



Electric facts

En-lightened

The average lightning stroke is six miles long.

The temperature of lightning's return stroke can reach 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit, hotter than the surface of the sun (around 11,000 degrees Fahrenheit).

The average thunderstorm is six to 10 miles wide.

The average thunderstorm travels at 25 mph.

Once the leading edge of a thunderstorm approaches to within 10 miles, you are at immediate risk because of the possibility of lightning strokes coming from overhanging anvil cloud. Because of this, many lightning deaths and injuries occur with clear skies directly overhead.

On average, thunder can only be heard over a distance of three to four miles, depending on humidity, terrain and other factors.

About 100,000 thunderstorms occur in the United States each year. About 10 percent of all thunderstorms are severe enough to produce high winds, flash floods and tornadoes.

Thunderstorms cause an average of 200 deaths and 700 injuries in the United States each year, most of which could be prevented with the extra warning devices.

— Source: <http://aws.com/lightning.html>

More facts of life

Take 'em or leave 'em

A truly wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn.

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.

Vital papers will demonstrate their vitality by moving from where you left them to where you can't find them.

Your sole purpose in life might be simply to serve as a warning to others.

Paranoids are people, too; they have their own problems. It's easy to criticize, but if everybody hated you, you'd be paranoid, too.

It has recently been discovered that research causes cancer in rats.

If you are given an open-book exam, you will forget your book.

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell and make you feel happy to be on your way.

— Source: <http://www.entertainmentand.com/jokes/facts.htm>

— Ron Norton

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo

Surprise: It'll be mostly cloudy and cool.

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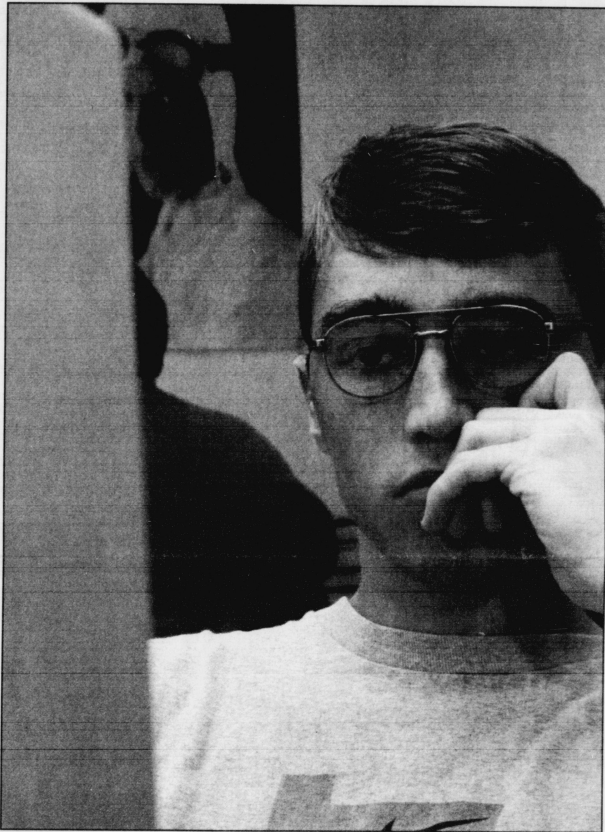
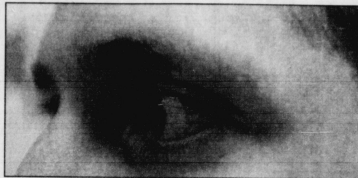
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HEALTH

"People who do repetitive work cause whatever body part to get tired."

— John Bieryl,
assistant professor of ophthalmology



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Eye strain sometimes has troubled Tim Hughes, a computer science junior and a lab consultant in the Grehan Building.

Pain in the eye

Looking at a computer for prolonged time period playing havoc with students', professor's sight

By Regina Prater

STAFF WRITER

After sitting at the computer for three long hours typing that 12-page paper on mating habits of Australian kangaroos, your eyes start to burn and water, your vision blurs and your eyelids become so heavy you feel you can't go on.

Don't feel alone. The American Academy of Ophthalmology said many computer users suffer from eye strain associated with prolonged viewing of Video Display Terminals, more commonly known as computer monitors.

John Clark, technology coordinator in the College of Communication and Information Studies, started having headaches and burning, itchy and bloodshot eyes after he took the position two years ago.

"A couple of years ago I started working on graphics and web pages all day long, and I developed eye strain and headaches," Clark said. "I never had this problem until I got a larger monitor and began working with colors so much."

Clark lessened his symptoms by sitting as far as possible from

the monitor and adjusting the display settings on the computer so the images are larger. He also walks away from the computer every 30 to 35 minutes to give his eyes a break.

Robert Tannenbaum, UK director of Academic Computing Services, said after consumers purchase a computer, they should take it to the place it will be used and check to see if the distance they are sitting from the monitor causes eye strain.

"Distance, different lighting and viewing angles can cause eyes to become strained," Tannenbaum said.

He said monitors might affect people differently. Consumers should never purchase a monitor from a company that will not take it back if it causes eye strain or other problems, he said.

Computer users should sit three to four feet away from the monitor and move their eyes away from the screen at least every 10 minutes, Tannenbaum said.

Sandip Shah, a computer science graduate student, said he started experiencing eye strain when he came to America from India a little more than a year ago.

"In India, I used a black and white screen with some sort of anti-glare cover over the screen," he said.

Shah attributes the strain to using color monitors with poor resolution and that he must do computer work eight to 10 hours a day.

Shah said his problem worsens with certain types of fonts and when he views graphics, such as the kind on the Internet, for prolonged periods of time.

Geoff Rothman, a computer science graduate student, developed eye problems this summer when he worked almost 10 hours a day on a computer.

"The eye strain was so bad it prompted me to get glasses," Rothman said.

