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Reality TV rejects

OK people, enough is enough. Television had plenty of reality television when the only show on was MTV's "The Real World." Now, primetime TV is now lousy, with reality television with every other show being a "Survivor" rip-off. The shows even prompted movies like "The Truman Show," "Ed TV," and the upcoming "Series 7: The Contenders." The only real thing about them is how they really make you stupid from watching. Here's the new list of crap planning to invade your homes and ruin every chance your children will ever have to attend college.

CBS: "Behind the Camera." It's time to turn the tables around on the cameramen of the reality shows. Real cameramen filming other real cameramen who are filming reality shows for real ... really.

NBC: "Great White North." Contestants will have to go through the Canadian Mountie boot camp: a grueling three-day, 6-hour a day lecture. If the contestants fall asleep or pass out from boredom, they're sent packing.

ABC: "The Old Country." Ten participants will compete for \$1,000,000 by tackling the Amish life for six weeks. The last one remaining after the punishing 22 hour days of milking, churning, praying and putting up with rude tourists will take home the prize.

FOX: "Rent-a-Cops." From the producers of "Cops" comes a show about the other end of the spectrum: the nice neighborhoods. Ride along with Rent-a-Cops from some of the nicest towns in New England. They're not coordinated or even in good shape, but they get the job done.

UPN: "Wayans Bros. TV." Follow along with the Wayans brothers as they record all 14 of their sit-coms every week on America's No. 1 Network: UPN. Watch every week and enter the "Name that Wayans Brother" contest.

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YOUR MONEY

Low rates help those with loans

Relief: Students begin repayment at lower interest rates, effectively lowering the cost of their college educations

By Paul Haker
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Although the cost of a college education continues to rise, students with loans will have less to pay back.

Interest rates are lower than they have ever been, which means that students taking out new loans will not have as much money repay, said Londa Lewis Wolanin, Chief Operating Officer for the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

"Students start repayment at a lower interest rate which means that loans now cost less, and more money is available to students," Wolanin said. "The federal government sets interest rates on July 1 of every year and is good for that year. It is based on the sale of treasury bills and auctions from the year before."

UK uses the Federal Direct Loan for student loans. Wolanin said that the lower interest rates impact these loans in the same way.

The interest rate for repayment of Direct Loans awarded on or after July 1, 1998 is 5.99 percent until June 30, 2002. During in-school, grace or deferment periods, the rate is 5.39 percent. The rate for new Parent Plus loans is 6.79 percent.

Lower interest rates do not just mean less money students have to pay back for their student loans; it also applies to bank loans. The Federal Reserve decided to cut rates again earlier this month. Interest rates have been cut several times this year in hopes of keeping the economy from falling into a recession. Rates may be cut again in October.

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student loans to assist in paying for her education.

"I feel that my student loan is a way that I can pay for college myself and not rely on my parents. It gives me a sense of independence and accomplishment," Bennett said. "Without my student loan, I would have to rely on my parents to pay for my education."

Although students will still have to pay the full amount of the loan, they will be paying less interest on their loans.

Bennett said she is happy about the low rates.

"Lower interest rates are great and make it easier for people to get loans and be able to pay them back," she said.

DOG DAYS

Guarding against the heat



FILE PHOTO

Prevention
The Kentucky construction workers died this summer from heat-related causes.

Burned: High temperatures continue to plague campus community

By Andrea Uhde
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

We deal with it everyday because it is impossible to completely avoid.

Some days it is worse than others. It even has the power to kill, as in the cases of the Minnesota Vikings' Corey Stringer, Northwestern's Rashidi Wheeler, the Florida Gators' Erasle Austin and, more locally, three Kentucky construction workers.

It is powerful and unavoidable, and it's called heat. With a heat wave earlier this month that brought unusually high temperatures, the local weather has impacted everyone from the campus construction workers to the UK band.

"It gets so hot sometimes, you think you'll pass out," said Jeff Alexander of Burkett Masonry.

Alexander and the other workers stay outside from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily, even taking their lunch breaks in the beds of their trucks by the Mechanical Engineering Building where they are working.

The workers said that they try to stay in the shade and drink as much water as possible.

"We probably go through 10 to 15 gallons [of water each day]," said Mitchell Elam of Janust Construction Services.

Elam, who works with 13 men, doesn't find the heat unbearable, but does say it hinders work.

"It slows down the men a little bit," he said. "If you're uncomfortable, you don't work as hard. You've just got to sweat and go on with it."

Next week's temperatures are predicted to be in the mid-80s, according to the Kentucky Connect Weather Web Site.

