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**Doubly bad**  
Ashley Judd falters, and so does her latest film, *Double Jeopardy* | Page 8

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Quotables

**"The ability to quote is a serviceable substitute for wit,"**

or so said W. Somerset Maugham. With that in mind, here are some quotes about everything from a date ender to philosophy.

"I still say a church steeple with a lightning rod on top shows a lack of confidence."  
Doug MacLeod

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."  
Groucho Marx

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."  
Groucho Marx

"We in the industry know that behind every successful screenwriter stands a woman. And behind her stands his wife."  
Groucho Marx

"Eighty percent of married men cheat in America. The rest cheat in Europe."  
Jackie Mason

"I owe the government \$3400 in taxes. So I sent them two hammers and a toilet seat."  
Michael McShane

"My father was a minister. I had to make up for the lack of sin."  
Milwaukee mayor, on why he became a politician

"I love children especially when they cry, for then someone takes them away."  
Nancy Mitford

"We do not have censorship. What we have is a limitation on what newspapers can report."  
Louis Nel, Deputy Minister of Information, South Africa

"I would have made a good Pope."  
Richard Nixon, U.S. President

"I couldn't remember when I had been so disappointed. Except perhaps the time I found out that MGMs really do melt in your hand ..."  
Peter Oakley

"If women didn't exist, all the money in the world would have no meaning."  
Aristotle Onassis

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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather

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Mostly cloudy today

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WOMEN'S SOCCER



JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Winning ways

Sophomore midfielder Jen Reese battles a Georgia Bulldog for control of the ball. The Cats kept a tight leash on Georgia, holding them to only one goal. The women's soccer team won both their road games this weekend. Get the scoop on page 4.

SPECTATOR SPORTS

## Ticket sales disappointing this season

**After all they did:** Students not taking advantage of tickets after a series of improvements all across the board

By Tracy Kershaw

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

An improved stadium, two new ticket distribution locations and 2000 more student tickets allotted than last year have yet to produce an increase in student ticket sales.

"The ticket sales have been disappointing this year," commented Alvis Johnson, UK Assistant Athletic Director.

Ticket sales have not declined compared to last year, but the expected increase in sales has not occurred. Of the 12,000 student tickets available each game, only 9000 were sold for the University of Louisville game, 4500 for University of Connecticut and 6500 for Florida.

Low numbers for the Arkansas game are also expected due to UK's Fall Break on the same weekend, said Johnson.

UK ticket woes are not an isolated incident. Student attendance has declined at sporting events on a national

level, said UK Athletic Director C.M. Newton.

Sales that are less than full capacity still exist at UK despite efforts to increase student attendance.

Last spring, Johnson met with various student leaders on campus and asked their suggestions as to how to increase sales.

One suggestion was that more sites should exist for ticket sales.

In response to this suggestion, students can now also purchase tickets at The Commons on south campus and Commonwealth Stadium in addition to Memorial Coliseum, where tickets were sold in the past.

"Students suggested that the new locations would make it easier and more convenient for them," said Johnson.

Students do agree that the new sites make it much easier to get tickets.

"For the first game, I waited two hours in line at Memorial Coliseum. But for the UConn game, I was able to get

good tickets with no wait at Commons," said Nelly Little, a special education sophomore.

Little said that she didn't know if that will always be the case, because part of the reason why she got good seats was that not many people know about the two new sites.

For instance, undeclared freshman Nitya Narayan said that she had no clue about the new locations.

"Until [today], I didn't know that I could buy my ticket at Commons. Now it will be more convenient," she said.

Johnson is surprised that students do not know about the new locations.

"We sent out informative brochures to every student at the beginning of the year. We have also ran several ads in student publications and the information has been announced over the P.A. at football games," he said.

Aside from the new two sites, an additional effort to increase ticket sales was allowing students to use their PLUS account to buy tickets, Johnson said.

However, ticket purchase on the PLUS account is only on a trial basis, Johnson added. The continuation into basketball season will be based on student use during football season, he said.

Get your seats

Other ticket news:

The Oct. 4 basketball lottery has been changed due to the ticket shipment not being sent out to the manufacturer until Oct. 6. The lottery has been rescheduled for 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18th at Memorial Coliseum.

Games include:

California All Stars - Nov. 2  
Athletes in Action - Nov. 11  
NIT 1st round - Nov. 15  
NIT 2nd round - Nov. 17  
(If UK loses in the first round, bring tickets back for a refund)

Coming Tomorrow ...

## Putting the pieces together

The Kernel takes a look at how college students can gain an advantage in getting a job in today's marketplace.

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See CHEMISTRY on 2 >>>

TECHNOLOGY

## Linux finds a niche

Nicole Foster

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Its name is Linux. This is the program that threatens to provide Microsoft Windows with stiff competition in the coming future.

"The Linux Computer System is open to anyone and it is an alternative to the Microsoft System (Windows)," said Ron Petty, a computer science junior and treasurer of the Linux Users Group at UK, an organization working to raise awareness about the system across campus.

"We want people to know that the Linux System is free, easy to use, and available to anyone," Petty said.

An advantage of Linux systems is that they can be changed to a particular person's liking and taste, said Kevin Walton, a computer science senior at UK.

The program's versatility is why some companies, such as Red Hat, even create their own versions of Linux, and distribute it to customers for a cost, he said.

David Reedy, President of the Intra-source Company of Lexington said that the Linux system is more suitable for web servers, but can't run all Windows applications on a personal computer. He also said it is not as well known.

That may change, however.

"The program will gain popularity with the more computer-savvy individuals (with time)," said Harold Leggett, President of the Information Services Group of Lexington. "It will have a stronger presence on college campuses, especially among technical people and 'computer geeks.'"

And, for all of Linux's limitations, the base version can be downloaded from the Internet for free.

"If the University of Kentucky were to actually switch to using the Linux system they would save a lot of money," Petty said.

While Linux may seem to be an option to consider, UK has not switched from Windows.

"A reason that UK has not started using Linux are because of support issues and software availability," said Jay Baker, a graduate of UK.

The knowledge that people may have of this system, and whether or not they will have to be trained, is another matter that some are concerned with.

"Students would have to get used to it," said Justin Lawrence, a computer science junior.

