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**WEATHER** Mostly sunny,  
high 35. Partly cloudy tonight,  
low 10. Partly sunny tomorrow,  
high near 35.

**FLORIDA SON** Miami native Allen  
Edwards and UK travel to Gainesville, Fla.,  
for a SEC game tonight. See sports, page 2



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## Parking garage to open in March

### Officials blame bad weather for delay

By Brian Dunn  
Contributing Writer

Weather has slowed construction on the parking structure across from Administration Drive, university officials said.

Joe Burch, vice president of university relations, said workers have not been able to finish the exterior of the structure because of constant rain over the last few days.

Instead, workers have been concentrating on the inside.

Burch was careful not to give a specific time until the finish of the parking garage, but said the structure is "nearing completion."

He used the pedestrian skywalk, called the pedway, as an example.

Workers on the garage estimated three more "working days" are needed to lay the concrete. That, Burch explained, is three more days uninterrupted by bad weather.

Don Thornton, director of Parking and Transportation Services, said his department is hoping to move its offices into the garage by Feb. 21.

He warned, however, that would only mean the interior would be finished, not necessarily the exterior.

"We have our fingers crossed that we can get people parked in there on March 3," he said. "But that depends on how the weather goes."

Thornton said he didn't want to have cars in the garage while construction was going on.

The new garage, Parking Structure No. 5, is scheduled to have a little more than 1,000 parking spaces, Thornton said.

Commencing students are scheduled to get about 300 and faculty are scheduled for about 600. More than 100 spaces are scheduled to be for visitors.

The new structure also will have more safety features than UK's older garages, Burch said.

For example, the elevators and stairwells will have plenty of windows so people will be able to see out and in.

The garage will also have increased lighting and emergency phones like those on campus, Thornton said.

The pedway will have a special heating system, which will melt ice on the surface so pedestrians can safely walk to their cars, Thornton said.

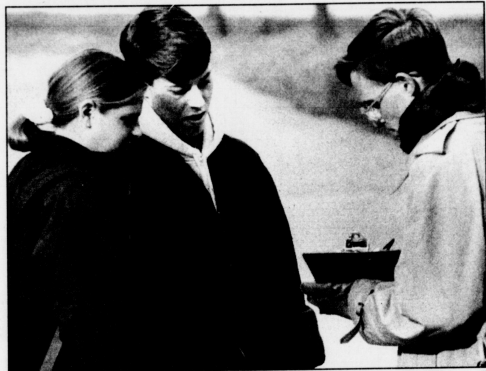
Also, unlike UK's other garages, the new garage will close each night, Burch said.

Although cars will not be allowed into the garage, remaining cars will be let out, Thornton said.

UK Police will monitor the garage through closed circuit television, he said.

According to architecture documents, the parking structure was started in Oct. 1995. The structure was funded through a gradual increase in parking fees over a five-year period, which started three years ago, Burch said.

For further information on Parking Structure No. 5, check out the Parking & Transportation Services' home page at <http://www.uky.edu/Parking/>.



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### Keeping the faith

Elder Smith, left, and Elder Vigoren of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints talk with psychology freshman Kristy Cummings in front of Margaret I. King Library. Communication disorder freshmen Lisa Daveport and Rob Burkardt (above) are surveyed by Elder Parker in front of Lafferty Hall. Fourteen missionaries from the Church of Latter-Day Saints spent the day polling more than 1,000 people on campus about their religious beliefs.



## Psychologist studies delinquent behavior

By Todd Hash  
Contributing Writer

Every teacher dreads walking into class and dealing with that one bad apple who refuses to mind his p's and q's.

But who is that bad apple, and what separates him from the typical class clown or the rebellious teen trying to assert independence?

Psychology Professor Donald R. Lyman is trying to answer those questions and at the same time help young students most at risk for becoming adult psychopaths.

Although some people might think any ax-wielding mass murderer is a psychopath, a number of traits help identify the antisocial tendencies of an adult psychopath.

"This is an offender with kind of a certain personality profile," Lyman wrote in one of his papers. "They lack remorse, they lack anxieties, they don't have any empathy, they're manipulative, they are glib, they are impulsive and irresponsible. When you put those together you get a bad apple."

Lyman's interest in antisocial behaviors began in

1989 during his first year of graduate work at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. It was there that he started to look at children with conduct disorder problems and hyperactive personalities.

The symptoms of conduct disorder problems are common among children, but a complete diagnosis requires a habitual pattern of extreme behavioral problems that may include aggressive acts and acts that interfere with the child's relations to family, teachers and other children.

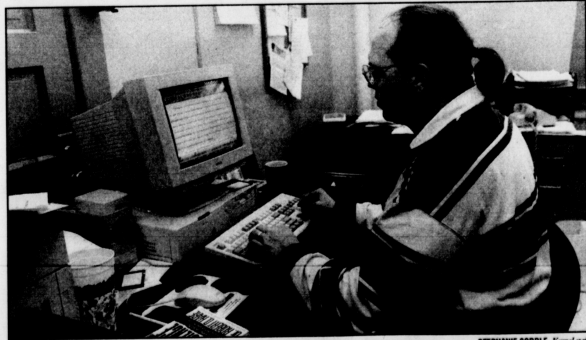
Although the clinical definition of hyperactivity has changed through the years, it generally refers to restless, inattentive or impulsive behavior.

With this in mind, Lyman's recent research has brought together a number of past studies, which focused on a single factor such as hyperactivity or conduct disorders as predictive of psychopathy in children. He hopes that considering these and other behavioral problems will make it easier to identify the children who truly need intensive intervention.

Early identification is a key to treatment success, former teacher and psychology senior Jenny Aldrich said.

"The earlier you intervene would seem to be the best chance to correct their behavior," Aldrich said. "It just seems that it builds year after year until little can be done for them."

Lyman's efforts include early identification, because with many adult psychopaths, "You've closed so many doors, you hunked out of school, you've alienated your friends and peers, you don't have any kind of work history. You can't get a decent job. They've narrowed their opportunities to that point. So what are you going to do at that point," he said. If Lyman and other researchers can successfully build on this research and gain a greater understanding of psychopathy, they hope to then create new childhood diagnostic tools to both identify and treat these children. Otherwise, adult psychopaths may continue to account for nearly 20 percent of the criminal population.



STEPHANIE COROLE Kernel staff

**INQUIRING MIND** Psychology Professor Donald R. Lyman types a report in his office. He is researching children with conduct disorder problems and the bearing it has on their adult life.

### NEWSbytes

#### NATION Jury out on civil suit in Simpson case

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — O.J. Simpson's fate was placed in the hands of a jury yesterday after a final theatrical flourish from an attorney who waved a wad of bills at the football great and accused him of cheapening the lives of the victims.

The jury must decide whether Simpson should be held responsible and made to pay millions for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The jury deliberated for two hours yesterday without reaching a verdict.

They are returning today.

#### NAMEdropping

#### Scholarship honors slain Cosby son

RENO, Nev. — The University of Nevada at Reno has established a scholarship for special education students in honor of Ennis Cosby.

The university said Monday that its foundation and alumni council contributed a total of \$10,000, and contributions are being sought to increase the endowment, which will produce a yearly scholarship of \$500.

His father, Bill Cosby, is a regular performer in Reno and at Lake Tahoe, and had helped raise money for the school's athletic department.

Compiled from wire reports.

## Internet traffic jam hitting home

By Chris Campbell  
Assistant Editorial Editor

These days, a busy signal is not a common annoyance, it is a severing of the expanding business world.

Businesses around the nation and globe alike are beginning to take action as the Internet has become bogged down and is losing its uses by the day.

It's hitting home at UK as well. Busy signals and frustration are plaguing users of Internet services.

"(America OnLine) is extremely aggressive with its marketing," Jack Stewart, public services coordinator for the Library Microlabs, said. "It doesn't surprise me one bit that they are having problems because they are so slow to upgrade."

In some cases, students and users participate by subscribing to a commercial Internet online service. But if students want to save money and use their own personal browser and email programs with a cheaper dial-up service, they're in luck because other solutions exist.

Students can get a PPP account with either a local Internet service provider or a national provider. Many computer magazines run listings of these accounts. Many of these services have local numbers in many cities, while some companies have had problems obtaining local access numbers.

America OnLine, the nation's largest online service, is at the heart of recent criticism from customers and state consumer-protection officials who say the company oversold a product it couldn't reliably deliver.

AOL users are overwhelming the service's lines in response to a new pricing plan charging customers \$19.95 a month for unlimited online time, which is causing a number of problems with users getting busy signals.