From 1979 through 1997, an average of 6,600 Americans died from excessive heat, according to the Center for Disease Control.

UK sports, including the football team, which spends significant time practicing outdoors, are also taking precautions because of the heat.

"We go by the book and keep a very close eye on our student athletes," said Dr. H.S. Turner, director of University Health Services.

Turner said the football players are weighed before and after each practice in order to identify if a player is dehydrated. While weight loss after a practice is normal, a weight

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HEALTH

Lauren Bacall to grace UK fundraiser

Aging beauty: Center on Aging will bring in actress

By Stacie Meihaus
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

She's sultry, she has a distinctive voice and she has charmed audiences for more than 50 years. Lauren Bacall and her grace will do something different this time.

The one-time model-turned-actor/writer will speak on behalf of the same audiences when she comes to UK's Sanders-Brown Center on Aging's annual fundraising dinner.

The guest list of approximately 800 includes former state governors, the Center's Board of Directors and other esteemed members of the community.

"We like to feature speakers who represent the aging community well, people who have aged with grace and can be role models to other aging people," said Lindsey Ein, director of the Center on Aging Foundation, about the 76-year-old Bacall.

In the past, Secretary of State Colin Powell, former Senator and astronaut John Glenn and former First Lady Barbara Bush have spoken at the dinner.

"We thought it was time to have a woman speaker and someone in the entertainment business," Ein said.

Bacall is an accomplished actress, having made her film debut in 1944, costarring with later husband Humphrey Bogart in *To Have and Have Not*. She has been part of the Oscar-winning films *Murder on the Orient Express* and *Misery*. Recently, she



Bacall

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BEGINNINGS

Ceremony 'opens way' for minority graduate students in health sciences

Medical faculty and students offer guidance

By Lamin Swann
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

Twenty minority graduate students from who are beginning their studies in the health sciences at UK found out that Thursday evening they will have support and guidance during their studies.

The UK Chandler Medical Center Office of Minority Affairs hosted the annual "Opening of the Way," ceremony, ensuring the students that they will not be alone as they conquer this phase in their lives.

"This will ensure you that you can successfully prepare to enter your chosen profession," said Willie Craft, a second year biochemistry graduate student.

The event is the only one of its kind to be held in a U.S. academic medical center.

The ceremony centers on the students' declaration of commitment to excellence in pursuing their academic goals and a reciprocal statement from the UK Medical Center faculty.

These students are beginning their studies in the colleges of Nursing, Allied Health Professions, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Medicine, the Kentucky School of Public Health and in biological sciences.

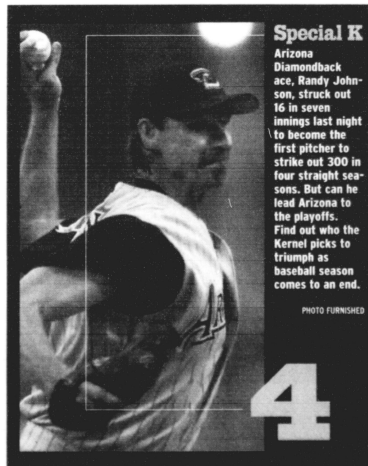
Focusing on the traditional African rites of passage ceremony, an accomplishment is reached to commend a rite of passage, "but

before you can do this, there must be an opening of the way," Craft said.

But before these future doctors, pharmacists, nurses and researchers began their passage at UK, last night they absorbed some words of wisdom from someone who has walked the passage before them.

Dr. Wayne B. Tuckson, an assistant clinical professor at the University of Louisville, offered advice. "By all means, study," he said. "It may not make sense now, but later it will come all together." Tuckson praised UK's dedication to minority students.

"Usually the commitment of a university (to a student) falls once you walk through the door," he said, "but I see UK is going beyond that."



Special K

Arizona Diamondback ace, Randy Johnson, struck out 16 in seven innings last night to become the first pitcher to strike out 300 in four straight seasons. But can he lead Arizona to the playoffs. Find out who the Kernel picks to triumph as baseball season comes to an end.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Pharmacist indicted on 20 counts

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A wealthy pharmacist was indicted Thursday on 20 new counts of mislabeling and tampering with potentially lifesaving chemotherapy drugs. Investigators said samples they tested contained generally less than half of the drugs prescribed and one chemotherapy mixture was nearly pure saline. The indictment charges Robert R. Courtney with eight counts of tampering with consumer products, six counts of adulteration of a drug and six counts of misbranding a drug.

