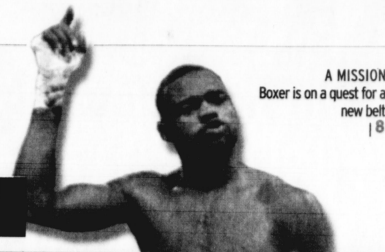


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Election needed for new student trustee

Voiceless: Students could be without input, vote during critical debates on tuition and fee increases

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

Although Mary Katherine Thompson has replaced Tim Robinson as Student Government president, a state law prohibits her from taking his seat on the Board of Trustees.

And if SG can't get

enough money to hold a special election, students won't have a board representative any time soon.

The seat is empty at a critical time for student input, Thompson said. Trustees will soon discuss tuition and student fee increases, among other issues.

It's unclear if the responsibility to hold the election falls on SG, but members said Wednesday night that they will solve the problem.

"Leaving it vacant, in my opinion, would be to the detriment of the student body," said Joe Ruschell, who was sworn in as SG vice president Wednesday. Ruschell was senate chairman.

Yet with a possible

\$10,000 deficit, the organization may not be able to afford voting machines necessary for an election. Robinson resigned Friday after pleading guilty to charges of interfering with voter registration.

He was indicted after 747 overdue voter registration cards were found in the SG office in January. If there is no election, then there will be no student on the board until the

next student body president is elected. An SG president automatically becomes a trustee, according to law.

The SG presidential and senate elections are April 2 and 3.

The SG Senate passed a resolution Wednesday supporting the special election, although its approval is not required.

Only Sens. Rachel Watts and David Hutchin-

son voted against the resolution.

Both said they supported having a student on the board, but they were concerned about the potential for a botched and underfunded election after recent news that SG might run a deficit this year, they said.

"I thought it was a great idea, and students

See ELECTION on 3

"If I had a son today who was going to play college baseball, I would want him to come play for Coach Madison."

- TOMMY LASORDA, FORMER DODGERS MANAGER, ON UK BASEBALL COACH KEITH MADISON

Lasorda urges students to fill baseball stadium



JOHN WAMPLER | PHOTO EDITOR

Batter up

Former Los Angeles Dodgers Manager Tommy Lasorda speaks Wednesday to members of the "Dugout Club," a group that meets monthly to gain support for UK's baseball team, the Bat Cats.

By Terra Ramsdale
STAFF WRITER

Baseball's most popular ambassador visited Big Blue Country Wednesday.

Tommy Lasorda, former Los Angeles Dodgers manager and Hall of Fame member, spoke to a packed President's Room in Commonwealth Stadium to

help inspire and kick off the UK baseball team's 10th season.

Members of the "Dugout Club," a group that meets monthly to gain support for the Bat Cats, crowded the President's Room for a star-studded luncheon.

Former Cincinnati Reds pitcher and Lexington

native Doug Flynn opened the ceremonies with a look back on his playful rivalry with Lasorda.

Lasorda swore to "kill the Reds" in his first year as the Dodgers manager. The Reds had won back to back World Series and Lasorda wanted nothing more than to take the title away from them.

"I don't want anyone walking in this clubhouse with red on," Lasorda said to his 1977 Dodgers team. Later that year, they beat the Reds.

"We have to hate the Reds, we have to beat them, and we did in '77," Lasorda said.

See LASORDA on 3

'Blue men' seeking spirited replacement



FILE PHOTO

Go Big Blue

Basketball fans usually see more than just blue clothing at games. Some students have taken the feat to paint their bodies blue.

Wanted: Students willing to paint their bodies blue with grease-like paint, don blue wigs during UK games

By Derek Poore
STAFF WRITER

Dick Vitale was a "blue man" earlier this month — he dolled him up in a blue wig for the UK vs. Georgia men's basketball game.

But this wasn't the first time Vitale's shiny noggin was adorned with UK royal blue. During the UK vs. Florida basketball game, someone pointed out to Vitale that he had a shiny blue handprint on his dome. He quickly towed his head clean, but the "Blue Men" had made their mark.

Three of the most spirited UK students have been painting themselves for the past two years, and it's caused a big blue frenzy of increased fan enthusiasm. Dubbed the "Blue Men," they are known for their spirit and the big blue paint spots they leave behind them.

But now that they're retiring so that they'll have more time for school, will the legacy continue?

James Monroe, a management and economics junior, Ben Frasier, an accounting junior and Nick Clark, an economics junior, began their legacy as UK freshmen.

"Josh Walton did it when I was in high school," Monroe said. "My freshman year, I was the only one doing it."

Soon, the trio became a staple at UK home games.

"We were like a team," said Frasier. "[At first] Nick painted himself up totally. I would just paint like, my face."

Clark said he used to tell the guys he'd paint when he could sit next to them.

Frasier was sort of the handyman, carrying tickets, having the only paint-free hands available. But eventually, all three were doing it.

"It's like a grease paint," Frasier said. And as Vitale found out, it's important to watch what you touch or what touches you.

All three are, simply put, the definition of FAN-atical.

"We just have a lot of school spirit," Monroe said.

However, this year, the group has been too busy to go to as many games.

"We don't live in the dorms anymore," Monroe said. "It

See BLUE on 3

Meditation aids health, group says

Just breathe: Group leader says meditation sessions help people with stress, anxiety, depression and pain

By Elizabeth Green
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Lana Spicer realizes that life has hardships.

After the death of her husband, Spicer wanted to focus on what was bothering her about the loss. She wanted to be able to move on with her life. Soon after her loss, Spicer found a lifelong remedy: meditation.

"Now I am able to ask myself questions about what bothered me," Spicer said, referring to the death of her husband.

