show up this year to the Higher Education Rally after three weeks of advertising is not my administration's fault, but rather the result of student apathy.

What I will do, however, is highlight some of the other things my administration accomplished this year, which more often than not, The Kernel failed to cover.

These included, but are not limited to, hosting two SG open houses, ensuring consistent student representation at Lexington's Town and Gown Commission, creating the Student Rights Commission, holding the first-ever off-campus safety walk, securing student representation on the non-resident fee committee, giving out the most money to student organizations in recent SG history and making significant changes to the SG Constitution.

We also co-hosted the Lexington Youth Speak-out in January held the UK Valentine's Day Gala in February, offered the opportunity for students to participate in Listen-Up Legislators and the Higher Education Rally in March and will be hosting a UK Mayoral Debate on April 17.

Despite all of this, probably the most important issue my administration has worked on this year was our opposition to the changes to Governing Regulation XI. Although The Kernel fervently supported these changes, they still missed the heart of the matter, that students' rights

should be protected by the ability of Student Government to govern itself.

That principle, and no other, has been what has guided my actions in ruling the university and in what stances I have taken as Student Government President.

The issue that is consistently missed about my lawsuit and about the changes to the Governing Regulations is that UK's administration got it wrong last summer, and the only reason the GR changes were proposed was so they could make it "legal" for them to get it wrong again.

In the future, I have no doubt that the change in GR XI will be the one clause the "in loco parentis" administrators will point to as a means to quiet any student opposition against their social/educational agenda. It may not come next year or in 20 years, but this change will be an issue in the future. And The Kernel was on the record supporting it.

In closing, I'm not really surprised that the Editorial Board didn't like the way I ran things. Did anyone really expect anything different? The Editorial Board has had a long history of manipulating the news to make even the most likable and uncontroversial student body president seem crooked.

As a result, I have a wish list of my own for the Editorial Board. For the sake of truth and integrity, let us hope that the 8-10 students on next year's appointed Editorial Board who "sit back with smug, self-satisfied smiles at their own insightfulness" in always placing blame on the "corrupt" Student Government, can point the finger at themselves. With any luck, they'll learn that before their opinions can be taken seriously, they need to do their homework before they write.

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State must provide jailers with means to fingerprint

Both chambers of the Kentucky General Assembly passed a bill last week that would require anyone arrested and jailed for a crime to be fingerprinted. The bill also requires that these prints be sent to the state police.

Under the current system, the type of crime that warrants the collection of fingerprints varies from county to county.

Instead of this new burden falling on law enforcement officials, jailers will be required to fulfill the new fingerprinting responsibilities outlined in the bill, which has the potential to cost individual counties hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to hire additional staff and equipment.

Although the reform will aid in fighting crime and keeping track of criminals, there has got to be a better way to go about it.

Requiring jailers to meet new requirements at their own expense is unfair, and taxpayers should not have to pay absurd

amounts of money for something that law enforcement or jailers should be doing anyway.

For one, the estimated cost for the expansion of jailer responsibilities can be streamlined. It cannot possibly be that much more expensive to simply fingerprint each person processed through a jail. All of Kentucky's 107 jails have electronic scanning devices for recording fingerprints and can easily forward prints to the Kentucky State Police.

The new bill also includes a penalty for jails that fail twice to comply with the new mandate — losing state funding.

State officials need to realize that if they are going to require a new level of efficiency and thoroughness from their jailers, they must provide the means to do so.

At the same time, the state government is in no position to blindly throw money around on a whim at arbitrary state programs.

Congress must protect Americans by keeping illegals out

If you were trying to enter a country illegally, which would deter you more — a virtual fence with surveillance cameras, sensors and other various forms of monitoring equipment, or a physical fence that is roughly 50 yards wide, with barbed wire, heavy duty metal fencing, motion detectors, ditches and closed-circuit television cameras?

If you answered that barbed wire would send you running, I'm sorry to say that you are wrong, at least, according to the U.S. Senate.

The Senate has been debating the topic of illegal immigration for the past few weeks. There has yet to be a bill passed because of "partisan bickering."

