



Around Campus

Say What?

Things heard on or around campus recently that sound just a little weird to me and hopefully to you, too.

"I won't eat anything that smells like my grandmother, especially tuna fish."

"Did you hear about the test that scientists conducted in Canada recently? They were out to see if the rumor that there were female hormones in beer was true. The theory is that men turn into females while drinking beer. So 100 men were fed six pints of beer. It was then observed that 100 percent of the men talked excessively without making sense, became overly emotional, couldn't drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing, and refused to apologize when wrong. No further testing is planned." Note - Does not reflect the views of the rail editors.

"When did Gary Payton die?"

"That girl needs an umbrella you're spittin' game so hard."

"When did women's soccer get so good and why do we not hear about them more?"

"Isn't it about time for the new phone books to be passed out on campus?"

"That squirrel almost ate my shoelace."

"I hear that it is a bad thing when milk comes out of your nose. Something about cancer I think."

"What does sodomy mean?"

"Dusty, drop the Chalupa."

"When is that finished wall gonna be spud around Virginia?"

"Back that ass up!"

"Have you seen that new handrail? That thing is sweet!"

"The Bengals are more of a public service than anything. What else is so committed to convincing other people they don't have it so bad, that incompetence is a relative concept; that even rock-bottom has a sub-basement?"

-Ron Norton

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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Warmer, mostly sunny

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# KERNEL

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UNITY

## Activist Davis speaks on campus

Former Communist vice presidential candidate aids in celebrating 50 years of desegregation at UK.

By Luke Saladin  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Political activist, writer and former vice presidential candidate for the Communist Party Angela Davis will speak at the Singletary Center for the Arts tonight.

The speech is part of yearlong celebration of the 50-year African American legacy at UK.

Davis is one of the most prominent political figures in 20th century politics. Born Jan. 26, 1944 in Birmingham, Ala., she received her bache-

lor's from Brandeis University in 1965 and attended graduate school at the University of California, San Diego. It was there that she joined the Communist Party in 1968, under whose ticket she ran for vice president of the U.S. in 1980.

In 1969, Davis' radical viewpoints damaged her academic career and the University of California dismissed her from her position as an assistant professor.

In 1970, Davis was implicated in a violent incident in which four people were killed in an attempted escape from the Hall of Justice in

Marin County, Calif. She was subsequently placed on the FBI's Most Wanted list. Soon after, she was arrested in New York but was later acquitted.

Lulamae Fragd, an English professor at UK who is responsible for bringing Davis to UK, first heard about the arrest of Davis when she was a child. The preacher at her local church gave everyone pins that read "Free Angela Davis."

"That really made a stamp on me," Fragd said. "I've always admired her commitment to being an activist and her steadfastness in her position."

In 1984, Fragd was teaching at the University of California at Berkeley when she and some friends decided to take part in an adminis-



Davis

tration shutdown to protest the University's dealings with South African businesses that supported apartheid.

"I thought of her as an icon," Fragd said. "I asked her to participate because I thought it would look good for our cause."

Not only did Davis accept the invita-

tion, she voluntarily gave herself up to police. Fragd and Davis still remain close to this day.

"She considers me to be a friend, and I consider that to be a great honor," Fragd said.

The scoop

### An Evening with Angela Davis

When: Tonight  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Admission: Free  
Where: Singletary Center for the Arts



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LABOR

## El Salvadorian workers tell of woes

The student connection: Sweatshop workers make UK apparel

By John Wampler  
NEWS EDITOR

It may be hard for students to imagine working in a job where bosses yell at them for taking extra bathroom breaks, or where temperatures are over 100 degrees, with no air-conditioning or even fans. But for many sweatshop workers in El Salvador, these conditions are the norm.

Wednesday, in front of an audience that nearly filled the Old Student Center Theater to capacity, Maria Eva Nerio Ponce, and Sonia Beatriz Lara, both former El Salvadorian sweatshop workers, shared their experiences.

"When you hear about it, it's easy to ignore. But when they're here it's not as easy to overlook," said Joleen Martin, a sociology senior.

Ponce and Lara were brought here by the National Labor Association after being fired from their jobs at the Apple Tree Company, along with a number of other workers, for attempting to form a union. They were speaking at UK through the efforts of UK's Coalition Against Sweatshops, a student activist group.

Ponce and Lara described a day in the life of the average sweatshop worker.

Their working days begin early and end late, lasting anywhere from 12 to 16 hours a day. There is no clean water, merely water from a tap. Bathroom breaks are limited, and workers were verbally and physically harassed.

Both said that one of the worst aspects of the sweatshops is the medical situation. Workers are required to take blood and lung tests, and female workers are required to take pregnancy tests. While these tests are made mandatory, the costs are taken

out of workers' pay. Although social security is taken out of their paycheck, if workers want to attend social security clinics, they are often denied permission.

Despite the terrible conditions, workers are not calling for abolition of the sweatshops; they just want changes to be made.

