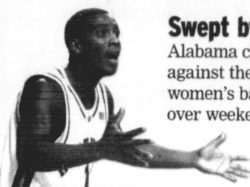


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GREEK LIFE

Sigma Chi moves into new house

New digs: Fraternity relocates to satisfy UK's greenspace plan

By Amber Ashby
STAFF WRITER

Members of UK's Sigma Chi social fraternity unpacked old memories with their personal belongings as they moved into their new \$2.4 million house Saturday.

"This is a great house but we'll miss the old one," said Joseph Ireland, an economics sophomore. "The place had character and a lot of tradition."

Jimmy Takitch, a finance junior and president of the chapter, agreed. "We're lucky to live in a brand new house, but I'm going to miss how personalized the old house was. Things went up over time there, and it'll take awhile to add all that here."

Other Sigma Chi members said they would miss their old location on the corner of Woodland and Hilltop avenues.

"I'll miss sitting on the front porch watching all the cars and people go by," said Mike Munfo, a business sophomore. "That was our hang-out place."

On the corner of Columbia and Pennsylvania avenues, the new house is in Greek Park, an area that will house new Greek dwellings, said Brian Gathy, director of finance for campus and auxiliary services.

Greek Park is bordered by Woodland, Columbia and Euclid avenues and Rose Street.

Gathy said the university shouldered the funding for the new Sigma Chi house because the other house will eventually be torn down. Gathy said the old house is located on land that UK administrators have designated as greenspace. UK officials want to clear this land, which surrounds the William T. Young Library, in the next several years.

"This wasn't a case where they wanted a new house and we offered to pay for it," said Gathy. "Instead, we mandated and initiated the move because we want the library lot cleared,



JESSE LEWIS | KERNEL STAFF

No memories, but better Internet connections

Ben Scholl, a marketing junior, moves his things into the new Sigma Chi house on Saturday. The new house has 28 suites that accommodate four occupants. Each suite has a bathroom and multiple phone lines.

and therefore, we have an obligation to pay for it."

Though they'll miss many features of the old house, the Sigma Chi members can't help but feel pleased by all the amenities of their new home.

In addition to a chapter room, kitchen, living room and back patio, the house includes 28 suites that accommodate four occupants. Each room has a bathroom and multiple phone lines so that each person can have his own Internet access.

Members welcome these changes as alternatives to the community bathrooms and limited wiring in the old house.

"My shower has a bench in it, and that can't be beat," Munfo said. He also added that the ethernet system of the new house is a nice addition.

Gathy said the fraternity and its alumni will pay the house's operating costs.

Ken Clevidence, associate vice-president for auxiliary and campus services, said the house

also has an apartment where the house mother will live. The house has no cook, so UK Food Services will cater meals.

While it might take time to make the new place home, the members are ready to make new memories and christen the house with their spirit.

"It's pretty exciting to think that we're the last members in the old house and the first people here," Ireland said. "We'll be the first to scratch our names on the walls."

HORSES

UK researchers still perplexed by foal deaths



AMY CRAWFORD | KERNEL STAFF

Broodmares at Taylor Made Farms Off Tates Creek Road graze in the late afternoon.

Confusion: Eastern tent caterpillars remain primary suspect in last year's losses

By Curtis Tate
STAFF WRITER

Equine researchers are still working to pinpoint the cause of last year's unusually high number of foal deaths, an epidemic which could cost Kentucky's thoroughbred industry \$350 million.

Equine epidemiologist David Powell said researchers will monitor about 12 central Kentucky horse farms this spring to look for patterns seen last year.

Researchers will take blood samples from mares, test feed, soil and grass samples for toxic compounds, and keep a close watch on eastern tent caterpillars.

Powell said several factors are suspected of contributing to Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome: only one cause has been ruled out.

"We are happy to eliminate infectious or contagious disease," Powell said that research continues to focus on the eastern tent caterpillar, which appeared in large numbers last spring. The caterpillar feeds on the leaves of the black cherry tree, a cyanide source.

Though cyanide may have found its way onto horse pastures, Powell said researchers have established no direct link between the caterpillars and foal deaths.

He said that abnormal weather last spring — including a series of frosts, low rainfall and higher than normal temperatures — may have played a role.

Powell said the economic impacts of MRLS might not be felt for two or three years, but the feed industry, horse caretakers and veterinarians will all be affected.

"As time progresses, the problem's seriousness will become apparent," he said.

Scott Smith, dean of the UK College of Agriculture, said research teams in the college have never seen such a large concentration of foal deaths before.

