



**WEATHER** Mostly sunny, high in the mid 70s. Cool tonight, low near 55. Sunny and mild tomorrow, high of 70.

**SOCK IT TO 'EM** UK men's soccer alumni remember a time when playing meant working. See Sports, page 2.



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## Cruz vetoes Promise Keepers' funding

By Gary Wull  
Senior Staff Writer

Last week, after a controversial 14-13 vote to fund a trip of UK Promise Keepers to Washington, D.C., Student Government Association President Melanie Cruz reminded senators that she could veto the bill.

Late last week, Cruz utilized her veto power, leaving UK Promise Keepers to find money to replace the \$1,648 the Senate allocated for its Oct. 4 trip.

Cruz said she vetoed the bill because it was unconstitutional,

citing the by-laws clause that deals with discrimination. It states that "events and/or organizations which discriminate against any group of students shall not be funded by SGA."

The Promise Keepers' "Stand in the Gap" gathering excludes women from attending the event.

"Although the goals of the organization may be commendable, our constitution cannot uphold this bill," Cruz said.

She said she expects some negative feedback because of her decision.

"My duty as president is not to

make everyone happy, it is to do my job," she said.

If the bill were signed, Cruz said it would have been detrimental to SGA.

She said a lot of questions would be asked about Senate allocation, responsibilities and the way SGA handles money.

Last week's veto, which senators can address tonight at an emergency full Senate meeting, is Cruz's second. In April, she vetoed a \$500 bill from the UK Equestrian Team to pay for transportation to a tournament in Massachusetts.

The Senate could override the veto with a two-thirds vote in favor of the bill, but with last week's vote split down the middle that option may have little promise.

UK Promise Keepers President Josh Walton has said the 105 men expected to go would attend the event regardless of SGA funding. He was not available for comment last night.

Graduate Student Senator Michael Tomblin, who voted against the bill, said Cruz's decision set an example for the Senate.

"If the Senate would follow her lead then the students would sit

up and take notice," he said.

By vetoing the bill, Cruz has shown fiscal responsibility, Tomblin said. He added that if the Senate can show fiscal responsibility it could move on to other campus problems.

"We might get Senate to focus on real quality-of-life issues. Then everybody wins," he said.

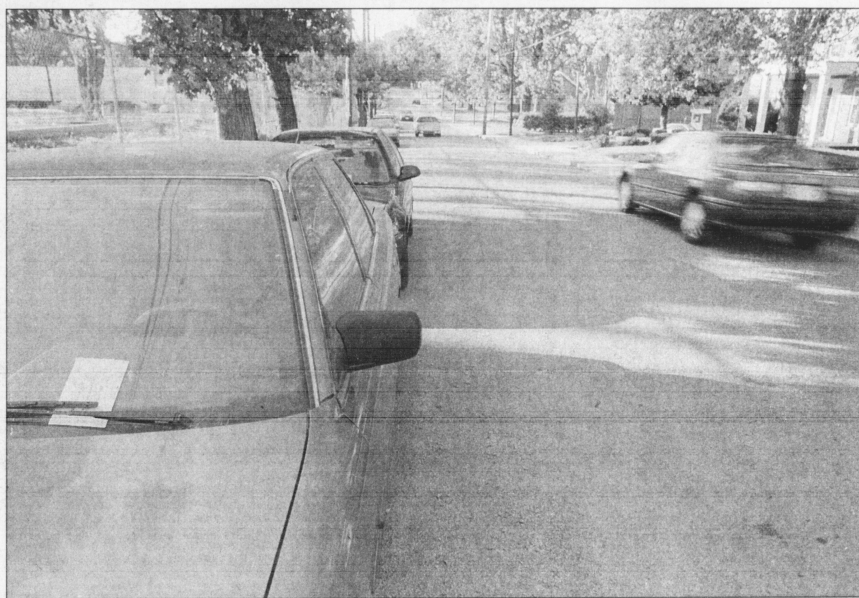
Senator at Large Luke Riddle, who supported the bill, said Cruz made a mistake by vetoing the bill.

"I felt that the decision rested on the senate's shoulders," Riddle said.

Riddle will attend the gathering this weekend with some friends, but said he hopes the UK Promise Keepers will be able to attend.

If they are not able to find the funds to attend, Riddle said, the group's future impact on campus will be diminished.

UK Promise Keepers said at last Wednesday's Senate meeting that they planned to sponsor a forum on Oct. 8 to share what they learned in Washington, D.C. as well as work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity.



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

**PARK IT** More than 30 parking spaces were removed from Columbia Avenue after the University requested it. Studies showed the street was too narrow for parking.

## UK, city take parking spots

*Columbia spaces removed because of safety concerns*

By James Ritchie  
News Editor

The University requested that the city make Columbia Avenue a "No Parking" zone several years ago primarily because of safety concerns, said Ken Clevidence, director of procurement and construction divisions. Last Friday, drivers who usually

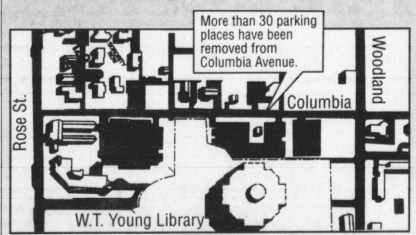
parked there were welcomed with "No Parking" signs. Those who parked on the street anyway received warning notices from UK Parking and Transportation encouraging them to move their vehicles.

"That block has been a problem for quite a while," Clevidence said. "I believe it was a safety issue."

In an Aug. 26 letter to 3rd District Councilman Dick DeCamp, whose district includes the UK area, Clevidence wrote:

"It is our belief that banning parking along this block will improve access, contribute to a safer traffic environment, and be a positive influence to the appearance of the area."

### Columbia spaces eliminated



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UK officials work closely with the city government in decisions affecting streets around campus, Clevidence said.

The affect of eliminating the 30 or so spaces, he said, is diminished by the addition of the new parking structure on South Limestone Street

and other parking improvements. The garage resulted in a net gain of 1,000 spaces on campus. And, he said, long-range plans call for additional spaces and new lots.

