



Our town

I love Lexington. As cities go this is the second best one I have lived in, then again, I have only lived in two. Maybe it's not great, but hey, it's all we've got. Here are some truisms to prove that you are here with me. You know you are in Lexington when ...

It doesn't rain for three weeks straight and then pours off and on for two.

Cops get called at 10:30 for five people sitting, talking on their back deck and get threatened with a noise citation.

Those same cops walk into parties and try to talk their way out of illegally entering your house at 11:30.

You see someone get pulled over by a bike cop for turning right on red.

There is a museum for basketball that gets government aid.

A coach is really bad if he doesn't win the championship every year.

He is even worse if the state rival beats us two out of three.

Allergies are as common as the mentioning of "True Blue Fans."

Going to the Ho is something you can tell a girlfriend about without getting in trouble.

Directions to someone's house include the phrase, "It's right after the horse farm."

You have to drive an hour to see Dave play.

You drive into oncoming traffic on Nicholasville Road because the lanes just changed.

You are then stuck in traffic for an hour when going against rush hour around 5 p.m.

Bars close at 1 a.m. When is this going to change? I think I will start going to Louisville or Cincinnati just so I can stay out later and stay in a cheap motel. Why are the bar owners not fighting for a later time anyway? The people that disapprove of the later time are in bed by 8 p.m. anyway? I just do not see the harm.

-Ron Norton

THE '41'

Tomorrow's weather

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Hi Lo

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CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

Building for the future

Growth: Construction might be messy, but finished products worth it

By Tracy Kershaw
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Nine construction projects have transformed UK's campus into a little boy's dream: enough dirt for a thousand mud pies, bright yellow bulldozers and a gigantic sand box right in the middle.

But it is more than just a fantasy kindergarten playground. The building of new facilities signifies something good is going on at UK, said President Charles T. Wethington.

"It takes excellent students, excellent faculty and excellent facilities to build an excellent university," Wethington said.

Installation of chilled water lines on North Campus scheduled to be finished by August, will bring air-conditioning in North campus dorms a step closer to a reality.

Also scheduled for completion in August are the Communications and Network Systems Facility located at the corner of Rose St. and Maxwell St., and the James W. Stuckert Career Center, also on Rose.

Students have much to look forward to, according to Wethington. "Most of the facilities specifically serve students," he said.



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Can you dig it?

Bulldozers and other machinery are common sights on campus these days thanks to nine construction projects in the works.



Construction for the new Mechanical Engineering Building began last semester. The three-story complex will include a student commons area. Completion is scheduled for Spring 2002.

A new and improved Euclid

By Ashley York
NEWS EDITOR

Doraine Bailey screamed when asked about the Euclid Avenue project getting ready to begin in a few weeks. The section of Euclid between Rose St. and South Ashland will be changed from four lanes to a two-lane road with a center turn lane and two bicycle lanes on each side of the road.

"It's going to be wonderful," she said.

Bailey, a citizen cyclist and chair of the bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee, feels relieved that Euclid will soon accommodate bicyclists, as well as motorists.

"Euclid is an important road. It links student housing with campus. It links the Chevy Chase area, where a lot of faculty and staff live with campus," she said. "Bicyclists don't ride their bikes in Lexington because they don't feel safe. The bike lanes will facilitate the cyclists."

Bailey isn't the only one who feels confident about the Euclid project. Stuart Kearns, senior transportation planner for Lexington's transportation center agrees that Euclid needs to be reconstructed.

"The problem with Euclid is that it needs repair," he said. "There is a lot of congestion because there are only two lanes of traffic. The center turn lane to be added will free up traffic because the people turning left won't have to block traffic."

Kearns said that there was controversy about which travelers the road would benefit most.

"When word got out (about the project), there was a lot of concern about the cyclists because of the narrow bike lanes. We went back and forth, and finally worked out a compromise," he said.

