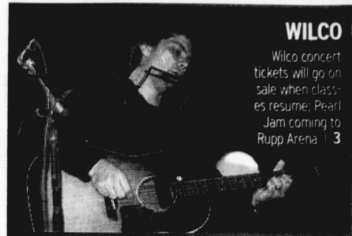


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Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain.

Thursday
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Partly cloudy. Chance of showers Thursday night.

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Cancellations and hours

W.T. Young Library should be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but may be open longer depending on how well-staffed it is. Call the library at 257-0500 for more information.

The Johnson Center was open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday. Hours for Tuesday will be similar to Monday. Call 257-3928 for more information.

The UK Athletics Department canceled Monday's student basketball ticket lottery. The tickets for the final three home games of the men's basketball schedule - Mississippi State, Tennessee and Vanderbilt - will be rescheduled for sometime Wednesday. More information will be available Tuesday.

Random Acts of Kindness Day was canceled Monday. The Student Volunteer Center has not decided for which day the event will be rescheduled.

The Old School sneak preview presented by Student Activities Board is still scheduled for Wednesday night at the Worsham Theater.

Road conditions

The exit ramp at I-64 East to I-75 North was blocked Monday afternoon due to ice. Kentucky State Police are still advising all people not to drive, as roads in the Central and Eastern portion of Kentucky have been affected by the storm.

Road conditions as of Monday afternoon:

I-64: Driving conditions fair
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Searching for shelter — or warm in the dorm

Help: Some offer shelter, assistance to off-campus friends

By Sara Cunningham
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

It's not the week to disband life. While thousands of homes in Lexington lack power and heat, UK's dorms are warm and wired.

Some students took advantage of the amenities, staying inside on the rare day off from classes; others ventured into the cold to help off-campus friends recover from the storm.

Drew Butcher, a math senior who lives in Blanding I, was glad to be on campus.

"It's so great here because we have Internet and everything," Butcher said. "We have everything we need and lots of time to spend doing whatever we feel like."

In Lexington and the surrounding areas, an estimated 56,000 people were without power Monday, said Cliff Feltham, community relations manager for Kentucky Utilities.

"We are chipping away at it little by little but the whole problem could easily get worse," Feltham said. "Taking into consideration the extent of damage I've seen and our operational ability to fix it, it could easily take a week or more for everyone to have power back."

Administrators at UK and LCC canceled classes Monday and Tuesday because of fallen trees, power outages and the cancellation of Lextran bus services.

In the meantime, students who still had their power found ways to help those who didn't.

Artina Pettigrew, an integrated strategic communications sophomore who lives in Fairington Apartments on Laredo Drive, was left without power and decided to stay at a friend's dorm.

"It's a mad house over there," Pettigrew said. "We have no power, no heat, nothing. My whole neighborhood was dark the other night. I had to use a can-



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

Freshman Jesse Wolfram (center) helps his friend Brian Newcomb (left) prepare to break up a tree that had fallen on a power line behind Newcomb's house on Arcadia Park, as John Ballard looks on. Wolfram and Ballard, who both live in Blanding Tower, left their dorm to help their friends off campus. Newcomb's basement was also flooded.

die just to walk outside. I am now keeping a candle in my car just in case."

Animal science freshman Joanna Sabato and undeclared freshman Heather Finocchio both live in south campus dorms but spent Monday helping out friends who live in houses near campus.

After eating lunch at the Commons, they drove to University Avenue to bring food to their friends, Matt Grocki, an accounting senior, and Andy Adler, a history senior.

"Warm food is so See POWER on 2



SCOTT LASHINSKY | KERNEL STAFF

Seniors Andy Adler (center) and Matt Grocki laugh in front of their house on University Avenue with Joanna Sabato, a South Campus freshman who brought food to the two students. Adler and Grocki did not have power most of Monday.

Blizzard buries East 4 feet deep in some areas

Blizzard: Travelers stranded; 21 deaths blamed on storm

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The worst blizzard in seven years shut down much of the Northeast on Presidents Day with blinding, windblown snow that piled up as much as 4 feet deep and left more than a quarter of a million homes and businesses shivering without power.