The main problem seems to be that there cannot be a consensus reached about what to do about all the illegal immigrants in the country, who should be allowed to become an American and how to do so.

While I have my own ideas about what should be done with the illegal immigrants, my main concern is how to stop more of them from continuing to enter the wonderful place known as America.

The House of Representatives understands that a physical fence is needed, but the Senate thinks that a "virtual fence" is all that is needed to stop illegal immigration.

So my question is: What is the Senate thinking???

If I were trying to cross the border, being confronted with an eight-foot high roll of coiled barbed wire would scare me just a tad more than a pretty camera. What good does it do to see the immigrants coming if there is nothing to stop them?

If surveillance and a "virtual fence" make perfect sense to you then I encourage you to run for Senate as soon as you are eligible.

For the rest of Americans who feel like maybe more needs to be done, you are absolutely right. Before Congress spends endless nights arguing over a bill and trying to find a compromise between amnesty and a felony, the borders need to be secured first, because if not, they are just going to keep coming.

Therefore, my thanks go out to Colin Hanna, President of WeNeedAFence.com for actually coming up with a way to secure our borders (he's the one with the scary barbed wire fence idea).

I'm sure that many of you are thinking that this fence is something you can only imagine seeing in a futuristic action movie starring Arnold Schwarzenegger (pre-California governor Arnold), but it actually exists in the world today.

The fence that Colin Hanna is trying to see built is modeled after the fence that Israel has between Gaza and the West Bank.

And their fence has worked. It was designed to keep Palestinian suicide bombers from entering Israel, as well as reducing the transfer of weapons across the border and the Israel Ministry of Defense has said that it worked at thwarting would-be terrorists.

So why is it that the United States, after what happened on Sept. 11, hasn't been working on such a fence so that terrorists couldn't enter our country and kill thousands of our citizens?

Mexicans only account for about half of the illegal immigrants in the country. That

leaves about 5 million illegals who are coming from other countries, possibly Iran, Syria or Iraq.

The fence won't be cheap, but how much has this country already spent for protection?

While there is still the need for a strategy

The United States needs to take a page from Israel's handbook by putting a fence on the US-Mexico border

about how we should go about dealing with the 11 million illegal immigrants already residing in the U.S., the first step Congress should take is ensuring the American people that this number won't rise to the point where there are more illegals than legal citizens.

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Deadlock delays U.S.-Iran talks on Iraq issues

By Jonathan Finer and Naser Nouri
THE WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD, Iraq — With politicians deadlocked over who will be Iraq's next prime minister, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said yesterday that planned talks with Iranian officials over Iraq-related issues would be delayed until a government is formed.

"We do not want to give the impression that the United States is sitting with Iran to decide about the Iraqi government. The Iraqis will decide that," Khalilzad told Fox News Sunday.

Khalilzad and other U.S. officials have repeatedly accused Iran of meddling in Iraqi affairs by supporting militias and insurgent groups. Iran has denied such charges. Mutual agreement to hold talks here came last month, as international pressure intensified on Iran to terminate its nuclear program.

The completion of Iraq's new government could be weeks away. Efforts to form a cabinet representative of all Iraqi factions — which U.S. officials have warned is essential to bringing calm to the country — have stalled amid mounting opposition to Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, who was nominated by the country's Shiite Muslim governing coalition to retain his post.

The Shiite alliance yesterday named a three-member

panel to gauge support for al-Jaafari, in what some lawmakers described as a last-ditch effort to prevent the bloc from fracturing.

The panel — made up of Jawad al-Maliki, from al-Jaafari's Dawa party; Humam Hamoudi, from the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq; and Hussain Shahristani, an independent — was tasked with surveying Sunni Arab and ethnic Kurdish political parties, who have refused to join a government led by al-Jaafari. The Kurds said late yesterday that their rejection of al-Jaafari was final.

Several Shiite leaders have also called on al-Jaafari, who won the bloc's nomination by a single vote, to step aside. So far, he has refused.

The panel is expected to report its findings to the alliance today, which could then hold a new vote to choose a nominee or turn the question over to the new legislature. Adnan Pachachi, the interim parliamentary speaker, said yesterday that he would convene a session of the body in the coming days, which some lawmakers said signaled an agreement could soon be reached.

