



WEATHER Snow ending this morning, high near 35. Cold tonight, low of 20. Warming up tomorrow, high near 40.

TOP BRASS The 'Dream Team' of brass, Summit Brass, takes the Singletary stage tomorrow night. See Diversions, page 2.



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iN Editor's note: Due to snow and a limited staff, the Kernel is six pages. The Kernel Entertainment Guide will return Thursday.

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SNOW SHOW Terry Del Bosco, a health administration graduate student, (above) and marketing senior Amanda Robaly played in the snow yesterday. The more than a foot of snow that fell on Central Kentucky kept many students entertained. Those who could make it to campus despite the weather found many classes canceled or scarcely attended.

All-night sessions open UK

By Mat Herron
News Editor

All it takes is an all-nighter to keep the University from canceling another day of class.

Physical Plant crews staggered shifts all through the night to clear streets, walkways and quadrangles, and continued working through the afternoon as students and professors slowly returned to campus.

If you had class after 9 a.m.

The University announced on its information line, its web page and all television and radio news stations that classes were delayed one hour to give students more time to make it to Central Campus, said Ben Carr, assistant to the president for Administrative Affairs.

"One of the things we considered was the Urban County Government was coming in at 10 a.m., and other businesses coming in at 8 a.m.," Carr said.

Carr, Lt. Henry Huff of Lexington Police, Jack Applegate from Physical Plant Division and Patrick Cass from UK Parking and Transportation Services all met at 5:30 yesterday morning in the Old Board Room of the Administration Building to decide.

Administrators waited until the morning is the best way because they know all the facts, said Lloyd Axelrod, director of UK Public Relations.

The decision to resume class "was made purely in the interest of common sense, good logic and safety," Axelrod said. "It's about what's right... anytime you have a situation where you have inclement weather that could affect the operations of the University."

City crews cleared the busy thoroughfares, such as Nicholasville, Tates Creek and New Circle roads, but on the side streets where many students live, including Park and Columbia avenues and Aylesford Place, rows of cars and trucks lay buried under mountains of snow, preventing some students from getting to campus until late in the afternoon.

The public works division of the Urban County Government ranks roads as priority one through four, one being the highest, Carr said.

The city is using as many as 23 trucks to salt and plow the streets around Lexington and those close to campus, among them Limestone, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rose streets, said Bax McClure, administrative officer in public works.

"We try to prioritize the streets that have the most traffic on them," McClure said.

But Aylesford, Columbia and Park Avenue are not on the department's priority list to be plowed.

Transylvania University, located less than a mile from the UK campus on Broadway, didn't wait until dawn to call off Thursday classes. Administrators made the announcement at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.

When making its decision, the administration talks to the dean, who in turn consults with the six academic chairs and the other admissions chairs.

"There's a good deal of consulting and conversation that occurs before we make a decision," said Charles L. Shearer, president of the university, who pointed out this is the first time in his 15 years as president that the school has closed for two days straight.

"Physical Plant and Food Services workers still show up," Shearer said, but "while the main arteries are clear the residential areas are still difficult to move around in or gain access to."

Compared with UK's resources, though, Transylvania is operating at half-speed. With only one plow strapped onto a truck, the university must contract out with other companies.

While Axelrod said the issue of keeping the University open has nothing to do with money, Arts and Sciences Dean Don Sands said UK does suffer some financial strain when classes are canceled because they still must pay regular employees, and pay extra to those who work overtime.

As far as he knew, most professors showed up today for class, but those who didn't are not in danger of drastic consequences.

"We don't penalize professors unless they're not doing their jobs," Sands said.

Students question UK snow decisions

SGA president to meet with officials on lack of input

By Aaron Sanderford
Campus Editor

This University is a machine. Some of its parts never stop. There is the Chandler Medical Center that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are UK's 19 residence halls that only close for University holidays.

And there is Food Services that must cater to campus residents rain or shine.

UK never closes, said Ben Carr, assistant to the president for Administrative Affairs. Rain, sleet or snow, UK is sure to go.

For some students, like natural resource conservation senior Leslie Schutte, that persistence was more than a hassle. It was downright dangerous.

"When the city is in a state of emergency, and most of the state is as well, we are still held accountable for coming to class," Schutte said. "I couldn't even get out of my driveway, so I had to get my boyfriend to miss work and pick me up in his four-wheel drive. We could have had a wreck."

To make matters worse, Schutte was greeted with a rude realization when she finally got to campus. Too late to make her early class, she found the others were canceled.

"It makes me so mad," she said. "I had to make prior arrangements, and it was all for nothing. All of this could have been avoided if UK would have just called off class. What was that risk for?"

Electrical engineering graduate

student John Kolachina said several of his classes were canceled by professors as well.

When faced with class cancellations, Carr shrugged his shoulders and said that he heard of a lot of cancellations. He estimated about 50 percent attendance from both students and professors but said he had no numbers to go on.

"Professors are facing the same situation as a lot of students," he said. "You have to make your own decision on whether or not you can make it (to class)."