DeCamp said the city council handled UK's request the same as it

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## Speaks Out discusses sex in '90s

By Tanya Schmitt  
Contributing Writer

"Mawwage is what brings us together today," said the priest in the classic '80s movie, *The Princess Bride*.

In much the same spirit, a group of students and community leaders gathered in the Old Student Center Theatre to talk about sex and marriage, sex and date rape, sex and dating, sex and abstinence, sex and love.

Panelists from Campus Crusade for Christ, True Love Waits, Aids Volunteers of Lexington, UK Police department, and Peer Health Advocates for Sex Education came to help introduce various viewpoints and open discussion topics.

The action began after the facilitator, Mike Stephenson, asked the opening question, "What exactly is the 1997 version of dating?"

The general consensus seemed to be that in many cases dating either happens after sex or not at all.

Many audience members said they thought relationships began with chance meetings at parties that often result in some sexual activity, but never really led to a "good" relationship.

The idea of abstinence before marriage was brought up by Matt Wheeler from Campus Crusade for Christ who said, "One thing I want to get across tonight is that God is all for sex in the right context, which is marriage, because he created it."

Lennie Batchelor from True Love Waits concurred with the idea of abstinence.

"In a relationship were you decide to put off sex, it takes a tremendous amount of pressure off the relationship and turns it in a completely different direction, saving sex for when it's most meaningful with the person with whom you have decided to spend the rest of your life," she said.

A different perspective from PHASE representative Matt Bowdy turned the conversation after he offered the idea that it's most important to be educated about all of the dangers of sex and to communicate with your partner before you decide whether to have sex.

One student brought up the point that, "If a girl  
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### NEWSbytes

## CAMPUS UK football game vs. Bama another sellout

UK students purchased the remaining student tickets yesterday, making the Alabama game a sell-out. It's UK third consecutive home sellout this season, joining the Louisville and Florida games. Sideline and end zone tickets are available for the Homecoming game vs. Northeast Louisiana on Oct. 18 and for the Louisiana State game on Nov. 1. Only scattered single tickets — no pairs — remain for the Tennessee game.

### NAMEdropping

#### Columnist loses job for Chelsea comments

STANFORD, Calif. — Jesse Oxfeld, a senior at Stanford, lost his job at the Stanford Daily after writing about Chelsea Clinton in a column his boss considered a violation of her strict policy of not covering the president's daughter.

He wrote an opinion piece about the media coverage of Chelsea's arrival Sept. 19, accompanied by her parents.

Compiled from staff, wire reports.

## Campus improving network for faster access

By Joe Dobner  
Staff Writer

A picture is worth a thousand words. Literally.

Unfortunately, the explosion of graphics on the Internet has clogged the electronic pipes which form it. UK is doing something about it.

"We're rebuilding the

Internet for the next generation," said Doyle Friskney, UK's executive director of communications and network systems.

A single character, to a computer, requires eight bits of space. The information on the color of a single pixel often requires as much, or more, space.

Considering that the smallest pictures are made of thousands of pixels, that's a lot of data. A single high-resolution image, such as an X-ray, can contain as much data as the entire King James Bible.

To move from a remote computer to your computer, which happens when you browse the web, these graph-

ics must travel across a network. Thousands of people are accessing thousands of images through a limited number of lines, and this creates something of a logjam.

At present, UK has a 45 Megabit (millions of bits per second) connection to the South East Partnership to Share Computational Resources, a high-

speed Asynchronous Transfer Mode network.

That connection was installed in April. It has an additional three Megabit connection to what Friskney calls the "commodity Internet," or the regular Internet through BBN.

Friskney said that within the

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**TWO STEPS BACK** UK cornerback Littleton Ward had a rough weekend against Florida's Jaquez Green. The Gator receiver caught 10 balls for 139 yards.

# Cat looking for-Ward to Bama

By Aaron Sanderford  
 Senior Staff Writer

He works alone. His primary responsibility is to stop another team's receiving threats. Help is not an option.

No man is an island, but a cover cornerback might as well be.

"As a (cornerback), you live and die by the big play," UK cover corner Littleton Ward said. "You either make a big play or the wide receiver makes a big play on you."

Ward spent most of last Saturday in single coverage on Florida's wide receiver Jaquez Green. The Gator's most talented skill-position player caught 10 balls for 139 yards and career-high three touchdowns.

"I made some big mistakes," he said. "Those plays, I was in man-to-man coverage, and Jaquez made the plays and I didn't."

Despite the Gator wideout's big day, Ward said speed was not a factor.

"I get a lot of work from Craig Yeast, Jimmy Robinson and Kio Sanford, and they have almost the same amount of speed as Jaquez

Green," he added. "I didn't cover him like I should have covered him."

For a man who loves the spotlight almost as much as his idol Deion Sanders, folding in front of a CBS national television audience stung. Ward pushes himself hardest when the cameras roll, he said.

"You can't get yourself in a better position," Ward said. "I wanted to show the world, I wanted to show everybody that I was one of the top corners in the nation."

Green's stellar performance was the l.c.-point of Ward's collegiate career, he said.

The 55-28 loss sent him soul-searching.

"The whole weekend was terrible," he said. "I went home, talked to my mother, my father and my family and got my mind back together."

Saturday marked the third time Ward watched Florida coach

Steve Spurrier leave Commonwealth Stadium with a victory. The fifth-year senior will not get another chance to face them.

"When you lose like that, knowing that we had a chance to compete with them a lot better than we did, it hurts a lot," he said. "It hurt me bad, because I am a competitor."

But playing cover corner breeds a different type of competitor.

Ward said. He said defensive backs must be strong people with short memories.

"That short memory is being tested this week with the Alabama game on Saturday."

With Mike DuBose at the helm, Alabama has shifted much of its ground-oriented offense skyward. The Crimson Tide passing game features flanker Michael Vaughn and split end Calvin Hall.

