



Watch out for No. 2

Here is the second candidate for rail editor. Let me know what you think at rail_editor@hotmail.com. I don't care if you are Dr. DeSantis or a student taking the semester off, let me know.

The woes of construction

Whether you're a freshman or a seventh-year career student, you have to admit that besides parking and the no alcohol policy, construction on campus is one of the most annoying problems at UK. You find the most efficient way to class that allows you to sleep in an extra two minutes and then one day, without notice, fences from the Rio Grande Fence Company pop up and make you saunter an extra 100 yards to class. However, seeing that it is unhealthy to let your anger build up inside, or so I've been told, here are some ways to release all that retained hostility.

Take advantage of the portable fences and rearrange them to create walkways directly to your classes. For extra fun, if you happen to have hundreds of yards of red carpet, make yourself the guest of honor at every class.

Collect fence sections and construct a massive WWF cage arena. Then dress as your favorite wrestler and entice students and faculty members to "test their skills." I suggest donning an "El Asso Wipo" costume from Fox's Mad TV.

Sneak into the construction area and get your hands on some of their precious jackhammers. Then market a jackhammer rodeo and grand prix race on Seaton Field, or even better, K lot.

After acquiring a fine blue pen and straightedge, proceed on site and make new lines on the building's blueprints.

Pretend for one second that the construction workers are stereotypical and plot to steal some of their tin metal lunch boxes. I'm sure they're filled with large sub sandwiches and thermoses of Campbell's soup. M'm M'm Good!

-Jonathan Ray

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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More rain. When will the raindrops ever stop? At least Spring Break will be here soon.

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THE SAGA OF SGA

SGA senators' proposal postponed

Why you should care: Proposal moves to strike down the amendment that requires presidential and vice presidential candidates have one year experience

By Jay Salyers
STAFF WRITER

A meeting that could have changed the requirements for Student Government Association presidential and vice presidential candidates was postponed Wednesday night.

SGA Senators Steve Shaw and Brian Roth were scheduled to propose a bill that would strike down the constitutional amendment that requires presidential and vice-presidential candidates to have at least one year of experience in SGA.

Shaw, a political science senior and Roth, a finance senior, will know by Tuesday if their proposal

will be heard at the Senate's Wednesday night meeting.

The proposal would have come one week after the SGA Supreme Court denied President Jimmy Glenn and two other student leaders' request to void this amendment and others made to the constitution in the fall.

Jay Varellas, an SGA senator, said he was disappointed that the meeting did not take place.

"These initiatives really need to be looked at," Varellas said.

Shaw, who co-authored the proposal with Roth, wants to run for SGA president this spring. The amendment does not allow Shaw to run because he

has only been a member of SGA since November.

Roth claims the existing clause requiring presidential and vice presidential candidates to have experience in SGA has many gray areas and is unfair.

"The clause excludes 98 percent of the student body," Shaw said. "I'm trying to run for president and as it stands right now I can't run."

But some senators said they think the amendment would bring more experience to SGA.

Sen. Jacquelyn Russell thinks the amendment should not be changed.

Russell, a journalism junior, said other student organizations require their president to be a member of the organization first.

"I think people need the experience before becoming president," Russell said.

"Then, they understand the operations of SGA."

Michael Walker, an SGA Supreme Court Justice

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STAR GAZERS

Looking to the stars for answers

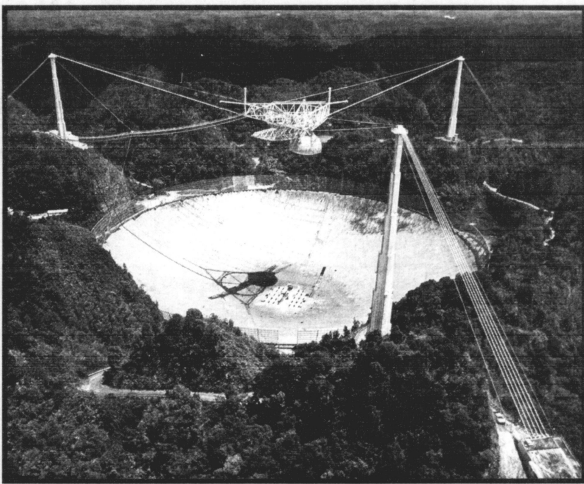


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The wild blue yonder
The Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico is home to one of the largest telescopes in the world. The telescope was featured in the movie, *Contact*. The satellite is 1,000 feet across and its instrument measures 500 feet above it.

In the stars

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light year, a measure of distance trillions of miles in length (how far light travels in a year).

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billion light years, roughly how far it is to the farthest things seen in the universe.

4.5
billion years ago, the Earth's solar system was formed.

Blue moon: UK professors travel to Puerto Rico, Hawaii to do research, work on solving the mysteries of the universe

By Ferran Robinson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

To most people, a winter trip to Puerto Rico or Hawaii is a chance to bask on tropical beaches and forget about the woes of everyday life. To UK astronomy professors Tom Troland and Gary Ferland, it is a rare chance to solve the mysteries of the universe.

Last week Troland got his chance at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico and Ferland atop a volcano in Hawaii, both not only continuing their research of the cosmos, but adding to the fundamental knowledge of human origin.

It was coincidence that the two astronomers were away for research at the same time and both happen to study the same phenomenon, the formation of new stars in the Orion Nebula.

Troland's trip to Puerto Rico was one of many where he uses Arecibo's radio telescope, the largest telescope of any kind in the world.

"It's a tremendously fascinating place to be... it is truly awesome," Troland said of the telescope, which resembles a satellite dish, only it is 1,000 feet across with its instrument suspended 500 feet above it.

The telescope, which has been featured in the films *Contact* and *Goldeneye*, allows

astronomers to study radio waves in space.

Troland said radio astronomy is essential for researching star formation because light cannot penetrate the nebula's giant cloud of gas and dust, although light from neighboring stars makes it glow brilliantly. Star formation itself does not emit light. Troland said, because it is a very cold event.

"When you think of new things in the universe," he said, "you think of billions of years ago, but new stars are being formed all the time."

"The fact that you can look up in the sky and know where these stars came from, how they live their lives and how they're going to die is amazing to me," Troland said.

The Orion Nebula is a hotbed for star formation in the galaxy and at 1,500 light years away it is

See STARS on 2



Troland



Ferland

SPOTLIGHT

Blacks who made their marks on UK history



Numero uno: A look at the individuals who brought diversity, culture to UK's campus

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Leonard Hamilton and Fletcher Carr.

These two men are among the many blacks that made "firsts" on campus and in UK's history books.

Many believe that UK men's basketball coach Orlando "Tubby" Smith was the first black coach with the team in 1997, but Hamilton was the first, over 25 years earlier.

Hired by head coach Joe B. Hall in 1975, Hamilton was an assistant coach with the team for the following 12 seasons. After his stint at UK, Hamilton was head coach at the University of Miami and is currently in his first season coaching the NBA Washington Wizards.

Carr was originally hired as an assistant football coach by head coach Fran Curri in 1973. He then became the head wrestling coach, making him UK's first full-time black head coach.