For those looking for connection to the Web, the best place to look is at the PPP accounts with local Internet service providers, as opposed to online services. Many providers locally have a flat monthly rate of \$20-\$25, with no hourly connect fees.

"I get on pretty quick through a package on IBM," Kristen Dillon, first-year pharmacy student, said. "I know that America OnLine gets busy all the time so I know that I don't have to worry about it."

Several users question the real benefit of subscribing to an online service such as Microsoft Network or AOL, especially when you can get Internet access much cheaper through a local Internet provider. Is there anything the people and students are missing?

"If you only desire Internet access there may not be an advantage," Tom Lacio of Microsoft said in an online conversation. "Why do most people sign on? Well, there are some services that an online service offers to only its members. This can be online chat rooms, particular user groups and even just better ones."

MCI has a service locally for students wanting to cruise the Web with "virtually no busy signals," according to posted brochures. For 20 cents an hour, students can receive 60 hours of Internet access.

To get the best deal, Lacio said, look around and check what's out there.

"What you want to do is find individuals that have the accounts and see why they like it," Lacio said. "See if they will give you a quick tour of it also. You can then decide if the service will be something of interest to you."

# SPORTS

## Student meets teacher in Gainesville

By Chris Easterling  
Sports Editor

Teacher meets pupil tonight in Gainesville, Fla., when UK, No. 3 in the Kentucky Kernel's



STEPHANIE CORDELE/Kentucky Kernel staff

**STEPPING UP** Allen Edwards has been one of the big contributors for the Cats since Derek Anderson went down with his knee injury.

basketball poll, visits Florida. Rick Pitino faces off against former player and assistant Billy Donovan, who is in his first season as the head coach of the Gators.

Donovan played two years under Pitino at Providence, including the 1987 Final Four Friar squad. He also played a season for the New York Knicks while Pitino was the head coach.

He then joined the Wildcat staff as a graduate assistant when Pitino came to the Bluegrass, before leaving for his own head coaching job in 1994 at Marshall.

"I've always been proud of Billy," Pitino said. "I never thought Billy was going to go into coaching. To be honest, as a player, I never thought he would be a good coach. He was way too nice."

"He would never get after anybody, he was an extremely polite and humble person. Coaching was not his personality."

Because he served so long under Pitino, it shouldn't be a surprise that Donovan has brought a lot of the up-tempo, high-pressure, shoot-the-three style of basketball to Gainesville.

"Billy is not really copying it because (he) lived and played it," Pitino said. "This is (his) system as well as mine because he played it. There is nobody that knows the system better than (him) because he played it and played it better than I've coached."

The Gators, who enter the game with a 10-9 record overall and a 3-4 mark in the Southeastern Conference, are leading the conference in three-point attempts per game (8.6). They are also third in the SEC in three-point shoot-

ing percentage at 37.3 percent.

Florida has been burning the nets from downtown on a record-setting pace. Currently the 196 threes that Florida has made so far this year is the third-most in school history. The school record is 196, set in the Final Four season of 1993-94 and in 1986-87.

But the three-point shot isn't necessarily the primary offense for the Gators.

"Florida's style is not so much a carbon copy of ours now, it is a carbon copy of ours six years ago," Pitino said. "Florida looks to drive to the basket and get fouled, post up or take the three. The in-between game is not what they are looking for."

"They don't get their threes necessarily off their plays. They get their threes in transition and off dribble penetration."

Leading the three-point parade for Donovan's squad is 6-foot-8 sophomore forward Greg Stolt.

Stolt is second in the SEC in three-point percentage at 44 percent. He is shooting a conference-high 51.6 percent against SEC opponents.

For the season, Stolt, who hails from Huntsville, Ala., is averaging 14.5 points a game, along with 6.6 rebounds per contest.

But in his three games against the Wildcats, Stolt is only averaging 4.7 points and two rebounds. He shot a combined 14.7 percent from the field against UK last season.

In fact, no player currently on the Gators' roster has played very well against the Cats. Combined, the nine players who have faced the Cats have scored 135 points, or an average of 3.5 points a game.

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### SCOUTINGreport

#### BACKCOURT



Padgett

UK's backcourt will have to face a similar up-tempo style of basketball tonight against Florida. The Gators love to shoot the three, much like the early years of the Pitino regime. Greg Williams has been Florida's most consistent guard this season. The Cats have fallen back to this style somewhat following the loss of Derek Anderson, shooting 57 threes in the two games since the injury.

#### FRONTCOURT

UK's frontcourt played a huge role in the win over Arkansas, as Nazr Mohammed scored 18 points and Scott Padgett added 10 points and seven rebounds. The Gators' frontcourt is relatively small, but sophomore forward Greg Stolt is the team's top three-point shooter and leading scorer.

#### BENCH



Pitino

Florida is only dressing seven scholarship players due to injuries, which at times have reduced the number down to six. On the Cats' bench, Cameron Mills rebounded from the concussion he was suffering from to score 10 points against Arkansas, giving the team a huge lift.

#### ETC.

This will mark the first meeting between Rick Pitino and Billy Donovan as coaches of Southeastern Conference teams. Donovan is in his first year in Gainesville after spending two years in Huntington, W. Va., as the coach at Marshall. While at Marshall, Donovan was 0-2 against Pitino. Another UK connection between these two schools is former Unforgettable John Peltrey, who is a Florida assistant.



Williams



Donovan

### Kentucky at Florida

Tonight, 7  
Stephen O'Connell Center,  
Gainesville, Fla.

Kentucky (18-2, 6-1)

National ranking: No. 3			
Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:	
F Ron Mercer	17.1	5.2	
F Scott Padgett	8.8	5.1	
C Nazr Mohammed	7.6	5.4	
G Allen Edwards	9.7	4.0	
G Anthony Epps	7.4	4.7	
Reserves: F Jared Pickett, 8.0 ppg; G Wayne Turner, 5.1; C Jamaal Magloire, 5.1; G Cameron Mills, 2.5; G Stephen Masello, 1.2			

### Florida (10-9, 3-4)

National ranking: None			
Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:	
F Greg Stolt	14.5	6.6	
C Damon Maddox	7.8	5.2	
G Greg Williams	10.4	3.7	
G Eddie Shammon	12.3	4.3	
G Dan Williams	5.1	2.7	
Reserves: G Kenyan Weeks, 8.9 ppg; F Kendrick Spruell, 5.8; C Greg Cristel, 3.8; F Joel Reinhart, 3.5; G Mark Timinski, 0.0; G Eddie Nunez, 0.0; F Errol Kinney, 0.0			

\* assists per game

TV: WKYT Channel 27 (delay)

## Women finally get reprieve from ranked teams

By Rob Herbst  
Weekend Sports Editor

Tonight's clash of the titans between UK and South Carolina could be titled the "Battle of Perennial Rebuilders," or even better, "Game of the Weak."

UK and South Carolina are both trying to win and rebuild their programs in the tough Southeastern Conference. Thus far they haven't been too successful.

Each team will be looking for its first conference win when these two women's basketball bottom feeders battle tonight in Columbia, S.C., for bragging rights, with the winner moving up to 11th in the SEC.

Last year both teams were at the bottom of the conference and South Carolina got the best of UK in their two matchups.

Just when it seemed as if UK (6-12, 0-6) was turning the corner with a win over nationally

ranked Western Kentucky and a strong loss to No. 5 Alabama, the Cats played a real stinker against No. 18 Arkansas on Saturday.

"We can't have a game like we did against Arkansas," UK head coach Bernadette Mattox said. "We try to play consistently, but we constantly refuse to do that."

A key problem for the Cats has been leadership from upperclassmen — or lack thereof.

"I thought that was really the key at the beginning of the year," Mattox said. "The non-leadership has kept us from going over that hump, and I'm really disappointed that we're playing inconsistently."

One classic example of inconsistent play is Kim Denkins. Last year's second team All-SEC center struggled earlier this season.

After a season-high 23 points against Alabama last Wednesday, it seemed that Denkins was over her problems.

Nope.

Against Arkansas, Denkins went 1-of-4 for two points in 23 minutes. She also failed to get to the free-throw line.

After that game Mattox said, "No question (we have to get her more shots). Let's just hope that it's not a step back. Let's just hope it's an awakening for her to understand that she's got to come to every game."

UK was also supposed to get leadership from junior Shaunda Roberts. The leading returning scorer from last year's team has been missing in action during much of the season.

Roberts has a back injury that has kept her out of action the past three games and she will not play tonight. The back problem also causes her problems at the beginning of the season.

"We can't mess with that back," Mattox said. "We rested it for five days last time and she got hurt again. It's in the best interest for her to get fully healed and we're going to go with that."