"It's been a big thing for us," he said. "We've allocated lots of time and resources."

Smith said several departments in the college — including veterinary science, animal science, agronomy and agricultural engineering — collaborate on causal studies and monitoring area horse farms.

Frank Taylor, manager of Taylor Made Farm in Jessamine County, said his farm was selected for monitoring.

Even though he said he doesn't think MRLS will occur on a large scale this year, Taylor is taking precautions. He said he plans to muzzle his mares in April to keep them from grazing pastures.

UK estimates that about 20 percent of Kentucky's 2002 foal crop was lost to MRLS. Taylor said his losses may be as high as 30 percent.

Taylor said the horse industry will take five to seven years to recover from the effects of MRLS. But he said surviving foals will become more valuable as supplies decrease.

"It might be a good thing in some sense," he said.

ANIMALS

Zoo's cheetahs roar into Wildcat country

Too many people, not enough seats: Event draws overflow crowd, prompts second show

By Steve Ivey
STAFF WRITER

More than 1,100 people came to UK Saturday to see a cheetah, an ocelot and several other cats in the Memorial Hall auditorium.

The animals were here for Cat Scratch Fever 2002, an event presented by the Cincinnati Zoo's Cat Ambassador Program. The event was sponsored by several of UK's progressive organizations.

David Hutchinson, president of Green Thumb and marketing junior, said he expected 300 to 500 people, but Memorial Hall was filled to its 800-seat capacity, and about 300 people were left waiting outside.

"I (was) simply amazed by the crowd," he said.

The Cat Ambassadors performed an impromptu second show for those who were unable to get seats for the first. While the Cat Ambassadors presented various cats during the show, the focus was on raising funds and awareness for cheetah conservation.

Elissa Knights, director of the Cat Ambassador Program, said humans must use their greatest adaptations — their minds — to further conservation efforts.

"Cooperation and learning to live with the animals is the solution," she said.

Hutchinson said Green Thumb collected more than \$300 from individual and organizational donations for the Angel Fund, an effort to promote cheetah conservation in Africa.

Lindsay Clouse, president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said the event helped raise awareness about endangered species.

"Seeing a cheetah or an ocelot up close and personal and having a chance to experience their beauty and intelligence firsthand goes a long way toward encouraging people to participate in conservation," she said.

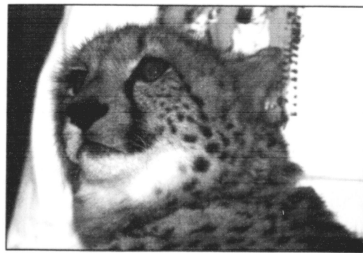
Cheryl Edge, a natural resource and conservation management senior, said she was

glad to see the event geared toward conservation.

"It's important that everyone understand why many species are going extinct at unprecedented rates," she said. "Hopefully they'll become responsible adults and continue conservation efforts."

Sponsors of Cat Scratch Fever:

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UK SPCA
UK United Federation of Sidewalk Chalkers



WICK TONCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

A cheetah eyes a crowd of children, students and parents at Cat Scratch Fever. The event showcased big cats such as cheetahs and cougars in Memorial Hall Saturday, to educate children and adults about endangered cats and conservation.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

CAMPUS NEWS

Commission adopts mission statement

Members of the President's Commission on Women had their sixth meeting Friday, at which they officially adopted their mission statement. The mission statement is "To promote and advance gender equity and promote a positive university community for women." Members of the commission also discussed and prioritized the various issues and initiatives that they will be working on in the future. They will be sponsoring their second employee forum this Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the UK Hospital auditorium, said chairwoman Carolyn Bratt. Bratt said the members of the commission are also in the process of planning several student forums. The members of the commission will be meeting with the Black Student Union at 8 p.m. on Tuesday and with the Campus Progressive Coalition at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Council repeals bar closing ordinance

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council voted Thursday to cancel a proposal that would force any business with a liquor license to close by 1:30 a.m. The proposal, which was supported by Mayor Pam Miller at first, angered many local business owners, who claimed the ordinance would affect their business. Miller changed her mind about the proposal when Lee Hudson, the owner of Kamakazies nightclub on Main Street, filed an injunction to block the ordinance. Hudson said the proposal was a violation of state law.