Colombian army searches for rebels

SAN JOSE DEL GUAVIARE, Colombia — Waves of helicopters carrying troops lifted off from a staging area in Colombia's coca-growing plains Thursday, as the U.S.-backed military hunted down a wounded column of more than 1,000 leftist rebels. The offensive comes a week before the arrival of a high-level U.S. delegation, and with the spotlight on Colombian President Andres Pastrana over the rebels' misuse of a Switzerland-sized safe when he ceded them in peace talks.

China acknowledges HIV/AIDS epidemic

BEIJING — China's government admitted the growing scale of its AIDS epidemic with rare candor Thursday, saying HIV cases nationwide had surged and confirming that hundreds of people in a single village were infected by a blood-buying operation. Yin Dakui, a vice minister of health, chided local officials and the public for not recognizing the dangers of AIDS. His ministry said the virus was spreading especially quickly among drug users and in China's flourishing sex trade. China faces "a very serious epidemic of HIV/AIDS," Yin said at an unusual government news conference on the issue.

Number of jobless workers hits high

WASHINGTON — The number of laid-off workers drawing unemployment benefits has hit a nine-year peak, the government reported Thursday, providing stark evidence of the toll the yearlong economic slowdown was taking on the nation's labor markets. The Labor Department said the number of Americans collecting unemployment benefits rose to 3.18 million in the week ending Aug. 11, the highest level since the last recession in September 1992. The government said the number of newly laid-off workers filing applications for benefits rose by 8,000 last week to 388,000, the highest level since mid-July.



Gore a grandfather for second time

WASHINGTON — Al Gore's second grandchild was born Thursday in New York City to his oldest daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff, his aides said. The 7-pound, 8-ounce baby, named Anna Hunger Schiff, has an older brother, two-year-old Wyatt. The Gores have four children and two grandchildren. Gore's wife Tipper was already in New York for the birth and Gore immediately traveled to the city to be with his family. The baby's middle name comes from her uncle, Frank Hunger, Gore's brother-in-law and widower of Gore's sister Nancy.

Author Peter Maas dead at 72

NEW YORK — Best-selling author Peter Maas, who chronicled the Mafia from informants Jos Valachi through Sammy "The Bull" Gravano, died Thursday. He was 72. Maas, who detailed the life of an incorruptible New York City policeman named Frank Serpico in a book that became an Al Pacino movie, died at Mount Sinai Hospital of an undisclosed cause, said Lucille Lee, a hospital spokeswoman. He considered himself part of the "new journalism" with fellow writers Jimmy Breslin and Tom Wolfe, bringing the flourishes of fiction writing to news stories during the early 1960s. "The Terrible Hours," his account of the first successful submarine rescue, was a Times best seller last year. Maas is survived by his third wife, Suzanne Maas, and two sons.

Condit admits to Levy relationship

MODESTO, Calif. — Rep. Gary Condit acknowledged Thursday he had a close, five-month relationship with Chandra Levy but said he had no idea what happened to the former intern when she disappeared last spring. In his first broadcast interview since the disappearance nearly four months ago, Condit told ABC's Connie Chung that he cooperated fully with police and did nothing to slow the investigation. Although Condit, 53 and married, described his relationship with the 24-year-old Levy as "close," he would not say whether it was sexual. He said he was not in love with Levy but liked her very much and the two never exchanged a cross word.

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It is not in giving life but in risking life that man is raised above the animal; that is why superiority has been accorded in humanity not to the sex that brings forth but to that which kills."

— Simone de Beauvoir (1908-86) French writer, feminist

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HEAT

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loss of three percent or more that does not return before the next practice is a sign of dehydration.

"Obviously, with all the heat-related illness, we did indeed sit down as a medical staff and look at what we were doing in the prevention area," said Jim Madaleno, the head athletic trainer for the football team.

Madaleno said players are encouraged to drink the recommended three gallons of water on and off the field each day as a precaution.

Gatorade, which replaces everything lost through sweat, is supplied in unlimited amounts during practice. Student athletic trainers are stationed with six squirt bottles each so players can stop at any time during practice and have a drink.

This year, head coach Guy Morriss decided that instead of one organized break during

practice, players will be allowed to have as many breaks as possible.

Turner said no player has had any serious problems because of the heat.

The UK marching band has practiced for weeks on the field beside the Student Center.

Band Assistant Ted Evans said that at the beginning of the practice season, band members received a welcome back pack with specific information on the physical effects of heat.

He said that water and snow cones are available on-site for members.

Also, section and squad leaders are responsible for observing any signs of bad health.

"The kids really didn't fair too badly," he said of the band's first week of practice.

Since classes have started, practice has been scheduled in the evening when humidity and high temperatures are not as much of a problem.

"We try to keep them out of the field during peak times," Evans said.