"We're not against any company, we need these companies," Ponce said. "It's just that we also need respect for our rights."

Charles Kernigan, Executive Director of the National Labor Committee, said that student support has the ability to make companies that own sweatshops stand up and take notice.

"You have the power to rock the entire system," he told students.

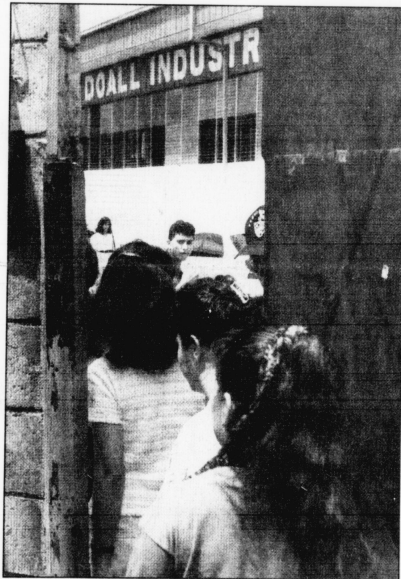
Ponce and Lara will be returning to El Salvador tomorrow, and not to a warm welcome. Anyone who attempts to form a union in El Salvador is blacklisted, Kernigan explained.

Since the two women will not be able to find jobs easily, the committee is trying to provide support for them so that they can serve as organizers, informing their fellow workers, of the work that U.S. students are doing to improve working conditions.

"What we are trying to do is support for them so that they can be partners in order to improve conditions in the factories," Lara said.

The facts

- What it costs vs. what workers are paid:
  - \$198 Liz Claiborne women's jacket: 74 cents
  - \$75 Nike short-sleeved shirt: 20 cents
  - \$15 University T-shirt: three cents
  - \$23 Nike children's sweatshirt: seven cents
- The average El Salvadorian worker is paid 60 cents an hour, which is less than one-third the cost of living.  
Source: National Labor Committee



Above, workers enter one of 225 maquila assembly factories in El Salvador.

PHOTO FURNISHED

68,000 workers in El Salvador make clothes such as the ones pictured at left.

NICK TOMACEK | KERNEL STAFF

SCHOLARS

## Fulbright scholar first to visit Cambodia

Sharon Dalier  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Twenty-four years ago when Khmer Rouge seized Cambodia, the United States discontinued all diplomatic and economic relations with the Southeast Asian nation. With the fall of the communist government, the U.S. reopened its doors to Cambodia. These international events have an impact here at UK.

Thomas Clayton, Director of the Master's Program of teaching English as a second language and assistant professor in the English department at UK, has become the first Fulbright Scholar to go to Cambodia.

The Fulbright American Scholar Program sends over 1,000

scholars and professionals each year to more than 100 nations. They lecture or conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields, ranging from journalism and urban planning to music, philosophy and zoology. Clayton was chosen for the honor because of his ability to observe Cambodia's political and economic institutions and cultures, and then exchange ideas, which could lead to international joint ventures of importance.

Clayton was surprised by being awarded the grant. "I was amazed and shocked because it's relatively unusual for an assistant professor to get a Fulbright. They usually go, but not always, to senior faculty."

Clayton has no complaints.

He said that what's important is not that it reflects positively on him, but focusing on the political changes in Cambodia—a democratic transition.

Clayton attended the University of Iowa where he obtained a bachelor's in English. Later he got his masters degree in English Education. Clayton continued at the University of Pittsburgh, where he attained his Ph.D. in Comparative Education. He lived two years in Malaysia and Japan, teaching ESL. In 1991, he spent a year in Cambodia where he taught and directed a program called the English Language Trading Center.

Clayton's Fulbright appointment is at the University of Phnom Penh and the Faculty of Law and Economic Sciences as a

teacher and researcher. His teaching plans include training Cambodian English language faculty in a series of professional development workshops. With his research, he wants to gain an understanding of how Cambodians perceive the English language.

"Do they see it as a similar vehicle drawing or tying them to the large, powerful capitalist countries or, do they see it simply as a language they need to achieve their personal purposes in life?" wonders Clayton.

Clayton's future plans include finishing his book, which is a study of the educational and language policies in communist Cambodia in the 1980's. "Going back is a perfect opportunity for me to continue working on that project."

THE SAGA OF SGA

## Phone books are in

After complications, student directories will be delivered

Tracy Kershaw  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

SGA will soon deliver an early Christmas present to the student body—the 1999-2000 UK Telephone Directory. The phone books are expected to arrive anytime, said SGA President Jimmy Glenn. Yet the problem of getting directories from the SGA office and into the hands of students arose at Wednesday's SGA meeting.

Glenn's request for senators to deliver the books to each dorm did not rest well. Some senators thought money had been allotted in the budget to have the directories delivered straight to the dorms.

