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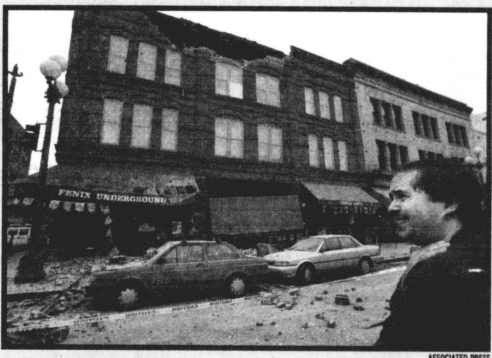
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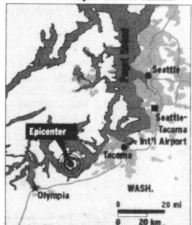
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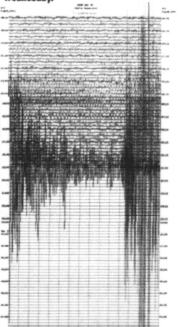
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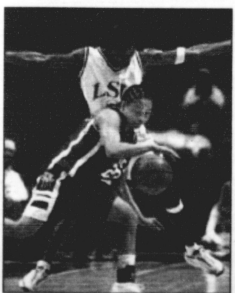
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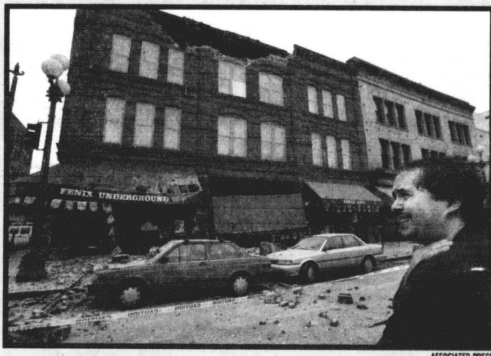
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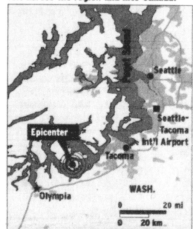
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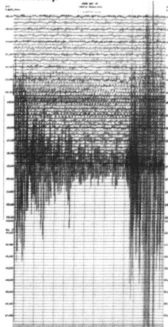
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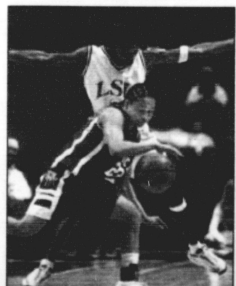
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KABUL, Afghanistan — Using everything from tanks to rocket launchers, Taliban troops fanned out across the country Thursday to destroy all statues, including two 5th-century statues of Buddha carved into a mountainside. Despite international outrage, troops and other officials began demolishing images, which they say are contrary to Islam, in the capital of Kabul as well as in Jalalabad, Herat, Kandahar, Ghazni and Bamian, said Qadradullah Jamal, the Taliban's information minister. Afghanistan's ancient Buddhas — 175 feet and 120 feet tall — are located in Bamian, about 90 miles west of Kabul. The larger Buddha is said to be the world's tallest statue in which Buddha is standing up rather than sitting.

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Advisers say they were against pardon

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Puffy Combs denies allegations

NEW YORK — In a sink-or-swim legal strategy, Sean "Puffy" Combs took the witness stand Thursday to declare that he wasn't packing a gun and never offered a \$50,000 bribe the night three people were shot inside a hip-hop club. The rap impresario, owner of his own record label and clothing line, instead told the jury that he be-



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House passes bankruptcy bill

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Deaths from cardiac arrest rise

SAN ANTONIO — The death rate from cardiac arrest rose surprisingly among young American adults in the 1990s, climbing 10 percent in men and 32 percent in women, federal officials said Thursday. Cardiac arrest is still rare under age 35, accounting for just 1 percent of all deaths from this cause. But experts say the newly recognized increase is troubling and almost certainly represents a real trend and not a statistical blip. Researchers believe a major reason for the increase is the epidemic of obesity, along with increased smoking and drug abuse, particularly cocaine, which can be a powerful trigger of cardiac arrest.

