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On a roll of Life Savers: Not for use as a flotation device.

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On a refrigerator: Refrigerate after opening.

On a disposable razor: Do not use this product during an earthquake.

On a handgun: Not recommended for use as a nutcracker.

On pantyhose: Not to be used in the commission of a felony.

On a piano: Harmful or fatal if swallowed.

On a can of Fix-a-Flat: Not to be used for breast augmentation.

On Kevorlian's suicide machine: This product uses carbon monoxide, which has been found to cause cancer in laboratory rats.

On work gloves: For best results, do not leave at crime scene.

On a palm sander: Not to be used to sand palms.

On a calendar: Use of term "Sunday" for reference only. No meteorological warranties express or implied.

On Sen. Bob Dole: **WARNING:** Contents under pressure and may explode.

-SOURCE: <http://www.jokes2go.com/lists/list61.html>

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The high price of crime



Lexington's new jail and court facility is under construction. The jail is an attempt to relieve overcrowded courtrooms and jail cells. Two people have been executed in Kentucky since 1976. Thirty-nine are waiting on death row.

Welcome to death row: Bills being debated in the 2000 General Assembly seek to abolish the death penalty; poll recently published

By Tracy Kershaw
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Capital punishment awaits its sentence in the Kentucky General Assembly.

Two bills have been proposed in the General Assembly to abolish the death penalty in Kentucky. House Bill 514 calls for the abolition of the death penalty overall, while House Bill 311 calls for the abolition of the juvenile death penalty.

The United States is among only four other countries to still execute persons who were convicted of murder as a juvenile.

The bills are now before the House Judiciary committee. The committee will vote to send the bills onto the entire house.

Karen Potter, criminal justice instructor at Eastern Kentucky University, said Bill 311 has a decent chance of passing. Conversely,

Bill 514 may not even make it past the Judiciary committee because the death penalty is a very political issue and people have strong feelings about it, she said.

"Politicians want to appear hard on crime, and the death penalty is a witness test to their toughness. They would not take that option away from juries," she said.

39 people are now on death row in Kentucky. That number could soon rise to 41, after a jury last week in Lexington recommended the death penalty for two convicted murderers. One is the case of first woman ever sentenced to death in Kentucky and the other is the first Caucasian to be given the death penalty for murdering an African American.

Some UK students traveled to Frankfort to lobby for the end of the death penalty, including Amy Shelton, French and linguistics junior.

Shelton is president of the UK Amnesty International chapter and also serves on the board for the Abolition 2000 Campaign, which consists of 38 religious and civic organizations across the state working to abolish the death penalty.

Shelton and her counterparts represent the attitude of the nearly 40 percent of Kentuckians, according to the Survey Research Center of the University of Louisville.

Over the past ten years, the center has conducted a series of scientific polls measuring the attitudes of Kentuckians about the death penalty.

The latest survey, taken in Dec. 1999, revealed a near 10 percent drop in the percentage of Kentuckians who support the use of capital punishment in the cases of convicted murderers. The percentage dropped from 69.1 percent in 1987 to 59.2 percent in the Dec. 1999 poll.



Opposed

Rep. Bob Helmering, R-Louisville, (right) addresses members of the House Committee on Judiciary about the need for House Bill 514, an act that would delete death as a penalty in capital offenses during the committee meeting Thursday at the Capitol Annex in Frankfort, Ky. Looking on at left, is attorney Kenyon Meyer.

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By the numbers

59.2

percentage of Kentuckians favored the death penalty in 1999. This is down from 69.1 percent in 1997.

90

million dollars per year. Amount that a study done by the Sacramento Bee argued that California would save if it were to abolish the death penalty.

2.3

million dollars. The average cost of a capital trial in Texas is three times the cost to incarcerate an individual for 40 years.

400

number of people who have been convicted of capital crimes they did not commit. Of those 400, 23 were executed.

-SOURCE: <http://www.death-penalty.org/newsinfo/facts.html>

Executions by state

Texas	206
Virginia	75
Florida	44
Missouri	41
Louisiana	25
South Carolina	24
Georgia	23
Oklahoma	22
Arkansas	21
Alabama	20
Arizona	20
North Carolina	15
Illinois	12
Delaware	10
Nevada	8
California	7
Indiana	7
Utah	6
Mississippi	4
Maryland	3
Nebraska	3
Pennsylvania	3
Washington	3
Kentucky	3
Montana	2
Oregon	2
Colorado	1
Idaho	1
Ohio	1
Wyoming	1

Total executions since 1976 612

Executions by year

1976	0
1977	1
1978	0
1979	2
1980	0
1981	1
1982	2
1983	5
1984	21
1985	18
1986	18
1987	25
1988	11
1989	16
1990	23
1991	14
1992	31
1993	38
1994	31
1995	56
1996	45
1997	74
1998	68
1999	98
2000	14 (to date)

-SOURCE: <http://www.smb.edu/~deathpen/summary.html>

SPEAKING OUT

Students travel to Frankfort to lobby

Activism: UK students push for economic progress, abolition of death penalty

By Jill Gorin
NEWS EDITOR

College students from across Kentucky recently got their chance to go to Frankfort and become lobbyists.

The group, part of the Kentucky Student Youth Progressive Network, which consists of 10 Kentucky colleges and universities, spoke on everything from the bottle bill to the death penalty on Lobby Day for Kentucky Progressive College Students.

"I think we had quite a presence," said history junior Jay Varellas. The 35 students who participated got more out of it than just a field trip and made legislators listen to what they had to say.

"They knew we were college students," Varellas said, "and that we were missing class."

The fact that these students were not paid to be lobbyists made legislators understand they were serious about their beliefs.

Of the bills debated, bill 490 probably got the most attention from the group.

"We all wore stickers to protest this bill, which would put restrictions on corporate welfare," Varellas said.

Varellas said he thinks it had an effect. "We had legislators walking up to us saying 'what's bill 490?'" he said.

Another bill students were passionate about was the death penalty bill.

"We wanted to pack two courtrooms, the economic development and the death penalty," Varellas said. "We did a good job with the economic development, but a lot of Catholics did a wonderful job packing the death penalty."

The group also lobbied against bill 45, which would make civil rights laws more uniform.

"They say that's what it would do, but in actuality, the only civil rights laws that would exist would be through state government, and a local civil rights law that might be stronger would not be able to be passed."

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HOOPS

Cats seize Cardinals to break bad run

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

They wanted it. No, make that they needed it.

And they got it.

UK snapped their two-game losing streak with a 75-65 win over the Louisville Lady Cards last night in Memorial Coliseum, led by forward LaTonya McDole's 18 points and 14 rebounds. Center Shantia Owens added 18 points of her own, mostly on inside moves against the undersized U of L post players.

"They had to respect Shantia's inside presence," UK head coach Bernadette Mattox said. "She did a great job of posting inside and being big. When they went to double her, she kicked it out to our perimeter players."

UK started the game hot, canning five of their first six field goals en route to a 10-point lead. But the Lady Cards erased the deficit due in large part to the play of U of L guard Jill Morton, who reached her 17-points-per-game average in the first half alone. Her 10 first-half free throws gave her team a three-point lead before UK guard Erica Jackson hit a late three-pointer, tying the game at 40-40 at halftime.

In the second half, UK gradually wore the Lady Cards down with their combination of depth and size, outrebounding U of L 19-8 inside the game's final 10 minutes.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

McCain sweeps Mich., Ariz.

DETROIT — Sen. John McCain defeated George W. Bush in Michigan's GOP presidential primary yesterday, rallying a coalition of independent and Democratic voters, and he also won his home state primary in Arizona. Despite McCain's two-state sweep, Bush said: "This is a marathon and I'm going to be in it all the way to the end — and some primaries you win and sometimes you don't." With 36 percent of Michigan's precincts reporting, McCain had 239,749 votes, or 50 percent, and Bush had 213,841, or 44 percent. With 2 percent of Arizona's precincts reported, McCain had 1,593 votes, or 53 percent, and Bush had 1,321, or 44 percent.

Palestinian, Israel talks stall

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Negotiations with Israel are still deadlocked, Palestinians said last night, expressing disappointment with messages relayed by a top U.S. envoy from Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. In his meeting with Clinton envoy Dennis Ross, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat urged the American administration to intervene in the negotiations, Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said. "We are going through a real crisis and the peace process needs to be put back on track," he said.

Truckers protest high prices

WASHINGTON — More than 200 independent truckers drove their big rigs to Capitol Hill yesterday, protesting diesel fuel prices and demanding tax breaks to offset increased operating costs. The convoy began in New Jersey and traveled through Delaware and Maryland to a rally on the Capitol steps. Truckers are angry that gasoline prices have been rising steadily since last March. Some haulers contend that increases in diesel fuel prices are costing them as much as \$100 a day.

Study examines estrogen

CHICAGO — Research has suggested that women who take estrogen are less likely to develop Alzheimer's, but a new study found that once the disease sets in, the hormone offers no benefit. A year of estrogen did nothing to slow the progression of the disease or improve mental functioning in 120 older women with mild to moderate Alzheimer's, according to the study in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical



Association. Alzheimer's affects more than 4 million Americans.

Clinton: report med mistakes

WASHINGTON — President Clinton tried to reassure doctors and hospitals yesterday that reporting serious and deadly medical mistakes need not lead to more malpractice lawsuits. Hospitals nationwide would have to disclose major mistakes if Congress adopts a White House plan in response to a report that estimated medical mix-ups kill as many as 98,000 Americans each year.

Many kids on prescribed drugs

CHICAGO — A study of more than 200,000 preschool-age children shows that the number of 2- to 4-year-olds on psychiatric drugs including Ritalin and antidepressants such as Prozac soared 50 percent between 1991 and 1995. The study was reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Experts said they are troubled by the findings, because the effects of such drugs in children so young are largely unknown.

Some drugs cheaper for pets

WASHINGTON — Congressional investigators compared 14 popular prescription drugs marketed to people and pets, and found the cost for people can be up to five times higher. Rep. Bill Delahunt, who requested the study for the House Government Reform Committee, said today the prices make some drugs unaffordable for people without insurance. Drug company representatives called the study ridiculous and said the prices must be seen in the proper context.

Strawberry flunked drug test

TAMPA, Fla. — Yankees outfielder Darryl Strawberry tested positive for cocaine on Jan. 19, according to a report by the Florida Department of Corrections. A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the commissioner's office was investigating, and a decision of whether to take disciplinary action likely would be made by Thursday at the latest. Strawberry is tested twice a week as part of his no-contest plea May 26 to charges of cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute.

