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HEALTH

Parkinson's treatment created at UK

Testing: Researchers say new treatment could slow progress of disease for many

By John Wampler
NEWS EDITOR

Researchers at UK have begun a clinical trial of a new treatment that could end up helping the thousands of people nationwide afflicted with Parkinson's disease.

The cause of Parkinson's is unknown, and current treat-

ments only focus on diminishing the effects of its symptoms, said Dr. John SleVIN, a professor in the department of neurology. He said the new treatment would focus on Parkinson's itself.

"It has the potential to slow the progression of the disease and thereby extend years of quality life," SleVIN said.

SleVIN is part of a four-man research team administering the trial. Other members include Dr. Greg Gerhardt and Dr. Don Gash, both professors in the department of anatomy and neurobiology, and Byron Young, chief of staff for the UK Hospital.

The new treatment centers on the fact that Parkinson's destroys dopamine neurons in the brain. SleVIN said even when a patient first starts to exhibit symptoms of Parkinson's (which include stiff limbs,

tremors and slow movement), roughly 75 percent of their dopamine neurons are not working. Not all these neurons are dead; some are merely injured, SleVIN said.

Research done previously by Gerhardt and Gash found that a chemical known as glial cell line-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF) both protects the neurons and promotes the regeneration of injured ones.

This means that treatment using GDNF could reverse some of the signs and symp-

toms of Parkinson's and help patients function better, SleVIN said.

The new treatment will use a surgically implanted pump to administer GDNF directly into a patient's brain.

"This treatment promises to change the course of Parkinson's disease," Gash said.

The clinical trial is what is known as a Phase I in which researchers are primarily studying the safety of the treatment on humans.

"In the animal models it's

very safe and effective," Gash said.

Ten individuals will participate in Phase I, which should take about two years to complete, SleVIN said. If Phase I is successful, the treatment must go through two additional trials, Phase II and Phase III. SleVIN said if everything goes smoothly, the drug could be available on the market within the next six to seven years.

"I'm very eager and anxious for it (the treatment) to work," he said.

DEVELOPMENT

AIDS Center proposal awaits approval

Hope for the cure: Medical school applies for research facility to help HIV patients

By Jimmy Nesbitt
STAFF WRITER

Members of the medical school and other colleges are putting together a proposal for a grant that would fund an AIDS research center at UK.

The group, known as the UK Center for AIDS Investigators, is applying for roughly \$700,000 per year for a five year period.

They must submit their application to the National Institute of Health by June 1.

"I think we have a reasonable shot," said Rick Zimmerman, an associate professor in communications who is the proposed co-director for the center.

Zimmerman explained that for the past several years, numerous UK faculty from the medical center and other departments have discussed different kinds of AIDS research going on at UK.

The proposal for the AIDS research center popped up a little more than a year ago, he said.

"At that point we decided that it made sense to try to put together an application."

Zimmerman said an AIDS

center would provide sources for HIV research that would contribute to reducing HIV cases in Kentucky and the rest of the nation. The center will also aim to connect researchers across different disciplines. This would lead to a broader understanding about the causes of HIV, he said.

Rodney Bales, coordinator for an HIV dementia study at UK, said he believes there's a need for the center.

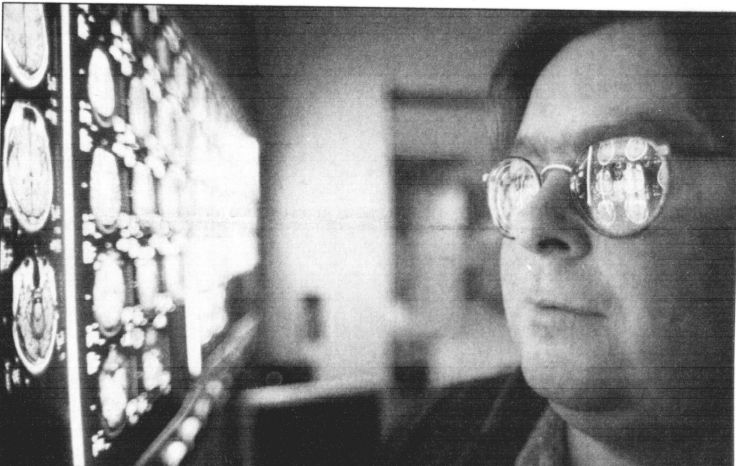
"I'm pretty surprised at the number of people I've met in Kentucky with HIV," he said.

The reported number of people with HIV is often lower than the actual number of people living with it because many people aren't diagnosed, Bales said.

"There's a big problem with access for rural Kentuckians. They have a lot of problems getting here to get care, much less dealing with the complexity of the university when they're from a smaller town."

Bales said an AIDS research center would impact Kentucky communities in a way that would support people who have HIV.

