



Word games

'Let Ron effect'

Anagrams - To rearrange words or a group of words to make others, "Let Ron effect" is the anagram for "Left of Center." So maybe it should be affect, but hey, it still is a little weird don't you think? Find your own anagrams at <http://www.wordsmith.org/anagram/>. Here are some:

Dormitory = Dirty Room

Tom Cruise = So I'm Cuter

Elvis = Lives

Clint Eastwood = Old West Action

A Telephone Girl = Repeating "Hello"

David Letterman = Nerd Amid Late TV

Howard Stern = Retard Shown

Mother-in-law = Woman Hitter

The United States Bureau of Fisheries = I Raise the Bass to Feed Us in the Future.

Heavy Rain? = Hire a Navy!

William Clinton = I'm it, an ill clown.

MacDonalds = Clam and Sod

The Country Side = No City Dust Here

Evangelist = Evil's Agent

Statue of Liberty = Built to Stay Free

The United States of America = Attaineth its cause, freedom

Astronomers = Moon starters

Conversation = Voices Rant On

The Great New York Rapid Transit Tunnel = Giant Work in Street, Partly Underneath

Butterfly = Flutter-by

The Hilton = Hint: Hotel

Snooze Alarms = Alas! No More Zs

The Detectives = Detect Thieves

Semolina = Is No Meal

Christmas tree = Search, Set, Trim

A Gentleman = Elegant Man

A Decimal Point = I'm a Dot in Place

New York Times = Monkeys Write

- Source: <http://www.wordsmith.org/anagram/hof.html>; inspired by e-mail

- RON NORTON

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo

Barely touched by the showers yesterday. Weather warming up over the next few days.

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Crazy eyes
Vergos Merlot has a new album full of wanna-be Gothic rock!

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP | KERNEL STAFF

Adam Mowbray, an economics and political science sophomore, contemplated the amount of candy before he entered his guess in the contest in which someone will win a basketball autographed by former NBA star Michael Jordan and used in last year's championship.

Playing with Jordan as simple as 1-2-3

SGA contest will award quality prize to best guesser

By Brandi Belcher
STAFF WRITER

Students who have always wanted something autographed by Michael Jordan now have the opportunity they've been waiting for.

The Student Government Association is holding an estimation contest, in which students pay \$2 to guess how much candy the Tub o' Tooth Decay contains. The person who guesses the closest will win a 1998 NBA Championship basketball autographed by Jordan, said SGA President Nate Brown.

Money collected from the contest will be donated to the Cleveland Home in Versailles, and used to fund a mentoring program for the girls there, he said.

"The house isn't receiving any funding from the state anymore," SGA Sen. Samantha Mullinix said.

The Cleveland Home is a home for girls who were in troubled or abusive relationships with men or their families. The girls are cut off from male contact at the home, said SGA's Fund-raising Coordina-

tor Andrew Howden, who proposed the candy count.

Money raised from the contest will fund a mentoring program to help prepare the girls for real-life situations after they've left the home.

"A male mentoring program with pizza parties, skating - just something in a group atmosphere would help the girls learn to trust and not be afraid of men," said Amanda Whorley, a social work sophomore.

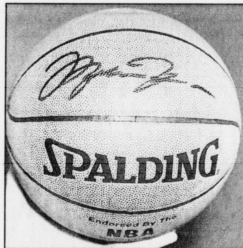
SGA obtained an autographed basketball through Howden's contacts at his job. Howden sent a letter to Jordan explaining the Cleveland Home, and Jordan offered the autographed basketball.

Jordan may match the money donated by students, Brown said.

The basketball is valued at \$4,000. SGA decided on the estimation contest rather than just auctioning off the ball to get more people involved in the project, he said.

"We wanted to give all students the opportunity to contribute to the cause and to win the prize, rather than simply one, wealthy, philanthropic fan," Brown said.

SGA is planning on helping other organizations in the future. They hope to



start a bigger community effort, and get students involved Howden said.

Students can see the tub from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. until March 26 at the UK Student Center patio, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today in the Blazer Hall Courtyard; from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Commons Market; and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 29 on the Student Center patio.

The winner of the contest will be announced at the Student Center March 30.

ACADEMICS

Pharmacy still creme dé la creme

Pulling rank: Law, nursing programs crack top 50 in magazine's college rankings

By Mark Vanderhoff
CAMPUS EDITOR

Three UK colleges are ranked among the best graduate schools in America, according to *U.S. News and World Report's* latest annual education issue.

The College of Law broke into the top 50 in a poll taken this year, while the College of Pharmacy remained third in the nation and the College of Nursing held ground at No. 48.

"It takes hard work, excellent faculty and a first-rate student body," said UK President Charles Wethington. "It's an all-around effort to get some good, positive recognition."

The pharmacy and nursing schools' rankings were done in 1997 and 1998.

Schools of law were

ranked this year, moving UK to 50th place and out of an alphabetical ranking for schools ranked 51st through 90th, said Dean Robert Schwemm.

"We've never exactly known how close we were (to the top 50), but now we're just in it," he said.

The rankings for the nation's 175 accredited law schools use criteria involving admission tests and bar exams, grade-point averages, graduate employment rates, funding and a survey of the schools' reputations, according to the report.

"The law school's excellence in those areas means a lot to university as a whole, said Drusilla Bakert, associate dean of the College of Law.

"If you look, you will not find a top-20 school that does not have a top law school."