The glasses are not made to correct his near perfect vision, but are equipped with a special coating to block out the glare from the computer screen, he said.

John Bieryl, an assistant professor of ophthalmology, said everyone experiencing eye strain should have an eye exam. Bieryl said some people might need a separate pair of glasses to allow for the distance the computer monitor is from the eyes. He also recommends that people take frequent breaks.

"People who do repetitive work cause whatever body part to get tired," Bieryl said.

BASKETBALL

UK players suspended for 4 games

Coach Smith says punishments will be over after Wildcats' second regular season game

By Aaron Sanderford

SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Three Wildcat basketball players learned their fate Monday, and it starts with four.

UK junior center Jamaal Magloire, sophomore guard Ryan Hogan and sophomore forward Myron Anthony will miss the first four games of the 1998 season, starting with tonight's exhibition against the California All-Stars. Head coach Tubby Smith announced the suspensions Monday at his weekly press conference.

Missing both exhibition games and regular season games against Eastern Kentucky and Mercer will officially end the disciplinary period for Magloire, Hogan and Anthony.

"Obviously, you want a full complement of your players there to perform so everyone is meshing together," Smith said. "This didn't happen at all last year; this is a first, so I'll be wondering how we will respond."

Magloire was disciplined for being in a car this summer with people arrested on drug charges; Hogan was disciplined in connection with his arrest this summer for driving under the influence; Anthony was disciplined for wrecking senior point guard Wayne Turner's car in September 1997 and leaving the accident scene.

Only Anthony will miss additional games, because of academic troubles. Rather than suspend him for the semester, Smith chose to keep Anthony in Lexington during first-semester road trips that conflict with his class schedule.

But the Cats' immediate concern is to find team chemistry in the midst of chaos, Smith said. UK's five freshmen will be expected to step into several of the roles vacated by suspensions, he said.

"We've been working together since Oct. 17, and we've been making those adjustments during practice and playing guys a lot with different lineups and matchups," Smith said. "But it hurts the team when you don't have everybody there."

Hogan said he wasn't surprised by the length of his suspension, while Anthony said he was a bit disappointed with his extended punishment. But the rest of the team simply wants to move on.

"We've all known they've made mistakes," sophomore center Michael Bradley said. "It's been around for so long now; we're ready to move past this and focus on the season."

And the season starts tonight at 7:30 p.m., when the Wildcats take the Rupp Arena floor for the second time in three seasons as defending champions. Their opponents include former UCLA stars Kris Johnson, Jelani McCoy and Charles O'Bannon.

"This being an all-star team will raise our evaluation of our team," Smith said.

CAMPUS

UK student hit by cyclist on Rose

By Maureen Dattilo

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A UK student was injured by a bicyclist riding in the wrong direction Friday morning, according to police reports.

Social work junior Kelly Watkins, who was taken from the scene to an area hospital, was crossing Rose Street in front of the Fine Arts Building when a cyclist coming down the hill in the bike lane along the building struck her, said Emily Douglas, an integrated strategic communications junior who witnessed the accident.

Watkins flew into the air and hit the concrete face-first, Douglas said.

The cyclist, Rodrick M. Tinker, of Louisville, then veered into the street where he struck a car, according to reports.

"Blood was flowing everywhere," Douglas said. "A lot of people had to turn away because they couldn't deal with it."

No injuries were listed on the report, and no charges have been filed.

Douglas said Tinker and the car's driver did not appear to be injured, but Watkins seemed groggy. Watkins could not remember details about what had happened afterwards, Douglas said.

Douglas said the cyclist

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Bad cough
Soul
Coughing's
latest effort
shows little
talent! 3



ELECTIONS '98

Youth not pulling the lever

Bureau statistics show not enough teens, 20-year-olds not rocking vote in November

By Mark Vanderhoff
STAFF WRITER

Statistics suggest when it comes to voting, people age 18-24 don't make it to the polls. In the 1996 general elections, less than a third of Kentuckians in that age group voted, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"A lot of people at that age don't think it affects them in any way," said Derek Fulson, an architecture sophomore.

Factors contributing to student indifference vary, but seem to stack up cohesively. "Students are less rooted in their community," said Mark Peffley, professor and director of undergraduate studies for UK's political science department.

"They live in a different city than they grew up in."

Because the district a citizen votes in coincides with the address on their driver's license, a student who has not updated such information with Fayette's County clerk can't vote in Lexington.

So a potential voter has two choices: a trip to their home voting district or an absentee ballot, a process Peffley contends most students aren't aware of.

"Political parties in the U.S. don't make registration as accessible as they could," Peffley said. "People are less familiar with the procedures."

Figuring out how to vote is just the beginning.

"I don't understand a lot of the bills that go through," said Nate Brown, Student Government Association president. "A student's schedule doesn't make it easy."

Indeed politics can seem complicated, even foreign.

"(Students) don't feel like they get accurate information," said Ralph Whitley, an engineering/physics junior.

When the candidates don't address issues that reflect students' concerns, voting may not seem pertinent.

"(Students) don't think it affects them yet because the things being campaigned for are tax reform and health care, things like that," said Jamie Robinson, an undeclared junior.

Undeclared sophomore Sara Sahni thinks her vote is important, but wasn't surprised by statistics.

"It's not ironic to me," Sah-

ni said. "It's hard to encourage awareness."

Some students will vote regardless of the obstacles.

"I'll have to drive home to vote, but it's important," said Courtney Parker, an elementary education senior from Frankfort.

Brown thinks if more students would vote, candidates would start addressing their concerns.

"There are so many students, we really could make a difference," Brown said.

Individually or collectively, the power of the vote is not lost on all students.

"It's the only way you can voice your opinion, and you have a right to do it at a certain age, so why not?" Parker said.

Census bureau statistics show that, in general, more people exercise their right to vote as they grow older.