However, there here will be newer and easier-to-use versions of Linux coming up

CAMPUS

## Chemistry net at UK

By Hillary Cromer

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Imagine sleeping through your chemistry class. Not just any chemistry class, but the one in which your professor explains that crazy concept you have heard horror stories about.

Last year, this may have crushed any glimpse of a decent grade but with the help of Top Class, students can make a comeback in their chemistry class.

Top Class is a server developed by the chemistry department through which students can take practice exams, look over class notes and listen to audible lectures.

"For students who want to catch up, improve or maintain their grades, they now have Top Class for that," said Dr. Boyd Haley, chairman of the chemistry department. "Students can go back over and over the material outside of class with it."

Top Class is new this semester after being installed over the summer. "We bought the equipment and put it up ourselves," Haley said. "Ten thousand dollars of research money was spent on this system."

The site is a web-delivery device for course material. It assigns and collects homework. When the homework is submitted into the server, it is automatically graded, saving professors a lot of time.

Top Class, unlike the previous system, CAPA, can be accessed by students who are off-campus and wish to do their homework.

See CHEMISTRY on 2 >>>

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

# The Low-down

## GOP pushes through reforms

WASHINGTON — Priming for year-end budget battles, Senate Republicans and Democrats spent yesterday in a highly partisan debate over the course and funding of national education programs. Republicans, using their majority, prevailed in pushing through a nonbinding resolution commending the GOP-led Congress for reforming the education system by giving states, local schools and parents more flexibility and authority over their children's education. It passed on a party-line 51-42 vote.

## \$115 billion budget surplus?

WASHINGTON — The federal budget surplus is now expected to swell to a record \$115 billion for the fiscal year that ends this week, the largest surplus in history. "It is a landmark achievement for our economy," President Clinton said yesterday. The 1999 surplus would be about 1.3 percent of the gross domestic product, the largest on this basis since 1951.

## McCain announces candidacy

NASHUA, N.H. — John McCain officially announced his candidacy yesterday for the Republican presidential nomination. The U.S. senator from Arizona and Vietnam war hero said he was the best candidate to command American troops and to reform a political system that is "a spectacle of selfish ambition." McCain vowed to protect Social Security, cut taxes, veto pork-barrel spending, improve Internet access and test the merits of spending government money in private schools. Meanwhile, former vice president Dan Quayle gave up his White House dreams.

## Greenspan urges improvements

WASHINGTON — Future Asian-style currency crises could be avoided or at least lessened if developing countries strive to improve the soundness of their financial systems, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday. "Improving deficiencies in domestic banking systems in emerging markets will help to limit the toll of the next financial disturbance," Greenspan said in a speech at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

We need to let nations know clearly, if you fool with the United States, you have had it."

Pat Duchanan, voicing his view that the United States should return to the military strength it had during the Reagan administration.



**STILL BUSTED:** A judge praised actor Charlie Sheen Monday for making progress in his fight against drugs but refused the star's request to end his probation stemming from spousal battery and drug taking. "I want you to understand, I could not be more pleased with your effort," Malibu Municipal Judge Lawrence Mira told the star of *Platoon* and *Wall Street*.



**FLICKS:** The crime melodrama *Double Jeopardy*, starring Ashley Judd and Tommy Lee Jones, enjoyed a sizzling No. 1 debut at the box office this weekend, while Robin Williams' new Holocaust comedy *Jakob the Liar* flopped miserably.

## Peacekeepers continue

LILUQUA, East Timor — Peacekeepers arrived at the nearly deserted coastal town of Liluquca yesterday, as the multinational force extended its control in East Timor hours after the Indonesian army relinquished its authority in the territory. On the opposite side of East Timor, reports emerged that as many as 16 people were killed over the weekend during a mercy mission to refugees. The reported killings underscored the urgency for the Australian-led force to speed up its deployment throughout the countryside, where militias opposed to independence maintain control.

## UAW OKs new contract

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers today approved a lucrative four-year contract with DaimlerChrysler. The union said the deal gives the average DaimlerChrysler assembly worker \$29,300 in wage increases and bonuses over the next four years. Workers get an annual increase of 3 percent a year for all four years, a \$1,350 signing bonus and improved cost of living adjustments.

## States investigate bank sales

MONTPELIER, Vt. — State attorneys general are investigating whether banks that issue credit cards are selling data on customers' spending habits and creditworthiness to marketing firms. A spokesman for New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said banks "may be breaching the trust of their customers by selling information about their customers' buying patterns, their credit limits and other personal data."

## Medicare reference books offer new editions

WASHINGTON — For the first time, the new government guidebook on Medicare will come in 26 regional editions, offering specific information about the private health plans open to Medicare beneficiaries in each state. The new information campaign, which cost \$133 million this year, was required by Congress in 1997 legislation to encourage more enrollment in private health plans.

## Dow bounces back 24.06

NEW YORK — Stocks rose broadly yesterday as traders returned to Wall Street looking for bargains. The Dow rose 24.06 to close at 10,303.39. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 1,771-1,261.

## POLITICS

# Clinton, Giuliani talk art and obscenity

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Art fused with politics Monday as an exhibit featuring elephant dung on a painting of the Virgin Mary became the latest issue in the duel between Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Giuliani — who like the first lady is an all-but-declared candidate for the Senate from New York — has threatened to cut \$7 million in funding if the Brooklyn Museum of Art goes ahead with the show on Saturday. He has called the exhibit, which also features bisected animals and a topless woman in the place of Jesus at the Last Supper, "sick" and offensive.

Mrs. Clinton, however, declared Monday that the museum shouldn't lose its funding — money that makes up a full third of its budget.

"It's not appropriate to penalize and punish an institution such as the Brooklyn Museum," Mrs. Clinton said during an appearance at a Harlem school.

"I would not go to see this exhibit," she added.

Giuliani, who is Roman Catholic, accused the first lady

of supporting the use of public money "to attack and bash the Catholic religion."

Among the works in the exhibit: "The Holy Virgin Mary" painting, which depicts Mary with dark skin, African features and flowing robes. It includes shelled clumps of elephant dung and dozens of cutouts of female private parts from pornographic magazines.

The work — part of the British "Sensation" exhibit — has fueled a debate about freedom of expression and public support of the arts. It has also brought both financial peril and publicity to a museum used to operating in the shadows of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other Manhattan attractions.

