



The vitals

SGA elections

The following are some of the results from this year's Student Government Association elections:

1,904
Number of total votes for the presidential and vice presidential candidates.

1,651
Number of total votes in last year's presidential and vice presidential candidates.

51.4
Percentage of the vote carried by Jimmy Glenn and Whitney Speaker.

31.5
Percentage of the vote carried by Carrie Feigel and Josh Knipp.

16.3
Percentage of the vote carried by Cartwright Stephens and Joe Schleggenburger.

.6
Percentage of the vote carried by write-in candidates.

793
Number of votes Glenn received last year in the senator at large race.

13
Number of votes for write-in candidates.

14
Number of precincts reporting for the elections.

2
Number of days allotted for students to vote for SGA officers.

818
Number of votes for Senator at large candidate Lysnie Gaddis.

1,975
Total votes in this year's elections.

1,775
Total votes in last year's elections.

6
Date of this month when all claims against candidates are due in the SGA office.

1
Number of votes architecture senator Meghan Camfield received.

Source: 1999 election results

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo
Feelin' hot hot hot. Cloudy for part of the weekend; showers expected on Sunday and Monday.

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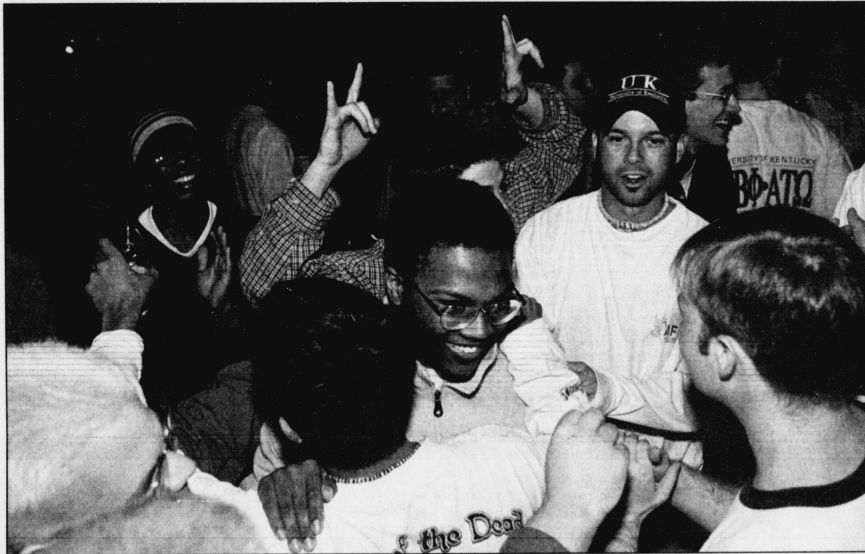
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THE VICTORS

A Jimmy thing

Glenn, Speaker take the chops to presidential election, seal a victory



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Presidential candidate Jimmy Glenn hugged some of his supporters last night after he was elected president of the Student Government Association. It was a family affair for Glenn, whose sister, Kimberly, came in second place last year to then-rival Nate Brown.

New man at the helm: Winner calls students' voice 'powerful' in elections

By Jill Gorin
SGA WRITER

Jimmy Glenn and his friends were bowing their heads, closing their eyes and gripping their hands when his name was announced as the new president of the Student Government Association for the 1999-2000 school year.

"You realize how powerful the students' voice is," Glenn said after he won, "when it comes down to that last few seconds before the announcement. That's when it really hits home."

Glenn's first move as the new president? He ran over and hugged his mom and dad, dressed in their UK

sweatshirts. Then, he was tackled by several of his friends.

"We did last minute campaigning today," he said. "A lot of students said they were happy we reminded them to vote."

The new vice president, Whitney Speaker, said she was delighted with the results — and glad the election was over.

"I can't wait to get started," she said. "I'm thrilled that it's starting ... all at the same time."

Glenn's first presidential speech seemed to leave him speechless.

"I thought for a long

time about what to say if I won," he said, "and now I don't remember any of it."

He said he wanted to credit the voters for his success, and pointed out that his candidacy was genuine.

"I do want to thank the students," he said. "Everything we said came from the bottom of our heart."

Before the election, Glenn was fairly relaxed. "I have a few pre-announcement butterflies, but that's to be expected," he said. "We're just glad the students were responsive to our ideas."

Glenn said he wants to start his year as president off right.

"We're going to continue talking with student organizations," he said. "I'm going to sit down and talk to the Senate from day one to make sure we're all on the same

page." Some winning senators didn't do as much work as Glenn to get the office, but were just as excited.