Alumnus sees Glenn blast off

Former student one of 250,000 at space center to witness ex-astronauts expedition

By Kristina Pickrel and Sarah Charles
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Growing up, UK alumnus Tim Bender watched "The Six Million Dollar Man," and dreamed of flying off in a jet to fight the bad guys like the lead character, Col. Steve Austin.

It comes as no surprise that along with the 250,000 others at Kennedy Space Center and many TV viewers, Bender watched John Glenn's return to space last Thursday.

Unlike other viewers, Bender — a 1982 business administration graduate — played a special part in John Glenn's historical mission.

As lead landing support officer of NASA and a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, Bender said the chance to fulfill his dream started with the Air Force ROTC program at UK.

His dream of one day flying for his country began at UK and has led him to his service at the NASA space program.

"I always knew where I wanted to go, but didn't know how to get there. The ROTC program (at UK) gave me direction and the tools I needed

to succeed," he said.

As part of the NASA Flight Team for Space Shuttle Operations, Bender helps provide search and rescue forces and any other support for NASA if something goes wrong with a shuttle launch or a malfunction occurs while a crew is in orbit.

Bender also briefs astronauts on the status of all emergency airfields around the world for shuttle emergency landing and briefs the State Department on the shuttle status.

John Glenn's mission, STS-95, is Bender's last duty at his current position. This summer, Bender will be reassigned to flying again.

"I've come a long way with the Air Force and it's not over yet," he said.

The Flying Wildcats, UK's AFROTC, is among 700 institutions that offer a choice of a four-year program or two-year program in aerospace studies.

Students go through four years of ROTC courses. Between sophomore and junior years, students complete a four-week training program.

BIKE

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who was walking in the crosswalk, that he was coming but she didn't seem to hear him.

In his 20 years at UK, Chuck Lord, an associate professor of music, said he has seen many similar accidents in that area caused by cyclists not looking out for pedestrians.

"Every month I see a close

call of someone getting hit," Lord said.

"I've almost been hit a couple of times myself."

Lord crosses at the same crosswalk where the accident occurred most days and said there are so many cyclists now that he feels like he should look four times before crossing the street.

Lord said he thinks cyclists hitting pedestrians is an all too common occurrence on campus.

UK Police declined to comment on the accident.

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MUSIC REVIEW



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Soul Couching brings a mix of techno, funk and rock to the table in its new album, *El Oso*. The album, though, amounts to nothing more than a cacophony of childish noise.

Gesundheit!

Soul Couching lacks maturity and talent with new album of trite tunes, *El Oso*

By Clark Case
ASSISTANT DIIALOGUE EDITOR

¿Qué pasa?
¿El oso?
Oh, el oso?
Sí, mi amigo.
Be wary of a band that names an album *El Oso* — Soul Couching did, and they're among the most desecrate bands in the nation. For that matter, I'm not even sure what kind of music this is. It reminds me of the stuff me and my third-grade buddies would play in a jam session when they were spending the night. I'd take my elementary piano skills to the little 24-key Casio keyboard, using one of the four pre-programmed drum beats (march, waltz, swing or jazz) as the rhythm section while I played random notes and sang about G.I. Joe figures.

Had I had known the music we at those prepubescent gigs would be better than a band getting radio play in 1988, I'd have tried to keep our band together rather than ostracizing the other two members after they broke my Atari 7800

while playing Pole Position. Nevertheless, Soul Couching is on the scene with their third album, *El Oso*. Frontman M. Doughty speaks favorably of his bands latest release: "This record is huge. It's my favorite. I'm not lying. On *El Oso* we have really gone as a band."

Hidden beneath the surface of that quote, Doughty tells the entire story of this phenomenon called Soul Couching. Did you notice his eloquence? Those three and four word sentences above much resemble the lyrical oblivion Soul Couching brings to modern techno-guitar-basso-funk. His lyrics in the songs are so plain, they make Kum-Bay-Ya's lyrics seem complex and methodically encapsulating.

But Doughty has more to say about his little coven of monotonous musicians: "When the band was formed (in 1992), I had given up on making it in the music industry. I didn't care anymore, and I just wanted to book some Monday night shows and have some fun."

There's a damn good reason Soul Couching's vo-

calist had given up on making it in the music business — he can't sing and his band can't make music. In fact, I would've thought his anti-aspirations would have been easily achieved, except...

There are times in the course of human existence when we have to ask the forbidden question... Why? Why in the world did a record company sign these losers? Why would they want to make a CD that didn't sound as good as your third-grade keyboard?

If you don't believe my impression of Soul Couching, turn on your radio at 3:24 a.m. and listen. At that dead hour, you may hear one of their songs, a ditty called "Circles" that DJ's are playing when they feel like their lives have become too exciting. "Circles" sounds just like every other song on *El Oso*, and every other song on *El Oso* sounds like the repetitive oblivion of normality. Monotonous lyrics, three notes on a guitar and a pansy bassline.

If you buy this CD, you'll be sorry — and you will Soul Couching. After all, they gave up on the music industry a long time ago.

And it shows.

Rating: D

Venerable artist tells of his life experience

Life gives Robbie Fulks substance on new album

By Ben Salmon
STAFF WRITER

Robbie Fulks took a long road to get to where he is today. He paid his dues kicking around in Chicago honky-tonk bars. He taught for a decade at the Old Towne School of Folk Music. He did time in the rollicking Special Consensus Bluegrass Band. And then he went to Nashville to make some money writing country music, only to fail miserably.

Ironically, it turned out to be his biggest break.

Discouraged by the glitzy meat-market of Nashville, Fulks returned home, where he was noticed by Rob Miller of the fledgling insurgent-country label Bloodshot Records. Miller signed Fulks on the spot, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Let's Kill *Saturday Night* is Fulks' major label debut. After two stellar albums for Bloodshot, Fulks signed to Geffen as an outlet for his more electric side.

