



Historical press

## Tops in news

List of 20th century's 100 top stories by a Newsweek survey. Here are the top five.

1. United States drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima, Nagasaki; Japan surrenders to end World War II, 1945.
2. American astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first human to walk on the moon, 1969.
3. Japan bombs Pearl Harbor; United States enters World War II, 1941.
4. Wilbur and Orville Wright fly the first powered airplane, 1903.
5. Women win the right to vote, 1920.

## Misguided views

## Say what?

What car made in America is faster, the Chevy Camaro or the Nissan Quest GXE? Sounds like the dumbest question ever, right? Of course the Camaro is faster. It could probably beat the Quest in the quarter mile in reverse. The Camaro is the wrong answer though. It's an import, so the Quest is actually the faster of the domestics.

The Chrysler 300M vs. the Acura 3.2TL? You guessed it. The Chrysler is the import and the Acura is the domestic. The EPA is the authority in classifying origin or cars as imports or domestics. To be in the later group, the car must consist of at least 75 percent North American content. So these cars may be domestics, but they are still made in Canada (Camaro) or Mexico (Chrysler Sebring).

Other interesting facts, the BMW Z3 and Mercedes-Benz ML320 are both made in the United States. The Mazda 626 and the Honda Accord Coupe are also domestics!

Final points of assembly for certain cars:

**Cadillac Catera:** Russelsheim, Germany  
**Ford Crown Victoria:** St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada  
**Ford F-series Pickup:** Cuautlan, Mexico and Louisville  
**Honda Civic:** Alliston, Ontario, Canada; and East Liberty, Ohio  
**Subaru Legacy:** Lafayette, Ind.

—Source: Motor Trend, March 1999

—RON NORTON

## THE 411

## Tomorrow's weather



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 Hi Lo  
 More rain expected tomorrow. Mostly cloudy over the weekend.

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## CAMPUS

## Road rage

### Students incensed over safety of the streets

By Tasha Harris

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Are roads around UK safe? That's the question right now, as the campus has experienced three accidents in the last four days. Out of these three accidents, one student died.

As a result, students are questioning whether roads surrounding campus are safe, especially for disabled students.

"If you look around (Holmes Hall), there is no place for wheelchairs to get where they need to go," said Chuck Combs, an undeclared freshman.

After students heard about the death of sociology senior Stanley McGowan, 38, earlier this week, many have become more cautious when they cross the street.

Jake Karnes, director of the

Disability Resource Center, has noticed a difference in disabled students making decisions about crossing the street.

Before McGowan's accident, he saw several students cross wherever they wanted. A few days ago, he noticed a couple of students taking the extra time to cross at the light.

Several students are calling for the University to help motorists realize North Campus is a high-traffic area for disabled.

"They need to make it aware to drivers that (Holmes Hall) is a zone that's traveled heavily by people in wheelchairs," Combs said.

"It's not very safe to cross through (Holmes Hall) because you have to cross three or four lanes of traffic," said David Fiser, a social work graduate student.

A similar accident happened in the same area on South Limestone about 10 years ago, also involving a student in a wheelchair.

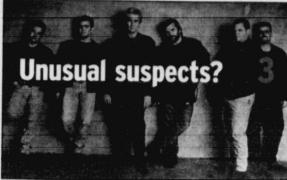
After the accident, UK administrators held several meetings on campus with city officials. These discussions led to putting a crosswalk near Holmes, and removing a portion of the parking spots around that area, Karnes said.

Lowering the speed limit was also discussed as a means of making the area safer.

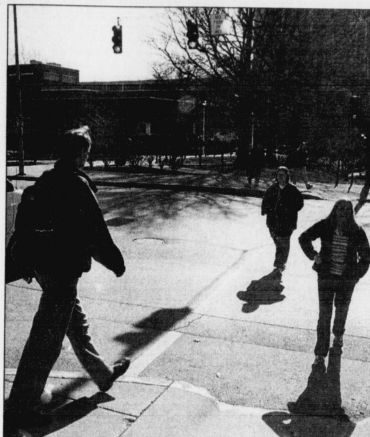
"People from the city said streets come with a natural speed limit, and if you lower the speed, you would have to keep a policeman out there at all times," Karnes said.

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## Unusual suspects?



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HOBIE HILER | KERNEL STAFF

Students walked across Euclid Avenue near North Campus yesterday. Many say motorists need to be more careful when driving near campus.

## FINANCES

## Options plentiful for students filing their taxes

### Tele-file, EZ, whatever – the resources are there when trying to meet April 15 deadline

By Robert Quan

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As the saying goes, there are only two absolutes in life: death and taxes. And tax day, April 15, is quickly approaching.

But, there are new ways to file, several resources available to obtain tax forms, and places to get help, said Dan Boone, communications specialist for the Internal Revenue Service.

Forms can be downloaded from the IRS website, and it will also fax or mail out forms, Boone said.

Students can also take advantage of several locations that provide free tax preparation assistance. On campus, the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program can assist students with their taxes from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in 113 Student Center Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Boone said students can also go to the local IRS branch office to get forms and tax assistance.

Boone recommends students take advantage of the IRS Tele-file system.

"It allows you to file by phone 24-7," he said. "It only takes about 10 minutes and it is probably the best way to file."

Daniel Boone, an arts administration sophomore, prepares his own taxes. He used the Tele-file system last year.

"It's really pretty easy," he said. "You just read off all your information. I don't make enough money to get into all of the complicated stuff."

For some students, the easiest thing to do is just give their tax forms to their parents.

"I wouldn't know what I was doing," said Jessica Beveridge, a market management junior. "I just hand everything to my dad and he does them."

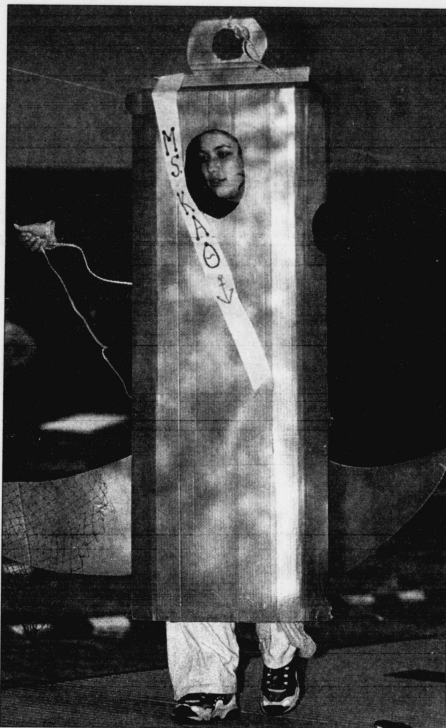
Amy Foster, an undeclared sophomore, also gives her forms to her parents.

"I would probably just mess it up," Foster said. "That stuff just confuses me."