"We left \$800 in the budget, line-itemed 'phonebook delivery,' to be given to an organization or someone to deliver the phonebooks," said Sen. Keisha Carter. "I would have never voted in favor of the senators delivering the books. The point is that we have money in the budget for this. It does not cost anything to deliver the books from the printers to UK. It was an executive mistake and the executives must do something about it."

Other senators expressed similar concerns and did not sign up to help with the delivery.

Glenn said that the executive branch thought senators wanted to help deliver the directories. If he had known otherwise, something could have been done in the past few weeks to make other delivery arrangements.

"At the beginning of the semester when the budget was presented, a number of senators decided to take it upon themselves to deliver the phone books," Glenn said.

Glenn said the discrepancy will not cause a delay in delivery, adding that he and SGA Vice President Whitney Speaker will take it upon themselves to make sure that the directories get delivered.

"Some senators did sign up. We are also looking into having student organizations help out. So far, two or three organizations have already approached us," Glenn said. "It is already November. We want to get the directories into the students' hands as soon as possible."

In other business, two new chairperson appointments were approved. Carrie Cahill was named academic rights chairperson and Becky Bargo was appointed to community service chairperson.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Banking overhaul bill passed

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved landmark legislation yesterday that would remove Depression-era barriers by allowing banks, securities firms and insurance companies to get into each other's businesses. The vote was 90-8. The House was expected to follow suit, and the administration has said that President Clinton will sign the measure. The White House lifted a long-standing veto threat after administration officials reached a compromise with key Republican lawmakers on community lending rules for banks.

## McCain closes gap with Bush

WASHINGTON — John McCain has narrowed the gap with George W. Bush in New Hampshire, where Bush once had a strong lead in the race for the Republican presidential nomination, says a poll released yesterday. The WNDS-TV Franklin Pierce College poll had 38 percent of likely voters in a Republican primary for Bush, the governor of Texas, to 30 percent for McCain, a senator from Arizona. The state holds the nation's first presidential primary Feb. 1.

## Israel leader at Rabin tribute

TEL AVIV, Israel — Defying the demands of his own security agents, Prime Minister Ehud Barak spoke yesterday before tens of thousands of Israelis gathered at the site where his mentor Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated four years earlier. "We are not afraid," Barak declared to the cheers of the crowd. He pledged to continue Rabin's peace policies, saying, "We came here to say, 'Yitzhak, your way has won.'"

## US, China may resume ties

WASHINGTON — China, which broke off military relations with Washington after the United States bombed the Chinese embassy in Belgrade, now wants to restore relations. Defense Secretary William Cohen said yesterday. "They have indicated they would like to re-establish these contacts," Cohen told reporters at the Pentagon. "Having said that, however, there have been no concrete steps taken to re-establish the contacts," he added. "I am hopeful that can come about soon."



**BEATTY SKIRTS:** In a lively and humorous exchange with students at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Hollywood star Warren Beatty called attention to a host of liberal causes but eluded several attempts to pin him down on the issue of his political future.



**CAN'T GET A RIDE:** Actor Danny Glover Wednesday charged that New York City cab drivers repeatedly failed to pick him up because he is black. He filed a formal complaint with the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission and asked officials to review the regulatory body's diversity training program for drivers.

## Seattle tense over gunman

SEATTLE — Authorities told residents yesterday not to be overly fearful as authorities searched for a camouflaged gunman who killed two employees at a boat repair shop and wounded two others before vanishing into the city. The attack, which came one day after a Xerox Corp. employee allegedly shot seven co-workers to death in Hawaii, prompted a massive manhunt yesterday through leafy streets north of downtown. "We do not know the identity of the shooter or his whereabouts," Police Chief Norm Stamper said. However, he said the nature of the attack made it unlikely that the killer posed an immediate danger to the neighborhood.

## Experts give advice on Y2K

WASHINGTON — The first of January will neither usher in the end of the world nor the end of all problems, the White House senior adviser on the Y2K computer issue told a House hearing today. John Koskinen said that among the Y2K "myths" that must be dispelled are "doomsday" scenarios that nuclear weapons will launch themselves or that the federal government is using the computer problem as an excuse to take control over other institutions. Another myth, he said is that Jan. 1, the arrival of the new millennium, will be the all-or-nothing day for computer problems, and that people can close the books on Y2K after that.

## Stocks up; Dow up 30.51

NEW YORK — Stocks closed mostly higher yesterday after a bidding war over Warner-Lambert enlivened the drug sector and financial shares rose on the latest sign that inflation is under control. At the close of trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 30.51 at 10,639.57. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange led decliners 1,587-1,459. The Nasdaq composite index rose to its fifth consecutive record close, ending the session up 27.59 at 3,056.10.

## Cleveland Indians: \$320m

CLEVELAND — Larry Dolan has agreed to buy the Cleveland Indians for \$320 million from Richard Jacobs, who as the team's owner since 1986 built the club from a baseball laughingstock into a model franchise and perennial power. Dolan's acquisition is subject to approval by major league owners, who have taken 6-18 months to consider recent purchase agreements. Jacobs said the transaction should close by the end of March or early April.