In 1961, Holloway Fields Jr. was the first black student to receive an undergraduate degree from UK in engineering.

Mary Ann Adams was the first black student known to receive a degree from UK, a year earlier. Adams received a master's degree in education.

Other firsts for blacks at UK include:

- Ollen B. Hinnett Jr., who became the first black to graduate from the College of Law in 1955.
- The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was the first black Greek organization to charter a chapter in 1965.
- In 1967, sociology professor Doris Wilkinson became the first black woman to be a full-time regular faculty member at UK.
- Also in 1967, Nat Northington became the first black to play in a SEC football game between UK and Mississippi State. Northington left the team before the end of the season, after the death of his roommate, Greg Page. He transferred to Western Kentucky University.
- Daryl Bishop became the first black student to play basketball in Memorial Coliseum in 1969. Before walking on to UK's basketball team, he played football for the Cats. In 1971, Tom Payne was the first black player signed by Adolph Rupp to play at UK.
- In 1975, Sarah Jenkins was hired as the first assistant dean of students.
- Donna Bryant was the first black student elected as the UK Homecoming Queen runner-up in 1978.



Smith



NICK TOMBECK | PHOTO EDITOR

A dream come true
John Richards, a stockbroker and entertainer for The Lexington Dream Factory, plays a song about Winnie the Pooh to Joshua Dixon, a 10-year-old patient, at the UK Children's Hospital in celebration of Valentine's Day on Wednesday. His mother, Melody Dixon, watches.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

U.S. attorney investigating pardon

NEW YORK — Federal prosecutors have opened an investigation into former President Clinton's last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a source familiar with the case said Wednesday. U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White in New York "is trying to determine if there was a transfer of money to buy the pardon," the source told The Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity. White was expected to examine bank records, telephone records and other documents to determine whether there was anything criminal in Clinton's decision to grant Rich a pardon, the source said.

Palestinian attack shocks Israel

AZUR, Israel — A Palestinian driver who a friend said was upset about weeks of Midwest violence rammed his bus into a packed bus stop on Wednesday, killing seven Israeli soldiers and a civilian in the deadliest Palestinian attack in four years. The hit-and-run raised fears that violence was spinning out of control when prospects for a resumption of peace talks appear remote. The attack shook Israel at a time of political transition and accelerated efforts by Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and his defeated predecessor, Ehud Barak, to form a joint government.

Kansas restores evolution to science

TOPEKA, Kan. — Evolution was restored Wednesday as a central theory in the state's science classes, ending 18 months of debate and international ridicule over how Kansas teaches the origins of man. The state Board of Education approved the new science standards in a 7-3 vote. "I believe now that we have science standards that the rest of the world could look to," board member Carol Rupe said. The new standards will replace ones adopted in 1999 that omitted references to many evolutionary concepts as well as the big-bang theory of the creation of the universe.

Civilians could have distracted crew

WASHINGTON — The admiral investigating the U.S. submarine collision with a fishing boat is considering a line of inquiry that could lead to criminal charges against the sub's captain or members of his crew, Navy officials said Wednesday. The officials also said they cannot rule out the possibility that civilians aboard the USS Greenville, including two at control positions, were a distraction to the crew and contributed to the sinking of the Japanese fishing vessel off the coast of Hawaii.



PEACEFUL WEAPON: Danny Glover sang a message of peace to Egyptians on Wednesday in a charismatic rendition of works by black leaders. To mark Black History Month, Glover and fellow actor Felix Justice presented "An Evening With Langston and Martin," a work based on the words of poet Langston Hughes and Martin Luther King Jr.



INTELLECTUAL ROCK STAR: U2 lead singer Bono will speak to Harvard University seniors in June as part of the school's "Class Day" festivities. Harvard officials denied earlier reports that Bono would be the class of 2001's graduation speaker and an honorary member of the graduating class. Bono will also perform four concerts at the FleetCenter that week.

Networks pledge to fix problems

WASHINGTON — The nation's top TV executives said Wednesday they have made changes, including self-limits on calling elections, to restore viewer confidence after the networks' miscalculation of the Florida presidential race. The media representatives, speaking to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, agreed with many lawmakers that establishment of a uniform poll closing time would remove concerns that calling elections in Eastern states might influence voters in the West where polls are still open.

Goodyear plans to eliminate jobs

CLEVELAND — Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., hurt by higher oil costs and lower tire demand by U.S. automakers, said Wednesday it will eliminate 7,200 jobs worldwide this year to try to stem losses. The cuts are in addition to last year's elimination of 3,500 jobs. The latest round of cutbacks by the Akron-based tire maker will trim nearly 7 percent of its work force of 185,000. The latest cuts, most expected by midyear, were announced as Goodyear reported a \$102 million loss for the fourth quarter and an 83 percent decline in profits for 2000.

Puffy and Jennifer Lopez split

LOS ANGELES — Valentine's Day was a heartbreaker for Sean "Puffy" Combs, who confirmed his breakup with singer-actress Jennifer Lopez. "Mr. Combs confirmed that he and his love Jennifer Lopez have in fact broken up," his publicist Nathalie Moar said Wednesday. A breakup has been rumored for weeks. The performers have spent considerable time apart because she's promoting an album and he's been on trial in New York on weapons and bribery charges stemming from a 1999 nightclub shooting.

Baseball wants ump's to be tougher

NEW YORK — "Yer outta here!" could be heard a lot more often at the ballpark this year. Baseball officials are telling umpires to eject pitchers who throw deliberately at hitters' heads, not to give them a warning first. "They've always had that authority," Frank Robinson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, said Wednesday. "We just wanted to reinforce it and make it clear they would have our backing if they took that action." The planned crackdown was first reported Wednesday by the Detroit Free Press. It means pitches like the one Roger Clemens beamed Mike Piazza with last July will result in ejections.

Compiled from wire reports.

STARS

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astronomically pretty close.

By studying these events, Troland believes astronomers are learning what he calls "the cosmic facts of life," which provide information on how the Earth's solar system was created 4.5 billion years ago.

Thousands of miles away on the big island of Hawaii, Ferland was also studying these "facts of life" last week at the Northern Hemisphere Gemini Observatory. The high elevation allows the Gemini telescope to see above much of the Earth's atmosphere.

It was his third trip to the Hawaiian observatory. Ferland uses optical telescopes as well as ultraviolet telescopes, which must be sent into orbit above the Earth's atmosphere, to study star formation.

"What I do is, with computational sciences here at UK, I build computer models of what's happening in Orion," Ferland said.

He said one could test a computer model of the Orion star-forming region to study what has to happen for stars to form.

UK's super computer, one of the 10 fastest at a university, is excellent leverage to get valuable time at a state-of-the-art observatory used by astronomers all over the world, Ferland said.

Valueable time at an observatory leads to learning valuable information, such as the origin of the elements.

"Star formation is actually tied up with the origin of the elements and where we came from," Ferland said.

"What we know today is that a very long time ago, the universe consisted of just two gases, hydrogen and helium," he said.

He said this is observed by "looking back in time" at light produced in the outer reaches of the universe 10-12 billion years ago.

