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Students remember lost friend

By Alison Knight
Executive Editor

To most of UK's 24,000 students, Jana Oliver is just a face in the newspapers and on television.

She is the subject of much publicity, and her death from meningococcal sepsis, a form of meningitis, has perhaps scared more than saddened many.

But to many, like her Sigma Kappa sorority sisters and her friends in Blanding Tower and on South Campus, Jana was a vibrant girl with all of the promise life can give.

"In everything I read or saw on TV, it seems like she was more of a bacteria than a person," said her friend Jason Mabry, an agronomy freshman. "I got really pissed off."

Oliver's friend Nancy Jeffries, a communication freshman, said some people had been wary around her when they found out about her close relationship with Oliver.

During an intramural basketball game, the referee noticed she was shaky, and when he found out she had taken rifampin, an antibiotic to combat meningitis, he backed away from her.

"He was like, 'don't get me sick,'" she said. "It really bothered me."

Her friends don't remember Oliver as a disease that alarmed campus, but for other things.

They remember her as the little girl who "could curl up into the tiniest ball I've ever seen," said friend Sarah Sallee, an undeclared freshman.

Or the tiny blond who was crazy for Mountain Dew Big Slams and Caramello candy bars.

The girl who always wanted to order Chinese food, at any time of the night or day, and knew the names of "practically every restaurant in Lexington," Jeffries said.

And the girl who loved to dance.

"She could dance better than anyone else I've ever seen," said her friend Nick West, an undeclared freshman. "That girl really knew how to move."

West described Oliver as "made out of porcelain."

"She looked like she was about to break," he said. "But once at the Commons, she walked up to me, and this little girl puts a death grip on me. I couldn't breathe, but she said she just wanted to give me a hug."

Mabry said he was planning to teach Oliver how to rock climb this semester before she got sick.

"I took her to Red River Gorge once, and she did really well," he said. "Out of anybody I've ever taught, she had lots of natural talent. She was so nimble."

Perhaps the nimbleness can be attributed to Oliver's dancing. She played the part of Clara in "The Nutcracker" in the Louisville Ballet when she was younger, and her ballet director spoke at her funeral.

In the future, every girl who wins the role of Clara will also be the recipient of the Jana Oliver Award.

A self-described "crazy driver," Oliver loved to scare her friends while they rode around in her royal blue Mazda Miata.

"She derived pleasure out of frightening me," said her friend Andy Becherer, an undeclared freshman who knew Oliver while she was a student at Sacred Heart Academy in Louisville and also hung out with her at school.

Many of her friends said they felt better now that the funeral was over and they got a chance to talk to Oliver's family.

"I was really depressed until I talked to her mother," Sallee said. "She was just great through everything. After the funeral, I could finally sleep."



REMEMBERING Jana Oliver, who died last week of meningitis, was known for her love of dancing.



KISS AND TELL Elementary education senior Noah Newcomer (above) talks to exercise science senior Tracy Rogers at the kissing booth. Biology junior Barry Williams looks at a display at the campus booth.

New booth focuses on safe sex issues

By Chris Padgett
Staff Writer

Barry Williams and Tracy Rogers want UK students to know the dangers of having unprotected sex. Williams, a biology junior, and Rogers, an exercise science senior, are members of Peer Health Advocates for Sex Education (PHASE), which is sponsoring a safe sex awareness and S.T.D. prevention booth in the White Hall Classroom Building.

The group was set up yesterday and will continue today and tomorrow to provide free condoms, candy and a chance to register to win a dinner for two.

"Our mission is to educate people about safer behaviors in dating and relationships," Rogers said. "Safe sex is no longer a taboo subject."

In addition to the multi-colored condoms and heart-shaped candy, the group is also distributing free literature about safe sex. One leaflet provided by the Uni-

versity, Condom Sense, lists special techniques and procedures to ensure proper condom placement and removal from the penis.

The brochure says to "never use teeth or sharp objects when opening the package, and if the condom should break or slip off to immediately stop and withdraw from your partner."

The group is also distributing a price list for condoms, lubricant, K-Y Jelly and female condoms at Wal-Mart, K-Mart and the Kentucky Clinic.

Other brochures, including Rethinking Intimacy, Playing Safe and 101 Ways to Make Love Without Doin' It, are also available free at the Kissing Booth.

Williams said the 14-member group provides one to two programs for groups per week in the Lexington area.

"We will provide programming for any group, organization or residence hall that would like for us to speak with them," Williams said.

Pam Woodram, who works in



University Health Services and advises who PHASE, feels the objectives of the group are highly merited.

"I think it is very important that the peer educators are on campus and spreading the message around that safe sex is important," Woodram said.

Williams urges students to not be deterred by the name of the booth and to stop by.

"You do not have to kiss us in order to get a free condom," Williams said. "We hope everyone will stop by."

Med Center death leaves questions

By Brenna Reilly
News Editor
and Jeff Vinson
Campus Editor

Questions still surround the death of a 27-year-old doctor who died while on-call at the UK Chandler Medical Center.

Rosendo Francisco Borres, 27, a first-year resident in anesthesiology, died Jan. 19 while on duty at the UK Medical Center's emergency room after inhaling the anesthetic isoflurane.

UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said Borres apparently poured the anesthetic isoflurane into a cloth to enhance his ability to go to sleep.

McComas said Borres probably rolled over and inhaled the isoflurane. Investigators found a bottle of isoflurane and a cloth in the room with Borres, McComas said. UK Police investigated the death with the Coroner's office.

A wire service had reported that the death was not investigated by police until 24 hours later. The coroner's office investigated the death, said Mary Margaret Collier, Medical Center spokeswoman.

She said that in cases where both suicide and criminal activity are ruled out as the cause of death, the coroner's investigation is sufficient.

However, Collier added that it was "an oversight on (the Medical Center's) part not to call" the UK Police.

According to the coroner's report, Borres' death was caused by the blockage of the mouth and nose against a pillow while lying prone to sedation and by inhaling the anesthetic agent, isoflurane in liquid form.

"Isoflurane is an extremely common general anesthetic agent used throughout the country — throughout the world, actually," said Dr. William Witt, chairman of the UK Department of Anesthesiology.

Witt said that the agent is available in the operating rooms, in-patient and out-patient, and in the labor and delivery suites.

"The only medical purpose for it is as a general anesthetic," he said.

Borres was found unresponsive by a fellow doctor and was taken to the emergency room, where he was pronounced dead at 7:40 a.m.

Student political group forms for Democrats

By Stacy Schilling
Staff Writer

The UK Young Democrats is a new organization on campus which allows students to get involved in political issues.

"Our main goal is to educate the students of the political process and get them involved at an early age so they will be involved throughout their life," said Kevin Kidd, co-founder of Young Democrats. "Hopefully, we can be an example to the whole political party system."

The UK Young Democrats is similar to the College Democrats, a group that was started in Fall 1994 and is still in existence.

Both groups focus their ideas on political issues,

but the Young Democrats rely on more campaigns and rigorous political work.