"I was a write-in candidate," said Nathan Neltner, a new senator at large. "I didn't do any campaigning though ... I just knew a lot of people and asked for their vote."

"I thought I would get more than eight votes," he said, laughing, "but that got the job done."

A former senator at large did not spend her time making signs either. "I know a lot of people," said Rachel Bomberger, College of Nursing senator. "Everyone in my college knows me and knew that I was running, so it was pretty simple."

A member of the Freshman Representative Council last year, Bryan Wilson opted

for senator at large this year. "I didn't do much campaigning," Wilson said. "I run track, am a member of FCA and Phi Kappa Psi, so it wasn't that hard."

Elections officials said the process ran fairly smooth.

"It was a very, very clear election," said Joe Schuler, chairman of the Elections Board of Supervision. "We only had a few minor problems."

A few of the booths didn't open on time on Wednesday, the first day of voting, but that was it, Schuler said. Students have until 4 p.m. next Tuesday, April 6, to file a claim against any candidate in the election who they believe broke any rules in the election.

Complaints can be filed in the SGA office in 120 Student Center.

The margin



Glenn
980



Feigel
600



Speaker
311



I'm thrilled that it's over and I'm thrilled that it's starting."

— Whitney Speaker, vice president-elect

FACE OF THE SENATE

Gaddis tops the list

Eight tie, twins win and Brown is back again for the SGA Senate that will take student body into new millennium

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

Victory, defeat, an eight-way tie and election for one candidate into two different senate seats is what the '99-'00 SGA Senate race was all about.

Fifteen senators at large and 18 college senators were elected.

"I think that it's going to be a successful year for the Senate, since there was such a big number of great candidates to choose from," said Nate Brown, current SGA president.

Brown was elected as a Graduate School senator in an eight-way tie for the position. Among those Brown tied with

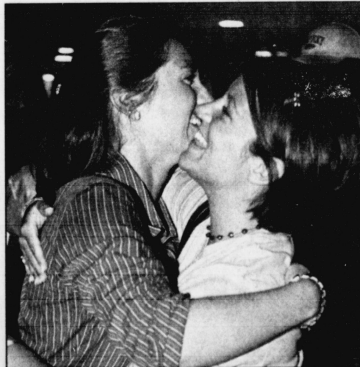
were the next SGA president's father, James Glenn Jr. Each of the eight received one write-in vote.

The winners attributed their success to going out and speaking with students and covering the campus with posters. Twin sisters Jacquelynn Russell, a journalism freshman, and Victoria Russell, a marketing management freshman were elected as senators at-large.

They attributed their election to last year's successful freshman senate campaign called "Twin Power," which they used again this year.

Victoria said she would like to incor-

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Vice president-elect Whitney Speaker (left) congratulated Lysnie Gaddis, who was the top vote-getter in the senator at large race.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Attacks close in on Serb forces

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO used air assaults yesterday to tighten a ring around Yugoslav forces in Kosovo, where Serbs were packing masses of ethnic Albanians into refugee trains so tightly that at least two people died. Allied attacks destroyed a bridge over the Danube River and struck at Yugoslav military units in Kosovo as the NATO campaign to halt the Serb eradication of ethnic Albanians reached its ninth day. A Vatican envoy traveled to Belgrade to try to end the air strikes, but the Western alliance said the bombardment would proceed as long as necessary. NATO officials contend the Serbs are trying to forever alter the ethnic makeup of Kosovo.

We will hold him and his government responsible for their safety and their well-being."

President Bill Clinton, to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Clinton to Milosevic: Free the soldiers

WASHINGTON — President Clinton pledged yesterday that the United States will do everything in its power to gain the return of three Army soldiers captured near the Yugoslav-Macedonia border. He warned Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that "the United States takes care of its own. President Milosevic should make no mistake. We will hold him and his government responsible for their safety and their well-being." Clinton told service members at Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia. Shortly before Clinton spoke, Yugoslav television announced that the three soldiers would face criminal proceedings before a military court tomorrow.

Scrutiny of Bush's past growing

AUSTIN, Texas — Gov. George W. Bush's creation of a presidential exploratory committee is setting off an exploration of his past behavior as well as his political prospects. Combined with the attention being paid to his tendency to duck hot issues, the focus on Bush's boisterous youth shows he's considered fair game, analysts say. But so far, not much more has emerged from the media scrutiny than a breakup with a fiancée 30 years ago. Bush has acknowledged doing "some irresponsible things when I was young and irresponsible," but has not been more specific, except to say he used to drink too much.

