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UK sends helping hands to Ecuador

 By Emily Hunkler
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Ecuador is 2,600 miles from Lexington but when it comes to medical needs of the poverty-stricken country, distance is no barrier for UK professors and students.

This past May a group of UK students, faculty and health professionals traveled to Ecuador to provide health care to as many of the country's impoverished citizens as possible.

The program's initiator is Dr. Thomas Young, a professor of pediatrics in the UK College of Medicine. The program has made trips to Ecuador for the past five years.

"I have always had an interest in international children's health and felt the need to serve in this field, and as soon as I was in the position to do this, I chose Ecuador," said Young, who has made previous medical trips to Guatemala and Russia. The trips worked off of relationships already established by Kentucky-Ecuador Partners, a collaborative effort between the country and state.

"Kentucky has had a long history of partnering with Ecuador through the Kentucky-Ecuador Partners and it made sense to build on this relationship. The need of the people there is high; there are high poverty rates and poor health care access," Young said.

This year's team consisted of 24 members who all shared Young's goals concerning the people of Ecuador.

While there they administered a total of 400 anemia screenings and 1,000 applications of dental fluoride, provided malnutrition and diabetes screening and handed out hundreds of doses of medications and vitamins.

"We had to reserve the biggest suitcase, we had to pack with vitamins, medicines and supplies to take with us; we all did," said Amanda Wilburn, a public health graduate student.

Wilburn volunteered in the Philippines as an undergraduate but said Ecuador faces tougher problems.

"Ecuador was very different from the Philippines," she said. "Beyond the environment, the economy and health conditions were much worse in Ecuador."

Young reflected on the degree of malnutrition and poverty. "A community survey showed that more than 50 percent of children there are malnourished and less than 25 percent have had im-

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DR. THOMAS YOUNG

 professor of pediatrics
in the College of Medicine

Photographer captures irony, humor in famous photos

 By Sarah Knight
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For more than 50 years, with a camera in hand, Elliott Erwit has captured the strife of a segregated nation, the faces of individuals who changed the world and the humor of a dog's perspective.

Today, the world-renowned photographer visits UK as the first speaker in the 10th annual Robert C. May Photography Endowment Lecture Series. It will be held at 4 p.m. in Worsham Theatre of the Student Center.

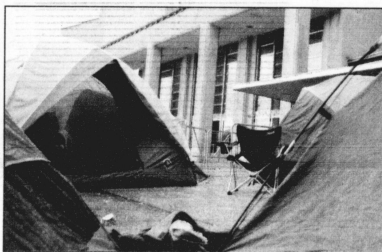
Erwit will be speaking on his inspirations and technique. The series is meant to be both educational and entertaining, said Janie M. Welker, curator of exhibits at the UK Art Museum.

"We wanted someone spectacular to kick off the lecture series," Welker said. "Elliott Erwit has such a wide range of experience and a wealth of knowledge that is not seen too much

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Above: Kyle Brizendini, left, Jon Hall, an EKU elementary education freshman, and Seth Banter, a UK agriculture biotechnology freshman, sat underneath the ticket awning as it rained yesterday afternoon. The three are camping out for three days to get tickets to Big Blue Madness.

Left: Tents begin to fill the area in front of Memorial Coliseum before Big Blue Madness tickets go on sale Saturday.

Below: Luke Tucker, a kinesiology and health promotion alumni, sits inside his tent yesterday while waiting in line for tickets to Big Blue Madness, which is held on Friday, Oct. 14.

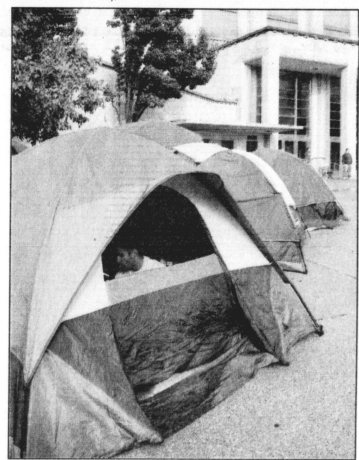


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For the most fanatic UK fans overnight madness

is their ticket to the first basketball practice of the year, and their first glimpse at this year's team.

 By Matthew George
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For those foreign to the realm of Kentucky basketball, it must seem crazy. Memorial Coliseum's front lawn isn't exactly the great outdoors, but by Thursday afternoon campers had pitched more than 30 tents.

But these campers aren't trying to escape from civilization. They are waiting in line for tickets to Big Blue Madness, the annual celebration that kicks off practice for Kentucky's basketball season.

Though tickets are free, fans were allowed to set up tents and start camping early Wednesday morning to ensure they will be among the first in line when those tickets become available.

This year, Lexington native Charles Wafford is first in line. And he couldn't be more excited.

"Kentucky basketball is like opening the gates of heaven," Wafford said. "It's that tantalizing feeling of excitement, like when a kid is waiting for a candy bar. That's the feeling that you get."

Wafford, 63, first fell in love with UK basketball as a child, growing up in the 1950s. He used to sneak into Memorial Coliseum to watch the teams led by famed former basketball coach Adolph Rupp.

"There's a door on the backside of the building where the swimming pool used to be," Wafford said. "They would let air in by opening those doors. I would wait for somebody to turn their back, and I would sneak inside."

Wafford now pays for his tickets and registration.

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Families flock to campus for weekend events

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The population on UK's campus will be a little older this weekend.

The whole family will be on campus for UK Family Weekend Friday through Sunday.

The Family Weekend Tent Party is being held Saturday morning two and a half hours before the kick off of the UK, Central Michigan University football game.

"[The] Tent party is a tailgate kind of party," said Hoffman. "[We're] out with all the tailgating before the game, and we're bringing a band, Jonathan Webb and The Collective Few, to play."