"Students need to attend to their political issues because it does affect their life," said political science professor Don Gross, who will serve as the group's faculty adviser.

The Young Democrats will also be involved in letter writing, campaigns, holding issue forums for students, bringing political figures to campus, and holding debates with other UK organizations on campus.

The organization also intends to feature a number of political figures to speak to students on various political issues.

Some of the speakers the organization will have are U.S. Senate candidate Steve Beshear, former Gov. and UK Board of Trustees Chairman Ned Breathitt, Speaker of the House Jody Richards, State Representative Ernesto Scorsone, and Commonwealth Attorney Phil Patton.

Kidd said these are only a few speakers the Young

Democrats plan to have on campus.

He also said the speakers have "great political experience" and have showed interest in speaking with UK students.

"We are going to be politically active," Kidd said. The Young Democrats would also like to have the opportunity to co-sponsor debates with the College Republicans.

The debates would take place between Democrats and Republicans who are running for the U.S. Senate and U.S. Congressional Races.

"Hopefully we would be able to work together and educate the whole student body," Kidd said.

"The organization has 12 members and is hoping to increase the size to 500 members."

"The level of success depends on communication of individuals in the organization," Gross said. Members of the Young Democrats encourage anyone interested in the organization to attend the first meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Student Center.

NEWSbytes

NATION Administration fends off more charges

WASHINGTON — Political foes are "trying to make hay" out of Whitewater in the presidential campaign, the White House asserted yesterday, a day after President Clinton was ordered to testify in the trial of former real estate partners.

Press secretary Mike McCurry made his most pointed statements to date on the issue, saying the Clintons' "political enemies are determined to make this an issue" in the campaign.

"When the chair of the campaign of one of the presidential rivals continues to raise these matters publicly and raises them in New Hampshire on behalf of that candidate, I think it's fair to say they're trying to make hay out of the issue," McCurry said.

He was referring to Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., the Senate Whitewater Committee chairman who also is a co-chairman of Republican Sen. Bob Dole's campaign.

D'Amato, who campaigned last month in New Hampshire for Dole, has been especially critical of Hillary Rodham Clinton's role in Whitewater. He has contended she has not told the truth, and his panel threatened the White House in December with a court challenge over disputed Whitewater notes.

Study says crime pays on television

WASHINGTON — Crime pays — at least on television, according to a cable industry study released yesterday on TV violence.

Most of the time, the bad guys aren't punished; nearly half the time, violent acts in TV programs show no harm to victims, and more often they portray no pain, according to the survey of cable and broadcast shows.

The study found a consistent pattern across all channel types and genres.

The survey, the largest of its kind, was based on a sample of 2,500 hours of programming on 23 channels — a mix of cable, broadcast and public television — from Oct. 8, 1994, to June 9, 1995. It was conducted by researchers at four universities.

CAMPUS Lancaster Center evacuated

The Harry C. Lancaster Aquatics Center was evacuated and closed yesterday evening after a pipe in the southeast corner of the building after a frozen pipe began leaking and burst. The pipe was found at around 8 p.m. and should be repaired before today, said Ralph Derrickson, UK spokesman.

Derrickson said there was no damage to the building. The center should be open its regular hours today.

Kidney/pancreas recipient released

The first person to receive a kidney/pancreas transplant at the UK hospital was discharged last Thursday. Clayton Sizemore was discharged less than two weeks after his surgery.

Sizemore, 46, required the transplant for his insulin-dependent diabetes and kidney failure. He remains off insulin and dialysis.

NAMEdropping

Kennedy milked visit to White House

NEW YORK — There, there, John-John. There's no use crying over spilled milk.

John F. Kennedy Jr. said he embarrassed himself during a boyhood visit to President Nixon.

Kennedy said he was 8 or 9 when he, sister Caroline and his mother were invited to dinner at the White House. Caroline bet him that he would either spill his milk at the meal or his shirttail would be unbuttoned, he said.

"I'd gotten through most of the dinner and my shirttail was in and my milk was upright," the 35-year-old Kennedy said Monday on CNBC's "Politics With Chris Matthews." "I think we were at dessert when something caught my attention and my milk went all over (Nixon's) lap."

"He didn't even blink," Kennedy said. "He just wiped it up and I kind of just did slowly in the corner, but it was a very memorable evening."

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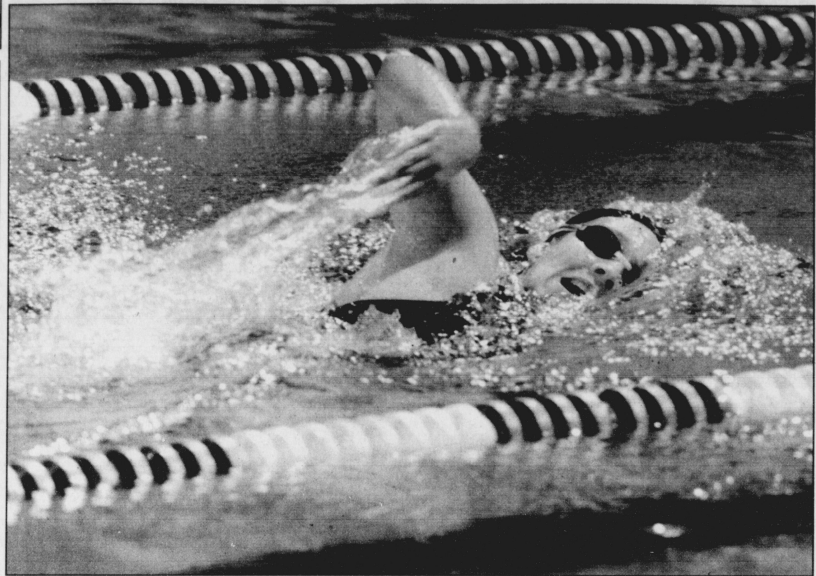


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ALL WET Sophomore Leigh Dalton leads the UK women's swimming team to the Southeastern Conference Championships this week in Knoxville.

Swimmers, divers prepare for SECs

By Chris Easterling
Assistant Sports Editor

The UK swimming and diving teams will join their Southeastern Conference brethren on the Tennessee campus for the SEC Championships, which begin today and run through Saturday.

The women's team enters the competition with a 4-4 overall record and a 2-4 mark in the SEC. It finished the regular season in fourth place in the conference and ranked No. 24 in the Speedo American coaches poll.

The men's team carries a 4-5 overall record to the meet. It finished eighth in the conference with a 2-4 record.

Swimming coach Gary Connelly, in his fifth season at UK, said he is expecting big things from his teams as they head down Interstate 75 to Knoxville.

"On the men's side, this is probably the most talented men's team we've ever had," Connelly said. "On the women's side, they are real close. Maybe not quite as talented as last season, but that's a little hard to say."

NCAA qualifier Leigh Dalton heads up a list of talented swimmers on Connelly's women's squad. Dalton made the NCAA automatic time standard in the 1,650-yard freestyle, posting a time of 16:20.34 at the Nike Cup in North Carolina Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

She will compete in the NCAA championship meet March 21-23 in Ann Arbor, Mich. (She) should have a pretty good meet," Connelly said. "She's not going to be well-rested as any stretch of the imagination, she's already got her NCAA cuts. But I think she'll still swim real well, because she's a very good team person."