BACALL

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received an Academy Award nomination for the 1966 film *The Mirror Has Two Faces*. In her 20 years of theater experience, Bacall garnered two Tony Awards for *Applause* and *Woman of the Year*.

Kentucky personality Nick Clooney will introduce the actress. The center provides information to all speakers so they can tailor their speeches to the event.

The topic is left up to the discretion of the speaker. Most speak on life, aging or offer their own inspirational thoughts," Ein said.

The \$125 per ticket dinner will benefit the center

directly.

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging opened in 1979 and has gained recognition for its research in Alzheimer's Disease as well as other medical problems affecting the aging population. In 1987, the center established the fourth doctoral program in gerontology and is the first to focus on aging and health.

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The annual dinner will be held on Sept. 13 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort. From 6 until 6:45 p.m., there will be a private reception. Afterward, from 7 until 9, dinner will be served and Bacall will speak. Tickets are \$125. For more information, call 323-5374.

HISTORY

Women's progress celebrated

By Kelley Sears
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday, women across America will recognize a great victory through Women's Equality Day.

Congress declared Aug. 26, 1971, a day to celebrate the progress women have made toward equality. Aug. 26 is the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote.

The 19th Amendment states: "The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." It was introduced in 1878 and ratified in 1920.

Joan Callahan, director of women's studies and professor of philosophy, said women have come a long way since the days

of suffrage. "What really is significant is the fact that when this country was set up it was considered perfectly normal ... [that] women should not have the right to vote," Callahan said. "It was the norm of the time."

Before the passage of the 19th Amendment, women in certain circumstances could vote, but those were rare. It was during the middle of the 19th century that women began marching, lecturing, protesting and lobbying support, according to the National Women's History Project.

In 1838 Kentucky allowed widowed women with children in school the right to vote in school board elections.

In the later part of the century, Susan B. Anthony and many other women worked tirelessly to promote equality

for women. Anthony was even arrested in 1872 for illegally voting.

By 1912, nine western states had written women's suffrage acts, according to NWHF.

Many women became desperate to gain the right to vote because it wasn't fair to pay taxes without representation, said Carolyn Bratt, a UK law professor.

Some women went as far as to go on hunger strikes, according to the NWHF. These women were ostracized by society and often jailed.

Once the 19th Amendment was passed, it strengthened women's status, Bratt said. Gaining the right to vote broke down social and political barriers and women were no longer looked upon as second class citizens.

"It finally gave women

an independent voice in democracy," Bratt said.

More than 70 years passed from the first women's rights convention in 1848 to the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920, Bratt added.

Winning voting rights was a great success because beforehand, women had few rights, and voting power was essential for their fight, Bratt said.

"There were no women to vote for women to get the vote," she said.

Callahan said that while women have achieved much, there is still much more to be fought for.

"We need to celebrate, with a realistic eye, the fact that there are still areas where women are still significantly unequal to men," Callahan said. "Women still have not gained full equality in this country."

LIVING

Patterson Hall closing causes no problems



Patterson Hall, a residence hall on North Campus, is closed for renovations this semester.

Renovations: Residence Life, Honors Program working around loss of dorm

By Paul Haker
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students on North Campus have lost a place to stay. Patterson Hall, the oldest dorm on campus, closed for renovations this semester. Completion is expected by May 2002.

When Patterson Hall reopens, it will be air-conditioned and have a new hot water system. The residence hall previously received hot water from neighboring Boyd Hall.

Other improvements being made include electrical service upgrades and safety improvements. Residents staying in Patterson after it reopens can expect new furniture and carpet.

"The decision on closing Patterson was made after discussions with students last year," said Ben Crutcher of the Department of Auxiliary Services. "The time necessary to do all the work was estimated to be about eight months. The students decided to accept a proposal to begin construction in May 2001 and have Patterson off-line this academic year."

Crutcher said that there have not been any complaints from students and many students were assigned to other dorms on North Campus.

Patterson and Boyd halls are normally used as Honors dorm. It is home to a classroom for Honors classes, and many Honors Program students live there.

David Durant, director of the Honors Program, said that the closing of Patterson meant some changes had to be made.

"For this year, Keeneland is being used as a second Honors dorm. The Honors Program worked out an arrangement for students who lived in Patterson last year and incoming Honors freshmen to get priority for Boyd Hall and Keeneland," Durant said. "The Honors Program added a classroom to Boyd Hall, which was already home to one Honors classroom."

Crutcher said that there is a waiting list for students trying to get into dorms but that it was because of late housing applications. "We do have a short waiting list for student housing at this point. All the students on the waiting list applied for housing very late after deadlines for assignments, most within the last two to three weeks."

