



College TV

Rassl'n mania

Because of several requests by LOC readers, this rail is all about wrestling. Not an avid watcher (anymore - closet fan when I lived in the dorm) of the shenanigans that happen in the ring, I am only occasionally exposed to wrestling. The best is catching a minute or two on Telemundo. All I can say is that wrestling commented on in Spanish really makes me laugh. Anyway, here are some funny things that I've noticed when watching rassl'n.

Everything is steel. Be it the turn buckles, ropes, stairs, chairs, trash cans, everything is made of steel. I wouldn't put it past the commentators to mention how Rick Flair got hit over the head with a steel loaf of bread and fell on the steel mat after bouncing off the steel implants on his ring side eye candy. (By the way, there should be different kinds of eye candy for both guys and girls. Lemon Heads would be people who are attractive but sour when you get close. Everlasting Gobstoppers could be people who never shut up. Whoopers could be people who are more muscular than most. Just an idea. Ignore if you want)

How can a self-respecting heterosexual guy dress in Speedo-esque briefs only to go wrestle with a guy dressed in the same thing but in a different color? Maybe it's the money or something. But if I were a wrestler outside of the bedroom, I would be a Luchadores - fully clothed and wearing a mask.

What's in a name? Big Poppa Pump, Big Sexy, The Big Show, Bam Bam Bigelow, Big Vito, Sid Vicious, The Rock, Stone Cold, Grand Master Sexy, Triple H, The Undertaker. These are just a few of the names that can be found on WCW or WWF. Now they all either had really mean and disturbed parents or they chose stage names like strippers. I think my stage name would be Ron the Rascal or maybe The Big Triple Stone Cold Vicious Rock Poppa. To see my name in lights would require a lot of extension cords and could never be done in California due to the electricity shortage.

-Ron Norton
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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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THE SAGA OF SGA

Rules change for SGA election

By the numbers: Students running for office must get Social Security numbers

By Jay Salyers
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Students collecting signatures to run for a Student Government office must also get student identification numbers. The signature sheets that had been available to prospective candidates for the past week asked for birth dates instead of student identification numbers.

Election Board of Supervision Chairman Matthew John-

son corrected the error and put out new signature sheets. "I realize that this is an inconvenience to everyone ...," Johnson said. "I took action to remedy this problem with enough time so that it will not impact the upcoming elections."

Presidential and vice presidential candidates need 1,000 student signatures. A student wanting to represent the whole student body as a senator-at-large must collect 400 signatures and those who want to

represent their college need three percent of their college's students or 25 signatures, whichever is higher. Candidate must file by 12 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The student identification requirement could cause an inconvenience to students who have already collected signatures.

Tim Robinson and Caroline Harralson, the only students to announce their candidacy for president and vice president, have collected about 1,100 signatures. They decided to file Tuesday even though their sheets did not contain Social Security numbers.

"We're not going to start a fuss about it," Robinson said. Robinson said he and Harralson will start getting new signatures and that they are committed to running for office.

According to Johnson, the new constitution changed the format for filing. Michael Walker, a SGA supreme court justice, was on the committee that revised the constitution. He said the committee changed the format to start a trend of consistency.

"Every year students would have to meet a different qualification," Walker said. "This amendment is the start of a consistent format."

Follow the rules

- Completed applications are due at 12 p.m. Feb. 28 at the SGA office.
- Signatures must accompany application to be valid.
- President and vice president tickets need 1,000 signatures.
- Senator-at-large candidates need 400 signatures. College Senators need signatures from three percent of their college's students.
- Candidates must pay \$30 deposit by filing deadline.
- All candidates must attend or have a representative present at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Student Center for a meeting discussing regulations, rules, and expense forms.

ACADEMICS

Preservation degree a UK secret

Protecting history: Degree stresses renewal, reuse of historical landscaping

By Sara Zaehringer
STAFF WRITER

UK is home to several organizations geared toward defending Mother Earth.

Although many students are active in advocacy work, they may not realize that UK offers a master's degree in historic preservation, a field that objectives include promoting developmental reuse and saving historic buildings and landscapes.

In its third year, the program is housed in the architecture department and takes two years to complete. Dennis Domer, director of the master's degree program in historic preservation, stressed the need for a field in which the reuse and renewal of historical landscapes and buildings, instead of further development outside the community, is encouraged.

"If we continue to reinvent ourselves each generation, we'll be back to throwing rocks like the Neanderthals," Domer said. "If we lose the past we end up with nothing but Nicholasville Road."

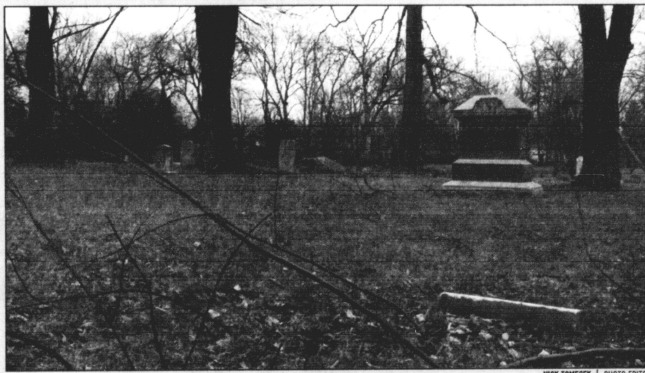
Domer said you could tell a difference in communities where the historic architecture and landscape have not been preserved by their attractiveness and livability. He pointed out that people travel to places in Europe due to the continent's well preserved historic buildings and lands.

And that brings stability and money into the community, Domer said.

"Communities and societies without history are rudderless and we all need some sort of continuity with the past," Domer said. "We all live based on the shoulders of many, many generations."

Fred Rogers agrees. Rogers, who graduates in May with a master's degree in historic preservation, sees preservation of the past as preparation for the future. He said people often assume preservation tries to limit the growth of a community.

Rogers said he thinks these common misconceptions can only be changed through education and by historic



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

A historical scene

The Lexington Cemetery, located on Main Street past Newtown Pike, is one of Lexington's historical landscapes. The landmark documents the social, political, military and environmental history of the community. It encompasses 170 acres.

preservation programs taking active roles in their communities.

The degree places just as much emphasis on learning how to preserve landscapes as it does on preserving buildings.

Ned Crankshaw, a professor of landscape architecture, teaches a historic landscape class for the program. He said the way landscapes were viewed 30 years ago and how they are viewed today has changed.

"In the past preservationists focused on specific gardens and today it's the bigger landscapes that matter,"

Crankshaw said. "People were saving buildings and the surroundings were deteriorating. Not as effective, so now there's a big emphasis on rural areas," Crankshaw said.

As for how well the program is doing at UK, Crankshaw said it is hard to measure progress because the program is young. He is not sure how aware students outside of the school of architecture or landscape architecture are although many historic preservation students are from

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MONEY, MONEY

Law school receives grant

Bank: College to use \$750,000 for teleconferencing equipment

By Kendra Livingston
STAFF WRITER

Live from the College of Law.

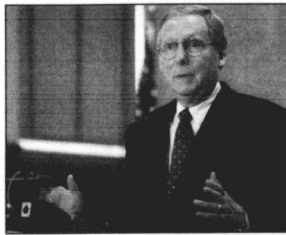
Thanks to a \$750,000 grant from the United States Justice Department — two-way interactive video classroom teleconferencing equipment will soon be available to UK law students.

The announcement was made Tuesday afternoon in the College of Law's courtroom in which Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) was in attendance. McConnell and Congressman Hal Rogers, both graduates from the UK College of Law, played major roles in implementing the grant.

In a brief speech, McConnell reflected on his memories as a law student at UK and talked about his position as a United States Senator.

"The good thing about being in the Senate is being able to make a difference," McConnell said.

