



Holidays

Fat Tuesday

The last day of Mardi Gras is today. As you read this, the biggest and largest parties of the year are now taking place in New Orleans. Scores of parades and other celebrations will occur all around the world. This day before Lent is your last chance to indulge in any delights that you may be giving up.

Crafts on campus

A couple days after

Air drying is generally the best method to use for small flowers such as baby's breath, yarrow and hydrangea. Tie these flowers in bunches and hang upside down for several weeks in a warm, dry place with good air circulation such as an attic or unused closet.



To dry flowers with thick heads like zinnias and roses, use a drying agent such as borax, white corneal, silica gel (available at crafts shops). The flowers are less likely to mildew and hold their colors better. Just follow the directions on the container! In about a week's time, the flower petals will be dry and crisp. Gently pour off the agent and remove the dried flowers. Flowers also can be preserved by pressing them between heavy books or bricks. But keep in mind that while orange and yellow blossoms will retain their vivid color, most blues, purples and pinks will fade.



and reds will turn a muddy brown. Lay each plant between two layers of paper towels or waxed paper (best for fine or delicate flowers), and put under a heavy, flat object such as a book. Place in a warm, dry place. It will take about four weeks to press the flowers but the enjoyment will last for months.

—Source: <http://psw.vvm.edu/ppp/articles/presflow.htm>

—RON NORTON

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo

It's not as nasty as it could be, but expect some bad stuff come Thursday as the rain and cold move in.

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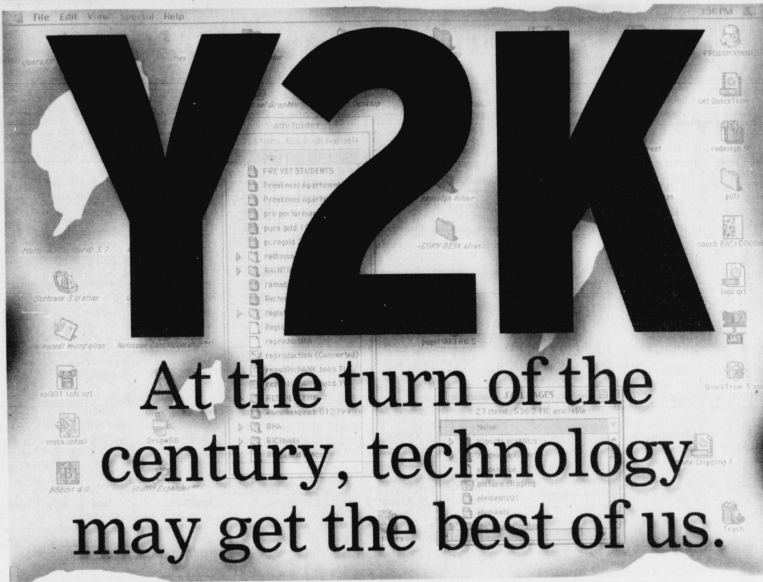
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COMPUTERS ARE YOUR FRIENDS?



At the turn of the century, technology may get the best of us.

Story by MARK VANDERHOFF ★ CAMPUS EDITOR

If you're reading this on your lunch break, the countdown to the millennium on the homepage of UK's Year 2000 Project might read 318 days, 12 hours, 0 minutes and 51 seconds.

The numbers dwindle by the second as the project oversees the compliance of campus computers to what many refer to as the millennium bug — a disruption in computers based on the premise that they will be unable to cope with the rollover of years to a new century.

Opinions vary as to the effect Y2K will have on a world that has become dependent on computers, said Doug Hurley, as-

sociate vice president for Information Systems.

Hurley describes three schools of thought in regard to the matter: those who don't think anything will happen, those who think the end of the world will happen, and moderates who anticipate problems, but nothing catastrophic.

"(Y2K) is a serious issue and all departments at UK need to take it seriously," Hurley said. "There's a lot of information and test tools to fix the problem, though, and the departments are taking the time to look at their equipment."

Rick Willmott, the project manager, said the office has set

March 1 as a deadline for most campus system upgrades.

The project has gathered test plans from departments and are in the midst of tabulating them, he said. The project office plans to complete testing of the systems by April 1.

Tomorrow the project officers will meet to update departmental coordinators on Y2K compliance and address solutions to the bug for personal computers, Willmott said.

The project meets with departmental coordinators every four months, he said. Officials prioritized all the campus computer equipment and systems.

The first priority, called crit-

ical, includes life and safety systems such as security and fire alarms and core systems that contain important information such as personnel, accounting, purchasing and student records, Hurley said.

If these systems failed, he said, the entire University would be shut down.

The second priority, called major, would affect colleges and departments, and the third priority, called minor, would mostly affect personal computers, Hurley said.

"We should be able to get through this with minimum disruptions."

Making Big Blue better

Process of time: Student finds wildcat injured, stranded on highway road; feline finds refuge

By Michael Downs
STAFF WRITER

Wildcat pride and Big Blue spirit have risen to a new level by one campus employee.

After hearing of Big Blue, the real and injured wildcat being rehabilitated at Wolf Run Wildlife Refuge, a donation of \$200 was issued by David Mulberger, manager at UK Bookstore.

The donation was given on behalf of the bookstore as a challenge for other businesses and individuals in the community.