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PLAYOFF RUN

Teams bunched in division races

MVP?

Barry Bonds might have to beat Luis Gonzalez of Arizona and Sammy Sosa of Chicago to get to the playoffs in order to hold off the two in NL MVP balloting.



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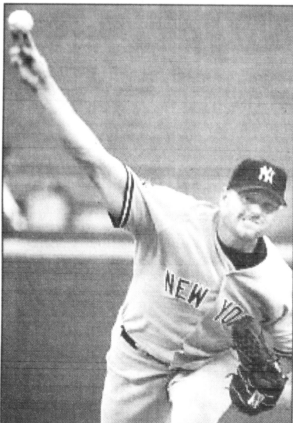


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Cy Clemens?

Roger Clemens is having another Cy Young year and hopes to win an unprecedented sixth Cy Young Award.

Only one month remains in major league baseball's heated playoff races, and only one thing is certain. The Seattle Mariners can start ordering champagne to toast themselves as American League Western Division Champions.

The M's lead the Oakland A's by 18 games as of Thursday and have a magic number of 17, meaning Seattle could lose the rest of its games and still win the division if Oakland loses 17 of its last 35 games.

Still, Oakland remains a contender for the playoffs thanks to the wildcard. The A's lead the wildcard race by three games over the Boston Red Sox despite a horrid start to the season.

The A's started the season 2-10, but are 36-12 since July 1 behind a young and gifted pitching staff lead by ace right-hander Tim Lincecum and left-handers Mark Mulder and Barry Zito.

Boston and Minnesota are the only threats in the wildcard, but have both faded fast since the trading deadline. Minnesota acquired pitching, but did little to improve its power-deprived batting order.

The Red Sox led the NL East, but a free-fall resulted in manager



Travis Hubbard
KERNEL COLUMNIST

Jimmy Williams' firing, and the return of Pedro Martinez is the only thing that can prevent the Sox from missing the playoffs. Still, Martinez can not pitch more than once every five or six days.

The Cleveland Indians are six games up on the Twins after trailing in the division for the majority of the season. But the Indians need more dependable pitching to beat Oakland, Seattle or New York in the AL.

The Yankees are the most content team in the race — four games up on the Red Sox and sitting on three straight World Series titles. The A's and M's pushed the champs to five and six games, respectively, in the playoffs last year, though.

The current leaders in the AL will likely play in October despite tight races, but the races in the NL are so close it is impossible to know who leads each division each night.

No division leader has more than a three-game lead and five teams are bunched within three games of each other for the wildcard.

Arizona leads the NL West by 2.5 games over San Francisco and 5.5 over Los Angeles. The Dodgers pitching took a hit when Andy Ashby and Darren Dreifort were lost for the season with major injuries. The Giants have been the best second half team of the three behind Barry Bonds' record setting home run pace.

The west is wild in the NL, but the central is completely crazy.

The Chicago Cubs, Houston Astros and St. Louis Cardinals are all within 3.5 games of each other.

The NL East might only be a two-team race, but it's the best head-to-head race in baseball. Atlanta leads Philadelphia by one game and they face one another seven more times.

Anything could happen, but it's hard to bet against Atlanta. The Braves have been to the postseason nine consecutive seasons.

On the flip side (with the exception of the Mariners), just about any one of the teams mentioned could be at home come autumn.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	Seattle Mariners Record: 91-36 (first place AL East) Will be the top team in the AL and a favorite to prevent the Yankees from claiming a fifth World Series title in six years. Righthanders Freddy Garcia and Aaron Sele are dependable.
	New York Yankees Record: 74-53 (first place AL East) New York is still the team to beat until someone finally ends its playoff run. The pitching has fattened because of an injury to Orlando Hernandez and the offense is getting old.
	Cleveland Indians Record: 72-55 (first place AL Central) This might be Cleveland's last chance to win a World Series for a while. The rest of the Central division is catching up and the Indians do not have the financial advantage they possessed in the past.
	Oakland A's Record: 73-55 (first place AL wildcard) The A's are the most dangerous team should they make the playoffs. Oakland would have the least experienced, yet most talented three-man rotation and reigning MVP Jason Giambi.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	San Francisco Giants Record: 71-55 (first place NL wildcard) San Francisco currently leads the wildcard, but improved pitching should enable the Giants to catch the Arizona Diamondbacks for its second consecutive NL West title.
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'Outlaws' should head back West



I wanna be a cowboy...
Will McCormack, Gregory Smith, Colin Farrell, Scott Caan and Gabriel Macht star in Director Les Mayfield's Western *American Outlaws*. Mayfield also helmed the comedies *Blue Streak* and *Encino Man*.