Ferland said nuclear reactions within stars, particularly in the deaths of stars, created new atoms such as oxygen and carbon and cast them into space to be used again.

"The average atom in our bodies has been in two or three stars over the history of the universe," he said.

Ferland and Troland both emphasize that research such as theirs is answering fundamental questions about not only the universe, but about the solar system and ourselves.

And the chance for this research is something not everyone gets.

SGA

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and a public administration graduate student, was on the committee that drafted the disputed amendment.

He said the clause should not be changed considering the up-coming elections.

"I'm adamantly opposed to any changes this semester," Walker said.

"Filings (to be a candidate) start next week, so if changes took place it would be in the middle of the election cycle."

Walker said the point of the amendment was to "de-emphasize the popularity contest and instead, have a president that's really com-

mitted to service."

Walker said the idea was both good and bad.

"It was a good idea in theory, but maybe not so good in practice," Walker said.

"I think the clause should go, but not in the middle of the election."

Tim Robinson, a second-year law student, is the only student to announce his candidacy for president.

He and vice presidential candidate Caroline Harralson have been focusing on their platform, Robinson said.

"I'm just concentrating on our campaign," Robinson said.

"I hope that everyone that wants to run is allowed to, as long as it's within the rules."

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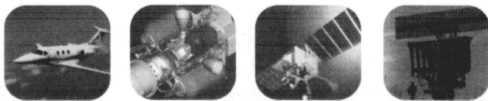


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EMPLOYMENT

Res Life looking for a few good RA's

Kelley Sears
STAFF WRITER

Time is running out for students to apply for a job that offers benefits like a meal plan, priority registration and leadership opportunities. Resident Life is now taking applications for Resident Adviser positions.

There are many benefits to being a RA, such as a discount at the UK Bookstore, a single room (when available) and flexibility. There are 25-40 residents assigned to each of the 145 RA's across campus. About 75 new RA's will be hired for the next school year.

Natalie Harrison, a RA in Donovan Hall last year, said she found the overall experience to be a positive one.

"It's good on a resume, good to meet people and give leadership ability," Harrison said.

But the best part, she said, was the people she worked with.

Amy Bentley agrees. "The whole college experience is right there," said Bentley, a RA in Donovan Hall for two years.

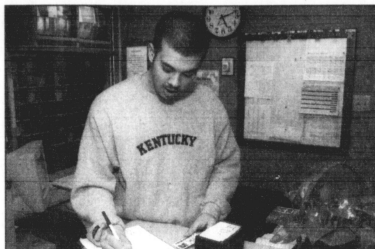
"It's like being an older sister," Bentley said.

RA's are responsible for planning activities, attending staff meetings each week, working the front desk and making themselves available to the residents.

But with all the benefits come some strong guidelines to follow.

"You have to hold up appearances, be the role model," Harrison said.

The worst part, Harrison



COLIN ANDERSON | KERNEL STAFF

randon Hurley, a biology sophomore, is a resident adviser at Kirwan 3 on South Campus. He must work the desk at least five hours a week.

said, were the bad attitudes people showed when she enforced rules.

Tony Ralph, assistant director of Residence Life, said making sure the rules are enforced is part of the RA's job.

"If staff follows the departmental policies as written they should have no worries about personal liability."

He said being a RA requires spending time with other students and enforcing rules. Ralph agrees the job is a hard, but said it is worth it.

"Being an RA can be fun and challenging," said Pat Whitlow, associate director of Residence Life.

There are expectations for RA's other than just obeying the law and University rules. They

have to work the front desk of their residence hall at least five hours a week, monitor community behavior and enforce community standards. Whitlow said they are looking for people of different ages and ethnicity.

"We want to reflect people with a wide range of diversity."

Get a job

Those interested in a RA position for the 2001-2002 school year must have their application into Residence Life, 537 Patterson Office Tower, by Feb. 23. For any questions about becoming a RA you can contact the Residence Life office at 257-4783 or <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/ResidenceLife/>.

CONSERVATION

Students study forest fire through hands-on course

Getting control: Students create plans for state fire management

By Becky Heisel
STAFF WRITER

Natural resource conservation and management students are learning important ways to control Kentucky forest fires.

It's not a take-notes kind of class, said Mary Arthur, the professor of this semester's course.

"The topic (forest fire management) is the tool. The actual class components are working [with] interdisciplinary, developing professional style and skill, and active learning," she said.

Students in the class are divided into groups, each group taking a section of Kentucky. They are then responsible for those sections and for finding out information such as how much unplanned fire there is and how much of the unplanned fire is arson.

They also have to learn about the ecosystems of the areas and must incorporate sociopolitical factors like the community into their data.

"Up to this point, they've written their proposals on how they're going to manage fire in their districts," Arthur said.

She said much of the class is "uncomfortable" for students that are used to listening to lectures and taking notes.

Students have to call professionals in their districts for information, which to many is a totally new experience.

"We've had to contact several agencies we're

not familiar with and try to figure out who are the key players in [fire management]," said Barbara Appling, a NRC senior and member of the class.

Groups have to make a large presentation at the end of the semester to college faculty and agencies involved in their issue, detailing their plans for fire management in their district.

"Usually students get mad at me for a while because they have to do these really uncomfortable things," Arthur said. "But our over-arching goal is bridging the gap between student and professional."

Larry Grabau, a NRC student adviser and new director of the Teaching and Learning Center, agreed with Arthur about the point of the class.

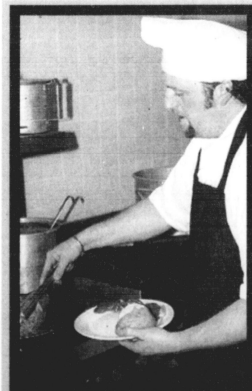
"We're asking students to think of themselves as professionals. That's the sort of professional step that students need to make," he said.

Everyone in the NRC program must take NRC 471, Senior Problem in Natural Resources, to graduate. Arthur and Grabau both think the class is excellent preparation for the working world.

"As far back as 10 years ago, employers were telling us that our students weren't proficient in professional skills, such as writing effectively and team efforts. This class works on just those things," Grabau said.

Andri Kukas, another NRC senior and class member, agreed.

"Since only one problem is addressed over the semester, you delve into the problem more than in a regular class. It's a lot like the work world works," she said.



DOUG MORGAN | KERNEL STAFF

Dinner for two

Left: James Hunley prepares a plate of food at Ovid's on Wednesday night.

Top: Jason Phillips, a computer science sophomore, and Mary Anne Smith, a pre-veterinary medicine freshman, enjoy Valentine's dinner at Ovid's. Patrons enjoyed a salad, prime rib, lobster tail, a baked potato and dessert for only \$14.95.