Some professors did make it to class. Associate history professor Eric Christianson said if UK holds class, professors will make every effort to get there. He had to leave 30 minutes earlier than normal, and he lives within two miles of campus.

His morning class was about two-thirds full, but he said the History 107 class is freshman-heavy. Many undergrads live on campus.

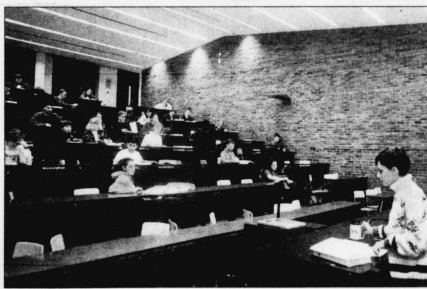
Christianson said he understood some people not being able to make it. "A lot of people can't get off the side streets onto the plowed streets," he said. "Unless they have a four-wheel drive vehicle, those people aren't going to have much success."

But just living on campus doesn't eliminate risk. Freshman Allison Herndon lives at Blanding III, and she almost fell going to class yesterday morning.

"I slid on some ice by K-Lair," she said. "When they say it's not safe to even get out and drive, how can they have class?"

Herndon was more irate about what occurred on Wednesday when classes weren't canceled by UK's own 6 a.m. deadline; they were called off at 10 a.m.

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Icy campus keeps disabled students out of their classes

By Jessica Coy
and Joe Dobner
Staff Writers

Eleven inches of snow makes getting around campus hard for everyone—especially students who have to use wheelchairs to reach classes, cafeterias and parking lots.

"The primary problem for a wheelchair is the same as that for a vehicle. You don't have much traction, and you risk turning over or getting stuck," said Pam Hancock, a disability advocate and special education senior.

"Unlike being in a car, you're exposed to the weather," she said.

See **DISABLED** on BACK PAGE

UK professors studying womens' multiple roles in society

By Kristin Henley
Staff Writer

Who cooks dinner? Who washes the clothes? Who pays the bills? Who takes the children to school when they miss the bus?

Marriage roles in society are becoming more equal and less gender-based.

"You need to do what works best in the situation," said Darla Botkin, associate professor of family studies.

For three and a half decades, professors have conducted a longitudinal study, or research over time, of student's views of marriage role expectations. The survey measures traditional vs. egalitarian expectations. Botkin joined O'Neal Weeks in the 1984 study and has administered it since then.

Jesse Ringo coordinated the first survey of "Changing Marriage Role Expectations: 1961-1996" in 1961. It has run in 1972, 1978, 1984, 1990 and 1996. Botkin plans to have another in 2002.

Ringo administered the survey to her introductory marriage and family classes to better understand students' expectations. From those respondents, 50.1 percent of the 72 respondents said they believed a marriage should be egalitarian. In 1996, 89.2 percent agreed.

"Gender is seen less and less as a dictator of what we can and cannot do," Botkin said.

The trend toward an equal relationship seems to be holding up. One factor contributing to this trend is more women are working. Families need or want the extra

income or both partners want careers.

"In marriage, both partners are strong supporters of each other. They should be each other's best critics and champions," said Elisabeth Zinser, chancellor of the Lexington Campus, who was not associated with the study. "You need to put up with the thick and thin and the ups and downs."

At Botkin's family therapy practice, many women admit they want their husbands to take more responsibility.

"Women still do 80-90 percent of the housework if they work outside of the home. Women work about an extra 30 days of 24-hour days a year," Botkin said, quoting Arlie Hachschild's book *The Second Shift*.

In the 1960s, a good providing husband indicated a happy marriage.

Hachschild's book mentions that a happy marriage in the 1990s is happy if it is an equal partnership.

Between the 1984 and 1996 surveys, the number of women expecting an equal marriage dropped 4 percent. Botkin explained that women are realizing they cannot have it all. They are a spouse, a parent, a worker.

"We can document women's changing attitudes toward marriage and changes toward marriage responsibilities," she said.

Botkin admits the sample does not represent the overall population. The sample is limited to only UK students.

"The survey consists of 71 traditional and egalitarian statements about marriage role expectations to which the respondent

expresses the degree of her agreement or disagreement," Botkin said.

A traditional statement reads, "Since doing laundry, cleaning and child care is 'woman's work,' my husband will feel no responsibility for them."

An egalitarian statement reads, "My husband and I will share household tasks according to individual interests and abilities, rather than according to 'man's work' and 'woman's work.'"

Categories in the study include authority, homemaking, child care, personal characteristics, social participation, education and employment and support.

"Marriage is what you make it," said John Earles, a nursing senior. "Both parents should work, but if she or he doesn't, fine."

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'SICK' Says it all

By Dan O'Neill
 Associate Editor

Sickness often acts as a catalyst to bring out the extremes of human emotion. At times nothing can match the horror of living through it, or conversely, the liberation of overcoming it.

The new documentary film *Sick: The Life and Death of Bob Flanagan, Supermasochist* takes viewers on a disturbing ride through both emotional extremes. The horror of watching is often greater than any sickness can evoke, and the liberation of overcoming it (or in this case the achievement of making it to the closing credits) compares to conquering the most heinous of illnesses.