In addition to providing entertainment, the Family Weekend Tent Party will have a bar-

becue, silent auction and prize giveaways for all those who plan to attend.

The Family Weekend Tent Party is located on the corner of Farm Road and Nicholasville Road next to the Gluck Equine Research Center.

British Export, a renowned Beatles tribute band, kicks off the weekend with a rock 'n' roll concert in Memorial Hall Friday at 8 p.m.

Steve Hoffman, a senior marketing and economics, and executive Director of Promotion for Student Activities Board said the opening festivities are designed to bring all ages together.

"The Beatles' tribute band British Export was chosen to unite the generations, so to speak," Hoffman said.

British Export, according to SAB website, was voted the top Beatles Tribute band three

times at BeatleFests in Chicago and New York City.

The band has also performed at such venues as Wrigley Field and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as well as in the Travel Channel's "Beatlemania Britain" show.

Hoffman said bringing British Export to UK Family Weekend was "a brilliant decision."

Students and family can enjoy a Sunday brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Spindletop Hall for \$23 for adults and \$15 for people ages 3 to 12.

Students can also show their family and friends around campus and partake in fun and free activities such as the UK Art Museum and Arboretum.

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By Linda C. Black
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Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You can do more with less time, energy and supplies. This is a game you play well. Find more ways to cut costs and increase production, just for the fun of it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — All does not go according to plan. No need to panic, move quickly. Settle everybody down and come up with a new idea.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Potential for surprises is high now, so take care. The trick this time, as always, is to turn whatever happens into an advantage. It's a game you play very well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — The harder you work, the luckier you get. That's true now more than ever. Measuring three times and cutting after you do - that's a good idea, too.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — As you're trimming down the amount of things you have in storage, you can also increase your income. Make enough to buy what you'll like better.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 8 — The first thing you should know, if you want to win at the game, are which rules apply to you and which don't. This will take some investigation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Use your money wisely to make more money, and you'll discover things start to get a lot easier. And you'll achieve a nice standard of living. And all the stuff you buy will create jobs.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Set the goals first, and make them something just a little bit out of reach. This will cause you and your companions to have to come up with innovations. You love that.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You're just doing what you said you'd do. Amazingly new opportunities keep opening up ahead. You're instigating miracles.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Your circle of influence grows, and that's worth an awful lot. Friends in times of no money is better than money in times of no friends. Really.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — You're not going to be able to rely on good looks and good luck. You have those, but you'll also need to have good material.



The Man Behind McDreamy

No second opinion needed: Grey's Anatomy heartthrob Patrick Dempsey is on top — and it took just two decades

Kelly Bell vividly remembers her first kiss. It was in seventh grade at Buckfield Junior-Senior High in Buckfield, Maine.

The boy, who hadn't yet had his growth spurt, took her behind the school, and it was an open-mouthed smooch. One more thing: His name was Patrick Dempsey, and he had fabulous hair. "It was long and curly and swept to the side," Bell reminisces to us. "No one else had that hair! He was the cute new guy, and I was so nervous." Though they broke up after two weeks, Bell has no regrets: "I would have had to wait 25 years for him to come into full gorgousness!"

Oh, but it would have been worth the wait. Every Thursday, Dempsey, 40, sends hearts aflutter as Dr. Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd on Grey's Anatomy, ABC's emotionally drenched medical soap opera. (Oprah Winfrey is hooked!) Playing the role of a romantically conflicted — and, match, well-coiffed — brain surgeon, the once-struggling actor has not only resuscitated his career (he considered becoming a professional home remodeler before his Grey's audition), but he's made the word McDreamy part of the national lexicon. No wonder more than 25 million fans tuned in to the third season premiere on September 21, when McDreamy professed his love for his intern, Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo). "Patrick has always been an incredibly down-to-earth, kind person," Debra Messing, his

onetime Will & Grace costar, tells us. "He has been around for a long time and has his head on his shoulders. I could not be more thrilled for him."

Dempsey's offscreen life is also booming. He and his wife of seven years, celebrity makeup artist and former hairstylist Jillian Dempsey, 40, are expecting twin boys. (The couple have a daughter, Tallulah, 4.) "I'm really thrilled," Patrick said on Ryan Seacrest's L.A. radio show September 20. "My wife looks great, we're excited, my daughter's happy and we're going to have a very big family very soon." His TV family was equally excited. "He told us in the makeup trailers," costar Kate Walsh tells us. "He just said, 'Yep, I am expecting twins.' I'm sure we'll have a big shower soon."

Family Life

Indeed, Dempsey's marriage is the stuff McDreamy can only well dream of. "I value my relationship even more now," Dempsey told us in March. "It's made me successful, and I am very fortunate that I don't lose sight of that." The couple have known each other since 1994, when Dempsey (then starring in the film flop With Honors) got his hair cut by his future wife in her L.A. salon, Delux. The two became friends and went on their first date (the cooked pasta) three years later. They wed in 1999 at his family's farmhouse in Maine.

Despite her husband's sudden thrust into superstardom,

Jillian (the creator of the makeup line Delux Beauty) remains unfazed by his throngs of admirers. "I'm trying to have a calm family life, to make my marriage work," Patrick has said. "It's not as if, when my wife asks me to take out the trash, I say, 'Um, honey, don't you realize I'm too sexy for that?'"

About a Boy

The actor didn't exactly live in the fast lane growing up in rural Turner, Maine (population: 5,469). The youngest of three (dad William was an insurance salesman and mom Amanda, a high school secretary), Dempsey was so small, his classmates called him Amoeba until he shot up in junior high. (He's now 5-foot-10.) But Dempsey parlayed his outsider status to his advantage. "I could never get into the cool crowd," he said in 1988, "but I still wanted attention." The gawky adolescent joined a vaudeville troupe and took up unicycling, juggling and puppetry. "He picked up skills very quickly," Denise Reehl, his drama coach at Buckfield in the early '80s, tells us. "He had this little sparkle in his eye when he accomplished something."