## NATION

# McKinney sentenced

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LARAMIE, Wyo. — The man convicted of killing a gay college student was sentenced yesterday to two consecutive life sentences, accepting a deal approved by Matthew Shepard's parents that spares him from lethal injection.

"I would like nothing better than to see you die, Mr. McKinney. However, this is the time to begin the healing process," Shepard's tearful father, Dennis, told Aaron McKinney in court yesterday. "Every time you celebrate Christmas, a birthday, or the Fourth of July, remember Matthew isn't. Every time you wake up in that prison cell, remember you had the opportunity and the ability to stop your actions that night."

As Shepard spoke, he paused at times to wipe away tears, his voice breaking. Several jurors wept, along with members of both legal teams, spectators, Shepard's mother, Judy, and friends of the Shepards.

McKinney's eyes welled

up at times as he listened. Family members cried as well.

McKinney, 22, a high school dropout and drug dealer, is the second defendant in Shepard's slaying to get life in prison. Russell Henderson, 22, pleaded guilty to murder earlier this year.

"Never will a day go by I won't be ashamed for what I have done," McKinney told the court.

Matthew Shepard, 21, was lured from a Laramie bar 13 months ago, robbed of \$20, lashed to a fence, bludgeoned in the head with a pistol and left to die on a remote prairie. The University of Wyoming student died five days later in a Fort Collins, Colo., hospital.

President Clinton praised the jurors' decision yesterday.

"This verdict is a dramatic statement that we are determined to have a tolerant law-abiding nation that celebrates our differences, rather than deepening them," he said. "We cannot surrender to those on the fringe of our society who lash out at those who are different."

# Politicians on campus

## Meet the government

Who: Former Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson and former U.S. Senator Wendell Ford.

When: Monday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Where: William T. Young library, Auditorium Room 1-62

Who: Former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins

When: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Where: White Hall Classroom Building, Room 231

As part of next week's Local Government in the 21st Century series hosted by Kentucky Senator Wendell Ford and former Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, participants will talk about local government and the role it plays in society.

Former Kentucky Governor Martha Layne Collins will come to campus as well.

The seminar will consist of two panels. The first panel topic is "City Leadership in the 21st Century." The second panel topic is "Delivery of Services of the 21st Century." Each panel will consist of various local civic leaders.

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

# NCAA spot assured

Cats set to host NCAA Tournament action - times to be determined

By Shelly DiSalvo  
STAFF WRITER

The season for the UK women's soccer team is not completely over, despite their 6-5 loss to the Georgia Bulldogs in the first round of the Southeastern Conference Tournament in Nashville. Sunday night is selection night for the NCAA women's soccer tournament.

The top 16 teams in the nation will get byes in the first round of the tournament, starting with the first round matches on

Wednesday, Nov. 10. Thursday's loss to UG puts NCAA bye in jeopardy for the Cats, despite their 14th ranking before the game.

UK will participate in the tournament, but whether they'll play in the first round will be determined Sunday night with the NCAA bid selections.

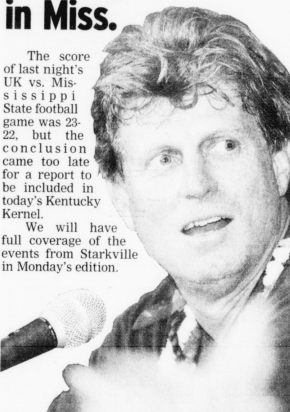
UK will be hosting either first round matches or second round matches (Saturday, Nov. 13 or Sunday Nov. 14) at the UK Soccer Complex. Sunday's bidding selection will make the final determination.

## PAST OUR BEDTIME

# Late night in Miss.

The score of last night's UK vs. Mississippi State football game was 23-22, but the conclusion came too late for a report to be included in today's Kentucky Kernel.

We will have full coverage of the events from Starkville in Monday's edition.



## TOURNAMENT HEARTBREAK

# Cats halted for now

By Shelley DiSalvo  
STAFF WRITER

The UK Women's soccer team experienced a tragic defeat yesterday afternoon when their 15-game winning streak skidded to a violent halt with a 6-5 loss to UG, putting the brakes on SEC champion dreams.

Third-seeded UK (16-3-1, 8-2 SEC) faced off against sixth-seeded UG (14-5-1, 6-4 SEC) in the first round of the SEC women's soccer tournament at Vanderbilt.

The Bulldogs did everything in the book to exact revenge against the Cats, having lost to UK in regular season. But it took two overtime periods and seven penalty shots to come away with the biggest victory for them thus far in the post season period. UG came out more aggressively right from the whistle and UK was unable to keep up with their momentum during the first half.

UG was taking shot after shot, pummeling UK's keeper Beth Wells consistently. The Bulldogs were handed their first score when sophomore forward Gina Forte took a corner kick in UK's territory. The ball deflected off UK junior defender Emily Oetjen into the back of the net, giving UG the lead.