The film, as its title suggests, depicts the life of writer and performance artist Bob Flanagan and his deadly bout with cystic fibrosis. When principle shooting ended two years ago, Flanagan, before dying at age 42, stood as one of the world's longest survivors of the disease.

He attributes much of his longevity to masochism or in his words, "In a never-ending battle not just to survive but to subdue my stubborn disease, I've learned to fight sickness with sickness."

Much to the displeasure of viewers, the film indulges both of these sicknesses with an unflinching eye. One scene he'll struggle to breathe, consistently coughing

up thick, green mucous, and in the next he'll partake in a brand of violent self-mutilation that will haunt men forever.

The film compiles most of its material from video footage of Bob's 15-year long performance career along with several interviews and private footage taped by his dominatrix partner Sherri Rose. If fun can be found, it comes from Bob's wry sense of humor and bizarre slant on what constitutes art. But that fun represents a few rays of light in an otherwise abyss of dark, at times, unbearable barrage of images.

In what stands as the most disturbing scene in recent cinema, a closeup shot watches intently as Bob hammers a four-inch nail through the tip of his penis, into a board. Not satisfied with the effect, the camera remains focused for a few minutes until we see Bob's hand enter the frame with the hammer reversed, poised to remove the nail.

Those who stay to watch will find the camera switch to a floor-level shot looking up as the blood from Bob's beleaguered penis splatters on the lens. And it's all done in the name of art, or perhaps even more disturbing, pleasure.

When their pleasure, however, becomes the source of audience



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LOVE HURTS Sherri Rose is the eccentric dominatrix to Bob Flanagan, a masochist who suffers from cystic fibrosis, in the film 'Sick.'

aversion the characters become extremely difficult to enjoy. Specifically, it's hard to develop pathos for Sherri or Bob when she's showing silver balls the size of grapefruits up his ass.

No one will question Bob's life as an interesting documentary subject, but the film ultimately fails to go beyond the twisted novelty of it. Longtime Flanagan friend and Los Angeles filmmaker Kirby Dick handles the direction with a relative inability to explore the deeper issues of the psycholo-

gy behind his behavioral extremes. Interviews with Bob's parents attempt to explain his behavior as a rebellion against God, a way to control at least one aspect of his body. But in the end, Bob's underdeveloped personality makes his insurgent way of fighting seem more ridiculous than honorably rebellious.

On the bare surface *Sick* is a film about a masochist, but underneath it reveals itself as an extraordinary piece more for the masochist.

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Brass ensemble comes to Lexington

By Alexander L. Binggang
 Staff Writer

The Singletary Center for the Arts comes alive tomorrow the nation's premier large brass ensemble, Summit Brass, brings its thrilling program to the Concert Hall at 8 p.m.

Often referred to as the "Dream Team" of brass, the group's roster includes instrumentalists from major orchestras such as the St. Louis and Chicago symphonies. Others hail from prominent music schools like those from Indiana and Michigan universities.

With members from all over the country, Summit Brass manages to squeeze in three weeks of touring each year. Lexington is one of six tour dates in February.

"Given its limited touring schedule, the Summit Brass is in constant high demand," said Holly Salisbury, director of the Singletary Center for the Arts.

"Its usual stops include the Lincoln Center and the Hollywood Bowl. We are so fortunate to have this chance to bring this truly remarkable ensemble of America's best brass performers to Lexington," Salisbury said.

"Fireworks for Brass," the subtitle for the Lexington concert, aptly describes the opening number — "Overture to the Royal Fireworks Music," by Handel.

Also on the program are Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," Baroque music by various German composers, an "Untitled" jazz



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BRASS OFF Summit Brass will bring its unique brass sound to the UK Singletary Center tomorrow.

composition, and "Animal Ditties," a musical collection of humorous caricatures on animals and insects by the group's own Anthony Plog.

Since 1986 Summit Brass has spent the summer months rehearsing in Colorado — hence its mountain name.

Education is also an important part of their summer agenda. This June, Summit Brass will be in Cincinnati to host the Rafael Mendez Brass Institute, a two-week workshop for

promising brass students.

Concert-goers can learn more about the music and the artists before the Saturday event. UK trumpet professor Terry Everson will present a pre-concert lecture beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the Singletary Center's Recital Hall.

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Young Cats rated highly

By Rob Herbst and Jay G. Tate
Sports Editors

It was only a week ago when some UK football fans were questioning the recruiting ability of Hal Mumme and Co.

Julius Yeast spurned UK for Ohio State. Bernard Jackson went to Tennessee.



Mumme

But when Mumme grabbed *Sports Illustrated's* Player of the Year Dennis Johnson, it catapulted the Cats' recruiting effort into overdrive.

After Johnson chose Big Blue over Notre Dame on Wednesday, UK's overall recruiting effort was tabbed as the nation's 16th best, according to *PrepStar Magazine*.

"We had a great class going and Dennis is like a crown to it," Mumme said at a news conference yesterday. "Obviously he is someone we can rebuild our defense around."