"I'm out for redemption," Ward said. "I've never played a game like that."

Sophomore linebacker Lee Wesley said the anticipation is obvious.

"Some of these guys are ready to play today," Wesley said. "They want a chance to put last week behind them."

Ward agreed.

"It's about winning, now," he said.

And although the UK corner has a short memory, Ward said his orange and blue motivation will not be forgotten.

"Anytime I see a wide receiver from here on out, Jaquez Green is going to be in the back of my mind," he said.

**Other notes:**

▼ New positions for UK football coaches — Wildcat head coach Hal Mumme named offensive line coach Guy Morriss assistant head coach and wide receivers coach Mike Leach was promoted to offensive coordinator.

Senior Staff Writer Price Atkinson also contributed to this story.

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# Soccer alumni remember kegs of old

By Jill Erwin  
 Senior Staff Writer

As one sits in the shiny new UK Soccer Complex, it is easy to forget the days gone by.

The not-so-distant days when players had to take care of the field themselves, wash their own uniforms and run camps to make enough money to rent vans and pay for gas on road trips.

"The days of club soccer."

"We had good competitive

teams that were a lot of fun because everybody was out there solely because they wanted to play soccer," former UK club coach David Mossbrook said.

"We were respected enough that even though we were a club sport, varsity teams would schedule us."

UK held its annual Alumni Game Sunday morning and generations of soccer players gathered on the practice field overlooking the Complex. Past players could only dream of playing in a facility like it.

The club team competed at the infamous Cage Field, with almost no help from the school. The team had to tear up the crabgrass that comprised the playing surface and leave it as dirt to get a flat field. The tennis team complained about the dirt blowing onto the courts and decided to plant grass itself.

"All the school would do for us was mow the grass," Mossbrook said.

Mossbrook coached here for 11 years (1976-87). The team complied with all NCAA regulations, yet had no scholarship athletes. The team wanted to become sanctioned for NCAA play, but was never accepted by then-Athletics Director David Rozelle. Two years after Rozelle left, soccer became a varsity sport.

Mossbrook organized the games, set the schedule, worked to raise enough money for a men's, women's, junior varsity, and graduate team, and overall did the "dirty work."

The club players far outnumbered the varsity players at the alumni game, and seemed to have fun remembering their days of playing.

"We had a lot of fun," former clubber (1977-82) Mark Cross said.

Cross decided to attempt to play after hearing about tryouts. He made the team, started the first game, and never looked back.

Things have changed since those days. No more kegs at the halltimes of essay wins, no more tearing up grass, no more paying for their own meals on road trips. Now, the Cats play in what current UK coach Ian Collins calls "one of the best facilities in the Midwest" and have been ranked nationally.

The team competes in the Mid-American Conference, one of the

toughest in the country, and have come within one game of reaching the NCAA Tournament.

The more recent players enjoyed the alumni game just as much, using it as a way to look back to the past. Pat Gerak played from 1992-95, and has been a member of the Bluegrass Bandits organization for the past two years. He still attends UK as a graduate student in physical therapy.

"It's fun to come out here and see the guys from the '70s and '80s when it was a club sport," Gerak said. "We really don't think about them much, back when it was probably just a bunch of guys coming out and kicking the ball around."

Ex-teamsman Sean Endicott agrees.

Endicott, who transferred here from Midway College, played for UK in 1995 and 1996 and plans to graduate this December. He was a part of the team that opened play in the new Complex near the end of last year.

"A lot of these guys I didn't know," Endicott said. "It was nice to meet the guys that played and kind of helped get it to be a varsity sport."

Since Collins took over four seasons ago, many changes have taken place. He appreciates the effort of the club team, and reminisces on the days when athletes played for the love of the game.

"I have a lot of respect for what the club team went through because everyone was there because they wanted to be there," Collins said.

"I wish sometimes that today's athletes would go through some of those times where they have to take the uniforms home and wash them, and they'd be a little more grateful for what they have."



**GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN** Former UK soccer star Sean Endicott (left) tallied 40 points during his two year stint as a Wildcat.

# DiVERSions

## a whole new dreamscape



WHEN DREAM AND DAY UNITE Dream Theater's long-awaited fifth release, 'Falling Into Infinity,' could be the best album to hit the record stores this year.

### 'Infinity' introduces new sound

By J. Jason Stapleton  
Entertainment Editor

There are only a handful of bands today which can be classified as true musicians in the purest sense of the word. Dream Theater is one of those bands.

They first came together at the prestigious Berkley School of Music in New York. The original cast consisted of John Petrucci on guitar, John Myung on bass, Kevin Moore on keyboard, and Mike Portnoy who supplied the percussion.

The quartet found itself in a very small minority at the Berkley school—heavy metal lovers.

The members originally began to work together under the name Majesty. They wrote some of the most complex heavy metal music

ever. They were having the time of their lives when they realized they had one glaring problem: Who was going to do the singing?

The band searched for a singer and came up with Charlie Dominici. He had the voice for the job, but not the heart. Dominici was only with the band for its first release, *When Dream and Day Unite*.

When Dominici left, the four original members looked to Canada and found James LaBrie, a bona fide metal-head with a background in opera. Now Dream Theater was complete.

The group remained the same until one of the original members of Majesty left the fold.

Moore had dreams of doing his own thing creatively, so he left the Theater on good terms to work on his own projects.

Unfortunately, Dream Theater hasn't put out a new LP since it's mind-jarring 1994 release *Awake*.

The *A Change of Seasons* EP in late 1995 was supposed to be the debut of new keyboard player, Derek Sherinian, as well as a precursor to their next major work, but problems with their record label put *Falling Into Infinity* on the shelves for quite some time.

It took quite a bit for East/West to decide to put Dream Theater back in the studio, but after a huge outpouring of fan support, they finally went to work on *Infinity* in the spring of 1997.

*Falling Into Infinity* could very easily be the best album to come out this year.