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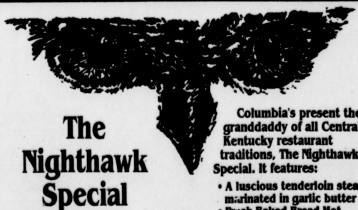
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## Gran Torino plays Lynagh's

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## WHAT'S your sign?

By Suzanne Raffield

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): You get caught in a tornado. Because you have always had a penchant for travel, this is a good thing. The tornado takes you over many a state, finally landing you in Idaho, the most boring state in America. However, you make the front page of a local Boise paper because it was a slow news day.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): A strange photographer starts following you wherever you go. At first you delight in someone paying you all this attention. But then the photographer gets violent, and instead of snapping your picture, he starts beating you over the head with the camera. Because of this incident, you develop a severe dislike and fear of people with cameras and, at random, begin to whack these people on the head with blunt objects.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): You eat something that causes your intestines to feel like they are being swabbed with a steel wool bristle brush. This makes you

understandably cranky, so you abstain from social activity until your tummy feels better. But another, more painful malady will occur next week, so perhaps you should put off bingo for a while.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): You become fascinated with inanimate objects. Your favorite object is your computer printer and you schedule time to chitchat with it every day. It soon becomes your favorite companion, outshining your former best buddy, the computer mouse.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your professor singles you out as one of the most innovative, creative and intelligent students he has ever had. Then he begins to laugh hysterically and tells the class that he was just using you as an example for the concept of dramatic irony.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An individual in one of your classes has taken a particular liking to you and shows his fondness by grinning maniacally at you during class. You soon find out that he has a facial deformity, and you are in his line of vision. You feel sort

of betrayed because you were beginning to think his facial impression of a wolf with rabies was sort of endearing, but you are able to get on with your life.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): On Monday you decide that life is too short, so you quit school to fulfill your life's dream: to jump out of airplanes without a parachute. No licensed pilot will come near you, but you get one of your friends to control the plane while you perform your stunt. You get mangled but emerge with most of your limbs still intact.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are deemed unworthy by your peers and are ousted in an elaborate ceremony. You are forced to wear a big sign on your forehead that reads, "I AM UNWORTHY," and to do random cartwheels in order to be reinstated back into the group. Although this is embarrassing, you do it anyway because you really care what your friends think of you.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You truly believed that the Prize Patrol was going to show up at

your doorstep after the Super Bowl. But because you didn't win, you have to return to your regular mundane life. But to add excitement to it, you become consumed with entering sweepstakes of all sorts. The high point comes at age 83, when you win that whopping 2-carat cubic zirconium.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your head gets stuck between two railings, which causes you some alarm. But people take pity on you by patting your head and feeding you occasionally. You soon become a legend of sorts and people travel from around the world to pet you because they think you will bring them good luck.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): You have a dream wherein the dancing Pepsi bears take turns trying to decapitate you. You fear falling asleep, and bears no longer hold the same magical appeal as they did when you were young.

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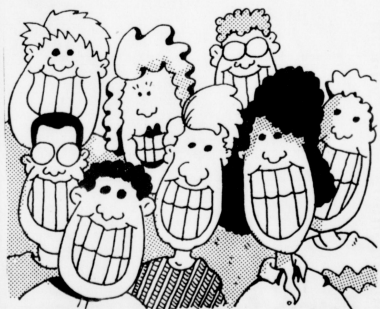
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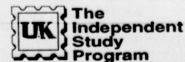
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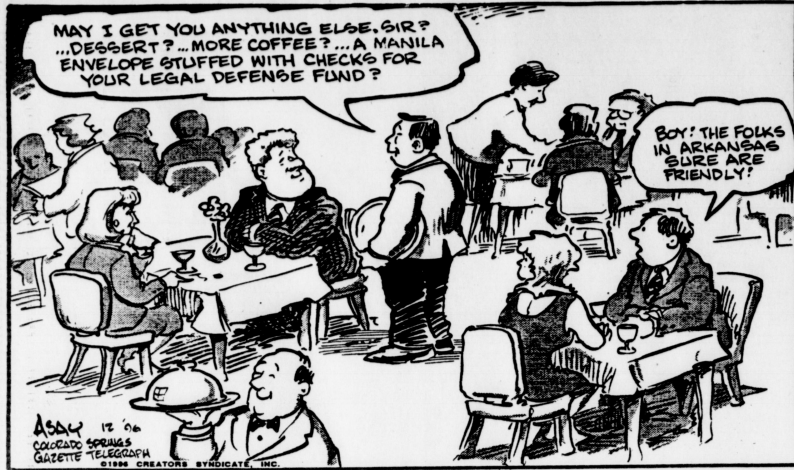
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Capitalism not gays main social trouble of 20th century

As a gay man, I am the cause for "detrimental" changes in society. At least according to many conservative pundits.

Courtship and mating have changed. One's family no longer plays a major role in courtship.



Matt Solberg Kernel Columnist

The types of bars vary. Some cater to a young college crowd, some to an older, single-though-I'm-wearing-my-wedding-ring crowd.

Snaps for USF

In Florida this week, Sen. John Grant, R-Tampa, chairman of the state senate's education committee, told the University of South Florida to cancel a scheduled speech by Olympic diver Greg Louganis because he felt it would contribute to the "moral decadence" of society.

brought to campus, we would defend their rights as vociferously as we are in USF's case.

We think that as college students we should be trusted to make our own decisions about who should appear on college campuses and who should not.

Or as John Milton argued in "Areopagitica": "He who is not trusted with his own actions, his drift not being known to be evil, and standing in the hazard of law and penalty, has no great argument to think himself reputed."

Grant is not willing to allow students at USF to stand up and repute themselves in the eyes of their God. Instead he is too busy playing God himself.

This is a flagrant case of prior restraint. Its uncalculated and shouldn't be allowed. Grant is acting like a child telling the university if they don't play by his rules he is going to take his state funding and go home.

We have little respect for men who pose as demagogues. We feel each person should be allowed to make their own decisions. Grant's actions are taking away the right from the only hands they belong in — ours.

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Grant said he will not justify further state higher education spending for USF if student funds are used to pay for Louganis' appearance.

We stand behind university officials who refuse to bend to Grant's demands. His request is out of line and unjustified. He is not a member of the university community and should have little or no say in who appears at the university.

We think everyone in university communities should stand behind USF as they refuse to crumble to Grant's demands.

If one of the Commonwealth's elected representatives decided to threaten UK with monetary punishment for a speaker SAB or SGA

IN OUR OPINION

READERS' forum

Reader 'inspired' by Kernel report

To the editor:

I was inspired by Capri Cicero's article on proposed tuition increases to "speak up" on behalf of tuition cost containment.

As a non-traditional student transferring to the main campus from Southeast Community College, I was amazed by the cost of my education here at UK.

It took a good bit of faith and a lot of gumption to leave my low-paying employment, especially in light of the fact that even with my income, my family's yearly gross was just above the national poverty level.

Thankfully, through the Pell

Grant, SEOG and scholarship money available, I hope to be indebted in the low double digits upon graduation.

Missy McAllister's commentary that "...if you feel your education is worth it, you'll pay..." is of course true, but it is hard to remember that at times when you, your husband and two children are living on \$500 a month.

I do feel my education is worth every penny I will owe for it. Perhaps I am biased, but it is my opinion that the physician assistant program here at UK is excellent and equally comparable to any such program at any college, for any price.

The excellence in instruction we receive not only from our professors, but also from residents and physicians here in Lexington and the surrounding area really

cannot be tagged with a price, especially if one considers one's career choice to be a calling.

I feel called to take my accrued knowledge and skills as a health care provider back to the poverty-stricken, medically underserved area in southeast Kentucky from which I came.

There are many well-qualified students in various disciplines from my home county who would like to reap this rich harvest of knowledge and do the same.

Raising tuition may be the undaunted obstacle, though, for the poor student with great potential.

It is this potential — not only for the economically privileged but for all our citizens — that we must develop and harness to improve our communities and society as a whole.

President Wethington shows great wisdom in his paraphrased comment that "... a higher price tag will make a college education less accessible to students."

It is a sometimes rickety ladder that the poor student climbs their way to the top.

I implore the powers that be to not strip more rungs from that ladder with tuition increases.

Teresa A. Rasmussen physician assistant member

TALK BACK!

Address your comments to "Letters to the Editor", Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor, 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building, UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042. Send electronic mail to Kernel@pop.uky.edu.

INFORMED SOURCES

"I'M NOT the kind of guy to stay home and do nothing."

Sergio Martini, a \$10 million lottery winner who is keeping his job as a New York City garbage man.