Civil rights activists have said that pulling the museum's funding would violate the First Amendment. The New York Civil Liberties Union was planning a rally to support the exhibit, and conservative Republicans were planning one against it.

"Virgin Mary" artist Chris Ofili, who is noted for using elephant dung in his works, has refused interviews — a stance that has done nothing to halt the furor.

## CHEMISTRY

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Many of the professors are also switching from the older blackboard teaching method to the smart classroom method, an audio-visual way of teaching lectures done through computers. For example, Dr. Jim Holler, a professor in the chemistry department is currently working on putting his audible class lectures on the site.

"Chemistry's tough, we're

trying to retain students," Haley said.

Another way in which students can excel in chemistry is the new program, Chem Excel. Chem Excel is a program led by an advanced undergraduate student in one section of the Chemistry 107 class. It is sponsored on a National Science Foundation grant.

"Chem Excel is basically a help session for those struggling in chemistry," said Dr. Joe Wilson, a former chemistry professor. "The amount of A's, B's and C's in the program is 85 percent compared to about 65 percent in the regular class."



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MONKEY SEE...



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

Go bananas

Chris Lanster, an undeclared freshman, wore a gorilla suit on campus yesterday as part of a project for Sociology 101. The project measured students' reactions to violations of societal norms.

REGION

Sanders rises

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — One of the General Assembly's lesser-known members is on the verge of a high-profile chairmanship.

Sen. Richie Sanders, a Republican from Edmonson County, is poised to take over the powerful Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Sanders has been vice chairman of the committee, which helps write Kentucky's biennial budget. In the wake of the Republican takeover of the Senate this summer, there is a general understanding that most vice chairmen will move up to chairmanships of their committees, leaders said Monday.

Sanders delivered a budget briefing for the Republican Caucus Monday afternoon at the Capitol. He declined comment when asked afterward if he was the caucus' choice to replace Democratic Sen. Benny Ray Bailey of Hindman.

"He's a modest man," Sen. David Williams, the

Republican floor leader, said of Sanders. "It would appear he'd be the logical choice.... Obviously I have great confidence in him."

The chairman of the Republican caucus, Sen. Charlie Borders of Russell, said there could be exceptions to the chairmanship succession plan if a vice chairman strongly preferred a different assignment.

Appropriations and Revenue is the crown jewel of chairmanships, however. "I don't think Richie's going to have a preference to that committee," Borders said.

Sanders, a farmer and restaurant owner from tiny Chalybeate, has been in the General Assembly since 1981. His first five years were spent in the House. He won a special election in 1986 to succeed former Sen. Walter Baker of Glasgow.

Republicans became a 20-18 majority — the party's first Kentucky Senate majority — when Sens. Dan Seum of Louisville and Bob Leeper of Paducah switched parties.

REGION

Local polluters face suit

New York, New Hampshire may sue if coal-fired power plants don't clean up their act

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. — New Hampshire could join New York in legal action against 17 power plants in the Midwest and Southeast that are blamed for acid rain and smog in the Northeast.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer has sent out a legal notice to 17 coal-fired plants in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, saying if they don't agree within two months to clean up their emissions, New York will sue.

Spitzer said the plants have increased their power output and made costly investments without also upgrading their pollution control equipment, violating the federal Clean Air Act.

However, the power plants deny they have made the kind of substantial improvements that would trigger the requirement to install better scrubbers on their smokestacks.

"If what they are questioning is whether we have done maintenance, yes, we have," said Pat Hemepp, a spokesman for American Electric Power, one of the companies threatened with a lawsuit. "Have we made improvements that would increase capacity? No."

State Environmental Services Commissioner Robert Varney said the attorney general's office is evaluating New York's legal arguments.

"We are seriously considering joining in the lawsuit with New York," Varney said. "It's under active discussion."

The decision to take legal action against the power plants

comes after air pollution negotiations between the Northeast and Midwestern states broke down.

The Northeastern states say power plants here are forced to meet tough emissions standards because the states all have high levels of smog on the ground.

Some of that is generated locally. However, scientific research shows that much of the pollution generated by coal plants in the Midwest rides the upper air currents to the Northeast.

The Midwestern states disagree, saying the Northeastern states are responsible for most of their own smog. The older power plants in the Midwest states are not required to meet tough standards because the states themselves do not have high levels of ground-level pollution.

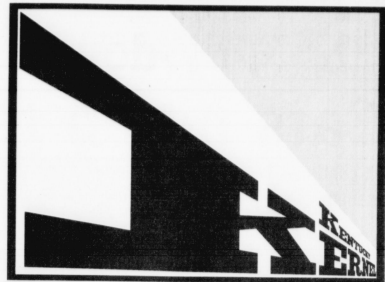
The courts have urged compromise. But when talks failed, New York decided to sue 17 power plants directly.

"We weren't asking the upwind states to do anything that we haven't already done in New Hampshire," Varney said. "We're asking them to control nitrogen oxides from their power plants just as New Hampshire has done at its (coal-fired) plants in Bow and Portsmouth."

Ohio power plants produce nearly 9,000 tons a day of sulfur dioxide, which causes acid rain. That is nearly twice as much as all the New England states, New York and New Jersey combined, according to the national Environmental Defense Fund, a nonprofit group.

Federal emissions records show that one plant in Ohio emits more smog-producing nitrogen oxide than all of the dozen or so coal-fired plants in New York State.

If the lawsuits are filed, it would be the first time a state has sued private, out-of-state companies for causing pollution that travels across state lines, New York officials say.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is produced weekly by the Office of Student Activities. Postings in the calendar are free to all registered student organizations and UK Departments. Information can be submitted in Rm. 203, Student Center or by completing a request form on line at <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter>. Posting requests are due ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Monday information is to appear in the calendar. For more information call 257-8867.