"Hopefully they'll (the refuge) get community support. Not just from campus, but from the rest of Lexington as well," Mulberger said.

The wildcat was found injured on Highway 461 by Josh Lowery near his home in Rockcastle County on Jan. 24. Lowery said the animal was unconscious when he picked it up and took it home.

Lowery named the animal and kept it for four days before turning it over to refuge. He wanted to keep the animal, but friends and family had other ideas.

"A lot of people were skeptical," Lowery said. His girlfriend, Christina Stamper, had been keeping it in their spare bathroom, but Stamper decided Big Blue's time was up when he left his mark on it one night. She was looking for places to care for the animal when she discovered Wolf Run.

The refuge is owned and operated by Shannon Ferguson and Mary Kindred in Jessamine County.

A non-profit operation, the refuge takes in abused and injured animals. Big Blue fits right in with the refuge's lions, wolves, monkeys, cougar and other animals in need of homes.

Big Blue was in poor condition when he arrived at the refuge. Kindred said Big Blue was not only injured by the accident, but also was undernourished and plagued with parasites.

The cat suffered a mild concussion and an injured leg, but the injuries are not critical, said Dr. Mike Griffith, who has been treating Wolf Run's animals since the refuge started five years ago.

Kindred expects to keep Big Blue for at least three months so he can recover fully before returning to his natural habitat. She is busy searching for a safe location to release him.

Because of both hunting and development, safe habitats are hard to find. The cat had been observed by residents of Rockcastle County prowling near their homes, she said.

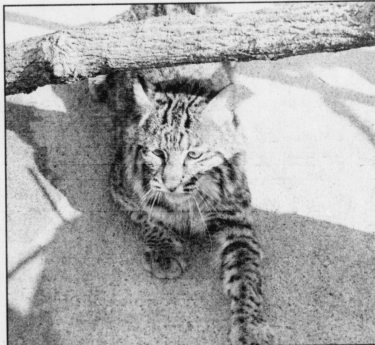
"It's so sad that wild animals are being pushed out into the towns and cities," Kindred said. The term wildcat is a regional name for the common bobcat. Although little is known regarding the precise numbers of their population in the state, development is likely affecting bobcat habitat, said David Maher, Assistant Professor of Conservation Biology.

"It's a safe bet to say where you have urban sprawl and intensive agriculture, you're going to have a reduction in habitat," Maher said.

Maher, who has spent almost 20 years studying large mammals, said a single bobcat requires between 10 to 20 square miles of habitat.

Big Blue has significantly less space than the required 10 to 20 square miles. He is contained in an enclosure that's 10 square feet.

Kindred said she hopes to build a larger shelter, not just for Big Blue, but for future animals. She expects to need \$1,200 to



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Healing

Big Blue (above), a common bobcat known as a wildcat, is spending time nursing himself back to better health at the refuge under special care.

build a larger shelter. Beverly McChesney, a volunteer at the refuge, said she understands the need for such a facility.

It was McChesney who informed Mulberger about the situation and who prompted him to make the donation.

Lowery, a self-described animal lover, said he is glad Big Blue has helped draw attention to the efforts of Wolf Run.

"This will make people realize there are places to help wild animals," Lowery said. "Maybe it will get people to support them too."

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Making waves

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OPENINGS

LCC has sights on food

New food court gives students eating option

By Brandi Belcher

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Lexington Community College students can finally get a hot meal without leaving campus.

Before the construction of a new food court, the college had limited menu options to offer its 1,200 students, most of whom eat on campus.

Soups, salads and sandwiches were basically all that were offered at the old Atrium Cafe. Carol Raitz, director of UK Food Services, said food service employees had been working out of "something (like) a closet," where fire codes prevented them from cooking.

Now the college can offer its students many food options. Represented in the food court will be Block & Barrel Deli, Little Italy, Fourth Quarter and Salads & More.

Undeclared freshman Sara Gutzman said she had never taken the chance on eating at the college before the new food court opened because she didn't know if she could find what she wanted. Raitz credited James Chapman, the college's former president, with finding a suitable expansion area for the dining facilities. The space set aside for the cafe's re-vamping had been used for tutoring and storage.

Food Services wanted to offer basic popular foods at the college because the campus is so far from Central Campus. "We've really been able to improve the usage there. This shows what can happen if different departments work together."

—Carol Raitz, director, Food Services

able to improve the usage there. This shows what can happen if different departments work together," Raitz said.

A new coffee shop, Grounds for Thought, also opened last March. Funding for the construction for both additions came from the sale of food and services. Food Services receives no money from the state or the University, Raitz said.

Students say they are noticing the college's latest additions and taking advantage of them.

"Every time I walk by the coffee shop, there are usually people sitting in there. It stays steadily busy," said undeclared sophomore Laura Landrum.

Although the cafe has been in business since October, the grand opening celebration will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the cafe in the Oswald Building. Free samples and prize drawings will be going on throughout the day.

The food court's hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays. Grounds for Thought is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

U.S. warns Iraq on threat

MERIDA, Mexico — Top U.S. officials said yesterday America would react swiftly if Iraq attacked the Turkish base American planes are using to patrol Iraqi skies. "We would respond ... strongly and firmly," National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said during President Clinton's trip to Mexico. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the U.S. "response would be swift and sure." Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said Iraq will attack the Incirlik base if American jets keep patrolling over Iraq. U.S. warplanes attacked Iraqi defense sites in northern Iraq yesterday, the Defense Department said. It said the planes returned safely to Incirlik.