Laine Comley, an undeclared freshman and a member of Kappa Alpha Theta social sorority (left), paraded as an anchor last night the annual Anchor Splash, while sophomore Mollie Jo Adams (above), the public service leader for Ceres, swam the rubber duckie relay.

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## GREEKS

## Anchors away

### Splash splash: Greek community swims for a good cause at event

By Mark Vanderhoff

CAMPUS EDITOR

The Greek community couldn't wait for Spring Break to start the water sports.

The Anchor Splash, a national tradition for the Delta Gamma social sorority since the '60s, consisted of five swimming events and raised money for the sorority's national philanthropy, Service for Sight.

"It's a fun way to make money," said Nikki

Comstock, a business management junior and director of the event.

The team of Alpha Xi Delta, and the social fraternities of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta won the Splash Day events and was the overall winner.

Comstock said the money the sorority made would go to Delta Gamma's national office to aid blind people.

This year's event, the 28th at UK, was co-sponsored by Kappa Sigma.

Fraternities and sororities joined as teams in which fraternity members coached the sorority swimmers and vice versa, Comstock said.

A medley relay began the evening. Tri-Delta and Sigma Chi finished a comfortable first. Ceres, Phi Kappa Tau and Pi Kappa Phi had just begun the final relay when all the other contestants had left the pool.

The next race, the rubber duckie relay, consisted of two males and two females who tried to swim down the lanes with inflatable duckies around their waists and sailor

hats on their heads.

The bell rang, and one by one, swimmers hopped into the pool.

Spectators cheered, but mostly laughed, as contestants struggled to keep their hats and duckies on.

Jennifer Blazewski, an integrated strategic communications sophomore and member of Alpha Delta Pi, swam the rubber duckie relay.

"I had a blast," she said. "It was a great time, but kind of embarrassing."

That event was easy

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Dow gains 191.52

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied hard today after two days of weak performance, boosted by benign economic data, strong retail sales reports and higher oil prices. At the close of trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 191.52 at 9,467.40, near the day's high. The blue-chip index more than erased the 48-point loss over the previous two sessions and ended above 9,400 for the first time in more than a week. NYSE advancers led decliners 1,717-1,187. The Nasdaq ended at 2,293.04 points, up 27.84.

## GOP leaders OK budget framework

WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders agreed today on a framework for the fiscal 2000 budget that they said would prevent Social Security surpluses from being used for tax cuts, and would stick to spending limits enacted two years ago.

The GOP plan would also allow for a tax cut that would begin next year, just as the presidential and congressional election campaigns are under way. But next year's tax reduction would likely be relatively small because lawmakers would have to find savings and new revenues to pay for them.

## Pilot cleared in Italy crash

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The Marine pilot charged with recklessly flying his jet into an Italian ski gondola cable, killing 20 people, was acquitted yesterday.

Capt. Richard Ashby, 31, was charged with 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter and one count each of destroying government property, destroying private property, dereliction of duty and failure to plan the flight properly. He faced a possible sentence of 206 years if he had been convicted of all charges. The crash and its aftermath strained relations between the United States and Italy, a NATO ally.

## Retired justice Blackmun dies

WASHINGTON — Retired Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, who wrote the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide and ignited a still-raging moral and political debate, died today at 90. He had retired in 1994 after serving 24 years on the nation's highest court.

Blackmun died at a hospital in suburban Arlington, Va., from complications following hip-replacement surgery performed nine days earlier. He had fallen and broken his hip at home a day before the operation. Blackmun was considered a staunch conservative in his early days on the court. But by the time he retired, he was considered its most liberal justice.



**DIRT DIGGER:** David Spade will co-write and play the title character in *The Adventures of Joe Dirt*, a feature comedy about a white-trash guy searching for his natural parents. Daily Variety reported yesterday.

## Noriega's sentence reduced

MIAMI — A federal judge reduced Manuel Noriega's prison sentence from 40 years to 30 today, meaning the former Panamanian dictator could be eligible for release by 2007. Noriega, 62, captured after the United States invaded Panama in 1989, was sent to prison for money laundering and drug trafficking.

The judge said he shortened Noriega's sentence after considering the nature of his confinement and the "disparity between the defendant's sentence and the sentences served by his co-conspirators" — some of whom are out of prison.

## Judge throws out abortion law

NEW ORLEANS — A federal judge today struck down a Louisiana law aimed at banning the late-term procedure known as partial birth abortion. The law's supporters said it outlawed the procedure doctors call dilation and extraction, but U.S. District Judge Thomas Porteous sided with those who said the law could be interpreted more broadly.

Opponents said the law would have outlawed all abortions because it forbade any abortion performed once any part of a fetus enters the birth canal.

## Dole to announce committee

DES MOINES, Iowa — Moving toward a formal declaration of candidacy in the 2000 presidential race, Elizabeth Dole will announce the formation of an exploratory committee at an event in Des Moines on Wednesday, aides said yesterday.

Dole joins a large and growing field of Republicans moving toward formal declarations of candidacy. Among Democrats, Vice President Al Gore has formed an exploratory committee, and faces a challenge only from former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley so far.

## AT&T denies it wants to buy AOL

WASHINGTON — AT&T Corp. doesn't want to acquire the nation's largest Internet provider, America Online, despite persistent rumors about such a deal, AT&T Chairman C. Michael Armstrong said yesterday.

"We are absolutely not interested in, nor are we pursuing acquiring America Online," Armstrong said.

## UConn edges Seton Hall

NEW YORK — Kevin Freeman scored 22 points, including a tip-in with 1:27 left that gave top-seeded Connecticut the lead for good today, and the Huskies held on for a 57-56 victory over Seton Hall in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

Connecticut (26-2), ranked third in the nation, advanced to tomorrow's semifinals against the winner of the quarterfinal between fourth-seeded Syracuse and fifth-seeded Villanova.

Continued from wire reports.

## ACCIDENTS

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No meetings have been announced in the wake of McGowan's death and two other students who were injured in the last two days.

Disabled students aren't the only ones concerned with safety on campus. Others have also grown more concerned with the safety of roads on campus.

"Students have to jeopardize their life to go across the street," said Cheylin Schrock, an undeclared freshman.

Some students think if UK officials would put a crosswalk near Holmes, crossing in that area would be safer, said Laura Stipanowich, a classics, history and English freshman.

Caution on the part of drivers and students is most important, said Kevin Milnet, a political science sophomore.

"(Drivers need) to go a lot slower than what the speed limit says," Milnet said. "You have to be really observant. You can't check your buttons on your radio, you can't look at anything else, because there are always people crossing."

## ANCHORS

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compared with the next one, said Amanda Walker, a hospitality management sophomore in Delta Gamma.

The sailor strip was a relay in which swimmers had to wear a sweatshirt, then take it off to pass on to the next swimmer.

"After first lap, the sweatshirts are soaked, and it's so hard to swim," Walker said.