NATIONAL NEWS

Congress begins Enron inquiries

WASHINGTON — The first hard look by Congress at what's behind the Enron Corp. collapse left lawmakers certain of only one thing: Thousands of documents were destroyed by the energy company's blue-ribbon accounting firm. But who ordered the shredding? What was on the papers? Was someone trying to stifle a government investigation? And did Arthur Andersen LLP's lucrative consulting business influence its actions as Enron's accountant? None of these questions were answered after a House investigations subcommittee concluded its first public hearing Thursday into the largest and perhaps most devastating bankruptcy in history. With 11 congressional committees and subcommittees eager to probe elements of the Enron debacle and its far-reaching fallout, this is only the beginning. For the time being the focus is on paper shredding and what may turn into one of the nation's biggest financial scandals.



BOCEPHUS: When Lost Highway Records put together a tribute album to his father last year, Hank Williams Jr. wasn't asked to contribute.

"Yeah, I heard about that and I thought, 'Gosh, they never called,'" the 52-year-old country music singer said. "Maybe I didn't get the message." But the label did ask his son, Hank Williams III, who did a song on the Grammy-nominated CD, "Timeless — Hank Williams Tribute." Williams III brushes off the slight, but it shows the odd turn his career has taken. Although deeply grounded in the blues and other American roots music, his bombastic image prevents him from fitting in with the trendy alternative country crowd that's embraced his son. "I don't know about radio," Williams said. "We've got so many artists, and every one of them are 18 to 20 and there are beautiful new girls with great voices. I don't know what chance I really have."

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Suicide bomb attack wounds 24

TEL AVIV, Israel — A suicide bomber struck a pedestrian mall in a crowded Tel Aviv shopping area Friday, killing himself and wounding 24 bystanders in the explosion, including two who were in serious condition. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. However, the attack came just hours after the Islamic militant group Hamas said it would avenge the killing of a senior commander in an Israeli missile attack in the Gaza Strip late Thursday. In Friday's attack, an assailant detonated explosives strapped to his body shortly after 11 a.m. in a pedestrian mall filled with ethnic restaurants, small groceries and sidewalk pubs catering mainly to foreign workers. The force of the explosion overturned wooden benches at a sidewalk cafe and shattered shop windows. Investigators searched the site with bomb-sniffing dogs and white-gloved Orthodox Jewish volunteers searched the area for human remains.

U.N.'s Annan arrives in Kabul

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — The U.S. military was holding 27 prisoners Friday captured during a firefight that wounded one Army Special Forces soldier, while U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan visited Afghanistan to bolster the post-Taliban government. Army officials said the prisoners seized during a night-time attack on two Taliban compounds were "most likely" being held and interrogated at the U.S. base at Kandahar airport, where hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban members are detained, spokesman Capt. Tony Rivers said. One U.S. soldier was wounded in the ankle during the attack, but several al-Qaida or Taliban fighters were killed, officials said. The mission took place Wednesday in a mountainous region about 60 miles north of Kandahar where an AC-130 gunship destroyed a weapons cache.

Congress questions captured Taliban

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — About two dozen U.S. congressmen are descending on the Guantanamo Bay detention center to learn whether captured al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are providing useful intelligence for the U.S.-led war on terrorism. What Friday's scheduled visit is not about, some say, is whether the prisoners are being treated humanely, despite the concerns of some U.S. allies. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., one of three senators and about 20 House members planning to visit the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo, said he would take note of prisoner treatment at the so-called Camp X-ray. Some of Washington's staunchest allies continue protesting the possibility that the 158 detainees could be tried by secret military tribunals empowered with the death penalty.

Compiled from wire reports

CONGRATS

Kernel staff wins excellence award at press banquet

Almost: Newspaper places second despite winning 11 first place individual awards

The Kentucky Kernel staff won second place for general excellence at the Kentucky Press Association's 2001 Fall newspaper contest Friday. Although the Kernel came in second, it won more individual first place awards than any other paper in its division. The individual awards are as follows:

FIRST PLACE

- Best spot news story, Ashley York
- Best general news story, Kelley Sears/Scott Sloan
- Best column, Ryan Akers
- Best sports story, Travis Hubbard
- Best ongoing/extended coverage story, Kernel Staff
- Best spot news package, Kernel Staff
- Best business or agribusiness story, Clay McDaniel
- Best headline, Travis Hubbard
- Best graphic/photo illustration, Drew Purcell
- Best general news picture, Nick Tomecek
- Best sports picture, Dwayn Chambers

SECOND PLACE

- Editorial, Tim Staley
- Best feature story, Scott Sloan
- Best enterprise or analytical story, Ashley York
- Best spot news package, Kelley Sears/Scott Sloan
- Best feature picture, Nick Tomecek