As a compromise, the transportation center, in agree-

ment with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government decided to redesign Euclid, allotting 12 feet for each driving lane, seven feet for each bike lane and a center turn lane.

Bailey, Kearns and Ballinger seem hopeful that the center turn lane will create a smoother flow of traffic, and that bicyclists and pedestrians will have more room to travel safely to and from campus.

Even though people are concerned about Euclid going from four lanes of traffic to only two lanes of traffic, Ballinger said that the studies suggest very little difference in the flow of traffic. If anything, they believe the construction will only make things run smoother.

"There have been studies that suggest going from four to two lanes is not going to affect the traffic, but we're going to have to wait to see," Ballinger said. "The seven foot bike lanes on the sides will promote bikers to use the bike lanes opposed to the road."

Kearns feels confident about the Euclid project. If anything, he sees the construction as a solution to the heavily congested area.

"We are confident that the finished road will be pretty well accepted among the pedestrians and bicyclists," he said.

A new Euclid

Euclid now: Four lanes, two on each side of the median

After construction: Two lanes, one on each side of a center turn lane, and bicycle lanes on each side of the road.

Construction should begin in the next few weeks and should take no longer than two weeks to complete.



NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

A new look

Officials said construction should not disrupt traffic on Euclid Ave.

ON THE RISE

Gas prices reach a record high

By Ashley York
NEWS EDITOR

Marianne Tarraza gave little thought to fuel costs when she bought her Lincoln Navigator last summer. Gas was cheap.

Now she's getting walloped by soaring gasoline prices and she's also paying more than most. Her sport utility vehicle is one of a growing number of models that work best with premium grade gas.

For a 30-gallon tank of gas, she spends about \$50, about \$5 more than a tank of regular.

The same case exists for Patrick Justice, an undeclared sophomore at UK. He drives an SUV, and like many other Lexington residents, and his gas gauge can't ever seem to hit the full mark.

"I think it's horrible that gas prices are as high as they are. I have to walk everywhere I go now because I can't afford to fill my SUV up anymore," Justice said.

Justice is one of the many students at UK that can barely afford to drive to their job. Instead of putting the recommended 93 octane in his Nissan Pathfinder, he feeds his vehicle with regular 87 octane.

"I know the plus gasoline is better for my engine, but it just isn't possible to fill it up with the high grade gasoline," he said.

The national average price last week was \$1.65 per gallon for regular unleaded gas and \$1.81 for premium, both about 50 cents higher than a year ago, according to the American Automobile Association.

The soaring gas prices make taking a summer vacation difficult.

"If I can't afford to drive around town, then I definitely can't afford to drive to Florida," Justice laughed. "That would cost - I don't even want to imagine."

AP Wire contributed to this story.

FIREWORKS

Celebrate with an explosion

**A sparkling July 4:
Fireworks, highlight of
Independence Day**

By Nathan Leigh
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

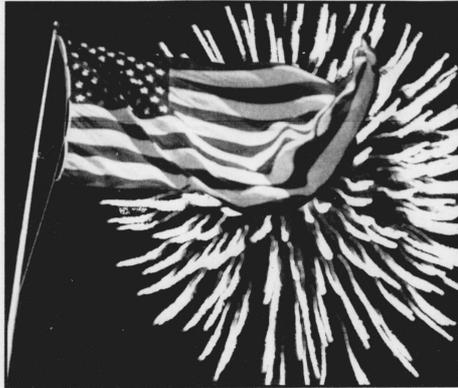
The 4th of July is a marvelous holiday. It lasts all day, unlike New Years and Halloween. Everyone can share it, unlike birthdays and anniversaries. And most importantly, the weather is usually nice, unlike the winter holidays. In short, Independence Day is the best of all worlds.

While the most important part of a memorable July 4th party is probably the food, fireworks are a close second. Those interested in arranging their own fireworks show have many questions to answer. Who is their audience? What type of fireworks would they like best? When and where should one buy them? And how should the show be organized, once a rough budget has been settled upon?