The two-way interactive video classroom teleconferencing technology will be connected to the Kentucky TeleLinking Network, a system with 200 plus classrooms positioned in universities, colleges,



MATT GIBSON | KERNEL STAFF

Sen. Mitch McConnell spoke at Tuesday's news conference about his days as a law student at UK.

and primary and secondary schools across the state and to CenterNet Regional Telecommunications Network, a system of over 21 locations in southern and eastern Kentucky.

Worldwide connections such as trading

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HISTORY

Civil rights activists come to UK's campus

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"Public enemy No. 1." At separate times, the Black Panther Party and the American Indian Movement were deemed that by the FBI.

Founders and leaders of the two organizations respectively, Bob Brown and Vernon Bellecourt, will speak on campus this afternoon. Brown and Bellecourt will speak about their experiences being involved with liberation movements and experiencing overt government repression.

They will speak at 4 p.m. in 245 Student Center or if attendance overflows, in the Worsham Theater.

Brown's discussion is titled "To Prevent the Rise of a Messiah: The United States' 40-year War against Kwame Ture."

Kwame Ture, known as Stokely Carmichael until he changed his name in the 1970s, in the beginning of the Civil Rights movement participated as one of the freedom riders who traveled through the South challenging segregation laws in interstate transportation.

Tired of civil rights leaders being killed and the non-violent protests, Ture began the founding the "black power" movement, which espoused self-defense tactics, self-determination, political and economic power and also racial pride.

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Carmichael

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

I don't agree with his lyrics, their content or tone ... but I vigorously feel that we must respect an individual's right to speak his mind, especially when it comes to all forms of art."

Pat Boone, 66, the iconic squeaky clean singer of the '50s sharing his opinion with The Associated Press.

Six dead after crash in Hawaii

HONOLULU — Six soldiers died when two Army Black Hawk helicopters crashed during a nighttime exercise on the island of Oahu. Seven others were injured. The names of the dead and injured were not disclosed, pending notification of their families. Four of the 17 soldiers on the two aircraft escaped unharmed. The accident involved two UH60 helicopters participating in an exercise over Kahuku on Monday evening, said Maj. Nancy Makowski, a spokeswoman for the 25th Infantry Division based at Schofield Barracks. It was initially believed the two helicopters collided in the air, but that has not been confirmed and will be determined in an investigation, Makowski said.

Bush wants to modernize military

WASHINGTON — President Bush is taking an up-close look at the military hardware of tomorrow as he presses his case that the nation needs to modernize its armed forces and build a missile defense system. Continuing a weeklong tour to promote his national security policies, the new commander in chief was taking part Tuesday in a high-tech battle exercise linking him by video from the Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., to NATO leaders aboard a ship off the Virginia coast.

Likud and Labor move toward unity

JERUSALEM — Israel's two rival political camps, led by Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and his defeated predecessor, Ehud Barak, are very close to forming a joint government that would seek only a partial peace deal with the Palestinians, a Sharon spokesman said Tuesday. In the Gaza Strip, meanwhile, Israeli helicopter gunships fired missiles toward a car, killing a Palestinian security agent and injuring four others in a nearby vehicle, police said.

American spacecraft lands on asteroid

COLUMBIA, Md. — NEAR, the spacecraft that became the first manmade object to land on an asteroid, may continue sending its signal for months, but after Wednesday nobody will be listening. The spacecraft, which was designed for orbiting and not landing, astounded even the experts Monday by touching down so gently on the asteroid Eros that its radio beacon continued to send a strong signal to Earth. Mission director Robert Farquhar said that if the craft's solar panels continue to generate electricity, the signal could last at least three months. But on Wednesday, Valentine's Day, the five-year mission officially ends, said Farquhar, and NASA's Deep



DUET: Thom Yorke is to duet with Bjork at this year's Oscar's ceremony. Bjork's official web site, www.bjork.com, Tuesday revealed that the singer will be joined by Radiohead's vocalist (and a 55 piece orchestra) at the ceremony for a performance of 'I've Seen It All', their ballad from Bjork's 'Selma Songs' album, the soundtrack to the critically-acclaimed *Dancer In The Dark* movie.



RAGIN: In what is seemingly a candidate from out of left field, ex-Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell has been in rehearsals with Rage Against the Machine to replace former singer Zack De La Rocha, according to a source close to the band.

Space Network will no longer relay signals from Eros, some 196 million miles away.

Administration must make case

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will weigh opening some currently off-limits areas of the Rockies to oil and gas drilling as part of a sweeping review of untapped energy resources, Interior Secretary Gale Norton said Monday. But in an interview with The Associated Press, the former Colorado attorney general acknowledged the administration still needs to make the case for opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling. A 1999 study by the National Petroleum Council, an industry advisory group to the government, said about 10 percent of the country's total reserves of natural gas lay beneath the Rockies but that 40 percent of the deposits are off-limits to drilling.

Governments reach agreement

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The government struck a deal with the powerful opposition Tuesday to restart construction on Taiwan's fourth nuclear plant, ending a three-month feud that took a severe toll on the stock market and public confidence. The agreement came after new President Chen Shui-bian caved in to lawmakers' demands and retreated from his campaign promise to spike the partially built nuclear project, approved by the previous government.

Nominations sought

This year marks the 10th year that UK recognizes the outstanding volunteer service achievements of Darrell A. VanMeter through the presentation of an undergraduate award named in his honor. VanMeter was a sophomore at UK when he died in 1991. Nominations are being taken until Friday, March 9. If you have any questions or need additional information call the Student Activities Office at 257-8868.

2001 commencement

The UK Commencement Committee is seeking a graduating senior to deliver an eight-minute address at this year's commencement ceremony. Selection of the student speaker will be made on the basis of: 1) contributions to UK, 2) public speaking ability and 3) a précis of the talk. The applicant must be receiving an undergraduate degree. The applicant must have significantly contributed to UK through campus and community activities. Applications are due by March 21. For an application go to 120 Student Center, 513 POT or you can visit <http://www.dobson.ca.uky.edu/forms/commence.pdf>.

Compiled from wire reports.

HISTORY

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non-architecture-affiliated bachelor's degrees.

Finding out about the program can be difficult if one is not a frequenter of Pence Hall. Rogers, who planned on going to theology school after receiving his bachelor's in history, found out about the program when he happened to run across a brochure hanging up in Whitehall Classroom Building. Happy with what he found,

Rogers encourages interested students to look into the program.

"Find out as much as you can," Rogers said. There is no specific bachelor degree requirement for the program. A student with any degree from any accredited college or university can apply. Domer said the preservation field would be at its best if it were filled with students from all different academic backgrounds.

"It can take lots of things that have an influence and are tools of preservation because it's interdisciplinary," Domer said.

LAW

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courses via teleconferencing will be accessible for law students who need to take courses that are not available through UK's College of Law.

"Having the opportunity to take classes that UK College of Law doesn't offer elsewhere via the video classrooms is a great benefit," said Bob Duncan, a first year law student.

Not only will the grant allow the College of Law to expand its horizons on the academic level, but the money will also be used to pay for needed physical renovations to the law building such as redoing the ceilings and adding acoustic equipment throughout the classrooms.

Enhancing the college's prosecutor training program and most importantly, the community legal education program that the college co-sponsors with Central High School Magnet Career Academy in Louisville are also on the agenda.

UK President Charles Wehington was present and made it clear he was there to support the announcement and to thank Sen. Mitch McConnell.

The Community Legal Education program is devoted to mentoring high school students and exposing them to the College of Law faculty.

"We are looking forward to bringing high school students together and introducing them to our faculty," said Alan W. Vestal, dean of UK's College of Law.

PANTHER

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Ture died in 1968 of cancer while residing in Guinea after the U.S. revoked his passport in 1969 after denouncing U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, among other issues. Bellecourt's discussion is titled "The Continuing Indian

Struggle in the New Millennium." Bellecourt is currently the national representative of the American Indian Movement Grand Governing Council.