Spicer, department administrator of microbiology, immunology and molecular genetics at UK, is one in a diverse group that attends a regular Tuesday-night session of the Mind/Body Awareness Group.

Diane Dennis, psychotherapist and group leader in the Department of Psychiatry at UK founded the secular group, which is open to the public. The group sessions help people deal with stress, anxiety, depression, physical and emotional pain through mindfulness practices.

Dennis said the mind can be trained to live in the present moment because it tends to think in the past or future.

"To be in the present moment is a very rich experience," she said.

Spicer said, "I have been able to look at things in my life when they were really bothering me."

She said her blood pressure has also lowered significantly.

During the eight-week Mind/Body Awareness Group sessions, Dennis focuses on three practices that bring the mind to the experience of the present moment.

The first four weeks help

See RELAX on 3

"That was always the main reason — to get the student section more involved."

- NICK CLARK, ECONOMICS JUNIOR,
ON PAINTING HIS BODY FOR UK GAMES

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

UK ranked in top 10 for postdocs

UK has been ranked 10th for its postdoctoral scholars and fellows. The survey, conducted by the international magazine *The Scientist*, queried respondents on various factors including level of collaboration, commitment to teaching and overall educational and research experience. Other universities and centers ranked included Rutgers University, University of Miami, Princeton University and the National Cancer Institute.

VP named for Employment Equity

Terry D. Allen, the assistant vice president for affirmative action at UK, has been named the new associate vice president for employment equity, pending approval by the UK Board of Trustees. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from UK in 1976. Allen will be responsible for monitoring the University Affirmative Action Program. He begins after the retirement of the current associate vice president for employment equity Nancy Ray retires.

A&S looking for student of the year

The College of Arts and Sciences Ambassador Program is accepting nominations from students and faculty for the 2002-2003 College of Arts and Sciences Student of the Year Award. The award was established by the college to recognize an outstanding student who embodies the merits of a liberal arts education. Nominees must have a declared major in the College of Arts & Sciences, a minimum 3.5 GPA, earned 90 hours by the end of Spring 2003 and a recommendation by a faculty member. Forms may be picked up in 257 Patterson Office Tower or found on the web at <http://www.uk.edu/AS/Students/ambassador/studentyear.html>. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5.

Deadline extended for awards

Due to last week's ice storm, the deadline for applying for the Otis A. Singletary awards has been extended one week from February 28 to March 7. The awards recognize student leaders. Nominations can be made for an outstanding, freshman, sophomore, junior or graduation senior. Applications can be picked up from the college deans, the dean of students and the student center office.

Money awarded for drug research

LOUISVILLE — A federal program



RELEASED: "Gangsta" rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight, who was jailed in December for alleged parole violations, won his release Tuesday from a state prison bond but was ordered to perform community service.

Knight, the founder of Death Row Records who served five years in prison for assault and weapons violations, was ordered released after the state Board of Prison Terms gave him credit for 61 days in custody. The board, which could have sent Knight back to prison for a year on charges of associating with known gang members, a violation of his parole terms, instead dropped four of the five accusations against him. But the board upheld one of the charges and ordered Knight, 37, to perform 200 hours of anti-gang community service.

"(Knight) and I were both very pleased with the result," defense attorney David Chesnoff said. "We appreciate the fairness of the proceedings. I'm just sorry he had to be in custody for two months but happy he's going back to work."

awarded Kentucky a \$240,000 grant to improve its prescription drug monitoring system, U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers announced Wednesday. The money will fund a pilot program in Harlan and Perry counties that allows recording and reporting of pharmacy transactions. With the project, officials aim to reduce "doctor shopping," a practice in which people obtain multiple prescriptions from different doctors, often in several states. "The abuse of prescription drugs is by far the worst plague we've ever faced in southern and eastern Kentucky," Rogers said. Prescription drug abuse is a nationwide problem, but in eastern Kentucky, the excessive use of painkillers and tranquilizers is fostered by the region's poverty and joblessness. Money for the grant comes from the Hal Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Bush says war would lead to peace

WASHINGTON — President Bush, offering new justification for war in Iraq, said Wednesday that "ending this direct and growing threat" from Saddam Hussein would pave the way for peace in the Middle East and encourage democracy throughout the Arab world. While saying the Iraqi regime still has time to avoid war, Bush told conservative backers that U.S. troops are ready for war and spoke at length about his plans for Iraq once Saddam is gone. "The United States has no intention of determining the precise form of Iraq's new government. That choice belongs to the Iraqi people," Bush told the American Enterprise Institute. "Yet we will ensure that one brutal dictator is not replaced by another." The address came at the end of a day marked by intense diplomatic activity, as Bush struggled to find votes in favor of a war-making resolution at the United Nations Security Council. The United States, Britain and Spain need nine votes and no vetoes to pass the measure.

Court lifts ban on clinic protests

WASHINGTON — In a victory for abortion foes, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that federal racketeering and extortion laws were wrongly used to try to stop blockades, harassment and violent protests outside clinics. The 6-1 ruling lifts a nationwide ban on protests that interfere with abortion clinic business. Abortion rights supporters said they fear the ruling will lead to a reprise of screaming matches and physical confrontations outside clinics. Anti-abortion leader Joseph Scheidler predicted renewed activism at clinics but said the protests will be peaceful. Women's organizations and abortion rights supporters were unconvinced.

Shuttle's fate predicted before crash

WASHINGTON — One day before the Columbia disaster, senior NASA engineers worried the shuttle's left wing might burn off and cause the deaths of the crew, describing a scenario much like the one investigators believe happened. They never sent their warnings to NASA's brass, according



THE BOMBER: Reese Witherspoon's "Mr. Smith"-style tip to Washington, D.C., is one step closer to the big screen. Luke Wilson says he's finished his scenes for "Legally Blonde 2: Red White and Blonde."