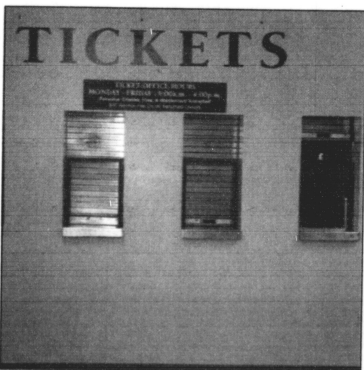
See AIDS on 3



Dr. Calum Avison, associate professor in the department of neurology, reviews MRI images for research on the neurological complications associated with HIV. Dr. Avison sees the possible AIDS center as a vehicle to create a multi-disciplinary community focused on sharing facilities, research of AIDS-HIV and outreach.

ON THE ROAD

Students seize opportunity to follow their Wildcats



Fewer than 12 students bought vouchers for tickets at Monday's ticket lottery for the Sweet Sixteen in Syracuse this weekend.

Lottery: Faithful few turn out to buy tickets to watch Kentucky, Maryland in tournament

By Janet Eaton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

They're the few, the true blue, and they're on their way to Syracuse this weekend to root for the Cats.

Fewer than a dozen students showed up at last night's ticket lottery to pay \$80 for the 160 available tickets to the two sessions of the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in New York.

Brothers Michael and Derek Nesselrode, both computer science juniors, were more than excited about the upcoming games and Kentucky's chances to do well against Maryland. The brothers predicted Kentucky will win the Maryland game by three with a score of 75 to 72.

They'll be missing a calculus class to make the drive to New York. But that is not what they are worried about. They haven't told their girlfriends

they are going yet.

"It's UK basketball. I love you, Tiffany, but I've got to go," Michael said.

Students had to be present with a valid UK ID to buy tickets. No one could buy more than one ticket voucher.

Adam Goldstein, a business junior, left Memorial Coliseum without a ticket because he didn't want to make the drive to Syracuse and cheer for the Cats all by himself.

According to Assistant Athletics Director Alvis Johnson, tickets are limited to one per student to make sure every student has a chance for tickets.

"We don't want to set a precedent by selling more than one ticket to any game," said Johnson.

Tickets not sold last night

were returned to the general ticket office at UK.

Wes Thompson, a sophomore business economics major, is going with his dad and brother. His dad has gotten some tickets through a contact he has at Duke who traded tickets with him.

Thompson said he is glad to see UK make it to the Sweet Sixteen.

"I had my doubts, but I knew they were good enough to get there," Thompson said.

Some fans are even willing to sleep in their cars to see the Cats play. Billy Aldridge, freshman computer science major is making the trip with his girlfriend, Lesley Runyon, a freshman electrical engineering major. They don't have any place to stay yet, but they said crashing in a car would be worth it just to get the opportunity to see the Cats in the Sweet Sixteen.

"I've been a big basketball fan. I've watched the games on TV forever and now, yes, I get to go to the Sweet Sixteen! Wow!" Runyon said.

Need a ticket?

If you didn't get a ticket and want to go to the UK-Maryland game, you will need to contact the Carrier Dome box office. The toll free number is 1-888-DOMETX. The regular business hours are 9:30 - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. All ticket sales are final (no return, no exchange).

This Friday, Connecticut will play Southern Illinois at 7:38 p.m., then Maryland will play Kentucky 25 minutes after the first game has ended in the 2002 NCAA Men's Basketball East Regional Game.

Ticket application forms are available on the Web site <http://carrierdome.syr.edu>, or purchase tickets at the box office window (Cash, MC, Visa or money order only).

Any fax or mail orders will be held at the Gate B Will Call - they will not be mailed.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Tomorrow's weather



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CAMPUS NEWS

Summer, Fall registration March 25
Priority registration for summer and fall 2002 classes runs March 25 through April 17. Students should priority register using the UK-VIP telephone registration system. Before registering for classes, undergraduates must have their adviser hold released. Students who do not register during their window may not register until the first day of classes and will have to pay a non-refundable late fee. Students who need more information about priority registration may call 257-7173.

College of Social Work celebrates field

The University of Kentucky College of Social Work will celebrate Professional Social Work Month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in 211 UK Student Center. The celebration will include award presentations for Student of the Year. Faculty of the Year and Staff of the Year. The winner of the poster contest also will be announced. All students, faculty and staff are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Distinguished Professor speech tonight

Lance G. Banning, the college of Arts and Sciences 2001/2002 Distinguished Professor, will give his Distinguished Professor Lecture tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the William T. Young Library. He has served on several departmental, college and university committees during his 30-year tenure at UK. Banning has also held many prestigious awards, including fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and the National Humanities Center. The event is free and open to the public.

UK relay to benefit cancer struggle

UK students are organizing the Wildcat West Relay for Life to be held from 5 p.m. April 12 to 5 p.m. April 13 at the William T. Young Library. Patsy Todd is the event's honorary chairwoman. Teams of eight to 15 people are invited to sign up for the relay. The registration fee is \$10 per person. A team captain meeting will be held tonight at 8:30 in the UK Student Center's Center Theater to provide information to teams. To register or for more information, contact Winona Palmer, UK Student Government at (859) 257-3191.