Carolyn Williams, dean of the College of Nursing, said the ranking of individual programs is consistent with UK's goal to become a top-20 public research institution.

The College of Nursing wants to go higher, though. "We want to go up and up and up," she said. "It's good, but not good enough."

The better a program is, the more talent and funding it will attract, and that creates value not only for the school, but for the community, she said.

"We're always trying to improve," she said. "We have to recruit excellent faculty, keep productive faculty and enhance the quality of academic life."

The pharmacy school has mastered that concept.

"We have a fairly long history of doing the best job and

having innovative programs," said William Lubawy, dean of the College of Pharmacy.

Schools like the University of Texas-Austin and Southern California, which surpass UK's pharmacy school ranking in the *U.S. News* report, have much higher enrollments than UK, said Carol Guinop, editorial officer for the College of Pharmacy. "And that really says a lot," she said.

UT-Austin ranks 17th among national public universities, according to *U.S. News'* report.

UK's nursing program also keeps company with many larger universities in the top 50, and competes with about 400 other nursing programs.

The colleges of Pharmacy, Law and Nursing are a model for the rest of UK, Wethington said. "We believe that to move to top-20 status, we need to focus on colleges and programs that have been able to receive recognition already."

WATTS CRASH

Owner faces fines in UK case

Jury votes guilty on serving to minors, other charges

By Michael Downs
STAFF WRITER

Jim Haney, owner of a Lexington tavern frequented by UK football players, ended his trial in Fayette Circuit Court yesterday by being convicted of three of the eight counts he was charged with.

The state charged Haney with three counts of serving alcohol to minors and five counts of serving alcohol after hours. He was found guilty on two counts of serving alcohol to minors and one count of serving alcohol after hours.

Haney was issued a fine of \$250 for each charge for a total of \$750, plus court costs.

The charges against Haney stem from an incident on Nov. 6, when prosecutors say he brought Jason Watts and three other UK students into his home and served them alcohol.

Before delivering their closing statement, defense attorney David Van Horn made two motions.

First, he asked for a mistrial because of testimony delivered by the prosecution's last witness, Van Horn argued the testimony was irrelevant information intended to prejudice the jury against the defense. He then asked the judge to issue a directed verdict because, "the proof in favor of James Haney is as strong, if not stronger, than the proof against him," Van Horn said.

Lawrence Vanmeter denied both motions.

In closing statements, Van Horn said the charges relating to Haney being a licensed alcohol retailer were irrelevant because the alcohol was served in his home, not in the tavern.

Then, the defense appealed to the jury's sympathies. Van Horn painted Haney as a small businessman being scapegoated for crimes he is not responsible for. Van Horn asked the jury to consider why no action had been taken against Boogie Nites, the bar the students in question said they had been drinking at before they arrived at Haney's Tavern.

"What's been done to Boogie Nites?" he asked. "Nothing. They're a big outfit here in Lexington."

In his closing arguments, prosecutor Paul Richwalsky countered by saying Haney was acting as a licensed alcohol retailer when he served the students, because a witness claimed the alcohol came from the bar.

Richwalsky also cast Haney as being irresponsible, unremorseful and dishonest.

"He never, ever, in the half-hour that he was on the witness stand, looked at you (the jury)," Richwalsky said.

Haney acted irresponsibly by serving the minors more alcohol after they had already been drinking, instead of providing them a safe way to get home, he said.

Richwalsky said Haney deserved the maximum conviction and penalty because of his complete lack of remorse for his actions.

"He just didn't give a damn," Richwalsky said.

After the verdict, Richwalsky said the jury acted responsibly and Haney was held accountable for his actions.

He never, ever, in the half-hour that he was on the witness stand, looked at you (the jury)."

- Paul Richwalsky, prosecutor, referring to James Haney's testimony yesterday.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down



SELF-DEFENSE: Jury selection is under way in the first murder trial against assisted suicide advocate Dr. Jack Kevoorkian. A judge ruled that Kevoorkian, who has avoided conviction in four previous assisted suicide trials, can represent himself in the case.

He's in a walking coma. He just stares at the TV and keeps flipping the channels."

—Rich Litynski, neighbor to truck driver John Stokes, 58, who was driving the truck hit by the Amtrak train in Bourbonnais, Ill. Stokes has not been charged in the wreck, in which 14 people died.

Last-minute diplomacy in Kosovo

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says Yugoslavia is facing a very "stark choice," either peace in Kosovo or NATO airstrikes. Albright says she dispatched a U.S. envoy to Belgrade with a message for Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that time is running out. Albright said a NATO bombing is being planned, but there are no plans to put U.S. ground forces in the troubled province for combat purposes. But even in the face of an attack, the Serbs are showing no sign of backing down. Yugoslavia's foreign minister said yesterday that no amount of pressure can change their opposition to the peace agreement signed by ethnic Albanians last week.

Court rejects challenge to curfew

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court yesterday rejected a challenge to a Charlottesville, Va., curfew, similar to those adopted by many American communities but called unconstitutional by some teenagers and their parents. The justices let stand a ruling that said the city's curfew for minors is a valid tactic aimed at "reducing juvenile violence and crime." The denial of a review could encourage other communities to adopt similar ordinances. Charlottesville's city council in 1996 voted to impose curfew hours — midnight to 5 a.m. weekdays and 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays — for anyone under 17.