"It's a really funny script," reported the 32-year-old actor, who returns as Witherspoon's lawyer love interest. Still in production, "Legally Blonde 2" sees Witherspoon's secretly smart Barbie-like character lobbying Congress to ban the use of animals in cosmetics testing. "She's just such a good, funny, smart actress. I really respect her!" Wilson said. "A lot of actors just kind of play it straight, and she really plays a character. [It] takes some guts to play kind of this strange character for an entire movie, 'cause [Eile Woods] is an intense little person." Wilson joked that he had little apprehension about reprising his role because, "to tell you the truth, I play myself in every movie anyway, so what's the difference if I do a sequel?"

to dozens of pages of e-mails NASA released Wednesday. "Why are we talking about this on the day before landing and not the day after launch?" wrote William C. Anderson, an employee for the United Space Alliance LLC, a NASA contractor, less than 24 hours before the shuttle broke apart. Two days earlier, one frustrated engineer asked, "Any more activity today on the tile damage or are people just relegated to crossing their fingers and hoping for the best?" After intense debate occurring by phone and e-mail, the engineers, supervisors and the head of the space agency's Langley research facility in Hampton, Va., decided against taking the matter to top NASA managers.

10 die in nursing home blaze

HARTFORD, Conn. — A suspicious fire ripped through a nursing home before daybreak Wednesday, killing 10 people and forcing 100 residents — some of them bedridden, elderly and confused — into the freezing cold. Police said they wanted to question a resident about the blaze. The fire at the Greenwood Health Center also injured 23 people, seven critically. Many of the injured were already chronically ill. Investigators have detained a 23-year-old resident, Lt. Michael Manz said. Police Chief Bruce Marquis later said the resident had not yet been questioned. He said the cause of the fire had not been determined. Flames and thick smoke forced residents out of the single-story brick building and into the darkness. The home cares for coma patients, psychiatric patients and elderly and retarded people, and rescuers had to struggle to take many of them out on gurneys and in wheelchairs.

Guinea key to war with Iraq

CONAKRY, Guinea — A West African nation with an ailing leader, impoverished Guinea comes into the U.N. Security Council presidency during a critical month on Iraq — and finds itself courted by diplomats from the United States, Britain and France. Guinea is one of three African countries — Angola and Cameroon are the other two — that could sway the council's vote on a U.S.-sponsored resolution clearing the way for war against Iraq. Few expect the country to decide on ideological grounds. Guinea, a Muslim nation of 7.7 million, desperately needs foreign cash and arms. "They're looking for money, not unlike what the Turks are doing," said Ross Herbert, an Africa research fellow with the South African Institute of International Affairs, citing the billions of dollars of U.S. aid newly promised to key strategic ally Turkey.

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Anime draws UK following on campus

Not just a cartoon: Club president wants everyone to understand Japanese animation not just for kids

By Derek Poore
STAFF WRITER

They love cartoons, but Vicman Linares and other Anime/Manga UK club members are serious about getting the word out about Japanese animation.

This animation, which once only had a cult following, has blasted into mainstream America with recent re-issuances of Akira: The Special Edition DVD in 2001 and showings of Miyazaki's Spirited Away at the Kentucky Theatre.



Linares

Linares, the club's president, and a computer science information junior, said the animation should be appreciated for the beauty that it is, enjoying the Japanese culture and having a good time.

"People need to get the concept out of their heads that these are just for kids," he said.

The club has about 20 members, but as many as 40 people have attended their meetings and viewings each Tuesday night, Linares said.

Linares, who joined the club in 1999, got interested in Anime around 1994 or 1995 when shows like Dragonball Z were being aired Saturday mornings.

He described the history of Anime from post-World War II to tape trading on the Internet.

"Manga (a form of Japanese animation) started in the late 1960s and '70s, when the golden age of comics existed in the United States. A lot of people don't realize that shows like Transformers, Speed Racer, and G.I. Joe were done by Japanese animators," he said.

Linares said Anime and Manga are full of culture, as well as a broad range of themes for children and adults and high quality animation.

He said Anime is becoming popular quickly. "It is becoming mainstream. As long as its high quality, we love it," he said.

"There are some people who want to remain cliché about it, but AMUK is all about getting the word out to

people on how great it is." UK students aren't the only ones showing up at the club meetings. Webmaster Nathan Silverthorn, a computer science freshman, said everyone is welcome.

There are a couple of members of the Anime club at Eastern Kentucky University and a sister club, Miskatonic Student Union, Silverthorn said.

Miskatonic is a role playing game organization on campus.

Two members of the Anime club at Eastern Kentucky University also try to get to the UK club's meetings.

"There are members that go back and forth, some that come to EKU and some that go to the AMUK meetings," said Justin Hoffman, a music education sophomore and EKU Anime member. Sean Samuels, a police administration junior at EKU, said that there are many Anime-related groups at universities all over the region and the country.

For Anime newcomers out there, Linares recommended strolling into the nearest video store where popularity of the genre is evident with sections often dedicated to different kinds of Anime.

Surfing the Internet is also a great way to get hooked, he said.

"You have to realize that what reaches America is only about five percent of what's out there, and the Internet is a perfect way to discover new sorts of Anime," said Linares.

Silverthorn, who became the club's Webmaster this semester, said the Internet fans the flames of the Anime culture explosion.

AMUK has partnered with other groups such as the Miskatonic Student Union to promote Japanese animation and to have a good time.

They have participated in UKON, which is the Miskatonic Student Union's annual Pen & Paper RPG Convention. The convention involves various games, a dealers room, and an anime and video game room.