The American Indian Movement began in 1968 "after tired of begging for welfare, tired of being scapegoats in America and decided to start building on the strengths of our own people," according to the AIM web site.

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THE SAGA OF SGA

SGA amendment causes controversy among students

Disenfranchised: Students say requiring candidates to serve one year is unfair

By Tracy Kershaw
NEWS EDITOR

Talk of disenfranchised voters dominated debate after the S.U.S. presidential elections.

Now the idea is causing a stir in Student Government elections. Johnny Collias, former Intrafraternity Council president, claims that a new law that requires candidates for SGA's chief leadership positions to have one year of SGA experience disenfranchises the student body.

He is asking the SGA Supreme Court to throw out the law, which was added to the constitution in the fall.

"For a public organization, I do not think it is fair and I do think it is disenfranchising," he said. "I don't just think it (disenfranchisement) applies to not being able to vote but also not being able to run."

Collias, along with SGA President Jimmy Glenn and Kevin Kyle, gathered 700 student signatures on a petition protesting the

experience clause.

The committee that revised the constitution in the fall added the experience clause to protect SGA elections from being a popularity contest, said Michael Walker, a public policy graduate student who was on the revisions committee.

Two weeks ago, Glenn, Collias and Kyle asked the court to repeal the new constitution with the old version. The court voted against the trio's request.

About 200 of the signatures on Collias' petition are from a petition circulated for the first trial.

"I am trying to correct a wrong that I would hope if the Senate had a chance to vote on would overturn," he said.

The Senate may have a chance to change the rule at its Wednesday night meeting. Two senators, Brian Roth and Steve Shaw, have proposed the Senate get rid of the experience clause.

Shaw has been a senator since November and wants to run for president but cannot because of the one-year experience clause.

Collias will graduate in May, but said he knows others who want to run but now can't.

"If this is going to be the voice of the students we need to support the basic precepts of this country; if you want to make a difference in this country you can run for U.S. president. SGA needs to be, I think, along the same regards," Collias said.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Civil rights still a focus for ACLU

Issues: Group fights speech violations

By Scott Sloan
STAFF WRITER

Civil rights was not just an issue for the 1960s.

The UK chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, a member of the Campus Progressive Coalition, is one student organization that has set its sights on protecting the liberties of UK students.

The UK ACLU is a non-profit and non-partisan student organization. The purpose of the organization, like its national counterpart, is to preserve the civil rights and civil liberties of American citizens.

Civil rights and civil liberties include the freedoms of speech, association, assembly and press. Civil liberties also include the freedom of religious

exercise and the lack of a nationally established religion.

UK ACLU also supports the right to equal protection under the law, regardless of race, sex, creed, sexual preference, physical status or nation of origin. Other issues include the right to due process when dealing with the government and the right to privacy.

"It is so important to fight every speech violation," Casey Holland, co-coordinator and a political science sophomore, said. "If you let something go, it can start to affect the average Joe."

UK ACLU has taken part in a number of activities, which include challenging UK's free speech and assembly policies.

Along with other groups in the Campus Progressive Coalition, UK ACLU worked with UK officials to allow students to begin demonstrating, picketing, petitioning and speaking outside of the free speech area located next to the Student Center.

The UK ACLU is currently speaking with UK administrators regarding the University's no-sidewalk-chalking policy. Members of the UK ACLU feel that writing with water-soluble sidewalk chalk constitutes free expression and does not damage property.

The UK ACLU has also sponsored a number of forums and lectures on campus. Past forums have addressed the teaching of creationism and evolution and whether or not civil disobedience is a civil liberty.

Members of the UK ACLU are not passive observers, by any means. Members of the organization traveled to Frankfort on Tuesday to lobby state legisla-

tors about issues of interest to college students.

In the past, the organization has hosted Kentucky State Representative Kathy Stein and State Senator Ernesto Scorsone, who gave tips on effective lobbying.

Lobbying may seem like a daunting task but members see it as another way of making the government listen to everyday citizens.

"Lobbying's much easier than you think," Holland said.

More information

The UK ACLU meets at 8 p.m. Wednesdays in 231 Student Center. For more information about the organization and upcoming events, contact co-coordinator Casey Holland at 232-2052.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

PAID healthy volunteers ages 21 to 45 are needed for UK behavioral research study!

The University of Kentucky, College of Medicine, Department of Behavioral Science is recruiting healthy volunteers ages 21 to 45 to participate in research studies that measure the behavioral effects of commonly prescribed, FDA approved medications. Studies are run in a pleasant setting away from the medical campus. The program will involve 15 sessions and will take about four to five weeks to complete. Studies are run during daytime hours. Snacks, movies, video games and reading materials will be provided. Volunteers will be paid for their participation.

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<p>MEETINGS 1:30 Meeting, Room 231 Stud. Cr. 2:30 in the Courts, Hillal/Jewish Stud. Org., 6:15pm. Blazer Court 8:00 Freshman Focus, 7pm. Bopg. Stud. Union Chapel 8:30 Freshman Focus, 7pm. Bopg. Stud. Union Chapel 9:00 Fraternity, Fraternity Convocation Group, 4:45pm. Blazer Hall Prayers Dining Room 9:00 Fraternity, Fraternity Convocation Group, 4:45pm. Blazer Hall Prayers Dining Room 9:30pm. Bopg. Stud. Cr. 9:30pm. Bopg. Stud. Cr.</p> <p>LECTURES "Dance and Worship Service, United Campus Ministries, 5:30 & 8:30pm, Calvary Baptist Church, Campus Center" "College Literature Mgt., 8:30pm, 113 Stud. Cr. "Dynamics Term Mtg., Sun, As. North Bldg., Box 47 "Statistics Term Mtg., 5:45pm, As. North Bldg., Library Lobby "Student For an End. Nuclear Weapons Mtg., 7:30pm, 113 Stud. Cr. "A&P Pre-Med Mtg., 7:15pm, 81 Bldg., Box 114</p> <p>SPORTS "UK Kick Club, 5:45-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft Men's Basketball vs. Louisville St., 8pm, Rupp Arena</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS "Richard Shelby Lecture on Interpretation of American Cinema History, 7pm, 211 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES "Madness with the Sugar Beat, 8pm, 104 Stud. Cr. "Carnegie Concerts: Marketing & Web Consultation for Stud. Org., 12:15pm, 104 Stud. Cr. Call 257-8867 to reserve a spot</p> <p>INTRAMURAL/RECREATION "UK Kick Club, 5:45-8:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Loft "Madness and Resistance: Live Performance, 7pm, 103-104 Stud. Cr.</p>	<p>MEETINGS "Annexes International, 8pm, 228 Stud. Cr. "Freshman Focus, 7pm, Bopg. Stud. Union Chapel "UK Lambda Mtg., 7:30pm, 231 Stud. Cr. "Develotions-Lambda, 12:15pm, Bopg. Stud. Union Multipurpose Room "Campus Crusade for Christ, 7:30pm, Stud. Cr. Worship Theatre "Christian Student Fellowship: Synology, 8pm, CSF, corner of Woodland and Columbia "Green Party Mtg., 8pm, 104 Stud. Cr. "Phi Alpha Theta Mtg., 6pm, 228 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>SPORTS "UK RUGBY Practice, 6-8pm, Club Sports Field "Women's Basketball vs. Ole Miss, 7pm, Memorial Coliseum</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES "Sky Circus Concert, 8pm, Singletary Cr. RR, S10, S5 "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, 8pm, Guignol Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg.</p>
<p>MEETINGS "Newman Center Mass, 6pm</p> <p>SPORTS "Tom Kwon Do Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft "Midway College Intercollegiate Horse Show, Midway College Arena</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS "Practice GRANT Exams, 9am-2pm, Stud. Cr. Center Theatre</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, 8pm, Guignol Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg.</p>	<p>MEETINGS "Newman Center Mass, 11:30am, 5pm, and 8:30pm "Moon Bagel Brunch, Hillal/Jewish Stud. Org., 12:00pm, Manhattan Bagel on Richmond Rd. "Phi Sigma Pi Mtg., 7pm, 230 Stud. Cr. "St. 12 University Workshop Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ "Bible Study: Jesus the One and Only, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5-7pm, Calvary Baptist Church "Romans Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union Chapel</p> <p>SPORTS "UK Judo Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Loft "Midway College Intercollegiate Horse Show, Midway College Arena "Men's Basketball @ Fayetteville, 7pm</p> <p>INTRAMURAL/RECREATION "UK Kick Club, 1-3pm, UK Alumni Gym Loft "Recreation Night, Uplink Campus Ministries, 7pm, Calvary Baptist Church Rec. & Outreach Cr.</p>
<p>Sun 25</p> <p>Go CATS! Beat Louisiana State</p>	