Compiled from wire reports

GENITALIA: Premiere magazine's latest issue asks film critic Leah Rozen, screenwriter Paul Rudnick ("In & Out") and Kevin Bacon why male stars are reticent to expose the hose, and why female nudity is so much more prevalent on screen than male nudity. Said Bacon of his full frontal scene in "Wild Things," "I honestly was shocked when there was such a big deal made of it."



GUERRILLA FILM: Tim Burton might be landing on "The Planet of the Apes." The "Sleepy Hollow" director is in final negotiations to helm an edgy remake of the 1968 original that starred Charlton Heston. The film is slated for a July 4, 2001, release.

I was so hooked I swallowed the pills like Smarties" — Mel Smith, British comic, on his kicked habit of Nurofen Plus

LOBBYISTS

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made," Varellas said. "We thought that was a big step backward," he said. Students found themselves amidst a whirlwind of opportunity, which is something they won't forget. "I thought it was a great experience," said Erin

MacKenzie, an English and history sophomore.

The legislators in Frankfurt seemed to welcome them.

"One legislator put everything aside to talk to us," MacKenzie said.

Varellas said the group was pretty united on its thoughts about which bills to lobby for and which to go against.

"The reason we have this group is that we share a lot of common principles," he said.

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A 13-2 run beginning at the 9:40 mark sealed the game for the Cats. They also held Morton to one second-half basket, as he finished with 22 points.

"I was taking it to the basket in the first half, and they weren't stopping me," said Morton, who in the opening half blew by UK defenders overplaying her outside shot. "They picked it up defensively in the second half. We just didn't make the adjustments."

Making the defensive adjustment for UK was Jackson, who spent most of the second half becoming acquainted with the inside of Morton's jersey.

"The first half really wore her down," Mattox said. "We made some adjustments, and we decided that we didn't want the ball in her (Morton's) hands. We also stopped making those senseless fouls."

"Erica Jackson did a great job on her," U of L co-head coach Martin Clapp said. "We didn't do a good job of setting screens for her either. Jill had a shadow the entire second half."

Owens and McDole grabbed double-figure rebounds for UK, and combined for 13 offensive rebounds and numerous putbacks and layups, much to the aggravation of Clapp.

"It came down to them crashing the boards in the second half," he said. "They made the plays they needed to down the stretch. That's all you can ask from your players."

"They were really physical," U of L forward Alison Bass said. "It's something I've played against before, but it's not something I'm used to. Every shot of mine was contested inside."

UK's smothering defense held U of L to 35.5 percent shooting from the field, and the Lady Cards only shot six three-pointers for the game (they had been averaging 15.5 attempts per game).

"It was a win we needed to have," said UK guard Tiffany Wait, who finished with 15 points. "The win really helped our attitude. Everyone's ready to end the season with a bang."

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BAD BUSINESS

Sexual slavery biggest illicit trade, feds say

Worldwide trend: White House urges Senate to pass bill aimed at curbing trafficking

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WASHINGTON — With as many as 2 million women worldwide forced into sexual slavery, the sex trade seems to have replaced narcotics as the favored illegal trade activity, White House officials told at a Senate hearing Tuesday.

Harold Koh, assistant Secretary of State for democracy, human rights and labor, said international criminals are moving away from "guns and drugs" to marketing women.

"There are weaker restraints and growing demand," Koh told the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on Near Eastern and Southern Asian Affairs.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who chaired the hearing, spoke of meeting some women victims during recent travels to Asia and called the trade "the greatest manifestation of slavery in the world today."

"They are told they will be taking a job as a nanny and are given money of their family.

Then they are taken across a border and held against their will," he said.

"We are only beginning to learn the methods of this industry," Brownback said. "Two-thirds come back with AIDS or tuberculosis." They basically come back to die."

A woman called Inez and disguised to protect her identity testified that she was forced into a life of sexual slavery in the United States by traffickers in her native Mexico.

She said she was duped by men who promised her work at a restaurant but said she owed them a "smuggling fee" of \$2,500 that she had to pay off by selling herself to men.

"We worked six days a week and 12-hour days," she said. "We mostly had to serve 32 to 35 clients a day."

Law enforcement officials raided the brothel and while some of the traffickers have been prosecuted, some escaped capture and returned to Mexico, she said.

Solid numbers on the scope

of the problem are hard to come by, but best estimates show at least 50,000 women brought into the United States annually for forced labor, officials said.

A breakdown of international borders and expansion of trade are among the factors fueling trafficking, said Teresa Loar, director of the President's Interagency Council on Women.

Feeder countries for the slave trade include Ukraine, Albania, the Philippines, Thailand, Mexico and Nigeria, according to officials.

Frank E. Loy, Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs, said the Clinton Administration approach has focused on preventing the trade from getting established, protection and assistance for victims and prosecution of traffickers.

Loy said the administration has stopped short of pushing for economic sanctions against offending nations, however, because that would curtail efforts to build an international effort to combat the problem.

Bills aimed at curbing trafficking have been introduced in the House and Senate.

MULTIPLE USES

Researchers look to nicotine as pain reliever

Still needs work: One experiment shows promise, some doctors wary of addictiveness

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The same nicotine that makes cigarettes so addictive may also have a good side. Researchers say it shows promise against Parkinson's disease and a variety of other brain conditions.

In a variety of studies reviewed Monday, doctors said the evidence is mounting that nicotine can relieve symptoms by changing the way the brain uses message-carrying chemicals called neurotransmitters.

Researchers are testing nicotine patches for neurological diseases in both children and the elderly, and drug companies are competing to develop nicotine substitutes that have fewer side effects.

At a conference Monday, doctors said the field's first gold-standard study — one in which dummy treatments are rigorously compared with the

real thing — suggests the patch shows promise in children with Tourette's syndrome, a strange affliction in which victims may have violent urges and shout obscenities, and exhibit a spate of tics.

Still, nicotine has many drawbacks, including its unsavory reputation as the addictive grabber in cigarettes. Some experts believe nicotine's real future is in fake forms of the drug.

"The problem with nicotine is that it is nicotine. You're asking parents to put their kids on nicotine," said Dr. Paul R. Sanberg of the University of South Florida, who has tested the drug on more than 100 young Tourette's patients.

Typically, doctors treat Tourette's with Haldol, a powerful tranquilizer that is also used against schizophrenia. In the latest study, Sanberg and

colleagues combined nicotine patches and Haldol in 70 children, half of whom got dummy patches.


The study found those on nicotine did better and were able to control their symptoms with lower than usual doses of Haldol. "The data suggest that a low-dose nicotine patch may be useful in Tourette's syndrome," said Sanberg.

He and others experimenting with nicotine described their research at a conference sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Nicotine patches and gum are available in drugstores without prescriptions. They are intended to help smokers wean themselves of cigarettes.


The researchers cautioned that smoking is a bad way to get medical nicotine. Besides the obvious cancer risk, drug levels spike much higher in cigarettes.

They also say more research is needed before nicotine patches become routine.



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ONE STEP FORWARD, TWO BACK



British soldiers and ethnic Albanian demonstrators clash on the main bridge that divides the town of Kosovska Mitrovica in Albanian and Serb sections in Kosovo Monday. Thousands of ethnic Albanian demonstrators marched from the capital Pristina to Kosovska Mitrovica which has been a flashpoint of ethnic violence this month.

Yugoslavian city calm after day of unrest, NATO actions

Search for peace: Ethnic tensions continue to plague the region, heightened by a grenade attack on a U.S. bus

ASSOCIATED PRESS

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Yugoslavia — The divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica was calm today, a day after NATO-led peacekeepers fired tear gas to prevent thousands of ethnic Albanians from crossing a bridge into Serb-controlled areas.

U.S. paratroopers sent here from southeastern Kosovo as reinforcements manned barricades on the bridge today, relieving the British who bore the brunt of Monday's clashes.

French, British, Canadian and Danish soldiers on Monday used armored personnel carriers as barricades, blocking demonstrators who tried to force their way across the bridge spanning the Ibar River. About 4,000 Serbs were waiting on the north side, determined to battle the ethnic Albanians.

As many as 50,000 ethnic Albanians marched to Kosovska Mitrovica on Monday to demand an end to the city's ethnic bloodshed.

Recent tensions began after a Feb. 2 grenade attack on a U.N. bus killed two elderly Serbs south of the city. That triggered a round of revenge attacks that have left nine people dead and scores injured.

NATO's secretary-general, Lord George Robertson, said Monday there was "no doubt that (Yugoslav President Slobodan) Milosevic will have a hand in some of the provocations being organized on the

Serb side." "There is clearly rising tension in the southern part of Serbia and large numbers of additional Yugoslav troops have moved into the area," Robertson added. "And I would warn anybody who seeks to be provocative in that part of the world on whatever side of the divide they may be that again we will not tolerate action being taken."

Both the United States and Yugoslavia have blamed each other for heightening tensions in Kosovska Mitrovica, Kosovo's most multiethnic city.

In an effort to relax the confrontational atmosphere, French Gen. Pierre de Saignes said the start of the nightly curfew had been pushed back from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. He also said weapons searches had been suspended, although peacekeepers reserved the right to resume them "where we want, when we want."

In New York, Richard Holbrooke, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, accused the Yugoslav government in Belgrade of fomenting the latest unrest. His view was shared by Gen. Wesley Clark, the NATO commander in Europe.

"There is an influence by Belgrade in the area," Clark said.

The Yugoslavs, however, accused American and German troops of triggering the unrest by their "brutal" and "arrogant" behavior during Sunday's weapons

searches in northern Kosovska Mitrovica.

In a letter to the U.N. Security Council, Belgrade said the Americans and Germans "broke doors and windows" of schools and homes in the Serb area, prompting Serbs to drive them out with volleys of stones.

De Saignes said the Americans pulled back "because tension was mounting to such a level that it was better to withdraw instead of risking a confrontation."

Violence escalated Monday after up to 10,000 ethnic Albanians managed to breach French positions on the approach to the Ibar River bridge. More French troops rushed to the bridge and began firing tear gas.

As the crowd surged onto the bridge, British and Canadian soldiers backed by Warrior fighting vehicles tried to push back the ethnic Albanians. Many pushed through the soldiers and swarmed atop vehicles, waving red and black Albanian flags.

French and Danish troops positioned behind the British and Canadians at the middle of the bridge then moved forward, firing tear gas.