This new album features a new style for the progressive-minded rock band. It is not nearly as heavy as some of its previous albums.

Dream Theater tried a couple of mellow songs on *Awake* but

they were seemingly added on at the end of the album.

"Hollow Years" may be the best song on the album and at the same time the softest. LaBrie's vocals are really highlighted in this stirring ballad.

The track list features several long songs that are eight minutes or more.

These rock epics are great centerpieces to showcase the band's vast musical knowledge.

"Lines In the Sand" features some of the best drum beats that you are ever likely to hear.

Portnoy is simply the best rock drummer in the business today (sorry Neil Peart fans).

Sherinian really shows what he is made of when he throws down some butt-kicking rhythms on "Just Let Me Breathe."

Overall, this is the best CD I have heard in a really long time. There is no aspect that can be considered weak.

There is a good variety of songs, both hard and soft. The song writing is tight and the music is phenomenal as always.



★★★★★  
(out of five)  
'Falling Into Infinity'  
Dream Theater  
(East/West)

### WHAT'S your sign?

By Linney Strother

#### Bullroar



**TAURUS**  
apr. 20 - may 20  
Good morning. Your week is off to a good start, but it is all downhill from here. The puppy that you picked up from the pound would be good on a pizza. Other than that, your house of effluvium is in line with your tires, so luck will be with you.

#### Space Cadet



**GEMINI**  
may 21 - june 19  
Marv Albert wants to date either your sister or brother, preferably both. Spend the extra your inner beauty, get a skeleton costume for Halloween.

#### Marlboro Man



**CANCER**  
june 22 - july 22  
Your wardrobe is getting a bit 'good willish.' Look for lace pieces that are lined with nude-colored fabric. Try weaning yourself from your main food group, phen-fen, and start jogging.

#### Social Lion



**LEO**  
july 23 - aug. 22  
You just love to be in love. The stars say that in the near future you will be as close as you will ever get to that point. Please recognize this uncharted territory. The tea leaves suggest that you stay away from zoos, prisons and farms during the next few months. (Also, avoid Marv A.) Send your résumé to Madison Square Gardens, as they need a new Knickerbockers announcer.

#### Anxious?



**VIRGO**  
aug. 23 - sept. 22  
Use the pin #3974 for that ATM card that you found, but remember, along with the fun comes emotional baggage. Sure, your car could use a new paint job, but resist the urge to stomp on the gas pedal instead of slamming on the brakes when another car runs the yellow light.

#### Bookish?



**LIBRA**  
sept. 23 - oct. 23  
Beware of gadgets that are advertised by scientific phrases. Treat yourself and someone else's spouse to pizza. Pleasure delayed is pleasure denied. No wonder you feel run-down. Combat fatigue with Vitamin B & peppermint oil.

#### The Stinger



**SCORPIO**  
oct. 24 - nov. 21  
Calculus class novelty wearing off? The demand for auto body repair apprentices is growing exponentially. A little less consumption will help your grade point average. Quit agonizing over your sexuality and be all that you can be. Keep the rug on your head.

#### Involuntarily Celebrate



**CAPRICORN**  
dec. 21 - jan. 19  
Finding out that the GED route really was the way to go? Your money problems will escalate if you don't get that pre-nup up front. The lottery will pull you through, but a statistics class will suppress that idea. You will have more success in the relationship department.

#### The Age of Was



**AQUARIUS**  
jan. 20 - feb. 18  
Be careful of what you say, inquiring minds want to incriminate you. Does cheapness come to mind when discussing

compatibility? With Venus opposite Hades, it may be time for you to choose something that you enjoy instead of focusing on the wealth of the situation.

#### Sushi, well done



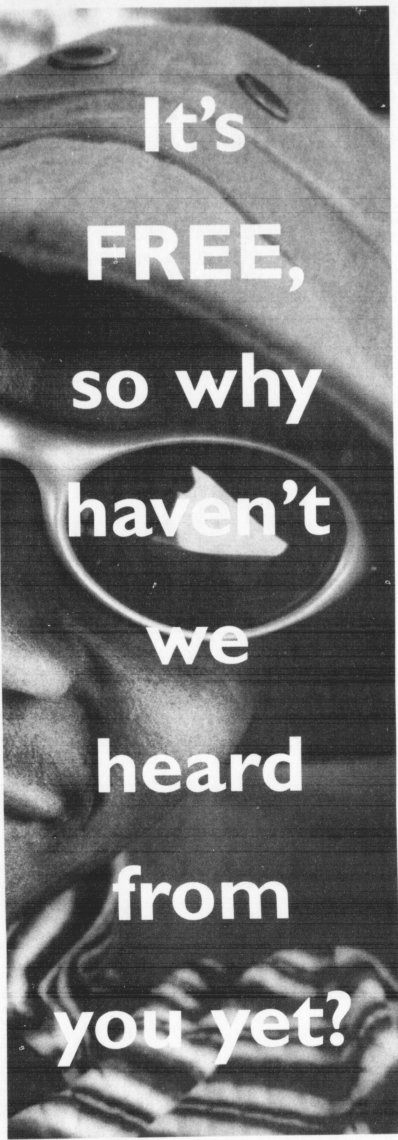
**PISCES**  
feb. 19 - mar. 20  
The fish are either obsessed or aloof, no spring break babies are in the middle of the road. You mimic what you admire, but when you make it your own, tiredness quickly follows. Originality would suit you better, but don't use Marv as a guide. Mantra—"I can top Marv."

#### Ram tough



**ARIES**  
mar. 21 - apr. 19  
Do not begin your journey with someone who does not want to go. Don't be vulnerable to the fast schemes as you can't keep up. Try to refrain from saying, "Do you want fries with that?" in your sleep. Your partner is gaining weight, but hasn't figured out that it's you that's subliminally causing it. Stock up on ketchup.

Editors note: due to a random stargazing mishap Mr. Strother was unable to conjure an accurate forecast for Sagittarius. We apologize for the inconvenience, but rest assured he will be fully recovered next week.