Saturday Night accomplishes exactly that. Drenched in feedback and littered with neo-grunge guitar riffs, the album is the polar opposite of Fulks' previous efforts.

The departure shows the range of Fulks' songwriting ability — that's the easy part. The quality of *Saturday Night* illuminates the depth of enormous talent.

The album opens with the title cut, an ode to small-town living. The song is truly an instant classic, featuring a jangly guitar line and Fulks' plaintive tenor voice.

The album proceeds through a roller-coaster ride of dynamics and emotion. On "Caroline," Fulks belts out the distraught character's name as harmonies dance around him in a style reminiscent of recent tourmate Ben Delfino.

Powder pop also reigns supreme on the sly, catchy "She Must Think I Like Poetry," and the Tommy Keenlike "Take Me To The Paradise." Fulks injects a little more guitar-crunche in "Little King" and "Down In Her Arms."

Not until the second half of the album does Fulks allow his country-western side of its she. "You Shouldn't Have," is a scathing, stomping rant at a cheating lover, while "God Isn't Real," is an ultrasacred tribute to the old Louvin Brothers classic "Satan Is Real."

"Can't Win For Losing You," comes closest to Fulks' previous music ventures. The song is classic country, a tale of heartbroken loneliness as Fulks describes so perfectly in the line, "I'd be rich if broken dreams were dime."

"Night Accident," about a conversation between a car-crash survivor and his lifeless friend in the passenger seat, is a harrowing tale of death and anguish. The song is yet another tour of the human soul led by Fulks.

With all of Fulks' experience, it's no wonder he is such a qualified guide. It's no wonder he continues to churn out extraordinary music album after album.

Rating: B+

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TUESDAY 11/3

ELECTION DAY!
ACADEMIC
Creative Writing Workshop, 8:00pm, The Writing Center—Room B108-C.W.T.
Young Library
Free Math Tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazee Hall, call 257-8703 for times.

MEETINGS
UK Snow Ski and Snow Board Club Meeting, 8:00pm, Room 228 Student Ctr. For more info call Mike Corbett at 245-9625
SAB Cinema Committee meeting, 4pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Concert Committee meeting, 4pm, 206 Stud. Ctr.
Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30pm, Room 299 Student Center
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Guest Worship meeting, 7:00pm, Room 230 Student Center
Society for Creative Anachronism meeting, 7:00pm, Room 111 Student Center
Young Life First Year Fellowship meeting, 5:30pm, Rm 115 Student Center
TNT Tuesday Night Together at Baptist Student Union, 7:30pm, BSU Chapel
PHAT Tuesday meeting sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, 7:30pm, Rm. 245 Student Center
Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
Golden Key National Honor Society Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 228 Student Center
SCA Environmental Concerns Committee meeting, 7:30pm, SCA Office

SPORTS
UK Men's Basketball vs. California All-Stars, 7:30pm, Rupp Arena
UK Women's Golf @ Memphis Women's Invitational

SPECIAL EVENTS
International Conversation Night, 5pm, Gameroom of Student Center

WEDNESDAY 11/4

ACADEMIC
Educational Research and Unrealistic Deadlines: The Hazards and Rewards of an Extremely Abbreviated Policy Project" discussion, noon-1, 109 Dickey Hall
ARTS & MOVIES
"Garcia Lorca: Poetry and Music" 11am, Singletary Center
The Art of Song: Great Orchestral Songs", 8pm, Singletary Center

MEETINGS
SAB Indoor Activities Committee meeting, 8:15pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Spotlight Jazz Committee meeting, 7:30pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
SAB Visual Arts Committee meeting, 11am, Rm. 203 Stud. Ctr.
INTRAMURAL RECREATION
Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9:00pm, CSF Building (corner of Woodland & Columbia Ave.)
Cats For Christ meeting, 7:00pm, Rm 230 Student Center
New Student Dinner and Fellowship, Newman Center—320 Rose Lane, Room #8, 5pm
Jewish Student Organization Hillel Foundation Weekly Dinner, 6pm, Commons Main

Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
UK Men's Voices Rehearsal, 6:30-9 pm, Old Stud. Ctr. Theatre

UK Aikido Club meeting 6:30-8pm, Alumni Gym Loft, for more info contact Chris Sweet at 245-3897

SPECIAL EVENTS
Karkovka 11pm, Student Center Gameroom, 8pm
Buildup Gumbo, 1-1pm, Student Center Patio, FREE food and prizes, sponsored by SAB

THURSDAY 11/5

ACADEMIC
Free Math Tutoring for Math 109 & 123, Room 201 Frazee Hall, call 257-8703 for times.
Internships and Shadowing Orientation, 2-4pm, 111 Stud. Ctr.

ARTS
"Cats: Reflections on the Artist's Residence" Public Forum, 7pm, Henry Clay High School
An Evening with the UK Cello Ensemble, 8pm, Singletary Center

MEETINGS
Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30pm, Worship Theatre
SAB Contemporary Affairs Committee meeting, 4pm, King Cultural Ctr.
SAB Next Stage Committee meeting, 3:30pm, 203 Stud. Ctr.
Annexity International meeting, 7:00pm, Room 113 Student Center
UK Lambda meeting for Lesbians/gays, 7pm, Room 231 Student Center

Wesley Foundation Dinner and Prayer, 6pm, Wesley Foundation
Thursday Night Live sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship, 7pm, 502 Columbia Ave.