The first half ended, and UK was scoreless. "We didn't come out really well in the first half, and we weren't ready for what Georgia gave us," said UK senior defender Allison Peppers. "But we calmed down and were able to hold the ball in the second half."

Though the Cats were unable to answer the Bulldogs' score in the first half, the second half was a turning point for UK.

"We weren't in a rhythm in the first half but we were able to



Jen Reese and the Cats saw their remarkable 15-game winning streak come to an end yesterday against Georgia.

FILE PHOTO

make the needed adjustment for the second half." UK head coach Warren Lipka said. "We played much better defensively and had many more quality chances but we just couldn't put them away."

UK came out more aggressively in the second half with freshman Jo Fletcher replacing Wells between the post, determination flashing across the Cats' faces as they attacked UG's goal.

Freshman forward Keri Boyce answered the prayers of UK's fans when she scored with less than 8 minutes left in regulation. Boyce was dished the ball upfield and went head to head with UG goalkeeper Nicole Williams. An initial shot was deflected by the Georgia keeper, but Boyce kept control of the ball and put it into the net.

The last minute of regulation was a nail-biting affair with two opportunities for UG to score - a corner kick and a free kick - that proved fruitless.

Then UK forward Annie Gage went up against Williams for a

last second shot, but was denied.

That's when the heart-stopping battle began. UK and UG headed into two sudden death overtime periods lasting 15 minutes each. Despite numerous shots on goal range by UK's squad, the Bulldogs couldn't be finished off.

The teams moved on to penalty shots, with both teams connecting on three out of the five allotted shots. The score increased, but remained tied.

Sudden death penalty came next, with one player kicking at a time. Williams blocked a penalty kick by UK senior midfielder Hope Deuschle. Georgia freshman forward Beth Cooper stepped up and scored and UK's hopes and dreams were crushed by the pounding defeat of the Bulldogs, who rushed Williams in celebration.

"We have to drive the ball to get past Williams, not finesse it, because she'll block it," Coach Lipka said. "We just weren't able to do it today"

## Fly



## KERNEL



**Friday:**  
"What Buck"  
• Dollar Drinks & Cover  
• Including Dollar Bottles, Drafts, and shots  
• Dance Fever with Pablo, K & EKOW

**Monday:**  
Monday Night Football

**Happy Hour**  
4-9 pm  
Everyday

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• Food  
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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is produced weekly by the Office of Student Activities. Postings in the calendar are free to all registered student organizations and UK departments. Information can be submitted in Rm. 203 Student Center or by completing a request form on-line at <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter>. Postings requests are due ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Monday information is to appear in the calendar. For more information call 257-8866

Friday 11/5

Acts/Movies  
Senior Voice Recital: Jill Tolar, 8pm, Singletary Center

Saturday 11/6


Acts/Movies  
Catholic Mass at The Newman Center, 6pm

Sunday 11/7

Acts/Movies  
Res Life Tutoring: Eng 101, 6:30-9, Holmes Study Lounge and Commons 300  
Res Life Tutoring: Spanish, 5-7pm, Holmes Classroom  
Res Life Tutoring: Math, 6-10pm, Commons 308A  
Res Life Tutoring: History 104/105, 6-9pm at Commons 308B  
Res Life Tutoring: History 104/105, 2-5pm at Commons 306  
Res Life Tutoring: Chemistry, 5-8pm, Boyd Study Lounge

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

Acts/Movies  
Exhibit: ON THE BRINK: The Millennium Nears, UK Art Museum, 12-5pm  
UK Band Spectacular, 5pm, Singletary Concert Hall, Call 7-2863 for ticket info



The early bird gets the vote

## Registering to vote for next time around

It's a little late to worry about this year's election. However you can get a head start on the 2000 election, set to pick the next President of the United States and other key governmental offices for federal, state and local levels.

If you are not registered 28 days before the election you wish to participate in, too bad. Registration books are also closed 7 days after an election. Therefore it is important to get registered early so you won't forget about it.

### Election Dates for 2000

May 23 - Primary Election (Registration Deadline - April 25)  
November 7 - General Election (Registration Deadline - October 10th)

### How to register

As college students we have two choices for voting: Register here in Fayette County or voting absentee ballot for your home county.

### Registering in Fayette County

You can register in person at the Voter Registration Office of the County Clerk, 162 East Main Street, Lexington from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

You can also register at any branch location of the County Clerk or by mail on a proper state registration form. It is important to learn the name of your precinct where you reside in Fayette County. There are 225 different precincts. The Office of the County Clerk will help you determine your precinct.

Once you are registered and change addressed or change your name by marriage or court order, you must notify the Voter Registration Office.

### Registering for absentee balloting

You will need to contact your home county's County Clerk office for the absentee balloting paperwork. You may have an absentee ballot if you are either absent from the county on election day or ill or disabled and cannot go to the polling place.