THE PLANET

Futuristic farms and more with lecture series

Distinguished: Speaker will discuss ideas on how to eliminate heavy machinery, chemicals from farming

By Mark Vanderhoff
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Wes Jackson's farm of the future has little need for heavy machinery and no need for chemicals or annual plowing.

Jackson, a plant geneticist, will talk about this farm Wednesday as the first speaker of the Distinguished Lecture Series on Natural Resource Science and Conservation.

The grain crop Jackson envisions substitutes perennial grains, which grow back every year, for annual grains, which must be replanted each year. Current research on this crop could save farmers money and would be better for the environment, according

to the Land Institute, the non-profit organization Jackson founded to study ways of improving agriculture.

Expensive machines wouldn't be necessary to plow the land since the perennial grains don't need to be replanted every year, the organization said.

The mixture of grains would also mimic nature's built-in defenses against pests, weeds and pathogens, decreasing the need for chemicals that often end up polluting local waters.

This new way of growing grains, which comprise the bulk of the world's diet, would also help prevent soil erosion, increase crops resistant to droughts and

fire and decrease dependence on petroleum and natural gas, the organization said.

Jackson calls this method of farming "natural systems agriculture."

He and other researchers are perfecting the method at the Land Institute, located in Salina, Kansas.

Jackson left a professorship with tenure to found the institute in 1976. A Pew Scholar and MacArthur Fellow, he has written several books, including *Man and the Environment* and *Meeting the Expectations of the Land*, which was edited with Kentucky author and former UK professor Wendell Berry.

In December, Jackson was awarded a Right Livelihood Award, dubbed the "alternative Nobel," for his vision of improving agriculture in an environmentally friendly way.

The Distinguished Lecture Series on Natural Resource Science and Conservation

Wes Jackson

Feb. 21
President of the Land Institute
"Developing Ecologically Viable Agricultural Systems"

Kerry Murphy

Feb. 28
Wildlife Biologist, National Park Service
"Gray Wolf Ecology in Yellowstone National Park"

Richard Norby

March 7
Environmental Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
"Effects of Global Climate Change on the Eastern Deciduous Forest"

Wayne Swank

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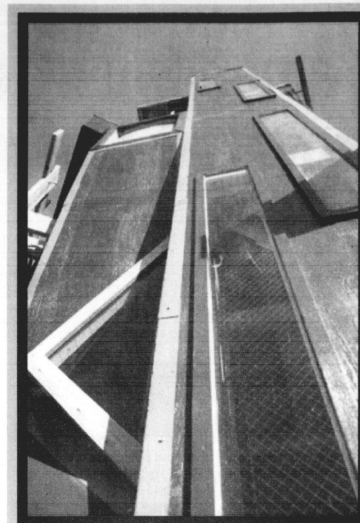
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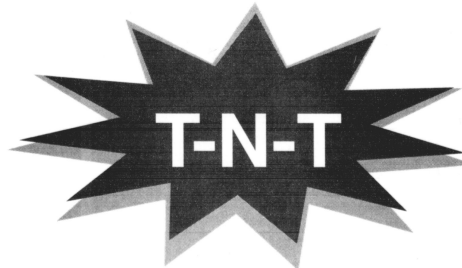
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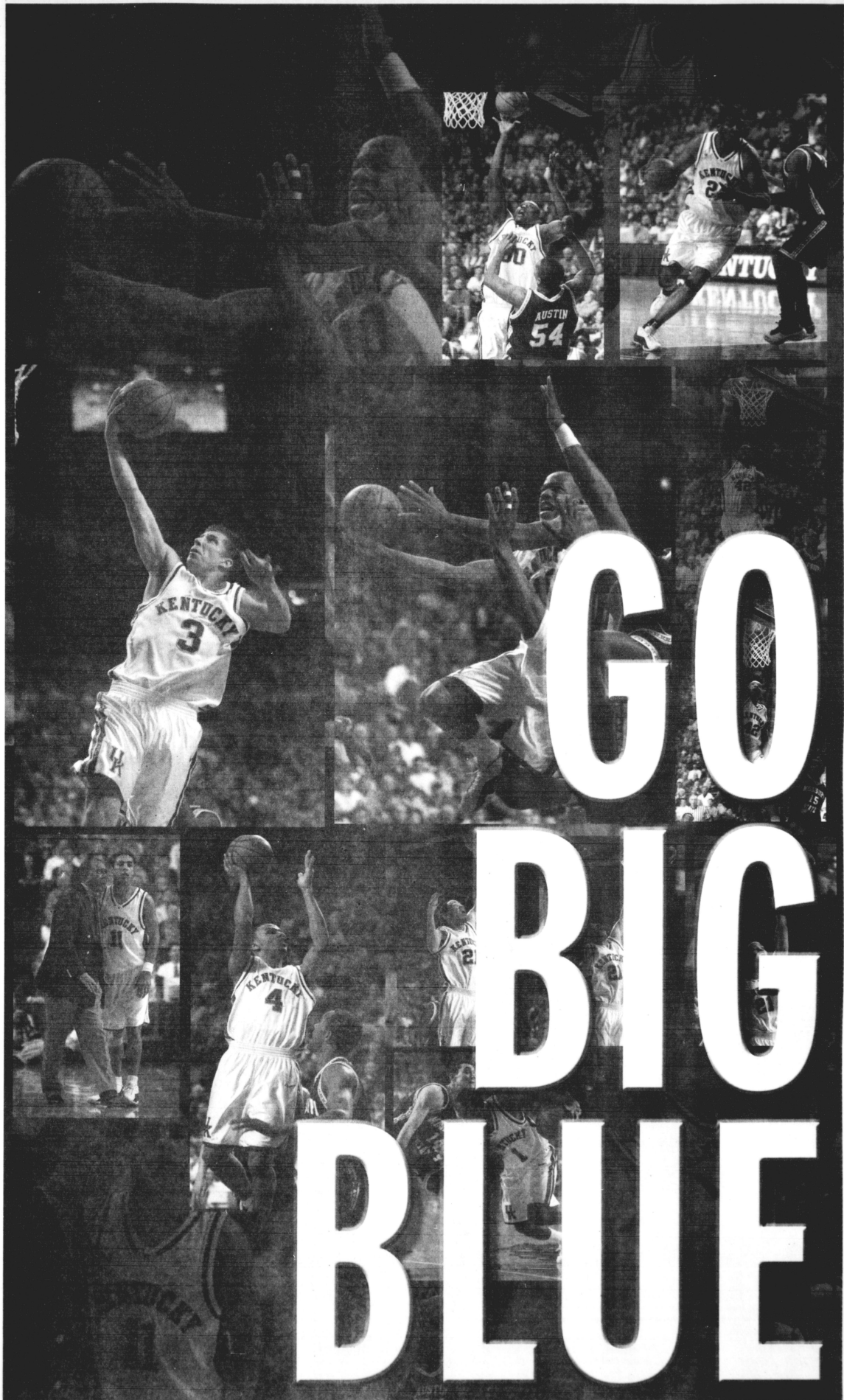
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DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS

Hot Cats wary of letdown

Revenge factor: UK not overlooking struggling Tigers, instead remembering last year's loss

By Ron Cox
STAFF WRITER

The two teams couldn't be at farther ends of the spectrum right now.