In all, Mumme signed 29 players. "I think it's a good class and we're excited about them," he said.

"When they came on campus for their visits, you could look in their eyes and see they share the same vision we do for the University of Kentucky and that's winning a (Southeastern Conference) championship."

Along from Johnson, the Wildcats signed Bobby Blizzard, a highly-touted tight end from Hampton, Va., Blizzard caught 30 passes for 621 yards and seven touchdowns as a high school senior.

Recruit	Position	Height	Weight	High School
Dougie Allen	WR	5-10	162	P. L. Dunbar, Lexington
Mike Beirne	WR	6-3	205	The Woodlands (Texas)
Bobby Blizzard	TE	6-7	240	Hampton (Va.) HS
Matt Burke	OL	6-6	275	Schamburg (Ill.) HS
Chris Demaree	DE	6-4	220	Louisville Male HS
Tramaine Gaines	OL	6-4	290	Lake Mary (Fla.)
Edgar Gantt	WR	6-3	200	Rancocas Valley (N.J.)
Kevin Gregory	DE	6-5	250	John Abbott College (Ontario)
Richard Hardin	DE	6-6	240	Louisville Male HS
Chase Harp	QB	6-3	210	Danville (Ky.) HS
Vincent Harrison	DB	5-11	185	Princeton HS, Cincinnati
David Johnson	DB	6-0	185	Princess Anne HS
Dennis Johnson	DE/LB	6-7	257	Harrodsburg (Ky.) HS
Martez Johnson	RB	5-10	175	DePorres HS, Detroit, Mich.
Anthony Kelly	DB	5-11	183	Graceville HS (Fla.)
Morris Lane	DB	6-2	200	Lowndes HS, Valdosta, Ga.
C.J. Lofton	WR	6-1	190	Lowndes HS, Valdosta, Ga.
Danay Mickens	LB	6-2	205	Copperas Cove (Texas) HS
Artose Pinner	RB/WR	5-11	197	Hopkinsville (Ky.) HS
Ronnie Riley	LB	6-2	206	Judson HS, San Antonio
John Robinson	DT	6-4	260	Buckeye Trail HS (Ohio)
Matt Schneider	LB	6-3	215	Moeller HS, Cincinnati
Kendrick Shanklin	WR	5-9	170	Catholic HS, Baton Rouge, La.
Moned Sneed	DB	6-1	185	Elysian Fields (Texas) HS
Terril Starks	DB	6-0	185	Mayfield (Ky.) HS
Anthony Wajda	SB	6-4	185	Trinity HS, Louisville
Maurice Wells	DE	6-3	220	Huguenot HS, Richmond, Va.
Pat Wells	DE	6-3	250	Western Hills HS, Frankfort
Jamal White	LB	6-3	215	Colerain HS, Cincinnati

Blizzard was named honorable mention All-America by USA Today. He chose UK over North Carolina.

Including Blizzard, the Cats signed a total of six receivers — inking Dougie Allen, C.J. Lofton, Kendrick Shanklin, Edgar Gantt and Mike Beirne.

"The guy I thought was the real sleeper in the group and look forward to see him perform is Dougie Allen," Mumme said about the wide receiver from Lexington's Dunbar High School.

One change UK fans can expect will come in the backfield,

where Mumme plans to move running back Anthony White to wide receiver to accommodate younger talent.

Running backs Artose Pinner from Hopkinsville and Martez Johnson will back up Derek Homer at halfback. Pinner rushed for 3,274 yards and 33 touchdowns in his senior season.

Johnson said he picked UK because of a positive attitude he says pervades the Cats' program.

"The energy — I see it in everybody's eyes," Johnson said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Cats get outworked but escape with win

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — It's been four years since UK has lost back-to-back games, six years since the eighth-ranked Wildcats have dropped consecutive games to conference teams.

UK held on to those distinctions Wednesday night by holding off a scrappy, outmanned LSU, despite not making a basket in the final 2:37 of the game.

"They really outworked us and outbounced us," UK coach Tubby Smith said after the 63-61 victory. "The intensity of their offensive play makes them tough. They make you beat them from the outside and they refuse to give up."

Wayne Turner scored the Wildcats' final points with a little more than two-and-a-half minutes to play.

"I thought we had the game under control in the last minutes, but as it turned out, we were just able to hang on," Smith said.

Turner's field goal gave UK (20-3, 9-1 Southeastern Conference) a 63-56 lead. Reggie Tucker made two free throws with 2:23 left to bring LSU (9-11, 2-8) within five points.

Maurice Carter's three-pointer with 1:06 left brought LSU

within 63-61 and the Tigers had a chance at tying the game, but Carter's shot bounced off the rim as time expired.

"We didn't make some key free throws in the second half, that was the key," Carter said. "But I still felt like we could win it. I thought that last basket was going in."

The Wildcats, which reached the 20-victory plateau for the 43rd season, missed its final three shots from the field after Turner's final basket.

"They really got in our face, we missed a lot of shots because they were always on us," said UK guard Cameron Mills.

