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Gas leak to close Rose Street again

By Dariush Shafa
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

A leaky underground gas pipe that caused the closure of Rose Street on Thursday is leaking again, officials said, and though another closure is in order to repair the leak, it is not serious enough to merit a similar emergency response.

Just before noon yesterday, UK police were alerted to the smell of gas after someone made a 911 call from a cell phone. Several UK officials, including UK Fire Marshal Garry Beach and Emergency Management Specialist Travis Manley, came to the scene, along with Lexington Fire Department personnel, who were called just as a precaution.

A technician from Columbia Gas was called to the scene and was able to detect the gas leak with instruments, but said the leak was not large enough to be a concern.

"It's not serious enough right

now," Beach said, standing a few feet from the spot where the leak was detected, and where occasional whiffs of gas could be smelled. "I wouldn't be standing here if I thought it was a serious situation."

Manley also said Columbia Gas has assigned the leak a lower priority than Thursday night's leak. "They labeled it as a priority two," Manley said. "The levels of gas were only (detectable) in the street and very low."

Columbia Gas will return to repair the leak within 72 hours from the initial inspection yesterday afternoon. Until then, Rose Street remains open. Once the repairs commence, Rose Street will be closed just as it was Thursday night.

"If they dig this up, we'll have to close from Columbia (Avenue) all the way to Rose Lane," Beach said.

The initial leak was detected Thursday night by a UK police officer on bike patrol. The Lexington Fire De-

partment was called to the scene and the area was blocked off for three hours - including a closure of Rose Street from Patterson Drive to Columbia Avenue - until repairs were finished.

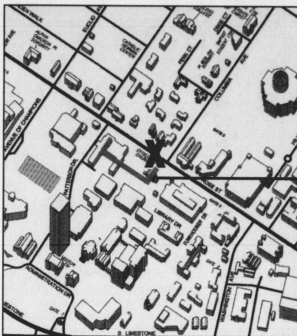
In the meantime, UK officials have taken precautions in case the leak worsens. On Thursday, the Delta Delta Delta and Alpha Delta Pi sorority houses, along with St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel, were temporarily evacuated while fire department personnel checked the buildings for gas.

"We did speak with those sorority houses and told them if they smelled any odor to dial 911 right away," Manley said.

Beach said he still isn't sure why the leak has reappeared. "Those (Columbia Gas) guys seemed to do a real good job last time, so I don't know," Beach said.

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SG voter turnout at UK ranks last in SEC



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UK students line up to vote during Student Government elections last week at the W.T. Young Library. This year, 349 more students voted than did in the last election.

STUDENT APATHY AT-LARGE

By Tim Wiseman and Sean Rose
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Although more UK students hit the polls for Student Government elections last week than did last year, the school still trails all other Southeastern Conference schools in voter turnout.

Last week, 11.9 percent of UK students voted in elections, the lowest among the 12 universities in the SEC this year, even with

349 more students voting than last year. UK kept its polls open 44 hours longer this year, but the increase was far less than the predicted gain.

"In general, UK has a very apathetic student body when it comes to student body elections," current SG President Becky Ellingsworth said.

Florida had the highest turnout, with 29 percent of its students voting in elections earlier this spring.

"People really get involved here," said Sandy Vernon, office manager for Florida's Student Government. "They put a lot of money into advertising - TV ads, flyers, everything. It's just the nature of the campus."

The average turnout for the SEC schools was 18.1 percent, as all but four schools had turnouts below 20 percent.

"There's a problem with apathy - people just don't care about SG elections," said Brittany Loper, the vice president-elect at Alabama. "The people who do care vote."

Alabama uses on-campus polling for its elections, but the majority of the SEC has moved to some form of online polling. As of this spring, eight schools have voting over the Internet.

The move to online voting helped spark turnout at most of the schools, including Louisiana State.

Last year, a school-record 9,000 students, or about 30 percent of the school, voted in LSU's election when the school allowed students to vote through their university e-mail. Turnout dropped to 4,500 students this year, but Crawford Lavoy, executive assistant to the LSU SG president, said that decrease was a reflection of a lopsided election.

"I would theorize it was a couple of things - the move to online voting made it very accessible to students and there was a very intense election last year," Lavoy said. "Typically we have a large problem with voter apathy at LSU. It comes down to tickets getting out and telling students they need to go vote."

"This year there was just one ticket, and everyone saw it was dominant."

UK's SG Senate mandated that freshman

Rondo makes NBA leap

Sophomore guard says he plans to hire an agent

By Chris DeLotell
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Rajon Rondo has played his last game in a Kentucky uniform.

In a move that many expected, the sophomore point guard announced this afternoon that he will enter the NBA Draft. But Rondo surprisingly said he plans to hire an agent.

By doing so, he would lose his final two years of college eligibility.

"I am confident with the feedback I've received about my draft status," Rondo said in a news conference at Memorial Coliseum. "I believe I can compete for a strong position in the first round. I am not afraid to do what it takes to become a

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Rondo

Partisan debate renews rivalry

By Chris Miles
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The UK College Democrats and College Republicans met in the Center Theatre at the Student Center last night in the second annual open debate between the two sides, which dealt primarily with current political issues, especially those that deal with students.