STATE NEWS

House approves new seat-belt proposal

FRANKFORT — A bill to make it a "primary offense" to drive without a seat belt was narrowly passed by the Kentucky House on Monday, 51-47. The bill now goes to the Senate. If enacted, a police officer could stop a motorist for a seat-belt violation alone. Kentucky's current seat-belt law permits a citation only if a motorist was stopped for an additional offense. The vote followed more than 90 minutes of arguments and testimonials on both sides of the seat-belt issue. The vote cut across party lines. Forty-two Democrats picked up nine votes from among Republicans to pass the bill. Twenty-three Democrats joined 24 Republicans in the opposition. The legislation, primarily sponsored by Rep. Jody Haydon of Bardonia, was diluted a bit to get it through the House. If it becomes law, police cannot give a ticket for a primary seat-belt violation until July 1, 2003.

LIKE SKYNYR'D? Why are Weezer asking radio stations not to play their fourth album, "Maladroit"? It's simple: The band sent tracks to the press and radio and posted MP3s on their web site, but they still haven't submitted the CD to their label, Interscope's Geffen. Says frontman Rivers Cuomo: "They were very upset and said we have to stop. I don't know what the hell I'm doing, so I didn't really have a choice." Cuomo says the self-managed Weezer "started to veer off into outer space" last year and stopped speaking to Geffen after a fight. ("They said [the CD's demos] sounded too much like Lynyrd Skynyrd.") With "Dope Nose" getting radio play, Cuomo says Geffen now wants to release "Maladroit," which the band ultimately recorded on their own dime. But Cuomo's not sure he'll give the label the masters, though he knows that could spell trouble. "Unfortunately, they have the right to claim ownership of the tapes. It's totally unfair." A label rep declined to respond, except to say, "When Rivers is ready to put out his record, Geffen is ready to put it out."

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. forces kill 16, capture 31 in battle

WASHINGTON — Moving against remnant al-Qaida and Taliban forces in Afghanistan, U.S. forces killed 16 fighters in a gun battle and captured 31 others at a military compound, U.S. officials said Monday. There was no indication that any of those killed or captured were senior leaders of al-Qaida or the Taliban. No American troops were wounded in either confrontation, Pentagon officials said. The biggest U.S.-led ground offensive of the war, dubbed Operation Anaconda, was declared finished Monday.

Punk pioneers enter rock hall of fame

NEW YORK — The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opened its doors Monday to punk rock's first generation as well as Tom Petty, former teen idol Brenda Lee and "Shakti" maestro Isaac Hayes. The Ramones and Talking Heads, whose careers germinated during the mid-1970s in the Manhattan dive bar CBGB's, were considerably more upturn at the Waldorf-Astoria for the induction ceremony. Country guitar picker Chet Atkins, who died last June, and Stax records cofounder Jim Stewart also joined the hall.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mideast talks indicate possible truce

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops pulled out of biblical Bethlehem and a neighboring village early Tuesday, witnesses said, edging Israel and the Palestinians closer to a cease-fire in the 18-month-old Mideast conflict. The pullback came during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, winding up a tour of the region that concentrated on the U.S.-led campaign against world terrorism.

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Ex-girlfriend's testimony: Ragland confessed murder

On the stand: Star witness says Ragland admitted he murdered UK football player

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — The former girlfriend of a man accused in the sniper-style slaying of a UK football player told a jury Monday that he told her he was the killer.

Aimee Lloyd is considered the star witness for the prosecution, which says that Shane Ragland killed Trent DiGiuro in retaliation for getting him blackballed from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

DiGiuro was killed when a bullet slammed into his temple as he celebrated his 21st birthday with friends on the porch of his home on July 17, 1994.

The crime went unsolved for half a decade until Lloyd came forward in January 2000 and told police that Ragland told her while they were dating that he shot and killed the walk-on offensive lineman and

honors student.

Lloyd testified that she and Ragland, now 28, began dating in the winter of 1994 and that the relationship lasted more than a year.

She told the jury that Ragland told her during a night of drinking in the spring of 1995 that he pedaled to DiGiuro's house on a bike, took out a rifle and shot DiGiuro.

"As hard as I've tried not to remember this, he asked me if I remembered the football player who had been killed," she said. "He told me his name, Trent, and told me that he shot him, that he was the one that killed him."

Lloyd said Ragland hated DiGiuro for helping keep him from becoming a member of the fraternity.

"He said [DiGiuro] was a jerk, just an awful person,"

Lloyd said.

Lloyd also testified that she waited five years before telling anybody about the conversation because she was afraid Ragland would hurt her.

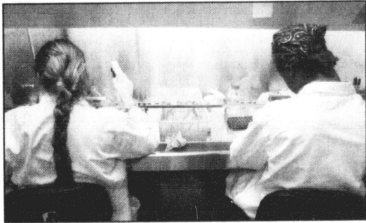
She said she came forward after reading a story about the five-year anniversary of the crime in which DiGiuro's father, Mike, was quoted as saying that "police would never find the killer unless somebody came forward."