The scorching UK Wildcats will play host to their polar-opposite, the icy Louisiana State Tigers tonight at 8 p.m.

The Cats (17-7, 10-2) are riding a seven-game winning streak, while the Tigers (11-12, 1-11) are on a seven-game streak of their own — a seven-game losing streak.

The Cats are tops in the Southeastern Conference with a record of 10-2, while the Tigers are cellar-dwelling the SEC at 1-11.

The Cats are a perfect 6-0 at home during SEC play. The Tigers have managed only one road win in SEC play, an 82-73 win at Mississippi State.

The Cats have been streaking up the polls with blinding speed, while the Tigers have yet to produce a blip on the screen.

Anyone taking a good look at these statistics would have to wonder if this game would even mean anything to the Cats.

It sure meant a lot to former No. 1 North Carolina, who lost to Clemson — the ACC's cellar-dwelling team — 75-65 on Feb. 18.

The talk of both the players and head coach Tubby Smith is avoiding this kind of a letdown.

Coach Smith said he understands the potential of this game becoming a letdown game, and he feels he has the best motivating factor to answer that concern.

"If certain guys aren't playing the way they're supposed to play or aren't giving us the effort we think they should," coach Smith said, "I think there are a lot of guys anxious to get in and play for them, that always helps motivate guys."

The players also see the prospects of taking this game lightly.

"We can't have a letdown, because they're record doesn't do them justice," Saul Smith said. "They're going to come into this and give us a good game."

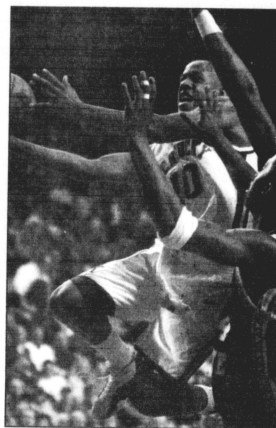
"What better way to make their season than to come here and beat us?"

Since these two teams only meet once a year, this game also becomes a revenge game for the returning players.

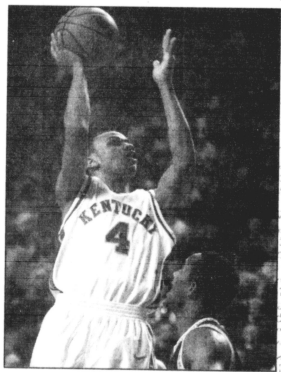
Last year the No. 11 Cats were slammed by the No. 25 Tigers. The Tigers took care of the Cats 70-57, with the help of current Vancouver Grizzly Stromile Swift, who had a game-high 26 points.

"Whenever you lose to a team and you only get to play them once a year, obviously you're going to try to get some revenge... and change the way you played the first time," said Tayschaun Prince, who was named this week's SEC's player of the week for the second time in three weeks.

"We feel like we have a little payback for them, because they kind of handed us one last year," Saul Smith said. "I really want to beat them, bad."



FILE PHOTOS
Star tandem Keith Bogans, a sophomore guard, and Tayschaun Prince, a junior forward, are fulfilling expectations and inspiring fans to dream of the Final Four.



JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF
Freshman guard Gerald Fitch continues to delight coach Tubby Smith. "He's been the steal of the year as far as I'm concerned with recruiting," he said. Fitch is averaging 6 points and 4.5 rebounds a game for UK.

DOMINATING

Women's tennis team eases to 7-0 victory

Confidence boost: UK women's tennis team got a must-win heading into key SEC matches

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The UK women's tennis team gained some confidence at the expense of the Purdue Boiler-makers yesterday afternoon.

The Cats swept the Boiler-makers 7-0 without losing a set in singles or doubles matches.

"Things happened in our matches that only we know we did well," UK coach Mark Guil-

beau said. "Especially in our No. 1 doubles match — a lot of things happened within that match we've been working on."

UK junior Carolina Mayorga and sophomore Sarah Witten defeated Purdue's Melissa Woods and Missy Wright 8-6 to start the meet. Guilbeau was impressed with Witten's singles play, as well.

"Sarah Witten played very good," Guilbeau said. "She

played a good lefty, which could have given her problems, but she is playing consistently well." Witten defeated Woods 6-1, 6-2.

Sophomores Leigh Bradwell and Shannon Stafford were able to edge Lynsey Fick and Melissa Igbal 8-5, while senior Brooke Skeen and sophomore Lauren Rookledge routed Erika Quebe and Lisa Walgenbach 8-1 in doubles.

The Cats were able to dominate every singles match, but not without a couple first-set scares. Skeen dropped the first two games of her first set sin-

gles match, but rolled to a 6-2, 6-2 win over Igbal.

"My balls were landing a little short and I adjusted to hitting my shots deep and worked on my movement," said Skeen, the lone UK senior. "I hit more shots to her backhand, too."

Movement and not allowing her opponent to dictate where she moved was something UK sophomore Amy Trefethen worked on, as well.

"The first set really gave me some confidence and (Fick) seemed to get frustrated," Trefethen said. After squeaking out a 7-5 first-set win, Trefethen ral-

lied to a decisive 7-5, 6-1 win.

Sophomores Leigh Bradwell and Jill Buckley each won in straight sets, and Mayorga and Rookledge had little difficulty in their singles wins.

The UK win proceeded a 2-5 loss to Florida on Feb. 11, but the Cats cannot enjoy the win for long. They travel to Oxford, Miss. Feb. 24 to play Ole Miss, a team UK has not beat in approximately 10 years, according to Guilbeau.

"Still, I think we have a good chance to beat (Ole Miss) this time as we have ever had," Guilbeau said of the perennial

top 10 program.

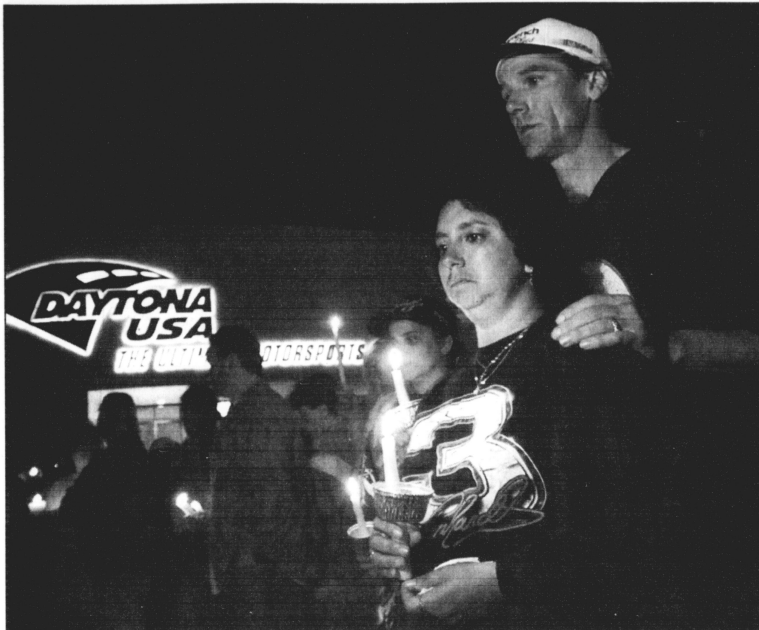
The Cats follow up the match with Ole Miss with a trip to Mississippi State on Feb. 26 before returning home to host Alabama on March 3. The Cats realize how much the team needed a win before beginning its SEC schedule full time.

"This gives us a lot of confidence going into our next two matches because the SEC is really tough," Trefethen said.