Also, the Japanese studies program and the Asia Center at UK would be having film showings and seminars throughout the spring semester.

To get involved:
The club's Web site is <http://www.uky.edu/~amuk/>. The Anime club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 119 of the Student Center.

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does take up a lot of time." But Monroe said he hopes the tradition will continue.

"If I went to that extreme — if I painted my whole body — then they maybe would paint their faces or some-

thing. I really hope that it will encourage other people to do it," he said.

Frasier noted that it's about a five-hour ordeal each time: an hour before the game for painting, two hours of game time and two hours afterwards to get cleaned up. It can also be expensive for all of that paint, he said.

The time and effort put in by these ardent fans has rubbed off on some of the Rupp Arena faithful, they say. "At the Florida game, I

saw like five other people painted," Monroe said.

So, school pride isn't just limited to them. "Last year, one girl painted up, and it was like we didn't even exist. Everyone was staring at her," jokes Monroe.

"More girls should definitely do it."

Frasier added that to continue now that they are leaving, other fans would have to keep the passion alive.

RELAX

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build concentration and includes a full body scan and breathing practices, both of which can be relaxing. The full body scan is the practice of moving awareness systematically through various parts of the body.

The breathing practices focus on breath awareness in either the abdominal or nostril area.

In the final four weeks, group members begin "Mindfulness Meditation." This is the practice of bringing one's attention to the present moment without judging one's experiences in the present moment.

"Often, we're not in the moment experiencing our lives. Generally, we're too busy thinking, judging, analyzing, and planning our

lives rather than fully experiencing the moment," Dennis said. "Mindfulness can teach us to be more fully present in our lives."

She said it is helpful to come without any preconceived ideas about meditation. Also, previous knowledge of meditation is not necessary.

Participating must pay a fee, but they will receive research participation reimbursement.

But because Spicer has found a life-long remedy to

part of their revenue.

Hutchinson said he voted against the election "because SG doesn't have any credibility right now" for holding a reputable election. He said SG would not be able to hold the election impartially.

During debate on the resolution, he suggested that SG hold a bake sale to raise money.

Although Thompson, who was SG vice president, attended the trustees meeting Tuesday, she could not vote. The next board meeting is April 1.

Ruschell said the student trustee is crucial.

"The student on the Board of Trustees is one of the most powerful outlets, and the most vital," he said.

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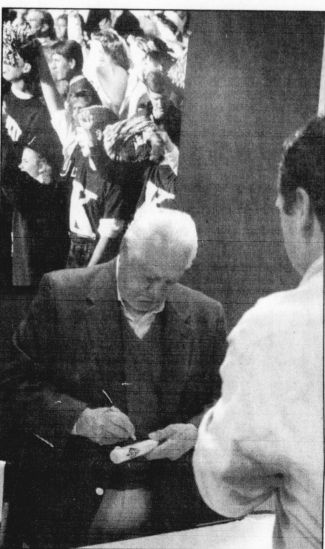
need to have a voice on the Board of Trustees," said Watts, but "if you want to have an election that's well-respected it has to have the right funding."

"I'm not sure with the amount of time and financial resources required that it's a good idea," Watts said.

SG ran into money troubles when they planned for but didn't get — an increase in the student fees that make up

LASORDA

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JOHN WAMPLER | PHOTO EDITOR

Tommy Lasorda says UK's Cliff Hagan stadium should be filled. The deadline to buy season tickets has passed, but students can buy tickets at the gate. For more information call UKAA tic Athletics at 1-800-928-2287. Or go to [Catstix.uky.edu](http://catstix.uky.edu).

Lasorda had nothing to worry about Wednesday when he walked in to the President's Club and was surrounded by blue — not Dodgers blue — but Wildcat blue. He could respect that, just as much as he respects college baseball, he said.

"The unsung heroes are these college coaches," Lasorda said. "The responsibility of a coach is to make sure the youngsters playing for them get a good education."

Lasorda gave credit to UK head baseball coach Kei-

th Madison. "If I had a son today who was going to play college baseball, I would want him to come play for Coach Madison," Lasorda said.

With Lasorda's help, the Bat Cats hope to receive more support this season by filling their 3,000-seat stadium with fans from across the Bluegrass.

"(The fans) were generous enough to build the stadium — now it needs to be filled," Lasorda said. "Now, go watch the games."



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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Week of February 24 - March 2

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities. Registered Student Orgs. and UK Clubs can submit information for FREE online. UK WEEK begins on MONDAY. Information is to appear at <http://www.uky.edu/CampusCalendar>. Call 257-8867 for more information.

MEETINGS
*UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231
*Institute of Religion: History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:30pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor
*Devotions & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave., \$1.00
*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Savory, 8:00pm, CSE Building
*Annex International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228
*American Radio Club, 7:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 163

ACADEMIC
*ASTCC Seminar Series, 4:00pm, ASTCC Building, Rm. 145, Free!
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB
*Interviewing Skills, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center
*Learning How to Network, 3:30-6:30pm, Career Center

SPORTS
*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch
*Henn Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem-Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!

*Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatshow.com

INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
*Alpha Kappa Psi Bowling Night, 9:00pm, Southland Bowling Lanes
*Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

MEETINGS
*Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 245 FREE!
*SPECIAL EVENTS
*The Space of Vulnerability: A Political Ecology of Health in Latin America, 6:00pm, William T. Young Library Auditorium, Free and open to the public.