Jesse James and gang: Western follows a group of gangsters on a slew of robberies

By Bryan Marshall
STAFF CRITIC

In the last couple decades Hollywood undoubtedly had a preconceived notion that American movie viewers do not want to see Western films. If movie studios thought people wanted these films, the stockpile of film releases in the recent years would have featured more cowboys and fewer teenagers.

However, *American Outlaws*, the new Western about Jesse James and his gang, proves that it is not the audience who don't want to watch shoot 'em' up bandits moseying on-screen. Instead, it shows that filmmakers have not made a good, entertaining attempt in this genre in a while.

With each passing minute of *Outlaws* a desire grows stronger for classic westerns like John Ford's *The Searchers* and Sam Peckinpah's *The Wild*

Bunch. These films not only had substance and a message but were also enjoyable at the same time. On the other hand, *Outlaws* fills itself with bland action, unnecessary romance and mediocre comedy.

The film follows Jesse James (Colin Farrell) and Cole Younger (Scott Caan) in their gang's attempt to stop a railroad company from taking the land and homes of the Missourians. The outlaws believe the best way to hurt the company's efforts is by taking its money and supplies. This brings about a slew of robberies and gun battles that are loaded heavily with cliches and uninspiring performances.

The filmmakers try to make *Outlaws* something that people can kick back and enjoy, like the film's obvious mentor *Young Guns*. Unfortunately, they fail on nearly all accounts. While the majority of the

action does seem ordinary and is even unrealistic at times, watching James escape a train while surrounded by several guards was an exhilarating breath of fresh air that would have been nice to experience throughout this disappointing film.

The script, by Roderick Taylor and John Rogers, besides being full of redundant material, is brought down by cheesy dialogue that could have easily been written by anyone who happened to catch a John Wayne film on television last night.

Thankfully, not all is lost in *Outlaws*. Several moments of humor save the film from being a total dud. When Cole's brother feels left out of the gang because people do not get his picture accurate on a "Wanted" poster, the film's potential for comedy comes through but falters in too many other areas to rise above the hole the script created.

Colin Farrell shines in a starring role as the historic James. It is unfortunate he was

not handed quality material like this in his previous gem *Tigerland*. Be sure to rent this rarely seen Vietnam War film to see exactly what Farrell can do with a solid script.

Caan is decent as James' partner, but it is apparent the son of James Caan is not as blessed with talent as his father. In fact, Scott seems to be acting as if his *Varsity Blues* character was suddenly given a cowboy hat, some boots and a horse.

While Hollywood seems to have abandoned the Western lately, the genre does not have to be cluttered with low thrill efforts like *American Outlaws*. Westerns can be mesmerizing and beautiful films, but when filmmakers do not put the right ingredients together, the result is a failure. *Outlaws* has a rising star actor and a few good moments, but without better action and a more original story it will likely not send producers rushing to finance more Westerns anytime soon.

Grade: C-

I'D RATHER BE IN A CAGE

Cage plays mandolin, and Penelope Cruz in new film



Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruise...oops, I mean Cruz, star in John Madden's war epic *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*.

By Sarah Zopfi
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Directed by John Madden (*Shakespeare in Love*), *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* is a movie loosely based on the novel by Louis De Bernieres. *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* is a classic story of love, war, tragedy and triumph. But his time morality steps in.

Set in Greece during World War II on the remote yet culturally defined island of Cephalonia, life is sweet and the rest of the world ceases to exist. The closest contact to life elsewhere is limited to a transistor radio located in the solitary cafe on the island. It is here, on the island of Cephalonia, that Pelagia (Penelope Cruz) and her father, Dr. Iannis (John Hurt) live undisturbed until the war begins and alliances form. The strongest allies are Italy and Germany, making Greece the hot spot for soldier refuge and temporary dwelling.

Pelagia is a timeless Greek goddess, overflowing with grace and simple beauty. She pledges her love early on for a local fisherman turned soldier, Mandras (Christian Bale). Once the war escalates and the countries become more involved Mandras is called to fight for his island and must leave his home and fiancée.

Within weeks of Mandras's absence and no response from him through letters, Pelagia mourns. Suddenly, the Germans issue 1,200 soldiers to the island, dividing families and testing tempers, especially that of Dr. Iannis. He is the only doctor on the island resulting in a deep admiration by many. This admiration is what fuels the army's decision to place the highest-ranking Italian soldier, Captain Antonio Corelli (Nicolas Cage), on the island and in the home of this otherwise contained Greek family.