"I just decided I couldn't live with myself any longer," she said.

The jury also listened to a recording of a conversation between Lloyd and Ragland made at Blue Grass Airport in 2000. The meeting, set up by the FBI, was an attempt to get him to admit to the murder.

Defense attorneys have portrayed Lloyd as a bitter ex-girlfriend with an ax to grind.

The trial has been delayed several times as attorneys tried to get evidence declared inadmissible. It is expected to last about two more weeks.



Microbiology and Immunology graduate students Jadwiga Turchan and Barry Robinson work under the hood in the tissue culture room of the neurology department on Wednesday.

Kentucky AIDS facts

- As of June 30 there were 1,774 reported cases of people living with AIDS in the state.
- AIDS deaths declined 49 percent from 153 in 1996 to 78 in 1998.
- The annual AIDS rate per 100,000 people was seven in 1999 compared to the national rate of 16.5.
- From January 1, 1994 to June 30, 2001, 84 percent of the 1,993 reported AIDS cases in the state were males, while 16 percent were females.
- Among Kentucky adult/adolescent AIDS cases, the highest risk factor for infection is men having sex with men at 52 percent. The next highest risk factor is injecting drug use at 15 percent, followed by heterosexual contact at 14 percent.
- Of the 1,993 reported AIDS cases in Kentucky between January 1, 1994 to June 30, 2001, 63 percent were white, 34 percent black and 3 percent other. Hispanics comprise the majority of the "other" category.
- The AIDS rate for blacks is approximately six times higher than for whites/others.
- Kentucky HIV/AIDS Semi-Annual Report

AIDS

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The proposed structure of the center would consist of cores of researchers trying to understand different parts of the virus, Zimmerman said.

Among the divisions are a prevention core that will educate young adults, a development core designed to get faculty from other disciplines inter-

ested in AIDS research and a clinical research core that will organize a database of people with HIV and AIDS who are being treated at UK.

There are 18 other centers for AIDS research in the United States, all located at universities.

Zimmerman said the group will find out whether they'll receive the grant by early 2003. If approved, they'll begin receiving funds in the spring or summer of 2003.

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Week of March 18- March 24, 2002
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Tues 19

MEETINGS
Islamic Study Group 4:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 111
Muslim Students Association Meeting 5:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 122
Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 122
Ladies Student Union Meeting 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 122

Tuesday Nights Together 7:00pm, BSU Chapel
Catholic Environmental Club 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 106

ACADEMIC
Math Tutoring for 100-level Math Courses 1:00pm-8:00pm in (CB8)
Math Tutoring 2:00-3:00pm, 965 Classroom Bldg.
Math Tutoring 3:00-4:00pm, Haggin Hall
Math Tutoring 4:00-5:00pm, Kinross Tower
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SPECIAL EVENTS
Comedy Caravan 8pm, Cats Den in the Student Center

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Tae Kwon Do Club 8:00pm-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Weds 20

MEETINGS
UKACE Meeting 2:30pm, 148 Washington St.
Book of Mormon Class 2:50, Student Center, Rm. 231
UK Feminist Alliance Meeting 3:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 122
Freshman 12:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
Alternative Spring Break Project 3:30, Student Center, Rm. 122

Table Française, French Conversation Group 2:30-3:00pm, Blake Hall, Rm. Young Library Bldg.
Encounter 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
UK Esports Team 8:00pm, Jay North, Rm. A8
SAB 8:00pm Board Meeting, 7:30 Committee Meetings, Rm. 200
Fellowship of Christian Athletes 9:00pm, Kinross Student Fellowship Building (CSF)

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Math Tutoring 5:00-6:00pm, Kinross Tower
History 197/198/199 7:30-10:00pm, Kinross Tower
Chemistry Tutoring 1:00-10:00pm, Kinross Tower

SPORTS
UK Tennis club 8:00-11:00pm, Alumni Gym

ARTS/MOVIES
Film Series 7pm-8pm, Auditorium of WT Young Library

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Judo Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym

Thurs 21

MEETINGS
Freshman Focus 7:00pm, BSU Chapel
Lunch Meeting 12:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
Amnesty International Meeting 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 122

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French Residence, 5pm-6pm, Basement of Kalerland Hall

SPORTS
UK Karate club, 8:00-9:00pm, Alumni Gym

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 8:30pm-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Fri 22

MEETINGS
International Christian Fellowship Friday Fellowship, 7:00pm, Dr. Augustine's Chapel, Rose Street

ACADEMIC
Dr. Susan Barlow Keynote Address for the 8th Annual Communication Symposium 1:00pm, W.T. Young Library Auditorium
Math Tutoring for Math 100-level Courses 1:00pm-8:00pm in (CB8)
Math Tutoring 2:00-4:00pm, 965 Classroom Bldg.