Spring blizzard hits Dakotas

BISMARCK, N.D. — April roared in like a lion yesterday as a winter storm blanketed parts of the northern Plains with more than a foot of snow. Winter-like precautions were in effect with many school closings, and travel warnings alerting drivers to icy roads and poor visibility. Last week, temperatures soared into the '70s in some parts of the region.

CDC: Anti-smoking campaign works

ATLANTA — Smoking among middle-school students in Florida dropped 19 percent since the state launched an aggressive anti-tobacco campaign aimed at children, the federal government reported yesterday. The decline, the largest among U.S. youth since 1980, could indicate that the prevalence of teen smoking has peaked, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Compiled from wire reports.



A LIKABLE GUY: The new Craig Kilborn-hosted version of CBS' "The Late Late Show" got off to a solid start in the ratings Tuesday, attracting a slew of new young male viewers to the network's late-night lineup even as older viewers fled.



NEW MOM: Dolly the sheep, the first cloned mammal, gave birth to healthy triplets conceived the old-fashioned way. Dolly gave birth yesterday to two males and one female lamb. "We are delighted," said Dr. Harry Griffin, assistant director of the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, Scotland. The institute says Dolly's pregnancies show that despite her unusual origins, she is able to breed normally.

IN DEFEAT

Disappointed but proud

Runners-up lament the loss, say they did best they could in this year's campaigns

By Lisa Gentry
STAFF WRITER

Before the announcement of the winners, presidential candidate Cartwright Stephens was decked out in his suit and Campbell's Soup tie waiting anxiously for the results.

"Everything's already finished, so we're just waiting for the decision," said the communications junior.

Carrie Feigel, also a presidential candidate, stood with a group of friends and waited patiently for the announcement.

Then it came. "I'm just really glad it's over," Feigel said. "It was a hard fought campaign by everyone."

Once the results were announced, a large group of cheers and shouts erupted from the Free Speech Area near the Student Center.

And then there were a few sighs and looks of disbelief. As Joe Schuler, chairman of the Elections Board of Supervision announced Jimmy Glenn as the new president of the Student Government Association, Feigel and Stephens' dreams of becoming president ended.

"We ran a good honest race and we worked really hard," said Feigel, who noted that SGA has been a wonderful experience and it will be in good hands with Glenn as president.

Kerri Beth Cook, one of Feigel's supporters, said she was surprised with the results, but wished Jimmy the best of luck.

Josh Knipp, Feigel's running mate, also thought they ran a great campaign. "Obviously, the students chose who they wanted," Knipp said.

Feigel supporter Trevor Sanders, French and History junior, was upset about the turnout of the race.

"I felt (Carrie and Josh) were the most qualified candidates and they were the most realistic about their goals," said Sanders after the results were announced.

Looking back, Knipp wished he and Feigel had a little more help.

Although the loss was hard to swallow, Knipp said he felt a sense of liberation. "This will be the first time I haven't had anything to do."

Stephens and his running mate, communications junior Joe Schneggenburger, also thought they did everything they could.

"I think we raised a lot of issues, and we forced the other candidates to take on what we had to say," Stephens said.

Stephens said he thought they instilled a lot of new ideas in students' heads, and if they had to do it over, they wouldn't change a thing.

Schneggenburger, who ran for vice president last year, thought he and Stephens ran a honest race and promised students what the candidates knew they could get done.

"We never said things just to get votes," he said.

SENATORS

Continued from page 1

porate a level of difficulty ranking into teacher evaluations to publish in schedule books.

"That way, students can see how hard a class is, and they won't schedule all hard classes in a semester," she said.

Jacquelynn is working with current senator at large Keisha Carter to obtain a crosswalk on Limestone Street in front of Holmes Hall, where sociology senior Stanley McGowan was killed earlier this semester.

Carter was re-elected as senator at large and also elected as a write-in for the College of Arts and Sciences. Joe Schuler, head of the Elections Board of Supervision, said she will only be able to accept one position.

"I'm leaving it up to suspense," Carter said.

The runner-up in votes for the post vacated by Carter will be chosen to fill in, Schuler said.

"There are so many things to do," Carter said. One of her main concerns is to improve the relationship between students and the neighborhoods surrounding UK, she said.

Elected senators have a variety of goals they want to accomplish next year.

Sarah Todd, a natural resource conservation sophomore, said she wants to decrease the amount of waste generated by Food Services.

"It's a platform I ran on and one of my main concerns," she said.

Many elected senators have an agenda related to the school they were elected to represent.

Amber Gatlin, a social work junior, said she wants to get reimbursements for social work students who are required to put in 40 hours of volunteer work.