*Phat Cat Car Show April 12th, 2003. Currently accepting applications online at: www.phatcatshow.com

*La Residence française, 5:00pm, Keeneland Hall
*The Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft

ARTS/MOVIES
*Cully Ball, Piano Recital, Lucille Little Fine Arts Library
*UK Opera Gala, 8:00pm, Singlary Center

SPORTS
*The Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft
INTRAMURAL/RECREATION
*Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.

MEETINGS
*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 203

ACADEMIC
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307
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*Biology, (All 100-level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307

SPORTS
*UK Men's Basketball Game vs. Georgia, 4:00pm, Athens, Georgia
ARTS/MOVIES
*Regina Carter Quintet, 8:00pm, Lexington Opera House, Public, \$23 UK/LCC Students \$15

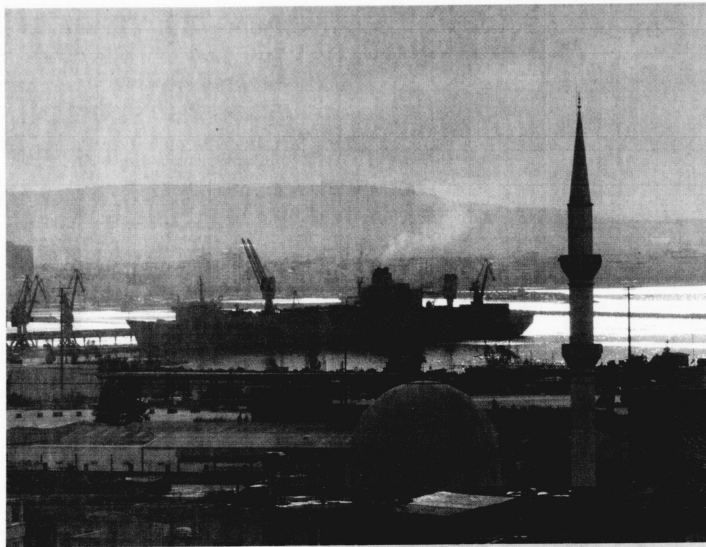
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Legislators in Turkey debate U.S. deployment



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The waiting game

The minaret of a mosque is seen in the foreground as the U.S.S. Capella is moored in the port city of Iskenderun, Turkey, Tuesday waiting to unload U.S. military equipment. Turkish and U.S. officials failed to agree on conditions for deploying tens of thousands of American troops in Turkey during overnight talks, likely delaying a parliamentary vote authorizing the move, diplomats said Tuesday.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkey's foreign minister urged legislators Wednesday to approve an agreement to let in U.S. troops to open a northern front in a possible war with Iraq. Secretary of State Colin Powell warned that time was running out for a decision.

Foreign Minister Yasar Yakis' comments came at a tense meeting of his Justice and Development Party, which is discussing a government proposal to authorize the deployment of 62,000 U.S. combat troops, 255 warplanes and 65 helicopters.

Powell called Turkish Prime Minister Abdullah Gul Tuesday night and emphasized that a decision needs to be made quickly. The Anatolia news agency reported. The U.S. Embassy confirmed that the call took place but gave no details.

The head of the governing Justice party said the troop deployment bill will likely be approved after it is debated in parliament on Thursday. "I trust my friends," Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who is seen as the power behind the scenes in Turkey, said in an interview with CNN-Turk television.

Some 60 deputies in Erdogan's Islamic-rooted party oppose authorizing the basing of U.S. troops, according to reports. The Justice Party has 362

seats in the 550-member legislature. Most analysts expect the deployment to win approval.

Also Wednesday, Turkey evacuated its Baghdad embassy.

"There is the possibility that there may be reactions in Baghdad. In order to prevent this, we reached the conclusion that it would be better to evacuate our Baghdad embassy," Yakis told reporters.

Some Turkish lawmakers have hinted that they will vote against the bill.

U.S. ships carrying tanks and armor for the U.S. 4th Infantry Division already are off the Turkish coast and some 500 jeeps and tank transport trucks have been unloaded in the southern port of Iskenderun. U.S. officials say a northern front is a critical part of their war strategy, which calls for dividing Iraqi forces between the north and south.

The trucks and jeeps have been unloaded over the past week, but have not been moved out of the port. U.S. soldiers in fatigues but bearing no guns were seen checking the vehicles.

"The authorization must be accepted so that Turkey can have a say in Iraq," Anatolia quoted Yakis as telling lawmakers.

The party debate ended Wednesday afternoon and is expected to re-

sume today. Turkey fears that Iraq could fragment during a war, with Kurds in the north declaring independence. That could encourage separatist sentiments in Turkey's own Kurdish minority.

Yakis also expressed reservations about the Kurdish question and warned that letting in the U.S. troops would harm relations with Arab states and "terror acts could occur."

But he urged legislators to vote in favor of the bill to ensure that Turkey maintains influence in a post-war Iraq.

During a break in the debate, legislator Husamettin Baser urged party leader Erdogan to vote against the U.S. troop deployment.

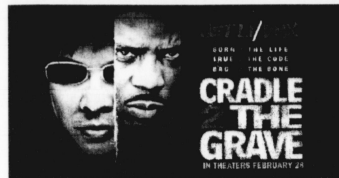
"It isn't always beneficial to say no," Erdogan told him, pointing out that Turkey had to pay back billions in international loans this year.

U.S. and Turkish negotiators have been working to iron out details of an economic package designed to cushion the Turkish economy if there is a war. Diplomats say the economic package includes \$5 billion in grants and \$10 billion in loans, but some of the grants could be exchanged for far larger loans. Most analysts predict the measure will pass.

"The important thing is our national interests," said legislator Erdogan Ozegen, who supported the bill.