For more information, contact Fayette County Voter Registration at 255-7563.

Compiled from information listed in the UK 1999-2000 phone directory, as compiled from the League of Women Voters.

## Getting Technical

Watch for your favorite Kernel columnists and cartoonist to tackle science and science fiction in the Kernel's Technology Series, Nov 8 through 12.

It's going to be far out, baby, yeah!

## IN OUR OPINION

# Least of all evils

Lackluster candidates causing low votes

With another Election Day come and gone, some were actually pleasantly surprised with the roughly 20 percent turnout at the polls this past Tuesday. That was as a society could be "happy" with a 20 percent turnout for the election of our state leaders is sad.

Contrary to the usual cliches, the low voter turnout is not the fault of apathetic voters, lack of media coverage or disinterest in issues.

It is time that we turn the blame where it belongs — the politicians and political party leaders behind them. When a voter's best choice on the ballot is the off chance that there is a "None of the Above" box, then it becomes unreasonable to expect individuals to show up at the polls.

Our political parties have become so overrun with professional politicians and ineffectual, unqualified leaders that the candidates resulting from this mix are lackluster at best.

It used to be suggested that voting for a third party candidate was a wasted vote. Unfortunately, many people now feel that any vote is a wasted vote. Instead of determining our best leadership choice, we attempt to select the least worst.

Until our political leaders manage to captivate public interest, take legitimate stands on issues, and exhibit a reasonable amount of intelligence and common sense, then little blame can be placed on the public for avoidant involvement in elections.

Paul Patton rejoiced over his victory that captured around 60 percent of the vote on Tuesday. Perhaps he should question why four out of every five voters in the state did not even bother to

show up to tell him what they thought of his first four years in office.

We can not really see any reason to blame people for the lack of interest shown in the election this past Tuesday. For those that did vote, we applaud you for taking part in a decision that was difficult not due to the qualifications of the candidates, but for the lack of substance that was spread equally among all four candidates.

It is true that we have a responsibility to our local, state and national governments to vote in elections. The democratic ideals of our country are founded upon the voice of the people speaking when giving the opportunity. Maybe when we fail to speak, politicians and their respective political parties should choose to listen more attentively.

Just as we have a responsibility to vote, political parties have a responsibility to provide us with capable, charismatic and thought-provoking leaders. Until that occurs, do not expect to see a mad dash for the polls anytime soon.

The waning number of votes does not mean that we as a public are disinterested in the issues or our government. It simply means that we are disinterested in the people that the political parties have chosen as possible leaders.

Maybe Paul Patton and the leadership team that was selected across Kentucky will prove to be the most effective and inspirational group of leaders that this state has seen. If that is the case though, it is disappointing that they (and their opponents) could not have shown that type of leadership during the days leading up to the election.

## Tammy Gay

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICES

# Services offered on quitting the smoking habit

Three out of four college students who smoke want to quit. But it's a long road between saying they want to quit and actually quitting.

Many times college students start smoking in social situations. Before they realize it, they've addicted.

"It seems to me a lot of students who are smoking don't have a clear understanding of the addictive nature of nicotine," said Ruth Staten, Ph.D., substance abuse specialist for University Health Service, and associate professor in the UK College of Nursing.

"Since they haven't been smoking long, they think they can quit quickly. However, it only can take a few weeks for students to become hooked."

But, there are ways to quit smoking and remain a non-smoker.

The most proven way to quit smoking is to use medication such as nicotine replacement therapy or bupropione combined with a cognitive behavioral intervention.

Nicotine replacement therapy, which comes in the form of patches or gum, can be bought over the counter. These therapies gradually reduce the amount of nicotine in the body's system, thus minimizing withdrawal symptoms, such as depression, anxiety, irritability and difficulty concentrating.

Bupropione has also helped smokers quit.

Cognitive behavior strategies, which can be learned in individual or group therapies or by reading therapeutic books, deal with the habit of smoking.

These strategies help people

overcome situations where they want to smoke, such as the usual after-meal or study cigarette. They may include focusing on improving nutrition, or increasing exercise to minimize weight gain. Twenty-five percent of smokers on campus began smoking after starting UK, Staten said.

"Usually students start to smoke if the people they hang around smoke," Staten said. "If their group perceives smoking as looking cool and more mature, so will they. As educators, there is room to prevent students from starting to smoke since one out of four of them start smoking after they arrive here."

Smoking means more than bad breath, smelly clothes, stained teeth and shortness of breath, Staten said. It means upper respiratory problems, a decreased ability to be physically active, and the risk of fire, cancers, heart disease, and lung disease. It also can be costly. A person who smokes one pack of cigarettes a day spends about \$1,000 each year on smoking.

"Many students say they will quit once they graduate," Staten said. "The longer you smoke, the harder it is to quit. Quitting is hard for the majority of people, and getting help through counseling and nicotine replacement therapy has been shown to be the best way to go."