"Many social work students are single moms who have children and they have to give up work," she said. "The university could help with childcare or provide kickbacks."

Wael Ahmed wants the College of Law to benefit from his mentorship, but has a goal unrelated to his school.

"I want to bring more attention to our international students."

BEST OF UK BALLOT

Best free event on campus:	Best health club:	Best place for live music:
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Best classroom:	Best clothing store (men):	Best place to dance:
Best place to study:	Best hotel in Lexington:	Best pool tables:
Best place to people watch:	Best grocery store:	Best local news cast:
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Best show in syndication:	Best student organization:	Address: _____
Best tanning salon:	Best "late night" restaurant:	Phone: _____
Best alternative or vintage store:	Best barbecue restaurant:	<p>UK students, drop your completed ballot in the collection boxes at these campus locations by April 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbies of Kirwin and Blanding Tower, Haggin, Blazer, Donovan and Holmes Halls • The Classroom Building • The Student Center <p>Or enter on-line at: www.kykernel.com</p> <p>Ballot must be completely filled out to be registered for the Grand Prize of: Two Lower Arena Student Tickets to all of UK's Home Basketball Games Next Season*</p> <p>*Must be a full time student</p> <p>Keep watching for further details. KENTUCKY KERNEL</p>
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Best radio station:	Best hamburger:	
Best place to meet people:	Best Italian food:	
Best place to go on a first date:	Best Mexican food:	
Best Women's sport:	Best Chinese food:	
Best Men's sport:	Best restaurant in Lexington:	
Best Bar to watch sports games:	Best brand of beer:	
Best video store:	Best bar in Lexington:	

BASEBALL



UK will look to get the bats going in a Southeastern Conference series with Georgia this weekend at Cliff Hagan Stadium.

HOBE HILER | KERNEL STAFF

Weekend showdown

The UK baseball team takes on Georgia with conference standings, momentum on the line

By Matt May
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

It's time. Foundering with twice as many losses as wins, it's time for the UK baseball team to make its move, much like last year, when it won four of its last five Southeastern Conference weekend series to earn a spot in the SEC Tournament.

Now, as conference play hits full stride, the Cats must begin to cash in on the bevy of talent it possesses. The signs have been there recently, as UK has made several impressive comebacks only to come up short in the end.

The reason? The charges have started too late. If you have to play from behind and make a comeback, you have to

start earlier than the eighth or ninth inning, as UK Head Coach Keith Madison said after the Cats' 9-8 loss to Eastern Kentucky on Tuesday.

Now sitting at 2-7 in the conference and 8-16 overall, UK must find its groove. So far, when the pitching has been solid, the hitting has disappeared and when the bats are pounding out runs, the pitching has gone south. If the Cats can put both together for a stretch of games, they can again claim a spot in the SEC Tournament, as the top three finishers in each division qualify. With Tennessee, Vanderbilt and this weekend's opponent, Georgia, struggling, the spot is UK's for the taking.

The Bulldogs come into Cliff Hagan Stadium today for a three-game set that should give

the winner a leg-up in the race, as Georgia is only 2-6 in the SEC and 14-13 overall. The Dawgs have played well, but have not been able to post many wins in conference, despite hitting .321 as a team and having a fairly low 4.92 earned run average.

Georgia is led by a trio of big hitters, including freshman Jeff Keppinger, who has a team-leading .411 average, with five home runs and 16 runs batted in. Juniors Brian Rainwater (.395, 10 doubles, six homers and 31 RBI) and Josh Hudson (.336 and 17 RBI) have also been solid at the plate.

The Bulldog pitching staff is headed by seniors Cliff Brand and Barry Fowler, who both have ERAs under 3.40 and have a combined five wins. The bullpen starts and ends with sophomore Kyle Goodson, who is 4-2 with a 4.03 ERA.

UK has also had several players step up, both on the

mound and at the plate, but have struggled as a team, hitting only .278 and putting up an ERA of 6.43.

Junior outfielder Breck Price is hitting .351, with seven homers and 20 RBI, while sophomore John Wilson is close behind at .340, with 10 homers and 22 RBI, but top returnees Aaron McLone and Andy Green have not gotten off to the starts that were expected of them, though, they could turn that around quickly.

The pitching staff has received decent starts from Brandon Webb, Ben Shaffar and Nathan Kent, but have fallen victim to a bullpen that has given up some late leads.

For UK to get back on track, the bullpen will need to plug the holes and the hitting become more timely, but as last year showed, don't think it can't happen. The Cats have a tendency to know when it's time.