One's audience will most likely be a mixture of adults and children. Rick Penick of Dave's Fireworks suggests a 10-20 minute show for both parties, followed by a smaller show just for the kids.

"Kids really like fireworks with wheels, things shaped like a plane or a tank. They're fairly cheap, and can even be played with afterwards, too," Penick says.

There are literally thousands of different fireworks products for sale nationally, under hundreds of different brand names. The selection is much more limited in Kentucky, however. KRS 227.702(1) forbids the sale of any airborne firework, or any firework whose packaging includes the words "Explosive," "Warning," "Emitting Flaming Pellets/Balls," "Firecrackers," "Report," or "Rocket." In short, all legal fireworks are variations



Fireworks in Lexington can be viewed from many streets in downtown Lexington. They will be set off in the Rupp Arena-Cox Street parking lot. The fireworks display starts at 10 p.m.

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CHRIS ROSENTHAL

on a fountain concept: a device firmly rooted on the ground which shoots up colored sparks.

"It's really just whatever catches your eye," says Vernie Clark, the Freedom Fireworks Area Manager for Kentucky. "There's all different colors and sizes. Some last longer than others. The best way to tell is by how heavy the firework is. The more stuff, the longer and brighter it will burn."

Refillable fountains are also available; these usually have a picture of a cartoon devil on the front of the wrapper and are available at any of the places you buy fireworks at.

Snappers, small packages that emit a loud "pop" when thrown against a hard surface, are also popular, according to Freedom Fireworks' Lindi Hudson.

"The classics will always be around. Sparklers always sell well, as does anything that

makes an unusual noise."

This seems to be the largest growth area for the firework business, according to Hudson. Newer products not only pop and whistle, but also roar or buzz like angry bees.

The actual purchasing of the fireworks is the easy part. Temporary stands have popped up all over Lexington, starting around the third week of June. Since the vast majority of their business will be done in July itself, many are running buy-one-get-one-free specials to attract early shoppers. But even procrastinators are not entirely out of luck, as slow-moving products will be marked down to clear valuable shelf space.

The organization of one's fireworks show is what will ultimately separate the warriors from the wanna-bes. Penick, Clark, and Hudson all agree that the ideal show would be somewhere between 20 and 30 min-

utes. This would require roughly a \$200 budget, though pre-wrapped "value packs" could cut that by up to \$50. Both the prices and the selection are reputed to be much better at firework superstores in Tennessee, which are usually located directly off of I-75. The closest of these is a little over two hours away.

Safety precautions should always be taken when handling fireworks, no matter how small or harmless-looking they may appear. Long-handled lighters should be used, like the kind designed for gas fireplaces. Some type of protective eyewear is also recommended. Only one device should be lit at any given time, to minimize the risk of fire. Children should be fully supervised at all times; they should never be allowed to light the fireworks themselves. Most importantly, always aim any firework away from spectators. Have a safe and happy Independence Day!

PICNIC TIME

4th of July budgeting

By Brandie Bright
STAFF WRITER

Before you head to the fireworks downtown, show your friends a good time (and show them you can do something impressive). Grab your grill, spatula, stainless steel fork and your closest friends.

Here's a guide to help you prepare as a host instead of a certified moocher. All estimates are based on an average of 10 mouths to feed.

PARTY PLANNER

\$20 party

- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 pack of plastic cups
- 1 bottle of ketchup
- 1 bottle of mustard
- 2 2-liter of soft drinks
- 1 case of Nitty Light
- 1 bag of pretzels
- 1 bag of chips
- 2 bags of buns
- 2 packs of hot dogs



\$50 party

- 1 bottle of ketchup
- 1 bottle of mustard
- 1 jar of pickles
- 2 12-packs of soft drinks
- 1 24-pack of Bud Light
- 1 bag of pretzels
- 1 bag of chips
- 2 lbs of potato salad
- 3 bags of buns
- 1 pack of hot dogs
- 4 lbs of hamburger
- 1 box of popcicles
- 1 box of cookies