THIRD PLACE

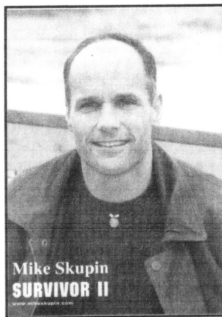
- Best spot news story, Steve Jones
- Best general news story, Kendra Livingston
- Best sports column, Will Messer
- Best sports feature, Travis Hubbard
- Best investigative story or series, Scott Sloan
- Best headline, Amy Crawford
- Best news picture essay, Nick Tomecek
- Best sports picture essay, Amy Crawford

HONORABLE MENTION

- Editorial, Jennifer Kasten
- Best sports column, Steve Jones
- Best ongoing/extended coverage story, Tracy Kershaw
- Best headline, Ashley York
- Best headline, Luke Saladin
- Best column, Clay McDaniel

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Nominations of no more than one typed page should be forwarded to the appropriate department chair with a request that a formal recommendation be prepared and sent to the Office of Undergraduate Education, 217 Funkhouser Building 0054. The deadline for receipt of the formal recommendation from the chair is **February 15, 2002**.

For additional information, contact Philipp Kraemer, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, 257-3027.

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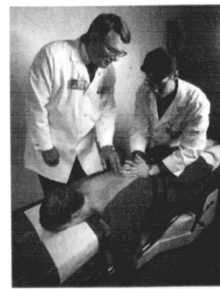
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A NICE CUP OF JOE

Coffee helps local people find a common ground



Slipping some fresh brew

Ben Hirt and Miriam Hostetter, both of UK's French department, and Stephen Harley Davidson of Arkansas make small talk over coffee at Common Grounds on E. High Street.

AMY CRAWFORD | KERNEL STAFF

A melting pot: Coffee shop near campus houses good treats and diverse atmosphere

By Sarah Zopfi
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

After walking along the cold, lifeless asphalt of Lexington's High Street, Sarah Carter enters Common Grounds coffee house. Against the steamed bay window and tiny black chairs, she sees people. Everyone seems to be smiling. Everyone seems to be different.

"I think the atmosphere here is so cool. I now have such a huge respect for places like this where people do their own thing and that is perfectly OK," said Carter, an English sophomore at Asbury College.

At one table, a mismatched, outspoken musician sits with a bleached-blond beauty who is doing nothing but studying. With them sits a friend dressed in a black outfit.

In the smoking room, the usual gameboards of Monopoly and chess are arranged on tables. The same four guys, one armed with a guitar, strums softly while waiting for his turn.

Cigarette smoke clouds the room's red walls. The door opens, in walks a group of sorority sisters, engaged in conversation about their day.

Common Grounds coffee

shop houses an array of people from UK, Lexington and surrounding campuses.

"This is a place where people can just be. Everyone can talk to everyone and it is perfectly fine to be yourself," said Amanda Lawson, employee and journalism junior at UK.

What is it about this coffee shop that sets the mood for peace and blends so many walks of life together? Steve Walton, general manager, said it's the welcoming atmosphere.

"The area around here is so diverse, and many people who move here don't know anyone, so they come into Common Grounds looking for a friend and sometimes they find a family," he said.

While there are other places in Lexington that have

their share of diverse company, some feel Common Grounds is special.

"I think everyone feels comfortable here. I have worked here over a year and there has never been a fight or disagreement," Lawson said. "People just engage here and learn about one another."

Lawson said that the pleasant atmosphere is part of the draw.

She said Common Grounds strives to provide good coffee and a non-oppressive environment to its customers. The eccentricities of different cultures come out of that environment.

"Everyone knows they can come in here and relax. They are free to be themselves, whoever that may be," Lawson said.



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CAMPUS CALENDAR
Week of January 28 - February 3, 2002

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MEETINGS

Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
American Civil Liberties Union Meeting, 8:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 203
ACADEMIC
Math Tutoring, 11:00am-1:00pm, and 3:00-5:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg.
Math Tutoring (108/109), 8:00pm-8:00pm, Kirwan Tower
Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons(3rd floor Ballroom)
History Tutoring(104, 105, 107), 7:30-10:00pm, Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons(3rd floor Ballroom)
Chemistry Tutoring, 7:00-10:00pm, Kirwan Tower
Biology Tutoring, 6:00-8:00pm, Kirwan Tower
SPORTS
Kamps Self-Defense, 8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
Swing Dance Lessons, 7:00pm, Alumni Gym
UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Mon 28