BIG BUSINESS

Couch gives fans reason to cringe

Former star displays type of selfish attitude that is destroying today's sports landscape



Matt May
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

where business has become the prevailing theme, not playing and entertaining. Athletes want money, and a lot of it. They don't want to wait out the four years in college to improve physically and mentally. Those who are ready to move on are rarely criticized, but in cases of high-profile collegiate athletes like Couch, we forget all the dealings that go on behind the scenes.

Leaving names out, Couch and his family entourage told a certain agent he was their man. The agent, who had been in daily communication with Couch since October (yes, that was during the season), believed he had landed his biggest college player since he represented Brian Bosworth. With dinner meetings and phone calls, the agent had solidified his place as Couch's man, essentially stealing Couch from quarterback

super-agent Leigh Steinberg through hard work and determination. The agent even got ahold of Couch's cell phone, to which Couch answered, "I'll have to call you back, I'm taking a test."

But in an eerie reversal of the norm, life imitated cinema, as during the Heisman Trophy ceremonies in New York City the Couch contingent began negotiations with the conglomerate IMG, which is based in Cleveland (another coincidence?) while the agent was in his room asleep. But Couch told him not to worry, he was his man, and said, "I'm a country boy, my word is my bond."

Couch has a weak bond, because to make a long story short, Couch dumped the agent for IMG after the company arranged dinners with National Football League legend Joe Montana. Couch's boyhood idol, and gave Couch's brother an office at IMG.

Yes, this is one side of the story, but Couch doesn't deny he thought the original agent

was his man. The sad thing is that loyalties mean nothing in the money-driven world of sports. Couch related to family pressure in the end and drove a stake through the heart of a single agent.

You can't fault Couch for wanting to make the most money he can, he can only play for so long and a life back in Hyden is only a blown knee away. But much is expected of heroes and is in Kentucky and may soon be nationwide. He will have a responsibility to set an example for kids and other college athletes alike.

It doesn't surprise anyone that Couch, or any other big-name collegiate athlete, has had dealings with agents before they declare for the draft, and who knows if he did anything illegal or not. The issue is trust, loyalty and being a role model. Hopefully, Couch learned from this and will avoid situations where he can be portrayed as the bad guy in the future, no matter if he is or isn't.

COACHING CAROUSEL

Questions surround coach's exit

Missouri's Norm Stewart steps down as head coach, but people wonder if he was forced out

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Norm Stewart left Thursday after 32 seasons as Missouri basketball coach, and insisted it was his idea.

Stewart, 64, said the inspiration came during a game at Kansas in January and a familiar chant from Jayhawks fans, "Sit down, Norm" took on a different meaning.

"I said to myself that day, 'I

think I will,'" said Stewart. Who will serve the final four years of his contract as a special assistant to the school's chancellor.

Athletic Director Mike Alden, who has been at the school only eight months, said he didn't push Stewart out, as had been speculated. Alden said he was "shocked" when the coach brought it up for the first time March 15 during what he thought would be a

typical end-of-season review. He said Stewart reiterated his desire to retire from coaching the next day.

"I asked him, are you sure?" Alden said. "He said he had decided what he wanted to do."

Then again, players were shocked Wednesday when Stewart broke the news to them.

"I was getting ready for class and my mom called me and she was like 'Tell me the scoop, tell me the scoop,'" sophomore forward Johnnie Parker said.

Stewart leaves the pro-

gram in good shape, with three starters back and two others with significant experience. That's a big change from his arrival in 1967, when Missouri had won six out of 49 games the previous two seasons.

"When I got here there wasn't much springboard," Stewart said. "There wasn't any pool, there wasn't any water. If you jumped in, you had problems. There's a better springboard now."

Stewart's Missouri teams twice made it to the final eight, in 1976 and 1994, but never to the Final Four.

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SATURDAY 4/3

SPECIAL EVENTS
*UK Wild Water Cats Club Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 123 Seaton Center
*BIRTHDAYS
*Duke Ellington-- The Sacred Music-- Kentucky Repertory Jazz Orchestra, 8pm, Singletary Center
*Senior Euphonium Recital featuring Ryan Akers, 8pm, Singletary Center
*Picnic presented by UK Theatre Dept., 5pm, Briggs Theatre, tickets \$7 Students, \$9 Seniors, \$11 General Admission, call 257-4929

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Crisis in Kosovo

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Three U.S. soldiers who were captured and shown on Yugoslav TV with abrasions on their faces will be put on trial before a military court Friday, the state news agency said.