\$100 party

- 1 bottle of ketchup
- 1 bottle of mustard
- 1 jar of relish
- 1 jar of pickles
- 1 onion
- 1 head of lettuce
- 2 12-packs of soft drinks
- 1 bottle of Maker's Mark
- 2 12-packs of Rolling Rock
- 1 gallon of orange juice
- 1 bottle of vodka
- 1 bag of pretzels
- 1 bag of chips
- 2 lbs of potato salad
- 2 cans of baked beans
- 1 can of air freshener
- 3 bags of buns
- 1 pack of cheese slices
- 1 pack of hot dogs
- 4 lbs of hamburger
- 1 apple pie

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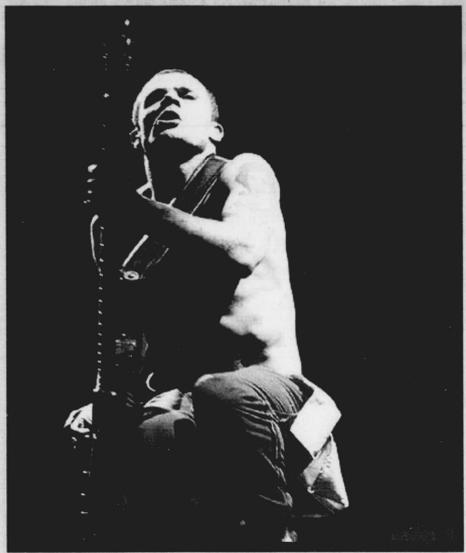
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For the second time in a couple months, Rod Hot Chili Peppers joint tour with Foo Fighters makes its way to the region for a 7 p.m. July 4 concert at Freedom Hall in Louisville. Tickets are \$35.

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A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UK

On Tap...

For the week of June 29 - July 5

Music

THURSDAY
The Schwag, Lynch's 10 p.m. \$5.

Old Joe Clark Bluegrass Festival featuring Don Stanley and Middle Creek, Dale Ann Bradley and Coon Creek, and Bluegrass Thoroughbreds. Renfro Valley, 4 p.m. \$23.

FRIDAY

Mojo Nixon w/ Rosie Flores. Lynch's, 10 p.m. \$7 in advance/\$8 at the door.

Old Joe Clark Bluegrass Festival featuring Ildred Tyne Out, The Osborne Brothers and New Time Bluegrass Band. Renfro Valley, 1 p.m. \$23.

War. Waterfront Park, Louisville, 6 p.m. \$1.

SATURDAY

Plea for Peace Tour featuring Blue Meanies, Alkaline Trio, MU330, Link 80, Mike Park, Chris Murray, Lawrence

Arms, Honor System and Dan Pothast. Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8 p.m., 7:30 p.m. \$8 in advance/\$10 day of show.

Phil Lee w/ The Hollisters. Lynch's, 10 p.m. \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door.

TUESDAY
John Hiatt and The Goners. Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8 p.m., \$16.50 in advance/\$18 day of show.

WEDNESDAY
Steeley Dan. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 8 p.m. \$25-75.

The Painkillers. Lynch's, 10 p.m. \$3.

Theatre

Godspell. Performances run July 5-23 at the Iroquois Amphitheatre. Performances are Wednesday-Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for all sections.

Art

Imperial China Exhibit. Exhibit it runs through August 31 at the Kentucky Horse Park. Park. The park opens at 9 a.m. and tickets to the exhibit include park admission. Tickets are \$16.

Coming Soon

Gaelic Storm. Friday, July 7. Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m. \$12.50 in advance/\$14 day of show.

Bob Dylan and Phil Lesh w/ Friends. Tuesday, July 11. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7 p.m. \$21.50-42.50.

Patti Smith. Wednesday, July 12. Bogart's, Cincinnati, 8 p.m. \$16.50 in advance/\$18 day of show.