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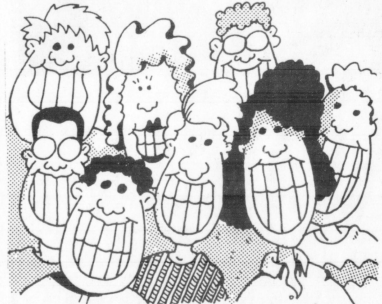

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**NOT VERY REFRESHING** The new release from the Refreshments, 'The Bottle and Fresh Horses,' comes off as extremely average. It is the group's second album.

# Refreshments

## go flat

**Mediocre album has little fizz**  
 By Jeremy Rogers  
 Staff Critic

With a debut album called *Fizzy, Fuzzy, Big & Buzzy*, it's not that difficult to envision the Refreshments' music as simply a reinforcement of its name. With elements of bubble gum and three-chord pop, the Tempe, Ariz., quartet is not without light-hearted rock, but its sophomore effort, *The Bottle and Fresh Horses*, offers both a return to the free-wheeling, fun style of its debut and a more mature, rounded approach to rock.

"The last album was more poppy, smart-ass, self-deprecating humor," Refreshments guitarist Brian Blush told reporter Carrie Borizo. Although *The Bottle and Fresh Horses* is chock full of apolitical, happy tunes, it also has its share of melancholy, angst-ridden melodies. "Wanted" sounds like something the Spin Doctors would have released about five years ago. "Dolly" is like a Presidents of the United States of America song sprinkled with some Black Crowes guitar riffs. "Buy American" and "Sin Nombre" represent the droning, more grandiose songs which allegedly make *The Bottle and Fresh Horses* so much more mature.

The album's music and lyrics cover a wide spectrum of rock styles, but like singer Roger Clyde says in "Una Soda," it "needs a little more."

Clyde is both the lead singer and chief songwriter for the Refreshments. His deadpan tone and ordinary voice free up the songs for more emphasis on the words themselves and Blush's guitar solos — there's at least one in each of the 13 songs.

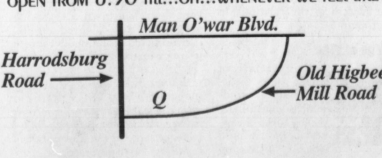
Technically proficient, Blush's soloing is hit-and-miss. At times he seems a bit over zealous, while at other times his solos supplement the songs ingeniously. Aside from Blush's sporadic moments of brilliance, and P.H. Naffah's uniquely orchestrated rhythms, the Refreshments' *The Bottle and Fresh Horses* is too similar to a Cake or Gin Blossoms album for any merit in originality.

If Blush's rocking riffs and drummer Naffah's cowbell beats seem familiar, you may recognize their sound from the theme of "King of the Hill."

The Refreshments wrote and recorded the instrumental theme to Mike Judge's FOX-TV critically acclaimed Sunday night animated series.

Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of the Refreshments' latest release is its choice of *Butthole Surfers'* Paul Leary as producer. Leary has worked with Sublime and the Meat Puppets, and he did a great job with the resources the Refreshments had to offer.

  
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**Local band goes to the Big Apple**  
 By Tom Wilmes  
 Contributing Writer

The Lexington-based band ArtGeko will travel to New York City to play at the legendary CBGB's next Thursday. Impressed by the band's self-titled debut CD, the club enthusiastically booked ArtGeko for a 9:30 p.m. slot.

Although the band has only been together for a short period, ArtGeko represents the culmination of many years of musical experience. The band's roots can be traced back to 1978, when Arte Bratton (guitars, keyboards, vocals) and Jeff Lyman (drums, vocals) teamed up to perform some songs for their fifth-grade music class. The pair then met again at UK, where they were both music majors. They later joined the lineup of Enigma recording artist Velvet Elvis, which fronted such bands as UB40 and Follow For Now, and toured with Bad English.

When Velvet Elvis disbanded, Bratton and Lyman joined a local cover band founded by Kenny Owens (guitars, vocals). Later, Mike Lewis (bass, vocals) joined the band to complete the line-up that is now ArtGeko.

Never content to work within one groove, their music is defined by constantly shifting beats and melody. "Every song is different, yet you can tell it's the same band," observes Bratton.

Bratton cites many different influences in his music, such as The Beatles, The Cure and King Crimson. Indeed one can hear these flavors in the music, but ArtGeko remains very much an original force.

The band's self-titled debut CD is a good representation of its eclectic style. Described by the band as a "compilation of personal stories," the material not only spans many years (the oldest track was penned by Bratton in 1985), it also spans many personal themes which come across with passion.

Local response to ArtGeko's CD has been favorable. The KET network featured the band in the four-part series *Alternately Yours* which aired throughout the region in April.

The first single from the band's debut CD, *But Then Nothing*, has enjoyed regular rotation on WXZZ (103.3 FM) and the band performed acoustically on WKQQ's (98.1 FM) "Unplugged" show in May.

ArtGeko hopes to carry this momentum with them to New York, and even further to a national audience.

For Bratton, success is determined by "luck, talent, timing and perseverance."

Fans who won't be able to make the New York gig at CBGB's can catch the band locally at the AIA Sandbar and Grill tonight and Millennium on Oct. 16 with Mind Choir.

For more information, log on to [www.ARTGeko.COM](http://www.ARTGeko.COM), or contact the band via e-mail at [ARTGeko@BIGFOOT.COM](mailto:ARTGeko@BIGFOOT.COM).



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It's been said that a sucker is born every day, but no one ever bothers to ask why they're suckers. Is it stupidity or perhaps desperation that prompts people to take a chance on worthless swamp land?

It could be either or neither; who really knows why people make such obviously poor choices?

We certainly don't, but we do know that a number of booming Lexington businesses appear to be profiting at astronomical rates from individuals who often have no other place to turn.

These modern-day loan sharks appear in the guise of quickie check-cashing stores, title-loan companies and rent-to-own agencies. Incredibly, they continue to feed off the poor — and even educated UK students — by offering convenient access to cash or household goods.