"It helps a lot to know we have beaten (Purdue) 7-0," Skeen said. "It's good to know everyone else is playing great and that we feel confident."

DALE EARNHARDT

Fans mourn the loss of a NASCAR legend in Daytona



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mourning

Husband and wife Christine and Dave Verduzco, right, of Port Orange, Fla., spend a silent moment together as they gather with over a thousand other racing fans Monday in front of the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., to honor the memory of NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt who was fatally injured in a crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500 race Sunday.

Searching for answers: Fans, officials of NASCAR worried about safety of racing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Fans gathered in a semicircle and held candles while they prayed as a day of mourning melted into a nighttime vigil outside the racetrack where Dale Earnhardt died.

Written on white posterboard were thousands of heartfelt messages for The Intimidator, arguably the greatest auto racer in American history, who was killed when he slammed into the wall on the last lap of the Daytona 500 on Sunday.

One salute spotted Monday, from a couple in Texas, was as straightforward and fitting as they come: "The Master. You Will Be Missed By All."

Now that the seven-time Winston Cup champion is gone at age 49, there's a massive void to fill, and many questions to answer.

Some answers were easy. No matter the circumstances, NASCAR has always felt the show must go on. So there will be no postponement of this weekend's race in Rockingham, N.C., and no immediate decision on whether to retire Earnhardt's famous No. 3 Chevrolet.

Other answers won't come so quickly. Most of those concern safety and how NASCAR will react after watching its pre-eminent driver die of head

trauma when his car careened out of control at stock car racing's most famous track.

"We're not going to accelerate, we're not going to slow down," NASCAR president Mike Helton said. "It's a work in progress all the time."

That philosophy is troubling to the people who invented the Head And Neck Support (HANS) device that some believe could have saved the life of Earnhardt, Adam Petty and the other two NASCAR drivers who died of head injuries in the last nine months.

"This is getting absurd," said Ken Adams, manager of the company that makes the HANS device. "A Petty dying last year, Earnhardt dying this year. Those are two of the biggest names in racing history."

Only six NASCAR drivers in the 43-car field Sunday used the HANS device. NASCAR has no rules requiring it, although Helton said NASCAR "recommends drivers try it and work with the developers to perfect it for stock car racing."

they could find.

"It's been pretty crazy out there," said Mark Phillips, general manager of a sports merchandise store in Dallas. "His merchandise was the most demanded, bar none, in racing or any motor sport."

That was a tribute not only to Earnhardt the driver, but Earnhardt the businessman. He deftly created a rough-and-tumble image true to NASCAR's old-school Southern roots, then cashed in when stock car racing enjoyed its recent new-age surge in popularity.

"Dale touched so many lives in so many different ways," said Jim Hunter, president of Darlington Raceway. "He had that gruff exterior, but he also had a warm side."

Indeed, there is no way to replace Earnhardt, the Man in Black, who always stole the show as he circled the well-worn racing ovals, collecting trophies, friends and enemies wherever he went.

He was America's quintessential anti-hero — a mysterious, brooding figure who never backed down from a good, old-fashioned tussle on the track, and walked away looking like a winner even when he had lost.

"I guess I'll go out to the races to watch his son now," said Mark Yarasheski, who has come to Daytona from New York for 15 years to watch The Intimidator ride. "But it's never going to be the same."

They went on a buying spree, scooping up the few remaining Intimidator souvenirs

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Heritage: Owners Kenneth and Sonja Brooks take pride in promoting community diversity

By Kendra Livingston
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There's not a luminous neon sign or immense banner that marks the identity of the Heritage Art Center located on the corner of Old Georgetown and West Short streets.

Instead, the culturally diverse collection of art pieces compiled in the windows of the center is enough to catch the eye of passersby.

The walls of the HAC can be described as multicultural mountains of artwork created by an assorted group of local, national and international artists ranging from such ethnicities as Polish, African, African American, Muslim and Jewish decent, just to name a few.

Thus, the name of the HAC as a "heritage" art center has significant meaning to the owners of the building and business, Kenneth and Sonja Brooks.

"The HAC is an exhibition of all heritages — not just one," Sonja Brooks said.

The HAC display of various

artists and art bring different segments of society into the doors of the gallery and the Brooks said art is a way to connect people and breakdown stereotypes.

The fact that Kenneth Brooks is a seventh generation Lexingtonian also gives way to the significance of the HAC. In fact, Brooks' father and grandfather were born across from Newtown Pike — just down the street from the present location of the center.

"Destiny put us here — to be involved in the community and it's special because of my husband's roots here in Lexington," Sonja Brooks said.

The long-lived vision of Kenneth Brooks to open an art gallery dates back 30 years to his unfortunate experiences as an artist in Germany.

Brooks found himself discouraged by the lack of positive support for his one-man photography show.

"It is frustrating when you don't get some kind of positive feedback," he said.

Thus, developing and offer-

ing opportunities to beginning artists and himself became Kenneth Brooks' goals and dreams, and in August of 1998 his dreams became reality — he and his wife initiated the plan into action and the HAC was established.

The HAC is a source for many local artists to display their work.

Local artist Paul Nowacki has a number of pieces displayed at the HAC.

In the decision process of publishing some of his art, Nowacki contacted a number of galleries, but it was Kenneth Brooks who scheduled him for an interview and the rest is history in the making.

"The exposure is fantastic," Nowacki said.

Brooks said he is a nurturer of the artist's creative drive.

However, exhibiting and selling artwork are not the main objectives of the HAC.

The Brooks said the center is focused on being dedicated to social change and that is the reason for the broad scope of artists they represent.

"Every step we take chips away from the prejudices in society," Sonja Brooks said.

Through the center, the Brooks have helped get the word

out of the community.

The HAC sponsors an interaction activity called the "Gallery Hop" frequently throughout the year, in which visitors and friends enjoy a night of smooth jazz, art and conversation.

"If people would just engage in conversation, they would find out that they may have more in common than they think," Sonja Brooks said.

Reaching out to kids and giving them a positive perspective about art education and social change is also a driving force behind the HAC.

"Our main goal is to give support and enthusiasm to the kids' creative interests — to stimulate their self-esteem," Kenneth Brooks said.

Kenneth and Sonja Brooks have been to a number of elementary schools within the Lexington community exhibiting art and advocating equality, social change and diversity.

Kenneth Brooks said promoting the celebration of diversity in the community might usurp some of the negative things children hear around the dinner table.

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ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

"It's hard to summarize," said Rexx Samuelli, a theater senior.

As the UK Theater Department prepares for its first spring production on Feb. 22, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Ernest*, the student cast continues to debate over the plot.

"It's about mistaken identity," said Bobby Diebold, a theater senior.

Ellie Clark, a theater senior, said it is a romantic comedy about snobs.

"Oscar Wilde likes to make fun of society so it's funny and cynical," Clark said. "The influence of wealth in society in the 1950s is of high importance in the show like everything from money to status."

Regardless of the plot, many in the cast feel that their production of *Ernest* is special.

"I think this production is more universal than it would be if it were set 100 years ago," said Patrick Bentley, a theater junior. "There will be people in this audience who were alive in 1955 and I think it is going to strike a chord with people. And I think everyone who is alive is more familiar with that time period than they are with Victorian England."

Samuelli said he feels this production will be set apart from others because they paid special attention to the meaning behind the lines.

"A lot of these lines at first glance can come off as being philosophical or social



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Bourgeoisie

Theater seniors Ellie Clark and Rex Samuelli act out a scene from *The Importance of Being Ernest*. The play begins Thursday and will be performed until March 4. Call 257-4929 for tickets.

statements on things," Samuelli said. "As a result when you see this play produced it can be very philosophical and intelligent and we try to really make reasons for why these people say these things."

"I think it takes a definite sense of finesse and connection to what you're doing in order to really carry out the play without it seeming superficial or too clever," Samuelli said.