By high school, he had joined the book club and served as a de facto mascot on the cheerleading squad. "He was full of energy," Jodi Douglass, the school's librarian and former cheer coach, tells us. "I remember him saying, 'Oh, can I be on the cheering team?' And I said, 'Patrick, we don't have costumes for boys!'"

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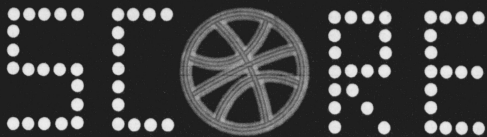
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“We police officers don't go out to these calls and make stuff up.”

— Dallas Police Chief David Kunkle, on his officers finding a pill bottle missing 35 pills, belonging to Dallas Cowboy star receiver Terrell Owens.

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THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:
Other than football

It's a wonderful weekend for sports. Not only will the UK football team look to win a huge game and go 3-2 in their bid for bowl eligibility on Saturday night, but there will be other big games elsewhere on campus that have just as much importance for the respective teams and just as many implications for their seasons. The women's and men's soccer teams and the volleyball team will all look to get some key wins.



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Assistant sports editor

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team will play at home against Auburn (Friday) and Alabama (Sunday) and will look to rebound from last weekend's 3-2, last second loss to LSU in its conference opener.

This game might as well be the first homecoming event for UK, seeing how the team has not played on home turf since its 1-0 win over Michigan on Sept. 10. The Cats (5-4-1, 0-1-0) will view both games as vital to keeping their season and any post-season tournament bids alive. A loss for two) at home could very easily break the team's spirit.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team is hosting South Carolina on Sunday in their Conference USA opening match. The Cats (7-2-1) have just come off a heart-breaking 1-0 overtime loss to 14th ranked Indiana on Wednesday, but don't get thinking that that game will be on their minds.

The 2006 fixture is a strong side that knows its potential, but also knows it hasn't quite reached it yet. Earlier in the season they were ranked as high as 14th in the nation, but then fell out of the polls after another overtime loss against Michigan.

There is still a lot of time left for the Cats to make a strong imprint nationally, especially in their conference play.

A win against the Gamecocks this weekend would give the team some much needed momentum as they head to Dallas a week later to face off against the country's top team, Southern Methodist University. A loss though, would dampen their spirits in a way they haven't yet seen this season.

Volleyball

It was a bitter sweet weekend for the volleyball team as they won 3-1 against Mississippi State and then fell 3-1 to Ole Miss.

The Cats (9-3, 2-2) host 10th ranked Florida tonight at Memorial Coliseum, a game that would help them make a statement in the SEC, where they have been handed two of their three losses so far.

Sunday they will travel to Auburn where they will face an equally daunting opponent.

Their primary weapon against the Gators will be junior Nicole Brittenriker, who leads the team in scoring and is second in the conference in kills. A win for the Cats on Friday would give them some much needed power as they motor deeper into the conference.

finding fencing

Small community draws students looking for something new

By Eric Lindsey
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When freshman Jessica Stevens went to check out the UK fencing club, she had reservations about how much fun fencing would actually be.

After just a few weeks of practicing with the team, however, Stevens said she couldn't have been more wrong.

"I thought it'd be really boring," Stevens said. "But it turned out to be really fun. It's kind of like an adrenaline rush."

Stevens is one of many students to come out and experience fencing for the first time this year. Junior Alex Morris said this year has been one of their highest turnout for new participants.

Fencing consists of two competitors who face off in a "bout." The object of the sport is to score as many points as possible by striking the opponent with the weapon.

Morris is one of several instructors who help run the club every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. He teaches alongside senior Katie Radun and graduate students Chris Engeles and Jason Lambert.

Radun is entering her first year as president of the club and wants students who have an interest in fencing to come out and try it even if they don't have any experience. She recalls doing the same thing her freshman year.

"When I came to UK it was something that was in the back of my mind, but I was kind of scared to



Katie Radun, left, and biology senior John Kille, face off during a fencing club meeting in the Buell Armory last Tuesday. The club meets twice weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Buell Armory from 8 to 10 p.m.

come out because I was all by myself," Radun said. "Most people usually come out with some of their friends but I just walked in the door one day, (with) no previous experience."

Newer members to the club generally start off learning basic footwork and technique before jumping in to actual bouts.

Morris said there are proper ways to walk and hold your weapon in order to attack and defend yourself properly, which is why basics are stressed so much at first.

"We don't just grab weapons and swing them all around," Morris said. "There's always a meaning to everything we do."

Once a person learns the basics, Morris said they move on to actual bouts during practices.

Sophomore Alex Kreiser is one of the newcomers who recently joined the club.

"In fencing you're forced to interact," Kreiser

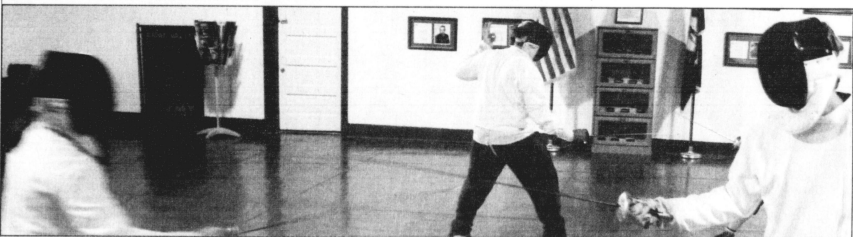
said. "You're forced to interact with at least one person at a time and learn in groups so there is great comradeship. It's just the atmosphere."