MEETINGS

Alpha Phi Omega(service fraternity), 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 359
Alpha Kappa Psi, 7:30pm, B&E, Rm. 148
ACADEMIC
Green Thumb Environmental Club, 7pm, Student Center Rm. 106
Math Tutoring, 2:00-5:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg.
Math Tutoring, 5:30-7:30pm, Haggin Hall
Math Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes
Math Tutoring (08/109), 6:00-8:00pm, Kirwan Tower
Math Tutoring (23), 8:00-10:00pm, Kirwan Tower
History Tutoring (107/108/109), 4:00-8:00pm, Holmes Hall
History Tutoring (107/108/109), 7:00-9:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm, Haggin Hall
Chemistry Tutoring, 7:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall
English Tutoring, 6:00-10:00pm, Kirwan Tower
SPORTS
UK BASKETBALL GAME @ FLORIDA, 9:00pm
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Tues 29

MEETINGS

Buddhism, a different approach to a troubled world, 7:00pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 305
Book of Mormon Class, 12:00, Student Center, Rm. 21
UK Equestrian Team, 8:30pm, Ag. North, Rm. 23
UK Feminist Alliance Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106
Institute, 12:00 p.m., Student Center, Rm. 231
Alternative Spring Break Project, 3:30, Student Center, Rm. 117
Table Francaise: French Conversation Group, 2:30-4:00pm, Baer Hall, Rm. Private Dining Room
Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230
College of Business and Economics, 7:30pm, B&E, Rm. 205
ACADEMIC
Math Tutoring, 11:00am-1:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg.
Math Tutoring, 3:00-5:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg.
Math Tutoring (MA 123), 8:00-10:00pm, Kirwan Tower
Math Tutoring, 6:00-8:00pm, Holmes
History (107/108/109), 7:30-10:00pm, Kirwan Tower
Chemistry Tutoring, 7:00-10:00pm, Kirwan Tower
SPECIAL EVENTS
Phi Sigma Pi Rush Information Sessions, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 245
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym

Weds 30

MEETINGS

Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
Lambda Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 231
Amnesty International Meeting, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
ACADEMIC
Math Tutoring, 2:00pm-5:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg.
Math Tutoring, 5:00-9:00pm, Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons(3rd floor Ballroom)
History Tutoring(107/108/109), 7:00-9:00pm, Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons(3rd floor Ballroom)
Biology Tutoring, 7:30-9:30pm, Kirwan-Blanding Complex Commons(3rd floor Ballroom)
SPORTS
Kamps Self-Defense, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
LECTURES
Some Stuff, a lecture by Billie Tsien, architect, Tod Williams Billie Tsien Associates, New York, 6:00pm, J.B. Speed Museum of Art, Lexington, KY 40506
SPECIAL EVENTS
Phi Sigma Pi Rush Information Sessions, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 245

Thurs 31

ACADEMIC

Math Tutoring, 2:00-4:00pm, 065 Classroom Bldg.
SPORTS
BISA Stock Seat Show, 9am, Morehead State University, Derricksen Complex
LECTURES
Library Service to African Americans in Kentucky: From the Reconstruction Era to the 1960s by Rainette Jones, 12:00 Noon, Little Fine Arts Library, Niles Gallery, Open to the Public
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Fri 1

MEETINGS

Catholic Mass, 6:00pm, 320 Rose Ln.
SPORTS
BISA Hunt & Stock Seat Show, 9am, Midway College, Equestrian Center
UK BASKETBALL GAME VS. SOUTH CAROLINA, 1:00PM
Rupp Arena
Kamps Self-Defense, 3:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Tae Kwon Do Club, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Sat 2

MEETINGS

Catholic Mass, 9:00am, 11:30am, 5:00pm, 8:30pm, 320 Rose Ln.
University Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ, Rm. Auditorium
ACADEMIC
Math Tutoring(108/109), 8:00-8:00pm, Kirwan Tower
Math Tutoring(123), 8:00-10:00pm, Kirwan Tower
History Tutoring(104/105/107), 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall
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English Tutoring, 8:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall
SPORTS
BISA Hunt & Stock Seat Show, 9am, Midway College, Equestrian Center
ARTS/MOVIES
John Edmonds, Kentucky Artist Series, 3:00pm, SCFA, Call 257-4929 for more info.
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
UK Judo Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Loft

Sun 3

Clay McDaniel, dialogue editor
Samieh Shalash, asst. dialogue editor
Josh Sullivan, asst. dialogue editor
Ashley York, editor in chief

Stacie Meihaus, senior staff writer
Amanda Hardaway, cartoonist
Jennifer Kasten, at-large member
Wes Blevins, at-large member

CLASSES

To drop or not to drop

Not all of us are the type of students that can take 18 credit hours a semester and actually finish them. There are some students who like to pad their schedules and then eliminate a class or two.