Separately, Iraqi leaders condemned remarks made Saturday by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who said Iraq's Shiite majority's first loyalty was to Iran and that Iraq was mired in a civil

war. Al-Jaafari, who spent years in exile in Tehran, denied a civil war was underway and said Mubarak had taken a stab at Shiite "patriotism and civilization."

Also yesterday, an Iraqi insurgent group released a video showing two German engineers who were abducted north of Baghdad in January pleading for their lives. In a previous footage aired in February, the group, Ansar al-Tawhid Wa-Sunna, had threatened to kill the men, Thomas Nitschke and Rene Braeunlich. A written statement called the video "a last ultimatum," news services reported.

Iraqis quietly marked the third anniversary of the fall of Saddam Hussein's government. No large public gatherings were reported, and residents of Baghdad expressed mixed feelings about the milestone.

"Peoples are celebrating but also worried," said Saad Asad, 20, who has a fruit stand in the Karrada neighborhood. Three years ago in the same neighborhood, an iconic statue of the former dictator was toppled in Firdos Square.

"They are celebrating because they got rid of Saddam, and worried because of all the car bombs and the violence and being without electricity and without jobs," he said.

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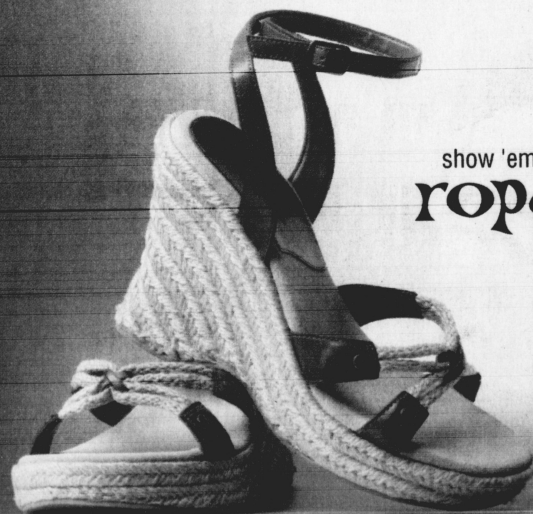
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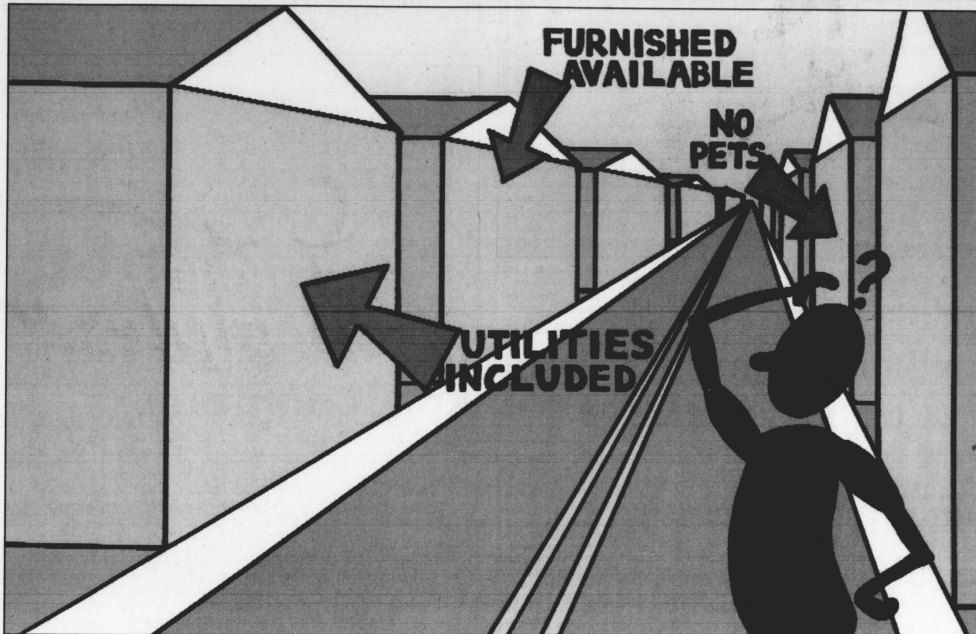
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The Great Debate: House vs. Apartment

By Matt Johnson
Kernel PR

Whether you're a freshman living in the dorms or an upperclassman looking for a new place to call home, one of the biggest questions on the minds of college students is where they're going to live next semester.