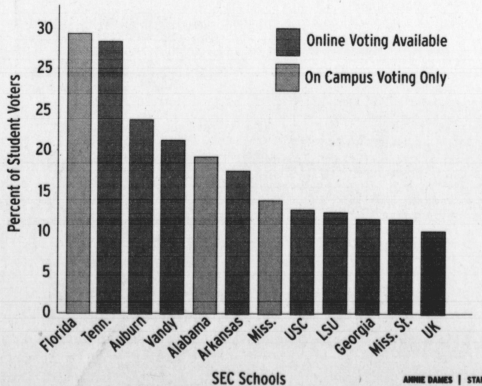
Moderated by Horace Bartlow, an associate professor of political science, each side was presented with seven general questions covering the subjects of wiretapping, campaign finance, the Iraq war, immigration, same sex marriage, the Iranian nuclear debate and renewable resources.

"There were a lot of good minds up there," said Drew Trimble, a political science and communications sophomore. "It was exciting, they touched on a lot of modern topics."

Throughout the debate each team reiterated the political stance of their respective parties.

Christopher Thacker, a student in UK's College of Law, spoke about cam-

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - You're in the mood to knock down barriers, and maybe even walls. Better come up with an overall plan before you do real damage.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Save enough cash on your shopping trip to get a little gift. A friend of yours would appreciate any information you find out there.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Thoughts turn to business as you realize there's a profit to be made. All you have to do is provide a necessary service, and well. Do it better than anyone else.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Although you still have to deal with issues you would rather ignore,

don't fret. You're stronger now, and you'll be able to express your thoughts quite well. Full speed ahead!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Once you've made the connection, you'll find there's more work to be done. You've advanced into new territory. Now, prove you deserve to be there!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - First, accept a creative assignment. Then, tell your friends all about it. They'll help you meet the very person to show you how to do it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - A respected person is considering you for more authority. Don't be afraid; this could mean a big raise in pay. You can do this.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Meet with loved ones, and start making big plans for the future. Toss some crazy ideas around and see which ones stick.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - What you need is new technology that will make your home more comfortable. You'll most likely save money on energy bills, too. Check it out.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Somebody you don't like all the time is your best tutor now. Ask tough questions, and be willing to really hear the answers.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Listen to a person who's practically at their wit's end. You can provide the solution to a problem that has them stopped.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - First, you'll find something of value, or something you've been looking for. Could be the same thing. Then, you'll have a great idea that benefits somebody you love. It's a good day.

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THE DISH
Cruise, Holmes get ready for the baby

By Aimee Agresti
US WEEKLY

As deliveries go, it wasn't the kind that immediately comes to mind for Tom Cruise, 43, and Katie Holmes, 27, whose new baby, at press-time, was scheduled to arrive any day. But on March 24, a shipment of large white placards — one of which read, "... but be silent and make all physical movements slow and understandable," a quote from one of L. Ron Hubbard's Dianetics books, the basis of Scientology — was delivered to the couple's Beverly Hills mansion.

Is a "silent" Scientology delivery at home in the works? Cruise's rep, Arnold Robinson, will only say that everybody's happy. "Tom, Kate and the baby are all doing well," he tells Us (at presstime she was not in labor). "Tom and Kate are, naturally, very excited."

Indeed, all systems are go for Baby Cruise. On March 25, the new-dad-to-be was all smiles as he cheered on son Connor, 11, at his baseball game in Beverly Hills. "She's doing great! Have you seen her stomach?" Cruise said to fellow parents inquiring about the absentee actress, who is usually a fixture at sporting events for her soon-to-be stepchildren, Connor and Isabella, 13.

While Cruise was at the game, Holmes was being treated to a baby shower at L.A.'s Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre. At her side were Cruise's sister Cass, his mom,

Mary Lee; Isabella; and Holmes' mom, Kathleen, in from Ohio.

That evening, Holmes and the two grandmothers-in-waiting took a stroll near the Cruise compound. "Both mothers were talking with each other," an eyewitness tells Us, "and every time a car passed, they huddled around Katie and guarded her."

Work to Be Done

While Cruise has been taking meetings and putting the final touches on "Mission: Impossible 3" (due May 5), he still keeps Holmes by his side at every opportunity.

On March 21, she was in the front row as he spoke at Yahoo! headquarters in Sunnyvale, California. "I am very excited" about the baby, he told the crowd, then poked fun at his infamous Oprah Winfrey Show stunt by leaping up on his chair. "He was a great sport," Yahoo! CEO Terry Semel tells Us — and almost a year after Oprah, it seems Cruise still has reason to celebrate.

Why a Silent Birth?

They look like cue cards, but the birthing signs delivered to the Cruise home are a type of instruction for those present at a silent Scientology delivery. Why so quiet? "A great deal of recording is done by a child in the womb," according to L. Ron Hubbard's Dianetics, the Scientology bible.

Hubbard suggests that disturbing noises and sharp movements during delivery can later affect the child's psychological stability. "Anyone who is emotional around a pregnant woman is communicating that emotion straight into the child."