LSU, which outshot UK 45 percent to 38 percent, has not beaten the Wildcats since 1992, a stretch of seven games.

"Our team couldn't have played any better against the eighth-ranked team in the country," LSU coach John Brady said. "They had nine guys who played double-figure minutes. We don't have that luxury. We had six guys that played most of the game."

The 63 points for the Wildcats matched its lowest total of the season. The Wildcats beat Vanderbilt 63-61. UK made just 23 of 60 from the field, five of 20

from three-point range. Jeff Sheppard led all Kentucky scorers with 12 points, while Turner and Scott Padgett each had 11.

The Wildcats turned up the defensive pressure in the second half, leaning into the Tigers, arms extended, hands reaching in, around and over. The effort was immediately noticeable.

LSU scored only five points in the first five minutes of the second half and three of those were foul shots.

UK had taken its first lead of the game at 36-34 on Sheppard's rebound and dunk after a steal before LSU made its second basket of the half. The Wildcats stretched it to 43-36 with 13:30 remaining as Allen Edwards and Mills hit consecutive three-pointers.

The Tigers refused to go down quietly, though, coming back to take a 49-47 lead at 8:46 as Anderson followed up two free throws with a three-pointer, cutting the lead to 59-56 with 3:55 left.

"If we could have just made some of those free throws down the stretch, everything would have been different," Anderson said.

UK earns SEC win on road

Staff report

AUBURN, Ala. — Tiffany Wait and Jave Barnes scored 12 points each Wednesday night to lead the Wildcats to a 53-48 win over Auburn.

Wait and Kim Denkins each hit two free throws to give the Wildcats (10-12, 3-7 Southeastern Conference) a 51-48 lead with 16 seconds remaining. Barnes hit a layup to ice the game.

Tiffany Krantz missed a three-pointer that could have tied the game with nine seconds left to play.

Consweila Sparrow was 7-of-

12 to lead Auburn (14-7, 3-7) in scoring with 19 points, including 10 in the second half.

Denkins added 10 points for the Wildcats.

Trailing 30-16 at halftime, Auburn used a 28-12 run to take a 45-44 lead with 3:42 remaining, but fell behind to a 9-3 run by the Wildcats.

The Wildcats shot 54 percent in the first half and held Auburn to 19 percent. In the second half, UK attempted to match Auburn's futility by shooting only 28 percent from the field. Overall, the Wildcats shot 42 percent from the field

compared to Auburn's 34 percent.

Despite having an advantage from the perimeter, the Tigers dominated the boards, outbounced the Wildcats, 39-22.

It was the second win for the Wildcats over Auburn this season. In the SEC opener at Memorial Coliseum on Dec. 14, UK pulled out a 60-59 win.

Wednesday's win ended a five-game losing streak for the Wildcats.

The Cats returns to conference play with a home date against South Carolina on Sunday at 2 p.m.

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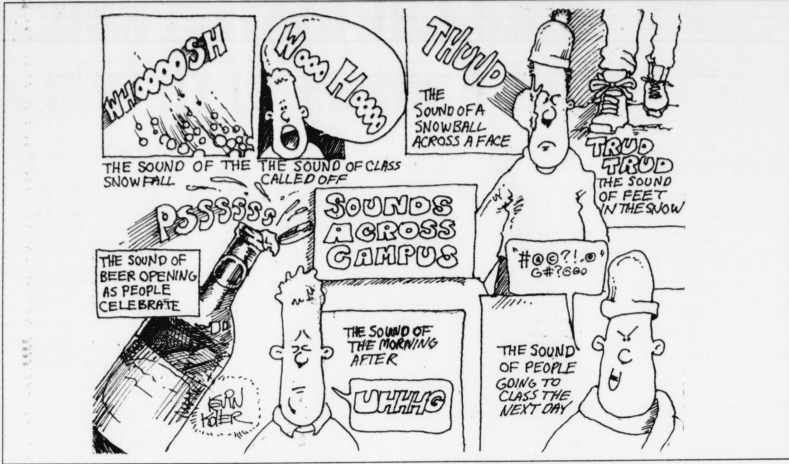
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ViewPOINT



Snowbound?

President Wethington knew it, we knew it and Wethington knew we knew it! Does that matter? Hell no!

There is no doubt that Wethington and his advisers knew that UK would be a campus populated primarily by snowmen yesterday, but that was apparently irrelevant to the powers in three-piece suits.

Damn common sense, damn safety, damn students and faculty. Wethington's University of Kentucky — the guiding light of the Bluegrass State — must remain open at all costs.

That is what he suggested in 1994 when classes were also canceled for one day despite pleas from students, faculty and other officials to remain closed for a second day.

Ya know, a bright person would have learned his lesson the first time, perhaps the light bulb is getting dim in these frigid times.

Yesterday's quiet desolation only confirmed what we all knew Wednesday night: Students and faculty would not accept the administration's decision to re-open Thursday. A quick trip through the Classroom Building yesterday found more than 40

flyers posted around doorways announcing class cancellations.