Dutch disease toll at 17

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Another person infected with Legionnaires' disease died over the weekend in the Netherlands, bringing the death toll to 17 in the last month. Of 231 others who have complained of symptoms, 94 have been confirmed as Legionnaires' cases, officials said. Authorities have traced the outbreak to a convention hall in Bovenkarspel, 40 miles north of Amsterdam, where a flower show, a consumer products show and a household goods show were held in February. Experts say the germ kills one of every six people it infects.

Russia to cut oil exports

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC's effort to reduce global oil output and boost prices gained momentum yesterday when Russia announced its intention of cutting exports by 100,000 barrels a day. Oil-producing nations have essentially agreed to slash total daily production by more than 2 million barrels, Venezuelan Oil Minister Ali Rodriguez said. Russia is one of the world's largest oil producers at more than 6 million barrels a day. Of that total, it has been exporting around 2.3 million barrels daily. Excess supply and a weak demand for winter heating oil sent prices

plunging to 12-year lows late last year.

Man fined over ex's breast surgery

ELYRIA, Ohio — A man who stole his mother's credit card to pay for his girlfriend's breast enlargement was fined \$1,500 and ordered to repay \$2,513. Michael Copp, 19, admitted a week ago that he took the credit card to pay for the surgery last July. Since then, he and girlfriend Michele Pauley have ended their relationship, though Copp said they remain friends.

Dow up 21

NEW YORK — Just before 2 p.m. yesterday, the Dow industrials were up 21.37 to 9,924.92. Decliners on the New York Stock Exchange led advancers 1,683-1,159. The NASDAQ was down 9.27 to 2,412.

Alford likely named Iowa coach

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Steve Alford, who coached Southwest Missouri State to two improbable victories in the NCAA Tournament, was hired yesterday to replace Dr. Tom Davis as coach at Iowa.

Alford's team was eliminated Friday by Duke, and he then interviewed for the Iowa job. Iowa last April said that Davis' contract would not be extended past this season's 13th at Iowa, although Davis also led the team to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

Greatest fear is fear itself for Y2K

WASHINGTON — The greatest danger from the Year 2000 computer problem may be panic among Americans convinced there will be major disruptions, emergency experts told a House hearing Monday.

The panelists did, though, caution people to be ready for minor breakdowns in basic services. The International Association of Emergency Managers said communities should prepare as if for a storm, including aftereffects, lasting about seven days.

"It is important to say the sky is not falling because of Y2K," said Mike Walker of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is helping local emergency systems deal with the computer problem.

"There is no need to hoard, there is no need to take money out of banks, there is no need to head for the hills," he told the House Government Reform Committee's government management panel.

Court rejects challenge to curfew

WASHINGTON — Thick piles of paper on lawmakers' desks this week will say "budget" on them. But the Republican-written spending plans are really something else: a GOP opening gambit that delays real decisions. This week, the House and Senate are all but sure to pass similar \$1.74 trillion spending outlays for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1.

Compiled from wire reports.

CAMPUS

UK saying no to tax proposal

By Pat Clem
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

UK faculty and staff may soon be paying more money to the city. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council is been discussing ways of collecting taxes from money going into UK employee's retirement funds.

Currently, all full-time regular faculty and staff who are over 30 years old and have worked for the University for more than a year are required to put 5 percent of their salary into a retirement plan. Any money put in by the employee is tax-free and the University puts in twice as much as each employee in matching funds.

"The city wants in on the action," said Joe Burch, vice president for University Relations. "We developed this program 30 years ago in such a way that our lawyers said we didn't have to pay taxes on it, and the city agreed. Now they want the money."

The system is set up in such a way that because it is mandatory and the employees never see it until they withdraw it, it can not be considered taxable income.

"This makes it exempt from the city's occupational and licensing fee ordinance," Burch said. "The dispute is whether or not these earnings

are considered salary." The council thinks the issue is one of fairness. "I don't know of anyone else who is not paying this tax," said Fred Brown, 8th District councilman. "I pay it, too."

Brown is the councilman who pointed out to the rest of the council that nothing was coming of the age-old debate.

"I just got the ball rolling again," he said.

The tax would take 2.75 percent on all money going into the retirement funds, adding up to about \$650,000 a year, less than one-half of 1 percent of Lexington's total operating budget, Burch said.

UK President Charles Wethington is opposed to this tax, Brown said.

"I guess he feels that since UK is a government institution it should not be taxed," he said. "But all government workers pay this tax."

Wethington was unavailable for comment. But apparently, he isn't the only representative on the UK Board of Trustees, is upset with the idea of taxing this money.

"The University opinion has always been that this is not income, and not taxable," Williams said. "People have been e-mailing me all kinds of letters."

GOOFS

Corrections

A photo on yesterday's front page misidentified the team the UK men's basketball team was playing. It should've said the team was playing against Kansas.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Whole new foursome still alive

The participants: Duke Blue Devils lead an entirely new Final Four group in Florida this weekend with NCAA Championship on the line

By Matt May
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

ST. LOUIS — The teams are solidified. Now that's left in the 1999 NCAA Tournament are three games and a crown for the soon-to-be national champion.

Here's a look back at the other three regional finals.

● **West Region** — (1) Connecticut 67, (10) Gonzaga 62

Gonzaga, the darling of the tournament, had Connecticut right where they wanted them. The Bulldogs led 41-37 midway through the second half in Phoenix, a veteran and gutsy Huskies team took for their first ever trip to the Final Four.