Dalton sees the team having an outstanding meet.

"The team is going to go into this meet with

a lot of excitement and will swim real fast," she said.

The men's team boasts junior sprint freestyler Rick Barber, the school record holder in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 20.16.

"He's real close to being qualified for the NCAA," Connelly said. "It's probably an 80-percent chance that he'll go (to the NCAAs) with the times he already has. He's swimming real well and he's real excited, and I think he'll have a great meet."

Connelly sees a couple of others who are showing great promise.

"Some of the other men besides Rick, and we're talking about all freshman, too, pretty much," Connelly said. "Brian Plitnick, a middle distance swimmer, might do really well. Todd DeSorbo might also have an outstanding chance, and he's also a freshman."

As for other competitors on the women's side, Connelly sees freshman Rachel Komisarz stepping up.

"(Rachel) has been swimming very fast all year, and she should get (the NCAAs)," Connelly said.

Connelly sees Auburn as the favorite on the men's side, followed by Tennessee, Georgia and Florida. For the women, Florida is considered by most to be the top pick.

UK diving coach Mike Lyden is pleased with the way his teams are diving entering the SEC Championships.

"They've steadily improved," Lyden said. "I feel real confident heading into the conference championships. Hopefully, luck will be on our side, and the preparation will pay off."

Lyden said he doesn't have just one particular diver he's been pleased with.

"Everybody in their own way has improved significantly," he said.

Diver Jenny Baker said the women's team is looking for a repeat of last year's championship.



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REPEAT Jenny Baker and the UK women's diving team will defend their title at the SECs this week.

"As a team, I would like to see a repeat performance of last year where we won the women's portion of the SEC in diving," Baker said.

Men's diver Paco Rivera sees himself as a leading contender to gain individual SEC honors, or "at least as good a shot as anybody else."

Lyden sees the competition in the conference coming down to three teams — Tennessee, Florida and Arkansas.

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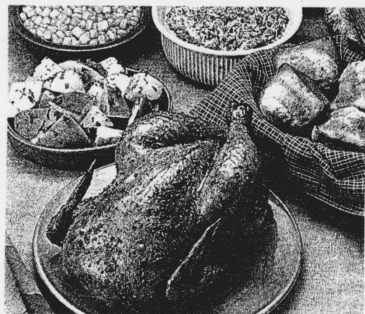
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JV Cats prove to be too physical for Lees College in 93-81 victory

By D. Jason Stapleton
Staff Writer

The UK junior varsity basketball team lacked enthusiasm during recent games.

But last night against Lees College, the team came out of the locker room with all guns blazing downing the Generals, 93-81.

"They came out and played intense and played hard," said Coach Delray Brooks, whose squad downed Lees 133-129 in overtime earlier this season.

"That's what we've been trying to get them to do. They played aggressively, but they just didn't convert like we would have liked."

Center Nazr Mohammed led the early charge, scoring an easy basket over the smaller Lees College players at the 18:16 mark to open the scoring. That was pretty much the story of the night. UK was just too physical for the small college team from Jackson, Ky.

At 6-foot-10, Mohammed towered over the Generals, whose largest player was only 6-foot-7. Mohammed, the freshman from Chicago, had a field day scoring 22 points and grab-

bing 13 rebounds.

Mohammed, who was playing against Florida's Dametri Hill just days before, was glad he didn't have to be as physical with the Generals.

"I should push them around a little more, but I don't," Mohammed said.

UK led 42-34 at the end of the first half and extended its lead in the second half to win the game.

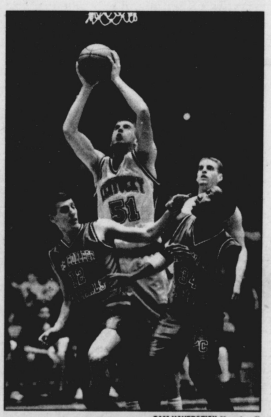
Cameron Mills stepped up for the Wildcats in the second half after scoring just eight points on 2-of-9 field-goal shooting in the first half. He ended up with 20 points on the night including four three-pointers.

"I didn't do anything different," said Mills, who led the Cats in the second half. "I just kept shooting the ball. I got some coaching from Coach Brooks and Coach (Winston) Bennett, and they told me I had been fading on my shots," Mills said.

Despite the loss, the players from Lees College were glad to get a rematch against the larger Wildcats.

"This is the biggest team we've played all year," Lees forward Sean Hampton said.

"Hopefully I'll be at a banner school next year,



SAM HAVERSTICK/KENNEL STAFF

BOARD WORK UK's Oliver Simmons pulls down one of his five rebounds last night against Lees College. Simmons led the Cats with 25 points.

so this is getting me ready for it."

The win improves the Cats' record to 9-3 overall.

The Cats will be playing their final game of the season Thursday against Oak Hill Academy in Memorial Coliseum.

Always expect the unexpected at Vanderbilt

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

Strange things happen when Vanderbilt and Kentucky get together at Memorial Gymnasium — the Commodores' infamous home court.

Perhaps it's the team benches located in the endzones or the cavernous-like atmosphere. Or maybe it's the hoards of students lining the court.

Whatever the reason, watching a UK-Vandy game in Nashville is about as predictable as a Drew Barrymore interview on Late Night with David Letterman.

Cases in point:
▼With the UK sitting at the top of the Associated Press Poll in 1993, the Commodores walloped the heavily favored, Jamal Mashburn-led Cats 101-86.

UK freshman Ron Mercer, a Nashville native, attended that game and sat in Memorial Gym's front row. Mercer, who was on hand to watch Mashburn and the Cats, didn't storm the floor when VU completed one of the biggest wins in the school's history.

He was in shock.
"I thought Kentucky was going to win that game," said Mercer, who played pick-up games with Vanderbilt's Frank Seckar and Drew Maddux last summer in Nashville. "That just proves that anything can happen and anybody can be beaten."

▼In 1994, the Cats pulled out a win in Nashville, but several UK players were busted by UK boss Rick Pitino in a free throw shooting scandal.

In one instance Jared Prickett was fouled, but instead of shooting

the free throws, Prickett yielded to the more-accurate Gimel Martines. In another case, Travis Ford directed Walter McCarty to shoot foul shots for the brick-laying Andre Riddick.

▼Pitino has a 3-3 overall record against Vanderbilt in Nashville. The only other SEC teams that have shown this type of resiliency at home are Tennessee and Arkansas. Pitino is 3-3 in Knoxville and just 0-2 in Fayetteville.

However, Pitino's record in Nashville improves considerably upon factoring in a pair of NCAA Tournament victories. The 1993 Cats used Memorial Gym — site of first and second round action in the Southeast Regional — as a springboard to the Final Four.

"Since the NCAA Tournament (in 1993), I've learned to like it a little more," Pitino said.