As you tap the bottom of the keg, you find those that blow off all but one class in hopes of finding their true "niivana." The tough part of this ordeal, besides the damn automated phone system, is knowing which classes to keep and which to kick to the curb. This is where I advise you about your class schedule and you pretend to laugh, OK?

Keep: If the class is only offered every other decade and is one year requirements.

Drop: Any class for freshmen or sophomores that is offered so much that it resembles an assembly line.

Drop: Labs where all you do is ask a partner about their likes and dislikes and record it all in a Johnny Print booklet.

Keep: Labs that allow access to fire and liquid nitrogen, because it's cool.

Drop: Classes where you are graded on your performance.

Keep: Classes where you are graded on your performance in the course.

Keep: Optional, open-note, multiple choice finals.

Drop: Everything else.

Keep: Anything that allows you to sleep until noon and then gradually wake up by the end of the period.

Drop: The 8 a.m. specials on the other side of campus, barefooted in the snow.

Keep: Classes with the basketball and football teams.

Drop: Classes with the chess and academic teams.

Drop: Professors with years of experience in their field.

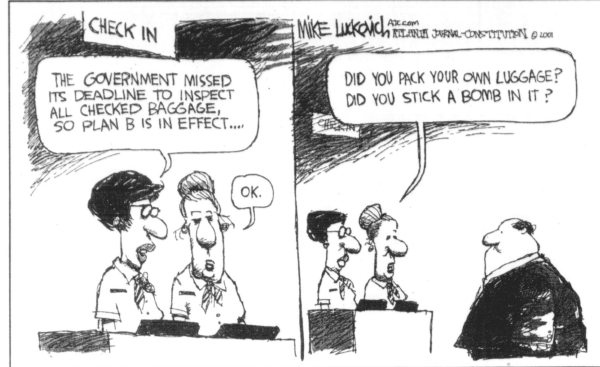
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IN OUR OPINION

SAB offers outlets for bored students

What's a student to do on campus? To help students answer that question, the Student Activities Board has developed several programs for students to participate in.

In the past, UK has entertained guests such as the bands Nine Days and Vertical Horizon, as well as speaker Keith Boykin. SAB has also premiered numerous movies in addition to sponsoring activities such as the beginning-of-the-year Student Spectacular and Poetrypalooza. SAB also organizes Homecoming week, and this year they added the Gator and Cardinal Roasts to boost school spirit.

This April, SAB will bring film directors John Singleton (*Baby Boy*) and Kevin Smith (*Clerks* and *Chasing Amy*) to campus in conjunction with the Split Screen Film Festival.

Along with the free movie screenings, concerts and educational speakers, SAB is also adding comedy to their repertoire. Beginning in February, SAB will sponsor a free on-campus comedy show called "The Comedy Caravan." This program will bring nationally recognized comedy acts to campus for a full-length comedy show. These comedians who are coming to campus have performed in the club venue as well as on TV.

With SAB, students have opportunities to experience things on campus, a benefit for those who don't have cars or can't or don't want to go to the bars.

SAB is an organization for students and is run by students, and it is one in which anyone can be involved. And SAB invites students to submit ideas about future programs, so please do.

Kudos to SAB for bringing all the life they can to campus. With a mix of education, entertainment and athletics, SAB has proved that they are trying to appeal to a vast and diverse audience.

In a school of more than 25,000 students, that's not an easy task. They've handled it admirably.



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Few understand affirmative action

In 1965, when President Johnson issued an executive order requiring federal contractors "to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed... without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin," he was not talking about hiring or admitting unqualified blacks over qualified whites. The goal of affirmative action was created to "level the playing field" and help minorities leap the discriminatory barriers that were (and remain) present.

This practice is not synonymous with racial preferences as asserted in a column written by Monica Kern, a UK faculty member in the psychology department, that appeared in the Lexington-Herald

Leader on Jan. 6. In fact, Kern's column provided a textbook illustration of the myths and misunderstandings that undergird most arguments against affirmative action. Unfortunately, promulgating such ideas only serve to divide rather than unite us, and they add to rather than solve problems that plague our society.

One popular myth is that the public doesn't support affirmative action anymore, a myth largely based on public opinion polls that offer an all-or-none choice between affirmative action as it currently exists and no affirmative action period.