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- 1) An astronomer, inventor and author, Benjamin Banneker is primarily known for what achievement?
- A. Predicted the first solar eclipse
B. Appointed surveyor of Washington D.C.
C. Published the first almanac
D. Led a slave revolt in Virginia
- 2) Obeying a supernatural call to "travel up and down the land," Sojourner Truth began traveling across the nation applying her religious fervor to the abolitionist and women's rights movements. What was Truth's real name?
- A. Francis Harper
B. Elizabeth Taylor Greenfield
C. Isabella Van Wagener
D. Edmonia Lewis
- 3) Pioneer and trader Jean Baptiste Pointe Du Sable established a trading post in 1780 that later became which major American city?
- A. Chicago
B. Detroit
C. St. Louis
D. New Orleans
- 4) Harriet Tubman herself was freed via the Underground Railroad before leading more than 300 slaves to freedom along the same route. Where was the plantation that Tubman escaped?
- A. South Carolina
B. Virginia
C. North Carolina
D. Maryland
- 5) Madam C.J. Walker was a businesswoman who is widely acknowledged as being the first black female millionaire in the U.S. What product earned Walker her fortune?
- A. Postage stamp glue
B. Life insurance
C. Tonic to straighten curly hair
D. Peanut oil
- 6) Composer and pianist Scott Joplin is known as the "king of ragtime." Which song, published in 1899, first brought Joplin his fame?
- A. "The Entertainer"
B. "Maple Leaf Rag"
C. "Solace"
D. "Wall Street Rag"
- 7) Author, sociologist and intellectual William Edgar Burghardt (W.E.B.) Dubois is credited as being the most important black protest leader in the United States during the early 20th century. He is also credited with co-founding what important organization?
- A. The National Urban League
B. The United Negro College Fund
C. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
D. The American Civil Liberties Union
- 8) Bessie Coleman staged the first public flight in America by a black woman, on Sept. 3, 1922. But because of opposition in the U.S., Coleman had to go to which country to earn her pilot's license?
- A. England
B. France
C. Spain
D. Italy

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HISTORY

Changing the face of music



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Franklin

There are countless numbers of black musicians, such as James Brown, that have taken music in new and exciting directions.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Black women and men that have enriched our world through music

By Tim Staley
SCENE EDITOR

Music is an ever-changing medium and those changes are a result of men and women who choose to follow their vision instead of convention. Many of those pioneers are black artists. If it weren't for the contributions of black musicians, music as we know it would not exist. They have influenced every aspect and every genre imaginable, not only jazz, blues and soul, but rock and pop music as well.

While this list is by no means definitive, here are some of the black men and women who have changed the face of music.

Bessie Smith

"The Empress of the Blues," Smith was one of the first major blues and jazz singers to put her voice on record. Her voice was so powerful that its strength is still evident from recordings made in the early 1920s.

Louis Armstrong

Though there are many people that remember Armstrong for his deep, raspy voice or ever-present smile, jazz fans remember him for his pioneering trumpet work. Arguably the first jazz superstar, he established creative improvisation as the backbone of the genre. In addition to his legendary recordings with his Hot Five and Seven ensemble, Armstrong had several film roles, making him an international icon.

Duke Ellington

Even if he had only played piano, or been a bandleader, Ellington's place in music history would be secure. Fortunately for the world, he was also a brilliant composer. Ellington was one of the most prolific songwriters of all time, and his music can still be heard anywhere jazz music is played.

Chuck Berry

Muddy Waters once said the blues had a baby and called it rock 'n' roll. If that is the case, then Chuck Berry is the guy that knocked up the blues. His music and showmanship has influenced generations of rock bands around the world. Anyone that has ever picked up a guitar to play rock music owes Berry an enormous debt.

Sam Cooke

Paving the way for countless soul musicians, Cooke made the transition from gospel to secular music. With a smooth voice and impeccable style, Cooke blended his gospel roots with a pop sensibility, creating some of the greatest songs of that era. Cooke also became a successful businessman, starting his own record label and management firm. Unfortunately, like so many legends, Cooke was cut down in his prime, shot under circumstances that remain cloudy to this day.

Barry Gordy/Motown

Although Barry Gordy is not actually a musician, his contributions to American music are enormous. As founder and mastermind behind Motown Records, Gordy cultivated

an impressive stable of artists and songwriters, making the label a powerhouse of the music industry. With artists such as Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, the Supremes and The Temptations, Gordy turned what was once considered black popular music into the popular music of the entire world.

James Brown

"The Godfather of Soul," "The Hardest Working Man in Showbusiness," "Soul Brother Number One," James Brown. The man with nearly as many titles as fingers did not reach that status by following in the footsteps of others. Brown took the framework of R&B music and created funk, that style of music that has a groove that moves you to your very soul. From funk the backbone of rap and hip hop music was created, one of the reasons Brown is the most sampled man in rap music.

Charlie Pride

Charlie Pride is much more than just part of a line in a David Allen Coe song. Though there are still few black artists in the country music industry, Pride helped break down the color barrier in the late '60s. He showed that no matter what the genre, it was talent, not color, that mattered.

Aretha Franklin

Of all the female soul singers to come out of the 1960s, none can compare to Aretha Franklin. With her powerful voice and raw emotion, Franklin created the standard by which all other female singers are now judged.

Jimi Hendrix

If there is an artist that changed the entire way people perceived the electric guitar, that artist is Hendrix. His music made countless people pick up the electric guitar with excitement and made just as many put it down out of frustration. Though he was only in the spotlight for a few years, he became an icon in every sense of the word.

Bob Marley

Even for those who are not fans of reggae music, the name Bob Marley is immediately recognizable. Marley elevated the music of a small island in the Caribbean into a worldwide phenomenon. With politically charged lyrics, Marley used his music as a tool for social and political change. His music and message touched millions, ensuring that no one will soon forget him.

Run DMC

While they are not the first rap group to hit the scene, they did take the music to a different level and a different audience. With the success of their re-working of "Walk This Way" they proved that not only was rap a credible form of music, but that it was commercially viable as well.

Living Color

Before Ice T formed Body Count, there was Living Color. The band became one of the first, and only, all-black metal bands. They blended funk and jazz with heavy guitars, making them pioneers in hard rock, irrespective of their color.



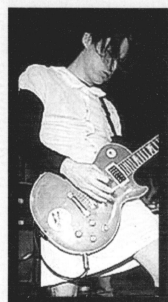
Run DMC

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PJ Harvey

PJ Harvey will open for Irish rock band U2 at 7:30 p.m. May 4 at Rupp Arena. Tickets range from \$45-130.



Meat Puppets

The Meat Puppets perform at 9 p.m. Friday at Phoenix Hill Tavern in Louisville. Tickets cost \$12.

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Billy Joel

Billy Joel will perform with Elton John at 7:30 p.m. April 26 at Freedom Hall in Louisville. Tickets range from \$45-175.

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On Tap...

For the week of Feb. 15 - 21

Music THURSDAY

J.D. Crowe and The New South. Lynagh's. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.

Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder. Kentucky Theater. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$26.75.

Kent Juett. Kitty O' Shea's. 10 p.m. Tickets: TBA.

Passengers. Dante's. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$2 w/college ID.

FRIDAY

Hank Williams III w/ Paul K. and the Prayers. Lynagh's. 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$13 in advance/\$15 day of show.

Steve Earle and the Dukes. Bogart's, Cincinnati. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$17.50 in advance/\$19 day of show.

John Sutton Band. Kitty O' Shea's. 10 p.m. Tickets: TBA.