In Washington, the United States reacted with outrage. Any trial "would be in violation of international law," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said yesterday. "Such a trial is obviously ridiculous." The Tanjug report said an authorized military court would conduct the trial of the three soldiers, but it was unclear if the proceedings meant a full trial would begin immediately or simply that the military court proceedings would start.

There is no basis for the men being detained or to face what he called "some phony trial," Rubin said at a Washington news conference. "The fact is it was illegal for them to be abducted," he said.

Prisoner politics

"We don't like the way they're treated, and we have a long memory about these kinds of things."

— Gen. Wesley Clark, NATO's supreme commander, after seeing the three U.S. soldiers on Yugoslav TV.

"They will be treated with the full respect of all international conventions concerning prisoners of war."

— Vuk Draskovic, Yugoslavia's Deputy Prime Minister, about the treatment and suspected abuse of the captured soldiers.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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Include your name and major classification (for publication), as well as your address and telephone number for verification.

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

We are not all ugly, stupid, arrogant, proud American twits

To the editor:

Charlotte, Charlotte, Charlotte. Hold on, mon a mi. You seem to have a problem with the Kernel. That's fine with me. But what was the deal with your attack on American society? OK, so sometimes I watch "Friends," and if I saw the Monica issue of *Playboy* on my buddy's coffee table, I'd pick it up. But I can be diverse, too.

I go outside. I put cheese on my hamburgers. I'm more concerned about my neighbor than her car. Often times, I drink imported beer. I celebrated St. Patrick's Day. And I rooted against Brazil in the World Cup finals.

And while I agree current events from all portions of the world that entered my mind after reading this ignorant article were, "go home."

I do not appreciate those who use my country for its resources, such as its economic and education opportunities and then put down the things they are taking advantage of.

We may seem obsessed with material possessions and arrogant

things in life, someone has to be the best. Who else would it be? I'll be frank. If Americans were really neither intelligent nor diverse, as you would have us believe, then I guarantee you would have stayed in France. Isn't that right?

JASON WEBB

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING JUNIOR

What's wrong with talking about things we love?

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Charlotte Boehm's letter to the editor concerning the "lack of diversity in (the) Kernel." The first two words that entered my mind after reading this ignorant article were, "go home."

I do not appreciate those who use my country for its resources, such as its economic and education opportunities and then put down the things they are taking advantage of.

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by nature. Maybe we are to an extent. But if this is true, it is only because we know how to have fun and allow ourselves to do so. At the same time, we educate ourselves and have somehow managed to rise to being the most powerful nation in the world.

The Kernel does in fact print articles on issues such as gay fraternities and Monica and Bill, and it often has more coverage on the men's basketball team than the other sports here at the University. The fact is, these are real issues and problems. Is it a crime to look at all types of issues rather than simply adhering to the "politically correct" mainstream of ideas? The concept of gay fraternities is an important one around this campus that needs to be addressed. The Bill and Monica scandal is something that cannot be ignored. And as for the men's basketball team, they deserved the extra attention. Realize that it was recently basketball season, and our men's team lacked one win to make it to this year's Final Four.

Maybe you think being so focused on sports is narrow-minded. But because you are from France, I understand that. Excelling in sports is just one more thing you don't do better than us.

If you are not proud to live here, go back to the country that, for whatever reason, you are proud to be a citizen of.

Only those who are grateful to have the freedom Americans have deserve to take part in what this country has to offer.

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Advice from one who's been there, done that

I heard a song on the radio the other day, the one that gives advice to the class of '99. I listened to it carefully and thought what a bunch of crap it was. I don't know if that song was meant to be taken seriously or not, so I figured if this schmuck could do it, why couldn't I, the alpha male? Let's refer to them as Joellisms!

Life is unfair; it always has been, it always will be, deal with it.

There will always be someone you do not like. For whatever reason, if you get the chance, kick their ass. It will make you feel better.

Do whatever you want to do when you want to do it. You may never get another chance to do it again.

Always remember your first love, it may be the last one of your life.

Listen to your parental units, they know what they are talking about, they've been there before!

Ladies, don't ever believe what a guy says to you in a bar. They only want to get in your pants.

Guys, it never fails, as soon as you get a girlfriend, every woman wants you. I guess if you are deemed worthy by one, it's good enough for the rest of them.

No matter how many beds you've slept in, the most comfortable one is still in your old room at your parents' house.

Do not follow fashion trends. That's

why they're called trends. Make your own unique style, it never fades.

Your first friends are usually the best ones.

Never remain friends with someone you have slept with. Do not ask why, just trust me on this one.

Ladies, take some advice about men: We are opinionated, egotistical and possessive, while also gentle and caring. You will never find a man who is not!