At least 21 deaths had been blamed on the storm system since it charged out of the Plains during the weekend, piling snow in the Ohio Valley, producing mudslides and floods in the southern Appalachians, and making layers of ice that snapped trees and power lines.

In Kentucky, tens of thousands of people faced the prospect of days without normal lights and heat, especially in Lexington, which caught the full fury of an ice storm that encrusted trees and power lines and pulled them to the ground.

"It's horrible," said Mark Caudill, 21, of Lexington, who with his sister and two nephews took shelter at the Salvation Army in Lexington. "All the trees are down. It looks like an avalanche just came through here and destroyed everything."

Thousands more were low on drinking water, or running out completely, because of broken water mains, inundated storm sewers or treatment plants suddenly idle for lack of electricity.

On the up side, rivers that burst out of their banks over the weekend, flooding some towns in eastern Kentucky, grudgingly receded.

Kentucky Utilities Co. reported upward of 74,000 customers without power throughout the company's 77-county service area. About 60,000 of those were in or around Lexington, which became a city of broken trees and downed power lines.

Airports for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York largely shut down, stranding thousands of passengers trying to leave and enter the region. Amtrak's north-south service was halted between Washington and Richmond, Va., and regional bus service stopped in many areas.

The holiday meant there were few commuters, but police from Kentucky to Massachusetts pleaded with motorists to stay home and some counties banned nonessential travel so they could clear the roads.

"This is going to be days' worth of cleanup," said Maryland See STORM on 6

Campus cleanup extensive, could last until summer

Havoc: Debris still clogging walkways and roads; Lextran limits service

By Ben Franzini
STAFF WRITER

Although UK grounds crews hope to make campus safe for students by Wednesday, their cleanup efforts could last into the summer, said the director of UK's physical plant division.

"I don't even know where to begin on how much work we have to do," said the director, Jack Applegate. "Our primary goal right now is making the campus safe for pedestrians."

Since Saturday's ice storm, ground crews, tree

crews, contract workers and volunteers have worked to clear piles of ice and mangled tree limbs from roads and walkways.

"We had people here all night, but it's still really dangerous," he said.

Crews cleaned as many areas as possible, but the danger of falling tree limbs kept them from clearing some spots.

"Until we can make all walkways safe of ice and falling branches, we're trying to keep people out of these areas," Applegate said.

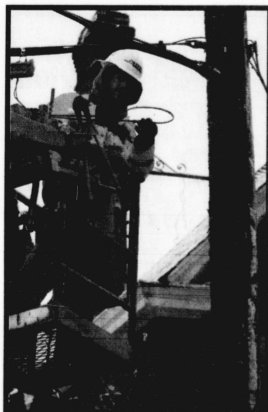
Lextran routes

Lextran, the local bus system, will not run its regular routes until at least Wednesday.

A Lextran official said buses were running only emergency routes for hospital patients and workers.

Lextran's maintenance facility lost power until Monday afternoon, and will run under emergency operations until at least Tuesday.

"We're hoping to have full service again by Wednesday - if all goes as planned," said Steve Rowland, Lextran executive director. — BEN FRANZINI



Work

Scott Aubuchon, a line worker with Alltel, repairs a phone line on Kalmia Avenue Monday. The company employed four cherry picker trucks to repair downed lines in Fayette, Jessamine and Woodford counties, said line worker Mark Morton. JOHN WAMPLER | KERNEL STAFF

Research center would focus on violence against women

Leaders: Studies would include effects of violence on physical and mental health, public policy issues

By Kate Fitzgerald
STAFF WRITER

UK could soon be a leader in the study of violence against women. The Center for Research on Violence Against Women would be the nation's first center to examine the effects of abuse on physical and mental health and the public policy and legal issues surrounding abuse, a UK administrator said.

The Board of Trustees will vote on the center's creation later this month. The faculty senate voted unanimously in favor of the center last week.