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SPORTS
UK Karate club, 8:00-9:00pm, Alumni Gym

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 8:30pm-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Sat 23

MEETINGS
Catholic Mass 8:00am, 320 Rose Ln.
8th Annual Communication Symposium - "Communicating in a Changing World" 9:00am, Student Center, Rm. 122

SPORTS
Kampus Self Defense 3:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES
Paul Gonsky And Charlotte Helkett: University Artist Series 8:00pm, SCFA, Call 257-4809 for tickets

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 7pm-11:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Sun 24

MEETINGS
UK Campus Girl Scouts, 1pm, Young Library
Catholic Mass 8:00am, 11:30am, 5:00pm, 9:30am, 320 Rose Ln.
University Worship Service 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ, St. Augustine

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Show brought relief from teenage angst

Growing up: 'My So-Called Life' spoke into the hearts of teens, helping them cope with the challenges and tests of becoming adults



Andrea Uhde
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When "My So-Called Life" premiered in 1994, my life was forever changed.

Now, I don't mean that in a cheesy, "I found the answer to life" way, but the series of hour-long shows did help wean me out of childhood, which warrants much credit to my life.

Really, the miracle of "My So-Called Life" was that it captured the turbulence of adolescence.

The show, which lasted for only 19 episodes on ABC, polished the idea of what it's like to be 15, with a whole world of profound responsibility and sexual evolution ahead. Never before, in this writer's memory, has a show so charmed the idea of feeling useless and lost in life.

This was no "Beverly Hills, 90210," with fancy soirées and spandex dresses accented with thick chokers. This was the story of a group of friends who were outside of the popular tribe, with liquor in the school parking lot and ripped T-shirts worn over moss-green sweaters.

Angela Chase (Claire Danes), the show's main character, was the epitome of adolescent confusion. The 15-year-old with deep-red hair, a slim body and flat chest characterized the daze of dealing with parents, sex and drugs. Angela was like a turtle that had just come out of its shell.

She was molded by her best friends, Rayanne Graff (Allison Joy Langer), a hip girl with braided and beaded hair labeled the "school slut," and Rickie Vasquez (Wilson Cruz), a teenager with slick black hair who often struggled with criticism for being gay.

And then there was Jordan Catalano (Jared Leto), the guitar-toting cool guy with a sheet of brown hair down to his chin. He was just cool enough to be sexy and just mysterious enough to stir Angela's emotions (which led to a major infatuation).

"My So-Called Life," highly acclaimed at first, met its demise because of low ratings.

But I loved it.

Nothing was better than lying on my bed and

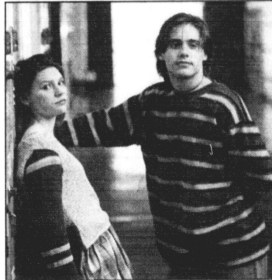


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Romeo and Juliet

Angela (Claire Danes) and Jordan (Jared Leto) played hormonal lovers in the ABC hit, "My So-Called Life."

turning on the TV when it was time for the show to come on, then listening to the whispered "Go now, go" that was part of the opening music.

My best friends and I thought Jordan was the best thing since whipped cream, and I considered Angela and Rayanne some of the coolest people around.

But what was even more enthralling was that the show - characters, plots and all - mirrored my life. I was Angela, so I thought, and my social life was just like hers.

I had the sexy grunge-boy who played games with my head, the best friend who lived a life without rules, and the parents who made it awkward for me to be around because of their insistence to know about my social life.

It's shows like "My So-Called Life" that are missing on TV nowadays. I'm just thankful we are of the generation that had an ally, like "My So-Called Life" during adolescence that let us know that we were not alone in our confusion.

Shows that shaped us (or at least made us laugh a lot)

Remember the times you pulled your pants up to your chest to do an imitation of Urkel? Ever had to tell your little sister that you didn't know what sex was while you were watching the pilot of "My So-Called Life"? Fought with your friends over the ownership of Zack from "Saved by the Bell"? Rapped the whole theme song to "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air"?

For the next two days, we've compiled a couple of stories about popular TV shows you may have watched when you were younger.

Where are they now?

Jaleel Ahmad White (Urkel, "Family Matters") was most recently seen on the big screen in the film *Big Fat Liar*, where he played himself.

Kellie Shanygne Williams (Laura, "Family Matters," was last seen in the TV series "What About Joan" in 2001.

Jason Priestley (Brandon, "90210") was hired in March 2001 by ABC TV as a commentator for the Indy racing series.

Tori Spelling (Donna, "90210") had plastic surgery on her nose in 1994 after a "parrot bit her." She will be seen in this year's *Made Movie*, where she will play herself.

Claire Danes (Angela, "My So-Called Life") was banned from the Philippines in Sept. 1998 for making derogatory remarks about the country. For the 1999 movie *The Mod Squad*, she earned \$2 million. In 2002, she is scheduled to appear in four movies.

Jared Leto (Jordan, "My So-Called Life") gave up sex for two months when he was preparing for his role as a heroin addict in the movie *Requiem for a Dream* (2000). He also lost 28 pounds for the role. He will next be seen in the upcoming *Panic Room*.