Angela Barre, a kinesiology freshman in Pi Beta Phi, said her teammates from Alpha Gamma Rho and Kappa Alpha worked out a system.

"We'd lean over and hold out our arms," she said. "Two people would pull the shirt off you and slide it on to the next person."

The fourth race, what many called the most difficult, was the candle relay, in which each half of a lap had to be

completed without extinguishing the flame.

Needless to say, many swimmers had to start their runs more than once.

David Daniel, an undeclared sophomore in Alpha Gamma Rho, experienced firsthand the physical demands of the candle relay.

"About two-thirds of the way through, I got a cramp in my leg and had to turn around to swim," Daniel said.

Which gave Daniel's team a disadvantage, he said. Relayers figured out the best way to swim that race was on one's back, so that the candle could be held high and the free hand could protect the flame from the wind.

"And no splashing — kick underwater," Barre said, revealing her team's secret.

The event also featured a relay in which two swimmers pushed a "mermaid" in a raft.

Mr. and Miss Anchor Splash was awarded to Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha Theta.



## The 1999 University of Kentucky Softball Invitational

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CONCERT PREVIEW



Steve Earle and Del McCoury combine maverick music-making and traditional bluegrass for a result that is truly divine with their collaboration on *The Mountain*. They will be appearing at the Kentucky Theater this Saturday as part of the Troubadour Concert Series.

# Earle of Bluegrass?

Pushing the envelope: Steve Earle teams with bluegrass legend on latest album, *Mountain*

By Ben Salmon  
STAFF WRITER

At first sight, Steve Earle and Del McCoury don't seem like a match made in heaven. Earle, one of the most rebellious country mavericks ever to make it big in Nashville, did time several years ago for heroin possession.

McCoury, a former member of Bill Monroe's band, has been one of the most consistent bluegrass performers for the last few decades.

But Earle has cleaned up, and McCoury is as hip as a man well into his 60s can be. And together, the saying goes, they make beautiful music.

Earle's new all-bluegrass album, *The Mountain* is a classic mixture of stellar songwriting and instrumental wizardry from The Del McCoury Band. Earle is no bluegrass hack, as he proves time and again on *The Mountain*. The record kicks off with three strong, up-tempo numbers, including the fantastic murder ballad, "Carrie Brown."

The album slows down a

bit with Earle's perfect lost-love duet with Iris DeMent, "I'm Still in Love With You." DeMent's warm alto is the ultimate compliment to Earle's scratchy, nasal whine.

The *Mountain* also features a couple of bouncy, instrumental tunes and some Irish-tinged numbers to show Earle's versatility as a writer.

But the heart of the album lies in two co-writing songs, "Harlan Man" and "The Mountain."

The former is an ode to the toughness that comes with growing up in the mountains and working in the mines. The piece floats along over top of Jason Carter's droning fiddle lick.

In "The Mountain," Earle sings plaintively about the

homestead that "holds me and keeps me from worry and woe." This song, laden with rattling mandolin sounds, assures the listener that Earle has learned something from McCoury. Of course, McCoury can hold his own in the bluegrass realm as well. He's one of the most respected figures in the genre today and the leader of the best bluegrass band around.

The Del McCoury Band's new record, *The Family* is as solid an effort as you'll find in bluegrass these days.

Two-thirds of the album are classic DMB — the boys in the band on top of their game as usual. Del's piercing tenor leading the way, and lyrics about heart-break and the women who cause it.

The centerpiece of the album is an old Bill Monroe number, a sacred song called "Get Down on Your Knees and Pray" that features close harmonies and, ironically,

ly for such a prodigiously talented string band, little instrumentation.

The Del McCoury Band, didn't need to make a splash with *The Family*. It could simply keep on chugging and make a lot of bluegrass fans happy.

Earle, on the other hand, owns up to selfish motives for making *The Mountain*.

In the liner notes, he says he "wanted to write just one song that would be performed ... at every bluegrass festival in the world long after (he's) out of this world."

Whether that wish comes true remains to be seen, but one thing is for sure: He has at least made a bluegrass album he can be proud of.

Steve Earle with the Del McCoury Band will be in concert Saturday at the Kentucky Theatre. Tickets are \$21.50.

The show is part of the Troubadour Concert Series, an all volunteer community run organization dedicated to bringing quality music and performing acts to Lexington.

For more information call 231-6997.

Rating: Del McCoury Band, *The Family*; B  
Steve Earle and The DMB, *The Mountain*; A-

MUSIC MUSINGS

## Groovin' with bluegrass

Something different: *Groovegrass 101* mixes funk and bluegrass for a truly unique sound

By Tim Staley  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

What happens when you mix traditional bluegrass musicians with a bass player with a long career in funk?

You get *The Groovegrass Boyz*, featuring Scott Rouse, Doc Watson, Mac Wiseman and Bootsie Collins, among others. Its most recent album *Groovegrass 101*, puts this unique blend of traditional bluegrass, funk and dance music on display.

Some of you might not be too familiar with some of these names. Rouse is a producer, musician and the mastermind behind *Groovegrass* music and *Groovegrass Records*.

Wiseman was an original member of Flatts and Scruggs' "Foggy Mountain Boys," and later went on to play with Bill Monroe, the father of bluegrass music, as a member of his

"Bluegrass Boys." Watson, although blind from birth, has made a name for himself playing bluegrass, country and western swing music, recording albums with such artists as Chet Atkins and Flatts and Scruggs.

Last, but certainly not least, there is the eccentric Bootsie Collins, who has played bass with the "Godfather of Soul" James Brown on "Get Up (I Feel Like Being a) Sex Machine, Part I," as well as with George Clinton in Parliament/Funkadelic, and in his own band.

While some may shudder at the thought of such a collaboration, the project comes off rather well.

Most of the album is comprised of bluegrass standards with a few originals and a blues song thrown in.

"Cypress Grove" by Skip James gets the CD off to a good

start. It is one of the better cuts on the album, benefiting from some strong vocals and guitar from Watson.

Of the three original songs on the disc, two are more like segues than actual songs, the other original, "Howdy," is one of the low-points of the album.

The sample from Minnie Pearl, who's best remembered as the old lady from "Hee Haw" with the price tag still on her hat, wears thin after about the second "howdy."

The combination of the banjos, square dance lyrics and techno beats is just a little too much for me.

This atmosphere is recreated later on the disc in "Salty Dog Blues," the difference between the two being that this track is not quite as irritating and annoying.

Perhaps the best song of the CD though is "Little Cabin on the Hill," a well-known Monroe number.

This version of the song is not the most traditional version of the song you'll ever hear, but

it does pay homage to the original while adding something new and unique, nicely blending bluegrass harmonies with Bootsie's "space bass" and vocals.

Some of the other tracks worth listening to include "Wabash Cannonball," Bill Monroe's "Blue Moon of Kentucky," and "Walkin' After Midnight," made famous by Patsy Cline.