Bush envoy creates bond with families

UWAJIMA, Japan — A U.S. Navy admiral held "heart-to-heart" talks Thursday with relatives of nine Japanese presumed dead after a submarine sank their ship, bringing a degree of closure to the saga of recrimination between the two nations and turning attention to raising the wreckage. Adm. William Fallon's emotional apology in the hometown of the missing, who include four high-school students, appeared to assuage pain and left families with one chief wish: To retrieve the boat they fear has become the deep-sea tomb of their loved ones.

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"Being fairly deep, that absorbed quite a bit of the shock," Street said. He also said that if the earthquake had happened in an area like Kentucky, it probably would have been much closer to the surface and caused a considerably larger amount of damage.

The shifting of the earth was, nevertheless, very frightening to those who were rocked by the reality of the event. Crowds of people gathered in the downtown area's historic Pioneer Square.

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KSU decision reached

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Part of Wednesday's decision dealt with the manner in which the 717 yearbooks would be distributed.

Bruce Orwin, one of the Somerset lawyers who handled the case, said the yearbooks will be mailed at KSU's expense to the alumni who were supposed to receive them. Students at KSU pay an \$80 student activities fee that guarantees they receive a yearbook.

Orwin said if the forwarding addresses are incorrect, the books will go back to KSU. The university must contact 90 percent of the alumni. If they do not reach 90 percent, Orwin said, then the university must run advertisements in the three largest newspapers in the state, as well as post the information on the university's web site.

The second part of the decision stated that KSU will pay Charles Kincaid, the student involved with the case, and Capri Colfer, the editor of the Thorobred, \$5,000.

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ANIMATION

Club discovers art of Japanese culture



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UK's Anime Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 119 of the Old Student Center. For more information, see <http://www.uky.edu/StudentOrg/AMVK>.

By Paul Haker
STAFF WRITER

Animation isn't always about cartoon mice and ducks singing happy songs, according to UK's Anime Club.

Instead of giggling at cute creatures, the Anime Club devotes its time to the art of Japanese animation and Japanese culture. The club, which formed six years ago at UK, now consists of about 20 members and meets on a weekly basis to watch and discuss anime movies.

Club members said they discovered anime through various sources, ranging from video games to watching the movie *Vampire Hunter D*.

Matt Shaffer, vice president of the club, said he first discovered anime by having nothing to do.

"I first got into anime by accident. I began renting movies to pass the time until I got a new computer," he said. "I decided to rent an anime, and I kept going back to rent more and more."

And when Shaffer came to

UK, he found out about the club and has been a member ever since.

He said the club provides him with entertainment, and gives him the opportunity to study Japanese culture and practice his Japanese comprehension skills.

Even though Shaffer finds anime particularly interesting, John Roberts, president of UK's Anime Club, said some people consider it to be either *Sailor Moon* or pornography. Needless to say, Roberts disagrees.

"Most people have this image of anime being mature and perverted. It's not like that. There is anime for every age group that tells great stories. Anime ranges from *Pokemon* to much more hard core stuff."

Members of the club said they find fan subs — anime that hasn't yet been picked up by a distributor — in which fans translate and dub themselves at various web sites. They also find anime to add to their collection at conventions such as Anime Central, an event some members will at-

tend in May.

The club receives money from the members' \$10 annual dues, which has allowed them to put around 30 titles in their anime library.

Not only does the club buy movies, but they buy other things too, like manga, a Japanese comic book, as well as books about Japanese culture.

Other club activities include Japanese cooking, origami and a haiku competition. Later this month the club plans to eat at Tachibana, a Japanese restaurant. The club is also considering starting a petition to bring the sequel to the popular anime *Vampire Hunter D* to the Kentucky Theatre.