Catholic Mass, Newman Center, 12:10pm
Memories in Ag Natural Resources and Related Sciences meeting, 5:30pm, Ag North Room N8, 55 semester dues
Pre-Net Club meeting, 7:30pm, Ag North Room N8
Habitat for Humanity meeting, 5:30pm, Rm 118 Stud. Ctr.
UK Pre-Law Assoc. meeting, 4pm, Room 103 Miller Hall

LECTURES
Catholic Approach to the Bible, 7pm, Newman Center

SPORTS
UK Women's Soccer @ SE Tournament, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Wild Water Cats White Water Club meeting, 7:30pm, Rm 123 Seaton Ctr.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Devotion "n' Lunch, 12:15pm, BSU
Coffeehouse at Student Center Gameroom, 8-10pm
An Appalachian Evening With Gurney Norman, 7:30pm, W.T. Young Library
Song Of Freedom, part of the Paul Robeson Film Festival, 7:30pm, UK Student Center Theatre

FRIDAY 11/6

ARTS
Piano Recital by Maybelle Lim, noon, Peal Gallery
Teleconference: "Jazz Instruments Part II: Base and Piano" 3pm, UK Student Center Theatre

SPORTS
UK Women's Volleyball vs. Georgia, 7pm
UK Men's Soccer MAC Tournament, UK Soccer Stadium, Times TBA, Free for Students

SPECIAL EVENTS
French Board Games, 5pm, Blandling basement

MEETINGS
UK Women's Soccer @ SE Tournament, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
UK Women's Tennis @ Rolex Regional Tournament

SPECIAL EVENTS
Carnegie Dance with Sandra Calro, 11:15 am, Barker Hall, 58 public, 55 students
John S. Hall presented by the SAB Next Stage Committee, 8pm, Worship Theatre

SATURDAY 11/7

ARTS
"A Salute to Ellington and Strayhorn" Concert, 8pm, Singletary Center. Tickets \$10, \$13, \$15

SPORTS
UK Men's Football vs. Mississippi State, 1:30pm, Commonwealth Stadium
UK Women's Tennis @ Rolex Regional Tournament

SPECIAL EVENTS
Carnegie Dance with Sandra Calro, 11:15 am, Barker Hall, 58 public, 55 students
John S. Hall presented by the SAB Next Stage Committee, 8pm, Worship Theatre

MEETINGS
UK Student Association meeting, 4pm, Room 124 Kastle Hall
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 8:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Center

INTRAMURAL RECREATION
UK Aikido Club meeting 1-3pm, Alumni Gym Loft, for more info contact Chris Sweet at 245-3897
Cats and Kajak Roll Sessions sponsored by the Wild Water Cats, 4:45-7pm, Lancaster Aquatic Ctr., 53

SPORTS
UK Women's Volleyball @ South Carolina, 1pm
UK Women's Basketball vs. Slovakia, 2pm, Memorial Coliseum, call 257-1818 for ticket info
UK Men's Basketball @ Student Ticket Distribution for Eastern Ky. (11/17) and Mercer (11/19) games, 8am, Memorial Coliseum

SPECIAL EVENTS
Spaghetti Dinner, Newman Center, 6pm, 52

TECHNOLOGY

New system to hit market

Sega set to release revolutionary system that could surpass both Nintendo and Sony

By Nathan Stevens
CONTRIBUTING TECHNOLOGY COLUMNIST

On Nov. 20, Japan will get to see one of the greatest video-game systems made to date. It's not made by Sony or Nintendo, but Sega, which will release its new system called Dreamcast.

While the name doesn't sound too intimidating or stylish, the system itself makes up the difference. The processor, which determines how fast the system can play a game without that annoying loading time, is super-fast on this machine (200-plus megahertz).

The chip that makes these beautiful graphics possible is the PowerVR graphics chip. The system also includes eight megabytes of Random Access Memory, which helps the sys-

tem pump out graphics at a quick rate with almost no loading time.

Finally, a wonderful device Sega has cleverly added to the Dreamcast arsenal is, drum roll please... a modem! A device that is mainly used to communicate with the Internet on personal computers will now grace console systems. This means you won't have to spend thousands of dollars on a PC to get the Internet.

The modem works just like a regular PC modem: You hook up your phone wire to the machine and the other end to a phone outlet, and you're connected. Sega has its own online service, which is already set-up for the system's launch, and will offer this service not only in Japan, but also the United States

Before we look at this device, let's see what we have so far on current console systems.

Nintendo 64 is a cartridge-based system, while the Sony Playstation is a CD-ROM-based system, running on a double-speed CD-ROM (a decent speed). The Dreamcast is a CD-ROM-based system, but it's equipped with a 12-speed CD-ROM (six times the speed of the Playstation). Now, if the hardware doesn't get you pumped for this baby, maybe some of the software will.

Big-name companies are going to bring their big-name hits to Dreamcast. Capcom, the company widely known for the *Street Fighter* series, will be bringing out its horror-B-movie/drama *Resident Evil 4* (rumored to be a Dreamcast exclusive).

Konami will also be bringing out its soon-to-be-a-hit *Metal Gear Solid*, a game about espionage. The biggest news regarding Dreamcast software is this

month's signing of Namco.

Namco (for those of you who were asleep in the 1980s) brought us the game *Pac-Man* and *Ms. Pac-Man*. Namco has plans on bringing their Playstation hit series *Tekken* to Dreamcast in the form of *Tekken 4* and rumor has it this might also be a Dreamcast exclusive.

Sega will release games like *Virtual Fighter 3B Super GT*, *Daytona USA 2* and *Sonic Adventure* (side-scrolling adventure), based on the little, blue hedgehog mascot. In total, Sega wants to have 10-15 big-name software titles ready to at the system's launch in Japan and America and 30-35 a month later.

If Sega can promote its product well, like it did with the 16-bit system Genesis, we'll see a successful product with a good life-span.

It's no wonder Sega's total marketing of Dreamcast will be around \$500 million, which says a lot about its faith in the product.

Weird stuff

Trouble in 'wOnderland'

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — Heinz J. Schaefer climbed into the bathtub of his Connecticut apartment, slit his wrists and bled to death on Sept. 6. His world had ended five days earlier, at precisely 10 p.m.