Sting w/ Tracy Chapman. Sunday, July 16. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7

p.m. \$27.50-87.50.

Widespread Panic. Wednesday, July 19. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. \$28-50.

Club 80's Tour featuring Missing Persons, A Flock of Seagulls, Wang Chung and Gene Loves Jezebel. Thursday, July 20. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7 p.m. \$16-21.

Def Leppard. Tuesday, August 1. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. \$31-41.

Reverend Horton Heat. Wednesday, August 2. Lynch's. Ticket info: TBA.

Red Hot Chili Peppers w/ Stone Temple Pilots and Fishbone. Thursday, August 3. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 8 p.m. \$31-41.

Counting Crows and Live w/ Galactic. Sunday, August 6. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7 p.m. \$26.50-47.50.

Santana w/ Macy Gray. Saturday, August 12. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. \$29-64.

Neil Young. Monday, August 28. Riverbend Music Center, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. \$24-79.

AC/DC. Tuesday, August 29. First Center, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m. \$36-46.

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- AIA.....231-7263
- Boogie Nights.....255-8863
- Cheapside Bar and Grill.....254-0046
- Two Keys.....254-5000
- Lynch's Club.....255-6614
- Milennium.....225-9194
- Rupp Arena.....233-4567
- Lexington Opera.....233-4567
- Actor's Guild.....233-0663
- Yats.....254-8128
- Busters.....231-5076
- Club 141.....233-4262

Cincinnati venues (513 area code):

- Bogart's.....872-8801
- Riverbend.....232-6220
- Taft Theatre.....721-0411
- The Crown.....421-4111
- Susy Malones.....771-3550
- Ripley's.....861-6800
- Playhouse in the Park.....345-2242

Louisville venues (502 area code):

- Kentucky Center for the Arts.....800-775-7777
- Toy Tiger.....458-2020
- Kentucky Opera.....584-7777
- Louisville Gardens.....574-0060
- Actor's Theatre.....584-1205
- Headliners Music Hall.....584-8088

Movie theaters:

- South Park.....772-6611
- Woodhill.....769-1911
- Lexington Green.....271-2070
- Man o' War.....264-4645
- Kentucky Theatre.....231-6997
- Turfland.....277-2825
- Carmike.....263-2370

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- SGA.....257-3191
- Guignol Theatre.....257-4929
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- Art Museum.....257-5716
- Student Center.....257-8427
- Kentucky Kernel.....257-1915
- Kennedy Bookstore.....252-0331
- UK Bookstore.....257-2947
- Wildcat Textbooks.....225-7771

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- Lexington Art League.....254-7024
- Arts Place Inc.....233-1469
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- Artists' Altic.....254-5501
- Heike Picket Gallery.....233-1263

IN YOUR EAR

Twice the Dave



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Dave rocks Riverbend

Dave Matthews Band took stage Monday and Tuesday at Cincinnati's Riverbend Music Center. The band welcomed several guests, including keyboardist Butch Taylor who played with the band on their last tour.

June 26 set list

- #41
- Warehouse
- One Sweet World
- Say Goodbye
- Jimi Thing
- Sweet Up & Down
- Typical Situation
- Grey Street
- Bartender
- Crash
- So Much To Say
- Too Much
- Song That Jane Likes
- JTR
- Too Much

June 27 set list

- Satellite
- Rhyme & Reason
- Lie In Our Graves
- Grey Street
- Watchtower
- Raven
- #36
- Bartender
- Crash
- So Much To Say
- Too Much
- Black Veil
- JTR
- Stay
- Encore:
- Diggin A Ditch
- Two Step