Victor Linares, a philosophy junior, looks forward to the meetings each week. "The club has a lot of fun people that are easy to get along with," Linares said. "At the weekly meeting, I can see movies that I haven't seen. The club gives me a chance to interact and watch anime with other fans."

KUDOS

Six professors honored as UK's 'great teachers'



From left: Donn E. Hatcher, Gail Mitchell Hoyt, Robert G. Lawson, Joseph L. Fink III, Jerzy W. Jaromczyk and William H. Fortune were the recipients of the 2001 Great Teachers Awards. They were recognized Wednesday at a luncheon at the King Alumni House.

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Unique: Nominations come from students

By Sonya Lichtenstein
STAFF WRITER

For 40 years the UK Alumni Association, in cooperation with Omicron Delta Kappa and the Mortor Board, has annually honored outstanding professors with the presentation of the Great Teachers Awards.

This year was no exception. The six professors recognized at Wednesday's ceremony as "great teachers" have earned this prestigious award for their dedication to students, teaching and for their everyday performances that extend well beyond the call of professor duty. This award is currently the longest running award given to UK teachers.

At the presentation, UK President Charles Wethington said that these types of events are what make people at UK feel good about the University.

"I am proud of the academic progress made in the past 11 years," Wethington said.

This award is unique because nominations come directly from students.

This year's winners of the Great Teachers Awards were: • Joseph Fink III, professor in the College of Pharmacy. Fink is one of two repeat winners this year. Fink's nominator and co-teacher in his UK 101 class, Alyson Spurlock, said, "Dr. Fink sincerely wants to help make the students successful and that is what makes him the most outstanding teacher I have had the opportunity to work with."

• William Fortune, professor of law in the College of Law. His nominator, Jennifer Wilks, said, "Professor Fortune brings a level of enthusiasm to the classroom that is rarely matched."

• Donn Hancher, professor of construction engineering and management in the College of Engineering. "He masterfully manages the learning process to match the learning capabilities of each of the class participants with the material being cov-

ered," said his nominator, Amy O'Nan.

• Gail Hoyt, associate professor of economics in the College of Business and Economics. Hoyt took time during the presentation not only to thank those involved but also said she felt honored. "I am humbled and star-struck to be receiving this award along side those whom I consider the celebrities of teaching," she said.

• Jerzy Jaromczyk, associate professor in the Department of Computer Science in the College of Engineering. "There are always students in Dr. J's Office, during weekdays, at night and even on the weekend if this best suits a student's schedule," said Ron Petry, his nominator.

• Robert Lawson, professor of law in the College of Law, was also honored for the second time in his UK career. His nominators, Holly Turner and Tim Feld, said they appreciate his full dedication.

"Students have such a large sense of respect for him that they want to give 100 percent in and out of class."

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NATIONAL NEWS

Bush promotes agenda



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Looking for votes

President Bush is welcomed to Omaha, Neb., Wednesday, during a five-state tour to promote his budget agenda. Bush presented his plan for tax cuts and spending programs in a speech Tuesday night to a joint session of Congress.

'This budget is an American budget': Bush tours to encourage support for his budget, which includes a \$1.6 trillion tax cut plan

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ATLANTA — An unsubtle suitor, President Bush courted Democrats aboard Air Force One and in their home districts Thursday, pushing for "aye" votes on his tax-cut plan and playing up his more popular education and health budget initiatives.

Bush, who lost his baby sister Robin to leukemia when he was 7 years old, also visited pint-sized leukemia patients and their parents at Egleston Children's Hospital in Atlanta. He underscored his commitment to an ongoing bipartisan effort in Congress to double the National

Institutes of Health's 1998 funding of \$13.6 billion by 2003.

"You know more than me about how effective those dollars can be," the president told parents, some of whom fought tears.

Vickie Riedel described her daughter's cancer diagnosis and treatment. "This is where I get weepy," she said.

"It might get contagious," Bush replied. He did not mention his late sister.