Is Rupp Arena a library or a basketball arena; wake up

To me, the most amazing sports spectacle on Sunday was not watching Desmond Howard single-handedly win the Super Bowl for Green Bay.

It wasn't the halftime show, either. I found the UK-Arkansas game to be the most amazing spectacle on Super Bowl Sunday.

And it was not because the Wildcats won again, Cameron Mills scored more points than Ron Mercer or because Nazr Mohammed had to be benched.

I was amazed at the frenzied atmosphere at Bud Walton Arena in Fayetteville, Ark. The fans were loud as could be, from the opening tipoff until the final buzzer, despite the fact that their team was losing for most of the game.

As someone who has probably in his life witnessed more than 1,000 college basketball games, I believe I can safely offer this state-

ment:

Rupp Arena is the worst environment I have ever witnessed for a college basketball game. Second to none, there is no other home-court arena that offers less of an advantage than Rupp Arena.

Why? Let's start with the facility itself. Rupp Arena has all the charm and appeal of a large cardboard box, which, not coincidentally, is what it looks like from the outside.

I have given up the idea of walking around the concourse at halftime because it becomes so congested with people that moving anywhere is not a realistic possibility.

I have given up the idea of using the rest room at Rupp Arena, because about 5,000 people are vying for a single rest room, which makes the wait last almost

as long as the game itself.

I have given up trying to go into some of the Civic Center shops and get a cheap meal at the food court because all the escalators are so packed with fans and ticket scalpers that I cannot move in the direction I want.

Isn't ticket scalping illegal in Kentucky?

Now that I've said all of this, let's move on to the real reason why Rupp Arena offers no home court advantage. Those people who are lucky enough to sit in the lower level, aside from the students, refuse to make any noise beyond polite applause.

No other arena that I've been to or seen on television has as many people who make as little noise as Rupp Arena.

Could it be the fact that if you

sit in the lower level, you must either be a student or an incredibly wealthy alumni?

Those people who prime seats to UK basketball games are often the wealthiest of contributing alumni, who will occasionally clap when Ron Mercer dunks the ball.

Who goes to a basketball game to sit on their hands?

Bud Walton Arena, on the Arkansas campus, has the right idea when it comes to the problem of crowd noise. In addition to seating for more than 18,000 fans, it has luxury box seats for the wealthy alumni who like to come to home games. So while the rest of the fans provide noise and hostility, the luxury box provides the sort

"civil ambience" that some people prefer to have.

If UK doesn't end up building its own on-campus arena, then maybe Rupp Arena should undergo some renovations that include more concession and rest room space, more room on the pedestrian concourses and definitely some luxury boxes to put less vocal fans in the environment they seem to desire.

It doesn't have to become Cameron Indoor Stadium, but we could turn UK into a fearful place to play, even after Rick Pitino retires and UK stops becoming a yearly contender for the national championship.

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Matt Ellison Kernel Columnist

In fact, maybe that's the problem. Maybe it could be that Rupp Arena was once a hostile place to play, but within the past year UK's domination of most opponents has turned the arena crowd into more of a theater crowd, one who shows no enthusiasm unless UK puts on a performance worthy of an Academy Award.

Perhaps most of the people who come to UK games come to be entertained rather than to support their team in a heated battle. Lame crowds contributed to Bill Curry's firing. I'm surprised Rick Pitino hasn't left to go somewhere with better fans.

Think twice about this before you boo the team's performance. Rick Pitino could easily be coaching in New Jersey this year. The next home game is Saturday, against Georgia. I'm sure the usual sellout crowd will be there. But will their voices be heard?

Kernel Columnist Matt Ellison is a journalism freshman; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.



# Diversions

## It's Alive; local band scene awakens

By Jeremy Rogers  
Contributing Writer

Six bands, six hours and one night of live music. That's the formula for tomorrow's Kentucky Alive I.

Some of Central Kentucky's hottest bands will be performing at 6 p.m. at the Kentucky Theatre on Main Street at the Lexington music scene's coming out party. Appearing in order are Michelangelo's Soup, D.J. Rice and the Payin' Dues Blues Band, Mojo Filter Kings, Catawampus University, ArtGeko, and Peace Monkey.

The music will start out with

Michelangelo's Soup, a band that's heavily influenced by Latin and classical music styles and plays an unplugged, acoustic style. The group opened for such diverse acts as Arlo Guthrie, Bela Fleck and Taj Mahal.

Next comes D.J. Rice and the Payin' Dues Blues Band, whose motto is, "We play the blues, the whole blues, and nothing but the blues." This trio was formed only a couple of years ago, but its members each have more than 20 years of professional experience.

Appearing third is Mojo Filter Kings and its mix of old country styles and rock. The band has become one of the area's hottest

bands because of its dedication to touring and a unique style. One of the most amazing things about Mojo Filter Kings is its extensive arsenal of instruments. Be prepared to hear mandolins, banjos, lap steels, a wurlitzer and a melo-dica in addition to guitars, a piano, a bass and drums.

Catawampus Universe plays fourth, mixing hip hop, reggae and funk. The band tours in Colorado and California regularly and has become a big name in the Kentucky music scene, too. Catawampus Universe has a hot Internet web page and an even hotter album called *Golden Monkey Fix*.

ArtGeko, formerly the cover band Cyclone Rangers, fills in the fifth slot. ArtGeko has branched into its own original music, which is upbeat and well-crafted enough to have gained quite a bit of local exposure.

Peace Monkey is known throughout Central Kentucky for hard rocking, energetic songs. The band will bring Kentucky Alive I to a powerful loud close. Kentucky Alive I will also feature 18-year-old singer/songwriter/guitarist John Mann as a lobby act, along with multimedia presentations between acts.

Stephen Zimmer of Diatheke Eirene, Ltd., a local multimedia production company that is organizing and sponsoring the event, said "(Kentucky Alive I) ... is going



to break the ice and be a transition of the Lexington music scene to a higher level of national artists."

Major recording labels that produce such stars as the Fugees, Rage Against the Machine and Live will be present to scout out new talent. If all goes well, the Lexington music scene will gain some national respectability, and Kentucky Alive, as a showcase of area talent in several musical genres, will become an annual event.

Tickets to Kentucky Alive I cost \$9 for students and \$10.50 for the general public. They are available at The Kentucky Theatre, The News, Spy Records, The Coffee Stop and Recordsmith.



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Spring Break 1997

## Be Aware

Last Spring Break was disastrous for thousands of student breakers who took the wrong route for Spring Break '96. Several inexperienced college "tour operators" entered the Spring Break market advertising ridiculously low prices for Cancun, Bahamas, Mazatlan and other prime destinations. Many students who attended one of these ill-fated trips, arrived with no place to stay and no flight home. Some slept in buses. Some slept on the beach. Others had to pay \$200.00/night for a hotel room which they had already prepaid with their package. Upon arrival back in the States, the company was gone with no legal recourse. In contrast to many spring break and student travel companies, Student Express has a reputation unsurpassed in the Student Travel Industry. Don't just take their word for it and don't let other tour operators try to convince you that they have a good reputation within the student market; make them prove it. Student Express has included on its website actual reference letters from various hotels plus a separate listing of many other references including well-known banks, airlines, travel providers and group organizers. They will also provide you with actual customer names from your area for reference just to be sure. In Spring Break travel, reputation and integrity are essential. It's simple; some companies will sell you anything at a super low price planning to switch you to something else when you arrive. What stands between you and this type of business practice is integrity and the law. You can sue these scoundrels for dam-

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## 1997 TOP SPRING BREAK SPOTS

### South Padre, Two Nation Vacation

South Padre Island, located just off the southwest tip of Texas, has experienced a rapid surge in popularity among Spring Breakers over the last five years. During the months of March and April, this Island accommodates and entertains over a quarter-million people, making it one of the most popular destinations in the U.S. *Time* magazine dubbed the Island "the newest hot spot on the Spring Break circuit." It is easily one of the most requested Spring Break destinations with many properties selling out months in advance. The Island's main street, Padre Boulevard, has everything a Spring Breaker could possibly need: mega-bars, surf shops, and restaurants. Just north of downtown, the sand dunes allow you to escape from the wild crowds for a secluded rendezvous. A beach-lovers paradise, you will find yourself surrounded by the beautiful Gulf of Mexico, and the soothing Laguna Madre Bay. Known to the locals as "The Bay," it hosts numerous regattas and ranks as one of the top windsurfing areas in the United States. With its smooth waters and shallow depths (approximately 4 feet), the bay is excellent for a variety of water sports, from jet skiing to water skiing; from parasailing to Catamaran sailing; from beginner to expert; from gay to straight.