So where should you live, in a house or an apartment? There are a few major things to consider when making the decision: money, location, quality of housing, what kind of lifestyle you have. Apartments and houses differ in all four areas, and your final decision is going to be made based upon one or more of the four factors mentioned above.

Rent and location are the two biggest factors in choosing where you will reside for the next 12 months. Often times, the closer you are to campus the more you pay. Since the majority of rental properties close to campus are houses, a house will generally cost more to rent than an apartment. Once you factor in bills, such as water, electric, gas and cable, the house right down the street from campus may not be that

attractive anymore.

However, the rewards for spending more to live within walking distance of campus can sometimes outweigh the costs. "I live in an apartment now, but when I lived in a house near campus I could roll out of bed 15 minutes before class and still get there on time," Evan Kovarik, Material Science Engineering Junior, says. "Plus, I didn't have to buy a parking pass."

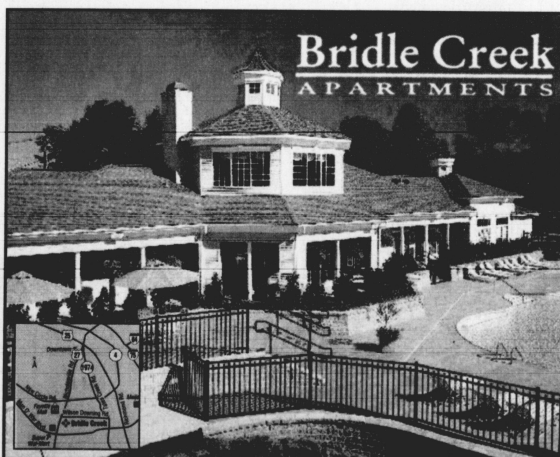
Apartments, with a few exceptions, lack locations close enough to campus to walk to class, but often make up for their lack of proximity to campus by offering incentives that can save you a lot of money or give you luxuries that you would otherwise not have in a house. Offers like free or reduced rent, paid utilities, swimming pools and exercise facilities make apartments attractive to students who want to get a little more bang for their buck.

Apartments sound great, right? Since apartments are further away from campus you're going to have to drive, which

means a parking permit, filling up the tank on a regular basis, and worst of all, dealing with Lexington traffic on a daily basis. Another factor in the debate over where to live is the quality of housing that you are looking for. Moving from the dorm into off campus housing feels like moving from a shed to a mansion, only the mansion may have been built before your grandparents were born. Many apartment complexes are newer and more modern than the majority of houses that surround campus, so if you are looking for a nicer place to call home, an apartment might be for you.

Just because a house may not be as nice as an apartment does not mean that it does not have its advantages. Depending on your lifestyle, you may want to take the 100 year old house for a few reasons. Most notably the space of a house makes leisure time with your friends more enjoyable.

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House

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"When I lived in the house my friends and I never had to worry about being loud. Now I have people living on the sides of me and below me that I have to think about before I have a lot of people over" says Kovarik. "I didn't freak out if I got a stain on the carpet."

When you move into your house you know who your roommates are. You can hopefully get along with them and you generally know what their lifestyles are like before you move in with them. The same is true for an apartment; however, you may have a few extra people who impact your daily life outside of the people that actually live with you. I'm talking about the guy that lives below you that gives you a 6 a.m. wakeup call every morning because for some reason he can't wake up unless the bass from his stereo physically shakes him out of his bed. I'm talking about the people who live above you that conveniently have a party the exact

moment you lay down to sleep. In a house you know who you live with; in an apartment you may have a few unwelcome guests trying to say hello through the walls, ceiling or floor on a daily basis.

"The people that live below me play loud music all the time. It's so annoying!" says Animal Science Sophomore Rachelle Willmes.