Radun said that the fencing club has its own tag over other sports as well because fencing is a sport you can play for the rest of your life.

"It's a great way to kind of find a smaller community within a strange place," Radun said. "Fence understand that what they do isn't as well known as soccer or football or basketball or something like that that you can get lost in within the sport."

"Fencing allows you to meet up with people from Tennessee and Indiana and Ohio over and over again because you go to the same tournaments. So even though they live two states away, you get to know them really well because you see them so much with such a small fencing community."

The Cats open up their season Sept. 30 in Louisville at the First Annual Kentucky Open.



New Cat top player for volleyball team

By J.D. Williams
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It only took one play for junior transfer Nicole Brittenriker to make an impact.

She had her first kill at UK when she scored the first point in the season opener against Western Kentucky on Aug. 29. She tied for the team high in kills with 12 in the game on a .333 hitting percentage.

"It was my first time playing here and it was a pretty good feeling," Brittenriker said. And it was cool with the support from the Kentucky fans."

After spending the first two

years of her college career at Ohio State, the offensive kills specialist transferred to UK and has since become a key part in the volleyball team's offense this season, leading the team in kills.

"That was a big void (coming into this season)," head coach Craig Skinner said.

The middle blocker 197 kills this season and averages 4.48 a game. She is second on the team in hitting percentage with a .314 average.

"I don't always look at the kills. I look at hitting percentage after the games," Brittenriker said. "I could have 23 kills and

a poor hitting percentage because of errors and it would cancel out."

Brittenriker played high school volleyball at Mason High School in Cincinnati. There, she caught the attention of Skinner while he was on a recruiting trip in Ohio. He said that her pure athleticism stood out to him the first time he saw her play.

So when Skinner heard she was leaving Ohio State in January, he didn't hesitate in recruiting her.

"She knows what it takes to be competitive at the highest level," Skinner said.

Senior defensive specialist Jenni Casper said Brittenriker's intensity and competitive spirit is obvious on the court. She first noticed it during a pick up game over the summer, and it has become more apparent throughout the season.

"Nicole is a very big asset to this team," Casper stated. "She brings attitude. She hates losing and she is a perfectionist when it comes to her game, and she brings that to the court."

Brittenriker will lead the Cats (9-3, 2-2) against No. 10 Florida (10-2, 3-1) Friday in Memorial Coliseum.

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Parents and students to 'Come Together' for tribute concert

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In the 10 years that the Beatles were together, they became one of the most successful, critically acclaimed bands of all time. Possibly the most influential band of the 20th century, the Beatles introduced the world to bubblegum pop in their early years and psychedelic rock in their later years.

Though the Beatles broke up more than 30 years ago, they are immortalized through cover bands and tributes.

British Export, one of the world's most popular Beatles' tribute bands, will perform tonight at Memorial Hall, giving UK its own taste of Beatlemania. The band's appearance is in conjunction with UK Family Weekend, a series of events hosted by the Student Activities Board for UK students and their relatives.

SAB is hosting the concert in hopes of appealing to a diverse group of music lovers. Joshua Rupp, the director of concerts for SAB, thinks this show will suit Family Weekend because it attracts both the young and old.

"You really couldn't find a better way to bring parents and students together," Rupp said.

British Export formed in 1996 in Chicago and has since played hundreds of venues for thousands of fans.

The band has performed in South Korea, at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, at a White Sox game to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beatles performance at Comiskey Park and at the revered Cavern Club in Liverpool, England, where the original Beatles played in their early days.

British Export has played at Beatles-fests in New York and Chicago and was voted the best Beatles tribute band three times at these festivals. British Export duplicates original Beatles' recordings while dressed up as the Fab Four.

"We usually play songs from the most recent album released and work our way back," said Jim Martin, who plays the part



British Export, a Beatles tribute band, is performing tonight as a part of SAB's Family Weekend. The show is at Memorial Hall at 8 p.m.

of Ringo in the band. "We'll probably have two costume changes, and we'll wear the standard black suits that the Beatles wore on (The) Ed Sullivan (Show) and the outfits from Sgt. Pepper's (Lonely Hearts Club Band album)."

Aside from numerous festivals, the band has also played at many colleges and universities around the country.

"Playing at colleges is one of our favorite things to do," Martin said. "College kids seem to be our most enthusiastic audience."

Although SAB has hosted big-name concerts before, having a band like this perform for Family Weekend is somewhat remarkable, said Jenny Grinstead the director of public relations for SAB.

Rupp and Grinstead are confident UK students and families will enjoy the band

and reconnect with timeless Beatles' music.

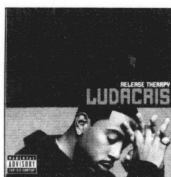
"The Beatles had a way of experimenting with the music they created to help it appeal to not just teens of that era alone, but also to people of all ages," said Rupp. "That is why UK students will enjoy such a performance."

British Export will play at Memorial Hall at 8 p.m. tonight. Tickets are free for all UK students who present a valid ID and \$3 for faculty, staff and the general public.

Martin thinks that the concert will be a great way for Beatles' fans to hear some of their favorite music and to learn more about the band.

"We pride ourselves in portraying a thorough history of the Beatles," Martin said. "I've been a Beatles fan my whole life, and I hope that we can help the audience remember why the Beatles are so great."

Rap album disappoints; metal album rocks



Ludacris "Release Therapy"

Ludacris has some great rap songs. The he's got some terrible rap songs. His new album, "Release Therapy," is no different.

While there are a few standout tracks on "Release Therapy," there's also a lot of filler. It seems like Ludacris is just kind of going through the motions on this album rather than expanding or evolving his music.

Maybe this is what he gets paid to do, and if everyone still buys it then that's what he'll keep

servicing up.