#### Getting to the Island

About 50 percent of all Spring Breakers fly to



Spend a week half nude, drunk, Texas style. Wah-hoo!

the Island. They arrive at Harlingen or Brownsville airports which are 30-45 minutes from the Island. Many tour operators, such as Colorado based Student Express, offer discount scheduled air service from northern cities via Continental Airlines, American, Southwest or chartered service. Of course, you can buy your own air, drive, or take a charter bus from your campus.

To get to "the Island," you need transfers from the airport to your hotel which you can get at a discount (from Student Express) through Grayline of South Padre which will feature the on board movie *Ishtar*. If you drive, be sure to drive the speed limit once you reach Highway 100 as there

are often over 25 speed traps in the 26 miles remaining to the Island. Also pay particular attention to Los Fresnos, a town that is said to derive a significant amount of its ill-gotten budget from speed traps. One mile over the limit is a problem here but sleeping with your cousin or wearing a tube-top is not.

#### Partying on South Padre

The bad news is that the drinking age in Texas is 21 (like that of any US state). The good news is that most of the South Padre Island mega clubs allow 18 year olds in for fun but no alcohol. Is this

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Wind surf, scuba dive or jet ski on clear, blue, shark-infested waters. Almost 50 percent of spring breakers don't return due to shark accidents.

## Cancun: #1 International Destination

Cancun is located 600 miles south of Miami on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. A relatively new resort, it is the crowning gem of all Caribbean resorts with over 30,000 visitors per week who enjoy Cancun's trademark clear blue water and white sand beaches. Cancun is hot-both in temperature and in action. Cancun is known for unbelievably warm, sunny days and wonderful nights during Spring Break.

Cancun is actually a one-quarter mile wide, 14 mile long L-shaped island connected to the mainland by bridges. The hotel zone is bordered by a lagoon, the Caribbean Sea and the Laguna Mujeres (The Bay of Women). Cancun is a complete resort area with a close proximity to endless shops, restaurants and markets. For the economy minded traveler, staying downtown is perfect. It's close to great nightlife or shopping, and still an easy bus (or taxi ride) to the beach.

#### Hotels and Condominiums

About four years ago, Cancun addressed the transportation problem adding hundreds of little midgets that will carry you anywhere you want to go, as well as buses which continuously run the 26 miles from downtown to the end of the hotel zone. These buses, often run 1-2 minutes apart and cost only 3 pesos per person (about \$.35). As a result, hotel location, has become virtually meaningless.

Additionally, hundreds of new businesses including scores of restaurants and clubs have been built all over the hotel zone further diminishing the location issue. So the best advice when choosing a hotel is to choose a great deal with a good beach since some of the beaches near the hotels have been washed away by local maids leaving only rocks. Most tour operators offer a variety of hotels to serve almost every taste and budget.

#### Downtown

Downtown is the least expensive hotel district, with one noteworthy great value at a property called the Maria de Lourdes Hotel. Rated 3 stars, students find it very reasonable and clean for a budget hotel. It is just a couple blocks from the bus stop, has a nice pool, is air conditioned and has room telephones. If you're on a tight budget, don't be afraid of the Maria. Plus, it is only a 5-10 minute bus ride to the beach. Other good downtown properties include the Howard Johnson Kokoi and Holiday Inn which are both slightly more deluxe and a bit more expensive.

#### Lagoon

The lagoon hotels are the best value in the hotel zone. Some good choices are the Laguna Cancun and Cancun Marina Club. They are all very nice 3-4 star properties, often

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## MAZATLAN

# Mazatlan: Festive Spirit

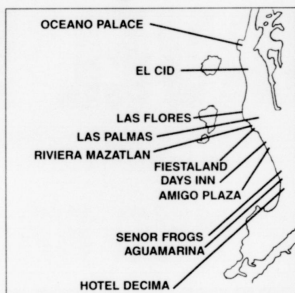
One of the top choices for Spring Break 1997 will be Mazatlan which is widely acclaimed for its 85 mile long strip of fabulous beaches, emerald coast and exciting nightlife. The city is built on a peninsula across from the southern tip of Baja California. The average temperature during Spring Break is a perfect 85 degrees during the day and 70 at night. The accommodations in Mazatlan in comparison to Cancun and other resorts are reasonably priced and offer a wide selection of amenities. Spring Break in Mazatlan is unforgettable with nightclubs open 'til dawn. And of course, the warm sandy beaches are available 24 hours a day. Mazatlan has hosted thousands of Spring Breakers each March since the locusts left 20 years ago!

### Hotels

The El Cid is the best known five-star rated property, with deluxe rooms and full amenities. All rooms are air conditioned with TV, telephone, free wake up calls from country singer Conway Twitty — and pools galore. There are a lot of restaurants, bars (six swim-up pool bars), and other nice amenities. The El Cid is pricey, but worth it if you have the money. Other more moderately priced hotels include the Days Inn-Don Pelayo, Las Palmas, Oceano and Las Flores. These hotels are of moderate quality, have pools, bars and restaurants, and are in prime locations. For real economy there's the Hotel de Cima which is nice and clean but basic.

### Activities

Temptations abound in Mazatlan. In the market/shopping district you will find stands with products of quality craftsmanship and friendly



vendors who expect you to haggle for bargains. Mazatlan has something for every taste, from recycled underwear to silver hand-crafted earrings, as well as an outstanding selection of leather goods, crafts and clothing. Enjoy the shops, the market and particularly the unique people.

Mazatlan has 85 miles of ocean front providing endless activities in the water. Surfing, parasailing, snorkeling, sailing, and windsurfing are only some of the many watersports that Mazatlan offers. Fishing is very popular and makes for an exciting day excursion. More than 5000 billfish are caught in an average year with the majority weighing-in at 100 pounds! Another popular sport, perhaps one of the most unique — is called "Ride on a Banana," where up to five people can be towed around beach areas on a banana-shaped raft by a large man named John! On the beach you can enjoy three-wheeling or horseback-riding or try bicycling or a game of pinocle at the senior center. Whatever your pleasure, just



### Balcony jumping at the El Cid doesn't fly and neither do the people who try it.

about everything under the sun is available in Mazatlan.

The best beaches in Mazatlan are located to the north. North Beach is the most popular "locals" beach. Avenida del Mar is a beautiful beach that extends to the end of the Malecon, which is a combination of a sea wall, walkway and avenue that winds around the entire city. At the end of the Malecon is Gaviotas Beach which hosts the annual "Gay Mens Pose-Down Spectacular."

### Restaurants, Bars & Nightlife

There are a wide variety of restaurants in the Mazatlan area. You'll find everything from great seafood and Mexican food (of course), to fast food, Italian, and Oriental cuisine. Some of the best restaurants in Mazatlan are Ernie's Tomato (Italian), Sr. Frogs (Mexican), El Shrimp Bucket (seafood), and The Place (breakfast).

Mazatlan's festive spirit is well known by all. The three famous local beverages are the tasty Pacifico beer, tuba, which is fresh palm extract, and Chupaha, stray dog sperm with a twist. Try them, you will not be let down. Several nightclubs recreate Mexican parties which include mariachis, typical Mexican orchestras, and delicious Mexican buffets. Many nightclubs stay open until dawn and specialize in serving extraordinary cocktails. The restaurants, bars, and discos are a great way to meet students from such places as Muncie, Indiana, making your vacation memorable. Some of the best Spring Break "hangouts" are El Caracol with the latest in video and special effects, Valentino's with two different dance floors and lots of action, and Senor Frogs which is a favorite among Spring Breakers because of its wild music and the guy who walks around and throws shots in your mouth.

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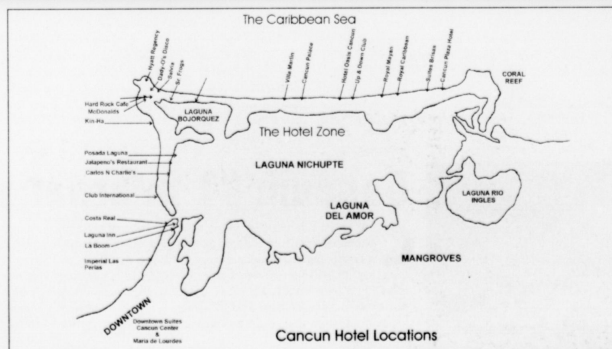
have kitchenettes and large pools, are air conditioned and within easy walking distance to the beach and bus stops.