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Saddam charged with genocide

By Solomon Moore
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Iraq's special criminal court filed genocide charges against Saddam Hussein on Tuesday, charging that the deposed dictator ordered a series of military attacks in 1988 that killed as many as 100,000 Kurds.

Six aides, including Saddam's cousin, Ali Hassan Majid, known as Chemical Ali, also would stand trial for the Anfal campaign, which included attacks against civilian populations using mustard gas and sarin nerve agent.

The trial could prove far more complex and sweeping in scope than the ongoing DuJail case, which involves the massacre of at least 148 Shiite townpeople in 1982. That trial is scheduled to resume Wednesday with further testimony from Saddam.

Tribunal officials said they have accumulated a vast body of evidence, including Baathist command documents and hundreds of wit-

ness statements, to present at the genocide trial. Investigators exhumed mass graves throughout the semi-autonomous region of Kurdistan and conducted forensic tests that allegedly confirm traces of banned chemical agents.

The Anfal campaign was launched, in part, as retribution for an alliance between Kurdish peshmarga soldiers and Iranian troops during the Iran-Iraq war, according to a 1983 Human Rights Watch report on Anfal. But investigators also say the campaign, which destroyed 2,000 villages, was part of a widespread ethnic cleansing effort, to rid swaths of the northern province of Kurds.

In the course of eight attacks, Saddam's army deployed chemical weapons with truck-mounted rocket launchers and crop duster planes, according to Human Rights Watch. The victims, most of whom were civilians, died of asphyxiation and chemical burns.

Other victims were killed

by conventional attacks or rounded up and executed by firing squads. Still others were buried alive, according to survivors' testimony.

Kurdistan still suffers from the legacy of the campaign. Hundreds of villages were reduced to ruins. Others are fouled by chemical pollution in the soil and well water. Many Kurdish communities endure staggeringly high rates of cancer, stillbirths, liver problems and other ailments associated with chemical poisoning.

Still pained by muted global outrage during the Anfal campaign, many Kurds have eagerly anticipated the exposure the genocide case would generate. But it was unclear Tuesday whether the trial would have to be delayed until the conclusion of the DuJail case.

Saddam has a right, under Iraqi law, to attend both trials. A U.S. diplomat also suggested that the Anfal case could be cut short if Saddam receives a death sentence in the DuJail trial. "It is an ab-

solute requirement that 30 days after the denial of the final appeal, the sentence must be carried out," the diplomat said.

Despite the voluminous evidence in the Anfal case, legal experts said that making the genocide charge stick could be difficult because it requires prosecutors to prove that Saddam had command responsibility and his intent was to destroy, in whole or in part, a religious, ethnic or national population.

"On the face of it, the genocide (charge) is not irrefutable, but it is very difficult to prove," said Raymond Brown, an international lawyer who served as a defense attorney in the Special Court of Sierra Leone.

Observers also worry that the tribunal will be overwhelmed. The DuJail trial, which has a much narrower focus, has been marked by mishaps including the assassination of two defense lawyers, the replacement of two judges and Saddam's frequent outbursts.

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elections next fall must have some form of online voting, and SG President-elect Jonah Brown said he is optimistic that online voting could work for all elections in the future.

Implementing online voting is another way at drastically increasing voting in a way this university needs to do," he said.

Ellingsworth said she agreed that online voting could encourage more voters.

"From what students have told me...it seems like generally they'd be more willing to vote if they were online," she said.

Some of the SG representatives from other schools that spoke with The Kernel pointed to Tennessee as a model for online voting, which has Internet voting available around the clock for two days.

This year, UT saw 7,163 students vote, or about 28.1 percent of the school — the second-highest rate in the SEC.

Even with online options, however, students still might not cast their votes, the adviser to Georgia's SG

said.

"Apathy is certainly a word that gets used a lot," Ed Mirecki said of the school's recent drop in voter turnout. "(Maybe) it's not apathy but a sort of complacency like 'Things are OK; I don't have any major gripes.'"

Almost 2,000 fewer students voted in this year's UGA election than did last year.

"This was a considerable drop-off," Mirecki said. "I think some of the students felt some of the campaigns were not as aggressive."

No matter how hard campaigns work, though, Ellingsworth said students

must hold up their end of the bargain.

"A lot of the UK students are very apathetic with these types of things," she said. "Student Government always tries to communicate with the student body but it's a two-way street... More often than not we don't get the response that we'd like."

As he prepares to lead SG next, Brown sees UK's low turnout as another area in which SG must improve.

"I'm still disappointed to be honest," Brown said. "We have to do a better job to reach more students."

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Debate

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paigned yesterday, are neither new or unique to today's congress.

"Money for campaigns means the message gets out. If you restrict money, you restrict the message," Kirby said.

Harry Kahne, political science and economics freshman and member on the Democrat panel, pointed out the opposite.

"It's the law of the land according to the Supreme Court, that money is not speech," Kahne said. "That would empower the rich and then only the rich could speak."

Kahne said that subject and the current scandals involved with it are extremely

serious and matter to all Americans.