"The faculty that are involved in the center have been making plans for activities over the past few months so the center would be able to open immediately," said Provost Mike Nietzel.

The center would be the only facility in the country conducting research in the areas UK has chosen.

The center would not provide treatment for abused women, said Carol Jordan, the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Services.

Instead, she said she hopes that "advancing the science in the field will ultimately make women safer."

The prevalence of violence against women prompted the center's creation, Jordan said. Physical abuse is one of the most common causes of death among women 15-44, she said.

The center would help women by providing a "better understanding of how abuse affects them and why abuse happens, so we'll be

able to do a better job of ending victimization," she said. Administrators are looking forward to the center.

"I am very pleased that the university is creating this center," Nietzel said. "It is in an area we have a lot of faculty that could make major contributions and where UK could be a leader."

The opening of the center would be a collaborative effort between the university and Gov. Paul Patton's office, which has made research on women's violence a priority.

The center would be financed through state funds, which UK has matched. UK is also raising money for an endowment for the center. \$425,000 has been raised already, and Nietzel said UK will make the pledges eligible for a state match through "Bucks for Brains," the Research Challenge Trust Fund.

"We're hopeful the state will provide continuing funding for the center so the fac-

ulty can continue to do the great research this center will support," he said.

Workers at the center would undertake two projects shortly after opening. One is to evaluate the effectiveness of domestic violence protective orders. The second is to evaluate the Kentucky domestic violence offenders treatment program.

Jordan said the center would host a national research conference in October for UK faculty and top national researchers from around the country to set the national agenda for research on violence against women.

UK students would also benefit from the domestic violence Internet research database the center hopes to create, Jordan said.

UK's faculty and student researchers would have the opportunity to study at the center.

"The center would be very supportive of student research," Jordan said.

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great," Grocki said. "It's definitely warmer than anything we have in here. Things could be a lot worse, though."

Grocki was worried something worse was going to happen Saturday night as he listened to the first sounds of crashing trees and falling wires.

"I couldn't sleep at all," Grocki said. "I just keep hear-

ing the trees, and it was scaring me so much that I never fell asleep."

While Sabato and Finocchio were there Monday afternoon, the electricity came back on. The foursome cheered as Grocki ran to turn the heat up.

"Praise KU," Adler said. Both the cable and Internet services were down even after the electricity returned, much to the dismay of the roommates.

"With the electricity back on, these are the greatest five minutes of my life," Grocki joked. "But it's been way too long since I've been able to watch SportsCenter."

Sabato said seeing what

friends have to deal with off campus made her rethink moving off campus next year.

"We weighed the pros and cons, but this whole thing made the decision much easier," Sabato said. "It's more convenient to live on campus another year because you don't have to deal with the whole power problem."

Sabato and Finocchio also joined John Ballard, an undeclared freshman who lives in Blanding Tower, at another friend's house on Arcadia Park to help with cleanup.

Undeclared freshmen Brian Newcomb and Daniel Ryan live with Ryan's father, Charles Hite, on Arcadia Park. Their basement flooded,

leaving almost three inches of water on the floor.

A large tree fell into their yard, knocking down power lines. A group of students worked to start cutting the tree with chainsaws.

Even with all of the problems, Ryan said he doesn't regret living off campus.

"It's a lot like an adventure with everyone here," Ryan said.

Adventure or not, Ballard said he likes helping his friends but is glad he has the dorms. Ballard spent Sunday night in the dorms having a water fight. "I still have power so I can play Playstation 2," Ballard said with a laugh.

"We weighed the pros and cons, but this whole thing made the decision much easier. It's more convenient to live on campus another year ..." - JOANNA SABATO, FRESHMAN

21 dead, 57 injured during stampede at Chicago nightclub

Frenzied scene: Nightclub was operating in violation of a months-old court order meant to close it down

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — It was a chaotic scene: Hundreds of screaming people stumbling down the darkened stairs of an illegally operated nightclub, gasping for air and stepping on bodies, only to find themselves trapped at the bottom trying to escape through a single exit.