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ARTS WEEKEND

UK HOSTS VARIOUS ARTISTS AND THEIR WORK

By Andy Sheper
STAFF WRITER

From Ed Norton's landscape artist to collaborations of floral design and oil paintings, the UK community will have the chance to enjoy an array of art forms this weekend.

President Lee Todd declared Feb. 28 through March 2 Arts Weekend at UK with three spotlight events on campus.

The first of the events, Art in Bloom, will feature an innovative collaboration between artists and floral designers.

Free to the public, the event showcases 25 local designers arranging floral displays to enhance, complement and add interpretation to paintings, sculpture and other art works in UK's Art Museum.

The floral arrangements seem like a pretty cool idea, said Joey Wendt, an art senior.

"It could be interesting to see how people have different interpretations of different pieces," Wendt said.

In addition to the Art in Bloom event, College of Fine Arts faculty members will exhibit their own work at The Arts Department Faculty Show in the Singletary Center.

Also this weekend, beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, a Gala Opening Reception will feature a supper in the UK Art Museum.

Ticketholders can bid in a silent auction for a painting by contemporary artist Anthony Liggins, titled *If My Soul Could Sing*. Tickets are \$75.

Later Friday evening, UK vocal and opera students and faculty will perform

with the Lexington Philharmonic at the Stars of Tomorrow Opera Gala.

Art Museum Director Kathy Walsh-Piper is excited that Todd is encouraging the arts at UK.

"President and Mrs. Todd have expressed interest in helping the arts in the community and were all very thankful for that," Walsh-Piper said.

For your information

On Saturday, March 1, New York landscape architect Jon Carlotts will speak at 10 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Singletary Center for the Arts.

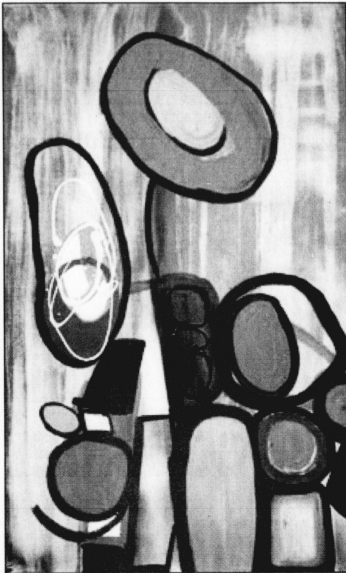
Carlotts, a native of Kentucky and a UK graduate, has done landscaping work for such celebrities as Edward Norton and Bette Midler. Both he and Liggins are friends of UK Museum members.

At 1:30 p.m., Friday, nationally recognized artist and designer Anthony Liggins will speak in the Presidents' Room of the Singletary Center.

Tickets for the Carlotts lecture are \$25 for students and \$30 for the public, while tickets for the Liggins lecture are \$15 for students and \$20 for the public. Tickets may be reserved by calling 257-6199.

The Stars of Tomorrow Gala begins at 8 p.m., Friday and costs \$25 for general public, \$10 for students and \$18 for UK faculty and staff.

Art in Bloom is from noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 28 to March 2.



Above: Anthony Liggins' *If My Soul Could Sing* will be one of the paintings featured at UK's Art in Bloom this weekend. Emile Bernard's painting of *Madeleine* from 1889 is one of the paintings featured at the Art Museum's permanent gallery.



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Council should consider repealing ordinance

Only three properties have violated the Lexington Area Party Plan, but early results indicate it's shaping up to be a toothless law.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council passed the now infamous law amid raucous student protests in December 2001. Since then, two residences designated "no party properties" under the ordinance have been cited for three noise violations, which would require residents to pay additional fines if convicted of the violation.

But because police officers did not specifically cite the offenders for both the noise violation and the party plan violation, the residents did not face the additional charges, Maj. Andy Carter of the Lexington Police Department said.

In the third case, residents of a property cited under the ordinance were convicted and fined last month, but the fine was less than what the

ordinance calls for, police said. A Fayette district judge fined the residents \$10 along with costs. The ordinance calls for a minimum \$50 fine.

Members of the Town & Gown Commission wonder if the lighter punishment will set a precedent for future violators, making the ordinance less of a deterrent.

"Typically, from past experience in police work and just life in general, if little to none of the consequences are carried out, the actions you're trying to stop tend to be repeated," said Officer Dale Brown of the Lexington Division of Police.

If the trend continues and the ordinance isn't fully enforced, Lexington officials should repeal it. There are plenty of laws that deter students from hosting loud and disruptive parties.

Insisting on keeping an ordinance that won't be enforced only breeds disrespect for the law.

READER RESPONSE

Remember what Robinson did for UK and that leaders aren't perfect

To the editor:

William Shakespeare said no truer words for describing the nature of politics than Antony's eulogy of Caesar in "Julius Caesar": "The evil that men do lives after them," he wrote. "The good is oft interred with their bones."

This looks to be the fate of former UK Student Government President Tim Robinson, as he is soon to join the ranks of Paul Patton, Bill Clinton, Trent Lott and countless others in The Disgraced Politicians Club. This club's only requirement is to have committed a public screw-up in office, and no matter how much or little one tries to cover it up, it was big enough to brand you forever, no matter how unfairly.

Even though I am not a student at UK, I admit to following the career of Robinson, as I have close friends who served on SG and on his staff. As I looked at the SG of Morehead State, where I attend, and compared them to UK's, I found myself saying, "Why can't our SG do that?"

In the two years Robinson served at UK, he accomplished, proposed and was more active than any SG president Morehead State has ever seen. When UK students objected to a policy, as in the Party Plan situation,

Robinson spoke up for them. When Morehead State's students objected to a policy, such as the proposed firewall on downloading Internet files in 2000, SG simply ignored them. Robinson's SG was constantly working to add new programs and services to its constituents. Video rentals, a contract to help insure students could graduate in four years, concerts, block parties, a voice in the city government as well as others. The only memorable thing I remember my SG doing in the last three years is cutting out the student's "Free Movie Night" at a local cinema, because they had spent too much money on themselves.