"The key thing really was to prevent an escalation in which somebody fired on the other one," said German Gen. Klaus Reinhardt, the commander of the embattled Kosovo Force. "It would have been a disaster. My soldiers were very reasonable. They used just the amount of power needed and did not overreact."

Thousands of ethnic Albanians were killed by Serb forces during Milosevic's 18-month crackdown against separatists in Kosovo.

LIBERTY

Iranian reformists initiate changes

Era of change: The declining clout of religious hardliners gives way to legislation expanding freedom of press

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — With all indications that hard-liners will lose control of Iran's parliament, the triumphant reformists presented a legislative agenda Tuesday with a priority on expanding press freedoms and lifting a ban on foreign television broadcasts.

But it remained to be seen whether hard-liners will find a way to block those initiatives. The conservative Guardians Council can veto all legislation passed by parliament, and supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the main backer of the conservative camp, has final say in all matters.

Iranians expressed their desire for greater political and social freedoms in Friday's election for the Majlis, or parliament, by overwhelmingly choosing members of reformist groups like the Iran Islamic Participation Front, led by President Mohammad Khatami's brother.

The reformist coalition has won 141 seats, including 109 by the Participation Front, and appeared poised to have a majority in the 290-member Majlis. Results for 30 seats were to be declared later Tuesday in Tehran, with reformists expected to win almost all of them. Hard-liners have won 44 seats, independents have won 10 and 65 will be decided in runoff elections.

Mohammadreza Khatami, the head of

the Participation Front, said he is confident hard-liners will not risk angering a majority of Iranians by using the powers they still have to block reforms.

"What is important is the rule of law and judgment of the people, and the election clarified the desires of people," he said. Iran's remarkably free press and live broadcasts of parliamentary proceedings also could keep conservatives from resorting to heavy-handed methods.

Hard-liners have said little as election returns were counted, but at least one conservative lawmaker in the departing parliament indicated that they will accept defeat gracefully.

"We will not change our principles and positions, but it is natural that we should reconsider our policies and methods," Mohammadreza Bahonar was quoted as saying by the independent newspaper Iran Vaj on Tuesday.

But hard-liners had been far from resigned as the public mood became increasingly clear in the months before the election. The hard-liners — who control the judiciary and other key institutions such as radio and television stations and the armed forces — shut down outspoken newspapers and jailed reformists.

In July, police and vigilantes raided a Tehran University dormitory after stu-

dents protested the closure of a moderate newspaper. The raid, which left one person dead and 20 injured, triggered the worst unrest in Iran in two decades, with tens of thousands of pro-reform students demonstrating across the country.

Rogue Intelligence Ministry agents believed to be hard-line loyalists also have been arrested in the 1998 killings of dissident intellectuals.

Reformists, however, appear to be making plans with little thought to a hard-line backlash.

"The next Majlis will be a Majlis which will coordinate with the desires of the Iranian nation," Mohammadreza Khatami said Tuesday, outlining a legislative agenda that highlighted guaranteeing freedom of the press and lifting a ban on watching foreign TV broadcasts.

Ordinary Iranians have been chafing at rules instituted by hard-liners on how they should dress, what music they should listen to, which newspapers they should read and what TV programs they should watch.

Khatami said reformers also want to give parliament more power to supervise politicians and government institutions — referring to the Intelligence Ministry and government foundations that control most of Iran's economy and are accountable only to Khamenei.

As for improving relations with the United States, as some reformists have suggested, Khatami said Washington has to take steps first to "break the long wall of mistrust."

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Truck, train collide; one dead

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HENDERSON, Ky. — Authorities are investigating the cause of a truck-train collision that killed the rig's driver.

Michael A. Frisby, 43, of Henderson was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred around 10 a.m. Monday. Frisby was employed by the Henderson office of Airgas Inc.

His truck was filled with about 50 canisters of compressed industrial gases used for welding. The gases included oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

Some of the canisters caught fire but nearby businesses were not evacuated, said Rick Cox, Emergency Management Services area manager for Owensboro.

Witnesses said the truck pulled into the path of a CSX train, resulting in a collision that caused a huge fireball. Neither member of the train's two-person crew was injured, though the locomotive suffered some damage.

CSX officials estimated that the train was going about 45 mph at the time on a track approved for 60 mph travel. The train pushed the truck's cab about 70 yards from the point of impact and into a ditch.

The crossing has warning lights and bells but no gates. The lights appeared to have been working properly.



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Fatal wreck

Fireman spray the wreckage of a truck Monday on Highway 136 in Henderson, Ky., after it was struck by a CSX freight train, killing the truck's driver. The accident occurred in the morning, causing the road to be blocked for most of the day.

House approves waste bill

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee on Tuesday voted to extend a fee that must be paid by companies that generate hazardous waste. The fee is now scheduled to expire in June.

"I stress that this is a reauthorization and not a new fee," Natural Resources Secretary James Bickford said.

The fee now brings in about \$2.4 million annually, which is used to clean up spills of hazardous materials and the sites where dangerous chemicals have been dumped or stored over the years.

Bickford said it will cost \$5.8 million to finish the site cleanups now underway and an additional \$5.5 million to clean other sites known to be contaminated.

The fee was started in 1980 and was extended in 1984, 1988 and 1990 for various periods of time. The legislation promoted by Bickford would make the fee permanent.

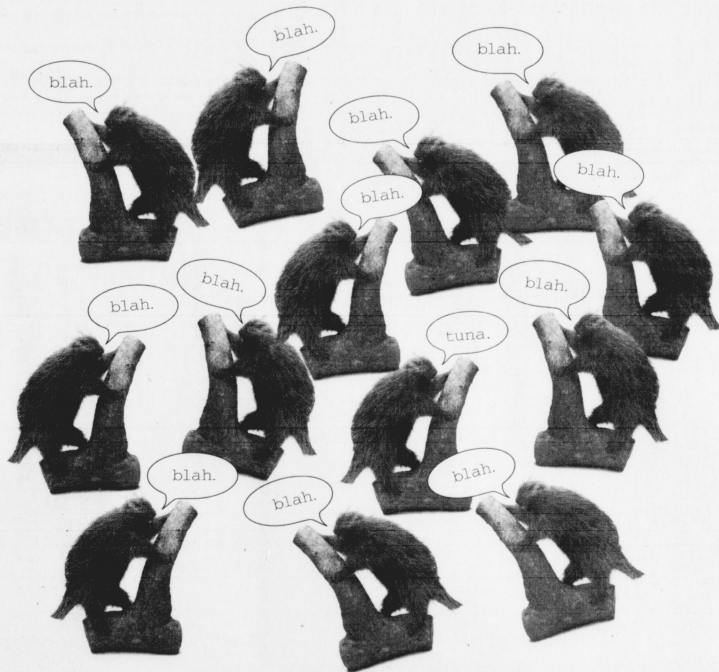
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FAT TUESDAY

Sex, alcohol, and beads

Where it's at: Mardi Gras kicks off for another year, but when did it begin?

By Tim Staley
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Mardi Gras. Fat Tuesday. Everyone knows it's probably the world's biggest party, but not everyone knows exactly what Mardi Gras is or how it came to be.

What comes to mind when one thinks of Mardi Gras is actually Carnival, specifically the New Orleans carnival.

"In Roman Catholic countries like France, Carnival is the season before Lent begins," said UK French professor Rupert Pickens. "The idea is you party and celebrate because starting with Ash Wednesday you will be fasting."

Carnival traditionally begins on the "Twelfth Night" (January 6) and runs through the day of Mardi Gras. The festival has its origins in second century Rome when the Christian period of Lent, the season of symbolic penitence running from Ash Wednesday through Easter, was preceded by several days of feasting in which participants reveled in hedonism.

Technically, Mardi Gras is the last Tuesday before Ash Wednesday and is called Mardi Gras, which means Fat



Masses crowd the streets in Bourbon Street during the Mardi Gras parites.

Tuesday, "because they got rid of all their butter and shortening and such, before Lent began," said Pickens.

New Orleans is not the only city that lets it all hang out for Carnival. Some other notable Carnival cities include Rio de Janeiro, Nice and Trinidad.

According to MardiGras.com, the New Orleans carnival was born in 1827. A group of students fresh from France, where they picked up some ideas from the French's celebration of Carnival, dressed up in costumes and danced through the streets. Not surprisingly, the fun, French-loving citizens of the city fell in love with the idea and the tradition began.

The first Mardi Gras parade, now synonymous with the celebration as a whole, did not begin

until 1837. MardiGras.com states that there are now about 70 parades put on by various krewes, groups who organize a ball or float, throughout the Carnival season, with nine occurring on Mardi Gras.

The parade floats, from which the ubiquitous beads and trinkets are thrown, are put together by the krewes, most of which have a king or queen who rides on the float. The most famous is Rex, who is generally considered the King of Mardi Gras.

The familiar colors of Mardi Gras are purple, green and gold, which symbolize justice, faith and power, respectively, were bestowed upon the celebration by Rex in 1872.

Now that you know why Mardi Gras is here, the only thing left to do is to go out and enjoy it.

ROAD TRIP

How to really party, Cajun-style



Party Fouls: Know what your getting into, before the tatoo

By Will Messer
STAFF WRITER

Mardi Gras may be the world's biggest party, but it's not all fun and games.

Kitty Hoover, a travel agent for Lafayette Travel, has some advice for students who plan on attending this year's Mardi Gras.

"Students should watch their drinking and make sure they don't do anything stupid, because that's when they can get into trouble," said Hoover.

There are plenty of other things students should worry about other than drinking responsibly. Students who want to be a part of Mardi Gras need to arrange transportation, book a place to stay and prepare a budget.

Hoover said students can drive to New Orleans if they

prefer, but she recommends flying.

"If students want to drive there is plenty of safe parking, but it would be better to fly because students can book a round trip flight to New Orleans for \$150," Hoover said.

Hoover added that students who fly should book a room downtown in the French Quarter because transportation can be a problem. Hoover said hotel rooms downtown book for about \$200 a night and hotel rooms outside the city book for about \$100 a night.

Vincent Tomecek, a former resident of New Orleans who worked as a bartender for five years, said the extra \$100 is worth it.

"You want to stay within a mile of downtown because that's where everything is happening," Tomecek said.

Tomecek said staying outside of the city can be a problem for transportation. "Because of the parades, all the streets and trolleys are closed," he said. Tomecek added that students should be wary of cab companies who prey on tourists.

"Most cabs have two or three different meters that have different rates. When they spot a tourist, they switch meters," he said.