Listen to what you want, but remember that Kiss is the greatest band on the face of the planet!

To all the tree-huggers out there, step away from the pipe and come into reality, you will never make a difference!

It doesn't matter which religion you follow, but we all pray to the same god, even if he has a different name.

Diplomacy is a noble skill to possess, but there will always be a time to tell a person how or what you are really feeling and thinking.

You get the picture here. I didn't really make any of this stuff up, it is how I see reality. You may have a different perception as will most, but there are truths to all of these (except for the Kiss thing). Remember to live in to the fullest and do whatever makes you happy. To all of the graduating seniors, heed my words, they may save your life someday!

Does marriage make people prisoners?



Beverly Spitzer
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

I'm thinking of starting a business titled "Rent-a-Bridesmaid." After all, if I'm spending all my salary buying dresses that make me look like a Day-Glo iced cupcake, I have to recoup my losses somehow. My experience will come in handy. I promise to walk down the aisle sedately, smile at my assigned escort graciously, and not outshine the bride. As an added feature, I can talk a hysterically nervous bride out of jilting a fellow at the altar.

You may need to pay someone to fill in at the last minute. You, too, may have a bridesmaid abruptly drop out, offended because your fiancé turned down her offer to sleep with him.

Over the years, I've discovered that the most obnoxious thing about being a bridesmaid (besides the shiny dresses) is the guests' constant query, "So, when are you getting married?" When I was the maid of honor at my younger sister's wedding, I got so annoyed at the pitying looks that accompanied the question. Eventually, I started snapping. "Gee, I left my crystal ball at home."

All of my single acquaintances darkly predict that once a pal gets married, you start seeing her picture on milk cartons. It's true that tracking down a newlywed friend can be difficult, even after she starts spending some time out of bed.

She's always shopping for the house with her husband. In the evenings, she hosts dinners — exclusively for married couples. Even when you do see her, it's a package deal. Forget a private discussion. You can't even have a decent post-breakup, man-bashing session, because one of the pigs is in the room.

So the discussion usually centers on what's of interest in her life, like how much poo little Jordan made that day.

Even the discussions with some of my single friends are changing. Last summer, long before my now-engaged friend Ise was even contemplating marriage, we found ourselves slipping into disquietingly mature topics, like the advantages of a house vs. a condo and what religion we'll raise our future kids as. It wasn't long before one of us would shriek with terror and hastily change the subject to our accustomed topics: sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

Luckily, I found a group of single friends here in town who enjoy typical female twenty-something activities. As well as talking about relationships and entry-level jobs, we go to the theater, play trivia games at restaurants and watch movies. One of our male friends dropped by during one of our chick-flick nights and stared at the video boxes scattered on the floor. We had rented *Beaches*, *The Truth About Cats and Dogs* and an Indigo Girls tape.

He whimpered, "I can feel myself shrinking!"



PHOTOS FURNISHED

Toni Tennille plays both Victor and Victoria in the touring production of *Victor/Victoria*. The same show spawned a movie by the same name with Broadway veteran Julie Andrews in the lead role.

THEATER REVIEW

Gender jumping

It's a man-man baby: Story of a woman playing a man playing a woman comes to area

By Matthew T. Patton
STAFF CRITIC

It was a night of gender-bending fun. No, I'm not talking about a night down at The Bar or Club 141. It was a little ways up the road in Cincinnati where I found this drag show.

And the drag queen was Victoria Grant. She performed most beautifully as a woman. This must have something to do with the fact that Victor really is a woman. Is your mind bent now?

Victor/Victoria is the story of Victoria Grant, played by Grammy-award winner Toni Tennille of the famed The Captain and Tennille.

The play was written by Blake Edwards, directed by Mark S. Hoebbe and choreographed by Dan Mojica. The musical score is composed by the late Henry Mancini, with lyrics by Leslie Bricusse and additional material by Frank Wildhorn.

Set in 1934, Victoria has fallen on hard times and finds herself broke and down on her luck in a gay bar in Paris.

Later that night, she befriends Carroll Todd (Jamie Ross), called Toddy, who invites her to his flat for a warm, comfortable place to stay. Toddy is employed as the resident performer at the nightclub, Chez

Lui, owned by Henri Labisse. While performing, Toddy insults a group of customers, which includes his ex-boyfriend, Richard.

When Richard returns to Toddy's flat to get his things, he confuses the visitor, Victoria, as a man.

Toddy realizes Victoria has talent, and he convinces her to headline at Paris' finest cabaret as a man impersonating a woman. Toddy dreams up Count Victor Grazinsky, a gay Polish aristocrat and Toddy's new lover.