Now that I've laid out a few pros and cons for both apartments and houses let me review. Houses are close to campus, more exclusive, yet more expensive and unsturdy. Apartments are less expensive, offer amenities not found in most houses and are generally in better shape; however, you will have to commute and deal with the people who live around you.

Finding a place to live next year is easy. Choose the factors that are most important to you and decide from there. Good luck and happy hunting.

Managing Your Closet Space

By Kristin Hogue
Kernel PR

When you open your closet, what do you see? Most likely, it is overflowing with clothes you haven't worn in ages, shoes that barely fit and boxes of junk that you couldn't bare to throw away. This is especially a problem for students who often have very little closet space. But with a little time, effort and maintenance, your closet can turn into something you cannot wait to open every morning.

First thing's first, inventory needs to be taken. Take an entire afternoon to take stock of what you own. Pull everything out of your closet and put the items into three piles: keep, give away and not-sure-yet. Try on every article of clothing, if it does not fit, do not keep it. Even if it is the jeans you have been trying to fit into again, think of it this way, if you do go back to that size, treat yourself to a new pair of jeans later. Don't use the space for items you are not wearing. Do the same with shoes and accessories.

Once you have determined what to keep, establish what kind of space it needs. The sort of supplies you need depends upon the space needed. Do you need a shoe rack? Or shelving? Or maybe a second rack? More hangers? Once you decide what kind of storage your closet needs, go shopping for it. Check out places such as Target or Wal-

Mart for closet additions; both sell an array of shoe racks, shelving, hampers and shelf baskets at great prices.

When putting things back into your closet, pair like-pieces with like-pieces (pants with pants and blouses with blouses). And within those categories, pair darker colors together and lighter colors together. That way, it is easier to browse through your clothing.

Other re-decorating advice for your closet includes considering painting the walls white or some other light color. The effect is a clean finish that shows off its contents better. Along these same lines, reconsider the lighting in your closet. By adding light to your closet space, you will be able to see everything better. Think about putting a full-length mirror on the inside of your closet door so you can easily try things on close to your source of supply.

Also, what sort of door is in the entrance to your closet? If the answer is a sliding door, there is a problem. Sliding doors on your closet hinder you from being able to see everything at the same time, and trying to reach things at the center of your closet is an annoyance. Consider taking those doors off and replacing them with standard doors, or for an easier solution, replacing them with a curtain material.

Once the redecoration is complete and your closet is how you want it to stay, remember that the key to an organized and spacious closet is to maintain it. Do not simply toss things into it; take the time to put it back where it belongs. One effortless way to keep your closet maintained is to get rid of something for every new item you bring in. For instance, if you purchase a new pair of flip flops, choose a pair already in the closet to give away or toss. The same goes for every other article of clothing or accessory.

Even the tiniest closet space can appear larger when it is organized and maintained.

Ideas taken from Sandra Limville of SOS Professional Organizers and the March 2006 edition of In Style magazine



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Selecting a Moving Company

By Kristin Hogue
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There is a lot involved with moving. After preparations are made and the move-in day is set, all that appears to be left is to pack. However, there is one important step being left out of this equation: how will you get all of your stuff to your new place?

Many people do not consider this until they are just about to move. People with move-in dates in August will have an extremely difficult time, unless their friends with trucks can spare some time.

Lexington has many moving companies. There are companies who will do everything from packing your stuff and unloading it at your new place to companies who simply rent out trucks for you to do it yourself.

Trying to determine which company to go with involves just a little investigation. Here are three excellent choices in the area to begin with. In order to find out how much it would cost for your particular move, log on to each company's website and request an estimate. From there, all you have to do is choose which company to go with and make a

reservation. In order to be fully prepared for your move-in date, be sure to have something set up with a mover well in advance.



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thing in-between. They are available seven days a week and on evenings. Their services are just as varied; they can pack everything, move it and then unpack everything. Or they can simply move your furniture and boxes to their new location. Their most common service is a local move; prices vary and depend upon the distance they have to drive. To get an estimate for

your move, log on to the company's website, www.twomen.com.