TUESDAY 9/28

ACADEMIC  
Free Math 109 and 123 Tutoring, Rm 119 Student Center. Sign up in advance, call 7-6959 for more info.  
Informal Creative Writing Workshops, 6:30-8pm, Rm 308A of The Commons, FREE  
Res Life Tutoring: Eng 101, 6:30-9, Holmes Study Lounge and Commons 308B  
Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 5-7pm, Holmes Classroom and Haggin Lounge  
Res Life Tutoring: French, 4-7pm, Haggin Computer Lab  
Res Life Tutoring: Math, 6-10pm, Commons 308A  
Res Life Tutoring: History 108/109, 6:30-10pm, Commons 306

MEETINGS  
1-N-1 Meeting, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Center  
Alpha Phi Omega Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 359 Student Center  
National Society of Black Engineers Meeting, 8pm, Rm 102 Mining Building, call William at 245-1642 for info

ARTS/MOVIES  
Movie: Austin Powers, The Spy Who Shagged Me, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre, \$3, sponsored by SAB  
Exhibit: A Tale of Two Cities, UK Art Museum  
Exhibit: 100 Giants of Chair Design, UK Art Museum  
Exhibit: Town and Country, 12-4pm, UK Art Museum  
Exhibit: Modern Fiction and Art, 12-4pm, UK Art Museum  
Intramurals/Recreation  
Ultimate Frisbee Club Practice, 6-8pm, Band Field  
Sports  
Tae-Boxing, 3:30pm, Baptist Student Union

WEDNESDAY 9/29

ACADEMIC  
Res Life Tutoring: Eng 101, 6:30-9, Holmes Classroom and Commons 308B  
Res Life Tutoring: Chemistry, 5-7:30pm, Commons 308A  
Res Life Tutoring: French, 7-10pm, Keeneland  
Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 8-10pm at Commons 306  
Res Life Tutoring: Math, 6-10pm, Haggin Lounge  
Res Life Tutoring: History 108/109, 6-9:30pm, History 104/105, 6:30-8:30pm, Holmes Study Lounge

ARTS/MOVIES  
Movie: American Beauty, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre, Free, sponsored by SAB  
SAB Indoor Activities Committee Meeting, 5pm, 203 Student Center

SPORTS  
Tae-Boxing, 5pm, Baptist Student Union

THURSDAY 9/30

ACADEMIC  
Free Math 109 and 123 Tutoring, RM 119 Student Center. Sign up in advance, call 7-6959 for more info.  
Res Life Tutoring: Chemistry, 5-7:30pm, Haggin Lounge  
Res Life Tutoring: French, 4-6pm, Commons 306  
Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 3-5:30pm at Holmes Study Lounge & 5-7pm at Haggin Computer Lab  
Res Life Tutoring: Math, 6-10pm, Holmes Classroom  
Res Life Tutoring: History 104/105, 6:30-8:30pm, Commons 306

MEETINGS  
UK Snowski/Snowboard Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 245 Student Center  
Thursday Night Live, 8pm, Christian Student Fellowship (502 Columbia Ave.)  
Devotion and Lunch, 12pm, Baptist Student Center, \$1  
Freshman Focus, 6pm, Baptist Student Center  
UK Lambda, The Gay and Lesbian Student Org. Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 231 Student Center

ARTS/MOVIES  
Guest's Euphonium Recital with Neal Corwell, 8pm, Singletary Recital Hall  
UK Lab Band and UK Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8pm, Singletary Concert Hall  
Intramurals/Recreation  
Ultimate Frisbee Club Practice, 6-8pm, Band Field

SPORTS  
Tae-Boxing, 3:30pm, Baptist Student Union

FRIDAY 10/1

ACADEMIC  
Orientation for Internships/Cooperative Education and Shadowing, 10am-12pm, Rm 111 Student Center

SPORTS  
UK Men's Soccer vs. Marshall, 7:30pm  
UK Women's Volleyball vs. Alabama, 7pm, Memorial Coliseum  
UK Ice Hockey (Cool Cats) vs. Meramec College, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$4

SATURDAY 10/2

MEETINGS  
Catholic Mass at The Newman Center, 6pm

SPORTS  
UK Ice Hockey (Cool Cats) vs. Meramec College, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$4  
UK Football vs. Arkansas, 1:30pm, Commonwealth Stadium

SUNDAY 10/3

ACADEMIC  
Free Math 109 and 123 Tutoring, Eng 101, 6:30-9, Holmes Study Lounge and Commons 306  
Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 5-7pm, Holmes Classroom  
Res Life Tutoring: Math, 6-10pm, Commons 308A  
Res Life Tutoring: History 108/109, 6-9pm at Commons 308B & History 104/105, 2-5pm at Commons 306  
Res Life Tutoring: Chemistry, 5-8pm, Boyd Study Lounge

MEETINGS  
Sunday Morning Worship, 11 am, Christian Student Fellowship (502 Columbia Ave.)  
Catholic Mass at The Newman Center, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm

ARTS/MOVIES  
Exhibit: ON THE BRINK, The Millennium Nears, UK Art Museum, 12-5pm

SPORTS  
UK Women's Volleyball vs. Auburn, 2pm, Memorial Coliseum

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For more information or to sign up for a dialogue group, contact David Stockham at 257-3754 or dstock@pop.uky.edu or John Lindsay at 252-7781 or jplind1@sac.uky.edu.

S.O.C.  
The Student Organizations Center invites organizational representatives, advisors, and university guests to attend an Open House on Wednesday, October 6, 1999, from 4 pm - 5:30 pm.  
Refreshments will be provided.  
Please call 257-1099 if you plan to attend.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Cats notch fifth straight

UK continues winning ways against 12th-ranked Georgia

By Shelly DiSalvo  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The UK women's soccer team captured their fifth win in a row on Sunday when they defeated the 12th ranked Georgia Bulldogs, 4-1, at the UK Soccer Complex.

Georgia had won seven games in a row until losing Friday night in Nashville to Vanderbilt. The Bulldogs had ridden their goalkeeper, Nicole Williams, to seven shutout victories in their first seven games.

In preparation for hosting a nationally ranked team, UK focused on taking the same steps they would with any other team in order to achieve victory.

"We had to slow down Georgia's attack and focus on getting our attack up and running if we were going to win today," said UK head coach Warren Lipka.

Both teams came out aggressively in the opening minutes of play. Georgia put the first goal on the board, when Catherine Holder scored on a breakaway goal, firing the ball past UK goalkeeper Jo Fletcher and into the lower left part of the goal.

But from that point on, it was all UK. Jamie Dellbringe answered with an empty netter in the 26th minute, after Williams slipped and fell trying to stop the feed from UK freshman midfielder Elizabeth Ramsey, which was put away easily by Dellbringe, a junior forward.