Clinton will go down in history as "The President who nailed his interns". Patton will be remembered as "The Lav Guy". Lott will be remembered as "The Racist Senator from the South". But before the student's at the college sixty miles west of mine regard Robinson as "That guy who ripped off the votes," remember this: at least he worked for you. At least he did something with his office.

To the editor:

I do not really follow Student Government, so it is possible I do not know or understand all of the details of Tim Robinson's resignation.

But I do read a substantial portion of the Kernel almost everyday. This means I have read 86,000 articles discussing the possibility of him stepping down, and why he should or should not.

In the aftermath of this comedy of errors I have an observation to make. When I first came to UK, then SG President Jimmy Glenn was ran out of office. The point is, the last president got canned before his term was up as well (there may have been an interim president between Glenn and Robinson, I don't remember, but that's just an issue of semantics).

You don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to see a pattern is developing, and a bad one at that. It is not normal for an organization that takes itself seriously to have consecutive leaders more or less overthrown.

It would be easy to say this is just a big coincidence, or just to say that there are repetitive character issues with the people that climb the SG ladder up to presidency. I do not think it is that simple, though.

From what I understand, the main issue that led to his resignation was his failure to turn in voter registration cards

for a previous election, a move that mathematically had no effect on the election's outcome.

We all should know that after Election Day 2000 that problems with collecting votes happen. When the election is not determined by such a mistake or there is no obvious foul play, let it go.

The other issues center around his use of SG money. Hello, Clinton equipped Air Force One with a toilet valued at \$50,000 and nothing was made of it.

My point is politicians never resemble Gandhi, and if we are determined to run every one of them out of town that we discover has their own agenda, we may as well disband government and live in anarchy.

This is the pattern that the SG presidency situation is taking. I am not saying to blindly support whoever has the position at the time. Just don't look at every bump in the road as grounds for dismissal.

The Kernel, the lower officers in the SG and whoever it is that put those flyers in the bathroom stalls attacking Robinson need to become much more realistic about their expectations for the next president. Otherwise this organization and the student voice will not be taken seriously at all.

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Abstinence-only plan is problematic

President Bush is now trying to put a U-turn on the sexual revolution by planning to increase spending on abstinence-only programs by \$60 million this year.

This increased spending should not be spent on restrictive abstinence-only programs, because they are ineffective and do not match popular conceptions about sexuality. Instead, a comprehensive sexual education that accurately and scientifically explains the risks of sexual activity should be encouraged.

More than one-third of high school students who had sex before graduation regret their decision to become sexually active. Twenty-five percent of sexually active teens will contract a STD, and a quarter of all HIV cases occur in people under the age of 21 ("Risky Business," May 27, 2002, U.S. News & World Report).

Sex is clearly a dangerous activity, both physically and psychologically, especially for teenagers.

Statistics like these should encourage abstinence. However, making abstinence seem like the only choice for teenagers creates more problems than it solves.

A study by Yale and Columbia Universities analyzed the effects of abstinence-only pledges that are similar to the type of education Bush is encouraging.

Indeed, abstinence-only training did delay sexual activity by 18 months. However, when a pupil of the abstinence-only program did decide to engage in sexual activity, he or she was less likely to use contraception. Granted, having sex too early can leave an emotional scar on a developing teenager, but the scar created by a teen pregnancy or STD will cut much deeper.

Abstinence is the only sure-fire way to prevent disease and pregnancy, but alternatives must be presented so teenagers know what to do if their sexuality overpowers them. The dangers of sex must be emphasized, as well as the failure rates of various contraceptives.

Nevertheless, two-thirds of high school graduates have had sex, and 80 percent of all Americans have premarital sex. To send teenagers out into a sexual world without the knowledge of how to protect themselves will eventually lead to more unwanted pregnancies and more STDs.

According to the U.S. News & World Report article, abstinence-only programs encourage teenagers to find less healthy ways to release their sexual urges.

Many teenagers resort to oral and anal sex as a way to retain their "technical virginity" unaware of the consequences. Any sexual education program must include the dangers of these sexual activities, but abstinence-only programs are much more likely to drive kids to other forms of unprotected sexual behavior in order to remain abstinent.

Also, abstinence-only programs hurt victims of sexual abuse, because they feel they can never truly be abstinent.

This year, The Coalition for Adolescent Sexual Health — a conservative, faith-based organization — released a poll that claimed Americans oppose comprehensive sexual education by a 2.4 to 1 ratio. Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood contests that over 80 percent of Americans support abstinence-first, comprehensive sexual education. Which poll is correct?

Neither. Both polls are incredibly biased and are just attempts to push their respective agendas.

However, because most Americans have pre-marital sex, it is clear that sex before marriage does not go against the beliefs and values of many Americans. If most Americans are having sex before marriage, they send the message that premarital sex is okay. The media certainly reinforces this belief.

The trend for Americans is to have sex before marriage, and abstinence-only programs cannot stop such a force.

If abstinence-only programs cannot prevent people from having sex — the baby-boom generation who had little sexual education started the sexual revolution — then there is no point, and in fact, teaching children that abstinence is the only way is dangerous.

What sexual education programs can attempt to discourage are random hook-ups and one-night stands. America might not be ready to return to the maxim of "no sex before marriage," but the adults of America have the responsibility to teach the youth that sex with many, less well-known partners is especially dangerous.