UConn (32-2) pulled ahead 63-59, but an off-balance three by Gonzaga's Quentin Hall cut the lead to 63-62 with 35 seconds remaining. UConn point guard Khalid El-Amin connected on two free throws, then watched as the Bulldogs' Matt Santangelo threw up a running, off-balance leaver with under 10 seconds to play. The Huskies rebounded and added two more free throws for the final margin.

Connecticut was led by Richard Hamilton's 21 points and Kevin Freeman's 13 points and 15 rebounds. The Huskies won despite an 0-for-12 shooting performance from El-Amin and an 0-for-9 outing from beyond the arc.

The three was also unkind to Gonzaga, which had used the bomb to upset Minnesota, Stanford and Florida on its way to the Elite Eight. The Bulldogs shot only 5-for-21 from long range.

For UConn, the trip to St. Petersburg, Fla., will be a new experience, as the Huskies finally overcame a decade of disappointment to crack that elusive Final Four barrier.

● **South Region** — (4) Ohio State 77, (3) St. John's 74

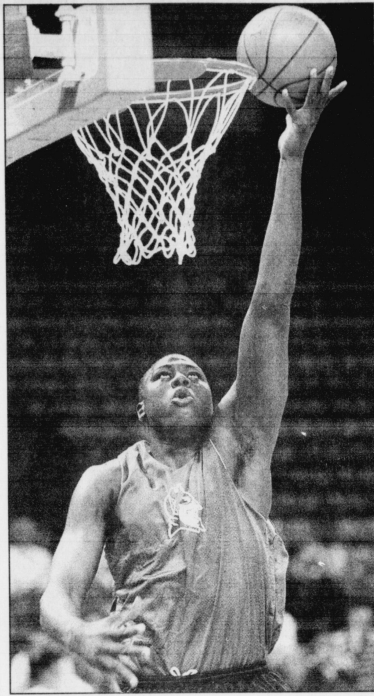
The Buckeyes, coming off of a year last season that saw them win only one Big Ten Conference game and finish last in the conference, upset a St. John's team that may have been playing the best basketball of any team outside Duke.

Ohio State opened up a 13-point second-half lead before a Red Storm rally, fueled by missed Buckeye free throws, gave Buckeye Head Coach Jim O'Brien some anxious moments.

Leading 73-67 with a minute left, Ohio State couldn't convert its free throws and St. John's used the opportunity to get within 76-74 with just 12 seconds remaining. Red Storm freshman Erick Barkley, who finished with 13 points and 7 assists, began a drive to the basket but inexplicably lost the handle on the ball, which was scooped up by Ohio State's Michael Redd. So ended the Johnnies chance of setting up a showdown with conference-rival UConn in the Final Four.

Ohio State (27-8) was led by its stellar backcourt of Scoonie Penn, who had 22 points and 8 assists, and Redd, who finished with 20 points and 6 rebounds. The two also combined to make six of 10 three-point shots.

For St. John's, the loss ended a terrific season of its own



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke sophomore center Elton Brand worked on his offensive game during practice over the weekend. The Blue Devils are the odds-on favorites to take home the national championship in St. Petersburg, Fla. next Monday.

that saw first-year Head Coach Mike Jarvis lead the Red Storm back to the glory days of the Lou Carnesecca era.

● **East Region** — (1) Duke 65, (6) Temple 64

The inevitable finally happened, as Duke officially claimed one of the tournament's Final Four slots for next weekend.

The Blue Devils, projected by just about everyone to win the national championship, methodically dismantled a tough defensive team in Temple. The

Owls just didn't have the fire power to keep up with the dominating Devils, as Duke displayed the inside-outside attack that has made them the odds-on favorite since December.

Duke got 23 points from Trajan Langdon on 5-for-6 from three-point range and 21 points and 8 rebounds from Elton Brand. The Blue Devils shot 60 percent and 59 percent from beyond the arc, while Temple shot only 37 percent from the field. Temple was led by Lamont Barnes and Mark Karcher, who had 19 points each.

UK NOTES

Cats' loss brought end to an era

What's next: For the first time in four seasons, the Final Four will be without UK and its legions of fans

By Jen Smith
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

ST. LOUIS — When seniors Scott Padgett, Heshimu Evans and Wayne Turner peeled off their UK jerseys last night after their Midwest Regional tournament loss to Michigan State, they peeled off four years of unprecedented success.

UK's 28 wins this season gave the program 32 victories in the last four years, which ties the Cats' national records for wins in a four-year span set by the previous four UK teams, 1995-98.

In the last four years, UK has averaged 33 wins and 4.8 losses. All of those records are a mouthful. But UK Coach Tubby Smith can credit the success easily: UK seniors.

"These guys have been a part of all the success," Smith said after UK's 73-66 loss. "They have all had just remarkable careers."

Turner played in four Final Fours in his four years at UK. During the tournament, he eclipsed Duke's Christian Laettner's record for most college games played.

Everyone knows the flunk out to honor roll story of Padgett, who

made the All-Region Tournament team. He led the Cats in scoring in two of their four tournament games, including a career-high 29 points against Kansas in the second round. He hit big-time shots in games against such powers as Duke and Kansas.