The CD ends with the most traditional sounding track of the album, the Carter Family's "Stand By Me."

If you are a bluegrass purist, it would be better if you just stayed away from this album.

But if you have more modern tastes, and maybe have been a little curious about bluegrass music, you might want to take a listen.

It recently mixes new with old, giving you a feel of true bluegrass by some of its masters, along with a nice taste of

Rating: B

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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>. Posting requests are due ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Monday information is to appear in the calendar. For more information call 257-8866

**Friday 3/5**

UK Men's Tennis vs. Indiana, 2pm, UK Tennis Center  
UK Men's Tennis vs. Eastern Kentucky Univ., 7pm, UK Tennis Center  
LECTURES  
Social Theory Department Lecture, 2pm, Singletary Center President's Room  
ARTS/MOVIES  
Student Recital: Mabelle Lim, Piano, 8pm, Singletary Center  
Senior Recital: Sarah Hill, Violin, 8pm, Memorial Hall  
Mother Courage and Her Children presented by the UK Theatre Department, 8pm, Gulgoth Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info  
RELIGIOUS  
Catholic Mass 6pm, Newman Center  
INTRAMURALS  
Badminton Tournament thru 3/7  
SPORTS  
UK Men's Basketball SEC Tournament @ Atlanta, GA  
UK Men's Golf @ Florida Southern  
UK Indoor Track @ NCAA Championships, Indianapolis, IN  
UK Women's Tennis @ Arkansas, IBA  
UK Gymnastics @ Georgia, 7:30pm, Memorial Coliseum

**Saturday 3/6**

ARTS/MOVIES  
Guitar Duets Concert: Murray Holland and Duane Carr, 8pm, Singletary Center  
Mother Courage and Her Children presented by the UK Theatre Department, 8pm, Gulgoth Theatre, call 257-4929 for ticket info  
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UK Softball vs. Ohio State, 12pm, UK Softball Field  
UK Softball vs. Canisius, 4pm, UK Softball Field  
UK Baseball vs. Illinois, 3:30pm, Cliff Hagan Stadium  
UK Men's Tennis @ Tennessee, 2pm  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
Spotlight Jazz Series Presents: Nicholas Payton, 8pm, Memorial Hall, call 257-4929 for ticket info

**Sunday 3/7**

RELIGIOUS  
Catholic Mass 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm, Newman Center  
Sunday Morning Worship, 11am, Christian Student Fellowship  
MEETINGS  
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 7pm, 230 Student Center  
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION  
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Bluegrass Area Music Teachers Music Fest, 3pm, Singletary Center Recital Hall, FREE  
Graduate Conducting Recital, Kristin Graham, 3pm, Central Christian Church  
Faculty Chamber Music Recital: Nancy Clauer, Oboe, 8pm, Singletary Recital Hall  
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UK Gymnastics @ UCLA Invitational, 2pm

CAMPUS

# A college's best friend

Labrador remembered as a fixture to many students in architecture school

By Pat Clem  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The College of Architecture has lost its most devoted student.

"He spent hours in the library everyday," said Faith Harders, the Librarian in Pence Hall. "Everybody loved him." Arapaho was his name, and Frisbee fetching was his game. The black Labrador died of lymphatic cancer on Feb. 11 at the age of 8.

The pooch won the hearts of many within the college, and without.

"He was awesome," said Dana Motley, an architecture senior. "He was just a cool dog. There was something about him."

The unofficial mascot of the college spent his days loafing around Pence Hall. His owners, Keith Plymale and Carol Buhrman, are professors at the college and brought him to class almost daily for eight years.

"At first he couldn't even climb the stairs," Plymale said.

"He excelled at Frisbee, carousing and intelligent and timely commentary," said Buhrman, an assistant professor.

Arapaho was named after the Arapaho Indians, Plymale said. "I always respected the Arapaho, they held their ground and stuck to their beliefs."

And Arapaho held his ground also, through unique ways of expressing himself.

"Whenever someone would start to get long-winded, Arapaho would let out a big yawn, almost to let them know," said Plymale, the director of Undergraduate Studies at the college. "I guess eight years of college makes you pretty smart."

The dog also had amazing abilities to make friends

and to break stereotypes. "The man that delivers mail to this building asked for him by name," Harders said. It was an atypical example of a mailman-dog relationship.

"He always made my day," said Mike Howard, who delivers mail to the architecture library as part of his duties in Library Administrative Services. "You couldn't go by him without rubbing him, he was a good dog."

But if adaptability, playfulness, intelligence and friendliness are good characteristics in a dog, then Arapaho fits the bill.

"In class he would walk down every aisle to say hi to everybody," Plymale said. "Then he would come to the front of the class and lay down."

But like any other dog, Arapaho loved his food and rest.

"The first thing he would do when he came in was run into the back of office; we kept Milk Bone snacks back there for him," Harders said. "Once he got his treat, he would come out in front of the circulation desk and sleep."

And sleep he did. Students would find him laying around in the oddest places. "You would come and find him blocking the entire walkway," said Lindsey Trickett, a Russian senior.

Arapaho was buried in Louisville on Plymale's family farm "with his Frisbee and some pictures," Buhrman said, crying. "It's really hard to lose someone close to you."

Many more feel the same way — people from across the country have been calling and sending cards to wish Arapaho a farewell.



Arapaho

THE CLINTON SCANDAL

# Students turned off by Lewinsky

Several turn out, many refuse to tune in to White House intern's story

By Kevin Carfield and Jamie Cook  
THE STATE NEWS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — If it were up to Jada Ellinwood, the name Monica Lewinsky wouldn't exist.

"I think she should change her name in the future," said Ellinwood, as Lewinsky revealed intimate details of her relationship with President Bill Clinton during an interview with Barbara Walters on ABC's "20/20."

"The woman is really disillusioned," said the merchandising manage-

ment senior, who watched the interview Wednesday from her table at Spartan Sports Den. "She had an affair with two married men."

But with her first television interview appearance and a book, "Monica's Story" (TAL), on the shelves Thursday, Lewinsky's name won't be quickly forgotten.

Walters landed the first interview with Lewinsky since the former White House intern burst into headlines on Jan. 21, 1998. Lewinsky, who received immunity from prosecution for co-

operating with investigators, was prohibited from speaking publicly until Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr gave the go-ahead.

Few people trickled into the Sports Den to catch a glimpse of the interview, owner Chris Fata said.

Although Fata said he wasn't surprised at the small turnout, ABC must have been predicting a large audience, said James Gilmore, a visiting lecturer for MSU's advertising department.

ABC charged \$750,000 for each 30-second commercial during the interview — half of what it charges for the Super Bowl but four times the usual rate for "20/20" ad-

vertisement spots. "There's been a lot of publicity, and every network is talking about it," he said.