At least 21 people were killed and 57 injured in the stampede early Monday at the crowded E2 nightclub, authorities said. There were reports that as many as 500 people were crammed into the second-floor club when someone sprayed Mace or pepper spray to quell a fight about 2 a.m.

The nightclub was operating in violation of a months-old court order meant to close it down, fire officials said.

"The owner knows damn well that he is not to open that second-floor facility," said Fire Commissioner James Joyce. City officials said they plan to go to court as early as Tuesday to seek criminal contempt charges against the owner.

The nightclub had been cited for 11 building code violations and the city has been in court with the owners since last July, officials said.

Witnesses described a frenzied scene of some people trying to climb through the ceiling, while others were trampled in the frantic rush for an exit, their faces and bodies flattened against the glass front door.

Some people fainted on the club floor; others were coughing and crying, gagging and blindly groping for any way out.

"People were being trapped underneath you ... so we're actually standing on people's heads and we didn't even know it," said Amishov Blackwell, a 30-year-old patron. "It was just bodies laying everywhere."

Blackwell said a man crushed between people told him, "I can't breathe! I want you to hold my hand, man. If I don't make it, tell my mom that I love her." He just basically collapsed."

Witnesses reported that lights were out in the stairwell. On Monday afternoon, Joyce backed off earlier statements that firefighters had used sledgehammers and pry bars to open other doors in the half-block-long building. He said one or two doors may have been blocked by laundry bags or other items from the first-floor Epitome restaurant.

The crowd apparently surged down a single front exit. Joyce also scaled down the number of people in the club to about 500; earlier, the fire department had estimated as many as 1,500 people were on the second floor.

Police Commissioner Terry Hillard said investigators were trying to sort out conflicting stories about the source of the Mace or pepper spray and obtain videotape from inside the club. Witnesses said the spray may have come from the club's guards trying to end a fight between at least two women.

"Lives were tragically and senselessly lost, pinned down by a stampeding crowd," Hillard said. "We will get to the bottom of this," he said. "Right now our investigation is at full tilt."

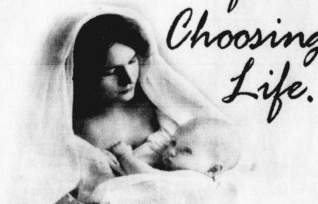
Friends and family of missing patrons flocked to the morgue Monday afternoon, searching for information and holding out hope that their loved ones were still alive.

"I just can't understand it," said Herschel Blake, who was looking for his 22-year-old grandson, Michael. "His mother called me and said, 'Your grandson is dead. The door was locked. There was only one way out of the place.'"

Witnesses said some people were stomped on; many victims suffered crushing chest and head injuries. By Monday evening only seven of the injured remained hospitalized.

Most of the dead were in their 20s or early 30s.

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Keep your calendar clear

Tickets for two upcoming Lexington concerts go on sale this week. Wilco (above) will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 in the Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets were scheduled to go on sale yesterday, but because of weather, they will be available the next day UK classes are in session. Tickets can be purchased at the Singletary Center for the Arts and cost \$20 for the public, \$27 for UK faculty or staff and \$25 for UK students. Pearl Jam (left) will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 21 in Rupp Arena. Tickets will go on sale Saturday and cost \$36.25 for all tickets. Tickets will be available online and at Rupp Arena in the Lexington Center.