Day one

Arriving on stage just before 8:30 p.m., Dave and the boys played well past 11 p.m. The set list consisted of older stuff in addition to newer songs off their upcoming album. The band stayed away from their popular hits and focused on the songs that the group likes to jam out on. Highlights included "One Sweet World" and "Song That Jane Likes," two songs off their first album *Remember Two Things*. The newer songs "Grey Street," "JTR," "Diggin A Ditch" and "Bartender," were impressive because of Dave's new toy, the 12-stringed guitar. - Patrick Avery

Day two

After realizing that all of my favorite Dave songs were played on the previous night, I still looked forward to hearing fresh music. I had awesome pavilion tickets, which I sat in for the first few songs, but then realized that the party was in the lawn. Dave played his popular hits like "Satellite" and "Rhyme & Reason," so paying close attention wasn't necessary. DMB spiced things up with Johnny Cash's "Long Black Veil," off their *Listener Supported* CD. It was great to hear a song, aside from a new one, that wasn't so well known. Although I would've preferred to attend the first night's concert, DMB still rocked the house. - Brandie Bright

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The basics on the human genome project

The following is a brief listing of data and basic information related to the human genome sequencing project which was completed last Tuesday. Have fun!

10

number of years it took the National Human Genome Research Institute to complete the sequencing project.

3.1

number, in billions, of subunits of DNA that had to be decoded and placed in order by the research team.

6

length, in feet, a single chromosome in a human cell would stretch out to if fully uncoiled.

23

number of said chromosomes contained in each cell of the body.

100

amount, in thousands, of genes located in the entire human genome. These genes are what determine our eye, hair, and skin color, in addition to many other characteristics.

4

number of individual nucleic acids that, in various combinations and sequences, make up the human genome. The billions of DNA particles within the genome are only made up of these four.

3

projected total cost, in billions, to fund the entire project.

315

millions of dollars the United States spent on the project in 1999.

99.9

percent of our genetic material that is identical to every other person in the world.

Sources: Human Genome Project information website (http://www.ornl.gov/TechResources/Human_Genome/home.html) and wire reports.

Compiled by: Candice Jackson

IN OUR OPINION

Opening doors

Genome project will advance medical research in many areas

In our technologically advanced world today, it's often that we take new discoveries in the world of science and medicine for granted. These days, we expect our leading scientists, armed with the latest information, sophisticated instruments and extensive financial backing, to cure what ails us. We no longer live under the threat of diseases like polio or smallpox. We've become accustomed to relying on our doctors and researchers to always have the answers, or to be constantly on the verge of discovering them.

So when something truly monumental happens in the world of science and health, it's only then that we're reminded just how far we've come in a few short years. Earlier this week, such an accomplishment occurred.

Last Tuesday, the White House, in conjunction with the National Human Genome Research Institute, announced that scientists and researchers, who had been working diligently for ten years, had finally finished a rough draft of the human genome sequence. This sequence, which is contained in each human cell in the body, is made up of 4 nucleic acid bases coded in a special sequence unique to humans. Decoding the genome in the correct sequence and order is the key to beginning to understand how genes affect not just our physical appearance (they dictate our height, hair color, eye color, and race, among other things) but how they affect our tendencies toward certain genetic disorders or diseases.

The decoding of the human genome is a feat in itself; a historic and extraordinary accomplishment for everyone involved, and an impressive example of how far our own intelligence, determination, and diligence has taken us. But the discovery is only the beginning, according to experts. Decoding the genome will, in time, give us the opportunity to study a complete picture of our own genetic building blocks, and to begin to finally understand just what role they play in the development of each individual's appearance, physical well-being and mental health.

Though scientists have speculated for years that genes are primarily responsible for diseases like cancer and mental disorders like schizophrenia, finally having the information in front of them will allow researchers to discover what specific role genetics play in the development of these disorders. And through understanding will come better medical treatments.

We applaud the scientists, experts and researchers who were all involved in this project. Though the effort took years to finally see results, the decoding of the genome could eventually prove to be one of the most fruitful discoveries of modern science. Through it, terminal diseases could be cured, mental disorders controlled, and some diseases even prevented through gene therapy. The possibilities are promising, and this first victory is a sign of the breakthroughs to come.