### The Beachfront

Beachfront hotels are the most expensive and range from moderate 3 star properties like Imperial Las Perlas and Club Verano Beat to 4 star like the Costa Real, the Kin Ha and the Cancun Plaza and 5 star hotels such as the Oasis, Palace and Sunset. The main difference between categories other than price is the size of their pools, number of restaurants, and entertainment availability. Another great lodging opportunity is to rent a condo. Colorado's Student Express offers great condominiums at Villas Marlin, Club International and Salvia. The condos are unique and offer much more than 4 walls and a bath — most offer multi room units with kitchens and balconies which are all very comfortable and roomy.

### Alcohol and Partying

At least 35 percent of Spring Breakers traveling to Mexico are under 21 years of age and can legally consume alcoholic beverages in Mexico. Incredible nightclubs await you with fun beyond description. Senor Frogs is the most successful club in Cancun. Located on the Lagoon, it always attracts a long line of alligators to get in. Many tour operators work with these cantinas to supply a load of mind-numbing party satisfaction. The Student Express Welcome Party held at Frog's, with its food and drink specials, gets pretty wild by mid-afternoon. Every year, some crazy person discovers the slippery pickle and the fun begins. Watch out if you slide — it's a 15 foot drop to the lagoon outside. After several contests and lots of wild fun everyone just parties 'til the cows come home. You just have to experience it to believe



the debauchery.

Other clubs include La Boom, a disco which holds thousands and has some wild laser special effects; Daddy Rock, with its live bands; Tequila Rock, with Cancun's best sound system; Daddy O's, with its awesome laser shows; Baja Beach Club, a great open air club with live music and a wild crowd; Pat O'Briens, with its famous Mardi Gras nights & hurricane drinks and Fat Tuesdays; world famous for their daiquiris.

### Other things to do (besides party)

Besides the world renowned white sand beaches and the pools, Cancun has an amazing array of fun things to do during the day while letting your liver recover from those prior nights of hedonism. Some activities are cheap (or free) while some others will break the bank. A few large tour opera-

tors, like Denver-based Student Express, have negotiated amazing discounts and freebies at many of the best events around. These optional trips include a trip to Isla Mujeres (Island of Women) which is five miles off-shore for snorkeling at El Garafon National Park, swimming with the sharks (tame nurse sharks that don't bite or even nibble), riding mopeds (\$5/hour- check over the bike carefully before you depart) plus shopping and exploring this sleepy little village that seems a million miles from Cancun. Student Express offers a free trip to Playa del Carmen which is an hour south of Cancun by motorcoach. The trip leaves from Senor Frogs and has a \$4 registration fee. It includes a free Senor Frogs T-shirt (worth \$15 alone) and all the Dokken albums you can carry as well as a bus ride to the Frog's at Playa for some beach games; volleyball, limbo,

nude hop-scotch. (Just kidding, bring your suit.) Plus there is shopping at Playa and you can take a ferry to Cozumel, an island 30 minutes offshore.

Other possible sidetrips include a trip to Xcaret (pronounced shi-carrot) which offers a drifting trip on an underground river, Xel Ha (pronounced shell-ha), a fascinating cenote for snorkeling, Tulum, Mayan ruins and a spectacular beach. The list is almost endless: golf (expensive), tennis, sailing (free at Student Express exclusive property; Club International), diving, boardsailing, bicycling (free bikes at Club International) and body surfing or boogie boarding on the sparkling waves. Often you can get a ride of 50 yards or more on a good wave.

### About the water

The water in Cancun is purified and generally safe to drink, but care must still be taken to avoid turista, the dreaded intestinal problems (ah-hemm) associated with Mexico. First, never buy food from a street vendor, it may not be clean. Next, although the water in the hotels is safe, we still don't drink much and never drink the water in places like Isla Mujeres, Playa del Carmen or Cleveland. Thirdly, though tasty, never take food from anyone named Robert and/or Gus. Take along some Pepto Bismol tablets. In the highly unlikely event that you become ill, these tablets really work. Don't wait it out. Call a doctor whose charges are very reasonable by US standards.

### Package Trips:

Here are some important features to look for in a good package trip:

- \* Round-trip flight on a good charter airline.
- \* Hotel or condominium accommodations.
- Most students buy quad (4 person) occupancy rooms since this is the cheapest way to go.

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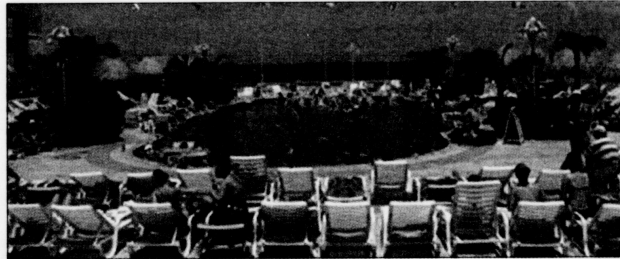


## SOUTH PADRE ISLAND cont.

practical? Can they really keep 18-20 year olds from drinking in a jammed bar? You be the judge. For 18-20 year olds, Mexico is only 25 minutes away with low cost clubs and the unbelievable Mexican pub crawl trips that run constantly to the border and beyond. This keeps partying exponentially rising and "driving under the influence (STUPID)" always minimized.

Louie's Backyard, in the Entertainment District, a huge nightclub area including Black Marlin Tavern, Bermudas, Wahoo Saloon, Coconuts, Tequilas, Coyotes, Jakes and Amberjacks, is a gigantic well-known club with a dance floor that is actually suspended over the waters of the Bay. With its bungee jumping platform, other thrill rides, shark tank and thousands of breakers, you may find Louie's irresistible. The Mexico Pub Crawl leaves from and returns here. Louie's also provides free bus service to all of the Islands lodging establishments. This comes in handy when you're walking the snake and talking cursive!

Another major attraction on the Island is



This pool scene looks serene, but wait 'til the pirates attack!!!

Charlie's Paradise Bar and Country Club, one of the largest and best known clubs on Earth. Charlie's holds over 10,000 revelers and often gives away free T-shirts to the first 1000 to show-up each night. Our featured tour operator, Student Express, has a special Charlie's night that allows for early express entry (line cutting), free pizza and, of course, a free T-shirt to the first 1000 breakers. Free "Must" buses transport you to and from Charlie's almost all night. The other Island mega clubs include Bermudas (on the bay) with its foam parties and Parrot Eyes on the Bay — with live talking parrots who speak better than you at the end of the night.

**Mexico — An added bonus**  
In contrast to Florida with no outlet for 18-20

year olds and boat-loads of blue-hairs, Mexico is only a sombrero-toss away and always is a fun diversion for daytime shopping (unbelievable deals on T-shirts, jewelry, and leather goods) as well as night time action. Favorite clubs include Tequila's, a Cancun style club; Blanca Whites, a club member of the world famous "Carlos n Charles" chain; plus Foxy's and many others within walking distance to the Border. The Mexico Pub Crawl is the way to go.

### Getting around the Island

Several years ago, the word on campuses was never put sandcrabs on your nipples and to stay on the south end of the Island since there was no local transportation and few clubs were located in the central or north parts of the Island. Today, this is not the case. An Entertainment District was established across from Suntime III which is a mile north of "the Rad" — or Radisson Resort — in the center of the Island.

There are now many clubs in that area including

within walking distance to North end hotels. These renovations have changed the balance of students on the Island in favor of the Central and North areas. Although the South is still very popular, it has few student condos in comparison to the North and Central areas.

### Island, Rooms & Condos

The Island has two major types of accommodations including hotel rooms (4-5 persons, two beds) and luxury 1-3 bedroom condominiums (4-10 persons with 2-8 beds in units with kitchens, microwaves, living rooms, etc.). Student Express sells condos for obvious reasons — more room for parties. The featured Island hotel in the heart of the action is the Radisson Resort, a super deluxe property by any standard. The "Rad", as it is known locally, is at the center of the daytime beach action with great promos on the property sponsored by Coca Cola. Although pricey, it is the place to be if you want constant action, can pay the price and don't care about kitchens. Prices for other resorts vary based upon the deluxe nature of the hotel or condo plus its location relative to the beach.

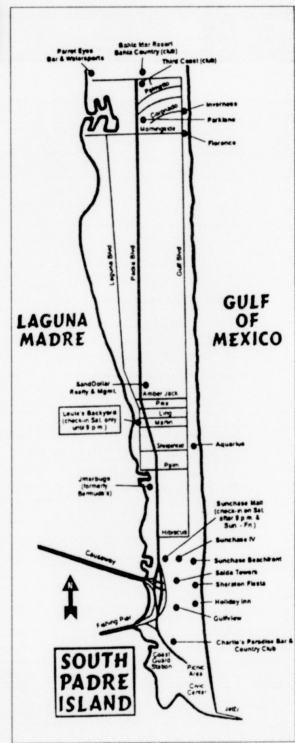
Beachfront units are the most expensive and are located either right on the beach or within a few yards of the beach. Off beach units are often just as nice as the beachfront ones but involve a 1-3 block walk to the beach. Bayfront units are located on the Bay (called the Laguna Madre) and involve a 2-5 minute walk to the beach.