When intermediate choices are added, research shows that most people (80 percent in a recent Time/CNN poll) want to maintain some form of affirmative action. What the public (including whites and non-whites) opposes are quotas and set asides, which are not part of affirmative action. Another popular myth is that affirmative action undermines the self-esteem of



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minorities and women. According to the Journal of Social Issues, a recent Gallup poll asked employed blacks and whites whether they had ever felt that others questioned their abilities because of affirmative action. Nearly 90 percent said no. In fact, affirmative action may actually raise the self-esteem of minorities and women by providing them with employment and opportunities for advancement.

Finally, despite affirmative action, the educational, employment and income gaps between minorities and whites still exist. According to a Sept. 2001 New York Times article, the percentage of African-American full-time faculty members has remained virtually stagnant over the last 20 years, changing from 4.4 percent in 1975 to 4.9 percent in 1997, with most of those professors teaching at historically black institutions.

Blacks continue to have twice the unemployment rate of whites and half the median family income. In fact, according to the Journal of Social Issues, without af-

firmative action the percentage of black students on many campuses would drop below 20 percent, effectively choking off black access to higher education and severely restricting progress toward racial equality.

The bottom line is that affirmative action programs are still needed and, when implemented appropriately, affirmative action does not amount to preferring unqualified minorities over qualified whites.

Importantly, despite Kern's arguments against affirmative action for minorities, she neglected to mention that white women may be the greatest beneficiaries of affirmative action policies and programs — not minorities — a fact that might make it appear that Kern is trying to deny others privileges she herself may have received.

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A speech that won't be made

With the State of the Union address tomorrow night, I am certain I will find myself, at one point or another, leaning over in my chair saying, "That seventh slice of pizza isn't sitting well." I will also repeatedly ask, "Why don't you say this?"

The problem lies in that not only do I want politicians to say what they think, which would be a refreshing change, but in that I also want them to say what I think. Regardless, the most important topic Tuesday night will not be the war on terrorism, although it will probably receive the most airtime. No, the shadow hanging over Capitol Hill will be the economy and the uncertainty that will plague us through the next year or more.

President Bush will speak of the need for a bi-partisan incentive package and of the need to encourage growth in the businesses that hire Americans. He will speak of tax relief and how blaming the recession on the July tax cuts is like blaming a headache on the aspirin.

One thing he won't do, though, is call Ted Kennedy an idiot. Another thing he won't do is call for a massive reform of the tax code.

But he could, and here's how: "My fellow Americans, our economy is the strongest in the world. Despite the slowdown in investment and productivity, the United States continues to be the anchor to which the world economy holds fast. And while we have suffered much in the past year, the future looks brighter today than at any point in our history."

I speak words of optimism because I am indeed optimistic. But mine is not a blind optimism — no one's should be — but rather, it is a faith born out of the forces I see at work every day. I see men and women who go to work every morning, who put in 40 or more hours every week and who understand the value of hard work and ingenuity.

It was for those people that I sent to Congress the Tax Relief Act of 2001, which will allow America's workers to keep more of what they earn. After all, it is their money.

"But we in Washington should not rest. There are still barriers that stand between those who want success and those who have success. There remain, even to this day, chains on American economic freedom that weigh heavily on those who desire a better life for themselves and for their children."

"And the biggest link in that chain is the massive, ever-increasing federal tax code."

"It took a constitutional amendment in 1913 for Congress to be granted the power to levy an income tax. The entire tax code consisted of 14 pages, and filling out a tax return meant only one page of paperwork. Today, the tax code spans more than 46,000 pages. The Internal Revenue Service employs more than 144,000 people, and Americans spend \$250 billion annually just to comply with the ever-changing rules."

"In 2001 Americans worked until May 3 just to pay their tax bill. In other words, if the local, state and federal governments took their money off the top, Americans would not see a dime until almost midyear."

"To my friends, this is ridiculous. It is not the role of the federal government to place restrictions on investment and productivity. It is not the role of the federal government to arbitrarily tax the first dollar a person earns in a different manner than the last. Put more plainly, a responsible federal government should not be in the business of limiting success and discouraging upward mobility."

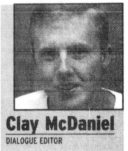
"But these problems need to be permanent. Congress wrote the current tax code and Congress can rewrite it as well."

"So, I will be sending to Congress a short, simple tax code by which individuals will report their income and pay their taxes. This new tax code will make it harder to avoid paying income taxes, but it will make it easier to succeed. It will erase the millions of loopholes and handouts to both corporations and individuals buried in the code so that every taxpayer in America pays by the same rules."