Hoover said students should prepare to spend \$50 to \$100 a day on food, entertainment and transportation. Tomecek said New Orleans is a very violent town and he recommends that students travel

in groups to avoid potential pickpockets and muggers.

Tomecek said students may have a better time by going to New Orleans before Mardi Gras.

"There are two weeks of parties and parades before Mardi Gras and they are a lot of fun because there aren't as many people. On Mardi Gras, which is March 7, it can take one hour to walk three blocks," Tomecek said.

Tomecek said students should attend Mardi Gras, but he encourages them to come back.

"Everyone should experience one Mardi Gras, but everyone should go to New Orleans when Mardi Gras isn't going on because it's a fun town and it's a lot less hectic," Tomecek said

Tips and tricks

Mardi Gras pointers

• Weather in New Orleans is unpredictable. Bring clothes for every possibility

• When you walk the streets, don't bring your wallet. Take the cash you need and some sort of identification and put them in a pocket.

• No matter how "bad" you have to go, do not urinate in the streets.

• The police in New Orleans tend to "look the other way" during Mardi Gras. However, it is possible to get into trouble by showing too much bargaining for beads.

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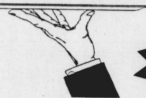
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Capturing Mardi Gras on the Web

Mardigras.com brings it home: Website offers fun of the Gras without all the hassles.

Bryan Marshall
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It's just like Mardi Gras but with bathrooms and without the pickpockets. Mardigras.com, an online museum of stories, photos and video archives, can take you through the action of Mardi Gras via the net.

John Donley, editor in chief of Mardigras.com, said the idea for the website came about through the previous success of a Mardi Gras section on the Web.

"The overwhelming success of NOLA Live's 1998 Mardi Gras section convinced us that we should spin off a year-

round special interest site built around the international allure of New Orleans' Mardi Gras celebration," he said.

Donley said the company uses Web Cams throughout the festival to give people who can't make it to New Orleans a way to see all the action. He admits the website doesn't give the full effect of the biggest party in the world but conceded nothing could.

"Mardi Gras is an overwhelming physical and sensory experience, one that can be exhilarating, but also physically demanding," he said. "Nothing on the Internet (or TV, for that matter) can ever match the real experience."

Many UK students said the website sounded like a

good idea for people who had mixed thoughts about going.

"It's a good thing because people can get an idea what Mardi Gras is all about, but it probably will never be the same as being in New Orleans yourself," said Nikki Rolfes, a pre-nursing junior.

While some students said the website sounded like a good idea, others said it couldn't compare to actually going.

"It doesn't seem very entertaining to watch people I don't even know when I would rather be there myself with my friends," said Kelly Coyle, an elementary education junior.

Despite the fact that some people said the website couldn't match up to the actual experience, Donley said going to the wildest party in the world via the net has its advantages.

"Our live coverage does provide a multisensory win-

dow into the wildest part of Mardi Gras, but without pickpockets, police or lack of bathrooms," Donley said.

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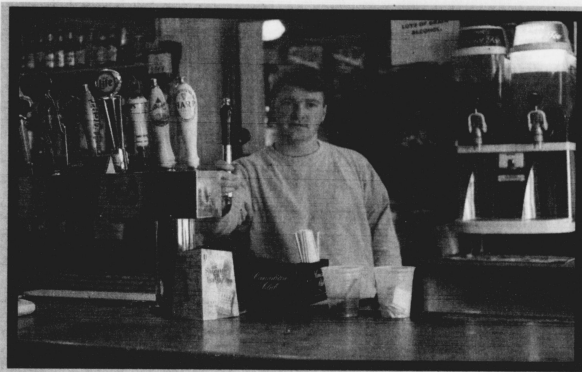
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MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES

'Boiler Room' turns up the heat

'Wall Street' kids: 'Room' takes a look at the greed in NY

By Patrick Avery
STAFF CRITIC

Male testosterone levels consume the latest Wall Street-esque movie Boiler Room. What lies ahead is an intense movie with superb performances.

Boiler Room stars Giovanni Ribisi (Saving Private Ryan) as Seth Davis, a seriously confused young man with lots of ambition, but no direction in which to achieve it, at least legally. He runs a casino out of his house and makes a lot of dough. When an old friend shows up at his door with a business buddy, Seth's life changes forever.

His friend sets up an interview for him with a stockbroker firm called J.T. Marlin. One thing that strikes Seth as peculiar is that this is a firm far from Wall Street and is even mocked by Wall Street hot shots, as we see in a bar scene where these guys fight over who is the best.

Seth looks past this and goes to the interview. It is there that he meets hard-nosed recruiter Jim Young, played by Ben Affleck, who is short and to the point. "You guys will make your first million within a year." Who would turn that



Seth Davis (Giovanni Ribisi) and Marty Davis (Ron Rifkin) star as stockbrokers dealing with the pressures of being made and being broken by Wall Street.

job down? Seth turns out to be the prize trainee of the firm who is rewarded for his competence. His reward is getting to hang out with the firm's senior associates.

The best scene in the movie happens at the house of a senior associate where we see a reenactment of Wall Street. These guys know this movie by heart, and instead of watching it, they put on their own five-star production.

Seth also has a strained relationship with his fa-

ther/judge who is played on for most of the movie's dramatics. His father, played by Ron Rifkin, is a tough father who wants Seth to live up to unrealistic expectations.

Seth's suspicions of the firm prove true only after he is knee deep in the slime. He has to make a choice to get out or get caught.

This movie would benefit from leaving out the love relationship between Seth and actress Nia Long. That storyline is contrived and uninteresting. The music also is annoying at

times and doesn't seem to fit the storyline.

The performances make up for the imperfections of the movie, however. Giovanni Ribisi, who gave me chills in Saving Private Ryan, comes close to doing the same in this flick. Ron Rifkin is equally impressive as a father who is too hard on his son. Remember the dad in Dead Poet's Society?

A great two hours is in store for the ambitious who attend this movie.
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Not a lame excuse

Heart attack victim held up by police officer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Sheriff's authorities are investigating a deputy who allegedly held up a hospital-bound heart attack victim for 30 minutes while issuing a traffic ticket.

Benjamin Basile, 50, of Kenner, remained in stable condition Saturday after spending a week in intensive care. From his hospital bed, he said last weekend's traffic stop made him "mad as hell."

Deputy McClendon mocked the family and even threatened to arrest Basile while he and family members begged him to let them proceed, Basile said.

Basile's mother Gladys was also in the vehicle and explained that the nephew driving Basile to the hospital accidentally ran a red light, prompting the officer to pull the car over. Family members said when Benjamin Basile tried to get out of the car to speak with the officer, the deputy slammed the door on him. "He kept yelling at me, 'You want to go to jail? You want to go to jail?'" Basile said.

According to Basile's family members, when McClendon finally issued the ticket, he said: "I'll go ahead and have your heart attack or stroke now. Have a good day."

Garner said the sheriff's office will determine if McClendon, a nine-year veteran of the force, did anything wrong.

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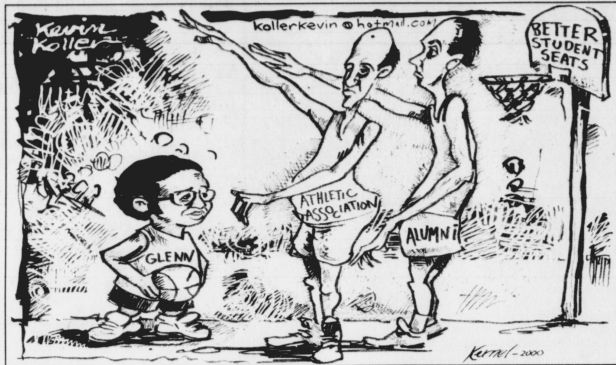
CHICAGO (AP) - The \$6.25 an hour wasn't so bad - it was more than most were getting. What astounded Marta Esquivel were the conditions inside the hot, stuffy tortilla factory where she toiled alongside dozens of her fellow Mexican immigrants for more than a year on Chicago's South Side.

"A lot of times, they didn't let me use the bathroom or even get a drink of water," the 39-year-old single mother says in Spanish. "There was only one door, and they kept it locked at all times."

Next month, officials will meet with a newly formed task force to find ways that community groups - from Chinese-American and Hispanic to Polish - can help the government track down employers who are violating wage and safety laws.

If it works in Chicago, the plan will be put into action in cities nationwide, says Bruce Cramford, a Department of Labor enforcement official helping oversee the task force.

The new plan is to create networks within immigrant communities to tip regulators off to trouble.



ELECTION 2000

Kevin R. Haughn
GUEST COLUMNIST

Shrink the government

Any stance to reform campaign financing in America is going to be flawed. Again, I take issue with our government-sponsored education system, but I'll stick with the issue of this particular type of reform.

Campaign finance is a free action by individuals asserting a type of force to give their candidate a push. It is not coerced (like taxes), it is not forced (like federal regulations), and it is not wrong for a candidate to ask as many people as possible to contribute to his campaign (except foreign entities like the Chinese government).

Do you see the pattern? How a candidate raises money is not a concern in a free country. The problem is the government has made itself so large with out revolt by the people. As such, the government has made itself a very powerful monopoly and the only way to challenge in politics is to be able to motivate the government machine.

My point is that most voting Americans have come to think that the more politicians give us, the better job they are doing. As such, we don't have candidates running for a free society (you cannot be free with a government this large and with such massive scope).

The people who truly control politics are the organizations led by the lobbyists. Each group (tobacco, arms, automobile, environmental, feminist, racial, etc.) has its own constituency. Those with the most money have the greatest pull on policy-makers and thus government. That is, the constituents of America are really voters and non-voters alike, all within the markets of private organizations.

How do these groups speak for us? We pay them for their cars, we buy their toothbrushes and swig their mouthwash. They know what we want because they are catering to our needs (read: money).

The common interest of the public is best served by the private sector. As such, the wealthiest private organizations resemble successful entities. They dictate politics with lobbying. It's all economics, folks.

So, my main point is as long as government is this large, there will always be the wealthiest among us trying to reduce it for themselves, while using it to eliminate their competition (only government could eliminate competition so well).

We have become a populist nation with huge government that we let get this big. The government has been taking freedoms from us in grand scale with one socialist reach around after another.

The government is huge, folks. It takes a lot of money to squelch it. However, in order for us to reduce it and take our freedoms back, we'll have to have politicians who want smaller government. When the government has smaller scope, our own personal votes will have more influence.

Right now, it's just corporate giants fighting amongst each other to ease government regulation on them. We need to be fighting that adamantly for less government intervention! Until then, we're just indirectly paying for the guy who has the most money from the biggest private groups.