Juicebomb w/ Apollo Creed. Dante's. 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

SATURDAY

Bluegrass w/ Dean Osborne and Bluetowne. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.

Shuers w/ On Tap. Kitty O' Shea's. 10 p.m. Tickets: TBA.

SUNDAY

Richard Clay and the UK Honors Wind

Ensemble. Singletary Center for the Arts. 2 p.m. Tickets are free.

Peter Simpson. Singletary Center for the Arts. 8 p.m. Tickets are free.

MONDAY

Aaron Dale. Singletary Center for the Arts. 8 p.m. Tickets are free.

TUESDAY

Paul Taylor. Singletary Center for the Arts. 8 p.m. Tickets are free.

The Riverside Project. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.

WEDNESDAY

Clutch w/ Corrosion of Conformity. ATA. 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.

The Painkillers. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.

Coming Soon

Less than Jake. Bogart's, Cincinnati. Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$13 in advance/\$15 day of show.

Asylum Street Spankers. Lynagh's.

Feb. 24 at 10 p.m. Tickets cost \$10.

Freakwater w/ Low. Headliners Music Hall, Louisville. Feb. 24 at 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.

Union Underground w/ Dust for Life. Jillians, Louisville. Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.

O.A.R. w/ Pat McGee Band. Bogart's, Cincinnati. March 2 at 8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.

Pantera w/ Souffly and Morbid Angel. Louisville Gardens. March 2 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$29.50.

Dark Star Orchestra. Bogart's, Cincinnati. March 2 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50 in advance/\$14 day of show.

Eve 6 w/ Vast. Jillians, Louisville. March 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.50 in advance/\$14.50 day of show.

Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys w/ Del McCoury Band. Kentucky Theatre. March 28 at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$24.50.

3 Doors Down. Louisville Gardens. March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$23 in advance/\$25 day of show.

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Kentucky Theater	231-6997
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Carmike	263-2370

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All hail Rock!

After working on "SNL" and his own show, comic veteran Chris Rock finally gets a leading role in the new film *Down to Earth*, the story of a dead black man who comes back to life in a white man's body. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

AT THE PICTURE SHOW

Framebyframe

Finding Forrester

Director Gus Van Sant has yet to realize that originality is free. In this veiled remake of *Good Will Hunting*, a basketball player who attends an elite Manhattan prep school is taken under the wing of reclusive writer William Forrester. Starring Sean Connery, Robert Brown, Anna Paquin and Busta Rhymes. At Lexington Green and Man o' War.

Cast Away

Even in a film about a man trapped on a "deserted" tropical island, somehow Helen Hunt still manages to snag a part, bringing her total roles this year to 750,000 — give or take a few. Hanks evokes tears at the end of the film not because of his struggle to survive on the island, but because audiences are overjoyed they can finally leave the theater after two and a half hours of the most boring moments of their lives. Directed by Robert Zemeckis. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

What Women Want

Mel Gibson stars as a male chauvinist who acquires the ability to hear what women are really thinking. Also starring Helen Hunt in her 750,001 role this year — give or take a few. Marisa Tomei, Alan Alda and Lauren Holly. Directed by Nancy Meyers. At Lexington Green.

The Family Man

Nicolas Cage gets a chance to act wild and crazy as a fast-talking Wall Street investment broker who mysteriously wakes up one morning to find he has a wife and kids instead of a sports car, girlfriend and freedom. And the crazy part is he likes it. What an idiot. Also starring Tea Leoni, Don Cheadle and Jeremy Piven. At Woodhill.

The Emperor's New Groove

An all-star cast stars — sort of — in this animated feature about an Egyptian emperor who is turned into a llama by his ex-administrator. He must now regain his throne with the help of a gentle llama herder. Featured voices include David

Spade, John Goodman and Ertha Kitt. Well, it does sound better than any current films starring Helen Hunt or Sandra Bullock. At Lexington Green.

Traffic

Start engraving the Oscars. Although a story about the unbeatable war against illegal drugs in the United States is obviously outdated, director Steven Soderbergh proves that successful films can co-exist with artistic integrity. He also proves you can cast a film without Helen Hunt in it. Starring Michael Douglas, Don Cheadle, Benicio Del Toro, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Dennis Quaid. At Man o' War.

Thirteen Days

It seems like this movie was supposed to come out 13 years ago. The often postponed Cuban Missile Crisis drama finally opened with Kevin Costner playing JFK's chief of staff. The movie has a strong performance from Bruce Greenwood as Kennedy going for it. But then again, Costner is trying another accent for director Roger Donaldson was responsible for *Cocktail* and *Dante's Peak*. Tough call. At Woodhill.

Chocolat

Vianne and her daughter open a chocolaterie filled with irresistible confections in the sleepy French village of Lansquenet. Some people, however, are frightened by the seemingly magical powers of the shop, and worry of the effects it will have on the town's strict code of morality. Vianne comes to have a profound effect on the townspeople and in the process stirs her own secret desires. Starring Juliette Binoche, Judi Dench and Johnny Depp. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

The Gift

Suspense thriller about a woman with special sensory perceptions who is asked to help find a young woman who has disappeared. The Good news: Starring Cate Blanchett and Katie Holmes

and directed by Sam Raimi. The really bad news: Starring Keanu Reeves and Giovanni Ribisi. *Man o' War*.

O Brother, Where Art Thou?

George Clooney continues teaming with talented directors to amplify his mediocre talent. This time, it's the Coen brothers to the rescue. The film, based on Homer's *The Odyssey*, follows the journey of three in pursuit of a hidden fortune. Also starring Coen favorites John Goodman, John Turturro and Holly Hunter. At Man o' War.

The Wedding Planner

Jennifer Lopez's ass stars as the back side of a wedding planner who falls in love with one of her clients (Matthew McConaughey). Also starring Justin Chambers and Bridgette Wilson. At Woodhill.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Ang Lee's martial arts epic is being dubbed the best martial arts movie ever. High-flying special effects and dream-like scenery make this film the antithesis of today's reality-based television. Score one more for the good guys. At the Kentucky.

Hannibal

Avoiding a sophomore jinx is close to impossible when you cast Julianne Moore, but director Ridley Scott and screen legend Anthony Hopkins do their best, and fail. Hollywood still needs to learn that when you have a good book, it may be a good idea to avoid changing the plot. At Woodhill.

Saving Silverman

Movie seeks to answer the age old question: How do you talk your buddy into not committing social suicide by marrying his girlfriend, while also getting Neil Diamond into the mix. At Lexington Green and Man o' War.

Sweet November

If there is one thing Hollywood does well, it's destroy the passion and inspirational art of original movies by making atrocious remakes. The film stars Keanu "I know Kung-fu" Reeves — need we say more. At Woodhill.

COMPILED BY LIKIE SALADIN, FRAME BY FRAME EDITOR

Box office

Movie revenues for Feb. 9-11. All dollar figures in millions.