Oh, they'll respond that service for a potentially high-risk clientele carries higher costs in the form of defaults and repossessions which must be paid for eventually.

We agree that higher risks and greater expenses may require increased fees, BUT there is a limit. We believe that 264 percent in annual interest is

that limit!

Just last week, a suit was filed in Fayette Circuit Court against Kentucky Title Loan for alleged deceptive lending practices.

The plaintiff, Brenda M. Holman, took out a \$1,200 loan in August of last year and has already paid \$2,651 in interest.

Once her final payment is made that total could balloon to over \$5,000. That's \$5,000 for a \$1,200 loan. Call us crazy, but that is a tad excessive and an example of the choice some people are forced to make in a cash crunch.

Fortunately, a rash of similar complaints have prompted investigations by consumer advocates and state attorneys who are seeking reforms.

This case should serve as a warning to UK students who are often strapped for cash needed to make credit card payments, car payments, utilities and monthly rent.

It may be a quick fix to get you through the month, but eventually it will kick you in the teeth and there won't be money left for an orthodontist to fix that new hole in your teeth.

**Millennium near with passing of Helms and Mir**

*Cultural icons will go down in history with the greats*

The times are bleak, my friends. All around we see signs that the Biblical Tribulations have begun. The world is filled with grim, joyless faces and the millennium approaches like a bad television drama. As a sure sign of the Tribulation, the mental faculties of two parallel institutions have begun to fail. I speak of the MIR Space station and Senator Jesse Helms.



**Charles Powell**  
Contributing Columnist

These two great, heaving blobs of space junk have been running parallel courses since the days of Methuselah. MIR (which is abbreviated Cyrillic for "Eat me, Trotsky!") was launched by Joseph Stalin in 1921, two years after the completion of the Russian revolution.

For nearly 80 years the Russians have sent philosophy majors and those declared insane to the great gulag in the sky, often to set distance and endurance records for continuous space barfing (the only Olympic event that the Russians still win).

The two most recent exiles to return from MIR were in space for roughly 17 years and had to be resuscitated when told that the Soviet Union had fallen and that their winning "Build a McBorscht" tickets had expired.

On this side of the pond, Jesse Helms has been in the Senate for roughly 114 years, having begun his political career shortly after Grover Cleveland made sideburns fashionable again. Helms (which is a Carolinian abbreviation of "bigoted idiot") has been slowly calcifying in the upper house of parliament, somewhat akin to a single petrified tree of mean-spiritedness stuck in the Democratic desert.

Those who are deemed unwelcome by the state of North Carolina are employed as Helms' caretakers and are usually required to prop up the old boy during opposition speeches and to act as buffers so that strangers don't get too close to the tangible aura of evil emanating from him.

They are also assigned to lead tours around the portrait of a

vibrant and youthful Helms which hangs on his wall, and which mysteriously hasn't changed since his arrival in the Senate.

As grand as these icons are, signs that they are at least metaphorically on their last legs arrive continuously. MIR's main computer (Deep Red) has failed twice since you began reading this.

Like Jesse Helms, inexplicably, head of the Foreign Relations Committee, has insulted "fer-riners" roughly 12 times since he fell out of bed this morning.

But with their continued slides into decrepitude, I see a new chapter in Russo-American relations opening. Yes, when MIR pulls a big "Sky-lab" on our heads we could replace the venerable space station with the even more venerable Jesse Helms. I must admit that the idea of launching Jesse Helms into orbit has long been a dream of mine, but never has it seemed a pertinent reality until now. Helms' ham-handed handling of the Weld nomination for ambassador to Mexico has embarrassed many in his own party, who will no longer act as obstacles to his space career. And Helms, with artificial hips, teeth, knees, toes and goiter is so much a cyborg these days that astronauts forced into his cramped quarters would never even be aware that they were living in the nation's first artificial senator.

I can see no brighter future than Senator Helms spinning slowly, rotisserie-like, high above the planet. If cosmologists accidentally ran a refueling ship — say Newt "Sputnik" Gingrich or Trent "Apollo-13" Lott — into Helms' belly, then the same solutions to MIR can be implemented.

There could be eight hour space walks to find thrusters in Jesse Helms' hull. Or they could just abandon him as detritus and hop a souzev back to earth to await his inevitably scintillating burn up on re-entry.

And who knows: Maybe three kings crossing the desert would see the flashing Helms-star, follow its light to a manger and behold a wondrous babe in swaddling clothes. These are biblical times, my friend.

Contributing Columnist Charles Powell is a political science graduate student.

**READERS' forum**

**There's more to life than the Gap and Ralph Lauren**

To the editor:

As I was walking back from class this morning, wearing my Gap clothing and designer perfume, I noticed something that troubled me greatly. I glanced to the left and saw a man, wearing nothing short of rags, picking through the trash. He was also pushing a shopping cart.

This bothered me and as I continued toward my dorm, I happened to catch a glimpse at the bracelet around my wrist. It reads W.W.J.D. This means "What Would Jesus Do?"

I was not only ashamed, but extremely repulsed at myself when I thought about what Jesus would do had He been in my shoes.

Jesus would have taken off his

Polo jacket and given it to the poor man. He would have offered him lunch and then told of the wonderful story of His Father. When Jesus was on earth, He fed 5,000 with a meal made for one. He devoted His life to helping others and teaching the word of God.

I, being a Christian, like to think that I try to live as God's child. In this, I want to do what Jesus would do.

However, today, my human selfishness kept me from doing what, in my heart, I knew was right.

I come from a small town in Eastern Kentucky where the poverty rate may be high, but I have never seen anyone pushing a shopping cart while pilfering through the trash.

Things are different there; people give to others in need. Today, I neglected my upbringing as well as my virtues. This will not happen again. I will not walk by someone who has near nothing without giving something. If only a few dollars for

lunch, I will give what I can.

So many other students on campus wear the same bracelet as I do, and I hope that they will also think of what it means.