A lot of good that does the students who spent two hours shoveling their drives — a hazardous activity itself — and sliding through untamed secondary roads to reach classes that UK implied would be in session.

Of course, Wethington knew that would happen and he allowed the university to re-open anyway. Now we realize that UK may have a dozen of the finest accountants warning the Administration that the financial foundation of the university will crumble if students are not in class, but money should take a back seat to safety and good old common sense.

Wethington knew what would happen and he let it! No, he insisted that it happen! Now he might be able to say that so and so person advised this or that, but ultimately it comes down to one man and that is our president. It is up to him to take ultimate responsibility for his students and *be* let us down.

Oh, did we mention the 10 a.m. class cancellation fiasco on Wednesday? But why bother, no one seems to be listening.

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Slowly but surely UK Law is tackling building aesthetics

To the editor:

Thank you for your Feb. 2 editorial about the ambience of the building that houses the UK College of Law. This building is much older than most UK students as well as a few members of the law school faculty. It was constructed in 1965, and there was an addition in the late 1970s. Even though our halls, classrooms and law library have a unique feel due in part to our use of bells to mark the beginning and end of classes, our students enjoy their three years here and receive a top-notch legal education.

I wish you had asked me to give you a tour of the building before you published your editorial. I would have shown you the old inoleum and the stained ceiling tiles as well as the renovations

we have made in the last five years.

Thanks to generous gifts from the College's alumni and friends, we refurbished the entire courtroom in 1994, the lobby outside the courtroom was redecorated in 1995, the lobby of the library was redone in 1993, we remodeled our alumni study room on the library's ground floor in 1995, the "dirty lounge" was refurbished by our Student Bar Association in 1996, and the administrative suite was fixed up last summer.

I did not get new furniture but after 33 years, it was time for new carpet in my office. The orange carpet in the library should be next, but that will be quite expensive. The old class photos will stay. Our alumni like them very much.

Your editorial suggested I should be asking law firms to help make our building more attractive. The firms you mentioned already make very generous annual gifts to the College of Law. For example, Stoll, Keenan & Park funds four scholarships,

and Stites & Harbison is endowing a professorship. Thanks to private support from law firms, corporations, foundations and individual alumni, over 30 percent of UK Law students receive scholarship assistance, and well over half of law school's faculty hold endowed professorships. My hunch is that most units on this campus are envious of those numbers.

I would like to raise more money for bricks and mortar, but real excellence in a law school depends on having outstanding students challenged in all of their classes by an outstanding faculty. For many years the priorities at the UK College of Law have been supporting our wonderful students and recruiting and retaining great professors. At the same time, we would love to have a new building. Tennessee's new law school was built for \$22.5 million. How about writing a nice check payable to the UK College of Law?

David E. Shipley
College of Law Dean

C'mon trust me, you may have won \$10 million

And just forget the fine print, it's meaningless drivel

Isaw the following quote in a news story this past Tuesday: "They are masters, cunning people, brilliant people that know how to present the positive so compellingly that the downside is lost in the promotion."

Initially, Bill, Al and the Democratic Party's Fundraising Committee came to mind. But it wasn't them — *this time*.

Then I thought of Bill's good friend Monica and her lawyer buddies. Nope, not them either.

How about that other Bill, you know, the Bill that really runs this country: Bill Gates? He's sooo evil he includes Microsoft Internet Explorer in all the Windows programs his company sells. Bad, bad man.

Well, the quote wasn't about Gates either. So I guess that eliminates most of the people whom the media has recently labeled as manipulative, little twirps. Turns out the quote was describing — get ready for this one — Dick Clark and Ed McMahon.

Yep, the same Dick Clark of "American Bandstand" fame that has been cool since bell bottoms came in, went out, and came back in again. Yep, same Ed McMahon that NBC paid big bucks all those years for sitting harmlessly on the "Tonight Show" and guffawing at everything Johnny Carson said.

Nah, not Dick and Ed ... can't be. Say it ain't so. Dick and Ed are practically American icons. Dick's got perfect hair, and Ed just plain doesn't seem brilliant. Plus their smiles are too genuinely cheesy to be cunning.

postal system, so he personally delivered the winning ticket to the Prize Award Headquarters in Tampa. When he arrived, guards barred him from entering while employees allegedly made fun of him.

Now I respect the elderly and all, but I might have also had a laugh at Lusk's expense. Laugh at my own 78-year-old grandfather, and he laughs too, about the time when he thought he won the Indiana Lotto.

His numbers matched the ones on TV, so he grabs my grandmother, told her to zip her lip — which is tough for her — and immediately drove 40 miles to the collection center.

Unfortunately for him, his secret recognition mission was a bust. His ticket was for the coming week and upon it were also printed the winning numbers for the past week, the same ones he saw on TV.

"Money will make you do crazy things boy," grandpa told me. Yes, money will make you do crazy things ... and more than once. Just ask Richard Lusk. Twice within four months Richard Lusk jetted from California to Florida to pick up his winnings.

You'd think he'd have figured after the first time. You'd think his family would have figured too. But then again, Lusk's 63-year-old son said Bill, Dick and Ed are indeed "masters, cunning people, brilliant people."