Clinton at summit in Mexico

MERIDA, Mexico — President Clinton said America's leaders must "keep our eye on the ball," as he plunged yesterday into his post-impachment term with initiatives to encourage Mexico's frustrated drug war and expand its market for U.S. exports. "Our courses are converging," Clinton told Mexicans in an address. Clinton and President Ernesto Zedillo agreed to tighten the evaluation of drug-fighting performance on both sides of their 2,000-mile shared border. In two weeks, Clinton must, in the face of unfulfilled extradition promises and dropping drug seizures, render a formal evaluation of Mexico's cooperation in fighting narcotics.

Clinton optimistic on presidency

MERIDA, Mexico — President Clinton went to work on rebuilding his tarnished presidency yesterday saying "everything will be fine" if Republicans and Democrats put aside bitter differences. Clinton also fueled speculation that his wife Hillary might run for a U.S. Senate seat from New York. "She would be terrific," Clinton said. He quickly added that she has not made a decision and that he would enthusiastically support whatever she does. Clinton spoke in a brief exchange with reporters at talks with Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo.

Ex-Nixon aide Ehrlichman dies

ATLANTA — John D. Ehrlichman, President Nixon's domestic affairs adviser who was imprisoned for 18 months for the Watergate conspiracy, has died. He was 73. Ehrlichman died yesterday of natural causes at his home in Atlanta. He had suffered from diabetes, his son, Tom, said. Ehrlichman resigned from his White House post in April 1973. He was convicted two years later for obstruction of justice, conspiracy and perjury in the attempted cover-up of the burglary of the Democratic National Committee of-



BEACHED: Residents of a small Sydney beach resort are waging a war to keep David Hasselhoff's lifeguard soap "Baywatch" off their sand. After shooting two episodes of the globally syndicated show last year at Avalon Beach, the California producer Greg Bonan wants to move to Avalon permanently.



YEEES: Turner Sports will have the famous voice of Marv Albert for NBA telecasts. Albert, fired by NBC in 1997 when he pleaded guilty to a charge of misdemeanor assault and battery, Monday signed a multi-year deal with Turner Sports, which will have him call NBA games on cable stations TNT and TBS.

faces at the Watergate complex in Washington.

American close to resuming service

DALLAS — American Airlines officials say they think they can resume regular service as early as today. About 800 of American's 9,400 pilots were still listed as sick yesterday, American officials said. The airline has canceled only 17 flights scheduled for today. Pilots have been taking themselves off the sick list at a rapid rate since a federal judge held the Allied Pilots Association and two top board members in contempt and promised severe fines against them. All but 12 or 13 pilots, who face possible disciplinary action, would be immediately cleared to fly after removing themselves from the list.

Justice considers Microsoft breakup

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Justice Department and representatives of 19 states are pondering possible remedies if they win their antitrust case against Microsoft Corp. — from breaking up the company to ordering it to cease violating the law, people close to the case said yesterday. The Washington Post said in yesterday's editions that several possible sanctions were under consideration but no decisions had been made. People close to the case said that was true and outlined what those possible solutions were. A Justice Department official reacted strongly to the report, saying: "The trial is ongoing. Speculation about what the department might do if the court rules in our favor is premature and inappropriate."

Serbs may compromise on Kosovo

PARIS — Serbia is willing to make major compromises and grant rival ethnic Albanians broad self-rule, but it adamantly opposes having NATO troops police a Kosovo agreement, the republic's president said yesterday. For the first time since a Kosovo peace conference started Feb. 6, Milan Milutinovic indicated Serbs were willing to give up most of the demands that have stalled the talks — with the exception of NATO peace-keeping troops. Milutinovic said any NATO deployment would "badly damage our sovereignty" and that NATO bombing raids in the absence of an agreement would amount to "an aggression and a war crime." Meanwhile, British military vehicles and heavy guns were moved from Germany to Greece for use in a possible NATO intervention in Kosovo, the British army said.

U.S. musicians to appear in Cuba

MIAMI — U.S. musicians will spend March 21-28 in Havana writing songs with Cuban performers and will put on a concert for an expected crowd of more than 40,000 Cubans, the project's organizer said yesterday. "This will be a week of culminating in participation in an open-air concert for the Cuban people," the group, the Los Angeles-based Music Bridge, said in a statement posted on its Internet site.

Compiled from wire reports.

LIVING

Pets denied safe haven in dorms

By Jennifer Caldwell
STAFF WRITER

"No pets allowed." That's a familiar phrase for students who live in residence halls.

"Pets require space, and the residence hall rooms are obviously not big enough to house two people (and two pets)," said Jim Wims, director of Residence Life.

He said he believes keeping pets in the dorm threatens the health and sanitation of the residents and is inhumane for the animals themselves.

The official policy allows the exception of fish in up to a 10-gallon tank and service animals for residents with disabilities.

"Pets need a place to roam, be free and run around, and clearly the residence hall room is not a space conducive for keeping a pet," Wims said.

Some students disagree, though.