"That is the charge I bring to you tonight. The tax code has been a barrier to success for too long. There is a better way, and it is up to us to find it."

"And Ted Kennedy is an idiot."

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Bama ladies follow men's lead, drown Cats under Tide 61-58

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University of Alabama basketball teams like Lexington.

Only a day after the Bama men's team left Rupp Arena with a 64-61 victory over Tubby and Co., the Tide women claimed another three-point win over UK at Memorial Coliseum Sunday 61-58.

The Crimson Tide (13-7, 3-4 Southeastern Conference) used an 18-2 run to close the first half, and put the game seemingly out of reach at the break with a 33-20 lead.

But UK erased the Alabama lead with a 17-2 scoring streak of its own early in the second and led by as many as five points (43-38) with 9:48 left.

The two teams traded scores for the remainder of the game before the Tide ultimately claimed the three-point victory.

The Cats (8-11, 1-7 SEC) have lost six straight games since beating Alabama by one point in Tuscaloosa on Jan. 6. "I'm very proud of our basketball team today," coach Bernadette Mattox said. "This team fought and battled out there, we just came up short."

After making none in the first half, Mattox's team used six second half 3-pointers to fight back into the game. Freshman wing player Sara Potts led the Cats with a career high four 3s.

Potts, who has been hampered in recently by a stress fracture in her leg, said she was

able to play well in spite of the pain. She scored 14 points.

"I feel sore," Potts said, "but Coach has been asking us to step up and I think I need to step up to help this team."

As has become a custom in nearly every game this year, UK sophomore center SeSe Helm was hounded by multiple defenders every time she touched the ball. Helm was held to just eight points — nine below her average — and left the Cats seeking alternative offense.

Senior forward LaTonya McDole stepped out of a recent scoring slump to net a team-high 15 points.

McDole said she used penetration and dribble moves to create many of her own shots on offense.

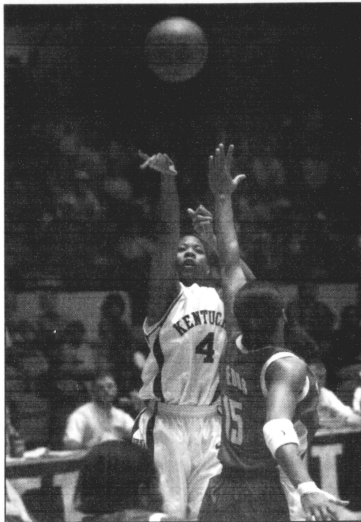
"We've been working on it a lot," McDole said. "Coach has been stressing penetrating."

Alabama senior point guard Shondra Johnson led the Tide with 21 points.

After a 3 by Potts had put the Cats up 58-57 with 44.5 seconds left, Johnson put the Tide ahead for good with two free throws at the 0:23.7 mark. The foul shots came after Johnson had missed both shots during a trip to the line on the previous possession.

Johnson, who made 11-of-13 from the foul line in all, said she was glad she had the chance to redeem herself in the final minute.

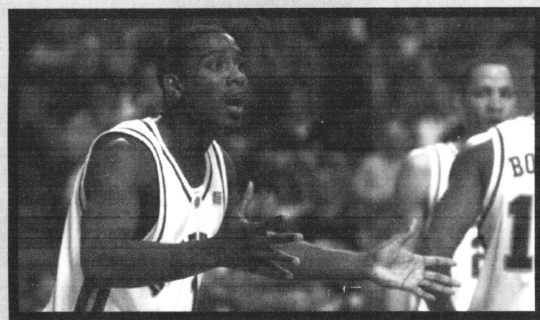
"(The first misses) were awful. I just told myself again, 'You can do this,' she said.



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Near miss

UK junior guard Rita Adams (4) misses a 3-point attempt over Alabama guard Manisha Redus (15) in the first half of the Tide's 61-58 victory.



How could this happen?

UK sophomore guard Cliff Hawkins pleads to a referee during the No. 8 Cats' 64-61 defeat to the No. 14 Alabama Crimson Tide. UK was hampered by poor shooting throughout the game. The Cats (13-5, 3-3 Southeastern Conference) made 38.7 percent from the floor and hit just 7-of-30 3-point attempts. Tide forward Erwin Dudley led his team with a game-high 16 points as Alabama (17-2, 5-1 SEC) became the only SEC team with just one conference loss. "We just couldn't make plays or hit shots," said UK sophomore guard Gerald Fitch.

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