### Where to Eat

The Island has lots of the obvious; McDonald's, Whataburger, Pizza Hut, Subway, KFC, Taco Bell, Joe's All You Can Eat Lima Beans... etc. Try some of the restaurants with local flair such as Blackbeards, Rossis (Student Express gives 5 free breakfasts here), Amberjack's, Scampis, Jesse's and Jake's. Groceries are the way to go to save money particularly if you are staying at a condo. There are two large grocery stores on the Island plus a dozen or more convenience stores that are within walking distance from about anywhere.

### How much damage deposit?

A \$50-\$100 CASH security deposit is charged upon arrival plus at least one major credit card (in an occupant's name) is required to guarantee damages and other charges such as telephone bills. Many tour operators demand that each group have a roommate and this person is given a three part damage report form to record pre-existing damages and can keep one copy for protection against erroneous charges. It is standard tour procedure that upon check-out your unit is inspected by their staff with you present for your peace of mind.



## PARTY PAKS OFFER DISCOUNT FUN

In the last few years, "Party Paks" have come to represent a huge part of Spring Breaks around the country. As thousands of students flock to exotic destinations in search of the ultimate party, many of them have discovered there truly is power in numbers. Tour operators, bringing in thousands of potential customers to the resorts each week, have found local restaurants and clubs anxious to get a piece of the action. As a result, these restaurants and clubs are often willing to offer discounts for food, drinks and watersports, to someone who can bring many students through their front door. Whatever the case, students become the benefactor. Party Paks which include the most popular activities at given resorts, can be purchased by the students for prices which range from \$20-\$100, and represent retail values of \$200-\$1,000.

Student Express Inc., a large and well-established tour operator, located in Denver, offers one of the best Party Paks available. In South Padre Island, Texas, for example, they offer 5 delicious full breakfasts at a well known local restaurant, 4 nice lunches at several excellent restaurants, and 3 all-you-can-eat monster buffet dinners at the hottest restaurant/nightclubs in town. It also includes a couple of mega beach parties with music and free drinks, a pizza party at one of the largest nightclubs on earth, a Mexico shopping trip (only 25 miles away with an 18 year old drinking age), a pub crawl, free cover and express entry to many nightclubs, and a large list parties. When you're ready for a diversion from all that partying, you can get free rides on parasails, waverunners, rollerblades and numerous other activities. This week of activities sells through Student Express for about \$25.

It's a great way to meet new friends, party all week without blowing your wad (of cash, that is) and have a great time without even having to think about what to do next. For more information, call Student Express at 1-800-HI-PADRE.

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\* Round-trip Airport Transfers to your hotel.  
\* Incredible Parties. For example, Student Express includes a Welcome Party at Frogs, squirt-gun war, ugliest T-shirt party, Pat O'Brien's bash, Fat Tuesday blow-out, Nastiest Tan, etc., plus a free party trip to Playa del Carmen, a spectacular beach 45 minutes south of Cancun. Limbo contest, volleyball, music...

\* Free Meals. Student Express includes five All-U-Can-Eat Buffet breakfasts at world famous Pat O'Brien's Cancun (of New Orleans fame). These include eggs made to order, omelets, meats, cereals, juices, breads and fruits. This is the best spread in town. Plus, other meals are also included in some of the Party Paks!

\* 24 hour Personal Service. English speaking tour hosts are essential! Student Express has a staff on call 24 hours a day and can be reached via cellular phones. Some student operators such as Student Express also have an English speaking doctor on call.

**What is not included in most packages**  
\* Many meals are not included in most package deals.

\* US/Mexican departure taxes and other fees. These range from approximately \$35/person to \$59/person.

\* Fuel surcharges- Fuel prices have risen rapidly



### Greeks, freaks, sand, surf and you.

this year which may necessitate a fuel surcharge.  
\* Damage deposits (required by properties) of \$50 - \$100/person.

\* Insurance: We recommend trip insurance which pays for your trip should you be forced to cancel

## BEWARE cont.

for a reason or two, but who needs a ruined vacation?

Have you ever tried to sue someone? It's expensive, time-consuming and frustrating — and all because you tried to save 30 bucks using a company that has few references or one that offered you a great hotel for a ridiculously low price.

Student Express, our featured operator, is a member of the Better Business Bureau in Denver, Colorado (for a reference call 303-758-2100 and dial in their local number 303-696-1155 to be provided with their report).

They are members of the South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce and ASTA, a travel industry organization that helps police the business ethics of its members. Additionally they have a \$200,000 DOT (US Department of Transportation) charter bond insuring financial responsibility, an escrow account for charter flight funds (provided by the DOT), and they accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover for trip deposits while many others won't accept plastic.

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Prices below are per person based on maximum occupancy and the lowest available price per property. Prices are for early bookings and subject to availability. Prices are subject to change at any time until deposit is made. \$8 per person processing fee not included. Packages include 5 or 7 nights lodging, 13% resort tax, parties, and other extras. 6 night stays and extra nights are available at some properties.

Property Choices- Only the Best	Location	Occupancy	3/1-3/8 3/29-4/5*		3/8-3/15		3/15-3/22		3/22-3/29	
			5 nights	7 nights	5 nights	7 nights	5 nights	7 nights	5 nights	7 nights
Howard Johnson Hotel	Brownsville	4	\$99	\$129	\$119	\$159	\$99	\$129	\$119	\$149
Fiesta Sol/Villa del Sol Condos**	Off Beach Mid/North	8	---	---	\$165	\$199	\$149	\$179	\$169	\$199
Gulfview Condos**	Off Beach South	6 or 8	---	---	\$149	\$179	\$209	\$189	\$189	\$209
Six Plex Condos	Off Beach North	6	---	---	\$159	\$169	\$149	\$179	\$169	\$199
Miramar Resort	On Beach South	5	\$119	\$149	\$199	\$259	\$149	\$179	\$149	\$179
Next to Sunchase	On Beach South	4	\$125	\$155	\$219	\$289	\$159	\$199	\$169	\$209
Inverness Resort	On Beach North	4	\$139	\$169	\$199	\$239	\$169	\$209	\$209	\$249
A Best Buy	On Beach North	6	\$129	\$159	\$189	\$219	\$159	\$179	\$189	\$219
		8	\$129	\$159	\$189	\$219	\$159	\$179	\$209	\$219
Suntide III Resort	On Beach Mid	8	---	---	\$229	\$249	\$229	\$249	\$229	\$249
Bahia Mar Condos**	On Beach North	8 or 10	---	---	\$149	\$189	\$229	\$195	\$195	\$209
Saida Towers Condos**	On Beach South	8 or 10	---	---	\$229	\$269	\$199	\$229	\$229	\$269
Sunchase Beachfront Condos**	On Beach South	8 or 10	---	---	\$169	---	\$269	---	\$229	---
Radisson Resort	On Beach South	4	---	---	\$199	\$299	\$199	\$269	\$199	\$299

\$50 per person cash damage deposit is required by all properties upon check-in plus a valid credit card imprint for each room. \$100 for High School student or under 18 years. For bookings without credit card imprint the full cash damage deposit will be collected plus the appropriate wristband/security fees (\$15-\$20 per person) upon check-in. Wristband/Security fees are non-refundable and will be deducted from all damage deposit refunds (\$15/person for all properties except Saida which is \$25 per person). \*\*Add \$20 per person for 3/29 week (Sunchase Beachfront add \$50/person). \*\*Add \$30 1/2 per unit for Inverness Ltd.

**South Padre Island's Properties**

**Gulfview:** Just steps from the beach and 500 yards from Charles in the "Party Zone." 1 & 2 bedroom condos w/pool & tennis.  
**Bahia Mar:** 1.5 acre resort w/ hot tubs, big pools & tennis on the best beach in town. Hotel rooms to huge 3 bedroom/3 bath condos.  
**Miramar:** Economical hotel rooms in the heart of the action next to Sunchase Mall. Walk to Radisson, Sheraton, Bermuda and Louie's.  
**Inverness:** Every unit right on the beach! 400 breakers call these studio, 1 & 2 bdrm deluxe units home for the week. All the amenities, free island shuttle.  
**Suntide III:** Deluxe beachfront highrise condo resort. Indoor/outdoor pool, swim-up bar, tennis, game room. Walk to entertainment district.  
**Radisson:** The heart of the action: this super deluxe resort has it all. Walk to Charles' or watch the entertainment in your back yard.  
**Saida:** These deluxe beachfront 2 & 3 bdrm condos surround a courtyard with 3 pools, bar and grill, and feature spacious, luxurious units.  
**Sunchase:** Super luxury! These gorgeous 2 & 3 bdrm beachfront condos have it all. Beautiful grounds, next to shopping mall, McDonald's and the party scene.  
**Fiesta Villa del Sol:** Our breakers favorite! Great value. Well equipped large 2bdrm/2ba condos that feel like home. Walk to beach, nightclubs and more.  
**Howard Johnson Hotel:** Close to the beach. Comfortable and economical. Save money for beer.