Playboy's not just a magazine for guys



Candice Jackson
DIALOGUE EDITOR

I have a confession to make. A dirty little secret I'm forcing myself to admit. It's not the sort of thing I normally tell people, since it tends to elicit disbelieving

stares or snide comments. Truth is, though, I don't think it's really something I should be ashamed of. More people do it than most would assume; it's just a little embarrassing to own up to.

I read *Playboy*. There, I said it. And yes, I know it's a little unusual. It is, after all, "entertainment for men." It says so right on the cover. To be honest, I'm not even sure if I'm allowed — there might be some sort of clause hidden in the fine print forbidding females from even cracking it open, let alone enjoying it on a regular basis.

So what am I doing with a subscription? Simple — I think it's great. As a columnist, I find myself picking up several different magazines and newspapers in any given week, and I enjoy a wide variety of them. *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Line Reader*, *Newsweek* — hell, I even have a special place in my heart for *The Onion*, the newspaper industry's answer to *National Lampoon* magazine.

Yes, I read the articles. And though you have to flip past the centerfolds, the ads for sex manuals and the latest exploits of Little Annie Fanny to get to the good stuff, believe it or not, I've actually found that this, the best-known and loved of the skin mags, is actually filled with is one of the few magazines I find consistently turns out well-written, timely, and, above all, entertaining articles.

Of course, I didn't discover this completely on my own. Can you really imagine me asking for a copy at the local bookstore ("Ahem... yeah, um, could you get me a copy of one of the magazines behind the counter? By the way, I'm not gay. I promise.")? Nope, I discovered *Playboy* the way I imagine most people do: I borrowed a copy from my brother.

He and my dad had decided to celebrate my moving into the dorms last

year (and, therefore, complete male occupation of the house) with a subscription — sort of their way of asserting male dominance of our home. But gradually, I also began picking it up as casually as I'd pick up a copy of the paper from the coffee table.

OK, so it's a little silly. Although I can sit here and argue that *Playboy* has more to it than pretty pictures, it's still strange, I'll admit. After all, isn't the point of "men's magazines" to cater to a very specific demographic — namely, hormone-ridden heterosexual males?

But over the years, *Playboy* has become more than young girls posing in stiletto heels and little else. Just in recent months, fiction by Chuck Palahniuk, author of "Fight Club" and Mario Puzo, who created the "Godfather" trilogy, have been featured, and the magazine's interviews are legendary. And have you seen the *Playboy* Advisor column lately? Where else can you get advice on how to get laid and the perfect way to mix a martini? Now *that's* good writing.

I think what surprised me most about picking up *Playboy* was the realization that it's simply not the seedy, sexist soft-porn rag I was led to believe it was. Fifty years ago, when editor-in-chief Hugh Hefner first began publishing his dream, it was cutting edge, different and scandalous.

Not so today, and if you don't believe me, compare it to the most recent copy of *Cosmopolitan* or any other woman's mag on the market that uses barely-dressed cover models/eating disorder victims to boost sales (at least *Playmates* are allowed to have curves).

Though *Cosmo* doesn't include nude photos in its pages (though some of the fashion spreads come pretty close) you've got to admit that content doesn't vary from one to the other. *Cosmo* may give you the "modern woman" take on sex, but it's still all about sex. At least *Playboy* does it with a little style.

So I read *Playboy*. Big deal. It's smart, it's funny, and it gives me something to have in common with my male friends. True, I can't really fully appreciate the "main attraction" of the latest issue. But while the male readers are checking out her surgically-enhanced assets, at least I can admire her cute outfits.

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Jenny Robertson

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Labeling Madonna "old" dates us, too

It's typical that at 5 p.m. on a workday, I'm sitting in the circus that is New Circle Road, having just left an eight-hour-day job where I'm still not exactly sure what I do.