Another tough issue that both panels addressed was the current Iraq war and what the political strategy and exit strategy should be, if one is even needed.

"The Iraqis must take more responsibility for policing and self sovereignty," said Harry Neack, a political science junior debating for the Democrats. "We need to set a timetable, and it needs to be quick."

Matt Ballard, an economics senior, rebutted this statement.

"It is a long and slow process," Ballard said on the strategy for Iraq. "Democracy is not going to form

overnight."

Similar back and forth dialogue continued on all subjects presented to the panels.

Both sides had a couple of minutes to answer each question that was presented, followed by the other side doing the same.

"It could have been a little more exciting with more of a crossfire," Trimble said on the debate format.

Still, both sides were able to make their case.

"There were a lot of intelligent viewpoints on both sides," said Richard Becker, a political science freshman.

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On the War in Iraq



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Cats sweep of Ohio halts scoreless streak

By Ryan Kuhn
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

The streaks are over. UK both snapped a nine-game losing streak and six-game scoreless streak yesterday by shutting out Ohio University yesterday in both games of a doubleheader at the UK Softball Complex.

UK freshman Jess Trueblood and senior Amy Kendall each pitched complete game three-hitters, respectively, as the Cats took game one 7-0 and game two 3-0.

"It felt good to go out and play with confidence against a good team," said junior Katie Campbell, who started at catcher for UK in both games. "We definitely got our spark back today."

Campbell led the Cats on offense, going 6 for 7 at the plate with a home run and three RBI's. UK coach Eileen Schmidt wasn't surprised by Campbell's numbers.

"Katie hit the ball great today," she said. "She has been seeing the ball really well in practice the past few days and she carried it over to today."

UK ran into a rough part of its schedule over the past few weeks, playing three SEC teams are currently ranked in the top 15 in the nation. Both Campbell and Schmidt said they were happy to have a break from SEC play.

"It's great to play a team outside of the SEC," said Campbell. "Today was good for the whole team. We're seeing the ball better now."

UK was shut out six straight times last week in series with Tennessee

and Alabama. The Cats' performance against those teams had Schmidt questioning her team's effort.

Schmidt admitted that she didn't expect this type of performance from the team.

"I expected this game to be a lot more work for us," she said. "They are a really good team and they played us really well earlier in the season."

"UK defeated Ohio 6-3 on March 4, during the Frostbite Classic in Lexington. Schmidt also felt that her pitching enjoyed the break from conference play.

"Amy and Jess did really well," she said. "It's tough for them when you're playing teams like Tennessee who will hit the ball out of the park when you miss by an inch."

Kendall and Trueblood were most efficient with runners on base, stranding seven Bobcat baserunners in the two games.

The Cats return to the field today for another doubleheader with Western Kentucky. Game one begins at 5 p.m. Schmidt was eager to see how her team will perform today.

"It's nice to be out of the SEC, but we're still playing tough teams," she said. "Ohio was very tough and Western will be good tomorrow."

UK improved to 16-22 with the wins while Ohio fell to 17-19.

Schmidt said that she was proud of her team's performance yesterday. "We had a great day today," she said. "We played really well as a team both games."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Women's golf finishes fourth at Lady Panther intercollegiate

Senior Ali Kicklighter fired a 4-over-par 148 (73-75) to lead the UK women's golf team to its second consecutive top-five team finish yesterday, as the Cats concluded the 13th annual John Kirk/Lady Panther Intercollegiate in fourth place. The Wildcats carded a two-round total of 625 (314-311) in the 36-hole event hosted by Georgia State University at the Eagle's Landing Country Club in Stockbridge, Ga.

"This was another top-five finish for us and we had two golfers finish in the top 10," UK head coach Stephanie Barker said. "On these two-round events, it is going to come down to just a couple of strokes and we were within five strokes of the lead today."

Kicklighter, who has now posted a team-leading four top-10 individual finishes this season, concluded the final round tied with Memphis' Stacey Tate after both players shot 148 over the course of the two-day event. Tate, however, won the playoff for the individual crown by notching a par on the first hole, while Kicklighter managed a bogey.

Sophomore Beth Felts concluded play tied for fifth place after shooting a 73 on the final day to finish with a 151 (78-73). Felts and Kicklighter each charted their second consecutive top-10 individual finishes.

"All really played aggressive all day," Barker said. "She put herself in good position to win the tournament. I was also very impressed with the way Beth played today, shooting a 73."

Augusta State University claimed the tournament title after shooting a tournament-low 301 on the final 18 holes to finish with a 620 (319-301). Memphis and intra-state rival Louisville finished tied for second with 625.

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top guard in the NBA."

Head coach Tubby Smith said he supports Rondo's decision.

"We don't want to see Rajon leave, but we understand this is a dream of his, and we're confident that he'll be successful at the next level," Smith said. "We support our players when they make a decision to further their career."

Rondo said he is confident of his draft status.

"I spoke with a lot of people that I trust, so I'm very confident and hopefully I'll succeed," he said. "This season I think I did enough of the little things to raise my stock."