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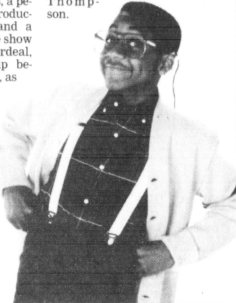
'Matters' of wit and gags

By Lucas Thomas
STAFF WRITER

"Did I do that?"
Such were the famous words of one Steve Q. Urkel, a pop culture icon of the '90s. Steve Urkel is the first character most people would name when asked about the ABC sitcom "Family Matters," but the series ran for more than a year before the suspender-wearing nerd stepped into the spotlight. "Family Matters" featured a Chicago family with big hearts but a not-so-big house. The cast of characters caused the show to evolve into one of the most dynamic and interesting programs on TV, and some UK students remember it fondly. "Everyday I watched that show," said Stephanie Thompson, an undeclared sophomore. "Family Matters" became a true hit with the introduction of Steve Urkel as a regular in its second season.

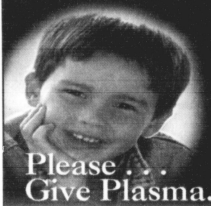
First intended to be a one-shot character in a single episode, Steve instead became a household name and star of the previously Urkel-less show. "Family Matters" ran with Urkel at the helm from September 1990 until June of 1998, a period that also saw the introduction of an Urkel doll and a brand of Urkel cereal. The show wasn't all a one-man ordeal, though. The relationship between the nerd and Laura, as played by Kellie Shanygne Williams, was one of "Matters'" main focuses. "Laura didn't know what she was missing with Urkel," said Jessica Kelough, a pre-veterinary freshman. "Laura is the epitome of a girl's stupidity." Carl Winslow, of equal parts jolly and inflammatory police officer, was also the show's

father figure. Played by experienced cop actor Reginald Vel Johnson, Carl served as Urkel's dramatic foil in many classic adventures. "Carl was a big teddy bear," said Thompson.



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CALIFORNIA DREAMING

Defining drama: zip code 90210

Brats: Series filled TV with spoiled teens

By Kathy Wyatt
STAFF WRITER

It is safe to say that the only zip code known across America is that of Beverly Hills, Calif., 90210. These five numbers brought a large audience to televisions once a week, season upon season.

Nathan Wynn, a computer science junior, watched his share of "90210" episodes.

The most memorable episodes for him were also the ones that dealt with real life issues like the consequences of drugs and alcohol.

"Since I was in middle school, it was an interesting,

third person look into a world I was about to enter, and I didn't know what to expect," he said. Wynn said the show portrayed people's personalities in an artificial light. "I think it is cheesy and contrived," he said. "The world isn't full of beautiful people, nice cars or beautiful houses."

Robin Brock, a Spanish senior, said she knows each character well. In the high school seasons, Kelly was spoiled, selfish and narcissistic. Donna was very naive. Brenda was overly dramatic, assertive and bratty. Andrea was too much of a do-gooder, too brainy.

The well-developed array of teenage personalities is one of the reasons Brock could relate to "90210".

"It takes you out of your life and away from all of your problems," she said.

Brock said the show did affect young viewers like her.

"It is absurd to say TV doesn't influence us," she said.

"All we do is culturally and socially constructed, whether we are conscious of it or not."

But while "90210" was entertaining and had some shock value, it placed importance on extrinsic beauty and superficiality, she said.

"It is a capitalistic investment to adhere to standards of our Western culture," she said.



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Life

Relaxed?

Spring Break is gone and classes are back. Are you relaxed? We had an entire week off and four straight days of basketball madness.

I know what you're thinking: "Jared, my Spring Break sucked, and I'm not relaxed and ready for the last half of the semester."

I've got a few ideas that might just help to get you away from the hustle and bustle of life for a few precious moments and help you regain your sanity.

Get a spray bottle, and anytime you're feeling stressed just spritz yourself in the face repeatedly and imagine it's the salty spray of the ocean.

Do you have pent up anger? Get a picture of the Duke basketball team and put it on your dashboard. See if you can put the dart square in Jason Williams' forehead.

Figure out what the hell a Terrapin is and then string it up with a noose and swing it around ferociously.

Bask in front of a sun lamp while listening to sounds of the ocean. Try not to burn yourself, as I will claim no responsibility for people wandering campus with scorched marks on their face.

Watch the UC vs. UCLA game again and laugh at how the over-ranked Cincinnati team played no one of worth all year and then came to the harsh realization that they were not Sweet Sixteen material.

Eat something exotic. Octopus, squid or maybe the meatloaf in the Student Center.

Imagine the rain as more of a tropical storm.

If the temperature suddenly drops off again and you find your fingers frozen to some metal outdoor fixture, just imagine you're on an Alaskan Cruise.

-Jared Whalen
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IN OUR OPINION

SG's expenses need clearer explanation

It just wouldn't be March Madness without a little Student Government controversy. SG President Tim Robinson claims that all expenditures made by his administration can be documented, but documentation alone does not justify spending the money in the first place.