"It's very good in terms of safety for the pet," said psychology and anthropology senior Chandra Wiese, who lives in Blanding Tower.

German and photography freshman David Kuzel, who lives in Jewell Hall, agrees.

"I don't think the dorms are big enough to handle stuff like that," Kuzel said.

"I don't think anyone can treat a dog good in a dorm," said Tommy Walvaag, a finance and economics senior who lives in Holmes Hall.

But Walvaag, who owns several varieties of fresh water fish, said the pets policy has room for improvement.

"There shouldn't be a limitation on tank size," he said. He said animals that could be kept in cages would be OK, except for birds, which are noisy and messy.

"I can see how it makes sense," said Patricia Shevlin, an undeclared sophomore who lives in Patterson Hall.

"But something like hamsters or mice, they don't get out that often and if they do, they're probably not going to be running around."

But Residence Life wants to keep things as simple as possible.

"Really what we want to do is be as consistent as much as possible and basically say, 'No pets,' but with the exception of these fish," Wims said.

"We just don't want to get into a case by case scenario. If you think about it, it becomes birds, hamsters, snakes, that kind of thing."

"You can put a lot of things in a cage."

The pets policy is on page 13 in the Student Handbook distributed by Residence Life.

GOOFS

Corrections

An item in yesterday's "Critical Mass" rail should have listed Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia as a Democrat.

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FILM THOUGHTS

Out of this world

No sign of intelligent life anywhere? New film *My Favorite Martian* just can't take off

By Melissa Harris
ASSISTANT KEG EDITOR

Do you believe? Are there aliens out there? Is there any intelligent life out there in outer space? According to the movie *My Favorite Martian*, there are and humans are not considered a part of it.

In this movie, we are shown that we waste our time when we collect samples of rocks on Mars when there are greatly developed cities on the planet we keep passing by.

We are given a chance to see what beings from other planets might look like if we ever discover any. According to this movie, Martians are beings who are relatively short, with three eyes, long, thin arms and bony fingers. They aren't pretty.

In *My Favorite Martian*, Tim O'Hara, a reporter played

by Jeff Daniels and Bruce Channing, the station's owner's daughter, played by Elizabeth Hurley come across a mysterious crash.

Because the driver of the spaceship knows the humans will recognize the spaceship, he shrinks it down to a size of a toy and then eats what appears to be gum to morph into human form.

As Tim leaves the scene, Uncle Martin, the alien played by Christopher Lloyd, makes himself invisible and hitches a ride with Tim. After almost beating each other up, Tim and Uncle Martin start to get along. Tim offers to help Martin fix his ship and takes him to the hardware store.

When they finally go to start fixing the ship, they realize that after a certain number of hours, the ship is going to

blow. So, now they have a limited amount of time to fix the ship and trouble is about to brew because there is an alien research company on the look out for Martin.

The best thing about this movie would have to be the special effects.

I liked the talking suit, which was the funniest thing about this whole comedy. I also liked the alien morphing and the morphing tools which looked like bubble gum.

Maybe this movie would have been better, if there wasn't so much going on. There were like four or five different plots to this film.

The love triangle between Tim, Bruce and Lizzie (played by Daryl Hannah) was just too much. If it wasn't for Uncle Martin, Tim and Bruce would have hooked up, but this movie had a happy ending, and Tim and Lizzie end up together.

Another part of the plot involved Martin falling in love with earth and becoming

friends with Tim.

Even though the main plot seemed to be to get Martin back to Mars the ending contains a unique twist.

Maybe I didn't like this movie because I don't believe in aliens.

If the movie had been realistic, maybe I would have been able to see this movie as something that would be possible.

Or maybe I didn't like this movie because it seems to play towards a younger crowd. When I was at the theater, the average person there, was about 7 years old and because the movie is rated PG, their parents were with them.

This movie was so boring to me.

I am one who never falls asleep in a movie, but this is the first movie that I was actually lying down in my seat and just about to fall asleep, a couple of times even closing my eyes.

Rating: D

Nathan Stevens

CONTRIBUTING TECHNOLOGY COLUMNIST

New system is like a dream

Who do you trust? Sega's new *Dreamcast* system surrounded by hype and a shady past

On Sept. 9, 1999 Sega of America will release *Dreamcast*. This monster is going to be packed with tons of nice technology, such as a nice graphics chip, which will boast stellar graphics.

Added to this wonderful bundle of joy will be tons of games at launch that will be made with a lot of time, a wonderful system and a little bit of love.

All of that jargon aside, the system sounds great, right? We should depend on Sega and its *Dreamcast* right? They've always come through before right?

Wrong. It has been my experience with Sega of America that their products don't last too long on the market. Sure, they're always first and always treading new ground for the rest of the industry, but is first always better?

Not in my opinion. Don't get me wrong, the *Dreamcast* is a wonderful system, I've played it, and Sega knows their system stuff.

Being fortunate enough to

have a nutty friend who imported the machine for a measly \$599.99, I got the chance to try the piece of art out and I was impressed. I played *Sonic Adventure* and loved it. I also played *Virtual Fighter 3rd* and found nothing less than a perfect arcade conversion. But this, you have to remember, is Sega.

Sega has had the worst history of creating systems and abandoning them like an unwanted child, as well as screwing consumers out of money. Not only this, but we the consumers must like S&M because we keep coming back for more of Sega's routine. For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, let me review Sega's history for you.