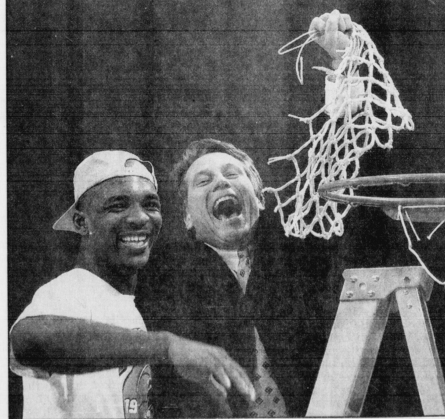
He was numb Sunday night. But he was thankful. "Winning the championship last year," Padgett described as his favorite thing in four years of playing basketball. "We're in one of the winningest stretches in college basketball in four years. But right now I'm not really thinking about that."

Evans, a transfer from Manhattan who sat out a year, was an emotional spark plug for a team that had more than his share of disappointment this year.

"I'm still proud of my team and what we've done today," he said. "But the torch has been passed and the seniors move on."

They said they are confident it is being passed on to the right people.

"It was passed down to us," Padgett said earlier this week. "I'm used to being in it. I don't usually watch it."



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Michigan State Head Coach Tom Izzo and senior forward Antonio Smith cut the nets down in St. Louis on Sunday after defeating UK for a trip to the Final Four.

the guys. They will keep it going."

Final-Fourless Cats? A Final Four without UK? Not really imaginable. The players said last night they were not ready to deal with watching it from the comfort of home.

"Nah," Jamaal Magloire said when asked if he planned to watch the this weekend. "I'm used to being in it. I don't usually watch it."

Déjà Vu Talk about weird: Twenty-one years ago, UK battled Michigan State in the Midwest Regional Championship game in Dayton, Ohio. UK was coming off of a 91-69 win over none other than Miami (Ohio) in the regional semis.

Kyle Macy and Jack Givens led the Cats to a 52-49 win over MSU and their star, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, to advance to the Final Four in St.

Louis. UK went on to win its first NCAA title, defeating Duke 94-88 in the championship game.

Jump shots

A crowd of 42,519 set an NCAA Tournament record for a regional, improving on the 42,440 at Friday's semifinal round. Wayne Turner, who turned 23 Sunday, has played in 21 NCAA Tournament games in his career.

ADVISING

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is produced weekly by the Office of Student Activities. Postings in the calendar are free to all registered student organizations and UK Departments. Information can be submitted in Rm. 203, Student Center or by completing a request form on line at <http://www.uky.edu/StudentCenter>. Posting requests are due ONE WEEK PRIOR to the Monday information is to appear in the calendar. For more information call 257-8866

Tuesday 3/23

ACADEMIC
*Math 109 & 123 Tutoring, 203 Frazer Hall, FREE, call 2-6999 for more info
*Informal Creative Writing Workshop 8-9:30pm, Rm. B1 08C W.T. Young Library, free

MEETINGS
*Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30pm, 359 Student Ctr.
*Interspersal Christian Fellowship Quest Meeting, 7pm, Rm 230 Student Center
*Green Thumb meeting, 7pm, 106 Student Center
*Lambda Sigma Interest Meeting, 8-9pm, 231 Student Center, call Marrie at 3-3265 for info

INTRAMURALS
*Soccer Officials Wanted, earn extra cash, mandatory meeting 6pm, Worsham theatre, call 7-2898 for info

SPORTS
*UK Ultimate Frisbee Practice, 6-8pm, Band Field, call Nick at 281-1256 for info

Wednesday 3/24

ACADEMIC
*Internship and Shadowing Orientation, 2-4pm, Rm 111 Student Center

MEETINGS
*Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9pm, CSF Bldg. (corner of Woodland & Columbia)
*Student Meal and Discussion 5pm, Newman Center
*French Conversation Table 4:30-6pm, Ovid's Cafe
*Holy Eucharist at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel, 12:05pm & 6pm
*Lambda Sigma Interest Meeting, 8:30-9:30pm, 205 Student Center, call Marrie at 3-3265 for info

INTRAMURALS/RECREATION
*Aikido Classes/UK Aikido Club, 6:30-8:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris at 245-5887 for info
*Inquiring Classes (3/24-3/31), cost is \$100, call Tish at 7-7946 for info

Thursday 3/25

MEETINGS
*Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30pm, Worsham Theatre
*UK Lambda meeting for Lesbians/trans people, 7:30pm, Room 231 Student Center
*Thursday Night Live, 7pm, Christian Student Fellowship, call 233-0313 for info
*UK College Republicans meeting, 8pm, 205 Student Center

SPORTS
*UK Ultimate Frisbee Practice, 6-8pm, Band Field, call Nick at 281-1256 for info

SPECIAL EVENTS
*Spring Gathering sponsored by the UK Appalachian Student Council, 11-2pm, Free Speech Area

Friday 3/26

SPECIAL EVENTS
*French Poetry Reading, 5pm, Blanding 1 Basement
*SAB Applications Available in Room 203 Student Center - Apply Now for President, Vice President, Communication Director, and Committee Chair Positions

ARTS/MOVIES
*Senior Percussion Recital: John Best, 8pm, Singletary Center

Saturday 3/27

ACADEMIC
*Master's Student Program, Sign up in advance, seating is limited!, call 257-6959 for info

RELIGIOUS
*Catholic Mass 6pm, Newman Center

INTRAMURALS
*Soccer Tournament thru 3/28

ARTS/MOVIES
*Senior Saxophone Recital: Jeremy Long, 3pm, Singletary Center
*Senior Euphonium Recital: Matt Hemenway, 7pm, Singletary Center