We scurry about in our Tommy Hilfinger and Ralph Lauren thinking only of ourselves, and never really do what Jesus would do.

**Vicki Campbell**  
middle school education junior

**Emmick's heroism saved me**

To the editor:

I just wanted to thank Chris Emmick for his wonderful public service. Because of his heroism, my leg was spared.

I saw his masterfully engineered flag, and avoided the deathtrap. I only have one question: If my memory serves me right, the can used was a beer can. Chris, do you feel like a hypocrite?

**Aaron Sutherland**  
civil engineering junior

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**Tobacco and drugs have nothing on the Monster Burger**

Close your eyes for a few seconds. Now imagine two succulent beef patties cuddled between three slices of perfectly melted cheese. Add eight delicious strips of Babe on top of the cheese.

Let your teeth sink into this piece of bovine heaven while your tongue makes love to the ketchup and the onions. Now open your eyes, smile, keel over and slip into cardiac arrest.

Yes, I am talking about the famed Monster Burger introduced by Hardees not too long ago. The Monster is symbolic of everything that is horribly wrong with America's eating habits.

The bottom half of the food pyramid seems to have fallen off the menus of most restaurants. Wherever you look, it's all about a nice square meal consisting of a burger, fries and a Coke.

It's amazing how the individuals of a highly progressive society can allow such blatant disregard for health. I don't care how hungry a person is, there must something better than a bottomless pit of dead cows and pigs.

I love it when a customer at Mickey Dee's says, "Could you make that extra cheese on the burger and Supersize it? And a Diet Coke with that please."

Fast food restaurants have become the back bone of dining out. They exist because of our hectic schedules. They exist because we simply do not have time for a wholesome home cooked meal.

Pop quiz: When someone mentions American cuisine, what comes to mind? Images of Big Macs and Whoppers interlaced with fried chicken and pizzas, that's what.

The group that is perhaps hit the hardest is students. Many students have to juggle work along with classes and have little time to spend over the stove.

Personally, I don't know the meaning of breakfast. All I know is stumbling out of bed in the mornings and trying to make it to class without looking like Kramer on a bad hair day.

I have the utmost sympathy for vegetarians. Good luck finding a non-animal based meal. Even the garden ranch pita at Wendy's contains the animal-by-product gelatin in the dressing.

I would like fast food chains to actually slap a nutrition facts label on the wrappers of individual burgers.

I am not sure the Monster would be quite as appetizing if people had its notoriously high fat and cholesterol content staring them in the face.

What can be done about the problem? Absolutely nothing. There can be no substitution for fast food in today's ferociously paced world.

It all comes down to the individual. It is a matter of choice. You can either find some time to cook or learn to enjoy emergency rooms.

Tobacco kills. Drugs kill. So does saturated fat.

The Monster will live on forever. The Monster will live on forever. We need more than a prince with a shining sword to rid us of this demon.

We already have warriors out there, such as Subway, who are trying to offer fast, low-fat cuisine.

However, in the battle for the heart, the taste buds win. Why is it that whatever makes you feel good is inadvertently bad for you? Broccoli. Yuk. Spinach. Get outta here. Pepperoni and cheese, now you're talking.

Mass media plays an important role in dictating our tastes and preferences in this

country. Catchy advertisements on television are designed to sucker you in.

Who can resist the Monster when God himself gives in to the craving in one of Hardees' commercials? The Monster is good. Although, I have yet to find a burger that looks nearly as good as the ones in commercials.

There is no escape from the Monster. The Monster is not just another hamburger. It is all the evils of fast food packed tightly between two slices of bread. It grows bigger with every bite you take.

It releases its off-spring in your arteries and stops your curdled blood from flowing.

It will squeeze the life force out of you and leave you clutching an empty bottle of aspirin.

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# Smith takes on new title

*Professor hopes UK classes will reflect his goals*

By Justin Willis  
Contributing Writer

Author, disc jockey and licensed Baptist minister are some of the titles acquired by Gerald Lamont Smith, director of the African-American Studies and Research Program at UK.

Hired as director in July, the Lexington native and history professor of nine years teaches classes in African-American, civil rights and Kentucky history.

Although Smith was asked to serve as guest editor for the Martin Luther King Jr. Papers Project at Stanford, he said he decided to take the position of director of the AASKP at UK so that he could continue his research for the two books on which he is working.

At UK, Smith is a member of the Equal Opportunity Panel, the Uni-

versity Press Committee, the Kentucky Historic Preservation Review Board and the History Department's Graduate Committee.

Starting in the spring semester, the African-American Studies program will consist of 15 classes offered as part of an African-American Studies minor. Smith hopes to "eventually develop the minor into a major so that students can earn a BA in African-American Studies."

Smith said he is "cautiously optimistic" about the possibility of the University attaining the new major, understanding that it requires a great deal of support from different factions.

But he plans to define the research agenda, raise money and write grants in order to make the idea a reality.

"What I would like to see developed here is an institute for the study of civil rights, but that will take some time and planning," Smith said.

Receiving all of his degrees at UK, Smith earned his bachelor's degree in 1981, master's in 1983 and his doctorate in American Urban and African-American his-

tory in 1988.

He then proceeded to the University of Memphis where he taught African-American history from 1988 to 1993. Working at United Parcel Service through undergraduate and graduate school, Smith served as president of Kappa Alpha Psi, the first black fraternity in the history of UK to have a house on campus.

As a reminder of adversity, Smith keeps his first refusal notice from UK graduate school, dated 1981, on his office wall.

"It's a thing that keeps me focused and a sign not to quit," he said. "I saved the letter never knowing that 16 years down the road I would have my own office here and be the director of the African-American Studies and Research Program."

Although schools such as the University of Louisville offer a Pan-African studies department and African-American studies major, UK has yet to develop either.

Smith is hopeful that in a few years, the African-American studies major at UK will be blessed with a similar twist of fate.