If the UK coach gets his way, today's 8 p.m. game with Vandy (14-7, 4-4 SEC) in Nashville will be an anomaly in a series known for its twists and turns.

The No. 2 Cats (18-1, 8-0) are

riding a 17-game winning streak and are heavy favorites to take another step toward becoming the first team to go undefeated in SEC play since Alabama in 1955-56.

"(Kentucky is) a team with very little weakness," Vandy head coach Jan van Breda Kolff said during Monday's SEC teleconference.

"I'd probably have to say that they're the No. 1 team in the country right now."

Vandy has posted its share of quality wins, knocking off defending national champion UCLA and recording wins on the road against Virginia and Arkansas.

But inconsistency in conference play and a road loss to Rice leaves Vanderbilt in danger of missing the NCAA Tournament.

"We are definitely a bubble team right now," said van Breda Kolff, who hasn't taken a Vandy team to the Big Dance since taking over for Eddie Fogler in 1993.

Still, the 'Dores do have one of the conference's top backcourts in Frank Seckar and Drew Maddux.

Seckar comes into tonight's contest averaging a team-high 16.2 points a ballgame from his

guard slot while Maddux chips in a respectable 15.1. Both players rank in the SEC's top 13 in scoring.

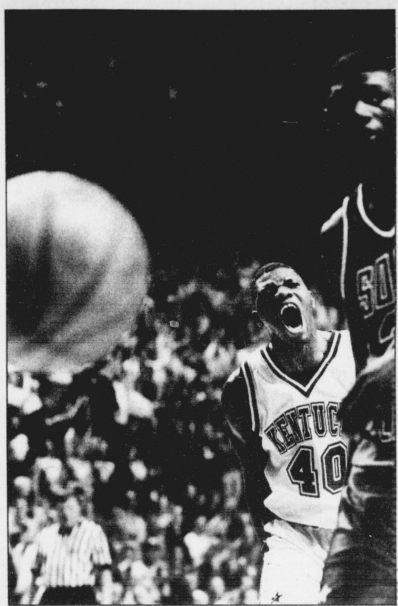
Vandy's formidable backcourt matches up well with UK's guards, who might be hindered by the endzone benches at Memorial Gym. Having benches on the baseline makes it difficult for the coach on the opposite end to call out plays for the point guard.

Pitino said he calls set plays on about 25 percent of the Cats' possessions.

"As a team we have to communicate and be more vocal on the court," Epps said. "We're not going to be able to hear Coach P and the other coaches."

From communication problems to Free Throw Gate, there's nothing normal about a game at Vandy.

"Strange things are going to happen everywhere," Epps said, "maybe Vandy has a few more than other places."



PHOTOS BY HELENA HAU Kernel staff

OPEN WIDE Walter McCarty (above) voices his displeasure about the ball flying out of bounds. UK forward Antoine Walker battles for a rebound during the South Carolina game at Rupp Arena earlier this season.

UK vs. Vanderbilt Today, 8 p.m. Memorial Gymnasium, Nashville, Tenn.

UK (18-1, 8-0 SEC)

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Tony Dalk	18.7	3.4
G Wayne Turner	5.4	1.8
C Walter McCarty	10.6	5.4
F Antoine Walker	16.0	6.0
F Derek Anderson	8.3	2.8
Reserves: Ron Mercer, 7.9 ppg; Mark Pope, 7.5; Anthony Epps, 5.6; Jeff Sheppard, 4.9; Allen Edwards, 3.2; Naji Mohammed, 2.4; Oliver Simmons, 1.8; Cameron Miles, 1.5; Jason Lathem, 0.5.		

Vanderbilt (14-7, 4-4)

Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:
G Drew Maddux	15.3	4.0
G Frank Seckar	16.1	2.8
F Austin Bates	4.5	2.7
F Pat Whitehead	10.5	4.6
F Malik Evans	11.9	6.1
Reserves: Billy Di Spaltro, 8.7 ppg; Howard Grice, 6.7; Gianni Cugini, 4.1; Vince Ford, 3.6; Chad Sheron, 1.9; Markese Watkins, 1.9; Chris Slack, 0.8; Adam Bailey, 0.0.		

TV: WKYT (Channel 27), live.



UKstats

Team statistics

UK	Opponents
.491 Field Goal Percentage	.402
.685 Free-Throw Percentage	.657
.402 Three-Point Percentage	.311
91.5 Points Per Game	69.2
41.8 Rebounds Per Game	37.1
13.9 Off. Rebounds Per Game	14.2
21.4 Assists Per Game	11.8
17.4 Turnovers Per Game	23.9
5.3 Blocks Per Game	3.0
12.5 Steals Per Game	8.1

SCOUTING report

BACKCOURT



Pitino

The Commodores have one of the Southeastern Conference's top backcourts in Frank Seckar and Drew Maddux. Both players rank in the SEC's top 13 in scoring. Both VU guards also like to shoot the three-pointer. Seckar ranks second in the conference with 3.2 threes a game while Maddux ranks eighth at 2.1.

FRONTCOURT



Seckar

UK coach Rick Pitino blasted his big men after the Cats' win over Florida Saturday. The reason? Pitino thinks the Cats' interior defense slacked off against the Gators' Darnell Hill, after fanning well against Louisville's Samaki Walker, Mississippi State's Erick Dampier and Tennessee's Steve Hamer. Hill burned the Cats for 23 points and 10 rebounds Saturday. Vanderbilt should not pose a major challenge in the paint since its tallest contributing player is only 6-foot-8.

BENCH



Mercer

Vandy has been ravaged by injuries this season, making depth a concern for Jan van Breda Kolff's squad. Although the Commodores should be near full strength tonight, they had to prepare for UK's pressure defense this week with a depleted group of walk-ons and managers.

ETC.

Pitino is 3-3 against Vandy in Nashville, one of the SEC's toughest road tests. UK freshman Ron Mercer returns to the Music City, and he'll likely face some music from the Vanderbilt faithful. Mercer also will be playing his first game against high school chum and VU guard Maddux.



Vanderbilt stats

Team statistics

VU	Opponents
.460 Field Goal Percentage	.437
.692 Free-Throw Percentage	.701
.359 Three-Point Percentage	.308
76.6 Points Per Game	69.3
34.8 Rebounds Per Game	34.6
11.2 Off. Rebounds Per Game	13.2
14.4 Assists Per Game	11.0
12.4 Turnovers Per Game	14.8
2.5 Blocks Per Game	3.9
7.2 Steals Per Game	5.6

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Ag North gets new restaurant

By James Ritchie
Contributing Writer

What's a Block & Barrel? It's the newest addition to UK Food Services. The deli-style restaurant opened the first week of this semester in the Agricultural Science North Building, but its official grand opening is today.

The College of Agriculture and UK Food Services have discussed the idea of adding a food service facility to the Agricultural Science North building for years, said Roger Sidney, UK's vending manager.

The building was "probably the one area on campus that (was) isolated from food service," Sidney said.