No, I think not Bill. Rather, I think you are ill-masterful, anti-cunning, and dis-brilliant. By that I mean, sir, that you are dumb, d-u-m-b. I can see how you might have been misled once, but how could you let your father fly all the way to Florida twice?

How could you not know how sweepstakes work? How could you not understand (twice) that you must read the type that says, "If you have the winning number, then we'll say ..."? But as a sad reflection on American intelligence, the fact remains that tricky Dick and Ed have duped so many people (20) with this sweepstakes caper that Shaggy, Scooby and the gang couldn't figure it out.

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Yes, Mr. Lusk thinks that Dick, Ed and American Family Publishers tricked his 88-year-old father, Richard, into flying to Florida from California.

All Richard Lusk wanted to do was pick up his cash, you can't really blame the guy. After all, Dick, Ed and friends at American Family Publishers Sweepstakes sent him a letter that read "Richard Lusk, final results are in and they're official: You're our newest \$11 million winner." Funny, but I got a letter that said Jeff Zurcher was the latest winner.

That letter is still buried somewhere on my bedroom floor, helping cut energy costs by better insulating my apartment.

Most of the other million people who got the same letter are also putting it to practical use as: table coasters, dog toys, and emergency toilet paper. But Richard Lusk took it upon himself to go the extra 3,000 miles.

Lusk didn't trust our fine (though sometimes disgruntled) sweepstakes caper that Shaggy, Scooby and the gang couldn't figure it out.

Therefore, the state of Florida filed a civil suit stating that American Family Publishers had clearly stepped over the line from advertising hype to unlawful deception.

Sure.

Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth (no relation to Mrs. Butterworth) wants \$15,000 for every sweepstakes entry Dick and Ed mailed to Florida residents.

Ouch. Better call Bill Gates. I don't know which is worse — smokers suing tobacco companies or Florida suing the sweepstakes people.

Some people just don't think.

Kernel Columnist Jeff Zurcher is an English and advertising senior.

Death takes on new meaning when it's close to home

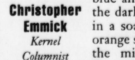
The last couple of weeks I haven't written those snide remarks and witty antiodotes that makes this campus acknowledge my presence. I apologize, but lately a lot of different crap has been running through my mind. To finish out the "Excessively Sentimental Emmick Month," the topic today will be death.

Most of us enjoy watching death displayed in a gory and mysterious settings. The ticket sales from *Stream 2* are testimony to that. Most of us laugh when death is portrayed in a comedic way. Who can't giggle when the mummbling Kenny on "South Park" gets chainsawed in half, microwaved, speared on a flagpole or pecked by fighting turkeys. We all take turns hollering out the fateful cry with glee. "They killed Kenny! You bastards!"

However, death is something I have

never truly dealt with. A long time ago — about fifth grade — my great-grandmother died. Being young and unappreciative, I never knew her. Everybody was looking down on me as though I should start bowing too. So I did, but not one day afterward did I feel any real sorrow.

In fact I never really had to think about death until this past Christmas break. I was taking my mom back home when flashes of blue and red lights bounded off the dark hovering clouds. A guy in a soaked yellow rain suit and orange safety vest was standing in the middle of the road and flagged us down. I rolled down the window and saw his face —



Christopher Emmick
Kernel Columnist

the most morbid thing I have ever seen in my lifetime. His eyes appeared totally lifeless as if staring into the gaze of a marble statue. His face dripped only of one

expression: Pure grief. His scratchy voice faltered as he spoke: "You're ... you're going to have to go another way."

"It must be pretty bad up there," I said, indicating the direction of all the emergency vehicles.

There was nary a change in the arch of his eyebrows, nor the contours of his mouth or the lifelessness of his eyes as he replied, "Yeah."

As we drove away I pushed the feelings of doom aside, but later that week, I went back to my temporary winter job at the plant and there I was told the nature of the accident I stumbled upon.

It seems that a younger Western Kentucky University student worked in the very same building as I but on a different shift and was called at the last minute to work overtime. As he was driving west down the highway, another car with two other people was heading east. The other car crossed the center line and hit the co-

worker head on. All three died.

The guys who worked on his shift were in shock. Not three or more days before they were cutting up with him in the break room. And now he was gone. I have worked with his father previously, and on asking about the status of this now child-deprived father and family, I was told, "they were doing as well as could be expected."

Just last weekend a friend of mine lost her mother. Friends and I traveled to her hometown on Monday to see our grieving friend. After an uncomfortable attendance at the visitation, we conferred in the car on the way home. Everybody crammed into my Camaro said that our friend, "was doing as well as could be expected."