As Mr. Haughn taught me, "Economics is everything." Let's put the money back in the people's hands and let us decide who gets the nod - not others who will benefit from it.

My first call is to, on a grand scale, force our congressmen to reduce the size and scope of government. That is, reduce taxes - the coercive funding of the government machine.

When we spend our own money, we get what we want. The government doesn't have to pay for everything.

When we control our destinies, we control the market of candidates (and markets in general). We will have a more free society with less government, and "campaign finance reform" will mean "less money to the government."

Guest Columnist Kevin R. Haughn writes for The Daily Aztec (San Diego State U.). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Don't judge a fraternity by its cover; find real people

To the Editor:

As I read Miss Kastens' recent article in the Kernel, I was appalled. Her final point did more than cast a glaring blow, it hit me where I live. I am extremely tired of people judging me without knowing my brothers or myself.

Miss Kastens should talk to the University officials before she begins degrading "The Six Pack." Perhaps she should know that the buildings commonly referred to as "The Six Pack" used to house members of the campus population who did battle every Saturday to prove the University of Kentucky's football dominance.

Maybe Miss Kastens would find out these buildings are more than twice her age and maybe Miss Kastens would realize that the fraternities occupying these houses are actually smarter than the "shitless alcohol-soaked layabouts" she refers to us as in her article. The current lifespan of these houses is less than 10 years and the University must turn this property into greenspace as part of the final plans for the library.

It is at this time that the "repulsive" people who live there will be gone. I have met these people and can attest to the fact that most do not qualify as such. I leave you with this point: True beauty is in the eye of the beholder, so don't let the outside cover fool you - look behind the doors and at the real person before you judge him.

CHRIS AMMERMAN
AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS JUNIOR

Third party politics important to America's political system

To the Editor:

I hope none of the Kernel's readers injured themselves on the slippery slope that William Monk managed to create on Monday's Dialogue page. Mr. Monk's argument against the existence of third parties in the democratic system contains a glaring fallacy.

A party's stances on a variety of issues do not necessarily have two sides. What he ignores is that the whole of a party's stance is made up of the totality of its positions on a variety of issues.

Even if, as Mr. Monk argues, issues like abortion, the death penalty or tax cuts have only two sides (though I would argue they do not), it does not necessarily follow that there can only be two party policies to represent the various sides to be taken on those issues. In a situation with multiple issues, several combinations of particular stances may exist.

A party's stances on a variety of issues do not necessarily have to follow the rigid liberal-conservative models Mr. Monk has apparently taken too literally in the course of his study of political science.

Mr. Monk also argues that "any third party is bad for democracy, by definition." I am not sure which definition of democracy is being cited here, but it is new to me. A system in which the voter is limited to the choice of the nominees of only two parties does not necessarily allow the choice of a candidate who best represents the voter's own ideals. Thus, the individual's right to vote for the candidate of his choice (which most would agree is a basic tenet of democracy) is corrupted.

To ignore the possibility of third party politics is to ignore a defining aspect of democracy.

ANDREW DILL
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Personal TV study reveals crappy ads



Meg Marquis
KERNEL COLUMNIST

For seven months, I have been living in an apartment complex that provides cable to its residents. Approximately 400 viewing hours out of 500 total or so spent watching TV have been commercials.

Today, I would like to take a moment to wonder at both the complete idiocy and pure genius of some advertising.

Take this new Pepsi commercial, for example. There are people sitting on a NYC commuter ferry, drinking various soft drinks as the boat rocks from side to side. Apparently, they are so engrossed in their morning papers and impending business meetings that they don't notice their cans sliding with the rocking of the boat. Thus, instead of taking a sip of her own Coca-Cola, Ms. Businessuit accidentally takes a sip of her neighbor's misplaced yet refreshing Pepsi One. Yikes! First of all, everyone knows Pepsi One sucks. Second, the idea of these people unknowingly drinking the backwash of strangers is simply horrifying.

All I have to say is, in this commercial I do not feel like buying Pepsi One. I feel like drinking a gallon of Listerine. You know advertising is bad when it not only discourages you from buying the item, but instead makes you want to buy vast quantities of antibacterial products.

While I was previously under the impression that this kind of poor advertising never influenced people to buy, I have been proven wrong. There has, of late, been a low-budget commercial that advertises a style of sunglasses that offers a variety of re-

flective lenses which can be snapped into tilting plastic frames. The odd angle of the lenses draw attention to the nose, and in general, these sunglasses look like leftovers from 1982.

I felt the advertising, which focuses on the many uses of this eyewear (the primary use being for volleyball), was atrocious and would not really inspire anyone to buy these glasses. I guess I was wrong because last week I saw a student here wearing a pair. I suppose the advertisers must have touched this guy somehow, yet else would someone actually want to look like Don Johnson?

Finally, this kind of low-budget advertising actually did make me want to buy a product. Over Christmas, my stepbrothers and I were making fun of a product called the "Touch-Light." Slowly, our jest turned to awe. "Hat Touch Lights! Hat! Hat! What a stupid - wait a minute! I could put those on my deck for party lights! I could put one in the bathroom for a nightlight! They're only \$19.99 plus shipping and handling!" Think of all the possibilities! Somehow, the commercials featuring an elderly woman using the lights in her dark, dangerous basement warmed my heart. I knew that if I actually had \$19.99, I needed that Touch-Light system too.

I guess in retrospect bad advertising can actually be good, unless, of course, it is really bad. Or sometimes good advertising can be bad, but I think generally it is good.

The point is, I think there should be a V-chip available to block out any commercials featuring the Pepsi girl, voiceovers by Rodney Dangerfield or that blasted Gary Becker.

Kernel Columnist Meg Marquis is an English junior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Food prohibition overrules common decency; give helping students a break

To the Editor:

I must tell you about a recent visit I had to UK's Young Library. Several days ago, while studying for an exam, I noticed an old man dressed in ragged clothing. His feet seemed to be swollen and frost bitten from the cold. I felt obligated to do something, yet there was a presence of fear in me. Eventually, my girlfriend mentioned him to me, and that we should help him.

So it was settled. My girlfriend and I got our belongings together and went to the store. Upon leaving, we purchased a package of socks, a pair of gloves, a sandwich, some crackers, and a Coke.

Upon returning to the library, we proceeded to go up the stairs to where the old man had been sitting. Before we could do so, a young staff girl remarked, "You can't have food in the library. You'll have to take it outside." Thinking that we only needed to drop off the food, I simply replied, "OK."

We found the homeless man to be asleep in his chair, and quietly placed the food and clothing beside him. In turning around, we found the same surly staff member looking for us. She sternly told us, "Look! I told you once that you couldn't have food in the library! Now get it and take it out of here!" I tried to explain the situation to her, but she would not let the man have the food in order to maintain policy.

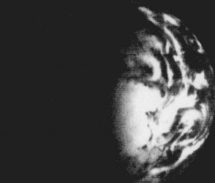
It's sad, all the money that went into building the William T. Young library to serve as an academic supplement for students. You'd think it could go the extra step to observe the basic needs for human survival.

GABRIEL CZIRJ
PSYCHOLOGY JUNIOR



THE FINAL FRONTIER

NASA mission puts solar system in perspective



You are here

This image shows the Earth and moon in their actual perspectives, a feat which has been impossible until now.

New technology: Nasa 3-D maps give military a better view of the planet

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour and its crew of six headed for home Tuesday with more than a week's worth of radar images that will be transformed into the finest maps of Earth ever created.

Gusty wind at Cape Canaveral forced NASA to put off landing for another 90-minute orbit. After the wind eased, Mission Control gave the go-ahead for a landing right around sunset.

During their 11-day voyage, Endeavour's astronauts worked in round-the-clock shifts to keep two large radar antennas running — one in the shuttle cargo bay and one on the end of a 197-foot mast. The method is expected to produce amazingly precise 3-D maps of Earth's peaks and valleys.

The radar mapped 43.5 million square miles of Earth's terrain at least twice, just 2.5 million square miles shy of NASA's original goal. The surveyed land stretched as far north as British Columbia and as far south as Cape Horn, and represented three-quarters of the world's terrain.

A faulty thruster on the end of the radar mast forced the crew to use extra shuttle fuel to steady the mast, the longest rigid structure ever deployed in space. To save fuel, the astronauts had to cut short the mapping by 13 hours.

NASA's first order of business involved unloading the more than 300 digital tapes containing all the radar data. After several weeks of making copies of everything, the tapes will be flown to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Scientists will keep the originals in humidity- and temperature-controlled chambers. "We're really going to baby these things, obviously, because they're our crown jewels," said Michael Kobrick, a Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientist in charge of the project.

NASA and its partner, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, expect it will take one to two years to analyze all of the tapes. The astronauts collected nearly 12 terabytes of data, enough to fill 20,000 compact discs.

The Pentagon will use the information to improve the aim of missiles and provide better navigation for fighter pilots and ground troops.

The best maps will be reserved for the military. Everyone else — archaeologists, geologists, airline pilots, emergency relief groups — will have to settle for less precise charts. But even those will be better than current ones.

Kobrick is already dazzled by the samples beamed down from orbit. The discoveries resulting from the mission should rival those of the Hubble Space Telescope, he said.

"You're going to see things just about as exciting," Kobrick promised.

Next up for NASA is an April ferry flight by space shuttle Atlantis to the fledgling international space station.



Kama ... what?

This image shows the Japanese Kagatake volcano from space. NASA is currently working to develop a three dimensional map of the world.

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Warming trend

Snowed in

Warmer months are just around the corner. Here are some things to look forward to with the approaching of spring. You know that it is almost here when -

Animals in general seem to be a little bit friskier. Male squirrels on campus are chasing their bushy tailed counter parts. Birds are busy making nests and flying back north. And students find that their feelings are not much different.

You know that it is warmer when the snowman on the corner of Nicholasville and Waller with actual male attributes finally melts leaving behind just the sign that reads "Honk if U R Horny." I hope the people who made that were not sober, but something tells me they were. God love college.

People are already tanning for Spring Break. Not that I am complaining about the looks, I just hope that the "fake and bake" routine does not give people the leathery skin that I see on some older people.

The frozen piles of snow have now turned into little piles of mud.

There are potholes large enough to eat the cars of those who are not fortunate enough to have large SUVs.

Two words: Short skirts.