In the world of mainstream rap, performers are a dime a dozen, and most of them are heard and forgotten in about six months. Ludacris has constantly risen above the mediocre and produced a solid catalogue of rap songs with the occasional dud, but also the occasional gem.

"Release Therapy" is a little less super and a little more mediocre.

★★★

Mastodon "Blood Mountain"

Heavy metal music can either be awesome or downright awful. Metal bands have to define themselves and not fall into the typical mold of their genre.

Mastodon is definitely an example of an awesome metal band. Their third album, "Blood Mountain," isn't over-produced, it isn't cheesy, it isn't paint-by-the-numbers and it isn't boring.

Two parts sludge and one part progressive rock, Mastodon plays its own version of metal, and it's far from generic. That is what makes this album stand out among other heavy music today.

"Blood Mountain" is probably Mastodon's best album. They keep getting heavier and better. The album opens with the brutal "The Wolf Is Loose," and there's not much respite until the end of the album.

Mastodon is heavy, but not because of production tricks used or fast guitar riffs. This band has an attitude all their own that shines through the songs. The percussion is amazing, the guitars are top-notch and the gruff growl of the vocals fit the band perfectly.

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This week's box office hits and misses

"Confetti" with Martin Freeman and Jessica Stevenson

This "mockumentary" follows three couples competing to win the title of "Most Original Wedding of the Year." One couple wants to have a musical-themed wedding, one wants a tennis theme and the other wishes to get married completely naked.

The film follows the couples and their families and friends through the heartache and doubts that all of the parties have regarding the big day.

If Freeman is half as funny as he was in the BBC's "The Office," this movie is sure to have couples laughing all the way to the altar.

Now showing at the Kentucky Theater.

"All the King's Men" with Sean Penn, Jude Law, Anthony Hopkins and Kate Winslet

This movie has an all-star cast, an Oscar-winning director and is based on a

Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Combined they should be the makings of an excellent movie.

Penn plays Willie Stark, a Southern politician loosely based on former Louisiana governor Huey Long. Stark's sidekick (Law) is troubled and tortured, having lost the love of his life (Winslet) because of his career choices. As Law's character uncovers disturbing secrets about a judge's (Hopkins) past, he has to choose between what is wanted and what is right.

Now showing at Hamburg and Lexington Green.

"School for Scoundrels" with Billy Bob Thornton and Jon Heder

When Roger (Heder) realizes he doesn't have the game to woo the woman of his dreams, he enrolls in a confidence-building class taught by Dr. P (Thornton). As Dr. P teaches Roger his secrets, the two men end up falling for the same girl.

Thornton should be hilarious as usual, and hopefully Heder won't sound too much like Napoleon Dynamite. This movie has the makings of what could be the funniest movie of the fall. Other funnymen

like Horatio Sanz, Matt Walsh and Michael Clarke Duncan also star.

Opens tonight.

"Open Season" with the voices of Martin Lawrence, Ashton Kutcher, Gary Sinise and Debra Messing

When Boog (Lawrence), a bear, finds himself stranded in the middle of the woods three days before open hunting season begins, he is forced to rely on Elliot (Kutcher), a screwy deer, for his survival. These two creatures must learn to work together to avoid Shaw (Sinise), the evil hunter hot on their tracks.

The characters resemble Shrek and his sidekick Donkey, and the antics aren't any different. They may not need to be though; Shrek and Donkey were funny, and Boog and Elliot are funny.

Opens tonight.

-Compiled by Asst. Features Editor
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PHOTOGRAPH BY ELLIOTT ERWITT
World-renowned photographer Elliott Erwitt comes to UK as the first speaker in the 10th annual Robert C. May Photography Endowment Lecture Series.

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any more." Erwitt's story is part of what makes him unique and sets him apart from other photographers.

Born of Russian parents, Erwitt and his family immigrated to America from France when he was 11 in 1939. At a young age, he got into the habit of bringing a camera with him everywhere. While in high school, he taught himself photography and was determined to make it a career.

Shortly after moving it to the New York at the age of 21, he met Roy Striker, a documentary photography pioneer, who gave him his first break taking pictures for the Standard Oil Co. As his reputation grew, he was voted into Magnum, one of

the world's premier photography agencies.

"His keen observations and incredible sense of humor is sure to make the lecture interesting," Welker said.

Erwitt is most known for the irony in his photos. Dogs and the world through their eyes have acted as a huge inspiration for him. If the occasion called for it, he would get down on a dog's level and capture the shot.

However, not all of his photos are so light-hearted.

His picture of Jacqueline Kennedy after her husband, President John F. Kennedy's assassination captured the grief of the nation as a whole and not just a widow, Welker said.

Erwitt tries to make photography fun, but at the same time his photos are serious in that they reflect his view of the world, Welker said, adding that it's an honor to have "one of the giants in photography" speak at UK.

"His keen observations and incredible sense of humor is sure to make the lecture interesting."

JANIE M. WELKER

curator of exhibits at the UK Art Museum

For students who are not studying photography,

the lecture will still be interesting and entertaining, Welker said. Even if the name is not familiar, "once you see the images, there will be a connection," she said.