My white, two-door Dodge Charger (affectionately referred to as "Gertrude the Golf Cart") has no CD or tape player; due to circumstances beyond her control, all she has to offer is a very old radio that sometimes shorts out when I apply the brakes.

So, in order to satisfy my persistent urge to sing in the car, I am forced to spend most of my driving time flipping radio stations instead of watching the road.

And yesterday was no different. I was sitting at a red light that seemed longer than time, the car next to me was inching forward to beat me out of the light ("Ooh, your '99 Ford Explorer can outrun my 15-year-old, four-cylinder Charger; you must be cool!"), and my air conditioning was blowing out 94 degree air. I was frantically searching radio stations and hoping I could defeat my imminent migraine with a little burst of singing.

Foreigner on 94.5? I don't think so. Metallica on 100.1? That certainly won't help the headache. Some band that I didn't recognize (but that sounded suspiciously like a group of primates discovering instruments) on Z-102? Uh, no, needed soul, funk, the crooning of Al Green, the screeching of James Brown, the harmony of the Supremes. Naturally, I tuned the radio to "Groovin'" 102.5. At the very least, I'd get a little Jackson Five. But instead, I got...

Madonna? What the hell was Madonna doing on an "R and B oldies" station? Don't get me wrong, I love Madonna. I've known every single lyric to "Papa Don't Preach" since I was eight. I taped the *Blonde Ambition* tour of HBO.

I own a battered and worn copy of *Desperately Seeking Susan* that, much to my dismay, skips every three seconds because it's been watched so much. Damn, I've

even sat through *Truth or Dare*... twice!

Two years ago, I even dressed up as Madonna for Halloween. Not bustier-wearing, crotch-grabbing Madonna or dominatrix, Sex-book Madonna. I was the original, the early '80s Madonna: fizzy side-pontial, bikini shorts with a poofy ballet skirt, cutoff T-shirt over a tight tank-top, jazz boots and all. It was glorious.

But who decided to classify Madonna under "oldies"? She's still a media queen; she's expecting a baby and she's putting out a new album this fall. She released a new movie and a soundtrack just last spring. Granted, the cover of Don MacLean's "American Pie" was a mistake, but at least Madonna's still fighting in the game.

Hardly a woman you would call an "oldie."

And yet there she was on 102.5, belting out "Holiday" over the blissful sounds of a Casio keyboard and a drum machine. What was the DJ thinking?

When I got home and told my mother about the incident, I thought she would be just as puzzled as I was. She merely replied, "Jenny, the song came out 20 years ago."

Well, I'm sorry, but lyrics like "Holiday, celebration, come together in every nation" never die. And I am still convinced that "if we took a Holiday, everything would be OK."

If we allow Madonna to become an oldie, then everything we grew up with and came to love is in danger of becoming dated. Who's next, Duran Duran? Things like Care Bears, He-Man and Ghostbusters never go out of style.

So stand up for your right to remain young and invincible and, most importantly, irresponsible. Watch that rerun of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* on Comedy Central and think of me.

I'll be in my office, doing the "Vogue."

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

New Dean of Students may not have best interests of the students in mind

TO THE EDITOR:

According to the Kernel's lead article on June 9th, Mr. Hazard would have preferred to be a professional basketball player and he's certainly "not cheering" about becoming UK's Dean of Students in August (when Dean Stockham retires).

It's the "experience of the staff" that make the job appealing to him and, besides, it's the "next step" (for a salary increase, evidently). Could anyone possibly be less excited about a promotion or seem to want it for more of the wrong reasons?

Not once does the future Dean of Students mention that he would like to serve UK's student population or that he even likes students (in fact, he manages never to mention the word "student" other than in the context of his new title).

The position of Dean of Students can be of great importance to the students of UK. Shouldn't the person who fills this position really want the job and be sensitive to the students' needs?

After all, Mr. Hazard could find his "next step" in a myriad of other departments in the University that also boast an experienced staff.

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Corrections

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