Rank	Title	Weekend gross	Gross to date	Weeks in release	No. of screens
1.	Hannibal	\$58.0	\$58.0	One week	3,230 screens
2.	The Wedding Planner	\$27.9	\$27.9	Three weeks	2,726 screens
3.	Saving Silverman	\$27.4	\$74.4	One week	2,467 screens
4.	Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon	\$60.3	\$60.3	Ten weeks	1,204 screens
5.	Cast Away	\$209.8	\$209.8	Eight weeks	2,347 screens
6.	Save the Last Dance	\$74.5	\$74.5	Five weeks	2,506 screens
7.	Traffic	\$70.9	\$70.9	Seven weeks	1,740 screens
8.	Valentine	\$18.9	\$18.9	Ten weeks	2,310 screens
9.	O Brother, Where Art Thou?	\$23.1	\$23.1	Eight weeks	835 screens
10.	Chocolat	\$26.4	\$26.4	Nine weeks	1,348 screens

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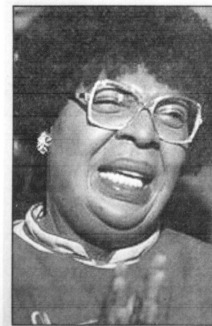
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Harlem Nights (1989)
This movie reads like a who's who of a black comics, including Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor, Red Fox and Della Reese, who has her "pinkie toe" shot off by Murphy.

The Original Kings of Comedy (2000)
This Spike Lee directed joint chronicling the Charlotte, N.C. stop on the Kings of Comedy World Tour is sure to be a classic for years to come

House Party (1990)
OK, might not be the funniest movie ever. But it did show Hollywood that not all black kids carried guns and sold drugs. Some of them actually have fun.

GETTING PREPARED

Baseball team looks to cover all the bases

By Ron Cox
STAFF WRITER

The UK Wildcat baseball team heads back to South Carolina this weekend to take part in the Winthrop Tournament.

And head coach Keith Madison says if the Cats (1-2) are to have more success than they did last weekend in South Carolina, they will need to be "more mentally prepared and be able to overcome adversity."

The Cats dropped two games to Furman University (5-1), losing 4-3 and 9-2, while defeating Wofford College (1-3) 15-11.

The first game against the Furman Paladins was delayed because of darkness in the 10th inning with the score knotted at three. The two teams finished the game before their regularly scheduled game on Sunday.

On Friday, the Cats had trouble with Paladin pitching, managing only three hits in 10 innings. They did battle back from a 2-1 deficit in the ninth, taking a 3-2 lead when junior college transfer Jeff Tolotti's base hit allowed Vince Harrison and Taylor McInnis to score.

However, they couldn't maintain that lead as the Paladins would tie the game in the bottom of the ninth, sending it to extra innings. The game was suspended after a scoreless 10th inning.

"It was the first game of the year and we were a little anxious," Harrison said. "A lot of us knew we had the talent, we just went out there and tried to do too much."

Leaving their first game in limbo, the Cats went to nearby Spartanburg, S.C., to play a Saturday afternoon game with Wofford College.

The frigid Friday bats became the sizzling Saturday bats, as the team racked up 15 runs on 14 hits. The Cats got a huge lift from another junior college transfer. This time it was Spencer Preston.

Preston had an unbelievable stat-line in his first game as a Wildcat, going four for five, with two homers and seven RBI.

"Being able to put on this uniform and getting out there in a game was really exciting," Preston said. "I was really swinging a good bat in the game."

With their first win behind them, the Cats headed back to Greenville, S.C., to finish Friday's game and start Sunday's against Furman.

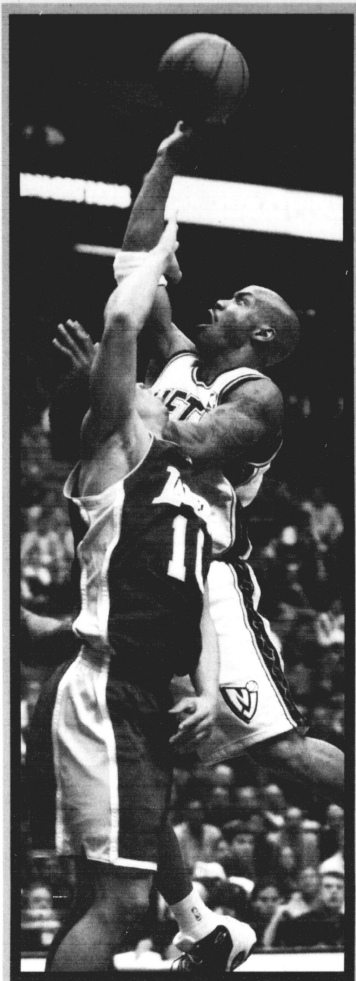
The Cats had a good opportunity to score in the 11th inning when Tolotti sent a deep shot to center field. Caleb Brock, who was on first, took off running.

But Furman's centerfielder caught Tolotti's smash and was able to double Brock off at first.

Furman went on to score the winning run in the bottom of the 11th.

Madison said the loss knocked the wind out of his team, as they were unable to come alive for the second game against Furman, eventually losing 9-2.

"We have to do a better job of not only overcoming adversity getting our mental and physical mistakes behind us going into the next play or the next game," Madison said.



The Lakers be fly...
New Jersey Nets' Stephon Marbury puts up a shot over Los Angeles Lakers' Tyrone Lue during the overtime Tuesday night in East Rutherford, N.J. Marbury led all scorers with 50 points but the Lakers beat the Nets 113-110 in overtime.

“ Being able to put on this uniform and getting out there in a game was really exciting”

— Spencer Preston, transfer

IN BRIEF

Sportsbytes

WIRE REPORTS

Referee reprimanded

FAYETTEVILLE, Ga. — A basketball referee was arrested and charged with assault after trying to knife an assistant coach in front of parents and 7- and 8-year-old players.

Another coach intervened and was cut, needing 17 stitches at a hospital.

The referee, working a game Tuesday night at Spring Hill Elementary School outside Atlanta, was identified as Oliver Wood of Newnan.

Coach Jerry Sweeney said he was grabbed by the throat and cut on the arm when he stepped in to keep the referee from attacking the assistant.

"I was just trying to keep him from getting at the other coach," Sweeney told WSB Radio in Atlanta.

Primault honored

After a career night against No. 22 Illinois, UK freshman Aronda Primault was named the Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the Week on Tuesday.

In her first outing in all four events, Primault established ca-

reer highs on each apparatus on the way to winning the all-around title. She placed second on the vault with a 9.825 and first on the floor with a 9.875. In the all-around, she claimed top honors with a 39.075, 0.6 greater than the second place finisher.

"This is such an incredible accomplishment for her as a freshman," Coach Leah Little said.

Her performance also led the GymKats to match a school record with a total score of 195.875, increasing UK's season average to 193.950. The increase moved the GymKats up to No. 23 in the GymInfo national rankings. UK returns to action Friday, traveling to Denver, Colo., to take on No. 18 Denver in a dual meet.

New Whalers?

HARTFORD, Conn. — State

officials will be sending letters this week to the NBA and the Vancouver Grizzlies expressing interest in bringing the team to Hartford.

Jim Watson, a spokesman with the state Department of Economic and Community Development, made the announcement Tuesday.

NBA commissioner David Stern announced Monday that the league would support a move of the Grizzlies, a team that expects to lose \$40 million this season.