In a span of two hours, Pelagia loses affection for Mandras and



Mandolin, a movie that gets a good performance from Cruz and a great backdrop of Greece, falls in more ways than none.

loses hatred for Antonio Corelli. With bombings and gunfire exploding outside their door, Pelagia and Antonio are positioned to be enemies. They fight hard to lift the weight of attraction but struggle to crush the bond of love. In the end — they seal it.

In an honorable effort to play the narrator, Dr. Iannis issues lines of moral brutality from time to time. It is in these moments the movie has the deepest, most solid foundation from which to expand. In its expansion the battle scenes are delivered and almost believed. Yet, it continually seems there is always something left out or a space to fill.

As for the actors, Cruz finds herself in this role while Cage is still in need of recovery. His accent sounds like a lame translation attempt. Hurt's notable performance is principled and concrete.

And in the end, the love affair between an Italian and a Greek is summoned to many tests. Much like the director wants us to believe, truth prevails and love wins in this film.

There have been several attempts but few genuine victories when it comes to portraying war, forbidden love and morality in an unfiltered light. Few movies have been able to capture the disturbances of war and put them into contrast with the questionable moral actions.

While *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* may not stand the test of time, it does succeed against the odds.

Grade: C+

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Late to class?

President's home open to students

Students at the University of Kentucky have a new shortcut to class. President Lee Todd had a 6-foot chain-link barrier laced with wooden slats removed along one side of the yard of Maxwell Place, the president's campus home.

A tall wooden gate that leads into the yard from one of the busiest student sidewalks stood open this week, the first day of the fall semester for UK students.

"This is the quickest way to class," said Todd's wife, Patsy, pointing to the gate, which lets students walk around the house and out one of two back gates.

"We are telling students to use it as a shortcut."

The fence coming down, the lock being taken off and the wooden gate being opened were the latest signs of the Todds' creating a more student-friendly atmosphere on campus.

Patsy Todd said she has asked for a small sign outside the gate to invite students to walk through the property. She said her only request is "be so kind as to stay on the pavement."

"Maxwell Place is our home. This is not a public park, but we want students to feel comfortable walking through here," she said.

A juniper hedge that grew across the top of the stone wall on Rose Street in front of the house has also been removed.

Todd said she didn't feel on display with the hedge and fence gone. "Some people are very private, but we just are not and never have been."

Garjacking or kidnapping?

Thief finds baby in stolen car

LOUISVILLE - Michael Gene Mathies was walking back to the dry cleaners parking lot when he realized his car - and the 2 1/2-year-old grandson he had left inside - was gone.

He had left the boy alone in the car only briefly during the Wednesday trip to the cleaners, Mathies said.

"I was away from him for five minutes at the most," he said.

But about 45 minutes after his car was stolen, word came that the boy, Michael Gene Mathies III, had been left by the car thief at a McDonald's restaurant in Georgetown, Ind.

Police called a cell phone that had been left in the car, which the car thief answered, said Robert Biven, a Jefferson County Police spokesman.

"He did inform us that he had dropped the child off at the McDonald's in the Georgetown area," Biven said.

The boy was found in the bathroom of the restaurant.

The car was recovered Thursday afternoon near Preston Highway, police said.

Mathies wiped away tears and slumped over the hood of a police car in front of the cleaners on Wednesday after learning that his grandson was found.

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IN OUR OPINION

New T-shirt not worth credit woe

When offered a credit card application, just say no

The word "free" is music to the ears of college students, especially if the words "food" or "clothes" follow. But as they say, nothing is really free.

Anyone who has been on campus for more than a day is familiar with people giving away free T-shirts and other prizes; all you have to do is fill out a credit card application. If you have managed to avoid these tables, then credit card applications will flood your mailbox, e-mail and phone. Some bookstores even stuff applications in the sacks that carry the books you buy.

The credit card industry is a multibillion-dollar business and they are interested only in your money, not your financial well-being. The credit card companies realize that as a college student, you will one day graduate and have a job that pays well above the average for noncollege graduates.

It doesn't matter that right now you are technically unemployed and flat broke. They don't care that half of you will graduate owing an average of \$19,400 in student loans. The credit card companies see it as a type of investment; if they can get to you now, they will most likely be able to keep you once you actually start making money.

While credit cards can help establish credit history and cover emergencies, if you aren't careful, they can end up hurting much more than they help.

According to two recent studies, 42 percent of student credit card holders do not pay their balance in full each month and have an average balance of \$577 on their cards.

This means that at the "reasonable" interest rate of 19 percent and making only the minimum payments of \$20 per month, that \$577 balance will take more than three years to pay off, costing a total of \$804, including interest. Paying only \$10 per month, it would take 13 years to pay off the principle balance and interest, a whopping \$1,560.