A USA TODAY/CNN Gallup Poll conducted last week found about 36 percent of those surveyed were interested in watching; 62 percent said they were not. About 30 million viewers were expected to tune in.

Agribusiness management junior Emily Dargus said she didn't plan to watch the interview because she was tired of hearing about the issue.

"I'm not boycotting it," she said. "I just don't feel like watching it because there's other stuff on."

In the interview and a separate book, the 25-year-old former White House intern openly discussed sexual encounters with the president and several other men. She said events of the past year have shown Clinton "to be a much bigger liar than I ever thought."

But she saved some of her sharpest words for the prosecutor who transferred her affair with Clinton into an impeachment crisis while providing her immunity from criminal charges.

Lewinsky said that Starr's office "was sick" for asking so many detailed questions about her sexual encounters with the president and also engaged in "dubious tactics."

NATION

# Tufts U. rallies behind victim

Speakers address impassioned crowd after beating of gay student at an off-campus party

By Benjamin Gedan  
TUFTS DAILY

MEDFORD, Mass. — Speaker after speaker addressed an enraptured crowd of nearly 200 Tufts students gathered on the campus center patio Wednesday in response to the hate crime that took place this past weekend.

For two hours, speakers gay and straight, white and black, spoke across the emotional spectrum spurring anger, fear and optimism from the attentive audience. An update on the investigation was also given at the rally. Associate Dean of Students Bruce Reitman thanked the Tufts University Police Department for its efforts and announced the identification of the criminal.

The police, Reitman said, are seeking a warrant for his arrest.

"The alleged perpetrator has been named, identified... (and) we can take some feeling of satisfaction, relief, at knowing that the person is not associated with the university," Reitman said.

The rally was the culmination of various responsive gestures orchestrated by the Tufts Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Community since news of the

anti-gay attack began to circulate. The Tufts student was accosted and beaten severely upon leaving an off-campus party on Saturday night.

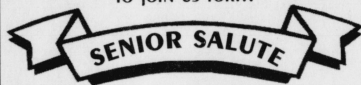
On Sunday, the group's members posted the campus with signs asking "Do you know what happened this weekend?" On Monday, students advertised the rally by distributing fact sheets, tabling in the campus center and dining halls, and chalking throughout campus.

"The sentiment that it wouldn't happen here, that it happens at other places, is a serious problem. People consider this campus to be safe, and I think we need to remember not to feel too safe," said Carl Sciortino, the group's president.

The speakers, in frustrated succession, pointed to the beating as a blatant indication of rampant homophobia at Tufts. The problem is so serious, gay students explained, that they often fear walking the streets alone.

"Do you know how many times I walk down the street and I hear 'fucking queer,' 'fucking dyke' screamed at me? Do you know how many times I walk down and see people staring at me?" senior Danielle Costa asked.

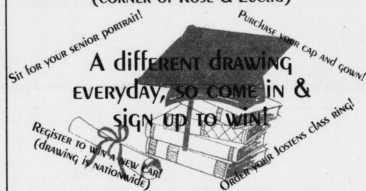
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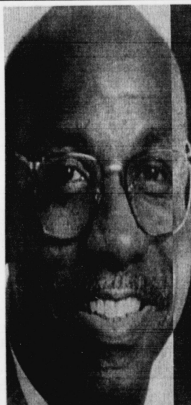
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THE VIEW FROM HOTLANTA

## 'Up for grabs' only way to describe SEC

The favorite to win this tourney's title is ... um, well ... just about anyone, coaches say

By Jen Smith  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

ATLANTA — There's something to be said for finally emerging from the pressure cooker, for falling off the hot seat.

For having what many around the country (except Coach Tubby Smith and the UK players) are calling a "down season."

There's something to be said for going from a perennial favorite in the Southeastern Conference to the third team in the field.

No red and white circles on your back. No guns aimed at you.

Save that for No. 1 seeds Auburn and Tennessee.

But SEC coaches warn that you cannot discount any team this year.

"I think (the tournament) is wide open," said Arkansas Coach Nolan Richardson, whose team will play Florida tonight. "It's so wide open that it's never been this wide open. It's kind of like a golf tournament. There are, like, 60 people that could have a good day." Auburn gets the most props from players and coaches alike, and with good reason. The Tigers won the league title outright. They have won 26 games. They have only lost two games. But those two pesky losses came from SEC giants UK and Arkansas.

Ask Auburn Coach Cliff Ellis, who was forced to hitchhike to Atlanta yesterday with some AU fans when the team bus ran out of gas, who the favorite is, he's not shy.

"I think any time you have to play a tournament you have to consider Auburn the fa-

vorite," he said. "But in a tournament, anything can happen ... Anything can happen in a weekend."

But Ellis is not unrealistic, he said. He doesn't discount UK's chances. After all, the Cats have been to three NCAA finals games in the last three years. They have won 21 SEC titles.

And don't discount the play that can come when that heavy target falls off.

"I think (UK) has got the players that have played in the national championship," he said. "And they've got a sour taste in their mouths from the last week or so. They have the talent, they're well-coached."

So who is the favorite?

"I don't think there's any favorite per se, no clear-cut favorite," Florida Coach Billy Donovan said. "It's still a neutral site. It's gonna be a great, great challenge for any team to win."

Donovan pitches his vote for winner to Tennessee, who has been on a six-game winning streak.

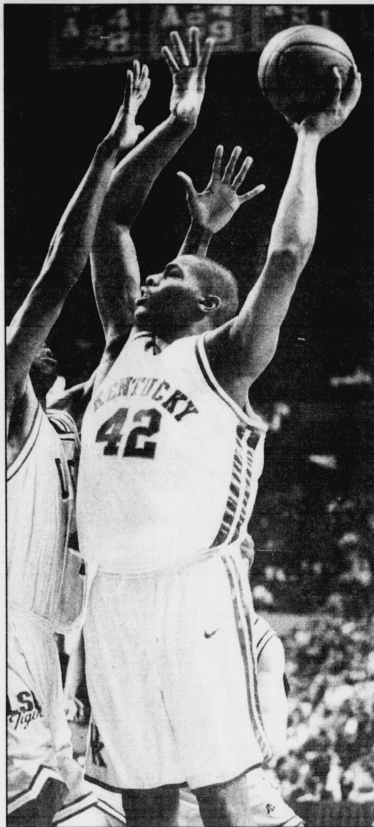
UT Coach Jerry Green isn't afraid to second that emotion.

"I think our kids are confident enough," he said. "They're the most confident they've been since I have been here. And the tournament is certainly a new season, a new schedule. We're really looking forward to it."

But, my, how that target on their backs must get heavy.

"We've had things to prove in the past," UK senior Scott Padgett said. "It's different this year. Last year we knew we could roll through the tourney. But this year we will have to work harder to keep their spots."

Wayne Turner, UK's point guard, said winning the tourna-



FILE PHOTO

Center Jamaal Magloire and UK will step it up in the SEC tourney today.

ment without that pressure of being No. 1 might be easier for this team.