Cities including New Orleans, St. Louis, Las Vegas, Louisville and Nashville have expressed an interest in the team.

Connecticut has been without a major-league sports franchise since the Hartford Whalers of the NHL moved to North Carolina in 1997.

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My collection...

Collectable queen goes to auction

SEATTLE - Seattle's queen of kitsch has retired. Ruby Montana, owner of the Pinto Pony collectible store for more than two decades, has auctioned off boxing nuns, Tiki huts, fake vomit and a faux leather massaging recliner that she couldn't squeeze into her fashionable new Palm Springs home. Gone are the Kewpie dolls, vintage cookie jars and entries from 10 years of Spam-carving contests. The last gems went on the auction block Sunday, although a few items that failed to attract high bids were not sold. Montana pulled a "2-faced woman" painting from the auction when the opening bid was only \$500. A Flintstones wastebasket met the same fate when there were no takers at \$50. More than 100 bidders turned out to inspect the 4,000 items. "I'm not sure how we're paying our mortgage this month," said Patti Calvo, one of the bidders. "You always regret what you pass up later. That's one Tiki hut off the list of things I need."



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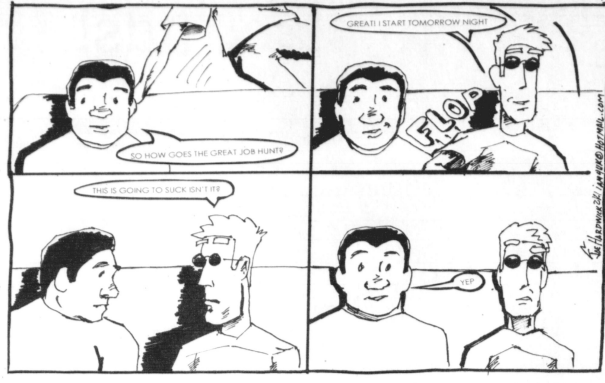
Good ole Lincoln...

Stolen Abe stands tall once more

WILKINSBURG, Pa. - A weather-beaten, well-traveled statue of Abraham Lincoln is standing tall again, 20 years after being stolen. Sculptor James Shipman spent a year plugging holes in Lincoln's neck and buffing bronze and copper. Feet were reattached and dents pounded out. Metal tubes were inserted to make limbs stronger. The 7-foot, 80-pound statue has Lincoln extending one hand and holding a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation in the other. It is one of seven known copies of a statue made in 1898 by German sculptor Alfonso Peizer. The statue was rededicated on Monday, Lincoln's birthday, at the public library of this town near Pittsburgh. "He does look a lot better. His face isn't all scrunched in, his head isn't all bashed in," said Rebecca Schneider, the library's projects coordinator. The statue was stolen in 1981 and found beneath a tractor in rural Westmoreland County.

Compiled by Amanda Thompson

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IN OUR OPINION

State legislation needs closer look

Scary but legal: Legislation currently allows all blind people to purchase and own firearms

Something's wrong. Law-enforcement officials have learned that blind people have obtained Kentucky permits to carry concealed weapons — and they're shocked. So are we. According to the Lexington Herald-Leader, a legally blind woman was caught last year carrying a gun onto federal property. Carolyn Ann Key was cited Nov. 9 and pleaded guilty Jan. 30 in U.S. District Court for carrying a gun at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville, where she was fined \$100. She was forced to temporarily hand over her gun and permit. So how are these people obtaining permits? The same way you and I would if we wanted to get one. The state test requires applicants to hit a human-size target at least 11 times out of 20 from a distance of 21 feet. Now several state representatives are questioning the legislation that allows blind people to obtain permits. "This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard of. How can a blind person see what they are shooting at?" said State Rep. Mary Lou Marizan, D-Louisville, in the Herald-Leader story. We agree that this is scary. In the interest of the safety of others, how could we allow this to happen? However, we cannot ignore the right of blind people to personal safety. Key said she carries a gun for the same reason that most females do, to protect herself in her home and when she has to walk alone at night. We think that the state legislature should take this matter seriously and create legislation that will ensure the right to safety for blind people and for those around them before something serious happens. There are many ethical questions to be considered, on both sides of the situation. But one thing is for sure. If we let this go, something really bad could happen — and someone could be harmed.

Jennylynn Brown CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Monkey see, monkey gets genetically modified

Move over Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. Andi, the first genetically modified monkey was born on Jan. 11, and he's no ordinary primate. Researchers at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center slid DNA from a jellyfish into Andi's genetic code. The jellyfish gene enables Andi to do something unheard of in Rhesus monkey history — he glows! Actually, his cells glow, when viewed with a special microscope. Call it a literal case of monkeyshine. If only there were some way to identify GM foods, and it's called a label. But food companies don't want labels on GM products because they believe shoppers would avoid them. Last month, the Food and Drug Administration finally proposed that GM foods be tested and proven as safe as their natural counterparts. The FDA is also planning guidelines for GM food labels, but it stopped short of making labels mandatory. Call it more monkey business from the powers that be. If labeling were required for foods with reworked genes, half (or more) of the plant-derived food in the supermarkets would carry a GM sticker. Although selling GM meats to the public is strictly prohibited, it is possible that corn products (cornstarch, corn oil, corn sweeteners, margarine) and soybean products (cereals, veggie burgers, infant formula, cookies, chips) contain genetically modified ingredients. Selectively modifying the genetic characteristics of food is not new. The meat and vegetables we eat today are products of selective breeding for preferred traits. We have Gregor Mendel — the pea propagation prodigy — and his 1860s research to thank for a great part of genetics. It took another 100 years before genetic structure, function and codes were cracked. Recombinant DNA techniques — slicing, dicing and splicing genes — emerged in the 1970s. In 1982 genes were exchanged between plants. In 1983 genes between animals were swapped. And today we have Andi, the first bona fide sea-monkey genetically engineered to glow! There are numerous concerns about genetically modified foods. Some physicians and scientists assert that GM foods may cause reactions in people who have food allergies; that the reports of adverse effects on beneficial insects (like Monarch butterflies) may be true; that GM plants might pollinate non-GM crops, and that long-term effects of GM foods are impossible to determine. And don't forget the Taco Bell fiasco — GM corn approved for animal feed finding its way into our taco shells. But for every problem linked to GM food production, a study refuting the claim either exists or is in the works. I cannot simply condemn all GM foods, or I would be ignoring impressive benefits. A plant that humans rely on for food can be programmed to protect itself from insects, mold and other diseases, which can decrease pesticide usage. GM food promoters believe third-world populations will benefit from cost-effective GM crops. Scientists recently created rice with high levels of beta-carotene (the precursor to Vitamin A). Now, poor populations can avoid blindness by getting Vitamin A from the rice, rather than expensive Vitamin A eye drops. So don't the benefits of these genetically modified foods already outweigh the problems? The Europeans don't think so. When it comes to GM foods, Europe is one United State of Denial. This could well be the biggest food fight in their history. European protesters tear GM products off supermarket shelves and rally (successfully) to bring down companies in Europe that make, promote or sell GM foods. "When they find out where the crops are being tested, activists will pull up the plants,"

IN OUR OPINION

Wanna watch an execution?