'The Simpsons' helps establish Fox; sassy program airs 300th episode

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LOS ANGELES — The characters may be yellow but "The Simpsons" hasn't melted as it marks its 300th episode Sunday.
If anything, the Fox animated comedy born in 1989 is more boldly iconoclastic in the 21st century. Given that timidity is programmed into television's very DNA, the success is surprising.
The show is very good at being naughty, so much so that Fox can't afford to tinker with success. In its 14th season, the series (8 p.m. EST Sunday) can still field top 20 episodes and is the heart of a merchandising empire.
Fox just renewed the program for two more seasons, which will carry it at least through May 2005 and make it the longest-running sitcom ever (with "The Adventures

of Ozzie & Harriet" set to fall to second).
The pattern of commerce trumping controversy was set early when the show helped fledgling Fox establish itself as a brash alternative to the big three networks.
"There were many reasons the show was successful, one of which was we were in the right place at the right time," said series creator Matt Groening. "I don't think 'The Simpsons' could be on any other network, even today."
At the beginning, the clout of James L. Brooks smoothed the way Brooks, a force in TV ("The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Taxi") and movies ("Terms of Endearment") brought "The Simpsons" to Fox.
Brooks, Groening and Al Jean have been the show's

executive producers since its beginning.
The animated format also helped the series zoom below Fox's radar. The mustard-hued Simpsons, including dimwitted dad Homer, patient mom Marge, and children Bart, Lisa and Maggie, got away with cartoon murder.
"There's nothing glamorous about a network executive peering over the shoulders of people making goofy drawings," said Groening. "They'd rather hang around the edges of a sitcom set and say an actress needs to have a more revealing blouse."
That unusual TV freedom has resulted in comedy and satire of often breathtaking proportions, especially since the show's creators and actors pride themselves on their democratic approach to targets.

"We go after everyone," said Yeardley Smith, who provides the voice of brainy Lisa. "Nobody's safe."
The series has mocked capitalism (through the evil empire of industrialist C. Montgomery Burns), entire cities (Rio de Janeiro threatened to sue over its depiction) and the news media (anchors may itch to sue over shallow Kent Brockman). "Welcome to Atlanta — Home of Ted Turner's mood swings," a sign read in one episode.
Fox's good humor could diminish if the audience dips, Groening said.
"If ratings started slipping, I think you'd see some tweaking of the show that would be awful. When Bart starts combing his hair in every episode, you'll know we've succumbed to the evils of network notes."

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Tues 18

MEETINGS

- *Alpha, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119
- *TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 420 Columbia Ave
- *Conversational English Class, 3:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *UK Roman Bible Study, 5:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 113
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Pi Sigma Meeting, 7:00pm, Business and Economics, Rm. 308

ACADEMIC

- *The Right to Counsel in Jeopardy in Kentucky?, 7:30 pm, UK Law School, Rm. Courtroom, (Open to the public) Free!
- *Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Biology, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby

LECTURES

- *Guest Speaker "Jonathan Barker" **On Net, Site, Students for Information Technology Enterprises**, 6:30pm, Hartmann Building, Rm. Altet Solutions

SPORTS

- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
- *UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *The Rowan Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org

Weds 19

MEETINGS

- *Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
- *Institute of Religion/Dogma & Covenants Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 119
- *Dressage Team, 5:00pm, Garrigis, 2nd floor conference room
- *Lavender Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
- *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 9:00pm, CSF Building, Corner of Woodland and Columbia
- *Table française, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *The Physical Therapy Student Association, 6:30-7:30pm, Young Library, Rm. 1.63 Keeneland Room

ACADEMIC

- *Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100 Level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *Biology, (All 100-level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307
- *Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check the circulation desk for the room
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 10:00-2:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100-level courses & 211/213), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *French Tutoring, 4:00-6:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby

SPORTS

- *UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Arkansas, 8:00pm, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
- *Equitation Team, 8:00pm, Ag. North Building

SPECIAL EVENTS

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ARTS/MOVIES

- *German Film Series, 7:00pm, WJ Young Library Auditorium, Free!
- *Special Advance Screening, "Old School", 8:30pm, Workman Theater. Complimentary tickets available at: Student Activities office, Rm. 203.

Thur 20

MEETINGS

- *UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231
- *Institute of Religion: History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:30pm, UK Medical Building 3rd floor
- *Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00
- *Freshman Focus, 12:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
- *Assembly, 5:00pm, CSF Building
- *Amateur Radio Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
- *Amateur Radio Club, 7:00pm, Chemistry Building, Rm. 163
- *Educators of Family and Consumer Science Meeting, 8:00pm, Erickson Hall, Rm. 128

ACADEMIC

- *How to "Work" a Virtual Career Fair, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB
- *UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *Horn Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!
- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
- *UK Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm, Singletary Center/Free!