If you decide you need a credit card, get one with a low credit limit like \$200. It's enough money for emergencies, but not enough to get you into too much debt trouble. And if possible, always pay off your balance at the end of the month to avoid being charged interest.

So before you fill out that credit card application, remember that the free T-shirt may end up costing much more than you realize.

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Fast food, crooked contest

Well, it turns out that one of my greatest childhood fears is true. The McDonald's Monopoly game, which for the price of a large order of fries offered players a chance for infinite riches and really cool stuff, was rigged.

As reported in the Aug. 22nd issue of the *New York Times*, eight people, including an employee in the security department of the company that administered Monopoly and other promotional games for McDonald's, conspired to rig the contests by hoarding winning pieces. The Federal Bureau of Investigation said that manipulation of Monopoly and other games began as early as 1995. These smooth operators ended up defrauding McDonald's and its customers of more than \$13 million. That's a whole heckuva lot of french fries.

All I want to know is what type of sick, demented mind deprives a starry-eyed pursuant of Happy Meal greasy goodness the opportunity to win a jet ski or a motorized scooter? OK, OK, so we all wanted the million dollars. But hey, a jet ski isn't a bad consolation prize. But no, thanks to this bunch of lousy crooks, the best I ever did was win a free Big Mac.

The good news is that Ronald McDonald and the rest of his crew are not thought to have had anything to do with their customers getting shafted. Although the investigation is ongoing and could lead to more arrests, no McDonald's employees have been implicated. Despite this, McDonald's still is not happy with the current state of affairs. Those eight co-conspirators better watch out. Although Ronald is supposed to be a nice, friendly, lovable clown-guy, I fully expect him to get Grimace and the rest of his posse and start busting heads.

Although I wasn't shocked to read that Monopoly had been rigged, I was kinda blown away to find that the rigging involved outside people who ended up being charged with conspiracy to commit mail fraud.

My theory had always been that McDonald's had fixed the contest themselves, but not in any way that was illegal. All they had to do was make sure that there was no one state to which all the winning pieces were distributed. That way, you've got some poor sap in New York with five Boardwalk pieces, and another frustrated player in California with three Park Places.

With this thought firmly emblazoned on my mind, I was convinced that the only people that would ever win were people who went on summer road trips and stopped at the Golden Arches in multiple states. At least that was my game plan every summer when my family went on vacation. I indulged in golden-brown fried goodness any chance I could. Alas, my efforts were still in vain, and all I had to show for it was a few extra pounds.

Jack M. Greenberg, chairman and chief executive of McDonald's, said that millions of customers have won prizes over the years, though, so I guess my theory was incorrect. That, or my family traveled through the wrong states on vacation.

Luckily for me, I have one more chance at winning endless fame and fortune. All I have to do is eat fries until Idaho runs out of potatoes.

To make up for the money that has been stolen through the recently-uncovered scheme, McDonald's will offer an instant give-away program with cash prizes valued at \$10 million, Greenberg said. The program will run from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3.

Anybody up for a road trip?

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John Wampler

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Internet skills need to be taught at early age

Our parents remember the moon landing, our grandparents remember World War II, but what will our generation reminisce about with the grandkids?

More than likely, it will involve the innovation of the Internet.

The Internet permeates every aspect of our lives, from communication to shopping to entertainment.

Many of us use the Internet everyday, whether it's for chatting with friends or downloading porn.

More important is the way the Internet is utilized in school.

Almost all professors now rely on Web pages or listservs to keep in touch with their students or make announcements between class meetings.

E-mail has quickly become an even

more reliable way of talking to teachers than the phone. And who hasn't used the Internet at least once to research a paper or presentation?

With the huge impact the Internet has on higher education (not to mention most workplaces), it's hard to deny that computer skills need to be taught from an early age.

A recent poll conducted by the Associated Press found that adults were evenly split on the necessity of knowing how to use the Internet.

Half said that Internet skills were very important, while the other half said they were somewhat important or not important at all.

Some parents and educators worry that the Internet will encourage plagiarism.

Others think that the Internet makes research and learning too easily accessible, that the students won't learn with so much information available at their fingertips.

We say, wake up and smell the coffee folks, 'cause the Internet isn't going away. In fact, unless your kid is going to an Amish school, those Internet skills will be vital to his or her academic success. Denial of this fact is just an exercise in futility.

Perhaps those who are worried about plagiarism should focus less on blaming technology and more on instilling a sense of honesty in their kids. The Internet, like any other technological invention, can be used for good or bad.

We think the benefits far outweigh the consequences.