In 1985, Sega came out with an 8-bit system that was called the "Master System." It was a better system than its rival the "NES" (the 8-bit made by Nintendo). This system lost the first of many video game battles to the "NES." With less software and better hardware, Sega proved it could fail and it did so.

In 1989, Sega released the "Sega Genesis," which became an instant hit. This time around, Sega made good software for the system and was the first in the 16-bit age of video games. Again not watching its back for its rivals, Nintendo made the "Super Nintendo" (an ingenious name that I'm sure took Nintendo ages to come up with) 16-bit system. This system was technologicaly better than the Genesis and had a better library of games. Thus, Sega lost another war and tried to move on, but failed to do that with dignity.

Somewhere in the early '90s spawned the "Sega CD" which was a CD-based add-on to the "Genesis." This was a lame attempt at going into what Sega called "The Next Level" of video gaming (It stunk so bad that people heckled other people who owned it, and still do).

The three-toed sloth who helped develop the Sega CD didn't think that the company burned consumers enough, so he/she developed the "32X." I could go into the "32X" story, but I fear the people who owned the device might read this story and get sick, so we'll spare them.

In August of 1995, Sega pro-

duced a glimmer of hope in the video game wars, it was called the "Sega Saturn."

The system carried a lofty price tag at the beginning of its short life span (\$400) and killed itself before it could really live.

With a small software library and a difficult system to itself out of the race again in the video game wars. Thanks to Sega's ignorance, the Sony Playstation prospered and is still prospering.

So here we are in 1999, eight months away from the launch of the *Dreamcast*. The industry and the consumers are wary of Sega and its service to them.

Most software developers who have played the *Dreamcast* say it's the most impressive Sega system they've seen to date.

With Sega counting on this system to do well (for its survival), you as a consumer have to wonder, "Is Sega going to abandon its child again? Or is it going to raise this one?"

Don't be enchanted and pulled in by the mass media hype from Sega. Most of all, don't let yourself get screwed out of money that you should wisely invest in a durable system.

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Tuesday 2/16

ACADEMIC
•Math 109 & 123 Tutoring, 203 Frazee Hall, FREE, call 7-6959 for info
•International Creative Writing Workshop 8-8:30 pm, Rm. B1 608 W.I. Young Library, Free
•Chemistry 107 Review, 5-7 pm, Rm 103 Barker Hall

MEETINGS
•Green Thumb recycling meeting, 7 pm, Room 106 Stud. Ctr.
•Alpha Phi Omega meeting, 7:30 pm, 359 Stud. Ctr.

ARTS
•UK Jazz Ensemble and Lab Band, 8pm, Singletary Ctr

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•UK Women's Basketball @ EKU, 6:30 pm, Richmond, KY

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•Table Tennis Tournament event deadline for tournament on 2/20-2/21, sign up in 145 Seaton Center

SPECIAL EVENTS
•Columbia Univ. Karaoke Party with games, prizes, DJ, 8-10pm, Student Center Game Room
•Mardi Gras Party, 3 pm, French Residence: Blending I Basement
•Dance and Creative Movement Workshop, 6:30 pm, Rm 206 Student Center, presented by MLK Cultural Center
•Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. Informational Meeting, 7 pm, MLK Cultural Center, call Faith at 231-6353 for info

Wednesday 2/17

ASH WEDNESDAY

ACADEMIC
•L.E.A.P. Learning Skills Program, 1-1:50 and 2:50 pm, 203 Frazee Hall

MEETINGS
•Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, 9 pm, CSF Bldg. (corner of Woodland)
•Student Meal and Discussion 5pm, Newman Center
•French Conversation Table 4:30-6pm, David's Cafe
•UK Snow and Snowboard meeting, 7pm, Rm 228 Student Center
•Psi Chi meeting, 4 pm, Rm. 213 Kastle Hall
•Museum Students' Assoc. meeting, meeting with guest speaker Anita Coleman, 7:30pm, Lafferty Hall

MOVIES
•Reviewed, 7pm, Worship Theatre, 51

INTRAMURALS/ RECREATION
•Aikido Classes/ UK Aikido Club, 6:30-8:30 pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris @ 245-5887 for info.

SPORTS
•UK Women's Tennis vs. Purdue, 2pm, Hillary J. Boone Tennis Center
•UK Men's Basketball vs. Georgia, 8pm, Rupp Arena

Thursday 2/18

ACADEMIC
•Math 109 & 123 Tutoring, 203 Frazee Hall, FREE call 7-6959 for more info.
•Job Search, Interviewing, and Resume Writing, 6pm, Rm 248 B&E

MEETINGS
•Campus Crusade For Christ weekly meeting, 7:30 pm, Worship Theatre
•UK Lambda meeting for lesbian/gay/bisexual people, 7:30 pm, Room 231 Stud. Ctr.
•Thursday Night Live, 7pm, Christian Student Fellowship, call 233-6113 for info
•Pre-Law Assoc. meeting, 4pm, Miller Hall Conference Room

ARTS
•Senior Recital: Tony Granados, tuba, 8pm, Singletary Center

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

SPECIAL EVENTS
•Visual Arts Workshop, 6:30pm, MLK Cultural Center

Friday 2/19

LECTURES
•Cannes and the South-eastern Region of France, 5pm, Blending I Basement