Before Block & Barrel sprouted up, Donovan Hall and the Complex Commons had been the closest places where students could buy food using their Plus accounts, Sidney said.

The restaurant serves sandwiches, fruit, snacks, salads, juice, and soft drinks. For safety reasons, it does not serve hot food.

Sidney said that the restaurant has been popular among students. "I'm very pleased with the success," he said. "The response has been outstanding."

Sandwiches at the restaurant cost \$2.79 and \$2.99, while most snacks and salads cost less than a dollar. Soup and chili are available for \$1.50.

Block & Barrel is brought to you by a company called Sysco. The concept is still in development.

Sidney said that the restaurants can be found not only at universities but also at such places as airports, though they are few in number.

He said that implementation of the project at UK was a joint effort by the College of Agriculture and UK Food Services, and was fairly inexpensive to implement.

A major obstacle to the project was a lack of space. The restaurant is in the main lobby of the building, in the corner directly across from the agriculture library. Previously, the corner had been "dead space," Sidney said.

"I feel very fortunate to have a space at all," he said.

He said that while the deli may not be an ideal solution to the food service problem, he is very excited about the project, as is the College of Agriculture.

"They're happy to have something here, and we're happy to have something here," Sidney said.

Those who visit Block & Barrel at today's grand opening will receive a bag filled with a "buy 10, get one free punch card" for deli sandwiches, a menu, a coupon for a free deli sandwich, and a brownie.

The restaurant will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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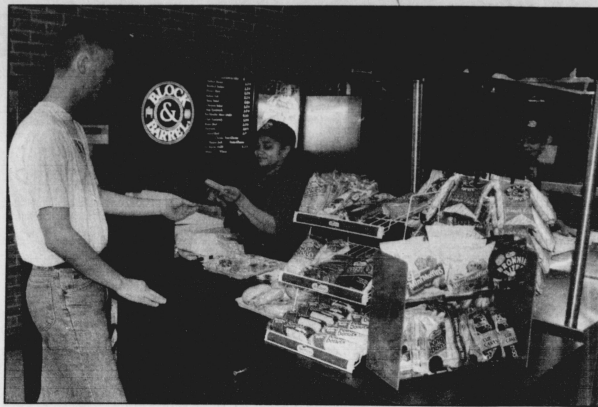
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SOUP'S ON Stephen Bryson, a natural resources and conservation sophomore, tries out a new restaurant.

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Concealed carry bill passes House with 74-20 vote

By Mark Chelgren
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The debate boiled down to crime, and what to do about it. And the House decision yesterday was to let Kentuckians, over 21 and not felons or certifiably crazy, to carry concealed deadly weapons.

Rep. Jim Zimmerman, R-LaGrange, said there was a sense of panic in the country. "They want the right to protect themselves as this society is falling apart," Zimmerman said.

Another Republican, Bob Helinger of Louisville, said the decision was not a civilized response to society's ills. "This bill says do it to him before he does it to you and I can't buy into that philosophy," Helinger said.

After nearly two hours of wrangling over amendments, the House voted 74-20 to pass the bill on to the Senate, where it faces an uncertain fate.

It becomes law — Gov. Paul Patton has said he favors the idea — it would let anyone who is over 21 and a Kentucky resident for six months to pay \$50 and get a permit to carry a hidden gun or other deadly weapon.

The Kentucky State Police, which would conduct background checks, would have to issue the permit unless the applicant was a convicted felon, had been convicted of two drunken driving charges in the last three years or had been judged incompetent or committed to a mental institution.

Supporters of the bill beat back several attempts to add stipulations to the permit.

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Johnson named new HRS director

Staff report

Myra Johnson was named the new associate director for employee benefits for Human Resource Services at UK.

Johnson, who oversees benefits for UK's 12,500 regular full-time employees, also manages about 12,500 temporary and part-time employees at the Lexington campus, Chandler Medical Center, 14 community colleges and 120 agricultural extension offices.

Johnson also handles the benefits for about 1,500 retirees living in all of Kentucky's counties and several other states.

Suit could affect companies' direct mail effort

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Ram Avrahami believes his name is worth something, and if magazines, record clubs and credit card companies can buy and sell it, he ought to get a share of the profits.

Avrahami, a 33-year-old former marketing manager for a phone company, is suing U.S. News & World Report, arguing that the magazine had no right to sell his name and address to another company without his permission.

"It is unfair to me. Actually it is unfair to me twice," he said yesterday. "The magazine sells my name without asking me, and then I receive the junk mail for which I really have no use."

Representatives of the direct-marketing industry say the lawsuit is unfounded, and they fear devastating consequences if Avrahami prevails.

"Look at it this way: If I want to send you something and have to call you or write you to make sure it's OK to send you this material, do you know what it's going to do to the direct-marketing industry?" said Ed Barnett, a

direct-mail consultant in New Jersey. "It's going to kill it, that's what it's going to do."

The lawsuit is not the first to challenge direct-mail marketing, but it apparently is the first to escape the seller of a mailing list rather than the buyer.

Challenges to the direct-mail industry on the grounds that receiving uninvited mail violates a person's privacy rights have failed.

Since filing the lawsuit last summer, Avrahami has emerged as something of a champion of the American Everyman. His electronic mailbox overflows with the complaints of fellow sufferers, and his lawyer has gotten so many calls he is considering a class-action case against mailers.

"The fact that we cannot escape commercial intrusion, even in the sanctuary of our own homes, is inherently troubling," Avrahami wrote in an opinion piece this week in the Los Angeles Times. "Is this the price of modern society or is this a symptom of disrespect for our wishes?" On Tuesday, a judge threw out Avrahami's case on technical grounds and instructed him to refile his lawsuit in a higher court.

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Another one? They've done seven.

Actually, six. One was on shovel maintenance.

Our own Greg Prescott is standing in snow LIVE. How does it feel, Greg?

Snow News Is Good News

It's a freakin' icebox. Am I not getting through to you people? It was snowing 10 minutes ago, it's snowing now! Winter remember?

Thanks Greg. We'll have another LIVE update in ten minutes. Nahhh, make it five.

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WHAT'S your sign?

By John Abbott

Aries (March 21 - April 19) You befriended a rat that you find scurrying under the tables in the Student Center.

You train him to guard the secret stash of marijuana in your room. In the next few weeks, you'll notice that your roommate incurs a number of tiny bite marks.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) You keep overfeeding your pet goldfish. He gets so fat that he just floats in the corner and refuses to do tricks.

You have to have a personal exercise trainer fish come in every week to get him off his lazy tail.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) You developed a taste for chocolate-covered ants.

Food Services, sadly, will not agree with you that selling them would be a great idea.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) You have a very pleasant week.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) You have difficulty finding inspiration for that big poetry contest you want to enter, so you scribble down a bunch of dirty limericks and send them in.

Surprisingly, you take second place; the judges call your work

"deeply refreshing."

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) To get over your fear of spiders, you decide to keep a tarantula as a pet.

The very first time you go to feed your hairy new buddy, it bites you, leaving you more scared of the little buggers than ever.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) You waited too long to write your Christmas thank-you notes.