"We can win this tournament," Turner said. "Who's the team to beat? The two seed won't matter. We have a chance to win every game regardless."

And UT's Green doesn't take a Cat scorned lightly.

"I think Kentucky is good enough to win it," Green said. "They're solid enough in every phase of the game."

But through all of his lavish UK praise, Green said his team likes this spot in the pressure cooker just fine.

"This is a good time to be playing good."

SEC TOURNAMENT EXTRA

## Wild SEC step toughest ever

Make no mistake: The Georgia Dome is where the hoops action is this weekend

By Matt May  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

ATLANTA — Atlanta and the Georgia Dome would like to welcome the Southeastern Conference to basketball heaven.

With the NCAA Tournament selection show looming two days from now and March Madness beginning next week, this sports fan has been convinced by some good 'ol Southern hospitality that this is basketball's version of Hawaii, a tropical paradise where the cares and worries of midterms and Spanish homework disappear from the mind.

Conference tournaments are always the most exciting days in college basketball. They are the last chance for teams who have struggled to pull off a Cinderella run and sneak into the Big Dance (see Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina). Or maybe your team fits into the category of needing a win or two to move off the bubble, but know a slip-up may land you in the National Invitational Tournament (see Mississippi State, Arkansas and Ole Miss). Or maybe you are playing for respect (see Auburn and Tennessee). Or maybe you are trying to prove you are the up-and-comer (see Florida).

Or maybe you are a team that supposedly isn't what it used to be, a smaller, less dominant version of

its predecessors. A team that shouldn't have anything to prove, but may have more to prove than any other team here. A team that has the talent to make a Final Four run, but that the team will have to fall into place. A team that has owned this time of year, especially this basketball bonanza known as the SEC Tournament.

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This is what every sports fan should dream about, and every media member, such as myself, should take the time to appreciate. Cover this type of thing too often and it could become routine, almost a chore, but this is what collegiate athletics are all about: great competition, camaraderie, action, and most of all, excitement.

UK fans have spent much of the last three weeks grousing about the lack of a go-to-guy, defensive pressure, a shooter, making the big play, and numerous other topics. But one thing should be kept in mind: This is what it's all about.

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ON THE MATS

## GymKats get Georgia GymDogs in Lexington

Defending national champion Georgia brings substance, strength, style to challenge Wildcats

By Gary McColm  
STAFF WRITER

So how would you follow up a meet against the No. 1-ranked team in the country and your highest score of the year? How about a meet against the new No. 1 team and the other powerhouse of the Southeastern Conference?

This Friday the GymKats will return home to face the defending NCAA Champion Georgia GymDogs, one week after posting a score of 194.925 against the Alabama Crimson Tide.

The meet, which will be taped for airing on Fox Sports South, is a big one for both teams as they continue to approach SEC Championship and NCAA regional competitions in the coming weeks.

Coach Leah Little stressed the importance of a large crowd in unquestionably one of UK's most important meets of the year.

"Georgia is used to huge crowds everywhere they go. This is an opportunity for people to see the best team in the country, and some great gymnastics," Little said.

Georgia is used to those large crowds for a reason. Last week, the GymDogs scored 197.300 in their win over Michigan that vaulted them back into the number one spot. The crowd at Georgia's Stegeman Coliseum was more than 9,000 fans.

"Georgia is just so deep," Little said. "They're all incredible athletes and they've got experience. They've been in high pressure situations at nationals, under the gun, and they come out winning. (To win) we would need to hit all 24 routines, increase our difficulty and have a great crowd out there to support us."

While Little speaks highly of the GymDogs, she is quick to point out the improvements in the GymKats in recent weeks.

"A lot of people were counting us out, but I know exactly where we are, and we are right on track for what we want to do," she said. "We're peaking at the right time. We had our high score of the year on the road against the number one team in the country."

The meet will also mark Senior Night for UK's Shawnte Hall and Misty Marinik. Both agreed that this week's meet against Georgia is an important home meet to go out on.

"I think more people are going to show up this weekend," Marinik said. "We've been improving on our scores, we've been doing better. Plus people want to come out and see the No. 1 team."

The SEC is by far the toughest competition. It's just good gymnastics, and when you go out west you have a team here and a team there," Hall said.

So does Hall, a Georgia native, have an additional incentive to perform well in this week's meet?

"I think about (competing against Georgia) a little. But really, I would just rather go out there and show them that they might have underestimated us as a team."

The GymKats will try to continue to bring their continuity and scores together when they compete this Friday night at Memorial Coliseum at 7:30 against the GymDogs.

"As a team, I think we're really just concentrating on being one right now, and not really worrying about the score," Marinik said. "The scores will come, as we come together."

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## Girl talk

## Here's what Monica said

For those of you who missed Monica Lewinsky's "20/20" interview with Barbara Walters on Wednesday, here are a few of the best excerpts from the interview with Lewinsky.

"I know I will never have an affair with a married man again."

responding to a question about her tendency to have affairs with married men.

"I was enamored with him. And I was excited. And I was enjoying it."

when asked if she ever stopped and thought about the repercussions her actions might have on the rest of the country.

"I've been told by the prosecutors and by my own attorneys I should go to law school."

reflecting on all the time she spent before grand juries and other investigators.

"There are some days that I regret that the relationship ever happened, and there are some days that I just regret that I ever confided in Linda Tripp."

when asked if she ever regretted the incident.

"Sometimes I have warm feelings, sometimes I'm proud of him still, and sometimes I hate his guts."

her feelings toward Bill Clinton.

## Chain reaction

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## READERS' FORUM

## Expressions

## Free speech shouldn't degrade women

To the editor:

How sad to learn that you and your columnists are suffering at the hands of heartless city councils and state governments. Imagine how outraged I was to hear that you'd be deprived of "free expression" in your precious strip clubs.

Wow. Poor you. You're at no loss. Strip clubs and other "freedoms" that you say are degrading. They're degrading not only to the women who "perform" there, but also to women as a whole. Because of these clubs, women have to deal with men who see them as nothing but sex objects because of "free speech."

Men have lost a tremendous amount of respect for women as a result of such entertainment. Many women are in turn subjected to the unrealistic expectations of guys who are conditioned to believe women are there to entertain them. Some are pressured so as to conform to those expectations. Any hope of a meaningful relationship is lost in a guy's pursuit of sex. Sex is a tremendous, beautiful, powerful thing. It was never meant to be such a cheap thrill.

## Ban Christians, then see what happens

To the editor:

Imagine, instead of a ban on nude dancing, there was a ban on

Christians being published.

How are these rules different? There are few differences. A ban on nude dancing affects only a small, arbitrary group of people — women with a specific job, people who own strip clubs and people who like to go to them. The ban on publishing only affects people who go to church. The ban on nude dancing affects the above groups' ability to make a living; the ban on publishing affects a group of people by not allowing them to become journalists or publish their viewpoints for the purpose of furthering their cause. Both are blatant violations of free speech. I would oppose them both, even though I am not a Christian and don't go to strip clubs, so neither affects me.