At that hour, federal agents raided the microbiologist's suburban home, seizing computer equipment, floppy disks, CD-ROMs and modems. Similar raids were carried out simultaneously in 31 other U.S. cities and 11 other countries. Authorities had cracked the largest, most sophisticated online child pornography ring yet — a perverse enterprise called "wOnderland."

Its ranks, described by one official as "its own little sick society, with its own rules," allegedly included Schaefer, one of more than 100 suspects arrested worldwide.

"They are people that you could live next door to," said Jackie Bennett, spokeswoman for Britain's National Crime Squad. "What they've actually been doing is horrendous."

Bennett's investigators, under the auspices of Interpol, coordinated the worldwide sweep dubbed "Operation Cheshire Cat" in the United States and "Operation Cathedral" in the United Kingdom.

Schaefer, a 35-year-old German immigrant who had worked at a Connecticut health center since June 1997, allegedly traded tens of thousands of kiddie porn pictures with his co-conspirators, swapping them like baseball cards.

Once the details became public, he opted for death over disgrace.

Overheard

"We perhaps will never know how many people died."

— Enrique Bolanos, Vice President of Nicaragua on the countless people buried when a crater lake overflowed, sending mud and rock hurtling downhill onto 10 villages.

— Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Real sports don't result in ties — so let it go, guys!

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Rajive Ganguli's letter to the editor about how all sports need respect and Manish Bhatta's column about American sports.

First, the United States is the greatest nation in the history of the world.

We are the last superpower and our culture is copied by countries around the globe.

I don't care how popular something is in some Third-World country or any place where English is not the primary language.

How can you say soccer is a sport with a straight face.

It's an activity. Like stamp collecting or bird watching.

Anything that ends in a 0-0 tie has to suck.

And cricket? Isn't that some stupid distant cousin to baseball where you have to wear those pretty little clothes and be British?

How exciting! No, stupid "sports" like soccer do not deserve space in this or any paper.

Sports like football, basketball and baseball do.

Sports that involve offense. Not 0-0 ties.

ERIC LOWE
 FINANCE AND ECONOMICS JUNIOR

Everyone should be entitled to their opinion

To the editor:

I am writing in response to Lynsie Gaddis' rebuttal of the Kernel's opinion piece on the Senate race between Jim Bunning and Scotty Baesler.

Ignoring the rather blatant idealistic promotion of Sen. Wendell Ford as "the most influential and respected politician in, not only the state of Kentucky, but the entire country as well," there are two points I would like to address.

The first is the author's assertion that she is offended by the fact that "some ignorant college student thinks he/she has the right to shun" Sen. Ford.

I might be mistaken, but I thought the First Amendment guarantees that anyone, regardless of his or her perceived level of competence, has the right to "shun" a senator.

Just because he might be an icon to some doesn't exempt him

from the Constitution. And as politically active as the author proposes to be, the fact that she is offended by the existence of this right concerns me.

Furthermore, the author goes on to conclude that, "with your ignorance, you don't deserve a vote."

So now we're only going to let those people deemed "well-informed" vote?

That makes two constitutional rights Gaddis would deny to those whose opinions are different from hers.

I can only hope as Gaddis continues her education in political science. There, she will hopefully gain at least an understanding of the basic rights granted under our Constitution, if not a respect for them.

And I hope she will not see fit to infringe on duty people those freedoms for a simple difference of opinion.

This is the United States of America, and everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion — even if it is wrong!

CHRISTOFER J. SWEAT
 GEOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT

What do you think about the election outcome?

Later tonight, you're gonna know how your candidates fared in their respective elections. Tell us what you think about the winners, the losers and everything!

Let us know what you think: send letters to kernel@pop.uky.edu.

Joel Frank
 CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Look outside the box to see how other's feel

Do you ever have one of those days when you get some news that you never thought you would get?

That happened to me the other day. I found out a good friend of mine from high school has cancer. It's the kind that you don't want to get either, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

I know what you are probably thinking. "I'm glad it didn't happen to me." Think about it in a different way. As a communications teacher of mine likes to say, think outside of the box for a minute.

Look beyond yourself for a moment. I've got 10 fingers and 10 toes, but some people don't. My grandfather has lived a majority of his life without the use of his right hand. It has not been easy for him either, he was a tool and dye man for years and his hands were essential for his livelihood. He overcame it and prospered. Not everyone with a disability can do that.

How many times have you heard yourself say, "What else could happen to me?" or how about "I wish I were dead!"

Think about it, things can get worse and you could be dead.

People in this society are overcome by the way they see their situation instead of the way it really is. You could be in a wheelchair struggling everyday to deal with the little things others take for granted. You could be that person that is suffering through chemotherapy.

"People in this society are overcome by the way they see their situation instead of the way it really is."

What do you think it would be like having poison injected into your body to kill cancer cells growing inside of you?

Would you like the fact that your hair fell out and that you looked like a pale, pasty Mr. Clean?

These are the things people never think about. They just go about their merry way.

Well, one of these days you'll be smacked in the face by the harsh reality of the real world and realize you do not live inside a bubble.

So, every time you feel sorry for an individual that is less fortunate than you, don't.

You have no idea what they have been or are going through.

Until you look outside of that box, you never will.

Adam Spaw
 KERNEL COLUMNIST

Happy new library is nothing like M.I. King

Haven't had any luck recently finding a cool party around UK? Head on over to the William T. Young Library, site of the biggest on-campus keg party. Wait a second, I thought alcohol was banned on campus. That must of just been a rumor.

Last May, near the end of my freshman year, I was all pumped up about the new library, which I'll refer to as Fantasy Island. I no longer had to study in the old Margaret I. King Library, which I'll refer to as Castle Grayskull. Fantasy Island had it all — big desks, swivel chairs and new toilets. I felt like I was on my home throne when I sat down on those babies for the first time. I could actually study for finals right there on the can.