The former McDonald's High School All-American who led the Cats in points, steals, assists and rebounds this season plans on being drafted in the lottery.

"That's what my intentions are," he said. "I've been told I could be picked anywhere from the lottery to the late first round. I'm striving to put in the hard work and be a lottery pick."

Rondo's high level of confidence was enough for him to decide to hire an agent.

"I definitely want to be 100 percent in what I'm doing," he said, noting that he hopes his decision to get an agent will help his draft status. "Some people say I should test the waters (by not hiring an agent), but I'm very confident that I'll impress the scouts."

Smith did not play a big role in Rondo's decision to hire an agent.

"It's up to the family," Smith said. "In Rajon's situation, if he's made that choice, and he's firm in it, there are certain people in the business who can guide him."



UK sophomore point guard Rajon Rondo shakes hands with head coach Tubby Smith yesterday at Memorial Coliseum. Rondo announced that he will leave UK early and enter the NBA Draft.

While Rondo's per-game averages went up in nearly every category this season, he battled inconsistent jump shooting and finished with a shooting percentage just above 40 percent. He acknowledged that he needs to improve on that facet of the game prior to the draft.

"I have to try to improve my jump shot," he said, noting that NBA scouts are enamored with his "defense, the way I play ball, pressure and leadership on the court."

Smith said the questions over Rondo's ability to shoot are overblown.

"I think there's too much made of it," he said. "His job is going to distribute the ball, penetrate and find people open and play defense. (Shooting) is not why people are drafting him."

Smith praised Rondo's contributions to UK basketball the past two years.

"He's done some amazing things for a player his size," the coach said. "He's as scrappy, mean and tough as they come. He'll overcome any obstacles that are there."

Both Rondo and Smith described their emotions on the decision as "mixed."

"I'm happy because this has been a dream, but sad because I'm leaving my teammates," Rondo said.

"You feel happy for Rajon," Smith said. "He's stayed healthy, he's done the things that we've asked him to do and he's going to compete against the best."

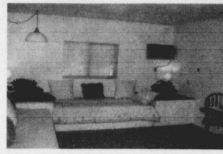
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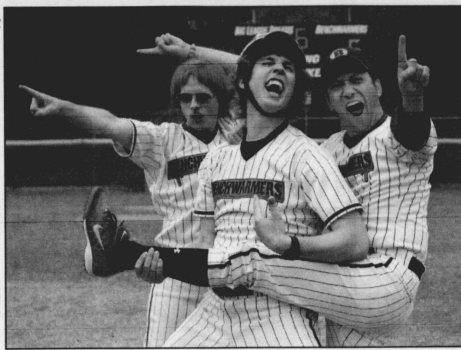
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David Spade, Jon Heder and Rob Schneider prepare to hit a "home run" with the baseball comedy "The Benchwarmers." The film opens Friday at Regal, Woodhill and Lexington Green.

Editor's note: I'm tired and out of jokes, so this week's installment is a little less funny and a lot more bitter. Enjoy!

IN THEATERS THE BENCHWARMERS

I'm pretty sure Artie Lange ("The Howard Stern Show") has been pitching (pun intended) this idea for the last two or three years. Unfortunately this incarnation of the "wacky guys who can't play sports but ultimately triumph" comedy shtick is helmed by Rob Schneider and David Spade along with Napoleon Dynamite himself, Jon Heder. Something tells me Rob Schneider is going to finally "strike out" with this one. Then again, it could be a "home run!" All right. I'll stop now. Starts Friday at Regal, Woodhill and Lexington Green.

LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN

A war between black and Jewish gangs in New York City is brewing. A hapless sap in the wrong place at the wrong time, played by Josh Harnett ("Pearl Harbor," "40 Days and 40 Nights"), is thrown into the middle of a revenge plot hashed out by a crime boss played by Morgan Freeman. A whole lot of people will be in utter disbelief that this film was ever made. **Opens Friday at Woodhill and Regal.**

THANK YOU FOR SMOKING

Smoking cigarettes is great. They're flavorful, full-bodied and terribly relaxing. It's just a bit of a drawback that they give you cancer. Based on the novel by Christopher Buckley, the film

follows the trials and tribulations of tobacco spokesman Nick Taylor, played by Aaron Eckhart ("Erin Brockovich," "The Missing"). Starts Friday at The Kentucky Theater

ON DVD BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN

If I hear another "Brokeback" joke I'm going to hang myself from a tree. Even though "Brokeback Mountain" didn't win an Oscar for Best Picture this year, it's still pretty good. I guess. Then again, I've always been one who needs sweet, sweet validation through an arbitrary and largely political awards ceremony that works more to sell television ad time than legitimizes film as a bona fide art form.

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Yawn. The Christian symbolism in this film was way too obvious to even be worth commenting on. What is worth commenting on, however, are the children who took the starring roles of the Pevensie children. These kids were more hideous than the monsters. I sincerely couldn't handle looking at them. Wow, have I become so bitter that I'm going to attack children? Yes. Yes I have.

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'Black' humor comes to UK

By Charlie Denison
THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

Whatever you are in the mood for, Michael Ian Black may have something to say about it.