Sunday 3/28

ACADEMIC
*Master's Student Program, Sign up in advance, seating is limited!, call 257-6959 for info

RELIGIOUS
*Catholic Mass 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, 8:30pm, Newman Center
*Sunday Morning Worship, 11am, Christian Student Fellowship
*Holy Eucharist at St. Augustine's Episcopal Chapel, 10:30am & 6pm

MEETINGS
*Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 7pm, 230 Student Center

ARTS
*UK Orchestra Concert, 3pm, Singletary Center, FREE
*Pre-Orchestra Concert Lecture, 2pm, Fine Arts Room 17

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Historian lecturer

Michael R. Beschloss, named by *Newsweek* magazine as "the nation's leading presidential historian," will deliver this year's Edward F. Pritchard Jr. Lecture. The lecture will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts at 8:15 p.m. on March 24. The annual lecture takes place during the annual meeting of the UK Library Associates. Beschloss, 44, is the author of several best-selling historical books, including *Taking Charge: The Johnson White House Tapes, 1963-1964*, and *The Crisis Years: Kennedy and Khrushchev, 1960-1963*. An alum of Harvard University, Beschloss has held appointments to the Smithsonian Institution, Oxford University and the Annenberg Foundation. He also served on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships from 1993-1996.

Family matters

Organized labor

Expectant parents of children due early in January are more likely to consider special measures to deliver the child before year's end to take advantage of tax benefits, according to a study conducted by two UK economists.

Stacy Dickert-Conlin and Amitabh Chandra said the new child tax credit, which goes into effect on 1998's income taxes, will increase the chances that expectant parents will induce labor to qualify for the tax break. In one instance, Dickert-Conlin, now at Syracuse University, and Chandra cited a mother, "whose doctor encouraged her to schedule her late-December birth far in advance to avoid the rush of mothers hoping to have their babies before the end of the tax year."

Their study, "Taxes and the Timing of Births," was published in the February issue of the *Journal of Political Economy*.

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"WOW!...SOUNDS GREAT!... WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR IT?!..."

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

UK just won't provide for the needs of their students

To the editor:

I've had a fair amount of time to formulate this letter. You see, I worked it up in my mind as I was riding my wheelchair a half-mile through the rain across campus to get to class the other morning.

I parked my van where Stanley McGowan would sometimes park his van — two blocks down Limestone from my office in Patterson Office Tower. Hey, it was the only van-accessible handicap parking place left on campus. Because the University decided to close down the Gillis lot (the only handicap lot anywhere near POT, Classroom Building, B&E or Anderson Hall) in favor of a grass area (similar to the one they're doing away with on the other side of Anderson), I'll probably get to park at least two blocks down Limestone pretty often next year. I started pouring down rain as I passed the new parking structure on Limestone — the one I can't park in because I lack the manual dexterity to swipe the card in the automatic gate. I then headed directly for POT.

Well, not directly, the wheelchair ramp is on the other side of the building, conveniently located right next to the Administration Building. I thought about going in and complimenting the University on the fine job they're doing.

But at this point, I was already too late, too tired, too cold and too fed up with a bureaucracy that remains ignorant to its students' needs.

TONY LOBIANCO
POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT

Criminals not reforming? Try dishing out more punishment

To the editor:

Troubled teen-agers in the United States, once leaving the jail, usually don't reform. But why do trouble teen-agers in totalitarian countries do?

Because in those countries, going to jail is not a joke, not something to brag about in the home room or at the cafeteria so other high-schoolers will think you are cool.

Once you get a taste of hard-

ship, you will come back to society and not get in trouble again. Everyone here can imagine the differences between jail in a totalitarian country and jail in the United States. America is so full of money, but many still live in conditions that look like the commercials about giving \$5 a month to some children in the Philippines. The money they spend to feed a racist, insane man in a Texas prison could be helping those in the trailer have heat or an old car so they can find work.

Nobody has time to spend ripping apart parts of that racist, insane man. Just end it quickly with as little cost as possible, and don't make a big deal about it. Everyone knows the man killed another person for kicks, so who cares about what will happen to the murderer? Stop spending money to glamorize the murderer on CBS and all those news channels, and spend that money on something useful to society.

Then I can guarantee you all that, no one living outside of the United States would say this and that about our country.

And the United States would get really close to achieving the title of "the ultimate, nicest, best place" of the world by the recent immigrants, or international students who study in America, or others.

To Americans, they think they should just keep everything else like it is now.

VINH PHAN
LEXINGTON

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Meg Marquis

KERNEL COLUMNIST

A blast from the past relieves all our stress

Every time I travel home, I face the joys of youth. My 9-year-old brother is the epitome of spirited childhood, and I must say, it inspires me. As I enter my home with a backpack full of homework that I won't even look at and three months worth of dirty laundry, I am overjoyed to have my brother around to lighten my spirits.

As I have not been home in a few months, though, I have had to rely on phone calls to get my little brother fix. Recently, I was having a less-than-wonderful evening, and I called Robby to cheer me up. He did a pretty good job of exhausting a full-out fourth-grade comedy routine (complete with a variety of knock-knock and fart jokes) that did a decent job of bringing a smile to my face.

Still, there are times when I call that Robby is in an extremely foul mood. What is upsetting him? Homework. And after hearing his workload, I will never complain again about my own work. Let me tell you now that the average fourth-grader has as much, if not more, work to do every night for class as we do.