U-Haul is a company that rents out moving trucks to people. To rent, you must be 18 years old with a valid driver's license. Trucks are rented out for varying amounts of time from various locations around town. There are multiple sizes of trucks to rent, from the mini mover to a super mover. In addition to renting trucks, U-Haul also rents dollies and various other moving supplies. They also sell furniture pads, boxes and other packing supplies. To get an estimate for your move, log on to the company's website, www.uhaul.com.

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Roommate Etiquette

By Bennie Mills
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More often than not, your roommate has succeeded in ruining your day, thereby, inspiring your crusade for a nice and exclusive one bedroom apartment. Under no circumstances is violating the answer for dealing with an annoying roommate (unless you're related).

So, taking violence out of the equation, the roommate "thing" can sometimes get hairy if one isn't careful. How many times has your roommate: borrowed clothes without asking, treated their guest to your things and/or didn't pay the rent on time.

The question becomes do I keep quiet and maintain the peace, or do I let the boxing gloves do all the talking? Before you administer the beating of a lifetime and get assault and battery charges in the process, read these roommate etiquette tips together and come to an agreement on things... the first day you move in with each other!

Publisher of the book "Things You Need to Be Told" and etiquette expert, Honore McDonough Ervin provides guidelines for roommate protocol:

Room size and rent

If you are living in a larger room with more closet space than your roommate, it is not unfair for the sparser of the two to ask for rent to be divided accordingly. But pick and choose your battles, Ervin says.

"There's no need to take this to the extreme," she says, "Don't measure every square inch of every room, and then demand that your roommate pay \$50 more in rent just because her room

is one square foot larger than yours."

"Always pay your share of any and all bills promptly, and in full," Ervin says. "No IOU's, ever."

Guests

Let your roommate know as soon as possible about overnight or long-term guests. Even with short-term visitors, some warning is the nice thing to do.

"No one likes to come home from a long, tough day at work, only to discover that their roommate's mother/best friend/boy/girlfriend has taken up residence for the next month," Ervin says.

Entertaining

It's a serious indiscretion to throw a dinner party and not invite your roommate. They should always be included, and the roommate should always attend, unless unbreakable plans are already made.

"It's bad enough to be left out of the loop when your friends are planning a soiree at someone else's place, but nothing could be worse than to be left out of the loop when it comes to parties at your own house," Ervin says.

Allowing guests to use roommates' things

If you accidentally come across your guest drying his/her face with your roommate's towel, quickly correct the sit-

uation by offering a fresh one, apologize to your roommate and wash the used items right away. Otherwise, you're being very rude and inconsiderate.

"As the hostess, you should try to circumvent such unpleasantness by presenting your guest with the things he/she needs," Ervin says, "And make it quite clear which items she may use by saying something like, 'I put clean towels on the towel rack for you—they're the green ones. Let me know if you need anything else, like soap or shampoo, and I'll show you which stuff in the bathroom is mine.'"

Borrowing

"Never, ever 'borrow' anything belonging to your roommate without permission," Ervin says. "If they do loan you something, it must be returned immediately in absolutely impeccable condition." And if you often find your dinner ends up on your roommate's shirt, avoid any tension by never borrowing anything again.

As we near the finish of another year in college, many of us will be moving into a new living situation with new people. A living partner can make or break your spirits in the new school year. It would be wise to establish some order, before chaos reigns in your apartment.

Refurbish Your Furnishings

By Kristin Hogue
Kernel PR

Finding affordable furniture to furnish your living space can be a chore. But it doesn't have to be. With time, willingness to peruse and a little creativity, your living space can be a place you never want to leave.

Before attempting to go furniture shopping, make a list of what kinds of furniture you need. You may already have your old bedroom set from home, a couch from an aunt or a dining room table from a grandparent, but there are probably still items that you need. Once your list is compiled, determine what kind of money you can afford to spend on these purchases. With that information in hand, you are ready to hit the stores.

By simply checking the yellow pages, dozens of furniture stores are at your disposal. But if you want affordable furniture, you should avoid the typical furniture stores. Though there are beautiful pieces you may want, it is cheaper and to your advantage to look at other routes. Consider the local flea markets, consignment and antique shops in your area. They routinely offer reasonably priced furniture, and their inventory is always changing.