But how the times have changed since last year. As I walked into the beastly building, I sensed something painfully different from the old library scene of Castle Grayskull. I couldn't exactly put my finger on it until I walked up the stairs and saw people lounging in big, soft chairs, like they were in their living room watching television and sipping on some hot chocolate.

I began taking note of my observations every time I visited the island. During every trip, I noticed something new that made me a firm believer that there's a keg over there I haven't seen yet.

Everybody's always having a good-old-time, laughin' it up in their study groups. All of the noise at Fantasy Island seems to funnel up into its dome, where it echoes back into your ears. It's so darn loud over there, I found the only quiet place to study is back on the can, but even those aren't so nice anymore.

At Castle Grayskull, you could tell people weren't happy to be there. This is how the library should be. Studying and writing papers at all hours of the night isn't supposed to be fun. People were pissed off at Castle Grayskull, and you could see it in their eyes. There were no comfortable swivel chairs in Grayskull's computer lab. It was dark and gloomy and for all you knew, that grumpy person next to you might be a werewolf. Noise was never a problem at Grayskull, either.

If you had the courage to walk up to the unknown land of the fifth floor, you'd see death in some people's faces. As a break from your studying, a trip down in the dungeon could provide you with a cold soda or a candy bar. People were miserable down there, too.

I miss old Castle Grayskull, and sometimes I find myself venturing in there just to find a pissed-off face. But rolling with the changes is something we all need to do in our lives, so I guess I'll continue to study at Fantasy Island.

IN OUR OPINION

Get in the booth

Voting is important for everyone

It's an old song and dance, but it bears repeating. Today, citizens of the United States need to exercise their rights and haul themselves to the nearest voting booth. Your voice needs to be heard by pulling those little levers and helping the best candidates reach public office.

When you stop and think about it, voting is among the most important things an American citizen does every two years. Your vote can directly affect your life — in many ways.

The leaders elected in these elections serve their constituents on the local, state and national level.

They make decisions on laws that affect the nation.

They push to help the areas they represent. By and large, they have a profound control on your life.

Can you afford for your voice not to be heard? Can you afford to let someone who does not represent your beliefs be elected to public office and make decisions for your town, county, state or nation?

Take a minute and think about all of the issues that our nation is facing:

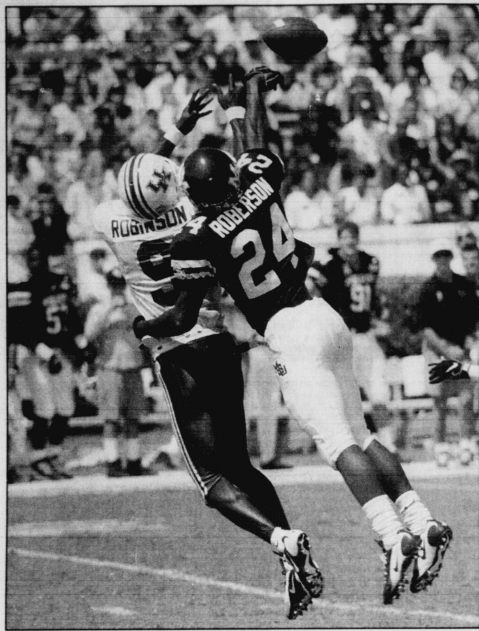
- First and foremost, taxes. Are they too high or should they be raised? The elected officials are going to decide that for you, so you had better decide on a good candidate.
- Health care costs are still high.
- Welfare reform is needed to solve several of the system's problems.
- If Social Security is not corrected, in 20 years you will be spending more than half of your income to support the program.
- As far as higher education is concerned, how is it going to be made more accessible to more people around the nation?
- As always, there are innumerable pressing foreign affairs that the United States has to deal with.

This is nothing but a small taste of issues the nation needs to address. A smattering of issues need to be dealt with on each voter's local and state level.

You've seen the advertisements and witnessed the heated races that are taking place in several elections in and around Lexington. The urgency that these advertisements show is indicative of how important the elections really are.

All this to say: Make sure you vote before the polls close. It matters.

AIR RAID: RELOAD



Wide receiver Jimmy Robinson stretched for a catch against Mississippi State last season. The Bulldogs handed the Wildcats their first loss last season in Starkville, Miss., but UK hopes the tide turns Saturday when MSU comes to Commonwealth Stadium.

FILE PHOTO

Off week long gone

Wildcat football team readies for Miss. State, challenge of posting bowl-eligible sixth win

By Adam Spaw
STAFF WRITER

Coming off a close loss to the Georgia Bulldogs, a break in the schedule last weekend served as a good time for the UK football team to relax and heal up.

The yearly bye week couldn't have come at a better time for the Cats (5-3 overall, 2-3 Southeastern Conference). With several banged up players and an upcoming game against Mississippi State (5-2 overall, 2-2 SEC), in which UK can secure a bowl bid, last week gave the team a great opportunity to mend.

Can a week without a game and lighter practices leave a team feeling rusty? Not really, defensive tackle Marvin Major said, it can only help.

"You feel faster," Major said. "We didn't sweat too much (last week) and it helps our bodies recover."

Dead week also gives the players plenty of time to watch TV — game tapes that is.

"We got a lot out of watching film and we know what to expect (Saturday)," center Ja-

ssissippi State's defense, White said. "Their defense is unpredictable," White said. "They run so many crazy schemes, I don't think it matters if we watch tape or not."

Defensively, the Cats our going to have watch out for Bulldog tailback James Johnson, Marvin Major said. In addition, Major said the Cats must contain Bulldog receiver Kevin Prentiss.

"They have the leading tailback in the in the conference," Major said. "He's like the John Rader-type. If we don't swarm the ball against him, he's gonna break on us and make some good plays. (Prentiss) is a game breaker, he's so fast."

"The defensive line needs to play well and we will win the game, basically. Sustain the attack, that's what we need to do. When we get penetration in the backfield, it (screws) everything up."