The Cats added three more goals in the second half. Freshman Keri Boyce put in a hard shot Williams could only get a piece of before it trickled into the net. Sophomore midfielder forward Annie Gage, scored two, one on a header off a perfect cross by Ramsey, who had three assists.

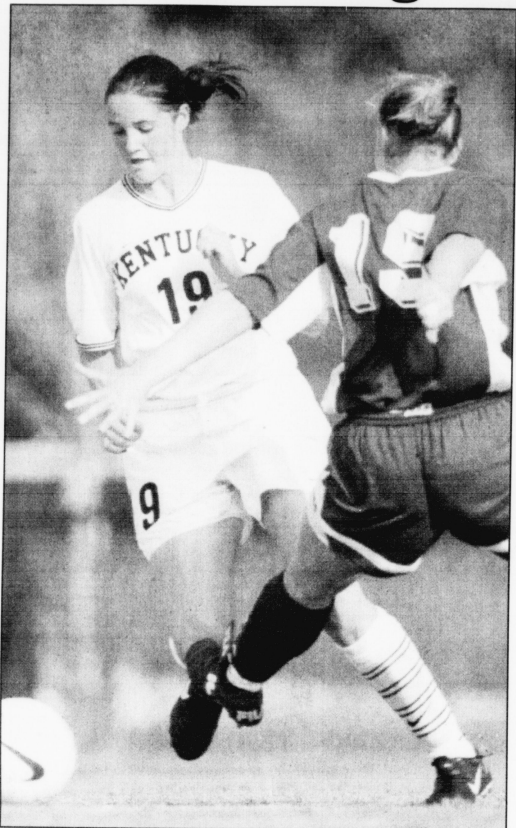
"Working as a whole unit is a main component in our success this season," Gage said following the game. "We're going 90 minutes as a team, not individuals, and that's helping us win the games. We started slow today, but we deserved this win."

Lipka agreed with Gage's assessment. "Our girls are team-centered who put the team ahead of themselves," he said. "Today, we struggled in the first half with the fast pace that Georgia established, but we regrouped and executed in the second half, which cemented our win."

On Friday, UK knocked off the Tennessee Volunteers 3-0, giving UT their fourth loss in a row.

Dellbringe gave the team a lift in their tilt against the Lady Vols, scoring a goal and adding an assist in her first start of the season.

After being shut out in the first half, UK responded with two quick second-half goals, with freshman forward Keri Boyce blasting one past the UT goalkeeper from eight yards out. Junior midfielder Jen Reese added a breakaway goal eight minutes later off a feed from Dellbringe. Dellbringe's goal midway through the second



Freshman forward Keri Boyce scored her fifth goal of the season in the Cats' 4-1 victory over 12th-ranked Georgia. UK travels to Las Vegas this weekend to participate in the UNLV Rebels Tourney.

half sealed the UK win. UK goalkeeper Beth Wells preserved her second shutout of the season when she stopped a UT penalty kick with less than four minutes remaining.

"It's always big when you beat a SEC team," said Lipka after the victory over the Lady Vols, "but we still have a long

way to go. We keep getting better each time we touch the field."

The next time UK will take the field is Friday, as they travel to Las Vegas for a tournament hosted by UNLV to take on the host Lady Rebels. They will play a second game on Sunday against San Diego State.

FASHION MISSTATEMENTS

## Modern uniforms miss the cut

Today's pro sports uniforms hard on the eyes, less than stunning on the playing field

By Travis Hubbard  
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

The Anaheim Angels and Tampa Bay Devil Rays will each come up short of the playoffs this season, yet they may still make the "Worst Dressed List" in People Magazine.

Instead of pinstripes and other traditional uniform designs, these and other teams wear elaborate uniforms with too many colors. In fact, I have no idea what the Devil Rays' team colors even are.

The vile uniforms do not cease with baseball, however. The Browns and Titans are the two newest NFL teams this year. The Browns stuck to tradition and gave their fans exactly what they wanted — brown and orange. It does not get much more basic.

The Titans' uniforms, however, may be the greatest tragedy in all of sports fashion. Their jerseys are the result of combining throw-back jerseys with modern color designs thought up by fashion design companies who obviously don't understand the simplicity of football.

For the most part, bad color choices are the biggest fault for teams. Football is a tough sport, yet every Sunday you get to see Eddie George bulldoze 250-pound linebackers in his trend-setting baby blue, while Ray Lewis of the Ravens pulverizes quarterbacks in

chic purple.

What happened to jerseys like those worn by the Silver and Black Attack? There is nothing pretty about the Raiders jerseys, and that is the way it should be. The next expansion team will likely be the Los Angeles Stars, who will debut in pink and lavender with pretty floral patterns.

Above all, the worst display of sports garments comes in basketball. It seems the team name or city is not enough for the front of NBA jerseys. Now there has to be a bird, a dinosaur or mountains on the uniforms. There is not enough room for a player's number, let alone the team name.

I like to see new uniforms from teams, despite my criticism. The Cleveland Indians, for example, made one of the most drastic improvements in jerseys in 1994 and many teams, like the San Francisco 49ers, simply made subtle improvements to modernize traditional uniforms.

Many of these teams have more in common than unpleasant uniforms. The Angels, Devil Rays, Ravens, Titans, Hawks and Jazz have never won their respective league titles and after winning back-to-back titles from 1994-95 and changing their uniforms, neither have the Houston Rockets.

Maybe there is truth in, "You play how you look."

THE NEW RED MACHINE

## Houston, you have a problem

Cincinnati 1 1/2 games ahead of Mets for wild card, tied for 1st with Astros

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Mark McGwire caught up with Sammy Sosa. The way the Cincinnati Reds are playing, no one's going to catch them.

McGwire hit his first homer Monday to put St. Louis ahead by five runs, but the Reds pulled off another amazing comeback for a 9-7 victory that solidified their lead in the playoff race.

The Reds' sixth victory in seven games gave them a 1 1/2-game lead over the idle New York Mets for the NL wild card.

Cincinnati also pulled even with the Astros for the NL Central lead and head to Houston for a two-game series starting Tuesday. Just like Sunday, when the Reds overcame McGwire's 60th homer, a blown ninth-inning lead and a one-run deficit in the 12th, Cincinnati came back after the game seemed lost.

The Reds have five games left, all on the road. They've got two things in their favor: the best road record in the majors at 49-27 and an un-

canny ability to overcome anything thrown their way.