Goodwill is always a good place to start. These are the types of stores that you have to be patient in; they do not always have a wide selection of furniture to choose from. There are multiple Goodwill locations in town, look in the phonebook for a location nearest you.

A similar store to Goodwill is the Habitat ReStore, formerly known as Renovation Station. Located on Industry

Road, off New Circle, the store sells used furniture, home decorations and building supplies at reasonable prices; most objects for sale are 50-75% off the retail price.

The only problem with this type of shopping is that the furniture may not be in a color you want. But that is where your creativity comes to play. You can sand down and stain or paint a table or dresser to your liking. Or you can touch up an old set of drawers by replacing the old knobs with new ones, found at any hardware store. If you purchase dining room chairs from one of these types of stores, consider sprucing them up with fashionable seat cushions, as well as matching placemats and an interesting centerpiece for the table. An old chair can easily be reupholstered and instantly add charm to any living room.

If you want new furniture but cannot afford it, consider looking at places such as Big Lots, Value City Furniture and American Freight of Kentucky. These stores offer new furniture for the fraction of the cost found at higher end furniture stores.

A third place to find affordable furniture is a garage sale. Many neighborhoods do yearly sales, and furniture is often sold at them. If there aren't any garage sales in the area, look for signs around town about moving sales or going out of business sales. All of which may offer decent furniture for cheap, and with a little touching up, these pieces can look as good as new.

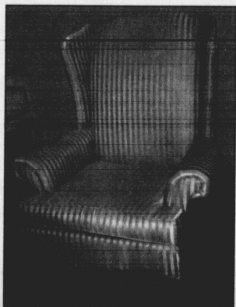
The most important thing to do while shopping for furniture is to keep an

open mind. Even the most drab dresser or chair can look radiant after a paint job or being reupholstered.

How To Reupholster a chair:

(this example is for a straight back chair with seat and back cushions)

- Choose new material for your chair and gather the following supplies: pair of pliers, a tacking hammer, a heavy duty stapler, upholstery tacks, and stuffing.
- Remove the fabric and stuffing that is in the chair now by removing the fabric tacks from the chair.
- If the covered cushion is a piece of wood with stuffing and a fabric cover, cut a piece of material large enough to cover the bottom and the filler and leave a two to three inch overhang on all sides.
- Replace the filler and cover with the fabric; add more filler if needed to maintain previous shape of cushion.
- Staple the fabric down.
- Replace the finished piece on the chair frame.
- If the covered cushion is not a piece of wood with stuffing and a fabric cover, you will have to replace the filler and cut a piece of fabric to fit the cushion.
- Place the new fabric piece onto the chair and place tacks at various places on all sides of the chair.
- Hammer down the tacks, but leave a side open to add more stuffing if needed.
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A Pet to Fit Your Place

By Alisa Oerther
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It's the time of year when college students are frantically searching for a place to live for the summer or a lease to sign for next fall. This also brings a desire to fill that future home with a little or a lot of something extra. For me, it could be a ping-pong table or an Xbox, others desire something that is furry, cuddly, needy, squirmy, or even something poisonous.

Getting a pet of your own brings up many important questions that should be considered before its purchase.

"I got my boyfriend a puppy for Christmas and he is not allowed to have it in his apartment. It is causing many problems, we have to sneak it out to pee and taking him on a walk is too much trouble," explained Julia Sumrok.

Are you allowed to have a pet where you are living? Is there an extra fee for pets? Most apartment complexes around campus do not allow pets such as dogs or cats, but small animals usually don't cause any trouble. Also, are your roommates allergic or scared of your potential pets? You don't want to upset your roommate(s) on move-in day with a surprise pet that may not be housebroken.

Small animals are great pets for people short on change, time, and space.

Rabbits, guinea pigs, snakes, spiders, frogs, hamsters, and multiple types of lizards are examples of less needy small pets. Local pet stores, such as Eastland Pet Store on Winchester Road, offer all these animals with prices starting at \$5 to \$1,000.