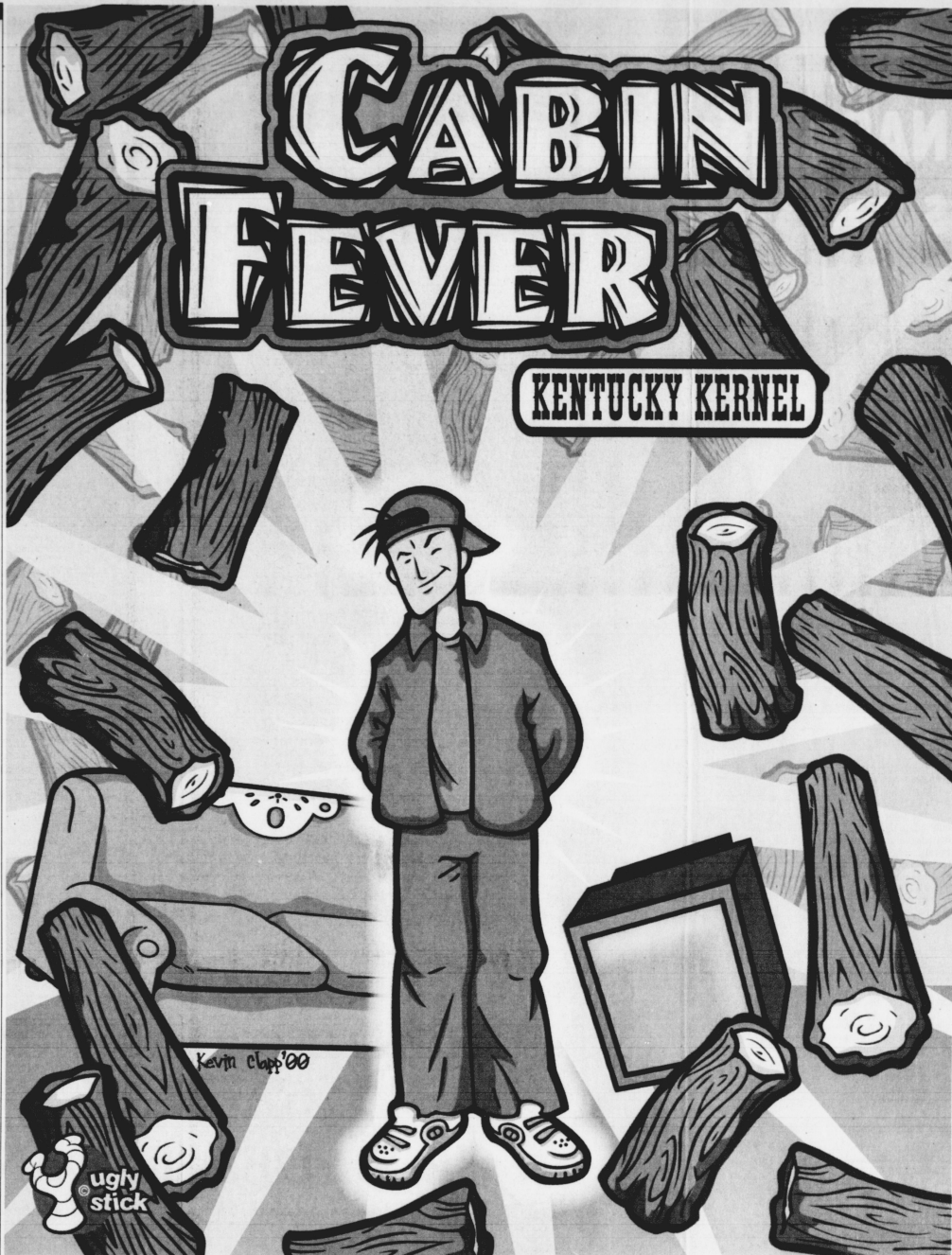
People are already struggling to scrape enough money together to go south for Spring Break.

People who have sunroofs look in the owner's manual to see how to open them again. Convertibles and Wranglers are no longer cold drafty boxes on wheels, but the vehicle everyone looks at and wants.

Snowball fights are replaced with relaxing in the sun and wondering if the opposite sex finds your pasty, lily-white legs attractive.

Saying it is cold outside is no longer an excuse as to why you can't go out to jog, walk, drink, etc.

-Ron Norton



Surviving the wintertime blues

Medical explanation: Experts believe there may be more to students desperately pining for Spring Break and warmer weather than just cold temperatures, and bundling up just won't help

By Toni Knight
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This is the time of year when many students get down in the dumps.

Irritable. Endlessly lethargic. Prone to cabin fever. No one is in the mood for anything but snuggling down in several layers of clothes, taking naps and sulking in their bitter, cold misery.

Every year these feelings of emotional exhaustion and mood depression return to harass students. After the cheery winter holidays have fizzled out and left nothing but below freezing weather and snow, many feel an emptiness at heart.

"You feel better facing a new day in the summer when the weather is nice, than in the winter when you have to go out and face the cold," said English sophomore Jack Medlar.

Students find they have nothing to look forward to, except a distant spring break. The thought of getting up and going to class in

the cold is revolting. While one could assume that these feelings are due to the frigid, dreary days, there is a medical diagnosis for the "winter blues." It is referred to as winter depression, said Dr. John R. Neill, UK associate professor of psychiatry and psychology.

Winter depression varies in severity from the mild "winter blahs" to moderate "winter doldrums" to "severe winter depression," Neill said.

Severe winter depression is also known as Seasonal Affective Disorder.

People with the winter blahs function normally throughout the winter but start to feel antsy around February. Neill described this as cabin fever, followed by spring-fever energy as the days get longer and lighter.

The winter doldrums are a little bit more debilitating; sufferers begin to feel sad, develop an increased need for sleep and experience weight gain.

Neill said that people with Seasonal Affective Disorder are on the most sensitive level of win-

ter depression because their dysfunction is so high.

Symptoms of lethargy, being joyless, hopelessness, anxiety and withdrawal start in the fall and last until spring.

People with the disorder also want more sleep, have daytime drowsiness and gain considerable weight, often feeling irresistible cravings for sweets.

According to Depression.com, a web site addressing depression issues, the disorder affects roughly 10 million Americans. An estimated 25 percent of the U.S. population experiences some form of the winter blues.

The disorder commonly afflicts adults in their early 20s. This statistic puts college students at high risk.

The farther north you live, the greater your risk. If a line is drawn across the U.S. from San Francisco to Richmond, Virginia, all states north of that line are found to have a higher occurrence of winter blues, putting Kentucky residents at risk.

Neill once taught at the University of Wisconsin, where he

said the winter blues are a "cultural thing."

Every winter students were ready and prepared for the winter slump. Neill said that there was a definite biorhythm to students' depression and spring fever was very noticeable.

Even in Kentucky the winter blues are a problem.

"It seems like it's easier to get fatigued and stressed out in the winter," said Stephanie Hamilton, a nursing junior. Fortunately, students suffering from severe winter depression can get relief.

Researchers have found that a new kind of bright light therapy, or phototherapy, is effective for sufferers.

Symptoms usually start to lift after about a week after the start of phototherapy.

Neill said the bright light appliances are safe and readily available on the market.

So students experiencing any level of winter depression or cabin fever should take comfort in the fact that they're not alone and there is effective treatment.

Getting Help

What to do if you're feeling blue:

If you experience the "winter blues" and have been searching for a way to brighten your mood, experts say that getting more natural sunlight, sitting near windows whenever possible, taking walks and taking vacations in the winter can all help.

Those who feel they may suffer from the more severe Seasonal Affective Disorder should see their doctor.

There is also a nationwide support group for Seasonal Affective Disorder sufferers called NOD-SAD to help sufferers and their families deal with the winter blues.

Write for free information: P.O. Box 40133, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Depression.com is also a helpful resource for this and other similar issues.

ARTSY

A crafty escape plan



PHOTOS BY NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

Pam Hogge and Stasia Kruse paint pottery at Colonial Garden Center.

Down the street: Three places right on Nicholasville Road offer rewarding projects

By Nick Tomcek
KERNEL STAFF

School sucks! Professors suck! How many classes can I get away with skipping today?
If these thoughts frequently cross your mind, then arts and crafts may be a good way to ease the tediousness of academics.
Patrons can relax and paint their own pottery at Colonial Garden Center, next to Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant on Nicholasville Rd. The center's Brush Fire program offers a hands-on opportunity for people to paint their own pottery as a gift or just for fun.

The pottery is already made — the rest is up to your creative desires.
"You can totally make up anything you want to. Everything I do, I put a funky twist on it," said employee Jeremy Newell.

All of the pottery is usable, Newell said, and includes plates, pots and bowls from \$4 to \$50, depending on the size of the piece.
If pottery is not your thing, put together that scrapbook that has been stuck behind your textbooks for so long at Mountains of Memories, 2434 Nicholasville Rd.

Mountains of Memories provides an opportunity to do in-store work and to be advised by the staff. Workshops and classes are available that include scrapbook basics, creative journaling and a borders class. Workshops are \$1 per hour and classes range from \$10 to \$16 per class.

A hobby store may be an excellent place for good clean fun. While other craft activities involve going to places for instruction, Hobby Town makes craft construction the responsibility of the builder.

Hobby Town U.S.A., also on Nicholasville Rd. in the Regency Center, has a wide variety of models, radio-controlled cars, paintball guns and model trains at a relatively inexpensive cost.

"If you do like models it's not too expensive," said Hobby Town manager, Matt Hitchcock.

There aren't many hobby stores in Lexington with the same variety or fun, Hitchcock insists.

"It's a good constructive way to use your time instead of watching television," says Hitchcock.

If these ideas don't work, try glue and Popsicle sticks.

WHAT A DEAL

The furniture for your cabin



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

A centerpiece for the coffee table can change the ambience of a den.

By Nick Tomcek
STAFF WRITER

Smelly, old furniture is common among students and their homes. New furniture is almost always out of the question because of an empty pocketbook.

Students in search of the ultimate furniture deal can find different places around town that suits the economically hardened student. Stores in town offer options that accommodate every student's style.

The Salvation Army, located on New Circle Road, offers couches, chairs and tables ranging from \$40 to \$80. The furniture is used and a little less stylish than newer furniture but is in mint condition at an affordable price for the consumer.

Another Man's Treasure, located on Clays Mill Road, tries to undersell all of the major competition in the Lexington area. The storeowner admits that 90 percent of the furniture is new, but the store still receives used furniture from auctions, antique stores and the occasional furniture owner looking to dispense furniture that does not match the decor of their homes.

"We have a lot of unique stuff that can't be found any-

where in Lexington," said storeowner Dottie Gibbs.