Except for the Florida game, it seems like all of UK's losses have gone to the wire, and Major said that needs to change.

"We don't want any more close games," Major said. "When we get the lead, we need to keep the lead."

VOLLEYBALL

Vols befuddle upstart UK

Tennessee beats Wildcats at home and away; Braden's team left searching for consistency

By Katy Crossen
STAFF WRITER

Some things just aren't meant to be.

The volleyball team lost Friday night's match at Tennessee in three games, 15-6, 15-9 and 15-5. The Cats came home, only to lose again to the Vols Sunday in four games, 16-14, 12-15, 15-14, 15-8, putting UK at 15-9 overall, 6-5 in the Southeastern Conference.

Friday's surprise loss left the team with a lot to evaluate after scoring low against a team that's on par with the Cats. Before this weekend, the Cats were 15-7 overall, 6-3 in the SEC, and the Volunteers were 15-6 overall, 4-4 in the SEC.

Junior Katie Eiserman said the game was one of UK's ugliest, and coach Jona Braden followed the disappointing match with a talk that focused on game preparation.

"We talked about how to prepare to play, and we talked about how each individual has to take that responsibility," Braden said. "We want each individual to be-

come individual thinkers, individual performers."

The talk must have helped, because the Cats came back to the Vols with more effort and scoring. UK also picked a game off of UT, but Braden said Sunday's match had holes that need to be patched.

"We were a different team (Sunday) than we were Friday," Braden said. "We were a different team for most of the games. We didn't put it away in game one when we could have; we didn't put it away in game three when we could have. Those were the little gaps that left the door open just a little."

Junior Jennie Reed said there were differences between Friday night and Sunday.

"Friday night, there was not as much fight, there wasn't a lot of heart, not a lot of pride," Reed said. "We were definitely prepared (Sunday). Friday we were really lackadaisical, we didn't really know where we were supposed to be, and today we were in it, all together, all 13 of us. It just didn't happen."

COOL CATS

Judd night good to UK

Wildcat hockey team ices Ohio State on big poster night; beats OSU again on Halloween

By Brandon Stapleton
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While the majority of the fans were gathered at the Lexington Ice Center this weekend to collect the Ashley Judd poster, the Cool Cats were busy setting up two huge wins over American Club Hockey Association powerhouse Ohio State.

The Cool Cats came out geared up Friday night and defeated Ohio State, 10-2.

Although sluggish play inhibited them in the first half of Saturday's game, the Cats turned up the heat and closed with a goal-scoring flurry, battling to a 5-4 win.

Although the first goal belonged to Ohio State, the Cats scored their first less than a minute later, marking the last time Ohio State would see a lead.

Outstanding play by goalie Edward Bast, a second-period natural hat trick by forward Jason Painter and a third-period natural hat trick by captain Ryan Hembree helped the Cool Cats end Ohio State's day.

"As the periods progressed and things started to go our way we just kept gaining momentum," Hembree said. "We had the whole crowd. The crowd was great tonight, and we just felt unstoppable. This was a really big win."

Five Cats had a multi-point night on Friday: forward Dave Rioux (one goal, three assists), Aaron Stephenson (three assists), Corey Callahan (one goal, one assist), Hembree and Painter. The Cats were happy

to see such a big turnout for the game, and attributed some of their play to the intensity that the crowd created. "It really pumps every-

Remaining schedule



UK Hockey

Lexington Ice Center
Games start at midnight

Nov. 14	Indiana
Dec. 3	Louisville*
Dec. 4	Vanderbilt
Dec. 5	Vanderbilt
Jan. 15	DePaul
Jan. 16	DePaul
Jan. 22	Purdue
Jan. 23	Purdue
Jan. 30	Dayton
Feb. 5	Michigan
Feb. 6	Michigan
Feb. 12	Tennessee
Feb. 13	Tennessee

* — at Rupp Arena, 10 p.m.

body up and gets our intensity going," Painter said. "By them just being here it helps us a lot."

The next game seemed to take an early Ohio State turn.

Two early goals and strong play by the Buckeyes put UK behind early in the first period. The Cats began to charge back when forward Dave Walsh scored with just 51 seconds left in the first.

Regaining the momentum from Friday night, the Cats used a barrage of shots — one eventually shoved home by Hembree — to tie the game midway through the second. Callahan scored less than a minute into the third period, giving the Cats the lead, followed by Hembree's second of the night.

Ohio State answered with two goals of its own, tying the game with less than six minutes to play.

But UK forward Austin Wielenga retrieved a loose puck in the Cats' end, streaked up the ice with it and one trailing defender, shooting the puck wide of the net.

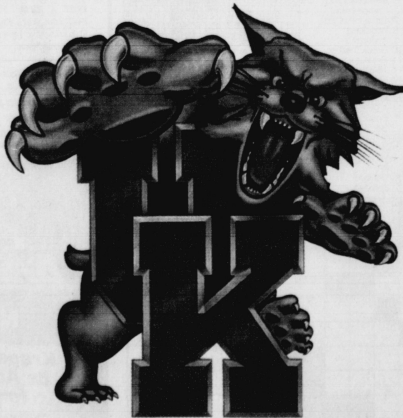
The puck then bounced off the boards and came around to the other circle, where Hembree scooped it up and banged it home, completing his second hat trick in as many nights.

"These guys have a lot of character and Hembree really just sparked things," goalie Justin Hosie said. "It was awesome. You look at (Ohio State), they're tops and to (beat) a big team like this, it shows so much development."

"When you come out and beat these teams, it fills you with more than hope, more than confidence, you just feel it, you feel it coming, you feel wins coming — always."

Student Appreciation Day

Friday Nov. 6th, 1998
3:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Memorial Coliseum



Coach Tubby Smith and UKAA is opening up Men's Basketball Practice to **Students Only** to show our appreciation for your support.
Free admission with a Valid Student ID.