Young's homer cut a five-run deficit to 6-3 in the sixth, and Cincinnati scored four times with two outs in the seventh to take the lead.

Greg Vaughn's double rattled around the Cardinals' bullpen and knocked in a run that made it 6-4. Young singled to get Cincinnati within one and Taubensee hit a homer off Rick Croushore (3-7) that landed in the front rows of upper deck just inside the foul screen.

Taubensee pumped his fist in celebration, Reds spilled out of the dugout and fans chanted "Eddie! Eddie! Eddie!" as he rounded the bases.

The homer was Cincinnati's 50th this month, tying the franchise record of 50 in August 1956.

Young's bases-loaded single off Mike Mohler made it 9-6 in the eighth. McGwire singled home a run in the ninth.

Stan Belinda (3-1) got the victory with one hitless inning, and Dennis Reyes got the final out for his second save.

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The U.S. Ryder Cup squad poses after their 14 1/2 to 13 1/2 victory over the European team.

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# Improper behavior

U.S. team celebrates triumph as Europeans take offense to revelry on 17th green

ASSOCIATED PRESS

It will be remembered as one of the greatest moments in golf.

On one side of the Atlantic, at least, Justin Leonard's 45-foot putt capped a historic day in a historic event Sunday, cementing a comeback that seemed to feed on the roars of the gallery echoing across The Country Club as the United States won the first Ryder Cup in six years.

If these were millionaire Americans who didn't seem to care, you wouldn't have known by the way they rushed onto the 17th green in premature celebration — a breach of golf etiquette that angered the losing side.

When Leonard's putt dropped, he began running around the green with a half dozen U.S. team members and their girlfriends and wives. Tom Lehman got him first, lifting him up in a bear hug as the others hugged and jumped in the air.

The problem was, Jose

Maria Olazabal still had a putt that could have tied the hole. The Cup had yet to be won, but the Americans were celebrating like it was over.

"We probably all should have jumped up and down in place," Lehman said. "But I'm not going to apologize for being excited."

Leonard finally got his teammates off the green and Olazabal faced the 25-footer to send the match to the 18th hole. He backed off of it twice, then ran it by the hole.

"It was an ugly picture to see," Olazabal said. "I think that kind of behavior is one nobody wants to see. I'll let you be the judge."

The United States had won the Cup, but Leonard and Olazabal had to play one more hole to finish the match. When they did, and Payne Stewart graciously conceded a winning putt to Colin Montgomerie for the final 14 1/2-13 1/2 margin, players ran around squirting champagne on each other and the huge crowd cheered them on in celebration.

packed the course so deep that many could see little and relied on radios to find out what was going on, screamed their encouragement at each player who came by.

They also screamed some uncomplimentary things at the Europeans, mostly directed at Montgomerie, who was locked in a tight match with Stewart.

"It's not life or death. Some of our fans were a little over the top," Stewart said.

Lehman, remembering previous Ryder Cups in Europe, wasn't as charitable. "Memories are somewhat short," Lehman said, thinking back just two years. "Valderrama wasn't exactly a cakewalk for us. Their fans were pretty interesting, too."

Leonard was playing a hole ahead of Stewart when he reached the 17th green with a wedge that spun back toward the front edge. He had 45 feet uphill over a ridge, but it was a putt he had practiced earlier in the week.

"I was trying to make it, but I was also trying to get the ball close, and that was probably my first goal," Leonard said. "It was just one of those things."

"I just think the ball was destined to go in."

IN BRIEF

## SportsBytes

The Volleyball Cats lost their first two SEC games this weekend at South Carolina (14-16, 15-8, 15-11, 15-8) and Georgia (8-15, 17-15, 15-8, 15-6). The week's biggest loss, however, came at Thursday morning's practice.

Senior Jaclyn Homan fractured her pinky finger in four places and is out of the lineup indefinitely.

The middle blocker underwent surgery on Friday to repair the damage. Four pins were inserted.

"I could be out for three weeks, six weeks, maybe even a month," said Homan. "We just don't know yet."

The Cats return home for a two-week stretch of four matches beginning Friday, Oct. 1 when they face Alabama.

point guard from Slidell, La. will apparently don a different shade of blue, Duke's.



Duhon

Duhon made his decision after a visit to the Duke campus. He told Duke's student newspaper, The Chronicle, that he has verbally committed to the Blue Devils.

"As soon as I walked on to campus, I felt the love," Duhon told The Chronicle. "It's a strong school and a place where I'll be happy. I clicked with the guys as soon as I got here."

NFL

The neck wound that left Dimitrius Underwood of the Miami Dolphins bleeding on a Lansing, Mich. street was self-

inflicted, police said yesterday. Police found the player Sunday afternoon after getting calls that a man was yelling for help. He was covered with blood as officers approached.

"He was somewhat despondent," police spokesman Lt. Ray Hall said. "He was upset, physically upset."

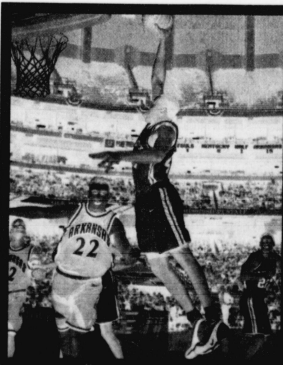
Hall said Underwood apparently slashed his neck with a knife at the home of the mother of his twin 17-month-old children. No one in the home saw him cut himself, but several people in the neighborhood saw him running down the street afterward.

Police took Underwood to Sparrow Hospital, where he was listed today in fair condition after undergoing surgery Sunday. No further information was released at the request of his family.

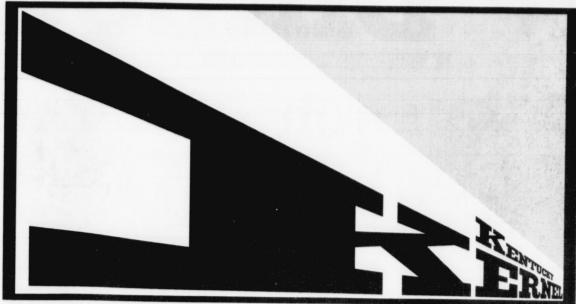
Underwood was arrested by Lansing police around 7 p.m. Saturday for nonpayment of child support.