Another Man's Treasure is located in a quiet neighborhood setting and allows the service representatives the time to talk openly with the potential buyer. Gibbs also noted that the customer representatives do not work on commission and will not bombard the customer with flashy details to buy.

The store caters to the needs of the buyer by delivering the furniture to the home if proper shipping is not available. Special orders can also be placed for any desired style, and the store offers these pieces at a reasonable price.

Inside the store while shopping, a variety of simple to antique pieces are available, including, chairs, beds, dressers, bar stools and night stands. The store accommodates thirsty shoppers with a full coffee bar and lounge area, and, if furniture wears a hole in the eye, Another Man's Treasure sells silk flowers to accommodate any desired living room layout.

So, when furniture is nearing its end, remember there are affordable stores to research and find the defining look for your living arrangement.

You can totally make up anything you want to. Everything I do, I put a funky twist on it."

— Jeremy Newell,
Colonial Garden
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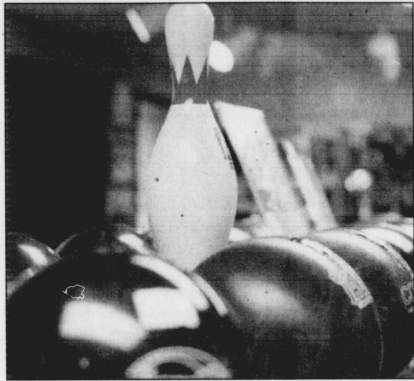
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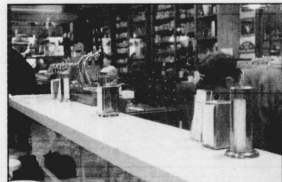
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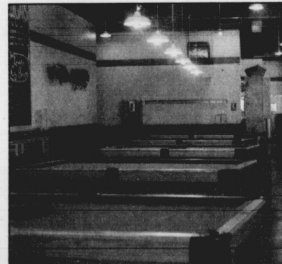
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THE TUBE CURE

Films to cure the fever

Ones you may have missed: Hang this on your fridge; next time you think you've seen everything, try these classics for some entertaining new cinema experiences

By Matt Mulcahey
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

The best example of cinematic cabin fever has always been Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*.

To prevent going after your family and friends with an ax, here are some worthwhile movies you might have missed. However, if your roommate starts chanting red rum, get the hell out there!

A Bronx Tale - 1993

The only movie Robert De Niro ever directed. Great period detail and music combine to tell the story of a kid growing up in the Bronx whose loyalty is torn between his bus driver father (De Niro) and the local Mafia head (Chazz Palminteri.)



Bottle Rocket - 1996

Offbeat story of inept thieves lead by the helplessly over-planning and under-prepared Dignan (Owen Wilson). From the same writing/directing team responsible for Rushmore.

The Last Days of Disco - 1998

Whit Stillman completed his yuppie trilogy that started with Metropolitan and Barcelona by exploring the waning days of the disco fad through the eyes of some upper crust, 20-something Manhattanites.

Diner - 1982

Feature debut of Barry Levinson explores the bonds of friendship between a group of Baltimore pals circa 1955. Full of great casual dialogue, *Diner* started the career of many stars including Kevin Bacon, Paul Reiser and, my personal favorite, fallen-from-grace actor Micky Rourke.



Pastime - 1991

Sadly overlooked little gem about the relationship between an aging minor-league relief pitcher (William Russ) and a young fireballer (Glen Plummer) who's the first black player on the team.

Wrestling Ernest Hemingway - 1993

Bittersweet look at the importance of living every day like it's your last. Two old men who lead lonely, secluded existences form a friendship that reminds each of the joys of life. Richard Harris and Robert Duvall are simply dazzling in the leads.

The Waterdance - 1992

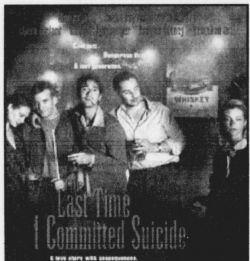
Based on the true story on Neal Jimenez (Eric Stoltz), a writer who broke his back and must come to grips with his paralysis. William Forsythe and Wesley Snipes co-star as fellow paraplegics.

Dominick and Eugene - 1988

Slightly retarded Dominic (Tom Hulce) has worked for years as a garbage man to put his kid brother Eugene (Ray Liotta) through medical school. Now Eugene must choose between his brother and having his own life.

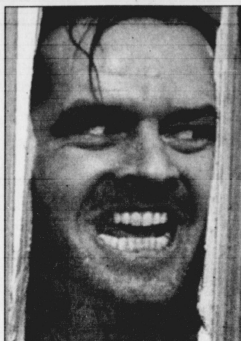
In the Company of Men - 1995

The female-bashing equivalent of *Thelma and Louise*. Two corporate lackeys decide to exact revenge on the entire female gender for all the times they've been screwed over.



The Last Time I Committed Suicide - 1997

Fascinating bio of Neal Cassidy, one of the driving forces of the Beat Generation. Although he never published a book in his lifetime, Cassidy was the basis for Dean



Moriarty in Jack Kerouac's "On the Road."

Living in Oblivion - 1995

Director Tom DiCillo's ode to the hassles of making low-budget movies. Features a unique narrative approach as well as an all-star cast of Indy favorites including Katherine Keener, Kevin Corrigan and Steve Buscemi.



Telling Lives in America - 1997

Nicely done coming of age tale starring Kevin Bacon as a hotshot DJ and Brad Renfro as a kid who idolizes him. Although Joe Eszterhas (*Basic Instinct*, *Showgirls*) wrote it, it has no gratuitous sex or ice picks.

Miller's Crossing - 1990

A Coen Brother's gangster movie. Enough said.

Running Scared - 1985

Other than *Lethal Weapon*, *Running Scared* is the most enjoyable buddy-cop movie ever made. Billy Crystal and Gregory Hines star as two Chicago cops trying to bust up a drug operation.

The Pope of Greenwich Village - 1984

The director of *Cool Hand Luke* helms this tale of low-level hoods — one who dreams of owning his own restaurant and his cousin (Eric Roberts) who perpetually keeps him down.



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A NEW SPIN

Mixing things up to liven up the cabin

By Kelly Irvin
STAFF WRITER

The past few weeks have been so cold that skipping class has become everybody's new hobby. Each person's dorm room, apartment or house has been a safe haven from the cold, but as soon as everything seems blissful, cabin fever kicks in.

You're ready to kill your roommates, are begging for University food and worst of all, the boredom has become staggering.

What is a UK student to do? Decorate and/or redecorate! That bare wall next to your bed is unbearable anymore.

— it needs something! Some students have already decked out their room to make it a place they like coming back to.

"I decorated my room at the beginning of the year because I wanted it to be homey," said Sara Clark, an integrated strategic communications freshman. Her walls are plastered with pictures of old and new friends and band posters. Also, she and her roommate livened the room up with an assortment of beads, lights and other novelty decorations.

Stuck with no ideas on how to make this ordinary room yours?
Basic advice: cover it with stuff that you like and that reflects you. Every room needs something on the walls like posters, pictures, or ads from magazines.

Second, utilize the extra space you have for the things you don't have any room for. Take your extra clothes, i.e. sweaters, and textbooks, buy some cubes or makeshift shelving and orga-

nize by lining your walls or, in a dorm, put it up on those almost useless shelves.

Don't forget to personalize! Stick some glow-in-the-dark stars or bottle caps on the ceiling, put some old bottles to use, i.e. put some highlighter and water in them for a glow, or invest in a blacklight and blacklight-sensitive stuff to zone out on.

Don't go overboard though. UK does regulate what you can and can't do to a dorm room and some apartments have specifications as well, which if not adhered to, can result in some hefty chunks out of the deposit.

Abby Oriowo, an Resident Adviser in Blanding II warned, "Don't do permanent damage to your room because you'll get charged at the end of the year."

Rules

What you can and cannot do:

While decorating is fun, students do have to abide by certain rules.
• In residence halls, the rules are outlined in the housing contract given to students.

Rules include:
• don't paint
• don't drill holes anywhere
• don't chip the paint
• everything hung up must be removed at the end of the year.

For those living off campus, rules vary from building to building. Students should check with their landlords.



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PLUG IN

Video game greats

By Will Messer
STAFF WRITER

There are many reasons video games seem to be students' best friends. Not only do they help students deal with their shattered childhood dreams, they also cheer them up after falling a test, provide entertainment for snowy winter days and give them something to do at 3 a.m.

There are hundreds of good video games available, but below is a list of 10 great ones that will help students hang on until Spring Break.

1. Tecmo Bowl

One of the greatest Nintendo Entertainment System games ever. Sure, there are only nine players per team, and you can only choose from four plays on offense, but name another game that includes NFL legends Walter Payton, Lawrence Taylor, Tony Dorsett, Joe Montana and John Elway.
Available on: NES

2. Goldeneye

Referred to by many as the greatest video game ever. It quenches students' desires for violence and blood and is a great way to release tension. Goldeneye is particularly fun to play if you are really good, because you can laugh while you slaughter your inferior competition.
Available on: Nintendo 64

3. Tie Fighter

Most students will never see the cockpit of a Tie Fighter, so their only other option is George Lucas's classic. Players can fly missions along side Darth Vader and take orders from the emperor. This is the best of a group of Star Wars games that include X-Wing and Rebel Assault.
Available on: PC

4. Mario Golf

The only golf game that allows players to golf with Mario and the rest of the gang. Sure, it may not be very realistic, but wouldn't you rather golf as Donkey Kong than Fuzzy?
Available on: Nintendo 64

5. Madden 2000

John Madden is the best sportscaster in pro football, and his game is

the best, too. Players can operate as GM, coach and player of their favorite NFL team. Throw in comments from Madden and Pat Summerall and you have a great video game.
Available on: Nintendo 64, Sony Playstation and PC

6. Army Men

A fun action game that allows players to take orders from "Sarge." Players can drive in tanks and jeeps and run over enemies. But the coolest thing about this game is the Army Men themselves—they are the same plastic 2-inch figures you played with as a kid.
Available on: Sony Playstation and PC

7. Zelda

The Zelda dynasty has been rolling for two decades now, and the game is just as popular on N64 as it was when it was originally released on NES. Zelda remains popular because of its developed story lines and creative plot.
Available on: NES, Super NES and Nintendo 64

8. Mike Tyson's Punchout

There isn't another boxing game half as good as Punchout. There's nothing like watching Little Mac train in his pink jump suit and then whip guys twice his size.
Available on: NES

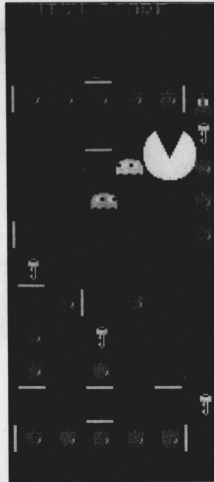
9. March Madness 2000

The odds are most of us are not going to get to play hoops at Rupp with Prince and Bogans, so it's a good thing there's March Madness 2000. This game allows players to recruit their own prospects and build their own rosters. It also has the complete roster for over 200 NCAA teams.
Available on: Sony Playstation

10. Tetris

The coolest game ever for Game Boy. It's such a simple game, but you can never get bored playing it.
Available on: Nintendo Game Boy and NES

System Abbreviations: NES = The original 8-bit Nintendo Entertainment system; PC: Personal Computer; anything that is IBM compatible.