What are the differences? Some Christians support the nude dancing ban, but none would support the ban on Christian publishing, because it would limit only their free speech.

People starve in our nation. Adults are illiterate. People would like to take away your freedom of speech. If you don't like strip clubs, don't go. If you don't like freedom of speech, don't write in.

WADE HUTT

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## Degradation or free expression?

Is stripping a form of free speech? Or do strip clubs misuse the Constitution to degrade women? Tell us what you think!

Check out [www.kykernel.com](http://www.kykernel.com) for more letters to the editor.

## Manish Bhatia

KERNEL COLUMNIST

## Death row too good for racist man

First, a burning sensation numbs the senses as sharp stones and broken pieces of glass and metal rip through bloody flesh. He prays for a quick death as parts of his own body disintegrate into the hazy, country road before him.

The three men in the car let out a hollow cheer as the driver steps on the pedal. The hitherto unknown city of Jasper was now the official site of brutality.

Later, the protagonist of the gruesome crime, John William King, gets sentenced to death by lethal injection. Lethal injection! Why not just rock him to sleep in a cradle, instead?

But, for heaven's sake, don't give him a grand send off to hell using one of the most painless methods known to man. Heck, I would prefer this highly benign procedure when it's my turn to jump into Satan's eternal fire.

In some parts of the world, the thief loses his arm as punishment. Taliban law requires a stone wall to fall over the criminal. Certain cultures include public flogging as a major form of deterrence.

Barbaric? Guess what, these cultures also have some of the lowest instances of major crime in the world. I do not follow the Big Book of this country. I am aware of a certain "eye for an eye" clause within its hallowed text.

So what's wrong with King being given a humiliating and painful taste of his own medicine? Why weren't the cops charged in the Rodney King case battered mercilessly with a cold, hard piece of iron? Why aren't Matthew Shepard's killers strung up on a tree?

We are too busy sitting on our high horse, preaching and imposing the "civilized" way of doing things to the rest of the world. We are too busy watching the O.J. Simpson trial. We are too busy worrying about human rights in China as drugs and violence continue to pervade the inner city neighborhoods.

We are fooling nobody — nobody, that is, but ourselves.

There is a reason why prison cells in Third World countries are nasty, dark cellars that do not offer the five-star treatment offered to prisoners in this country. Jails should act as a deterrent against repetition of heinous crimes. They should make the robber cringe before he decides to shoot the helpless store clerk.

I am not advocating a police state. We simply need laws that fit the crime. Stone the rapist in public. Cut off the child molester's favorite body part. I don't care, but do something, anything, in exchange for

these ludicrous laws.

Answer this simple question: How many of you know the name of the man who was killed by King and his friends? Not many. Yet most of you know the name of the murderer. We spend so much time focusing on the exciting, media worthy element of the crime that we forget to care about the actual victim.

To most of us, he was just another black man. I won't lie. I had to look up his name myself.

There is a mother who has one less shoulder to cry on. There is a father who will never see his child fulfill his lifelong dreams. There is a child who won't have a dad to teach him how to shoot a free throw.

I could go on. We need to send a strong message to people like Matt Hale, an Illinois resident applying for a lawyer's license who openly advocates white supremacy over all other races. A man who regards interracial love as bestiality. A man who is teaching the white kid on the street that it's OK to hate his black neighbor. Sadly, he enjoys the pure and saintly title of God's spokesman and wishes to practice the laws of the land.

What's even more disconcerting is that this guy has a considerable following of folks who actually believe what he preaches.

How dare the law allow such a man to walk freely among us. Are we so obsessed with allowing free expression that we have

## IN OUR OPINION

## Booze and lose

## New York law is unconstitutional

Drunk drivers cause a substantial share of traffic accidents and deaths each year. Their reckless and dangerous conduct serve as the sole cause of severe injuries and the emotional turmoil associated with the loss of family members. As a response to rampant drunk driving incidents, states have adopted a number of measures to fight this behavior.

New York City recently implemented tougher penalties for people accused of drunk driving. Under the new laws, a person charged with drunk driving, under the theory of criminal forfeiture, will have his or her car impounded pending conviction. Once convicted, the vehicle can be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder.

So much for due process. New York lawmakers have made the analogy that if they have the right to seize firearms used in committing murders, then they can seize cars used to kill people. Using particular standards of evidence, it is possible for a person to be deprived of their property but still acquitted of drunk driving. Talk about a mistake of monumental proportions. Someone could be acquitted of drunk driving but still lose their cars. In addition, there's quite a bit of difference between killing someone intentionally with a gun and causing someone's death while driving drunk.

At UK, if you are suspected of cheating on an exam, you aren't kicked out of school immediately. There must be some convincing evidence brought forward before you lose your student status. To do it any other way would seem unfair.

Does New York's law seem fair? Nope. That's why due process was established in the first place. In most families, a car means the difference between supporting a family and destitution. In one-car families, one slip-up on the part of the car's owner could result in the entire family being deprived of transportation. Without a vehicle, a family would encounter difficulty in just going to the grocery store or taking their children to school.

Is that fair? While New York officials have their citizens' best interests and safety at heart, their methods appear to have serious problems, not only from a constitutional standpoint, but a public policy perspective as well.

Punishing drunk drivers should be a high priority for any community, but the methods employed must be fair and not overly restrictive and excessive. New York has clearly overstepped its bounds by deeming the accused guilty before it even begins the judicial process.

lost the ability to distinguish something so obviously wrong? It's disturbing to see the root cause of evil right before your eyes and there is nothing done about it. White children don't pop out of the womb with a swastika tattooed on their foreheads. It's people like Hale who perpetuate the hate.

The devil's advocate. Forget the annual facade called Black History Month, which makes black history more of a cultural fad rather than honoring the achievements of African American leaders. Stop mocking the achievements of black leaders. Go for the root cause of the problem. Go for hate mongers like Matt Hale. Make an example out of King.

The black man who had his dreams cut short in a violent manner deserved better. His parents deserve better. Sure, a harsher form of exterminating the killer will not bring back a lost son or a lost father. But, it sure as hell will make the next guy who wants to dismember another human being think twice about the consequences.

Images of his life flash before him. His family. His friends. His aspirations.

The chains dig deeper into his torn body as his horrified, tear-stricken eyes watch his arm separate from his shoulder. Oh God! He feels the revolting taste of his own blood. He starts to question the existence of a merciful God. Slowly, the mind numbing pain sends him into shock and one last everlasting sleep.

His name was James Byrd, Jr.





LADIES FIRST

# UK expects NCAA Tourney berth Sunday

After seven years of futility, Wildcat women's hoops takes leap forward

By Dave Gorman  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

*Trivia:* The last time the women's basketball team received a bid to the NAAs, George Bush was president of the United States.