ARTS
•Kentucky Jazz Repertory Orchestra: Duke Ellington - The Early Years, 8pm, Singletary Center, call 257-4929 for tickets
•UK Extension Gallery Hop: UK Art Museum and Singletary Center, 5-8 pm, call 7-1706 for info
•Legends of Jazz, 8-9 pm, Randall Gallery
•Peak Gallery Series presents Chamber Music Concert, noon, Peel Gallery of King Library

SPORTS
•UK Women's Tennis @ UNC, 2 pm
•UK Softball @ East Carolina, 10am
•UK Softball @ Temple, 2 pm
•UK Baseball @ The Citadel, 5pm

Saturday 2/20

ACADEMIC
•Master Student Program, \$35 cost, call 7-6959 for sign up info and times.

INTRAMURALS/ RECREATION
•Table Tennis Tournament, Seaton Center
•Cave's Trip to Carter Caves, meet at Newman Center at 8:30 am, for more info call Beth at 236-9361

RELIGIOUS
•Catholic Mass 6 pm, Newman Center

SPORTS
•UK Softball @ Maryland, 9 am
•UK Softball @ Ohio, 1 pm
•UK Women's Tennis vs. Alabama, Hillary Boone Tennis Center, tickets avail. at Memorial Coliseum
•UK Baseball @ Old Dominion, 10am
•UK Baseball @ SEC Championships, Gainesville, FL
•UK Men's Basketball @ Arkansas, 1 pm

Sunday 2/17

ACADEMIC
•Master Student Program, \$35 cost, call 7-6959 for sign up info and times

RELIGIOUS
•Catholic Mass 9 am, 11:30 am, 5 pm, 8:30 pm, Newman Center
•Sunday Morning Worship, 11 am, Christian Student Fellowship

MEETINGS
Phi Sigma Pi meeting, 7pm, 230 Stud. Ctr.

INTRAMURALS/ RECREATION
•Aikido Classes/ UK Aikido Club, 1-3 pm, Alumni Gym Loft, call Chris @ 245-5887 for info
•Table Tennis Tournament, Seaton Center

ARTS
•UK High School Honors Wind Ensemble, 7pm, Singletary Center
•Senior Recital: Dan Erbe, tenor, 8pm, Singletary Center

SPORTS
•UK Women's Tennis @ S. Carolina, 2pm
•UK Softball @ UNC Tournament - Triangle Classic
•UK Baseball @ Richmond, 10am
•UK Women's Basketball vs. S. Carolina, 2 pm, Memorial Coliseum
•UK Indoor Track @ SEC Championships, Gainesville, FL

Trial and error?

Impeachment isn't like an ordinary criminal trial. The Constitution allows for the trial of a sitting president for "high crimes and misdemeanors." Here are some key differences between what happened in the Senate and what would have happened in a real courtroom:

- Senators swore to "do impartial justice," but unlike normal jurors they weren't screened for bias and were free to express their opinions in public. They also were allowed to interpret the law themselves; ordinary trial jurors are instructed to follow the law as explained by the judge.
- Procedures were not worked out in advance, but were negotiated during the trial.
- Little evidence was presented. Senators heard many days of arguments by prosecutors and defense lawyers, but viewed only excerpts of videotaped sworn statements by Monica Lewinsky and two Clinton confidants. Some people were not called at all, including presidential secretary Betty Currie, even though they were involved in key events at issue in the trial.
- Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist had little authority as presiding officer, serving largely as a traffic cop to keep the proceedings moving. If senators had disagreed with any of his rulings, they could have voted to overturn them. In the end, they did not.
- There were no specific rules of evidence and no legal standards governing the charges against Clinton. His lawyers argued the allegations were vague and would have been thrown out in a criminal court.
- Had the Senate's verdict gone against Clinton and he was removed from office, he would have had no right to appeal.

Compiled from wire reports.

Chain reaction

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READERS' FORUM

Expressions

This "pagan" isn't that weird

To the editor:

I read Mr. Welker's letter with interest and would like to add that this has happened to me a few times. But before you read on, a caution. This letter contains opinions and views that you may disagree with so much that you might condemn me to your Hell.

I would probably disagree with him and that my "cardinal sin" (in the eyes of those ranting and raving holy rollers anyway) is perhaps worse than Mr. Welker's.

You see, I am a Pagan, and who I follow is certainly not your typical idea of God at all. Sure, I worship and respect the Mother Goddess in all Her manifestations and creations. Sure, I wear a pentagram that sometimes could be confused as a symbol of devil worship. Sure, my beliefs allow me to empower myself by not being a slave to all the spiritual and religious "laws" that I can't or won't follow. Sure, my beliefs are so out of there that they're slowly becoming more mainstream. But so what? I'm happy with who I am, and I am comfortable with my beliefs and myself.

When I see or hear a Jed Smock-type raving "my-way-is-the-right-way" fundamentalist, I try my best to avoid a confrontation, but if a confrontation is what they want, then I take great pleasure in seeing the looks on their faces when I tell them my beliefs. My only hope is that when I leave (or while I'm there), they don't have a heart attack.