An entertainment renaissance man, Black grew up in Hillsborough, N.J. and got his start on MTV's sketch comedy show "The State" in 1984.

Thanks to his tongue-in-cheek wit, Black has managed to land a spot as a commentator on VH1's "I Love the '80s and '90s." For those unfamiliar with "I Love the '80s," Black wrote, "According to the VH1 press release, it's a fun-filled ride through the music, movies, TV shows,

products, fashions, fads, trends and major events that defined pop culture each year of the decade. Whatever. They paid me two grand."

Black went from "The State" to an even more successful comedy sketch show called "Stella" with David Wain and Michael Showalter on Comedy Central. Black has made appearances on other Comedy Central shows such as "Reno 911" and "Crank Yankers."

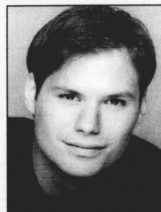
Skits from "Stella" such as "Pizza" exemplify the absurdity and goofiness - it's very difficult to explain, considering how ridiculous the dialogue is out of (or even in) context. The sardonic nature of the material may be the

closest thing America has to Monty Python.

Black has appeared in film as well. Most notable was his roll as McKinley in "Wet Hot American Summer," which was directed by his "Stella" partner David Wain and co-starred Showalter. Other film highlights include Kevin Smith's "Big Heilium Dog" and Pauly Shore's "The Bogus Witch Project," in which Black played Stephen Hawking.

Black will perform tonight with a stand-up routine, some comedy sketches and will open up a question-and-answer session in the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Tickets cost \$5 for stu-



MICHAEL IAN BLACK

dents and \$7 for the general public.

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ONTAP | For the week of APRIL 5 - APRIL 11

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Petticoat, Petticoat w/ Obilo
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

The Brunettes
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$14.

TOMORROW
Anti-Flag w/ The Unseen, The Casualties, Smoke or Fire and The A.K.A.s
7 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$13.

UK Chorale and UK Choristers Spring Concert
7:30 p.m. Singletary Center for the Arts. Free.

Jonathan Webb & The Collective Few w/ Hundred Dollar Handshake
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$3.

Jackie-O Mother- - - er w/ The Chocolate Horse and Neato Torpedo
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$8.

FRIDAY
Carousel
7:30 p.m. Lexington Opera House. Tickets cost \$12 for UK students, \$25 for UK faculty and staff, and \$29 to \$32 for the general public.

Saves the Day w/ Circa Survive, Moneen and Down to Earth Approach
8 p.m. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$15.

Parlour Boys w/ Nana and the Boy Noise
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

SATURDAY
Concert of World Music and Dance
3 p.m. Singletary Center for the Arts. Free.

Sexual Disaster Quartet w/ The Cinematic Underground
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$5.

SUNDAY
Celtic Woman
7 p.m. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$55 to \$62.

Cloud Room
9 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$8 to \$10.

TUESDAY
UK Women's Choir and Men's Chorus Spring Concert
7:30 p.m. Singletary Center for the Arts. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$10 for the general public.

No Things w/ Dead Flowers
9:30 p.m. Southgate House, Newport. Tickets cost \$6.

COMING SOON
The Codetalkers w/ Col. Bruce Hampton and Papaw's Dog
8 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$8.

Metric w/ The Holy Fire
8:30 p.m. April 14. Bogarts, Cincinnati. Tickets cost \$12.

Story of the Year w/ Adair and Greeley Estates
7 p.m. April 20. Memorial Coliseum. Tickets cost \$10 for students, \$17.50 for the general public.

INXS
7:30 p.m. April 26. Louisville Palace. Tickets cost \$59.50 to \$69.50.

Thoroughly Modern Millie
2 p.m. April 30. Lexington Opera House. Tickets cost \$39.50 to \$54.50.

Bill Cosby
3 p.m. April 30. ECU Brock Auditorium, Richmond. Tickets cost \$55 to \$75.

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April 9th: Bike the Bluegrass bike ride, Pedal Power bike shop, 11am
April 9th: Wildflower Walk, Raven's Run 1pm
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IN OUR OPINION

Ellingsworth didn't make the grade

Irony is a beautiful thing. Especially when it applies to UK Student Government, which, come to think of it, is pretty much all the time.

In an open letter to students on this page last year, SG President candidate Becky Ellingsworth vowed to put UK students first.

But she probably forgot that inconsequential promise in the midst of that nasty Fayette Circuit Court battle for a student-body presidency that, in the long run, really doesn't amount to anything but a line on a resume.

In fact, Ellingsworth seems to have forgotten several of her campaign promises, as detailed below. Her objectives, taken verbatim from her letter to The Kernel, are listed in bold, followed by our constructive commentary.

Providing a free taxi service to students on Friday and Saturday nights. It didn't happen. And even if it did, we'd all be too hung over to thank our student body president for the free ride home.

Providing free on-campus DVD delivery through SG's video service. We admit, SG's free DVD rental service is a nice perk for all students, especially those who live on campus. But a delivery service? Is it really that difficult to walk into the offices on the first floor of the Student Center? We think not. In any case, the latest way to make students lazy never came to fruition.