Basketball

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The above picture shows a young girl at the parade holding an American flag amidst flags from other nations where Muslims reside.

There are 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide. Young people from Islamic countries now form the largest group of international students in North America.

Islam is built upon five beliefs. Here's a little more information about the five pillars of the Islamic faith.

The Five Pillars

**Creed** The five basic beliefs and practices of a true Muslim comes from the Quran, chapter 4 verse 136

**Prayer** The remembrance of Allah's sovereignty on earth must be performed five times each day.

**Alms Giving** Each Muslim should give 1/40th of his annual income in cash or in kind.

**Fasting** Every day during Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic lunar year, the fast begins at dawn and ends at dusk.

**Pilgrimage** Any able-bodied Muslim who can afford it must, once in his life, travel to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

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DIALOGUE EDITOR

Who should lead our UK into Y2K?

The UK Futures Committee will start meeting this semester to decide on qualities suitable for the next University president.

As a University, we want the future president to carry UK into the promised land a top-twenty nationally ranked school.

Some qualities seem very obvious. The next president should be a natural leader — someone who can efficiently accomplish a majority of goals set forth for this University.

He or she should be some sort of financial wizard, since we are going to need Scrooge McDuck-type wealth to improve.

The next president should have some experience to fill an administrative position of this magnitude. Some of the basic qualifications are easy to recognize, but it's in the little details where this decision becomes interesting.

The look and persona of the next president will be associated with our University for his or her entire term and beyond.

Any smart, strong-willed financial genius may fit the job, but do we want our UK president caught with the office intern? What other qualities should our next president have?

Should he or she be more relaxed about drinking and change the dry campus policy? How about having a person who would establish 24-hour visitation in our residence halls?

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How would the president's gender and ethnicity help or hurt this University's national representation?

Who Should Lead Us?

All persons affiliated with UK are invited to submit letters to the editor explaining the qualities they feel the next university president should have.

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Luke Boyett

GUEST COLUMNIST

U.S. policy forgets about humans

I find it encouraging that the Kernel and other mainstream media outlets have deemed the struggle for independence in East Timor to be worthy of coverage and commentary.

Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975. 90% of the military equipment used in that invasion was supplied by the U.S.

Within the following years, there were many UN efforts to sanction Indonesia for its illegal annexation of East Timor. Time

after time, these efforts were blocked by the United States. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, U.S. ambassador to the UN at the time, was commissioned to ensure that all international efforts to get Indonesia out of East Timor be rendered ineffective.

Continuing through the 80s and 90s, the U.S. has funneled billions of dollars of aid to the Indonesian military.

As you read this, Indonesian-coordinated militias, composed largely of soldiers and police, rampage through the streets killing indiscriminately, even attacking Red Cross units, U.N. poll workers, and foreign journalists — all because the Timorese people overwhelmingly voted for independence in a recent UN referendum.

The fact of the matter is that the violent repression in East Timor is not new and has been indirectly sustained through U.S. foreign policy.

The same pattern can be seen. A rightist military-controlled regime is installed or propped up by the U.S. government. The government violently purges any leftist or moderate opposition in the populace and those left alive are terrorized by means of indiscriminate killing, torture, and disappearances.

The turmoil leaves in its wake an iron-fisted police state and a terrified and uprooted populace often at the brink of starvation. It can be seen all over the globe throughout the 20th century — in Guatemala, El Salvador, Chile, Nicaragua, Haiti and Cuba.

Returning to the brutal pattern of a good part of U.S. foreign policy, it is important to note that there is a sick logic behind it. Supposedly, this happens to pro-

tect U.S. "interests." That is, only if we equate the interests of the U.S. people with those of large corporations.

It could be otherwise. The political and economic sphere of society could be operated democratically rather than controlled by a well-moneyed and amazingly minuscule ruling class.

Guest Columnist Luke Boyett is a history & sociology junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

IN OUR OPINION

The battle over dress

Parents claim dress code violates students' First Amendment rights

This past Tuesday, two parents of Atherton High School students filed a lawsuit claiming that the school's new dress code violates the students' rights to freedom of speech and religion.

The dress code, which went into effect earlier this year, requires students attending the Louisville, Ky., school to wear A-line, straight or pleated skirts, belted trousers, socks or tights, closed-toe shoes and muted colors.

Is requiring 16-year-olds to conform to a standard of dress really preventing them from expressing themselves? We don't think so.

As you know, one person's freedoms end where another person's rights begin. Therefore, if one student's right to receive a quality education is being impaired by another student's inappropriate dress, then the school, whose responsibility it is to maintain a conducive learning environment, needs to place restrictions on attire to meet that end.

High school is not supposed to be a fashion show, and unfortunately some students do exercise poor judgment in choosing appropriate school attire.

Therefore the site-based council, composed of four parents, six teachers and two administrators, that approved the dress code was correct in doing so.

Secondly, we are concerned that the parents are using the First Amendment incorrectly as their legal shield. Lately it seems that an increasing number of lawsuits have surfaced claiming freedom of speech rights are being violated.

We feel in some cases that the First Amendment is being used inappropriately. This Atherton suit is one such case.

Of course, the choice of dress is one way a person can show their individuality. But it is just that — one way. Students have ample opportunity to develop and show who they are as individuals while still abiding by school regulations.

We as a society need to work with the teachers and administrators in our elementary and secondary schools to help them effectively do their jobs.

The sole purpose of school is to educate. We need to make sure we don't allow ourselves to be sidetracked by little incidents, such as what students are wearing at school, to the extent that we lose focus on why they are there in the first place.

So, Atherton parents, be a positive example to your child. Don't act immature about a subject that isn't vital to the educational process.

Instead of fighting over a dress code, spend your energy helping your child with his/her homework and making sure that your child is at school on time, ready to learn.

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LOCAL MUSIC

# Sink true original

Local band Sink finds more exposure on internet than in local clubs

By Danny Tenkman  
STAFF WRITER

Late one night as you scour the Internet for Medieval research paper material or a bit of pornography, you may stumble upon an MP3 website. If you're still looking for more information on Fliny the Elder or an Amish three-way don't double click so fast. Take the time to download one of the available songs and you may find yourself enjoying a band you have never heard of.

It is from these sites that most independent original acts gain popularity. Such is the case for the Lexington band Sink.