Grandma breaks down your door, punches you in the face, and takes back that beautiful electric toe massager she gave you.

I hope you'll be more prompt next time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) While driving, you catch a deer in your headlights.

But this is no ordinary deer — it is a bitter deer, ready to take revenge for all of its brethren that clumsy human drivers like you have butchered.

The deer jumps up on your hood and smashes your windshield with its hooves.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) In the middle of class, you start daydreaming of a romantic tryst with your special someone.

You get so caught up in the fantasy that you start narrating it out loud.

Now the entire class knows

precisely where and how you like to do certain things. Everyone is thoroughly disgusted, especially by the part with the cow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) You discover that you have a roach problem in your room, but you figure out a way to get rid of them: you convert them to Christianity.

They all become missionaries and leave your room in search of other roach souls that they can claim for Christ.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) So that Valentine's Day might actually mean something for once, you scramble to acquire a significant other in the week before the big day rolls around.

But nobody wants you. Not even when you offer money. Not even when you offer to put out. Give it up.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) You spy a black cat about to cross your path.

In order to avoid getting any bad luck, you quickly run around it.

In your haste to get away from the cat, you step on a crack, run under a ladder and head straight into a mirror, which shatters into a million pieces.

Nice job.

A 'Rose to Lara' sounds sweet

By Jarrett Greer
Contributing Critic

The name is Rostulara. "Ross-to-lair..." "R... OK, I give up."

The correct pronunciation of this up-and-coming Lexington band's name is "Rose to Lara," a reference to the Italian poet Petrarch's numerous love sonnets to a mysterious woman identified only as "Lara." As lead singer John Fitch explains: "That idea of a romantic mystery appealed to us. We didn't want it to be corny, though, so we stuck it together in a nonsensical way."

The only real mystery about Rostulara, though, is how long it will take to achieve national prominence. The band, which besides Fitch includes his brother Nathan on drums, guitarist Rob Rainwater, and bassist Bud Ratliff, is a breath of fresh air in this day of stagnant neo-grunge acts.

Describing themselves as "Morrissey playing jazz in Seattle on a Wednesday night," Rostulara combines undeniable instrumental competence and musical craftsmanship with a talent for intelligent lyricism to create a style which is at once contemplative, emotionally-charged, and thoroughly captivating.

Harkening back to the previous decade, the band favors melody and mood over power, weaving together Rainwater's clear, textural, guitar runs and John Fitch's expressive, soulful voice with Ratliff's plucky jazz-scale playing and Nathan Fitch's

work on the drums for an ethereal, elemental groove.

Citing such diverse influences as early U2, Duran Duran, Men at Work, Van Morrison and even Gothic artists like The Cure and The Church, Rostulara has not been overlooked by the critics, gaining top-five airplay recognition on WRFL, as well as playing a steady schedule of regional gigs.

The band was nominated in four categories at the Louisville Roadrunner Video Music Awards for "Clean," which is the first release the band's nearly self-titled debut album, *Rose To Lara*.

The first song, the soulful shuffle "For Fore," has an unforgettable intro that sets softly tinkling wind chimes against a backdrop of nocturnal nature sounds, setting the mood for a powerful tune suffused with the band's calculated ambiguity. Other highlights on the album include the pensively brooding "Lullabye," a cauldron of dark romance which contains the memorable lyric "She's always been a big fan of fashion/It makes up for her lack of passion," the beautifully

understated pop *tour de force* "Maybe She's Gone," and the aforementioned "Clean." Through it all, the band maintains its integrity and cohesion, and the most impressive attribute of the album is perhaps the fact that it contains no weak links. Each song is original, well-written, and can be replayed many times over without losing appeal. For you music lovers who still appreciate melody and style, the guarded pop optimism and subtle musicianship of Rostulara might be exactly what you've been looking for.



MUSIC review

★★★ 1/2

'Rose to Lara'

Rostulara

RATINGS

★★★★ Excellent

★★★ Good

★★ Fair

★ Poor

Luna lands at Wrocklage tonight



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A SHINING LUNA The quicksilver rush and roar of Luna will be playing tonight. From left to right is Justin Harwood on bass, Sean Eden on guitar, Dean Wareham on vocals and lead, and Stanley Demeski on drums.

Performing tonight at the Wrocklage is Luna, known for its black humor combined with the aching regret of a thousand hangovers. The group's new tour spotlights their album, *Penthouse*. Dean Wareham was the leader of Galaxie 500, one of the seminal bands to first navigate the post-modern orbit. Stanley Demeski once played in a band called the Feelies.

Here was a band to get worked up about. A typical Feelies gig would end with Stanley being smothered under a deluge of flowers. Justin Harwood played in the New Zealand group known as the Chills.

His bass playing is the aural equivalent of reading Mickey Spillane by lightning flash. Sean Eden, the

lone Canadian, is a man of wonderful mathematic capacities. And, yes, he can play guitar.

Dean Wareham, who has a penchant for effulgent guitar solos, also wears his mordant wit on his sleeve. On the sublime "Lost In Space."

The fragile melody rings like a bell and Wareham assures us that we deserve "time off ... for good behavior."

Luna juxtaposes the contradictory song "Moon Palace," a song which is a melange of not-to-popular cultural references (to fallen spy Christopher Boyce, a nod to Paul Aster and a guitar solo by Tom Verlaine) and "Rhythm King," a sarcastic beat-box driven footstomper.

'Two Trains Running' here

Phoenix Group stages play about community

By Danielle Dove
Staff Writer

The ambitious playwright August Wilson has created yet another distinguished masterpiece in "Two Trains Running." The play delves into Wilson's desire to capture the 20th century history of blacks on stage.

The Phoenix Group Theatre is presenting the play that Time calls Wilson's "most mature work to date."

"Two Trains Running" is set in a Pittsburgh neighborhood in 1969. The play centers around Memphis Lee (played by Keith Griffith) and the locals who visit his restaurant.

Lee and his neighbors deal with the rapidly changing future as their neighborhood is scheduled to be torn down for a city building project.

The restaurant is the focal point in the play, a place where the regulars come in and talk about what matters in life.

The play is set in a period thriving with political anxiety. The story hardly mentions

the peaceful discipline of Martin Luther King Jr. and the militant teachings of Malcolm X, but these leaders play an active role in how the characters struggle to live with pride in a world dominated by whites.

"Wilson is commendable in the way he strikes a balance in both ends of the political spectrum," explained Frank Walker, program coordinator for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center.

In the play, Memphis Lee deals with the pressure of selling his restaurant to the city at what he thinks an unfair price.

Others appearing in the play include Lee's work-driven waitress, Risa (Cheri Bingham); Mr. West (Eric Brown), an undertaker; Wolf (Greg Aikens), a bookie without a friend; and several other characters who deliver a drama filled with fervor and great text.

"I'm a big fan of August Wilson's work. It's more direct and brutally honest," Frank Walker said.

"Two Trains Running" enables the audience to experience the frenzy that goes hand in hand with catching the spirit. The play has such a fire to it that it almost takes on a spiritual appearance.