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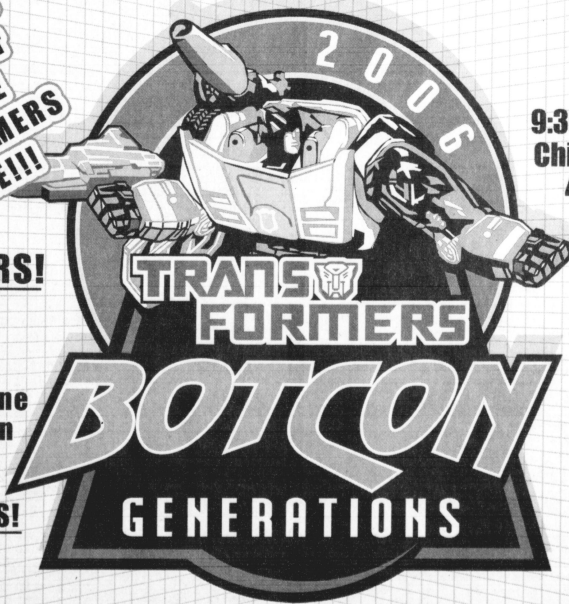
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UofL recruitment program should be explored at UK

A recent education brief in the Louisville Courier-Journal outlined a scheduled event being held by the University of Louisville aimed at educating middle school students on college life, effectively recruiting them as prospective college students well in advance.

The program, entitled "College 101," focuses on learning good study skills, which high school courses take to be prepared for college and how to save up for the costs of college.

Programs like this are something UK should take interest in and expand upon. In a 2004 interview with the Kernel, University Registrar Don Witt spoke about the need for UK to improve its recruiting efforts.

"We've had enhanced efforts with recruiting," Witt said.

"We visit more high schools and have preview nights around the state."

According to the Top 20 Business Plan,

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only 21 percent — roughly 1 out of 5 — of Kentuckians have a college education, compared to the national average of 27 percent.

Actively recruiting high school students is already an excellent idea, but starting even earlier leaves a positive impression and encourages students to make UK their first choice.

Also, early recruiting adds an extra degree of preparation. Students will have more time to save and to prepare for the college experience.

If UK administrators haven't already done so, they should begin investigating the feasibility of starting up such workshops and programs.

Not only should these workshops be made available to students in the Bluegrass region, but also all over the state, as would be fitting for the state's flagship university.

Special attention should be given to areas

of the state which are underrepresented in the college ranks, particularly the poorer areas of Eastern Kentucky and the urban areas of Louisville.

These students should have every opportunity and be recruited just as aggressively as the brightest students from the most prominent and highest performing schools all over the state.

If this is something UK administrators have already investigated, developed interest in or begun planning, implementation should be the next and greatest concern.

Not only should this be a matter of concern, but it should be a priority.

Attaining or reallocating funding for this should not be an obstacle to making this a re-

ality.

A program like this would be not only in the best interests of the university, but in the best interests of the state as a whole.

Encouraging students from Kentucky to go to UK is good, but putting an overall emphasis on higher education, especially for a state as starved for academic achievement as Kentucky, is a goal that not only should be attained, but must be attained.

Education is only recently finding itself at the top of this state's priority list, and neglecting any opportunity to improve and be the champion of education is a disservice to every taxpayer — and more importantly to every great student that could have been.

UK professors lead the way in Ky.'s fight against poverty

Administrators often speak of the University of Kentucky working to benefit the people of the state.

Recently, two UK professors appeared on KET, speaking about the work they did that is helping UK make good on that goal.

Joanna Badagliaccio, a professor of sociology, and James Ziliak, an economics professor who also serves as director of UK's Center for Poverty Research, appeared on KET to discuss homelessness, poverty trends and public policy that affects these issues.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Kentucky ranks fifth in the nation for people living below the poverty level, with 17.4 percent of the citizens struggling to make ends meet.

"Poverty is more acute in Kentucky than in the nation as a

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whole," Ziliak was quoted in Monday's edition of the Kernel.

"Understanding how poverty manifests itself in the Commonwealth in relation to the U.S. is important."

Not only have these two professors been closely examining the problem, they have also been working on and offering solutions to try and remedy this already serious situation.

The work these two professors have been doing not only reflects well on them and the university, but also makes an actual contribution toward helping the citizens of Kentucky, which is one of the main goals of this land grant institution and a primary objective of the top 20 plan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rap in limbo?

I can't agree more with Bryan Kennedy in his Sept. 28 column, "Today's hip-hop plagued by lack of meaningful lyrics." New rap music has become cheap, lacking the influence and the ferocity of older rap music.

People were instigated to take action because they noticed the ills of society that Tupac wrote about. Certainly, most of us could relate more to his upbringing nor his inspiration, yet we understood the music. We understood that HIV was a serious global problem and that habitual drug use combined with a lack of education did not bode well for the future. Which is why I think artists like Tupac and Notorious B.I.G. made music that rose to the top of the charts and the radio airwaves.

They rapped about things that mattered, about true obstacles in their — and our — culture that essentially affected us all. They were no longer willing to sit around and let the misfortunes of so many people be ignored. The amazing amount of media attention Tupac generated, even before his death — good and bad — is a testament to how he successfully reached a larger audience.

Kennedy is right, and to be more straightforward, today's rap music is cultivated more to get asses shaking than to get minds thinking. So, obviously money is a factor in the production of rap music, particularly because of the economic woes many hip-hop artists faced as youngsters. Tupac, Biggie and O.D.B. rapped about it, and Eminem, 50 Cent and Ludacris continue to do so.

Yet, I don't believe that the "get-rich-quick scheme" should be used as an excuse for the current state of hip-hop music. More specifically, the general evolution of music as a whole has molded rap music into what it is today. As an audience, we couldn't expect the genre to maintain the high velocity of social implications by which we were first attracted to it; naturally, hip-hop became more mainstream. This can be paralleled with the slow, and I can only imagine painful, progression of the unconventional rock 'n' roll played by Led Zepplin, to the predictable ballads of bands like Def Leppard and Ratt. Nonetheless, then, genius groups like Guns N' Roses and Metallica surged to the forefront and redefined the genre.

Maybe we are just in hip-hop limbo. Remember, Tupac died 10 years ago and it was in those years that both

he and Biggie became legends of their game. Undoubtedly, hip-hop will continue to motivate us to get on the dance floor, but I don't think it will ever reach us like it once did.