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft. Free! No experience needed.
- *Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00pm, Southland Bowling Lanes

Fri 21

MEETINGS

- *Roman Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 Free!

ARTS/MOVIES

- *Opening Reception "A Feast of Images" in conjunction with the Kentucky Women Writers Conference, Gallery Hop, 5:00-8:00pm, Rastall Gallery

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *LSAT Prep Weekend, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Advance registration and fees currently being accepted. Contact Central Advising Service, 257-3383
- *University of North Carolina-Greensboro Reed Trio, John Jacob Niles Center for American Music, Rm. Lucile Little Fine Arts Library
- *Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatcarshow.org
- *La Residence Française, 5:pm, Keeneland Hall

SPORTS

- *The Rowan Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Sat 22

ACADEMIC

- *College of Engineering, 9:00am-1:00pm, College of Engineering

SPORTS

- *The Rowan Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

SPECIAL EVENTS

- *UK School of Music Gala
- *Day of Percussion
- *LSAT Prep Weekend, Friday evening and Saturday morning. Advance registration and fees currently being accepted. Contact Central Advising Service, 257-3383

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION

- *Self Defense/Kempo class, 5:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft. Free! No experience needed.

Sun 23

MEETINGS

- *Judo Club, 5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
- *International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union

ACADEMIC

- *Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *Math Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby
- *Physics Tutoring, (All 100-level courses & 211/213), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100-level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
- *Biology, (All 100-level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307

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- *UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Mississippi State, 2:00pm, Rupp Arena

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UK right to cancel classes after storm

UK students couldn't avoid the ice storm that struck Lexington over the weekend, but the university side-stepped a public relations disaster by canceling classes Monday and Tuesday.

After trudging through snow and ice on multiple occasions this winter, many members of the UK community might have wondered if the institution ever closes.

Reasons differ about why classes are canceled so rarely, but the key factor is money.

Since classes aren't rescheduled and tuition is not refunded to students, UK officials said they want students to get their money's worth. In turn, the university also has a monetary interest in keeping the school open. Closing the university means UK must pay 10,000 employees to take the day off. A closing would also take time away from

professors' research projects.

It's good to know UK officials are looking out for students' monetary interests. But it's also refreshing to know UK cares about the safety of its students, faculty and staff.

Sure, students don't want to see their tuition wasted, but they also don't want to commute through a disaster area to get to class.

And that's assuming students were able to get back to Lexington. Many of those who went home for the weekend may have been unable to return to campus because of road closings.

Students who stayed may also have more pressing matters than class, such as finding a warm place to stay or filing insurance claims.

UK officials made the right decision by canceling the first two days of class this week.

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Networks reinforce stereotypes, should portray women differently

TV networks have seemingly always been in constant competition in a never ending race to the bottom. But some of today's most popular shows make one wonder if the networks have managed to outdo themselves in sinking to an all time low, particularly in regards to their portrayal of women.

Have you heard of "Amos 'n Andy"? In the days of segregation, when black people had little influence or power in our society, Alvin Childress, Tim Childress and Spencer Childress Jr. were a comedy team entertaining racist white audiences across the United States.

They performed comedy routines that reinforced just about every offensive stereotype white America had inflicted upon black people.



Robert Brammer
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Thankfully, the days when the portrayal of racist stereotypes were viewed as quality family entertainment have passed, and the networks and TV audiences are now a good deal more sensitive to the negative portrayal of black people in entertainment.

But the same is not true for women. Take the popular show "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire?" and the many spinoffs it has spawned. This show, which featured throngs of women vying for the affection of a wealthy man they knew little or nothing about, went to great lengths to debase women by reinforcing negative stereotypes that women have been struggling to escape. A more appropriate title for this show and its kind would have been "Who Wants to be a Wealthy Whore?" as these women were on television vying, not for love, but for the opportunity to prostitute themselves in exchange for money.