Creating a SG Lobbyist Corps to prevent future tuition hikes. Well, the Lobbyist Corps does exist, so that's a point in Ellingsworth's favor. Too bad a grand total of five students (counting the UK mascot) actually showed up at the Higher Education Rally in Frankfurt — an even worse turnout than last year. (Note: It's not too funny when you call the SG office to inquire about the current status of the Lobbyist Corps and the person holds the phone away from their ear and asks the rest of the room, "Lobbyist Corps? I don't even know what that is.")

Posting transcripts/videos of the Senate meetings on the SG Web site. Like most of

Ellingsworth's pipe-dream to-do list, this is a good, solid idea. But as far as we can tell, SG's Web site is just a rapid photo-op for Ellingsworth and Vice President Kyle Burns.

Some SG meeting minutes were posted early in the school year, but there's been nothing new since November.

Sending a representative to a meeting of every student organization. Considering there are more than 250 listed student organizations at UK, we're willing to bet Ellingsworth and Co. didn't finish that task. Again, good idea in theory, terrible execution, though Ellingsworth did say they reached a substantial number of campus organizations early in the fall semester.

Improving online professor ratings and providing online syllabi. Again, not even close to being accomplished. Of course, all the talk of providing professor ratings for free is a moot point, since anyone can point a Web browser to www.uky.edu/IR/tee.html to find teacher and course evaluations. You'll have to dig through 100-page Adobe PDF files, but it's not as if they're totally unavailable.

In short, out of six goals, Ellingsworth completely flubbed three (taxi, DVDs and syllabi), made an ambiguous early effort toward two (meeting minutes, student organizations), and halfheartedly accomplished one (the lobbyist corps).

"We want to raise the bar for officials in SG and at the university, city and state levels when it comes to serving student interests," Ellingsworth wrote in her letter to The Kernel.

This administration didn't raise the bar, it actually plowed through the bar, then backed over said bar repeatedly.

Ellingsworth sued the university, usurped SG President-elect Will Nash, prompted UK to declare that SG was no longer a student organization and continued to further her own self-serving agenda while in office.

She failed to inspire confidence of any kind. The Year of Ellingsworth was, in a word, lame.

Dual enrollment benefits cannot be ignored

A recent study by Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education found that enrollment in college courses by high school seniors might not necessarily persuade those students to attend college, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported last week.

In the past five years, the number of seniors taking courses for college credit has doubled to over 16,000. The Herald-Leader reported that study found "dual enrollment" seniors who take traditional courses — such as math, science, English and foreign languages — attend college at slightly higher levels than other high school students.

However, the majority of dual-enrollment seniors enroll in technical and vocational courses at colleges. These students end up attending college at a lower rate than their peers.

CPE Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dianne Bazell told the Herald-Leader that she was surprised by the study. She said the council expected to find a correlation between dual enrollment and higher levels of

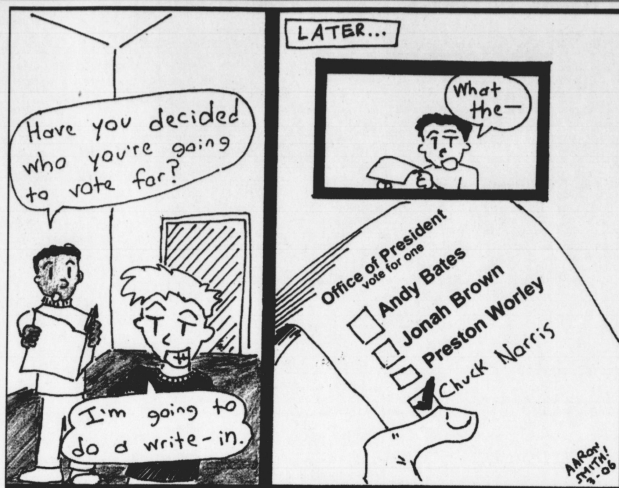
college enrollment.

In order to improve Kentucky's economic standing, state leaders have set a goal to double the current number of the Commonwealth's 400,000 college graduates by 2020.

Although the council's expectations were not met by this study, dual enrollment remains a valuable resource for students who intend to pursue college degrees.

Its benefits include allowing students to get a head start in college credit, which could ensure graduation in four years or less; providing a means of acclimating students to a true college environment; and giving students and parents a cheaper way to pay for a few college courses than they could get at most universities.

Students who take advantage of dual-enrollment opportunities can gain a leg up on other entering college students. Though not all dual-enrollment students decide to attend college, those who do reap the rewards of a program that has yet to reveal its true benefits to the future of the Commonwealth.



AARON SMITH, THE KENTUCKY KERNEL

As graduation looms, so do tough choices

Graduation is only one month away. If this has registered with underclassmen, it has probably only do so as an afterthought of how someday they will serendipitously find themselves crossing that stage and getting their hands on a coveted college degree.

Conversely, many seniors will be observing the occasion with anxious apprehension. Sure, it's nice to have finally arrived after spending an entire existence as a classroom Guinea pig. And for most, school has become jading — but at least it's familiar and comfortable.