Toddy drags the reluctant Victoria dressed as man to meet Andre Cassell, Paris' leading impresario, who is skeptical about the Count, until he hears "him" hit a glass-shattering G-flat. Tenille's vocal talents were expressed in "Le Jazz Hot," which introduced Victor to Paris cafe society.

The only doubter in the audience is an American businessman/gangster, King Marchan, who is visiting Paris with his ditzy girlfriend, Norma from Chicago. King Marchan is enchanted and mystified by Victoria, who he believes is a woman, but what if she's a man?

Most of the show deals with how King would discover whether his new found love was

indeed a man or woman; or if maybe King had gay tendencies.

King sends Norma back to Chicago, where she tells King's gangster partner, Sal Andreotti, that King has dumped her for another man. Sal is astonished and goes to Paris.

The show was reminiscent of the Shakespearean comedy found in *Much Ado About Nothing* mixed with "The Three Stooges." Witty slapstick comedy, brilliant timing, hiding under beds, sneaking into hotel rooms and sneaking out mere seconds before the room's inhabitants return, the actors kept the audience laughing.

The set was majestic. The entire hotel scene moved from the rear of the stage to the front, complete with two rooms and two sets of stairs leading to the second floor.

"Le Jazz Hot" and "If I Were a Man" are basically the only two redeeming songs of the show, which lacked any sort of unifying theme or goal other than acceptance. This is not to say that the music was not good, perhaps just not memorable.

Victor/Victoria plays at the Aronoff Center through April 11 with performances Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., including matinee performances on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets range from \$26.50 to \$55.

Tickets may be ordered from Ticketmaster by calling 257-TICS.

Rating: B

PREVIEW

Fulks to play Lynagh's

Folk singer brings uncompromising attitude to area tonight in support of latest album

By Ben Salmon
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Robbie Fulks' career has taken more twists and turns than the streets of San Francisco.

While attending Columbia University in New York, Fulks paid his dues playing folk music at the same joint that gave Bob Dylan his start.

Tonight, some 20 years later, Robbie Fulks will bring the total package to Lynagh's Music Club.

Fulks dropped out of school in the early '80s, and followed his muse to Chicago, where he joined the Windy City's premier hillbilly-music group, the Special Consensus Bluegrass Band.

Early this decade, Fulks fronted his own nightly vaudeville-type act complete with a pair of go-go dancers called the Trailer Trash Revue.

And the whole time, Fulks taught guitar at Chicago's famed Old Towne School of Folk Music to make ends meet.

In 1993, Fulks moved south to try writing the bland, mindless country music that sells records. His ridiculously prodigious talent, though, equaled

failure in Nashville, and he returned home discouraged.

But it was back in Chicago that he was "discovered" by Rob Miller, and old-time C&W fan who was starting his own record label, Bloodshot Records, as an outlet for the burgeoning "insurgent country" scene in the Second City. Miller signed Fulks immediately, and it was the beginning of a brief but beautiful relationship.

Fulks released one of the best records of 1996 on Bloodshot, *Country Love Songs*. The record, produced by indie guru Steve Albini, was heavy on the traditional country music, and featured instant classics such as "She Took A Lot Of Pills (And Died)," and the alt-country anthem, "Every Kind Of Music But Country."

The next year, Fulks again topped many year-end "Best Of" lists with *South Mouth*, a slightly broader effort that showcased Fulks' maniacal sense of humor and, more tellingly, his pop-music sensibilities in "I Push Right Over."

After recording two full albums of honky-tonk, Fulks had an arsenal of pop songs waiting to be unleashed and, with

Bloodshot's blessing, he jumped to a major label, signing with Geffen Records last year.

With more studio tricks at his command — and more money to throw around — Fulks took his sound in a different direction in 1998, producing an album that was more pop-rock than country.

Let's Kill Saturday Night, Fulks' third record, proved he had the songwriting ability and diversity to play any kind of music he wanted to — and pull it off convincingly.

Saturday Night features crunchy rock 'n' roll, (title track, "She Must Think I Like Poetry") tear-jerking ballads, ("Pretty Little Poison") sparkling, atmospheric power-pop, ("Take Me To The Paradise") and, yeah, even the occasional, quaint country number ("Can't Win For Losing You").

That diversity in styles, infused with Fulks' immense talent, made *Let's Kill Saturday Night* — once again — one of the best and most overlooked albums of the year.

And, it's that diversity and talent — plus a heaping helping of one of the most engaging personalities touring today — that makes Fulks' live show a must-see for music fans.

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