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### BUS RATES

Friday night departures available from most school area cities.

Departures from: **Round Trip Price**

Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio **\$119 per person**

Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa **\$99 per person**

Not all properties available at these rates.

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PROPERTY CHOICE	OCCUPANCY	7 NIGHTS
Villas Marlin	3/condo	\$629
1 bdrm. condo	2/condo	\$739
Villas Marlin	5, 7 or 9/condo	\$389
2.3 or 1 bdrm condos	4, 6 or 8/condo	\$629
	1/1 bdrm	\$369
	1/1 bdrm	\$399
Salvia Condominiums	4/suite	\$369
	3/suite	\$619
	2/suite	\$729
2 Bedroom	5/room	\$599
Super Deluxe Condominium	4/room	\$669
	3/room	\$719
	2/room	\$839
Beach Superior Kin Ha	0 or 6/suite w/kitchen	\$609
1 or 2 bdrm condos	9 or 5/suite w/kitchen	\$639
	8 or 4/suite w/kitchen	\$719
	7 or 3/suite w/kitchen	\$819
Beach Moderate	5/room	\$539
Imperial Las Perlas Club Verano Beat*	4/room	\$559
	3/room	\$619
Beach Superior Costa Real - Kin Ha	4/room	\$579
Cancun Plaza	3/room	\$639
	2/room	\$769
Standard Hotels Downtown Kokoi* (Howard Johnson)	4/room	\$399
	3/room	\$459
Maria de Lourdes	2/room	\$509
Laguna Inn	4/room	\$199
Laguna Real	3/room	\$519
Cancun Marina Club*	2/room	\$629
Beach Superior Deluxe Oasis Casa Maya	4/room	\$679
	3/room	\$769
Sunset Pyramids	2/room	\$1039
Beach Luxury The Best	4/room	\$729
Cancun Palace	3/room	\$839
Hyatt Regency	2/room	\$1069
Air Only	per person	\$39

**BEACHFRONT CONDOS w/KITCHEN**

**HOTELS**

**Package Includes:** Air fare, 7 nights lodging, resort tax, transfer to your hotel, parties and other extras.

**Prices in grid are based on departures from:** St. Louis, Louisville, \$15 (week only) and Orlando.

**Additional cities:** Add \$20 Kansas City and Indianapolis; Add \$30 Detroit and Des Moines; Add \$40 Richmond, Columbus, Raleigh, Norfolk, Dallas, Houston and Atlanta; Add \$50 Chicago, Milwaukee, Charlotte and Cleveland; Add \$60 Memphis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Denver and Phoenix; Add \$100 San Francisco.

**Peak Weeks:** \$2,097 departures add \$30 per person. 3/29/97 Detroit departures add \$30 per person.

**Other Properties:** Avenida Esplanada Antilla, Plaza Caribe, California, Florida Plaza, Cancun, Casa Maya, Casa Luperon, Club Internacional, Club La Palis, Metro Beach, Casa Paloma, Plaza Para Dos, Plaza Dos Playas, El Palacio, Fiesta Americana, Frangipani, Grand Palms, Hotel Marlin, Kin Ha, Kin Ha West, Maya, Miramar, Ocean, Oceanfront.

**Notes:** All ground accommodations and services are provided by Student Express, Inc. on behalf of the respective supplier. All air transportation is via public charter flights of Vacation Travel Int'l, Inc. (VTA, RAR, RPI, RPL, Transglobal (TG), Vacation Express (VE), Tour Express (TE), Sun Trips (ST), or Fun Vacations (FV) operated by Sun Country, American Trans Air, Paradise Air, Vacation Air, Allegiant, Airwest, Mesa Air, or Sun Pacific International, depending on originating city and date. Terms and conditions of air transportation are stated in the VT, RR, TG, VE, TE, ST or FV tour participant agreement (TPA), as applicable, see TPA for full information. VT, RR, TG, VE, TE, ST or FV as applicable, is required to replace the portion of your payment applicable to air transportation in a public charter service account. The portion of your payment applicable to ground accommodations and services and not subject to requirement, except in instances where VT, RR, TG, VE, TE, ST or FV supplies all air and ground components of the package being purchased.

# MAZATLAN PRICES

Economy: Hotel De Cima	OCCUPANCY	6	5	4	3	2
This hotel is located across the street from the beach. Amenities include air conditioning, satellite T.V., telephone, and pool. A great price! Restaurant and bar on site.	Hotel Room			\$339	\$379	\$429
<b>Moderate: Days Inn-Don Pelayo/Amigo Plaza</b> These hotels are side by side and just across the street from the beach. Amenities include air conditioning, satellite T.V., telephone, and pool. All suites at Days Inn are oceanview, and have refrigerators. Amigo Plaza - hotel rooms only. Bars and restaurants at each hotel. Aquamarina available on 3/22 for quads and triples only. Rates slightly higher.	Suite	\$375	\$385	\$395	\$415	\$489
<b>Moderate: Las Palmas</b> Located less than 2 blocks from beach in heart of golden zone. Amenities include air conditioning, satellite T.V., telephone, and pool. 2 bars, and restaurant.	Hotel Room			\$375	\$395	\$469
<b>Beachfront Quality: Oceano Palace/Las Flores</b> Located directly on the beach. Amenities include air conditioning, satellite T.V., telephone, pool. Suites at Las Flores include kitchenettes. Bars and restaurants at each hotel.	Suites Las Flores			\$489	\$519	\$599
	Hotel Rooms Oceano Palace Los Flores			\$425	\$459	\$559
<b>Beachfront Deluxe: El Cid Castilla Beach</b> Located directly on the beach. Amenities include air conditioning, satellite T.V., telephone, pools and many beachview balconies. Mega resort with many bars, restaurants, pools etc.	Hotel Room			\$519	\$569	\$679

**Package Includes:** Air Fare, 7 Nights Lodging, Resort Tax, Transfer to your Hotel, Parties and other extras.

**Prices in grid are based on departures from Phoenix - Additional cities:** Add \$10 Denver; \$30 Kan. City; Mo.; \$50 St. Louis; Mo.; \$100 Chicago, Ill. & Minneapolis, Mn.

**Peak Weeks:** Add \$30 per person for ALL departures for 3-22-97 weekend.

**Not Included:** US/Mexico departure tax; Fees \$44 per person and Corona Beach Club. No room telephones.

**Beachfront Moderate (Some rooms w/Kitchenette):** Include: Imperial Las Perlas/Club Verano Beat, a great deal close to La Boom and Fat Tuesdays; Salvia Condominiums, the best location on the Caribbean beach directly across from Dady's & Party Center. Pre-paid, refundable damage deposit of \$50 per person required for Salvia Condos. \*Club Verano Beat add \$10.

**Beach Superior:** Properties include: Cancun Plaza on the Caribbean beach near the new Aqua World complex; Kin Ha Condos, one of the best properties in Cancun, walk to everything; Costa Real, on the Gulf beach right across from La Boom. Amenities feature pools, restaurants, bars, telephones, air conditioning and color TV. \*Costa Real add \$40 \*\*Kin Ha add \$30

**Beach Superior Deluxe:** Properties include: Oasis, a super hot spot (with special terms, ask your reservations agent); Royal Resort, a condominium property w/full kitchens & Casa Maya, both on the beautiful golf beach across from Carlos-n-Charles'; Pyramids at the Sheraton, best location and a great property near all walking distance to the Party Center.

**Beach Luxury 'The Best':** Properties include: Cancun Palace, Hyatt Regency and more. These are the best in Cancun with great beachfront locations, color TV, telephones, pools, restaurants, bars, swim-up bars plus much more.

**Cancun's Properties**

**Villas Marlin Condominiums-Deluxe Beachfront w/kitchens:** This beachfront condo property is located in the hotel zone on the Caribbean beach with completely equipped kitchens, air conditioning, satellite color TV, restaurant, three ocean front pools and swim up bar. Daily maid service. 1, 2, 3 and 4 bedroom condos available for up to 10 persons. Located near Sheraton

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