The all-time classic video game, Pac-Man: a simple yet challenging masterpiece.

Back in time

Get old-school games on the computer

Many of the games mentioned above are available on systems many students may not have anymore. These games and many more can be found on the World Wide Web at emulation sites. Emulations are versions of the same games students played on Atari and NES formatted for PC so they can be played on home computers.

websites for emulations:
www.emulationstation.com
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CHANNELS GALORE

Maximizing your viewing pleasure

By Krista Mann
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During these long winter months all we have is Ally McBeal, WWF, and "Lifetime Made for TV Movies". TV saves us from the homework we have been putting off since classes first began and the dorm room that hasn't been cleaned since Mom came up in November. We all know that without our remote control and TV guide channel we might not make it 'til the spring. So what are we supposed to do if nothing is on? Whether you live on campus or off, there are several options for you to choose from for your TV viewing pleasure.

Insight Communications:

This company provides UK residence halls with free basic cable, which does not include such channels as HBO, Showtime and various other movie channels. Insight offers additional packages that give a choice of a variety of movie channel combinations. And with Insight, you only have to pay for the specific movie channels that you want. There are also two different types of cable that Insight offers, non-digital and digital. Without get-

ting technical, the main difference anyone needs to know is that more channels are available with the digital package.

Off-campus offers

The next two options covered are available for the most part to off-campus students. While students technically could have another system installed on campus, they must receive permission from University Housing. Given the work involved, and the fact that students in residence halls already get free basic cable, such a choice is rather unreasonable. However, off-campus dwellers should keep in mind that they too must get permission from their landlords before installing either of the following systems.

Direct TV (previously Primestar)

For those of you that aren't satisfied with just cable, Direct TV may be the answer for you. Direct TV is a satellite mini-dish company that offers up to 200 channels to its customers. Direct TV has a one-time installation fee and several different packages to choose from. Again this is good if you only want a few movie channels and don't want to pay for the ones you want. Obviously, the more expensive the package, the more channels you get. Also the equipment is included in the prices.

Dish Network:

One other option for all you channel seekers is Dish Network, a satellite dish company. Dish Network offers over 500 channels, so you definitely won't run out of things to watch with this satellite. There are no packages, so you get all 500 channels for a low monthly fee. Dish Network and its 500 channels is the company for the true TV lover that wants more movies than they know what to do with.

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ONE'S A CROWD

Roommate trouble?

You're not alone: What to do (and not to do) when the other person needs a beating

By Amber Ashby
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While the temperatures outside may be falling, chances are that tempers inside could be flaring. Many students find that increased time indoors can lead to added stress with their roommates.

Jenn Usher, a marketing and finance sophomore, said that she finds it harder to live with someone during the winter months.

"Tension runs high, because you're stuck in your room due to the cold temperatures," she said.

For those who are experiencing roommate troubles, there are several possible solutions that can help to ease this tension.

Tony Ralph, assistant director of Residence Life, suggested talking directly to your roommate when a problem arises.

"This should always be your first step so that a possible agreement can be reached," he said.

However, sometimes this step is the hardest one to take. Shawna Jackson, a biology sophomore, said that she doesn't always tell her roommate when something is upsetting her.

"I don't want to hurt her feelings, but sometimes I wish I would just go ahead and tell her so it wouldn't cause a problem later on," she said.

If discussion does not work, Ralph recommended talking to an R.A. (resident adviser), because they are trained to help students who find their living situation difficult.

Tiffany Douglas, an education sopho-



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Dan Olson, business freshman, (left) utilizes the time-tested headlock to subdue roommate Louis Davis, business sophomore (right).

more and Kirwan II R.A., said any R.A. will gladly listen and offer help to those involved in roommate disagreements.

Although utilizing a higher authority is sometimes necessary, many students also have their own ways of dealing with roommate problems.

Corey Workman, a computer science freshman, said that if a problem comes up, he immediately confronts his roommate.

"It's easier to confront the problem than try to deal with it later when it's had time to build up. That's always a bad situation," he said.

Christina Ditty, an undeclared fresh-

man, said she noticed most people are willing to compromise when they know they've done something to upset another.

However, even the closest roommates need time apart, and, when this happens, sometimes it's just best to get away.

Workman often heads to the library. "It's a good place to read and relax. Besides, while I'm there, I know I'll get something done," he said.

Many students agreed that the best way to deal with a roommate related problem is to be honest with them.

"Tell them as soon as possible so the problem can be solved early on," Ditty said.

FINE DINING

Say no to the pizza man

By John Wampler
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

It's three weeks until Spring Break, and it's getting harder and harder to get motivated to get up out of bed and go to class. As the days drag on, one fact remains constant: Students need fuel to keep them going.

Whether it's breakfast before that bear of an 8 o'clock, lunch before a 2 o'clock, or dinner before that late-night class (for which everyone is asking why they signed up in the first place), food is a necessity. But after a while, Pop-Tarts get old, and even the wonderful fare of K-Lair becomes boring and routine.

There is only one solution to winter-time munchies, and that is finding new taste treats to keep things interesting. In the quest for that perfect dish, here is some advice for those choosing to embark on a culinary adventure.

Get in the kitchen

As simple as this sounds, it isn't always. While apartment and house-dwellers have their own kitchens; those living in residence halls must share a community kitchen. Microwaves do have limitations. To get a true cooking experience, it is necessary to make the trek from the room to the kitchen.

Even if you do have a personal kitchen, it is still hard to get in the kitchen. Getting in the kitchen means doing work. It's a lot easier to call the pizza guy. But the pizza guy can't do casseroles, he can't do salads, he can't make chocolate cake. So bite the bullet, and enter the realm of ovens and stoves.

Know your equipment

Just because the recipe says 450 degrees for 15 minutes doesn't mean that it should be cooked to exactly those specifications. Some stoves and ovens burn hotter or slower than others. Check the dish a few minutes early to make sure it hasn't burned, and when the time is met, check to make sure the dish is not undercooked. After a couple times, it becomes easier to get a feel for how long it takes to cook items.

There's no shame in using mixes

It is possible to make hot chocolate from scratch, but Swiss Miss takes a lot less time, and tastes just fine. The same goes for cookies, brownies, cakes, biscuits and other items. Try products like Zatarain's rice mixes and Bush's Chili Magic that make putting together main dishes much easier.

Check the box

Many regular products you normally stock on your shelf, such as vanilla wafers, Oreos, macaroni and cheese, mayonnaise and A-1 have recipe ideas on the back. Often they also have offers for recipe books, or web sites you can go to for additional recipes.

Don't sweat mistakes

This is probably one of the most important steps to cooking. Everyone has had a cooking disaster where they burned the brownies, crushed the cake, destroyed the divinity, exploded the eclair, or otherwise made a mess of the place. Don't worry about. These disasters make for funny stories to share, and cooking is just as much about the experience as anything. (But since your dinner is ruined, in those cases, it's okay to call the pizza guy.)

Have fun, and happy eating.

Brown Jug Soup

Ingredients:

- 4 chicken bouillon cubes
- 6 cups water
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 3 cups peeled and cubed potatoes
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli
- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans cream of chicken soup
- 1 pound pasteurized processed cheese food (e.g. Velveeta), cubed

Directions:

1. In a large soup pot, dissolve chicken bouillon cubes in 6 cups of water.
2. Add all the vegetables, fresh and frozen, to the pot. Simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Stir in cream of chicken soup. Add cheese, and mix until melted. Serve.

Makes 6 - 8 servings

Vegetarian Chili

Ingredients:

- 1 (10 ounce) package meat substitute
- 2 (15 ounce) cans black beans
- 2 (15 ounce) cans dark red kidney beans
- 1 (15 ounce) can light red kidney beans
- 1 (32 ounce) can diced tomatoes
- 1 (12 ounce) can tomato juice
- 5 medium onions, chopped
- 3 tablespoons chili powder
- 1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 2 bay leaves
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1.) In a large pot, combine meat substitute, black beans, kidney beans, diced tomatoes, tomato juice, onions, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, bay leaves, salt and pepper.
- 2.) Bring to a simmer and cover. Let the chili simmer for at least 1 hour before serving.

Easy Ground Beef Stroganoff

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 2 medium onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 (4 ounce) can mushrooms, drained
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cups hot water
- 6 beef bouillon cubes
- 4 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 4 tablespoons all-purpose flour

Directions:

- 1.) Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add ground beef, add onions, garlic, and mushrooms; saute until onion is golden brown. Season with salt and black pepper.
- 2.) Stir 2 cups hot water, bouillon cubes, and tomato paste into meat mixture. Stir together 1 and 1/2 cups cold water and flour; stir into pan. Reduce heat to low, and simmer for 1 hour.

Makes 6 servings

Sources for recipes: www.allrecipes.com

To find more recipes to help cook away the winter blues, check out allrecipes.com and other web sites. Web sites can be great because people will often publish personal family recipes or ethnic dishes that cannot be found in regular cookbooks. Also, with the internet, almost any recipe needed can be found. There are whole sites and web pages devoted to vegetarian dishes, soups, fudge, and various other foods.

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- Sample a diverse menu of cultural-rich food items representing six continents. Tickets will be sold for 25 cents each to purchase individual samples or servings of the dishes.
- Talk with various organizations and groups on campus that offer further multicultural information and opportunities.
- Enjoy the traditional Bluegrass sounds of Kentucky Blue and the island music of RoundTrip.

Visit our Web Site at
www.uky.edu/DiversityFestival
for a full menu, list of exhibitors &
information on other activities such as
European Pastry Cafe (21st-25th) and
International Talent Night (25th)