I don't shove my beliefs down their throats. It's not the Pagan way, and it certainly isn't my way. If you ask, I'll share with you my beliefs. All I ask for is some respect for my beliefs, and I'll respect yours in return. In other words, I do unto others as others would do unto me.

RUSSELL L. GODDARD, JR.
 REHABILITATION COUNSELING GRADUATE STUDENT

Props for the agnostic who's had enough

To the editor:

I would like to thank Nick Welker. It was incredibly relieving to read your letter to the editor on Feb. 9. I can't remember how

many times I've gone through the same thing you spoke of in your letter. It is wrong to push one's religion on another and many people can't grasp that.

Knowing that you can walk down the street without being damned to hell is a valuable thing. I'm not going to make this letter any longer than it needs to be, because you have said just about everything that needs to be said. I just wanted you to know that I, along with many other agnostics, appreciate it.

DYLAN PAUL
 THEATRE FRESHMAN

Pen power

The Kernel isn't some random group of alien journalists who live on a far-away planet.

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David Hicks

GUEST OPINION

Gay frats are no threat to Greek life

A gay frat at UK — never in my college career has there been a "gay" issue so hotly debated almost exclusively by "straight" people. While I applaud the support, I find it odd that few in the gay community seem to feel that a gay frat is worth public debate.

Until recently, I had always accepted that a gay frat would never succeed at UK. I felt I lived in the Bible Belt, that I knew this before I applied to UK, and that I came here with my eyes wide open. Until recently, that is, when this whole debate began.

UK Lambda President James Obenshain wrote that neither he nor any officers of Lambda had an interest in forming a gay fraternity. He went on to say that "only a few members of UK Lambda have expressed such an interest." While not an officer of UK Lambda, I would consider myself one of the members who have "expressed such an interest," and I have to disagree with James. There is a fair amount of interest in forming a frat that appeals primarily to gays, and the benefits would far outweigh any problems that might arise.

Few of my friends had given the matter much thought until recently, but after discussing it, a lot of them are for the idea, and would consider rushing themselves should one form. At the same time, while I would support and possibly consider rushing a gay frat, I have my disillusions about the stereotypes and prejudices held by many on the Interfraternity Council and in the Greek community in general, and about the barriers to the formation of such a fraternity, barriers both bureaucratic and social in nature.

Why form a gay frat? Because if there is sufficient interest from the student

body, there is no reason not to. Some argue that UK Lambda serves the same purposes that a gay fraternity would serve. I would invite them to attend a meeting or two of UK Lambda before ever making such a judgment. UK Lambda is a social group that exists primarily to represent the interests of the significant gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community of UK. It doubles as a casual social group — as any group of its kind will — and it is open to anyone wishing to come. Straight or gay UK students and faculty, students and faculty in local schools, or even members of the community who have an interest in the issues that UK Lambda addresses. There is no required membership fee, no list to sign and no commitment to continue attending. Attendees don't even have to give their name if they are uncomfortable doing so.

Any educated person can see that UK Lambda is not a fraternity, and there are a lot of significant differences between a fraternity and a group such as UK Lambda. A "gay" fraternity would only differ from other frats in that it would appeal primarily to gay men. Just because UK has an organization for Republicans or Christians or business majors doesn't mean there shouldn't be fraternities that primarily attract members of any one of these groups. They serve completely different purposes and are on completely different planes. A gay frat could exist in symbiosis with UK

Lambda, working together to generate a warmer feeling of community and inclusion on UK's campus, while at the same time remaining completely distinct.

John Stogner, president of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity, said that "if you were to put 70 heterosexual men with 70 gay men in a Greek-sponsored social event, this would make all who attended extremely uncomfortable." Why? Is it because straight

men are taught that they are supposed to be uncomfortable around gay men? A man is a man is a man, regardless of who he sleeps with or dates. Sexual attraction has nothing to do with comfort levels. It is entirely possible for straight men to be comfortable around gay men, so long as they are comfortable with their own sexuality. Of the 50 or so straight male co-workers I work with every day, almost all of them are perfectly comfortable around gay men. I even joke with them about it!

I go to parties with them, and I've gotten drunk with them. They know me as a person, not as a "gay man." My sexuality has nothing to do with our interactions. In a scenario such as the one Mr. Stogner proposed, the only people who might be uncomfortable would be the straight men who never took the time to look beyond the label of "gay" on the members of the other frat.

Another person wrote a letter regard-

ing his concern that the "brotherhood that would exist in (a gay) frat house (wouldn't) be the kind others endorse." At large functions involving thousands of young gay men (and women), they don't have a drawing at the end of the evening to see who's going to pair off with whom. Gay dating is just as complex and intricate as straight dating, and simply because two men are gay does not mean they will have the slightest interest in each other.

A lot of straight people seem to have the notion that if two gay men are near each other, they must automatically have sex. Nothing could be further from the truth! The idea of having a gay "house-osex" on-campus is not only naive, it's comical. Any objective researcher would be hard pressed to find more sex occurring in a gay frat house than occurs in a straight one.

Having a primarily gay fraternity at UK could only be a boon to the diversity of the student body and to the level of enrollment. I would have been much more comfortable coming to UK had I known there was a frat here I could rush and be open about who I was. Homophobia extends almost to a level of paranoia. They fear rejection by their frat brothers, their families and society in general. They fear losing the basic structure upon which they have built their lives. Many of these same friends have refused my invitations to attend UK Lambda solely because they fear their frat brothers finding out that they went.