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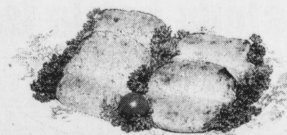
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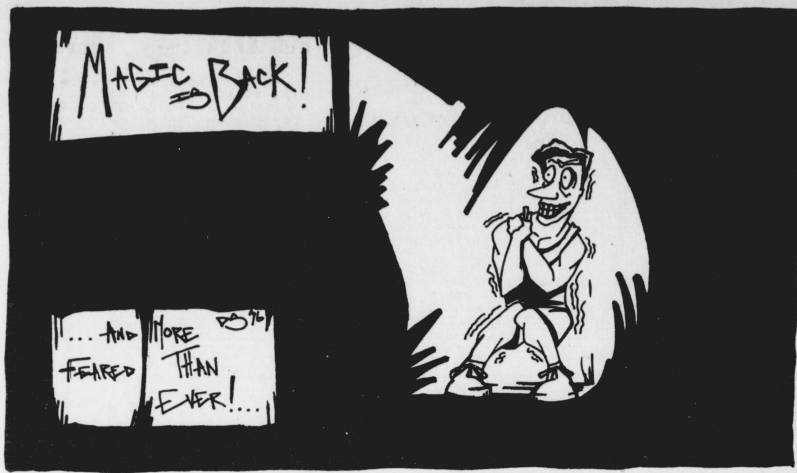


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Ivory tower

The apparent "No Vacancy" sign slapped on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower has some student groups steaming because they have been barred from holding regular meetings in that area. The management of the building found an old regulation that designated the rooms on that floor for special occasions only, and they are cracking down. In the wake of this draconian fiat, groups are left looking on an already-crowded campus for precious meeting space. This brings up an interesting dilemma for the UK administration. We agree that the 18th floor of POT should be a showcase for the campus. When outsiders come for a meeting on campus, such as Board of Trustees meetings, there should be a nice area to give guests a good impression. However, we think the administration should extend the definition of "special events" to include student functions that, though not regularly scheduled weekly meetings, are not necessarily once-in-a-lifetime events. They should include yearly award ceremonies, special speakers and other programs that aren't extremely frequent, but aren't extremely rare either. Regular weekly meetings are an excessive use of the area, but allowing for student events to be held there once a year or even less is a good compromise. This helps the school keep the 18th floor in good condition, but still allow groups to use the area that taxpayers helped pay for in the first place. For now, though, organizations are already being turned away and are still left with no place to meet. If the new policy is to be kept in its strictest form, the administration at least needs to find good alternatives for group meeting places. Good luck. The Student Center is constantly booked, and with the loss of POT, there are few places left where students can meet. Just as the University studies which classrooms aren't being used effectively, it should also do the same thing with meeting space and correct those problems.

IN OUR OPINION

Womens' combat capabilities are naturally limited

Recently the Virginia Military Institute and The Citadel, two schools that offer programs similar to the service academies, have been under fire for refusing to admit females to their cadet corps. In this era of sexual equality, VMI and The Citadel are regularly roasted as sexist throwbacks to the days of complete male domination. Although I support the advancement of women's rights, this is one area in which I totally side with VMI and The Citadel. I may be labeled a sexist for saying this, but men and women were not created equal from a physical standpoint. VMI and The Citadel originally established their respective cadet corps with one goal in mind: to prepare leaders for military service. Going a step further down this road, I feel the military exists for one reason only: to defend the United States and its interests. Not for social advancement, not to further the cause of equal rights and not to provide career paths for the upwardly mobile. I wouldn't give a rat's ass for a military unit that boasted total sexual equality at the expense of unit cohesion and fighting ability. That's not to say that women are incapable of performing in a military environment. Women have served and will continue to serve with great distinction in our armed forces, but normally in a non-combat role. It's true that recently women have begun to fly in combat units, but flying a plane or helicopter is quite different from humping a rucksack in the infantry. As for the fighting aspect, I'm quite sure there are women in this world who could kick my ass, but they would be exceptions and not the rule. Basic physiological differences between men and women ensure that most men are the physical superiors of their female counterparts. I think somewhere down the line, some radical feminist has injected the notion that acknowledging basic physical differences between men and women implies that women are second-class citizens. Or that brain power is somehow linked to how much muscle mass a person has. You will find no one at VMI or The Citadel who wishes to exclude women on the basis of intellectual ability. VMI and The Citadel expect combat operations to be the most physically stressful activity a human can experience. An individual needs every ounce of strength just to survive. Men have a decided advantage in this area and it just might keep them and their buddies alive in a combat situation.

In combat, the only prize you get for second place is a body bag. Again, it's certainly true that a select minority of women have the physical strength to successfully endure the rigors of combat. Yet, should the United States attempt to include women in combat roles and hope that it will always get the exceptions? Some would argue that women already are participating in some of the armed forces' roughest training, such as Army Airborne school. Having been to Airborne school, I have seen first-hand the double standard used by the military in its various schools of instruction. I'll never forget, in jump school, how the men and women trained together, yet had different standards by which they were judged. The men had much higher standards in such events as pull-ups, push-ups and running. In fact, it's a joke to even compare men's and women's pull-ups. The women did not have to do any, while the men had to shoot for a minimum of seven pull-ups. The number of push-ups required of women were only half of those required by men. As for running, the men and women ran in different formations because the women were allotted more time to complete their runs. The women excelled at the cerebral aspects of Airborne school, yet had lower physical requirements. This is not just true of Airborne school; Army-wide, women are held to a lower standard of physical fitness. This lower standard might make the grade in a supply and support unit, but it doesn't make the grade in a combat unit. Hell, even in a supply and support unit, but the possibility always exists that your unit might be overrun by enemy forces. As a soldier, you would really want your flank covered by a female soldier who trained to a lower standard than you did. Even the former Soviet Union, which relied heavily on women during World War II, admits that it did so only because of a critical manpower shortage. By remaining all-male, VMI and The Citadel can produce cadets to a higher standard of stress, and not worry about accommodating females. I will always support any plan that enables the United States to field the most effective fighting force possible. Label me a sexist if you will, but it doesn't take a GED to figure out that until mankind makes war no more, this country needs places like VMI and The Citadel.



Clayton Sandford Contributing Columnist

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Watkins should blame Democrats

Apparently, in his vanity, Mr. Watkins has neglected to actually read any part of a real Kentucky newspaper, except maybe the opinion sections and the comics. If he had, he would know that the idea of school prayer is led by Democratic Gov. Paul Patton. Mr. Patton spoke to us here at the law school and said he wanted an amendment to the state constitution to implement his plan. He reiterated this idea throughout the campaign. Also, on the issue of concealed weapons, Mr. Watkins has failed to realize that House Bill 40, which is before the General Assembly now, is actually sponsored by (GASP!) two Democrats! One of them is Bob Dameron, from right up the river in Nicholasville, Ky. Mr. Watkins, I am hard-pressed to take your little diatribes seriously on the national Republican Party when you are blind to what is going on in your own backyard. You have once again confirmed my suspicion that you live in a vacuum where your opinions become fact. I want to ask you, Mr. Watkins, are you so naive that you think all Republicans are racist, classist, etc. and your Democratic Party is utopian? Must I remind you that Democrats are the party of the Old South? Also, if you watched any of the '92 campaign, then you must have noticed the class war that Mr. Clinton waged. I am not implying that all Democrats are racist, nor am I ignoring the fact that some Republicans also play class warfare. What I am saying is that you have to look at politics and society objectively and with an open mind, something I fear you are incapable of doing. Neither party is perfect, nor are their leaders. But most of us do not choose one or the other based upon skin color.