In addition to reading Wilde, the actors had to develop a British accent.

"I'm still adapting to the accent," said Morgan Black, an arts administration sophomore.

The appeal of *Ernest* will be with the

way the audience identifies with the situations, Diebold said.

"There are elements in it that anyone can identify with like trying to get the girl you've always wanted," Diebold said. "Trying to be someone else because your life is too mundane or because you can't be who you want to be in front of other people."

Bentley said he feels a connection with the play and feels that everyone should come see *Ernest*.

"What appeals to me about the play is the absurdity of these people and the world they live in is so much different than most people's day-to-day existences," Bentley said. "I think it would be a great escape for any audience member to watch this."

PLAY PROCESS

Behind the scenes of 'Ernest'



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Starting from scratch

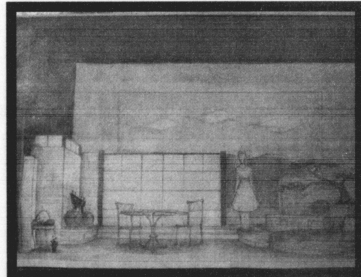
Costume Director Mary Francis Hodson sews one of the costumes in the costume shop in the basement of the Fine Arts building.



Student help

UK students Carson Worrell, a communications junior, and Amelia Brown, a history freshman, work in the costume shop to help get the costumes ready for the cast.

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Sketches

Scene Designer Gion DeFrancesco sketched out the set designs before they begin work on the actual sets.



Drawings

Sketches of the costumes were drawn by Costume Designer Nelson Fields. These sketches were the basis for the actual costumes.

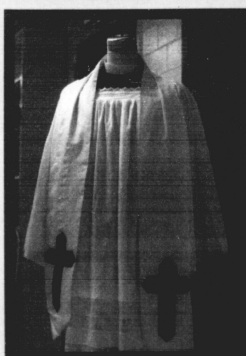
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Final product

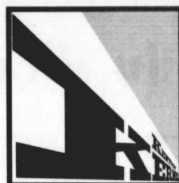
The final set appears here in the Guignol Theatre in the Fine Arts building a few days before the show debuts and the theater reopens.



Costumes

The final step in the costume process is the actual costumes. This priest robe will be used by one of the characters in *Ernest*.

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Student studies race with Barbie

BOULDER, Colo. - School officials are reviewing a decision to ban a third-grader's science fair project which suggested students preferred a white Barbie doll over a black Barbie. The Mesa Elementary School student's father, David Thielen, said his 8-year-old daughter was told the school's science fair was not the best forum for considering racial issues. Now the school board has asked Superintendent George Garcia to look at the school's reaction to the girl's project and examine overall science fair policy. Thielen's daughter, whose name he did not want released, dressed up a white Barbie and black Barbie in two different colored dresses. She asked 15 adults at her father's workplace which doll was prettier. She then switched the dresses and asked 15 more adults. The doll wearing the lavender dress was deemed prettiest by both groups. When she asked fifth-graders at Mesa Elementary, all 15 in one class picked the white doll. In the second class, after the dresses were switched, nine of the 15 students picked the white doll. Her conclusion: "I discovered that most grown-ups liked the lavender dress on the black or white Barbie. On the other hand, kids mostly liked the white Barbie. Only six kids liked the black Barbie."

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Weddings now online

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. - Couples tying the knot in San Mateo County will soon have the option of inviting the world. After a few test runs on Valentine's Day, officials in the county clerk's office are preparing to offer internet broadcasts for all civil marriages. "This is the Silicon Valley," said County Clerk Warren Sluom. "We're surrounded by technology, and I'm interested in how technology can better serve people." Couples will send e-mail invitations to guests, who can then enter a password and watch the ceremony live on their computer screens. Although the \$1,200 wedding Webcam isn't "like going to a movie theater," Sluom said the relatively low picture quality doesn't seem to bother the couples. So far the Webcasts have been free, but Sluom said future internet weddings will likely run about \$10. A marriage license costs \$78, and a civil ceremony is an additional \$35. "If you wanted to invite your family from Texas, they could join you in cyberspace," Sluom said.

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IN OUR OPINION

State calls for cell phone ban

Use of car phones no more dangerous than eating, smoking or listening to music in cars

Wham! You sit stunned. Just as your mother was screaming at you through your cell phone that you haven't been home in two weeks, you find yourself rear-ending the person in front of you because you were too preoccupied with your phone conversation to notice they had stopped.

It is a common problem today. The nation has bought itself a cell phone and its roads have become a place for useless conversation. The growing number of road-talk accidents has prompted the submission of bills in 35 state legislatures that would require phone restrictions and penalties for derelict drivers.

Just last week, our state legislature shot one of those bills down. The bill would have required drivers to pull over to the side of the road or find another safe place before talking on cell phones. The House Transportation Committee refused to vote on it.

We applaud the state for not acknowledging this bill. It is ridiculous to ask people in Kentucky to pull off the side of the road when they need to make a phone call. Not only is it illegal to pull off on the side of an interstate, but there are plenty of places where you wouldn't feel safe stopping in the middle of the night.

Talking on a cell phone while driving is just as dangerous as eating a hamburger or trying to find a CD to put in your player while behind the wheel. There are always going to be driving distractions, and it would be hard to pass legislation in hopes of keeping all drivers' eyes and minds on the road.

Our state legislature should be more worried about solving the drinking and driving problem rather than sending police officers out to punish those who need to make a phone call in their car.

An alternative to this legislation would be to encourage people to use hands-free cell phone systems so that both hands would be available to keep on the wheel.

But then again, we might find ourselves in the same situation. The person using their hands-free cell phone could be looking for the right CD to listen to, and then what?

Wham!

Meg Marquis

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Slow down and stop living life in the fast lane

One of my biggest sources of confusion is why exactly everyone is in such a hurry all the time. Toward what is everyone rushing? ... This is where rude behavior comes in.

Patience. Guns n' Roses sang about it, so you know it must be important. However, Lexington and indeed much of modern society doesn't seem to have been listening to their Use Your Illusion. While some forms of impatience are understandable and even acceptable, most impatience is silly, ungrounded and results in unbecoming child-like behavior. For example, all bathroom-related impatience is always excusable. If you are walking somewhere and run into an old friend to whom you begin talking and aforementioned old friend begins dancing, hopping a little from foot to foot, don't be insulted by their obvious impatience to get away from you. No one can be expected to maintain patience under the pressure of a shrieking bladder. Most justifiable forms of impatience result from relatively uncontrollable bodily functions. And I don't know about you, but I'm perfectly

willing to deal with a little abruptness or rudeness in light of the other options (a puddle in someone's shoe, or worse). Impatience due to bodily urges, impending death, or childbirth are all situations that excuse rude behavior. Most situations, however, do not fall into this category at all. I wince when I see people behaving like spoiled children because things don't move quickly enough for them. For example, there is a four-way stop at an intersection near my house. I can't believe the number of people who won't wait their turns because they are in too big of a hurry. Now, these times are the worst for a number of reasons. In addition to a complete disregard for common courtesy, it's dangerous to other people. Of course, there are lesser forms of impatience that aren't quite as annoying, like the people in line at the grocery store who sigh quite audibly when the

cashier needs a price check, presumably to make sure that everyone nearby knows what a drain on their time the process is. (A side note: these sighs do nothing to speed the process. In fact, they invariably place pressure on whoever the victim of the sigh was, leading him or her to become more befuddled and apt to make time-consuming errors.) One of my biggest sources of confusion is why exactly everyone is in such a hurry all the time. Toward what is everyone rushing? Generally, it seems to me that people are in a hurry so that they can get one thing done and then hurry on to the next, and the next and so on. Is everyone in a hurry to meet death? Because at the end of all that rushing around, that's all that's left. Further, it seems to me that people not only rush themselves, but they expect everyone else to rush, too. This is where the rude behavior comes

in - everybody going about life at a reasonably normal clip is just too slow for these fast-paced people. That said, my plea today is two-fold. First, I would love for these people to slow down in the first place. Life is so much easier and less stressful when you haven't placed an unnecessary expectation on yourself to do everything now. Of course, I recognize that many people can't slow down - it's simply not in their nature. But give other people some slack. Not everyone lives life at 127 mph. There is no reason to be rude or inconsiderate to people who can't keep up with you - or who choose not to. Exercise a little patience. It will do wonders for your state of mind and everyone else's as well. Kernel Columnist Meg Marquis is an English senior. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Relations between Israel and Palestine not as cut-and-dry as columnist says

To the Editor:

Clay McDaniel's column on Feb. 12 condemning Yasser Arafat for the violence in the Middle East paints the fiction that former Israeli Minister Ehud Barak made generous concessions to the Palestinians, only to get violence in return.