MTV had its 10th anniversary. Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, starting the Gulf War.

Current Head Coach Bernadette Mattox was in her first season as an assistant under former men's coach Rick Pitino. Wildcat senior forward Jave Barnes was just 14 years old.

*What year was it?* 1991. Seven years later, Mattox has moved on and Barnes has grown up. Mattox is now heading the women's team, while Barnes is helping lead her team in her last season as a Wildcat.

This season is similar to the Cats' last trip. UK recorded its first 20-win season since 1991, and it has attracted about the same amount of attention.

Mattox says this hoopla is no surprise to her. Sometimes, she says, people forget women's basketball used to be more popular in Lexington.

"When I used to play for Georgia we would come to Kentucky and there would be like 6 or 7,000 fans in the crowd," Mattox said. "Now, I think we're starting to bring that hype back to UK. I've said it before, and I'll say it again. We have the best fans in the country."

And her team has one of the toughest schedules in the country. They have the fifth-toughest schedule in the country and have righteously earned a 16th RPI ranking after the Southeastern Conference tournament.

The Cats beat the No. 17 Louisiana State Tigers in the tourney. LSU upset No. 1 Tennessee a week earlier in Baton Rouge, La.; do the math. And playing in a conference that owns four of the Associated Press' Top 25 is an advantage going into the NAAs sophomore Laura Meadows said.

"It gives you more confidence, and you know you're capable of beating the best," Meadows said. "You don't get intimidated when you play anybody else."

With the Cats playing their best there's no telling how far they'll go. They've already accomplished their goals thus far.

Mattox and the gang notched 20-plus wins this season. That's much better than getting an over-500 record, which they haven't done in the last four years.

Mattox says there's no guarantee her squad will make the NCAA tournament, but she says their record should be considered. *Trivia:* Will the Cats make the NCAA tournament?

*Answer:* Tune in at 6 p.m. to ESPN's Selection Show.

STOP THE INSANITY

# Calm down, Cat crazies

UK fans much too fickle about fall; settle down, appreciate the beauty of NCAA Tourney time



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about all our problems. Local sports programs are talking about all our problems. Even the Kernel is talking about our problems.

These problems, of course, concern the current state of the UK men's basketball team. They are well-documented, well-publicized, well-examined and, well, well-overanalyzed.

And now, a word of advice: Stop going to the well! They're going to the NCAA tournament. Wait a second. Did I just utter the phrase "NCAA Tournament?" I believe I did.

That we can begin projecting matchups, talking about No. 1 seeds, discovering teams such as Gonzaga and Samford and watching college basketball 24/7 is so glorious that it overpowers all other evil forces that might be

infiltrating our brains. For those who aren't NCAA tournament fans, I'll forgive you as long as you promise to watch this year. If you can't see the whole thing, please watch at least one game. You might not witness a monumental moment in NCAA history, but what if you miss one?

Case in point: Tuesday evening.

I watched the Valparaiso Crusaders make it to the dance for the fourth year in a row, wrapping up the automatic bid with their victory over Oral Roberts University in the Mid-Continent Conference championship.

You're probably thinking, so what? Here's what: It reminded me of last year's monumental moment in NCAA history.

I was sitting in Rupp Arena at the time, taking in Butler and New Mexico's pre-game layup lines, squinting to find the game on my Sony Watchman. I was shocked to see that Valpo was even in the game.

When Ole Miss forward Ansu Sessay, the SEC player of the year, went to the line with a chance to

ice it, my father turned to me and said, "It's over." He then got up to head to the concession stand before our game started.

He missed both free throws, Valpo got the ball, and called time-out. When I say my heart was pounding, I mean it. My palms were sweating, and I was thinking just maybe, through some act of God, Valpo might pull off this upset.

Why was I so attached to Valpo? Many reasons: I grew up 45 minutes away from their campus. My older brother graduated from Valpo. I played high school games on their campus and in their gym. Here's the kicker, though: My brother played against Bryce Drew, the man who hit the game-winning shot, in elementary school.

I remember seeing Bryce struggle to only score nine points in the elementary title game, as my Tigers beat his Road Runners for the city title. Bryce showed up again in my sophomore year of high school, and I watched him, in person, in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, go for 33 in the state championship his senior year, only to lose in overtime after half of his team fouled out.

And here he was again, showing up in my sophomore year of college. The same skinny,

baby-faced kid with the constant grin who was shut down by my elementary school's box-and-one gimmick defense.

You all know the play. The shot sure looked short to me. But it wasn't short enough. He wasn't going to be denied this time. I leapt to my feet, screaming wildly in the stands. People around me stared and muttered. After all, the game I was about to watch hadn't started yet. I didn't care.

I left my seat, ran up the stairs to meet my father and kept saying, "They did it! They did it!" Two minutes later, the final score was announced over the P.A. system. The whole crowd stood and cheered for a team they knew nothing about.

I knew. I knew what had just happened. I knew the players, the school, the coaches. And I knew the skinny, baby-faced kid who hit the miracle shot long before he was a household name.

That's why I watch. I watch because I never know when I'll witness another magic moment like that.

That's what the NCAA tournament is all about.

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SWINGING FOR THE FENCES

# Wildcat softball opens home season

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Playing at home for the first time this season, the UK women's softball team hosts the second annual 1999 Kentucky Invitational Saturday and Sunday at the Softball-Soccer Complex.

The tournament field includes Ohio State, Canisius, Akron, and UK, with all four teams scheduled to play two games each on Saturday. On Sunday, each team will play one game before the consolation game

at 3 p.m., or the championship game at 5 p.m.

UK takes on Ohio State Saturday at noon and the Canisius Golden Griffins at 4 p.m. On Sunday at 1 p.m., the Cats go head-to-head with Akron.

"We're really excited to play at home this weekend," UK Head Coach Beth Kirchner said. "It's always exciting to play in front of your home fans, friends, and family."

Freshman outfielder Beth Fogle, who will be playing her first UK game in Lexington, said

familiar faces in the crowd add to the intensity.

"I've never played here so obviously I'm real excited about the home crowd," Fogle said. "My parents are coming, my family is coming, friends will be here and it's just a real exciting feeling to finally get to play here and show everybody what we have."

UK currently stands at 6-9 after going 2-2 last weekend at the Georgia State Classic in Atlanta.

"It should be some good teams to play so it should be an exciting tournament to watch,

weather permitting," Kirchner said. "We will play because the field crew) does such a good job."

Tiffany Kruse, who leads UK at the plate with 20 hits and a .444 batting average said intensity and playing as a team will help make this a successful weekend for the Cats.

"We've talked a lot about how our intensity level is going to be higher this weekend, just because we're at home," Kruse said. "We have a lot of talent and if we just bring it all together I think we should sweep this weekend."

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