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Custody battle favored bigotry over child's safety

In the raging courtroom battles involving the custody of children, judges often have to make crucial decisions that forever affect the lives of all of the people involved. Pretend you're a judge and you had to decide with whom to place an 11-year-old girl. On one hand, we have the girl's mother—a caring woman who has always provided for and loved the child. On the other hand, we have the father. Now, the father is a suspicious fellow. He served eight years in prison for killing his first wife during an argument over the custody of their children. His daughter from that marriage has revealed to the news media that he tried to molest her when she was 14 years old. He lives in a mobile home, as opposed to the mother's larger house. If these were all of the compelling factors in the case and you

had to decide which parent was fitter, you'd probably side with the mother. I think I would. There is something quite scary and sickening about placing a child with her father, knowing that he has a temper that kills, and a predisposition toward molestation (if what his older daughter said was true). Seems like a clear-cut case, right? Well, it wasn't. There was another factor involved that although shouldn't be considered compelling or relevant, became the pivotal issue in the custody battle. The mother is a lesbian. Can't you just see the courtroom now

where this case actually occurred in Florida? When the mother testifies that she is a lesbian, a hush moves quickly throughout the room. A few women scream and the men, although adamantly disgusted on the outside, are lustful on the inside. ("Wow, I'd like to get a good look at that."). At this point, the judge acts as if he has learned the mother murdered somebody and quickly grants full custody to the father. But wait, thinks the judge. Didn't the father kill somebody? Well, that doesn't matter—at least he has sex with partners of the opposite sex. The judge doesn't know yet that the information that the older

daughter has might actually attest to the father's affinity toward sex not only with the opposite sex, but with his daughters. It wouldn't matter anyway. He would rather grant custody to Hitler than to this lesbian mother. The judge, in justifying his actions, said the little girl "should be given the opportunity and the option to live in a non-lesbian world." Furthermore, he says: "I don't condemn the mother of this child for living the way she does, but I don't think this child ought to be led into that relationship before she has a full opportunity to know that she can live another lifestyle if she wants to."

Since when does living with your parents dictate your sexual orientation? What about the vast majority of gay people in the country? Their parents are straight. Judge Tarbuck and the rest of the country need to remember that sexual orientation is not chosen. One's sexual orientation is, dare I say it, God-given, natural and immutable. I might also add that this little girl had 11 years of "opportunity to know that she can live another lifestyle." She clearly knows that men and women marry and have children, and unfortunately some couples have to divorce. Furthermore, it is a shame that of all of the factors and issues of this case, the misguided judge chose the mother's sexual orientation as the deciding factor. Not only should it be irrelevant, for the reasons cited above,

but it doesn't affect the parent's ability to love, protect, provide for, and educate a child. For this little girl, being in a loving environment with her mom will be far more healthy for her than living in a trailer park with a dad whose intentions are anything but clear. So this scenario typifies that state of unawareness of this country. The judge said he wasn't condemning the mother for the way she lives, but the truth is, he did condemn her by taking her daughter away from her for no good reason. The judge was homophobic and clearly did not understand the task he was undertaking. He allowed his phobia to cloud his vision and let the gavel swing hard with discrimination. Let's hope the appeals judge opens his or her eyes when the case goes back to court. Who knows what that man is doing to his daughter right now. Assistant Editorial Editor Ashley Shrewsbury is a political science senior.



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'Line' shows all of the ways to cut

By Julie Anderson
Assistant Arts Editor

Standing in line is a universal experience. From amusement parks to the express lane at the grocery store, people are always waiting for their turn.

Israel Horowitz's play "Line," exploring the motivations of five people in line, is being staged at the Black Box Theater in the Fine Arts Building Feb. 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Jae Alexander, a theater graduate student, is directing the production.

"The play is a metaphor for the rat-race, with each character juggling for first place in an unidentified line which is defined by and for themselves," Alexander explained.

"Line," written 30 years ago, is relevant to audiences today with the hustle and bustle of modern life still exploiting the competitiveness of human nature.

"We all feel the pressure to get ahead and the lengths we will go to for success," Alexander said.

From cutting in line to fighting in line, the dialogue and actions point to one humbling fact about the nature of life.

"The revelation is that there will be only one 'number one,' and the average citizen can never attain that, except in their own mind," Alexander said.

Israel Horowitz, whose son is a Beastie Boy, wrote the play in 1967 and by 1971 the production made its way onto Broadway, where a young Richard Dreyfuss starred in the production.

Originally from Kentucky, Alexander received her undergraduate degree in film at Northwestern University. Following graduation, Alexander went to work for Fox Broadcasting Company in Chicago, where she worked behind the scenes for eight years.

"I wanted to direct so I left Fox



GETTING IN 'LINE' The cast of "Line" (above) is fighting over who should be first. Directed by Jae Alexander, "Line" is the story of five people trying to make their way to the front of a line. A line that has a different end for each character. UK students Nandino Messias and Sam Flemming (bottom) discussing the way it ought to be. (bottom right) Trying to smooth talk his way ahead Dolen (Zach Dietrich) lays it on the line to Molly (Raquel Arroyo).

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to get my graduate degree. I was looking to change my direction," Alexander said.

Alexander first heard about "Line" in 1981 while working in Chicago with the Fox Broadcasting Company.

"I had friends who had seen it and really liked it," Alexander said. "When I was looking for a production to stage, this one fitted the bill."

The charm of the Black Box Theater is in its smallness.

However when staging a play its smallness can be a limitation.

"It fits well within the space which is one of the reasons I chose it," Alexander said.

The on-stage cast of five fea-



UK students Nandino Messias and Sam Flemming (bottom) discussing the way it ought to be.

Zach Dietrich, a drama senior, auditioned for the play and was chosen for the role of Dolen.

Without having read the entire script Dietrich accepted the part.

"The weirdness and wackiness of the play was a surprise to me," Dietrich said. "It's an interesting commentary on competition."



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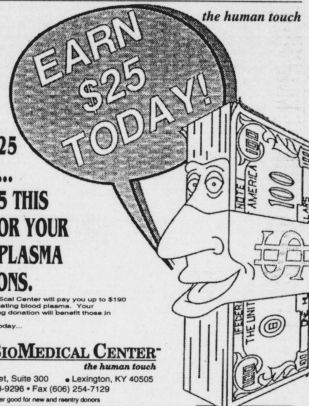


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