It is not a question of corruption, so far as anyone can tell, but simply a knee jerk reaction to spend what is there to spend — call it politicianitis. Under Jimmy Glenn, the annual budget for SG was \$142,000, and Glenn ran a deficit of \$10,000. Under Robinson, the budget ballooned to \$203,000, and all but \$17 was spent.

And if the SG grew to \$10 million next year, chances are all of it would be spent somehow. It is the nature of the beast when people are charged with spending money that is not theirs and they cannot keep.

But it is a practice that should be examined and criticized. SG received a 43 percent increase in funding between last year and this year, and the manner in which those funds were put to use merits an explanation.

The largest portion went to operating expenses — salaries, office expenses, etc. — which saw an increase of more than 80 percent from the previous year. The staffs of both the president and the vice president both increased substantially as well, which begs the question: Why does the SG vice president have a staff?

Judgment should be reserved until Robinson has a chance to explain the spending. For example, why members of his administration all need new palm pilots and why renovating the SG office cost \$18,000 when the carpeting was donated and the computers came from UK (which is also funded by students, meaning SG is costing students even more money).

It is simply not enough to say that all expenses can be documented when those expenses shouldn't have been made in the first place. If there is money left over after all necessary expenditures have been made, set it aside and decrease the student fee.

Or just provide an explanation as to why SG costs so much more to run this year than the last. In fact, now would be the perfect time for answers, what with the upcoming SG election and all

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Hemp a perfect solution for farmers



Victor Maze
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Kentucky farmers over the next decade.

Balancing health concerns with profitable commerce will prove to be a major thorn in Kentucky's side if a reasonable solution that takes into account the needs of tobacco farmers cannot be reached.

Enter hemp. Highly controversial and plagued by misconceptions, industrial grade hemp has gotten a bad rap in America. Although in January 1996, the American Farm Bureau Federation's more than 4.6 million members unanimously endorsed the research and growth of industrial hemp, their pleas, perhaps pleas for their own livelihood, have fallen on the deaf bureaucratic ears of our federal government.

To older, often more conservative lawmakers, hemp is just a newfangled word meaning marijuana. It has nothing to do with traditional agriculture and everything to do with hippies, drug lords and the counterculture.

Ten minutes of research can easily prove that nothing

is further from the truth. Industrial grade hemp has an extremely low content (often less than 1 percent) of delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the chemical that produces the mind-altering affect associated with marijuana. Rather, it has high levels of cannabidiol (CBD), which actually blocks the effects of THC. In other words, you would have to smoke a joint the size of a telephone pole to get high.

While local stores like Hemp Universe may seem to be cashing in on a modern sales gimmick based on controversy, they are actually just continuing an almost 5,000 year-old tradition based upon the commonsense usefulness of selling products made from hemp.

Though it may seem new and trendy to some, hemp has been cultivated in China since 2800 B.C. Its heritage is a rich one, and it's been utilized in countless ways:

• Hemp was used to make the first pair of Levi jeans. • It has been grown by Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, 44 children and the U.S. government.

• The Declaration of Independence was drafted on hemp paper, as was the U.S. Constitution and even the first Gutenberg Bibles. In fact, before 1883, at least 75 percent of all paper (including money) was made from hemp.

• In the 1940s, Henry Ford built a car that was fueled by and fabricated from hemp. It was 10 times more resistant to impact but only weighed two-thirds as much as a normal vehicle.

• In the mid-1900s, thousands of workers were employed at more than 100 Kentucky factories utilizing hemp. • The sails on Columbus's ships and the roofs of the covered wagons that carried settlers west were both made

Terrorist label should apply to Israel also



Samieh Shalash
ASSISTANT DIALOGUE EDITOR

A mangled body is dragged through the streets. Two soldiers pose beside their kill, waiting for their picture to be taken by a third.

This is a real photograph, taken of real people in the year 2002. The body is that of a Palestinian teenager caught in the middle of a fight to protect his homeland. The soldiers are Israeli, their guns proudly strapped across their chests.

Their leader applauds their brutality and calls for more. Some under his governing are horrified by what they are asked to do and boycott the Israeli army. The command to shoot dead any man or child who dares pick up a stone did not go over well with the more than 200 Israeli soldiers who refused to follow those inhumane orders. The soldiers were cited in a newspaper article as "not wanting to be involved in such degrading animalistic behavior."

Violence, as always, is escalating in the Middle East. TV reports on the occurrences show Palestinian gunmen aiming at Israeli tanks and neglect to broadcast Israeli soldiers massacring children. The focus in the vicious cycle of killing remains on "terrorists" defending their homeland. Suicide bombers are considered murderers and their victims are mourned one by one.

Yet, Palestinians do not have time to properly mourn each human life taken by their oppressors. After their homes are blasted by bombshells and their families ripped apart by scattered gunfire, they leave everything behind and trek to refugee camps where they make mass targets for Israeli soldiers.

Not so long ago Adolf Hitler rose to power. He enjoyed killing based on religion and race. His followers were trained to destroy human lives. He effectively began to wipe out an entire section of Germany.