I wish I was doing as well as could be expected. Every time I think of these past two events I get this pit of despair aching deeper in my chest. Currently I am

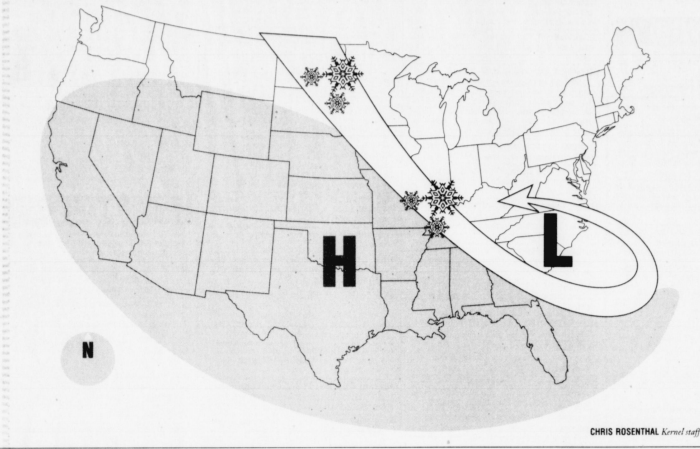
watching the health slip away from many special people in my life. It hurts because I can't do a damn thing about it. For the first time in my life I am realizing the fragility of life and it's scary. I can't believe that it took me 21 years to realize what Don Henley meant when he sang, "better take a fool's advice, and hold on to your own/One day your here, next day you're gone."

So now I'm holding on to life. Clinging desperately is a better definition. No longer do I wish to waste the day doing nothing. I want to spend time with the ones I care for before they are eventually taken. I want to cherish these few precious moments that were given to me and you here on Earth. And I hope that you cherish them too, because they are the only moments we have.

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Mapping out weather trends in Central Kentucky

An area of high pressure over the Midwest caused the front carrying the snow to stall over Central Kentucky. It later moved out to the Atlantic Ocean, then hit a low pressure system over the Atlantic and bounced back causing more snow.



CHRIS ROSENTHAL, Kernel staff

Disabled

Campus not safe for students in wheelchairs

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lots, but we had to make sure it was safe first," Thornton said. But some students don't believe it's safe.

"I think (UK) is endangering the lives of most of its students," Hancock said.

"The buses shouldn't even be running. In order to clear the roads, they've blocked everyone's car in with snow," Hancock added.

"I think that UK should be closed under severe circumstances, I think that 11 inches of snow qualifies as severe," said Chris Bederka, a social work junior and a member of the Disabled Student Concerns Committee for the Student Government Association.

The shuttle buses have been up and running since 8:30 yesterday morning, and walkways have been sufficiently cleared. But patches of snow and ice make it dangerous for students in wheelchairs to get around campus.

"For those of us in wheelchairs, you hit a patch of ice and you're

on your ass," Bederka said.

"It was good that school was closed yesterday," he said. "There weren't any disabled students that I know who could have made it, but they were smart enough not to try."

UK officials understand the dangers for students in wheelchairs and are telling them to stay indoors as much as they can.

"We are warning students that although roads and sidewalks are clear there are bad places along the way," said Jake Karnes, head of the Disability Resource Center.

"Students in wheelchairs are being advised that unless they absolutely have to go to class, they should stay home, relax and get some studying done," Karnes said.

If no more snow accumulates over night, and if it doesn't freeze, disabled students should be able to make it to classes safely today, Karnes said.

Residence halls like Holmes Hall, which houses several handicapped students, are making it a top priority to clear handicap entrances, exits and the paths to cafeterias.

"We have requested the grounds crew to keep the sidewalk clear between Holmes Hall and Blazer Cafeteria," said Kurt Welsh, assistant hall director at Holmes Hall, "and as far as I can tell, they have been doing a great job."

Students

Lack of student input on plan questioned by SGA

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"I had an 8 o'clock (Wednesday), and my teacher didn't show," she said. "Two-thirds of my English class was there, because we had a paper due, and they should have just closed it down."

Student Government Association President Melanie Cruz couldn't agree more.

She said the total disregard for a mandated announcement time was irresponsible and ignored student safety.

No student input was taken, she said. Despite being the official link between the student body and the administration, Cruz was not contacted until this morning, to be told that the administrator who usually decides on snow closures was out of town.

Joe Birch, vice president for University Relations, usually makes the snow decision, but he is out of town for an alumni affairs conference. Cruz was scheduled a meeting with him on Monday afternoon about getting more student input in issues of student safety.

"I think the student perspective is especially necessary when it effects the safety of the entire student body," Cruz said. "It's not only needed, it should be mandated."

School should have been closed yesterday, Cruz said.

"I know it's expensive, but student health is going to be bombarded, and a



CRAIG THOMASON, Kernel contributor

KING OF THE COLD Undeclared junior Will Goodman sits atop a mound of snow on Pennsylvania Court.

lot of students could get hurt just trying to get here," she said. "The worst part of the whole two-day ordeal was waiting until 10 a.m. (Wednesday) to decide to close."

She said a lot of angry students and employees called her with questions she couldn't answer.

Cruz said UK still being open made no sense with Lexington in a state of emergency.

"I live across campus, but I can't even get out of my carport," she said. "Most students weren't prepared for it."

Carr spoke of a similar storm that crippled campus for six weeks in 1978. He said the University had to go on, despite temperatures not getting far above the teens.

"This time is no different, he said.

"We're sorry," he said. "We try to keep this University open."

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