McDaniel fails to remember that Israel is illegally occupying the West Bank, as UN resolution 242 has stated, and dozens upon dozens of UN resolutions have confirmed. In order to cement this occupation, Israel has resorted to violence condemned by human rights groups, The Red Cross, Amnesty International and the UN.

During the 1987 uprising, for example, the Israeli Shin Bet routinely picked up non-violent dissidents, including lawyers, and tortured them, using the technique of keeping prisoners awake for days, a trick perfected years earlier by none other than Joseph Stalin.

Recently, the attorney general of Israel refused to investigate new allegations of torture because "it would not be in the public interest." As far as concessions, Israel has made none.

Under Barak, it doubled its illegal settlements into the West Bank. Each time a new settlement is founded, soldiers cut a road through Palestinian land, clear a strip a mile wide on either side for security reasons, and bulldoze any houses in their way.

Then gun-toting settlers take over land belonging to some Palestinian family for generations and claim they have a biblical right to it. These settlements cut the West Bank into little islands (how like Apartheid in South Africa) and make a Palestinian homeland impossible. The newest "concessions" by Israel failed to rectify this glaring problem, which is why they failed.

The last outrage by the Israelis is the election of Ariel Sharon, a war criminal who carried out numerous atrocities against Arabs.

Now, does this picture paint Israel as really wanting peace?

PAUL TREMBLAY
NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENT

No apology necessary for photograph in UK Credit Union's calendar

To the Editor:

I would like to take issue with the "Beyond Our Skin" column in the Kernel on Feb. 13.

I was just wondering if the racial equality movement on campus had gotten so hard up for a topic to be outraged about, that it has turned to criticizing calendars. Only one thought came to mind as I was reading the article, "Is this a Joke?"

It is simple-minded ideas such as these that will cause minorities and their ideas to have no validity whatsoever. In addition, only a simple-minded person would look at southern history (especially the Civil War) and judge that the dominant reason for war and the like was because of slavery. Please get educated before you write such an article in the future.

I hope that yours is not the only voice of intelligent equality thought on campus. If so, God help us all.

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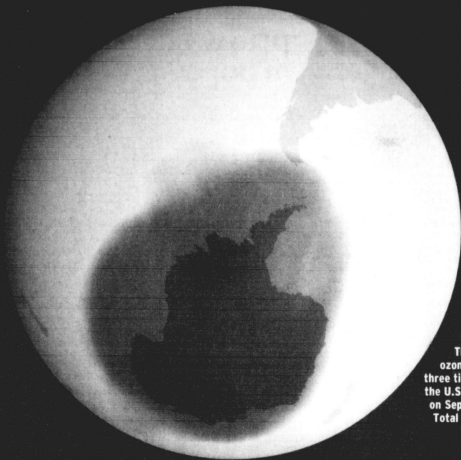
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Scientists warn about increased threat of environmental disasters



The largest-ever ozone hole, roughly three times the size of the U.S., was detected on Sept. 6 by NASA's Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer.

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A large problem: Global warming will lead to depletion of vital natural resources in developed and developing nations, report says

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GENEVA — Tropical island paradises and glistening Alpine skiing retreats may be lost to future generations, while melting ice caps in polar regions could unleash climate changes that would continue for centuries, according to a U.N. report released Monday.

The report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said poor countries would bear the brunt of devastating changes as a result of global warming. It warned that the rich wouldn't be immune, with Florida and parts of

the American Atlantic coast likely to be lashed by storms and rising sea levels.

"Most of the Earth's people will be on the losing side," Harvard University Environmental Scientist James J. McCarthy, who co-chaired the panel, told reporters.

Scientists meeting separately at a conference in San Francisco on Sunday said the melting of equatorial glaciers in Africa and Peru are another powerful indication of global warming. They said the white ice atop Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro, and others in Peru and Tibet, may be disappearing, the victim of a process of shrinking

mountain glaciers everywhere. Monday's Geneva report was a summary of 1,000 pages of research into "Climate Change 2001: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability," conducted by some 700 scientists. Given the political sensitivities of the climate debate, the 19-page summary was subject to line-by-line scrutiny by government representatives during weeklong discussions prior to release.

"Projected climate changes during the 21st century have the potential to lead to future large-scale and possibly irreversible changes in Earth systems," with "continental and global consequences," said the report, adding that climate change will lead to:

- More "freak" weather conditions like cyclones, floods and droughts.
- Massive displacement of populations in the worst-affected areas.
- Potentially enormous loss of life.
- Greater risk from diseases like malaria as the mosquito widens its reach.
- Extinction of entire species as their habitat is wiped out.

The report said global economic losses from so-called natural catastrophes increased from about \$4 billion per year in the 1970s to \$40 billion in 1999. Total costs were in reality twice as high, it said.

The Geneva report followed one released last month in Shanghai, China, by the international climate change panel. That predicted that global temperatures could rise by as much as 10.5 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century. It said the increase was much higher than expected, with clear evidence that industrial and auto pollution, were to blame.

The third volume, on solutions, will be released in March. Effective international action remains elusive, in part because of U.S. reluctance to commit to firm targets to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, which trap heat in the atmosphere, and the push in developing countries like China toward economic progress.

Scientists have for years warned about the impact of global warming. What is significant about the new reports is the degree of precision about the extent and impact of climate change.

"The effects of climate change are expected to be greatest in developing countries in terms of loss of life and relative effects on investment and the economy," said the report released in Geneva.

Changing rainfall patterns coupled with population growth would lead to huge pressure on water supplies, it predicted. It said that 1.7 billion

people live in areas where water resources are tight. This likely will increase to about 3.4 billion in the next 25 years.

"Projected climate change will be accompanied by an increase in heat waves, often exacerbated by increased humidity and urban air pollution, which would cause an increase in heat-related deaths and illness," it said.

Basic human needs like food and clean water are at risk, said panel chairman Robert Watson, chief scientist of the World Bank. "Those with the least resources have the least capacity to adapt."

The report said a reduction in crop yields would lead to an increase in malnutrition in vulnerable areas.

Even more serious was the risk from rising sea levels in densely populated coastal areas ranging from Egypt to Poland to Vietnam.

The report said that the change in temperature was most extreme in the polar regions.

"Climate change in polar regions is expected to be among the largest and most rapid of any region of Earth," it said.

"Polar regions contain important drivers of change. Once triggered, they may continue for centuries, long after greenhouse gas concentrations are stabilized, and cause irreversible impacts on ice sheets, global ocean circulation and sea-rise."

The report predicted that half of Alpine glaciers could disappear in the next 100 years, and said less reliable snow conditions would have an adverse impact on winter tourism in Europe.

In the United States, sea-level rise would result in increased coastal erosion, flooding and risk of storm surges, particularly in Florida and much of the Atlantic coast.

Small island nations would be "among the countries most seriously impacted by climate change," it warned. Tourism would be severely disrupted.

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