Braam de Villiers
animal scientist senior

Clinton wrath refreshing

Watching the Fox News Sunday interview of former President Bill Clinton, I had a big smile on my face. President Clinton has faced ridicule in the press and on talk shows recently, so I was surprised to see the face of the Democrat "glory days" on conservative Fox News. I was even more surprised when the interview, conducted by former ABC and NBC correspondent Chris Wallace, turned into an old-fashioned scolding from Clinton.

"They ridiculed me for trying. They had eight months to try, they did not try." Clinton responded sternly about the Bush administration's efforts to tackle Osama Bin Laden.

"I want to know how many people in the Bush administration you asked. Why didn't you do anything about the Cole? I want to know how many people you asked. Why did you fire Dick Clarke?" he asked.

Clinton also lashed out at his host. "You got that little smirk on your face and you think you're so clever, but I had responsibility for trying to protect this country." What was that noise? That was former President Clinton PWN'ing Chris Wallace.

"I tried and I failed to get bin Laden," Clinton owned up. "I regret it, but I did try and I did everything I thought I responsibly could."

I say we should give three cheers to Bill Clinton for speaking his mind, a concept from which it seems that most politicians run. I always say of politicians, "Ask them about Pizzahut, they'll twist it and end up talking about McDonald's." Well, if you ask Clinton about terrorism in his administration and imply he didn't work hard enough to do his job, you will get the wrath of an angry man.

Today's media gills emotive politicians (for example, Howard Dean), when they should be embracing them. I'm not saying Clinton was right or wrong in what he said; I just love how he said it. It's about time the talking heads in Congress and the White House start shooting from the hip and letting the voters know how they really feel on an issue.

Clay Bell
journalism sophomore



CHRIS STEWART, Kernel cartoonist

Guns and burgers — join us for College Republicans week

I know you're out there.

You pass by the anti-war protestors on campus and think to yourself all the great things you'd like to say, but you keep walking. You cringe when the idiot that's supposed to be teaching you how to write a paper goes on a half-hour tangent about the wonders of Karl Marx and the evil of American Capitalism. You'll wear your

"Re-Elect Bush-Cheney" T-shirt as an undershirt. You've seen flyers for College Republicans and conservative groups on campus and thought, "Nah, I'm too busy."

You may not believe it, but you are the majority on this campus.

While this campus may be littered with the loudest of liberals, conservatives (old school Democrats still clinging to their hometown registration and Republicans) still make up the largest portion of the University of Kentucky population. While liberals are often easy to spot (and smell), conservatives add the silent majority of UK.

While I've been elated at the awesome crowds we have had for College Republicans meetings this semester, and the number of students taking an active role in campaign work, there's vast room for improvement.

There are dozens of campaigns begging for college volunteers over the next month including candidates for U.S. Congress, State Senate and House, LFUCG Council, Mayor and both sides of the water management campaign. Your political affiliation aside, get involved in a campaign! It is one of the most educational experiences you can ever take part in, and even if you don't care about the candidate, many campaigns are paying \$10 and \$15 an hour to walk precincts.

DEBATE



Check out our website at www.uk-gop.blogspot.com for campaign contact information.

In an effort to identify like-minded conservatives on campus, next week (Oct. 2-5) our organization will be hosting "College Republican Week" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Whitehall Classroom building and Barker Hall.

On Monday, stop by to grab a free bottle of water and a free water pistol as a part of "Fun with Guns Day." While you won't read about it in the papers, the fight to protect your Second Amendment Right is vigorous and ongoing. Thankfully, the Republican-controlled Congress allowed the Clinton Gun Bill to expire and has stopped legislation by John Kerry, Dianne Feinstein, Hillary Clinton and Teddy Kennedy to place additional restrictions on law-abiding gun owners in America. Stop by and learn a few facts about the Second Amendment and the National Rifle Association and inform yourself on the issue, regardless of your stance.

Tuesday, bring your appetite as we honor the dishonorable work of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals the best way we know possible: by grilling up some juicy burgers, hot-dogs and chickens. Yes, that's right; Tuesday is "PETA Cookout Day." They're good eatin' — get over it. PETA and its crew of idiot celebrity representatives have attacked a Kentucky legend and fast food institution: Colonel Harland Sanders and every fat kid's favorite Sunday buffet, Kentucky Fried Chicken. Back in January,

Pamela Anderson took time out of her adult video schedule to blast Kentuckians for allowing a memorial bust of Colonel Sanders to sit in the Kentucky Capitol Building. While Republicans support the spirit of PETA, and love puppies and kittens as much as the next guy, we can't tolerate extremists who attack farmers and value the comfort of chickens over people. I promise you there are things about PETA you have never heard before and we can talk about it over a cheeseburger.

While Monday and Tuesday are geared to be light-hearted and slightly partisan, Wednesday and Thursday should be equally celebrated by everyone on campus.

On Wednesday, stop by the ROTC building on campus (Barker Hall, next to the Student Center) and pick up a yellow ribbon to commemorate "Military Appreciation Day." The National Guard will be bringing out a virtual target simulator, and College Republicans will be on hand to discuss the critical role of soldiers in the War on Terror and in peacekeeping operations around the world.

Thursday, the College Democrats will join us back at the Classroom Building for "Campaign Day." Information about candidates and local issues will be available, and students will have a chance to identify opportunities to volunteer and get involved. Just to keep things from getting too friendly, we'll go head-to-head with the Democrats for a round of tug-of-war at noon.

So to the thousands of unidentified conservatives walking to classes this week, I say this: Come out and be counted. Make time to learn about campaigns that affect your lives as citizens and as students. Oct. 2-5 is College Republican Week at UK. I'll see you there.