Pre-marital sex with a significant other of two years is a lot different than drunken sex back in the dorm room after a frat party. The former can still be an expression of love and intimacy, while the latter is just lust and peril. In the sexual world we live in, a complete sexual education is essential.

Thankfully, we live in a world where sex is a subject that can be discussed. However, abstinence-only programs pull back the benefits of increased awareness of one's sexuality while creating a completely new set of problems.

Patrick Harvey writes for the Cavalier Daily (U. Virginia). His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

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Clutch Camara fends off Volunteer upset bid again

Senior center answers Tennessee second-half run by scoring eight points in the final eight minutes

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Tennessee's Ron Slay got his, but Jules Camara prevented a Volunteer upset for the second time this season.

Camara made the game-winning shot Jan. 8 with 53 seconds left in UK's 74-71 win in Knoxville. This time, the 6-foot-11 reserve center responded to a Volunteer 9-0 second-half run by scoring three of the Cats' final five field goals and eight of his 12 points in the final eight minutes of the 80-68 UK win.

Slay, who warned that the Vols (15-9, 7-6 in the Southeastern Conference) would confuse the Cats (23-3, 13-0), scored a game-high 22 points on 8-of-14 shooting, but he committed five turnovers and was held to 3-of-7 shooting in the second half.

"Their guards picked it up and gambled a little bit," Slay said of UK's increased intensity on defense after UT shot 62.5 percent from the field in the first half.

"They got some steals and loose balls and got into transition. We kept them out of transition in the first half."

The Cats forced 13 of UT's 19 turnovers in the second half. UK coach Tubby Smith said the Volunteers — particularly Slay — made countless tough shots with UK defenders obstructing their view.

"In the first half we really didn't stop them, and in the second half we didn't stop them much either," Smith said. "The ball pressure was better in the second half. We contested most of their shots, but I thought they just made some big shots."

The Volunteers shot 58 percent for the game. Known for their pressure defense, it was the fifth time this season the Cats have allowed above 50-percent shooting. The Cats have been victorious all five times.

"We took their best shot and survived," Smith said. "This is the type of game that gives us confidence that we can play different styles and still win."

"We are a real fighting team to the point where we can really get at a team physically or with finesse."

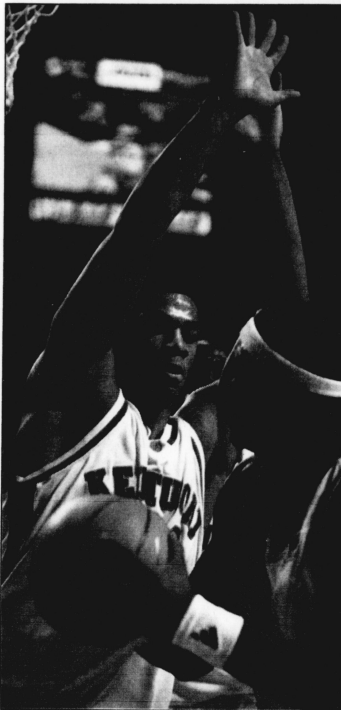
The Cats extended their winning streak to 17 games, tying Louisville's streak earlier this season for the nation's longest. It is also Smith's longest streak at UK. UK's 23-3 record is the best 26-game start under Smith, who was 22-4 in 1998 when UK won its seventh national title.

Smith said Camara was effective defensively on Slay because of his length and quickness. The senior had one block and four rebounds, three of which were on the offensive end.

It was on the offensive end that Camara gave the Cats a boost in the clutch. UK led by its largest margin at 57-42, but UT responded with a 9-0 run over a five-minute period capped by a Stanley Asumnu shot clock-beating 9-pointer with 8:06 left.

On the next UK possession, senior guard Keith Bogans passed the ball into Camara for a hoop and a foul on Asumnu. Camara made the free throw and scored on a hook shot on the Cats' ensuing possession. He added a free throw to put UK up 69-68 and a freebie layup with two seconds left that resulted in the final score.

"Jules did a great job," said fellow UK frontcourt mate Marquis Estill. "He made buckets, and he did a great job on Ron Slay defensively."



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Slain Vol

Chuck Hayes cuts off Ron Slay's path to the hoop last night in UK's 80-68 win over Tennessee. UK didn't stop Slay much. The senior scored a game-high 22 points for Tennessee.

JONES' QUEST FOR A NEW BELT



FILE PHOTO

Roy Jones, Jr. will face John Ruiz Saturday on his quest for the heavyweight title. Analysts expect Jones to weigh 30-40 lbs. less than his opponent at fight time.

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LAS VEGAS — Roy Jones Jr. will be taking the gamble of his career when he steps into the ring to try to win a piece of the heavyweight title. John Ruiz is taking a gamble of his own, and he's not even sure he'll get paid. Ruiz wanted a big fight so bad he agreed to defend his WBA title against Jones Saturday night with the understanding he'll get paid only if the event sells well on pay-per-view television.

"Roy hasn't done his job," Ruiz said Wednesday. "I'm basically depending on pay-per-view buys. He has his guarantee, he can walk away with his money."

Jones hasn't done a lot since arriving in Las Vegas, blowing off a scheduled public workout and media session Tuesday and then arriving an hour later for the pre-fight press conference Wednesday.

This was a fight Jones didn't really want in the first place and is now having to face up to the reality that he will have to fight.

"People constantly ask me why would I take this fight," Jones said. "They want to see me get hurt. They want to see me knocked out. They want to see me bleed."

Jones is regarded by many as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world, but he's a relatively small fighter even by light heavyweight standards and his chance to win against Ruiz depends on his ability to outbox Ruiz while staying away from his power and his weight.

"He loves to run around the ring but I'll lean on him, throw the heavier punches," Ruiz said.

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