University Health Service provides group and individual therapy for smokers. For an appointment, call 323-5511.

Guest Columnist Tammy Gay is the information specialist for University Health Services. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



## Candice Jackson

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

# Smokers know dangers, don't need reprimanding

Is it just me, or is everyone on a crusade to save my life?

Over the past few weeks, I've run into several friends (and a good amount of random strangers who feel the need to stop me on the way to class or when I'm out with friends) who've made it their life's mission to inform me that my copious and well-established smoking habit is (Surprise!) bad for me.

No, really? I thought they were good for you! That burning feeling in my lungs feels so right.

How can it be wrong? Pointed barbs of sarcasm aside, it seems that with the cold weather settling in, several well-meaning (though extremely annoying) "Good Samaritans" have made it their responsibility to save me from an untimely cancerous death. Maybe it's the sight of me standing out in the cold, hands cupped around the glowing embers of my Camel Reds that provokes pity, or maybe I'm just more defensive these days, having failed once again in an attempt to quit.

But nothing irritates me more than a random "gooder" taking it upon himself to outline the horrific dangers of cigarettes. Sure, I guess they're just trying to help. After all, there really is no good excuse these days to begin such a dirty and expensive habit.

And I understand that everyone has a right to a smoke-free environment. But since when does lighting one up on the way to algebra warrant a Surgeon General-worthy speech?

And do people really think they're enlightening me when they tell me that I'm going to die a terrible, gasping death by the age of 30?

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## READERS' FORUM

# Expressions

## Rich effective at getting apathetic students to pay attention

To the Editor:

This is in regards to the recent firing of Ben Rich as a Kernel columnist.

As students who have rarely, if ever, agreed with what Ben Rich has said, he should still be allowed to voice his opinions in the dialogue page.

His views might be misguided, but Ben does make the student body do something that they do not often do: think. True, Ben Rich pisses people off but he is effective at getting responses out of a generally apathetic student body.

Say what you will about Ben, but at

I suppose I shouldn't be surprised anymore. After all, I wasn't ignorant of the facts when I first started picking up the habit in high school. I was just extremely stupid. I can hear my father now, lecturing me on the dangers, relating to me his various stories of attempts at quitting his own habit, and his advice that it was far better to never start than to try to stop.

And yet, even despite being caught and reprimanded by my dad several times, I persisted. After all, my friends did it, and it was part of our lifestyle even back then, right along with leaving campus for lunch and partying on the weekends.

And even then it took me a good three years to develop my habit into a full-fledged addiction. I suppose I could blame that on relationship-related stress (I did at the time), but there really was no good excuse. I had a million chances to quit, and I ignored them all.

Now I'm stuck with smoky clothing, an empty wallet and an irritating sense of my own lack of self-control.

But I'm not trying to garner any pity here. Don't get me wrong. Quitting might be easier if a small part of me didn't still get a big kick out of it. I think comedian Marc Maron put best when trying to describe his nicotine habit to a room full of non-smokers: "You just don't know what it's like to really, really, really want something ... then get it all the time."

But I think my own guilt is going to be enough to motivate me, and when I quit, it's going to be because I'm good and ready, not because of the sermon someone gave me on the steps of Funkhouser.

So feel free to gently remind your addicted friends that smoking is bad for them, when it's appropriate. If they do try to quit, encourage and support them in their struggle with the addiction. But please don't think you're doing me a favor when you list the various health hazards involved with picking up the habit.

Believe me, I know them all too well on a personal level. My hacking cough is a reminder enough, thanks.

So save your breath. Lord knows you'll need it if you're around my second-hand smoke.

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least he has an opinion that is enjoyable to read.

Ben's voice should not be silenced just because his views are unpopular or offensive.

If his opinion makes you mad, you can send in a fan, scathing, and equally offensive e-mail to the Kernel.

I think that's what Ben Rich would want you to do.

The truth is, reading a controversial Ben Rich article will always be more fun and interesting than reading another article about Dave Gorman finding Jesus.

For all of you who find Ben Rich too offensive, get over it. He is what makes the dialogue page worth reading.

Bring Ben back!

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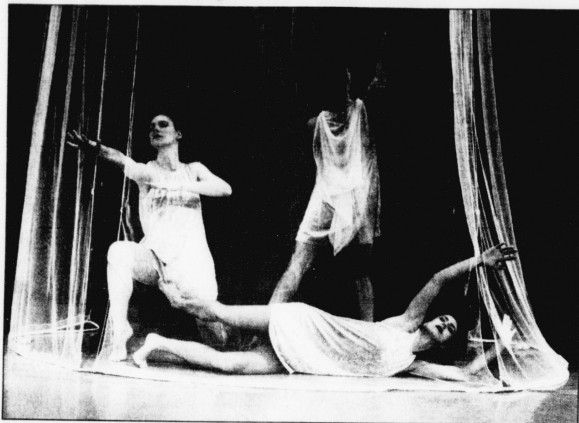
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DANCE

# This "Dog" has bark and bite



The Kentucky Artist Series continue to celebrate Kentucky-based talent in its inaugural year by bringing Barking Dog, Kentucky's only professional modern dance company, to campus. Combining works of both absurd humor and thought-provoking intelligence, Barking Dog gives performances as unique as its name. Their performance at the Singletary Center this Sunday will be the company's third at UK.