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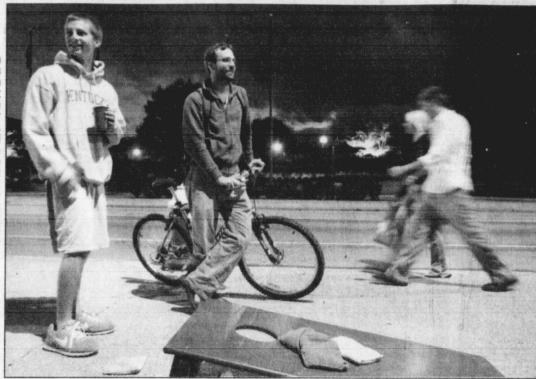
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Landon Buerkley, a history junior, talks with friend Ben Warner last night while waiting outside Memorial Coliseum for Big Blue Madness tickets. Buerkley and his friends have been camping out in line since Wednesday and plan on staying until tickets are given away Saturday morning. The event marks the first official practice of the UK basketball team and is traditionally held at Memorial Coliseum. However, due to construction at Memorial Coliseum, the practice is being held at Rupp Arena this year instead.

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Above: Charles Wafford, 63, is first in line for Big Blue Madness tickets outside Memorial Coliseum Wednesday. **Right:** Erick Spaw, an undeclared freshman, and nursing freshman Kelly Smith set up a tent in front of Memorial Coliseum Wednesday.



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MADNESS

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ly attends games at Rupp Arena. Throughout his 50 years following the Cats, his passion for Kentucky basketball has never waned.

"Have you ever seen the Crocodile Hunter?" Wafford asked. "It's something like what it was with him. He got so excited. It was there. In his mind it was there."

"Kentucky basketball causes a bubbly feeling in my body

that just brings joy. It's hard to put it into words."

Wafford is not alone.

Jason Ryan, 31, of Florence, Ky., has settled in for his 16th year of camping in line for Big Blue Madness tickets. Ryan, who works at Fifth Third Bank, is also a season ticket holder.

"I'm pretty seasoned," Ryan said. "I usually save a week of vacation days each year for Midnight Madness. My wife and kids think I'm an idiot, but they kind of like sitting on the front row every year too."

Scott Stricklin, associate

athletics director at UK, said when Big Blue Madness moved from the 5,800-seat Memorial Coliseum to the 23,000-seat Rupp Arena, camping out for tickets became unnecessary.

"I think it is more tradition now than necessity," Stricklin said. "It's very interesting though. The move to Rupp Arena hasn't curtailed the camper's attendance at all. Within the first five hours this year there were already 30 tents up."

"I guess the people that camp out in line do get better tickets," Stricklin said, "so

that's some incentive."

Last year, more than 20,000 tickets were claimed within the first half hour, and in 48 hours Big Blue Madness was sold out.

There will be 23,000 tickets given out for Big Blue Madness and each person waiting in line may get a maximum of four tickets. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis at UK ticket offices and online.

"It's going to be like Muhammed Ali," Wafford said, "like I'm the greatest!"

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munizations," he said.

The team provided medical services in the capital of Quito and cities of Mindo and Santo Domingo de los Colorados.

In Mindo the group visited an orphanage where more than 450 children were treated.

"The orphanage was different from what we know," Wilburn said. "Parents would take their children there because they felt a life in the orphanage was better than the life they could provide for their children."

Wilburn said they left behind a lot of vitamins and medications for the children's continued treatment.

The program also has a long-term goal of establishing a permanent clinic in the village of Santo Domingo de los Colorados.

The clinic will provide healthcare for the 20,000 residents of Santo Domingo, whose average income is only \$80 per month according to the United Nations Children's Fund Web site.

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"The permanent clinic will ... be a cooperative

project with the people of Ecuador and those of us who go down to assist," Young said. "This will be a great opportunity to empower this community to develop and address the core issues that relate to health, such as the economy."

Medical professionals from Kentucky will assist with funding for the physicians and nurses at the clinics and the Ecuador team will provide leadership for the clinic project they have named "Hombro a Hombro" (Shoulder to Shoulder).

"We are now trying to find physicians in Ecuador to employ the clinic," he said. "There are not many doctors with the training we would prefer, such as a residency. Also the pay is very low for the physicians."

When the clinic does open, Young and the team of Kentuckians plan to visit it twice a year, and in return, to have the Ecuadorian staff volunteer at UK.

"The ultimate goal is to improve health, education and poverty levels of this community," Young said.

"Another problem that was very obvious was the dental status of the children," said Claudia Hopenhayn, Associate Professor with the College of Public Health. "We had a dentist with us on our team and I'm not sure how many teeth she pulled, but it was a lot."

"...It's an enriching group experience, we really had great group spirit," Hopenhayn said of the trip.

Dr. Young has had a strong passion for serving others since he can remember.

"Doing this has helped fulfill a need I have had since I was young. I think a big part of human satisfaction is doing service work," Young said.

To make the yearly medical missions possible, the team gets a lot of help from community organizations.

Kroger and the Kiwanis Club of Lexington donated supplies while Christ the King Church, a fundraiser by UK's medical student organization and the International Federation of

Medical Students' Associations provided financial support.

"If we can demonstrate how a university and a community can work together to improve the lives of a community in a developing country, we could successfully implement the clinic model in other underserved areas," Young said.

Young said the individuals they helped were not the only ones changed by the experience. "I think this changes those who go to where they might be inspired to do more there or elsewhere," he said. "We make some small differences as far as treatment, but also we inspire hope in these communities and let them know and feel that people care about them."

"Parents would take their children there because they felt a life in the orphanage was better than the life they could provide for their children."

AMANDA WILBURN
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