The reason many of us seniors have been a bit overwhelmed lately because the rest of our lives are approaching the doorstep and we're worried, rationally or not, that they may not make very good company.

Seniors are stuck in an existential funk — or as my friend and colleague Doug Sott termed it, a "quarter-life crisis." We're not sure where to take things from here (by here, I mean the college life).

When thinking it over, it can become a circus act of balancing and juggling one's values. For instance, balancing the desire to make use of one's investment in a college education to be successful on one hand, and the desire to have a job you enjoy on the other. Or living close to home or school, where you have friends and family as institutions for support, or going off to find something fresh and adventurous. The possibilities go on and on, but the ultimate objective is finding contentment.

Students will deal with this pursuit differently. Some will seek the advice and counsel of friends; others will look at it through the prism of their values and religious beliefs; still others through the prism of their dollar drafts at the local pub.

Certainly there are better ways to deal with our dilemmas

than others. But feeling the heat over the gravity of such choices seems perfectly natural to me. What makes decisions about our futures difficult is not just the potential consequences or exaggerated fears, but often the fact that there is no one correct answer to the question of what people should do with the options set before them.

There are multiple decisions that could be made to produce happy and content future and multiple decisions that would not produce such a future. And we have to wade through reality and find those decisions for ourselves, for individual contentment has to be defined and pursued by that individual.

Still, it helps to talk it over with friends, especially those in your field of study. The problem posing many journalists, for instance, is specifically what kind of journalism they want to practice. Some of us would rather work as freelance writers, while others want steady work concentrated in a specific subject area.

As for myself, I really enjoy opinion writing much more than news stories. Particularly, if news stories pertain to a subject that doesn't pique my interest, I find the work quite tedious.

The problem for me is that newspapers don't generally give cushy columnist and editorial board positions to newbies — one has to pay his dues by spending several years, if not most of his career, working up the ladder. And that's going to prove difficult given the ever-tightening job market in the world of corporately owned media outlets (a regrettable feature of capitalism, I suppose, but I digress).

Other friends of mine enjoy writing but have no desire to slave away in a newsroom 40-50 hours a week — they'd rather freelance. But then enters the intractable requirement of a de-

pendable income stream.

Similar problems exist for students in other fields of study. I presume. And there you have

Seniors are going through a "quarter-life crisis" as we decide where to go from here

just the one component of one component of the senior dilemma.

Not prepared to make such a sacrifice as a police or education beat reporter, I've decided to stick with what's comfortable — I'm going to graduate school at UK for political science.

It's a field I find intriguing that has several cross-sections with journalism, and I hope to find a job that fuses both disciplines someday.

Some of my friends are sticking around for graduate school, but others are boldly facing the next stage of their lives. Sooner or later, I'll be joining them.

It's a great irony that college students, of all people, will spend so much time complaining about their problems and impatiently wishing away the weeks and months only to wake up one day and be forced to face the future that always seemed just beyond the horizon. And realize that some of the best times of their lives are now behind them.

For now, seniors must take comfort in the fact that we're intelligent, hard-working people who are perfectly capable of making the choices necessary to pursue a fulfilling life. And remember the advice put simply by Abraham Lincoln, who was in so many ways wise: "The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time."

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'Vendetta' shows our need to remain vigilant against loss of liberties

Benjamin Franklin has long been incorrectly attributed to quote that states, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

That the author of the quote has been in question is of little importance. The true importance of the statement lies in the fact that it is just as appropriate in 2006 as it was in the 18th century.

Since the terrorist attacks of 2001, Americans have seen in-

creased levels of security in a variety of facets of everyday life. Most have been innocuous — pat-downs and metal detectors at large gatherings such as athletic events and concerts or random screenings at airport security checks.

Some measures, however, have done a reasonable job in protecting Americans at home from terrorism. But at what point will further security measures stop? Andy and Larry Wachowski — of "The Matrix" trilogy fame — deal precisely with this question in their latest film, "V for Vendetta," though the setting is England rather than the United States.

In the movie, which is set in the not-so-distant future, increased terrorist attacks and the release of a deadly virus have led

Britons to elect a hardliner who consolidates and preserves his power through fear and force. He promises security in exchange for compliance and silence. The British lead fairly normal everyday lives — except for the curfews, secret police, religious oppression and state-controlled media.

The film's hero asks Britons to take a look at their government and to recall the days when England was free. He offers the theme of the film fairly early on: "People should not be afraid of their governments. Governments should be afraid of their people."

In case you're wondering about the fate of the United States, most Americans are dead, and the survivors are in the midst of a civil war.

Thankfully, "V for Vendetta" is fictional, although not entirely unimaginable. Throughout the movie, I kept thinking to myself, "This could happen here." If we were to fall victim to more terrorist attacks, or if hundreds of thousands or more Americans were killed by a new virus, it's entirely plausible that Americans would accept a hardline leader who promised to crack down on dissidents.

I hope I'm wrong. I hope that Americans will always remember that increased security is never worth the price of our liberty.

When we lose our liberties, ultimately we lose America. We should never be willing to give terrorists that satisfaction.

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