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## Modern dance company Barking Dog combines comedy and drama

Jennifer Sciantarelli  
STAFF WRITER

This dog is unlike any other. Art! Art! Barking Dog Dance Company will perform Sunday at the Singletary Center as part of the Kentucky Artist Series. Barking Dog is Kentucky's only professional modern dance company, founded by dancers/choreographers/educators Anastasia McGlothlin, Alan Lommasson and Lynn Slaughter in 1998. The group's pieces range from the hilarious to the dramatic. Singletary Center director Holly Salisbury said she chose to bring the company here because of its variety.

"I was intrigued by the name to begin with," Salisbury said. "What does this mean?" Lommasson came up with the unusual name, wanting something memorable, something that would interest people. As reflected in the name, Barking Dog presents some silly and absurd works. However, Salisbury said, the group also performs thought-provoking pieces, often with profound messages. "I like that they have a diversity of dances, yet they are still true to modern dance," Salisbury said. Salisbury said she found it important to include modern dance in the first season of the Kentucky Artist Series, which brings Kentucky-based arts groups to the Singletary Center.

Modern dance is not well known to audiences, especially in Kentucky, but Barking Dog will be able to educate and entertain audiences this weekend, Salisbury said. Barking Dog traveled to UK two years ago to work with the UK Dance Ensemble, a modern-based student group. The company choreographed a piece for the ensemble and performed in Barker Hall. Kimberly Martin, former president of the ensemble who graduated from UK in May, will be performing with the company this weekend as a member of Barking Dog. The group returned to campus last year for another performance including "Flying at 50," a summation of Slaughter's life as a dancer. The piece combined humor and thoughtfulness, a good description of Slaughter herself. Each piece seems to in-

**The buzz**  
Who: Barking Dog Dance Company  
When: Sunday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m. in the Singletary Center

corporate the individuality of each dancer and the relationships among them. Barking Dog is a family of artists. Their close connection off stage is reflected in their group cohesion on stage. In addition to performing, the company visits schools throughout the state to educate and inform about modern dance. The company is committed to making modern dance more accessible to Kentucky audiences. Salisbury said that, like the name, Barking Dog's performance should make for a memorable Sunday afternoon.

FILMS

# It's no Sundance, but it's all we got

Louisville festival gives viewing opportunities to film fans who live in the movie-Siberia of Kentucky

By Max Sturgeon  
STAFF WRITER

Yeah, it's not exactly Sundance. But hey, at least it's only an hour drive.

The Louisville Film and Video Festival will be running from Nov. 3 through Nov. 7 at the Baxter Avenue Theatres. Kentucky is not exactly a hotbed of film, but you have to start somewhere. And the truth is this festival actually quietly started 10 years ago.

The festival features independent film and video from across the nation as well as the world. This year's addition had the judges narrow down over 150 entries to the 70 that will be showing.

The films are all shorts with the running times ranging from two minutes all the way to 57 minutes. They also range from dramatic pieces, to animation, to documentaries.

Among those featured are: *24 Girls*. The Best of Festival award winner is a coming-of-age story of a different kind. This lyrical essay portrays young girls auditioning for a film project and the ghost of one who is not at the audition. As the girls present themselves to the camera, each hopeful and uncertain, the story unfolds of Linnie Moore, who died in the fourth grade.

*Battle of the Minds*. This past Louisville Film and Video Festival winner is making a return run. This documentary from Steven Lipscomb traces the rise of fundamentalism in America's largest Protestant denomination and the subsequent impact on women.

*Dream*. This Juror's Prize winner is an animated short that presents a subway encounter between a woman and a man.

*Forgotten Fires*. This film explores the devastating consequences of prejudice. Filmed over the course of a year in Manning, South Caroli-

na, the documentary follows the events that led four members of the Ku Klux Klan to burn local African American churches.

*Stranger*. This movie is a character study of a disturbed homeless man journeying through the mean streets and lonely highways of America. Traveling with a Super8 camera and an attitude, the nameless stranger shares his insights and observations. The film contains no dialogue, only the voice-over of the narrator.

*Undesirables*. Directed and produced by a student filmmaker, this film follows the deportation from Moscow of four runaway youths from different parts of Russia who are returned to the impoverished Russian provinces.

*Barred and Gagged*. Award-winning documentary maker Carol Jacobsen continues her investigation into the conditions of women's prisons with this look at prison censorship.

To see a complete list of all the films and their showtimes, log on to the festival's website located at [www.artswatch.org/LFVF.html](http://www.artswatch.org/LFVF.html).

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