For example, my brother recently had to design a brochure about coal mines in Kentucky. People have hired advertising companies full of people with degrees in marketing to do this same task; why is my little brother being forced to do it for a grade? Knowing other small children must

suffer similarly, I do my own homework with a small amount of gratitude in my heart (because I am not the one who has to design such a brochure).

Despite the magnitude of work to which Robby is often subjected, he is still a carefree soul. He is frustrated by work at times, like many college students, but he can always revive himself with a little singing in the bathtub or a good game of HORSE with his best friend.

When our work seems overwhelming, all we have to do to feel sane again is behave like insane 8-year-olds. Put aside your Latin (sorry, Mr. Blackburn) for just one minute, and entertain yourself with something entirely childlike and silly. Stick a pencil up your nose and see how long it will stay on its own. Burp the ABCs. Try to squirt milk out of your nose.

No one ever said life was easy, but it doesn't have to be filled with stress, either. Have you ever met a 9-year-old with stress-related migraines? I doubt it.

This is probably because most 9-year-olds spend as much of their days talking to themselves in strange monster voices as they do trying to figure out how to multiply fractions.

Silliness is easy, fun and I'd bet it's a hell of a lot cheaper than migraine medicine, too.

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IN OUR OPINION

Not in my town

Sex offender deserves rights, too

While most of us were celebrating during Spring Break, ABC's "Nightline" broadcast a two-part special on the life of Jonathan Hawes. He is a convicted child molester who was paroled after spending five years in prison.

The issue of child molesters may not seem an integral part of a college community. But within several years, we may face the issue of a former sex offender living near us.

The report focused on the relation between a released sex offender's rights and Megan's Law, which requires authorities to warn community members before a convicted sex offender moves into that community.

Even before he moved back to his mother's Oregon home, Hawes found that he was ostracized by the community. To keep Hawes away from their town, neighbors collected money and bought his mother's house out from under her. When his mother relocated to another Oregon town, she was again met by the proverbial unwelcome wagon.

The community members, most of whom are parents or grandparents, have some justification to their methods. Studies have found that sexual molesters are most likely to repeat their crime because of the psychological problems that control their actions. Community members think their rights and their children's rights are infringed when the former offender moves into the neighborhood.

But this attitude creates a society of NIMBYs, or "Not In My Backyard." The man deserves a chance to get on with his life, and to try and rejoin society as a productive person. He is undergoing counseling and has to check in periodically with his parole board. It's not as if he has been released into a world of no supervision. People don't have a problem with him, as long as they never have to deal with him.

Megan's Law was intended to allow parents the opportunity to make sure their children are safe. It doesn't mean the convicted sex offender has no right to live where he or she pleases. These people might be living next to thieves or to con artists and not even know it. You might live next to someone with a criminal record. Do you demand to know everyone's record who lives around you?

Sexual crimes are serious, make no mistake about it. But so is the right of an individual to live a normal life. As long as citizens act in this way, Hawes won't be able to live a normal life.

'Make-out insurance' makes a big mistake



Matt Ellison
DIALOGUE EDITOR

Having just returned from Spring Break, I felt it was incredibly important to get something off of my chest.

I had no intentions of writing this until I was walking out of the Classroom Building yesterday morning. Seeing as how I work for the Kernel, I figured I should go ahead and pick up a copy to see how many mistakes I made the previous day.

As I walked over to the bins where they are kept, I noticed a simple advertisement for Scope mouthwash. It had a picture of a bottle of Scope in the lower left-hand corner, and three words describing what the product could be.

Make-out insurance. At that point, it hit me like a Jamaal Magloire elbow. I became sickened at what I had been observing for the past few weeks.

Bookstores passed out free "Spring Break kits," complete with condoms. MTV's Spring Break '99 coverage included many flesh shows. Its "Spring Break Undercover" followed a group of guys around Jamaica for a few days, and described how one of them had sex with two different girls on the same night.

Am I sounding Puritanical? Ignorant? Naive? No.

I am not a Puritan. I just have a problem with meaningless sex, that's all.

I am not ignorant. I know many of

my friends have had sex, have become pregnant or probably will in the next few months. I know it happens, and I know it happens in places other than at college.

I am not naive to the world around me. I know that according to *Playboy's* sex survey, 90 percent of people's first sexual experience is outside marriage. I know people now define monogamy as only having one sex partner at a time, rather than one sex partner ever. I know people's definition of being a virgin can now mean they only have sex with people who they truly love.

The phrase "make-out insurance" is the perfect phrase to symbolize what physical intimacy has come to mean today. Let's not think of this product as killing germs, or giving better breath to people. No, let's instead see it as a sure-fire way to know that if we want to make out with someone, or engage in foreplay, or maybe even have sex with them, we'll be more likely to score if our breath is minty-fresh. If we have an accident (bad breath), using this mouthwash will provide us with some coverage.

Physical intimacy means nothing to anyone anymore. If it feels good, do it. If it means kissing, foreplay, sex, oral sex, whatever, who cares? Sorry, but when I hold hands with someone, or hug someone, or kiss someone, or have sex with someone, I want it to be special and meaningful, not just for me, but for the other person as well.

How special and meaningful can something be if you need "insurance?"

MUSIC MUSINGS



PHOTO FURNISHED

Vergos Merlot, a Gothic rock group out of Orlando, Fla., is hoping to capture an audience with its first release on a major label, *Signs of a Vacant Soul*.