In a town overloaded with cover acts, they find some of their biggest fans on the Internet. They credit most of their fans and popularity to the web. Drummer Neil Bell said, "The Internet has helped us more than anything else."

Sink's influences are extremely vast, but are primarily rooted in 70's classic rock. Consisting of lead singer Brett Gray, drummer Neil Bell, guitarist Craig Roberts and bassist Chris Hall, Sink has a heavy, progressive rock sound, while Gray's vocals resemble Ozzy Osbourne.

The band has been together for nearly two years and formed almost by chance. Bell and Roberts saw an ad by Gray in a local music shop and gave him a call. From there the foundation was laid and the wheels started turning. Other musicians have come and gone, but Sink has now found a formula that works.

The band usually travels between Lexington and Richmond to perform and can sometimes be seen at Millennium, Sink has found it hard to attract an avid following because many of the local clubs are only interested in bands who primarily play covers.

However, for local fans of original music help is on the way. An all ages club is expected to open soon in Lexington and Sink is set to be on the bill. This would be a welcome attraction to high school and younger university students who can't see other acts because the local bars are 21 and over.

Sink welcomes this youthful audience and encourages their energy and appreciation for original music.

The band has recently recorded an EP entitled *The Principle of Duality* and it will be available at New Age Gifts off of Southport and on Sink's website at [www.iglow.com/sink](http://www.iglow.com/sink) for under five dollars. There will even be MP3's of certain songs that can be downloaded off of the site.

It is almost troubling how a band so talented can hide under a veil of obscurity. The four songs on the CD are all amazing, both musically and lyrically. With this EP, Sink seeks to escape the pigeonhole where original artists often exist.

As is the case with many local bands Sink is short on promotion, not potential.



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Sink's new EP *The Principle of Duality* is available both at New Age Gifts, as well as on their website.

# Fugitive with a twist of Judd

Tommy Lee Jones is once again hunting down the wrongfully accused

By Max Sturgeon  
STAFF CRITIC

Paramount Studios on a warm sunny day about a year ago. "They, nobody's made one of those *Fugitive* movies in a couple of years, let's do that. They always make money and Tommy Lee Jones doesn't seem to mind playing the same part over and over. Let's see, what wrongfully accused person could we get him to chase this time? How about Ashley Judd?"

Yeah, that's right, this is another one of those "plug a few popular actors into a worn out formula" movies.

*Double Jeopardy* starts off by showing Elizabeth Parsons (Judd) in her perfect home, with her perfect family, living a perfect life.

Things take a turn for the worse when Elizabeth is out sailing with her husband Nick (Bruce Greenwood). Waking up

to find him missing and blood everywhere, she then proceeds to break the number one rule of a murder scene: When you see the murder weapon laying on the ground, don't pick it up!

Elizabeth is charged with her husband's murder and sent to prison, only to find out while inside that her husband is not only still alive, but is living off his own two million dollar life insurance policy with Elizabeth's best friend and her son.

Six years later Elizabeth is paroled and the rest of the movie has her chasing down her undead husband, while Deputy Garrard, uh, I mean parole officer Lehman (Tommy Lee Jones) tries to track her down. The ending of the movie, like the rest of the film, is predictable and formulated.

All the critics who keep saying that Judd is the next great actress just looking for the right role need to lay off the drugs.



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UK alumnus Ashley Judd goes for revenge in the No. 1-box office thriller *Double Jeopardy*.

Jones and director Bruce Beresford are talented but seem to be just going through the motions on this one.

If you're thinking about seeing this movie, I suggest you spend your time more productively by sleeping.

Grade: D

# Characters can't save story

In spite of well-crafted characters, story fails to live up to it's potential

By Matt Mulcahey  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In the movies, small town life is always depicted in extremes: either it's picturesque and perfect like in *Pleasantville*, or dark and disturbing behind the facade of tranquility, like in David Lynch's *Blue Velvet*. *Mumford* falls into the first category.

Mumford is the kind of town where milkmen still make deliveries and everyone is on a first name basis. As in any town, the people in this tightly knit community have problems. Nothing too deviant, most of them are just a little lonely and need someone to listen to their problems.

Enter psychiatrist Dr. Mumford (Loren Dean) and his unique blend of brutal

honesty and quiet compassion. The only problem is, he's not really a psychiatrist.

Writer/director Lawrence Kasdan, as with all his best films (*The Big Chill*, *Silverado*, and *Grand Canyon*), has put great care and detail into his characters. An eclectic supporting cast brings his collection of small-town eccentrics to vivid life.

Among these characters are a love-lorn diner owner (Alfred Woodard), a computer genius who would rather toss baseball than run his million dollar software empire (Jason Lee, finally delivering in a movie not directed by Kevin Smith), and the local pharmacist with a penchant for explicit sex fantasies (Pruitt Taylor Vince).

If Kasdan had put as much thought and care into the plot devices as he had his characters, *Mumford* would've been the great movie both characters and cast deserved.

Sadly, Kasdan steers the action in some fatal directions. Worst of all is the sordid past he gives Loren Dean, complete with grainy flashbacks. Given Dean's current demeanor, his secret past seems unbelievable and Kasdan's device in revealing Dean's fraud is also particularly gimmicky.

After crafting such wonderfully interesting characters, Kasdan just can't seem to figure out what to do with them. It's a shame, because his ode to the therapeutic value of friendship, love, and listening could've been so much more.

Grade: C+

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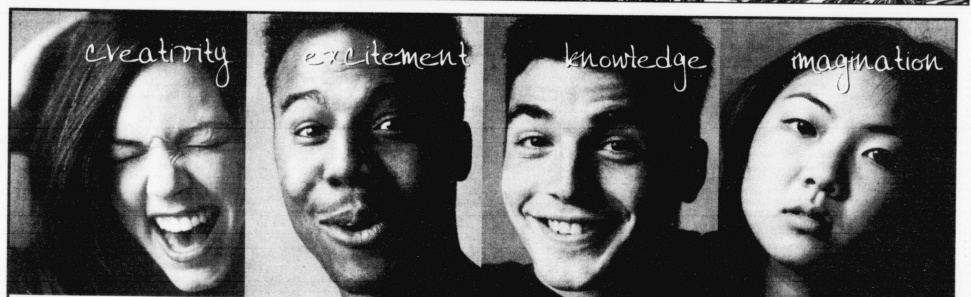
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