Oklahoma City bomber Tim McVeigh wants a national audience to watch

Call it reality TV taken a bit too far. Timothy McVeigh, convicted in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people and wounded hundreds more, is asking that his execution be broadcast nationally. And the funny thing is, there are a lot of people who want to see it. Two hundred and fifty survivors of the blast have already requested to witness the execution live from the gallery; to accommodate such a large number of spectators a closed-circuit viewing has been arranged. McVeigh, who pled guilty to all 168 counts of murder and requested the death penalty in December, has sardonically written that allowing only a closed-circuit viewing of his execution raises "fundamental equal access concerns." He advocates that we return to the old public execution forum — you know, where mom packs a lunch and the whole family heads over to the gallows to make a day of it — and broadcast his death.

Most people interviewed — including the editorial board — are split evenly along gender lines. Guess which sex would like to watch and which feels it's an atrocity beyond mention.

Despite the slim chance that a network would broadcast such an event (although if one were to pick it up, we're sure it would be Fox), the idea and interest it has sparked provide a poignant commentary on modern American society.

Why the fascination with the macabre and the mundane? Why this quest for authenticity, for the resemblance of "reality?" Would there have been an audience for this 10 years ago?

But let's not overlook the positive aspects to such an event. Death penalty advocates and detractors alike could reformulate (or perhaps solidify) their views on the issue. The mere educational value and social utility of such an event could argue for its showing.

Negatives abound as well. The glamour and celebrity attached to McVeigh's execution could make the serial killer eerily fascinating in some viewers' eyes, perhaps even leading to emulation. And of course, there's the basic human decency issue.

All of which leads us to ask: will you watch?



For his involvement in the Oklahoma City bombing, Tim McVeigh is currently on death row. Most recently, McVeigh requested that his death be nationally televised.

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CATS 103, TENNESSEE 95

UK dooms UT from long range

By Steve Jones
STAFF WRITER

KNOXVILLE — Threes were raining in Knoxville last night, as No. 22 UK defeated No. 15 Tennessee 103-95, in spite of the Vols' ferocious comeback in the game's final minutes.

Led by junior forward Tayshaun Prince and sophomore guard Keith Bogans, the Cats were extremely efficient from long range, hitting on 14-of-21 three-point attempts.

Prince and Bogans, combining to hit 10 threes and score 52 points in the game, helped the Cats build a seemingly insurmountable lead late in the second half.

Following up his own missed free throw with a two-handed slam, UK sophomore forward Jason Parker put the Cats ahead of the Vols 92-76 with just 5:12 left in the game.

As UT fans headed for the exits of Thompson-Boling Arena, the Vols rallied quickly with a 17-3 run in the next three and a half minutes to narrow the score to just 96-93 in favor of UK, culminating on a basket by UT junior forward Vincent Yarbrough.

A critical offensive rebound by UK freshman guard Gerald Fitch, followed by his two free throws on an ensuing UT foul, gave the Cats some breathing room at 97-93 with 1:03 remaining.

"I feel I can always hit all my free throws," Fitch said. "I don't feel pressure with the crowd getting up or not. I feed off that."

Prince closed the deal for UK hitting six foul shots in the game's final minute, finishing with a career high 30 points.

Prince also joined UK's list of all-time career 1,000 point scorers.

UT Coach Jerry Green said that Prince's recent play puts him at the top of the SEC's elite.

"If I had to vote for an MVP in the conference," Green said, "I would vote for Tayshaun Prince."

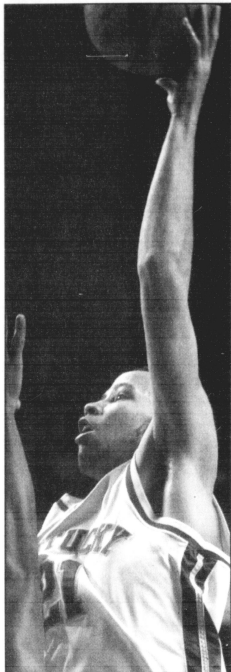
Green also explained that Prince's versatility is what makes him so successful on the court.

"He's so smart," Green said. "If you play really close, he drives you. If you play off of him, he shoots the three. And he works so hard off the ball."

Prince's heroics were only a part of UK's victory.

A UK first half highlighted by 61 percent field goal shooting — including 10-of-14 from three — ended with the Cats taking a 50-39 lead into the intermission.

Except for a 12-3 spurt by UT to start the game, UK coach Tubby Smith thought the Cats' first half was flawless.



FILE PHOTO

30 for me, none for them
UK junior forward Tayshaun Prince scored a career-high 30 points as the Cats completed a regular season sweep of Tennessee.

"If you take away the first few minutes," coach Smith said, "it may have been (the best half we've ever played)."

Smith was just as pleased with the team's total effort.

"When you get 26 assists and score over 100 points you have to feel good about getting the win," he said.

FAMILIAR STORY

Prince, Bogans rip UT again

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

KNOXVILLE — Keith Bogans has made a habit of beating Tennessee and Tayshaun Prince is making a habit of getting his name mentioned in regard to being the SEC's most valuable player.

UK's unstoppable tandem combined for 52 points on 17-of-29 shooting to lead the Cats, most prolific scoring night of the season in a 103-95 win over the Volunteers.

Bogans still had no explanation for his continually ironic and opportune ability to burn the Vols.

"I just like playing against them," Bogans said. "It's the high level of competition, but it's also the fact that it's Kentucky-Tennessee."

Tennessee coach Jerry Green did have an answer for why Tayshaun Prince is playing so well.

"He's so smart," Green said. "If you play him close he drives you and if you play off of him he shoots the three." Green went on to bill Prince as his choice for SEC MVP.

Prince solidified his position in the race that includes Florida's Udons Haslem and Brett Nelson and Alabama's Rod Grizzard.

"Tayshaun played all-around," Bogans said. "He played great defensively and knocked down shots."

UK coach Tubby Smith continues to be amazed by his junior forward's play, as well.

"Tayshaun is as versatile player as there is in the conference — if not the country," he said.

So, if Bogans and Prince both play at the same level that Tennessee fell victim to, then can anyone beat these Cats?

"I wouldn't say anybody," Bogans said. But he did emphasize the difficulty and talent it would take for a team to beat Bogans and Prince at their combined best. "It's going to be real tough to stop us, though."

The important thing is that both Prince and Bogans realize that each must play well for the young UK team to win and play its best.

Late in the second half with the Cat lead fading fast and Tennessee streaking, Bogans and Prince stepped up to secure the win.

"Me and Tayshaun told each other we had to pick it up," Bogans said.

And they did. After turning the ball over consecutive times to Tennessee's press with over 1:40 to play, Prince began inbounding the ball to a streaking Bogans, who then played two-ball with Prince. The Vols were forced to foul the smooth ball-handling Prince and Prince was money from the free throw line.

When they dominate, Prince and Bogans can be the leaders of an unstoppable team.

And if they continue to dominate, Prince and Bogans might win more awards than All-SEC. They might make a habit of being named All-Final Four.

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