# MIT student dies after alcohol binge

Staff wire report

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A freshman who fell into a coma after drinking at a Massachusetts Institute of Technology fraternity house died late Monday, a hospital official confirmed.

Scott Krueger, 18, a freshman from Buffalo, N.Y., had been in a coma at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center for three days after he was found Friday at the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house.

Police said vomit and empty liquor bottles were found in his room.

The hospital spokesperson, who declined to be identified, would not elaborate on Krueger's death.

Police, however, told the Boston Herald the teen was removed from life support equipment late Monday.

"At this point, our most important statement is one of sympathy for the family," said Bill Martin, executive director at Phi Gamma Delta International headquarters on Red Mile Road. "We'll deal with the matter further once the facts are clearly identified."

The fraternity's board of directors voted unanimously on Sunday to suspend the chapter pending an investigation by the Boston Police Department.

Martin said the fraternity will follow the department's lead on the matter.

"It's important for us to allow them to do their work," he said.

Administrators at the institute said they are planning a campus wide alcohol education campaign after the apparent drinking binge.

# Day focuses on care

Staff report

Students from UK's five health professions colleges will spread the word about primary care today at the fourth annual celebration of National Primary Care Day.

College of Medicine students organized the event which will feature information booths about primary care departments, residency programs, financial aid and scholarships.

The event is designed to help health professions students and the general public gain a better understanding of primary care. Both local hospitals and national organizations will participate.

More than 140 medical schools will hold similar activities in their communities as part of this national event, which is sponsored by 10 national organizations representing medical students and medical education.

The celebration will include a free lunch, a hula hoop contest, a cracker eating contest and a quiz game.

Medical students' interest in primary care is increasing.

"I think the big kick for pri-

mary care right now is there's a lot of opportunity," said Becky Spaulding, a third-year medical student and president of the Primary Care Club.

UK College of Medicine focuses heavily on primary care, Spaulding said.

Such physicians are in demand, especially in rural areas, she said.

Spaulding said becoming a primary care physician requires about the same amount of education as other specializations.

In the 1996 National Resident Matching Program, according to a Chandler Medical Center news release, 54 percent of U.S. medical school seniors will spend at least their first year of training in either a family practice, pediatrics or internal medicine residency.

Of the 87 1997 UK College of Medicine graduates, 53 percent entered primary care specialties. Sixteen students chose internal medicine; 12 chose family practice; and nine selected pediatrics.

Seminars have taken place all week in conjunction with the celebration of Primary Care Day.



SAM HAVERSTICK, Kernel staff

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX: Panelists at this year's first Speak Out session discussed sex, love and dating in the 1990s.

## Sex

*Panelists discuss pros, cons of premarital sex*

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has sex with multiple partners, she is called a slut, yet is a guy does the same thing, among his guy friends, he is considered to be cool. We don't even have a specific name to call male sluts."

The facilitator led the discussion to another area by asking the Officer Tim Mallory, Rape Aggression Defense instructor, to talk about the rape that occurred off campus.

"The problem," he said, "is that it's easier to teach the women how to defend themselves against rape, than to teach the men not to do it in the first place."

"One out of every four women are sexually assaulted in their four years at college. A big misconception is that date rape is less serious than any other kind of rape — that's not true."

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## Columbia

*Officials: Loss of 30 spaces a safety issue*

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would anyone's.

"They have every right to make a request for 'No Parking' just like any citizen has that right," he said.

Parked cars on the side of the street made Columbia too narrow, said Andrew Terwilliger, traffic engineering manager at the Urban County government.

"The considerable amount of traffic along there is such that parking is not well-accommodated," he said.

Columbia is 25 feet wide, he said, and parked cars take up 7 feet of that.

If cars are driving from opposite directions, that allows only 9 feet for each one. Traffic engineers try to allow at least 10, if not 11 feet, per car on a street the size of Columbia, Terwilliger said.

The new "No Parking" zone does make it easier to drive on the street, said Vanessa Bland, president of Delta Gamma sorority.

But for members who live in the sorority house on the corner of Columbia and Pennsylvania avenues, it makes parking a little tighter.

About 50 members live there,

he said, and the house's parking lot accommodates less than half of them.

Street parking helped ease the load, and Bland said the sorority was surprised by the change.

However, she said, parking in the area has always been a problem, even before the spaces were taken away.

Members can obtain permits for the R11 lot near the intersection of Woodland Avenue and Columbia.

That lot is farther away, Bland said, which becomes more of a concern if members must walk from their cars late at night.

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## Network

*UK updates system for speedier access*

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next two months, the University will add an additional 45 Megabit connection to the Very high speed Backbone Network Service, and an additional 10 Megabit connection to the commodity internet, probably through UUNET.

Both the 45 Megabit lines are DS3 lines. "DS" in this case stands for digital switching.

Network connections can be thought of as pipes and the data as water. The bigger the connection, the more data that can flow through it. The amount of data

that flows is called bandwidth.

"It is the communication space you have to make concurrent communications transactions," Friskney said.

More bandwidth is never a bad thing. More bandwidth means web pages load faster.

"(Students) will notice a real speedup," Friskney said.

He added that the most noticeable speedup will occur for on-campus users trying to access information off campus.

The Lexington Campus already has a 622 Megabit internal ATM network.

"It's one of the most robust ATM backbones in higher education," Friskney said.

The internal network speed is only relevant to users trying to transfer data between two machines that are in the.uky.edu

domain, which is mostly restricted to the Lexington Campus.

If you want to load a page that is at www.uky.edu from one of the labs, the connection is fast because you use the 622 Megabit internal line.

If you want to get the latest on the Mars Pathfinder from nasa.gov, you're out of luck, and have to use the three Megabit line.

ATM is about a decade old, but it has only recently come into broad use. The Chandler Medical Center has had an ATM network for about a year and a half.

Despite the speed increases the DS3 lines will bring, they will one day be obsolete. There was a time when a 14.4 modem was one of the fastest connections available.

"We are very well positioned for the next several years," Friskney said.

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