The amount of money you decide to spend on your pet could depend on the length of your pet's life. It doesn't make much sense buying a \$500 exotic snake that is going to live for five years and get too big to live in

but they are very loyal pets that will add a lot to any owner's life. You must be able to return the love. Dogs must have adequate exercise. Cats and dogs require interaction, training, large living spaces and visits to the veterinarian.

If you decide the right pet for you will be a cat or a dog, the most sensible choice is to adopt a pet from the Humane Society. The fee for one of these animals ranges from \$49 to \$92 depending on size. This price includes a microchip, spaying/neutering, first round of vaccinations, deworming, tests, flea treatment, free 30 day pet medical insurance, one vet clinic visit, and free grooming visit. To see loving cats and dogs go to The Lexington Humane Society at 1600 Old Frankfort Pike. You will be saving



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a lot of money, and an animal's life by going to the Humane Society.

Make sure you are buying a pet for the right reasons, not to pick up girls/boys, but to love and take care of something other than yourself. Also, make sure you consider all the details when adopting a pet that will work for your living quarters. If nothing works, a colorful Beta fish will always do, and they are only about \$15 for everything.

Dogs, on average, cost at least \$600 the first year, \$350 each year after and live an average of 14 years. Cats cost at least \$500 the first year, are about \$300 every year after and live about 14 years. This adds up and it seems like a lot of money for a college student. Dogs and cats are huge responsibilities,

but they are very loyal pets that will add a lot to any owner's life. You must be able to return the love. Dogs must have adequate exercise. Cats and dogs require interaction, training, large living spaces and visits to the veterinarian.

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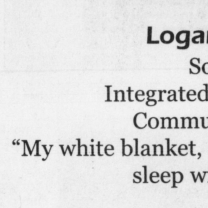
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What is the one thing you couldn't live without?



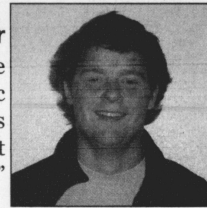
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"In my apartment, I couldn't live without my music."

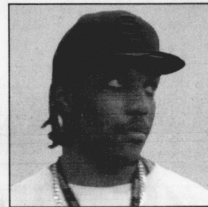


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"My white blanket, I couldn't sleep without it!"



Terrell Bankhead
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"Girls and money."



Katie Wetterer
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Jill Luckett
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"In the sorority house, I couldn't live without our hot chef!"



Jen Jones
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"I can't live without my straightener."



Cover Your Assets

By Sarah Willis
Kernel PR

If your apartment caught fire and burned up all of your possessions, would you have the money to replace them? Most college students wouldn't. And although many college students rent an apartment or house, most do not have renter's insurance.

Renter's insurance covers personal property like clothes and furniture in case of theft or damage caused by fire, smoke, hail or vandalism among other things. It also protects renters in case of an injury lawsuit or someone's property is damaged in or on the rented property. Landlord's insurance usually covers the building, but not your personal belongings or liability.

The cost of renter's insurance varies depending on how much your things are worth and how much coverage you want. "Most people

think their stuff isn't worth much but the average person has \$20,000 worth of stuff," according to State Farm. Insurance companies offer different deductibles (the amount of money you have to pay out of pocket when making a claim) in amounts such as \$250, \$500 and \$1000; the higher the deductible the lower the premium. Some insurance companies offer discounts when you purchase renter's insurance and car insurance.

State Farm recommends asking yourself three questions regarding renter's insurance needs:

1. How much are my belongings worth?
2. Can I afford to buy it all again if it were stolen or destroyed in a fire?
3. What would I do in the event of a liability lawsuit against me?

Christy Gregory says she wishes she had renter's insurance when her apartment got broken into over the 2004 winter break. "There was only one day over the whole break that myself or my roommate wasn't in the apartment," said Gregory. "It was so frustrating." Between Gregory and her roommate Sarah, they estimated around \$4000 worth of their belongings taken. "They took my laptop, television and the 150 or so DVDs we had and Sarah's television and DVD player," said Gregory. "We were lucky to have parents willing to help us out in replacing our stuff."

Renter's insurance should be seriously considered if you're renting. It may cost more than you want to pay, but it will certainly be worth it if you are a victim of a theft.

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