A gay fraternity would be something these students could consider as a viable alternative to rushing a fraternity that on the outside claims to accept gays but internally may segregate and persecute them.

IN OUR OPINION

Knight's court

IU coach's manners are AWOL

Attitude is more important than winning. But not to Bobby Knight, though, as he proved once again why he is the undisputed King of Temper Tantrums last weekend in the Hoosiers' win over Northwestern.

While IU was busy proving their basketball superiority to Northwestern (in an overtime thriller), Knight was busy proving to the Northwestern student section that he didn't care much for their chant, "Hoosier Daddy." Later, he proved that he has trouble with civil conversations when he got into a shouting match with Northwestern coach Kevin O'Neill.

He also proved that, when it comes down to brass tacks, he can't handle his own brand of discipline once it's thrown back at him.

Things get said on basketball courts — slurs, curse words particularly — but also some friendly jabs at the opposing team by fans who are just getting into the spirit of the sport. And while some of it may be tasteless and out of sync with our society's ever-spiraling trend toward militant political correctness, Knight has no room to talk.

After all, we're talking about a coach who allegedly kicked his son during a game, a coach who makes it a point to dangle his players by their jerseys as he berates them, a coach who once threw a chair on the court when a call didn't go his way.

Then, on a nationally-televised sports program, he preaches about how kids today "don't have any discipline," that parents don't have any control over their kids, that we're shackled by constitutional rights when we shouldn't be afraid to teach kids a lesson when they step out of line.

Here before us, folks, lies the essence of hypocrisy. We have the classic case of "raging, old fartism" and all the pseudo-philosophical posturing that goes with it. And most of all, we have a three-year-old miscreant trapped inside the body of a basketball coach. The fact that this guy is in charge of young people makes us want to chuck a few cookies, if you get the drift.

So Bob, if you're such a good coach, be one. If you possess all the integrity in the world, show it. And if the opposing teams fans holler catcalls and epithets at your team, expect it.

They're kids. Once you walk into their house, it's — to use a horrible cliché — a whole different ball of wax.

Not every game's in Bloomington, Coach.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Cats host SECs

Unfriendly guests: Southeastern Conference converges on Lancaster Aquatics Center

By Michael Heppermann
STAFF WRITER

Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana State. Yesterday, around 5 p.m., dozens of people strolled into UK's Lancaster Aquatics Center clad in oversized jackets, sweatshirts and T-shirts with these schools' names emblazoned on them.

Why, were they looking for a fight?

Not exactly. The Southeastern Conference swimming and diving championships kick off at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, with the preliminaries starting in the morning.

The women roll into the tournament with a 7-1 dual meet record and four SEC wins. Last year's squad had a similarly outstanding year and finished fourth in the tournament at Gainesville, Fla.

"I'm seeded first in three of my events, so hopefully I'll be able to pick up more than one win," senior co-captain Rachel Komisarz said. "We have numerous people on this team that can bring home a win."

The competition, though, promises to be stiffer. The women have not swam against any of the teams that finished in the top three spots at last year's SEC Tournament (Georgia, Auburn and Florida) and the men haven't faced Auburn or Georgia, the top two finishers on the men's side.

"The women will swim against some pretty fast girls, so we won't pick up as many wins," Head Coach Gary Conely said. "Georgia is the odds on favorite to win. If we have a great meet, we can finish third;

if we have a pretty good meet, we should finish in fourth."

Despite not facing some of the top schools in the conference during the regular season, Komisarz doesn't think it will pose a disadvantage to the squad.

"It would have been good experience to swim against them, but we've known how they swim against other teams," Komisarz said. "There won't be any big surprises. We know what they're capable of and we just have to go out and race them."

Komisarz picked up the women's only win last year in the 200-yard butterfly. "Rachel looks like she could win three individual events," Conely said. "Depending how she feels, she could win three events, but she hasn't rested for this meet."

The men have a big incentive to improve on last year's performance, in which they finished seventh ahead of only South Carolina. UK is also coming off back-to-back losses against LSU and Texas A&M in Baton Rouge, La., and at Cincinnati against the Bearcats.

Conely said the men's biggest weakness will be in the butterfly and the stroke events, but placing in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke is possible.

"The men will try to boost their scores tomorrow and Thursday in the freestyle events before they have to swim the weaker events on the last two days."

"The problem we have is the same problem everyone else has - Auburn just has incredi-



HOBBIE HILIER | KERNEL STAFF

UK plays host to the rest of the Southeastern Conference this week during the Men's and Women's 1999 SEC Swimming and Diving Championships.

ble freestyle swimmers," Conely said.

The biggest pressure to match last year's SEC swing hangs on the shoulders of the divers. Diver Paco Rivera came home as UK's first individual SEC champion in 41 years thanks to his performance on the platform last year.

The women are pressured too, but they have 1997 SEC

Diver of the Year Christy Souklakis returning for her last SEC hurrah.

"I think she's a little more anxious this year," Diving Coach Mike Lyden said.

"She knows it's the last meet and it's at home. The conference is a little better too, but anything can happen on any given day."

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