This show went a long way to re-enforce the negative stereotype that women should be considered brainless,

promiscuous and shamelessly willing to sell themselves to the highest bidder.

The networks' attack on women doesn't stop there, however. Another good example is "Aly McBeal," who despite being a professional career woman was still flighty and promiscuous.

All of this suggests to the audience that even if society must accept women in the workplace, it can still assume they attained their professional status by sleeping their way to the top, not through merit.

The networks have a good deal of apologizing to do for their portrayal of women on television. The days when black America had to silently endure "Amos 'n Andy" are over. How much longer will it take the networks to take some responsibility for themselves and pull shows that demean and degrade women?

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GUEST COLUMNIST

The politics of Bush, Saddam and Dr. Evil

Last fall, in the Congressional debate over authorizing President Bush to attack Iraq, one congressman explained his support for a war with a nightmare scenario: supposing the Iraqi leader were to send a nuclear bomb to a U.S. city, conceal it in a hotel room, and then telephone the White House and blackmail the American government into giving in to his (unspecified) demands.

One can almost see Saddam on the White House TV monitors, holding his pinkie to the corner of his mouth, and demanding "One Million Dollars!" from the trembling Americans, before being reminded by his aides that this won't get you a decent apartment in Manhattan any more.

Is this why the United States is about to go to war with Iraq? To combat the threat of Dr. Evil? To be fair to Bush, Rumsfeld and the rest, this comic understanding of world affairs probably says more about how stupid the White House thinks we are than about its own agenda.

Saddam is interested in consolidating power in Iraq, crushing domestic opposition and squeezing both his own people and — to a lesser extent — his neighbors for anything they can offer. Like any good bully, however, Saddam is extremely wary of folks who are tougher than he is. Nothing suggests that he would pick a fight that he didn't expect to win, and there's certainly no evidence to suggest that either (a) he wants to rule the world, a la Dr. Evil or (b) he's interested in martyrdom.

But what about the invasion of Kuwait in 1990? While this certainly offers better evidence of Saddam's malfeasance than anything he's done in the past few years, it's still a poor foundation for the Dr. Evil comparison.

In 1990, Saddam was basking in the memory of being a close friend of Presidents Reagan and Bush, given Iraq's recent war with Iran.

Just a week before the invasion of Kuwait, Saddam met with the U.S. ambassador to air his grievances about longstanding boundary disputes with the Kuwaiti emirs. This testing-the-waters approach wasn't unprecedented in American foreign policy: President Suharto discussed his proposed invasion of East Timor in 1975 with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and President Ford, who happened to be visiting Indonesia at the time. He was asked by his American guests only to delay his troops until Air Force One could get back to Washington. In July 1990, Saddam imagined that he could get away with his Kuwaiti adventure without upsetting his American friends.

In the event, Saddam either misread the tone of the meeting or overplayed his hand with his eventual attack on Kuwait.

Opting not simply to seize the oilfields on the disputed border between the two nations but to occupy Kuwait entirely, Saddam made it hard for the United States — or any other nation — to turn a blind eye.

But in spite of the massive U.S.-led effort to expel Iraq from Kuwait, the coalition forces in early 1991 did nothing to support the efforts of rebel Iraqis to overthrow Saddam.

The reason for this was simple: the United States realized that Saddam was hellbent not on world domination but on maintaining his regime in Iraq.

Moreover, Saddam was an excellent instrument for holding together a nation divided along religious and ethnic lines. President Bush allowed Saddam to continue his rule precisely because U.S. policy demanded the maintenance of a unified Iraq; from 1993 until 2000, President Clinton faithfully continued this policy.

On Saddam's side, little has changed. The Iraqi leader is still a thug of the first order, still committed to maintaining his rule over the country and still (as the CIA conceded last fall) extremely unlikely to pick a fight with anyone stronger than he is.