Ariel Sharon is not Hitler. But his actions are eerily similar. Palestinians are hiding in their homes, afraid to venture into the streets for fear of being indiscriminately shot in cold blood. The yellow Star of David is attached to the clothing of Jews during the Holocaust for identification. Similarly, Palestinians must now distinguish their cars with yellow license plates so they are easily identifiable to Israeli soldiers.

Within the camps, soldiers are beginning to tattoo Palestinians with numbers just as Jews in World War II were branded. The world is starting to realize that Sharon's methodical attempt to advance into Palestinian territory destroying any homes and families in his path is not a war tactic. Rather, it is unprecedented and cruel. The UN has issued a statement deeming these actions as trampling upon human rights.

Granted, both sides share certain degrees of blame in the situation. Suicide bombing is not the answer to oppression. Still, throwing a stone does not warrant being smeared into the ground with gunfire. Israeli soldiers are never called terrorists, though they enter the homes and lives of civilians and tear them apart.

Surely terror strikes the hearts of those mothers who watch their children bleed to death from Israeli-inflicted wounds. Surely terror strikes the hearts of children who watch their father die in a random attack on their tiny, once quaint, Palestinian village.

I cannot begin to imagine life in the war-torn ruins of Palestine. My memories of Ramallah consist of strolling along the busy shop lined streets of the city with my sisters and cousins during visits to my homeland during summers past.

Now, I turn on the television and that very same city is a horrifyingly different picture. The colorful civilian bustle of everyday life is smoked into gray smatterings, dank red blood flowing through the streets.

When will Ariel Sharon realize that he cannot continue to oppress a people, to destroy the very essence of their close-knit culture, without them putting up a fight? Peacemakers call for Palestine to roll over and play dead to his whim. Any sign of self-defense, or instigation of similar war methods is deemed terrorism when coming from the Arab side.

The double standard horrifies me. We are an educated civilization, living in the land of opportunity. When will America realize that taking the side of the party with the most money and the most power is not the right thing to do? Will we stand by and wait until the blood dripping from the cold blue lips of the next Palestinian infant runs dry?

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GIRLS OF SUMMER

UK softball team prepares for Vols

Geared up: UK depending on pitching duo to hurl Cats into thick of SEC competition

By Jack Medlar
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Fired up and ready to go. That is exactly how the softball team feels about its series of three games against arch-rival Tennessee this week.

The series will kick off with a doubleheader at 3 p.m. today at the UK Softball Complex. The final game of the series will begin at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

The Cats (15-11 overall, 1-2 in the Southeastern Conference) are ready for the chance to hold their first SEC home-stand against the Vols after losing two of three to the Florida Gators this weekend in their first conference series.

"I'm looking forward to it," said senior Andi Eilertson. "Tennessee and us have been rivals in past years, and it's always a good game. These are some games we need to get in because we should win them."

The Vols, who are best known for their offensive prowess, will be formidable opponents, but UK could be equal to the task.

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emer victorious from this series.

"[Tennessee] can really put the ball in play, and that's where good defense comes in. If we can make the plays, we'll be fine," Cook said.

The Cats will be without the services of junior pitcher Morgan Marr, who is 3-5 with a 3.60 earned run average. Marr has been ill and is not expected to be able to compete until this weekend at the earliest. She has not pitched in more than a week.

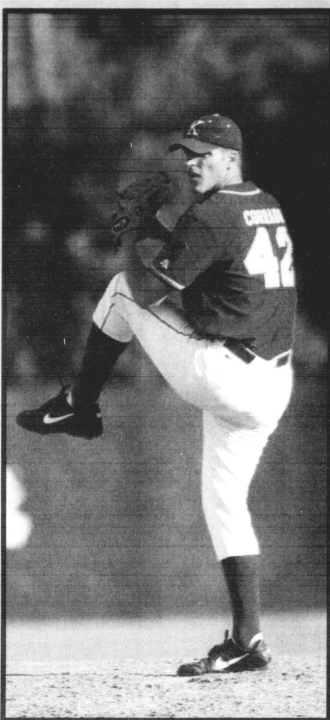
Marr's absence will test the endurance of senior Jennifer Howland and freshman Meghan Cooper who have been handling the majority of the pitching duties.

Howland improved her record to 5-2 on Saturday against Florida, but she was tabbed with a loss in the third game against Florida Sunday after the Cat defense allowed three unearned runs in the fifth inning.

"It has really hurt to only have two pitchers," Cook said. "That is a lot of innings for them to go out there and pitch an entire three game series with just the two of them."

Cooper is 7-3 with two saves and leads the Cats with a 2.15 ERA. She has already pitched 79.2 innings so far this season. Cooper gave up six runs in six innings during her last start, a 6-1 loss to Florida on Friday.

For the Cats to keep pace in the SEC, Cooper and Howland will have to be able to bring their heat.



Bat Cats

Junior pitcher Rob Corrado and the UK baseball team (10-10) host Tennessee Tech at 3 p.m. today at Applebee's Park. Corrado is 0-1 in five appearances this season with a 8.44 earned run average.

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