Merlot just a little sour

By Luke Saladin
SCENE EDITOR

The eccentric group of musicians better known as Vergos Merlot is said to be a mixture of the showmanship of Kiss and the creativity of Radiohead.

Is anyone else skeptical? Some would say that purporting such high accolades when your debut album is less than a month old is bordering on narcissism rather than confidence — and they're right.

Vergos Merlot's debut album, *Signs of a Va-*

cant Soul, is a guitar-oriented album that comes so close to mediocrity that you almost want to give it a second listen — that is until the residual effects of semi-veiled gothic rock stars chaffing at your meta-psychical well-being.

The album does have a few highlights with its guitar playing and the lyrics are tolerable. The album, however, fails to offer any originality and at times waltzes in music anarchy.

The band's sound can best be described as a supplement to heavy opium usage. If your mind

isn't too affected by hallucinogenics (and I'm thinking most of Merlot's fans will be) you might be able to circumvent the annoying teenage angst on the album and spot moments of more pleasing musical dexterity.

Problem is, if you take the gothic out of a gothic band at best you have trite alternative music that sounds like Alice in Chains with too much time and money spent in production.

The album does have a few original moments. "Winning" begins with a contagious

electric drum and eerie guitar riff. The song then descends into Megadeath-like speed metal with deep grungy power chords echoing the depressing ideology of these leather clad musicians in black.

The album rarely deviates from hard-driving tunes that evoke sentiments of grit and wayward emotion. Whereas other gothic and industrial bands tend to depend, at times too much, on synthetic beats and electronic gimmicks, Vergos Merlot let's its guitars do the talking.

"Gain," one of the

more defining tracks on the album, is a perfect example of the bands emphasis on guitar work, with three guitars gradually coiling into one giant musical artifact.

"We go for an air of etherealism," said Brett Hestia, Vergos' singer/frontman, in a news release. "We love... haunting melodies."

Only time will tell if this five-member band from Orlando will survive the first wave on its quest to stardom. But don't hold your breath.

Rating: C

CONCERT REVIEW

Joel visits Cincinnati

Play us a song, Piano Man: World famous musician shares his talent with Queen city

By Marissa Fugate
STAFF CRITIC

CINCINNATI — He came out in the darkness and hunkered down to the piano. No fanfare. No star power as he began to play. This, I thought, is disappointing.

And then the lights came on. And a light turned on inside of him. The full wattage of the Piano Man. He smiled, he sang, he danced, he cheered.

He's Billy Joel. Have some faith in the man. Joel's appearance on March 9 was another glittering jewel in The Crown's history. The Piano Man took the audience through 25 years of musical memories in a little more than two hours, unabashedly playing for his and the audience's enjoyment rather than to promote a new album. In fact, the most recent Joel album came out in 1993. *River of Dreams*. The tour, as Joel pointed out, was to have a good time.

Despite speculation that Joel is quitting rock 'n' roll to pursue a classical career, for 120 minutes, Joel showed the charisma, stage presence and sheer musical genius that catapulted him into the stratosphere of musical celebrity.

Backed by seven musicians on the guitar, bass, percussion, vocals, bells, sound effects and just about every other instrument you could name, Joel started the set at a grand piano, center stage. As the evening progressed, the piano slowly revolved, allowing Joel to play to the entire audience.

In keeping with the good times, Joel played favorites, all but one of the evening's songs is featured on one of three *Greatest Hits* volumes.

"Goodnight Saigon" shows as one of the stars of the evening. The drone of a helicopter filled the darkened auditorium, and a single spotlight opened on Joel, sitting at the grand piano. Joel's voice fluctuated between grief for the lost boys of Vietnam and a surprising edge of violence toward the United States and the Vietnamese governments.

Introducing this song with the audacity of a little boy, "And So It Goes" became a poignant tale of love on the verge of being lost. Joel, between his first wife and his marriage to Christie Brinkley, dated Elle McPherson and wrote "And So It Goes" for her before their break-up.

Perennial favorite "We Didn't Start the Fire" had the audience on its feet, belting out the highlights of the last 50 years with the Piano Man. "Wheel of Fortune, Sally Ride, Heavy Metal, Suicide, Foreign Debts, Homeless Vets, AIDS, Crack, Bernie Goetz." With a mixed audience ranging in age from 8 to 65, all but the smallest found something to relate to.

Finishing up alone with his signature "The Piano Man," the Piano Man burned brightly, full wattage, beaming at the audience with the confidence of a man with 20,000 back-up singers, a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction to get to and 25 years of music that has inspired, warmed, amused and become part of three generations.

"Sing us a song, you're the Piano Man, sing us a song tonight. 'Cause it's sad and it's sweet and I knew it complete when I wore a younger man's clothes."

Indeed.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Straight Dope

Oscars took the world by storm

LOS ANGELES — Ella Kazan, creator of some of Hollywood's greatest films, received a lifetime achievement award at the Oscars Sunday, but many stars snubbed him for what they saw as his making a pact with the devil. Oscar-nominated actors Nick Nolte, Ed Harris and Sir Ian McKellen were among those who sat, pointedly not applauding, rather than rise in tribute to the director of *On the Waterfront*.

Italy's comic-tragedy Holocaust film *Life Is Beautiful* won the best foreign film Oscar, spurring an emotional thank-you by its creator Roberto Benigni that could have used subtitles. Benigni wrote, directed and starred in the film about a father trying to shield his son from the horrors of a Nazi death camp.

Compiled from wire reports.



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