Saddam isn't about to smuggle a nuclear bomb into the Four Seasons because he knows what would happen if he did: Baghdad, civilians and all, would be incinerated.

The doctrine of MAD — mutually assured destruction — still makes a crazy kind of sense when applied to nation-states and folks (like Saddam) who care more about living than about making a political point which might result in their death.

The place where this logic breaks down is with groups like al Qaeda, which have shown that they're unafraid of death and which can't be tied to a particular nation or regime.

Can anyone explain, then, why President Bush is pretending that Saddam and al Qaeda are virtually synonymous, in spite of substantial evidence to the contrary? Beyond the obvious motive of all that Iraqi oil — trickling toward America the moment the dust settles in Baghdad — is there something else going on?

Perhaps if we imagine that Saddam really is Dr. Evil, then we'll feel less anxious about the fact that the truly scary guys are still out there, unaccounted for, watching us and waiting.

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Alexis Melendez, 11, Amanda Silva, 11, and David Silva push groceries to their car in the parking lot of a store Sunday in Wilmington, Del. A snowstorm that could dump up to 20 inches of snow on the state prompted Gov. Ruth Ann Minner to declare a state of emergency.

STORM

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Highway Administration spokesman David Buck.

The western tip of Maryland was buried, with 49 inches of snow in Garrett County on top of 30-foot drifts left by earlier storms.

Area roads, some surrounded by 12-foot-high walls of snow, "look like canals," said Garrett County state highway supervisor Paul McIntyre.

"It's no man's land out there," said McIntyre, whose office window was entirely blocked by snow. "It looks more like Siberia than Maryland."

Elsewhere, 27 inches fell in West Virginia's Berkeley County, the National Weather

Service said. The Seven Springs ski resort area on western Pennsylvania had 40 inches.

It was one of the worst snowstorms in a century in Washington, where 16 inches fell. For the region as a whole, it was the worst snowstorm since the blizzard of 1996, when at least 80 deaths were blamed on the weather.

Among the many travelers stranded by the storm,

few were as far from home as Lynn Anderson of Belfast, Ireland.

"It's turned into a complete nightmare," said Anderson, who arrived in Philadelphia on Sunday hoping to go to Williamsburg, Va., but had to stay overnight in a downtown Philadelphia hotel.

Thousands of travelers trying to get home from vacations were stuck at Florida airports.

North Korea threatens to break armistice

Withdrawal: Announcement the latest move in crisis over North's decision to restart nuclear programs

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea threatened on Tuesday to abandon the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War, accusing the United States of plotting an attack on the communist state.

A spokesman of the North's Korean People's Army claimed that the United States was building up reinforcements around the Korean Peninsula in preparations to attack the North, said the North's official news agency KCNA.

"The situation is, therefore, getting more serious as the days go by as it is putting its plan for pre-emptive attacks on the (North) into practice," KCNA quoted the unidentified spokesman.

The 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty, leaving the countries technically in a state of war. A North Korean withdrawal from the armistice would remove the main mechanism helping to keep an uneasy peace on the peninsula, where the border between the two Koreas is the

world's most heavily armed.

The announcement is the latest move in a crisis over the North's recent decision to restart its nuclear programs.

Washington and its allies are pressuring North Korea to abandon its suspected nuclear weapon programs. The North has insisted on direct talks first with the United States, from which it wants a nonaggression treaty.

The North threat followed by a day a declaration by the communist state that it would triumph in the nuclear standoff.

That bluster came as South Korea's outgoing president, Kim Dae-jung, warned that Pyongyang's production

of atomic weapons could force his country and Japan to build nuclear bombs.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld has said that North Korea has one or two nuclear weapons and could extract enough plutonium within months to make six to eight more. North Korea had never admitted or denied having nuclear weapons, but has said it has the right to develop nuclear weapons.

"If the U.S. side continues violating and misusing the armistice agreement as it pleases, there will be no need for the (North) to remain bound to the armistice agreement uncomfortably," the spokesman said.

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