As he traveled from Arkansas to Georgia and back to Washington, Bush ignored the tug-of-war over taxes escalating on Capitol Hill and tried to shape molehills of Democratic

support into mountains.

"Republicans and Democrats took a look at what I proposed and realized it's fair," Bush told several hundred cheering supporters at the feet of a dinosaur skeleton in Atlanta's Fern Bank Museum of Natural History.

He read an enthusiastic letter from Georgia's Zell Miller, the first Senate Democrat to come out in support of the Bush tax cut. "Oh, I know he's a Democrat and, of course, I'm a Republican. But both of us put America first and this budget is an American budget," Bush said.

He boasted that the Georgia

Senate "voted overwhelmingly" to urge its Washington counterparts to support Bush's \$1.6 trillion 10-year plan for tax cuts.

"An interesting message," he said with a grin. In fact, the resolution was approved unanimously by the finance committee on Monday but has not been taken up by the full senate.

At a Little Rock, Ark., elementary school, Bush welcomed Democratic Sen. Blanche Lincoln. The Arkansas senator had flown with him aboard Air Force One on Wednesday evening and the two spoke at length in the plane's conference room.

Another of the president's Senate targets, freshman Democrat Ben Nelson of Nebraska, joined Bush aboard Air Force One earlier Wednesday for a flight into Omaha.

EVENT

Addressing corporate globalization

Learn about the issue: Films, workshops will discuss the effects on local communities

By Scott Sloan
STAFF WRITER

While many students sit hunched over textbooks this weekend in a desperate attempt to cram for upcoming midterms, a number of college students and the public will sit back in a theater seat to be taken on a trip around the globe.

UK is hosting a globalization event on Saturday and Sunday that will address the issue of corporate globalization and how it affects people around the world.

"I think it's a wonderful opportunity for students to become aware of what's going on

in the world," said Sara Sahni, an English senior. "I'm really excited."

The weekend will provide answers to a number of questions including the effects of globalization on local communities and how people can become activists for a cause.

The events will culminate with the Turning Point Globalization Roadshow at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Student Center theater, when four experienced activists present a multi-media, musical and theatrical performance about the movement against corporate globalization.

Workshops will be held Saturday afternoon and Sunday

morning about issues including the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement, hands-on globalization, media savvy, non-violence training and political art and theater in activism.

Films exploring the issue of globalization will also be shown during the weekend.

Food for the weekend will be provided by the Kentucky Student/Youth Progressive Network and Food Not Bombs.

The weekend is also serving as a conference for KSPN. The organization, which has existed for around one year, provides a network for student activists across the state. The KSPN conference takes place on Friday.

All events on Saturday and Sunday are free and open to the public.

"The neat thing about it is

it's not just for activists," said Amy Shelton, a Spanish and linguistics senior and UK's Amnesty International coordinator. "The show itself is very accessible to everybody."

Shelton said people from across the region including Louisville and southern Ohio plan to attend.

"It's exciting that we'll have an event attracting people from far and wide," Shelton said.

Think globally

Globalization Weekend will be Saturday and Sunday in the Old Student Center. For a schedule of events, please contact Amy Shelton at 381-9596 or Suzanne Webb at 389-9213.

NATIONAL NEWS

Texas state flag causes confusion

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DALLAS — It has just three colors: red, white and blue. Just two shapes: rectangle and star. No pictures, no writing, nothing to interfere with the strong, spare elegance of the Lone Star flag.

So what's the problem? A reversible error, you might say.

Deep in the heart of Texas, some folks mistakenly fly the flag upside down.

Along the flag's left third is a blue perpendicular bar with a white star. The right two-thirds are divided into two horizontal stripes of white over red.

"Because you have this blue

vertical strip that runs next to the grommets, if you don't pay attention, it's very easy to put upside down," says Charles Spain Jr., a Houston lawyer whose humiliation at making that mistake as a schoolboy led to a lifelong fascination with Texas' most famous symbol. He is now secretary of the fledgling Vexillological Association of the State of Texas. Vexillologists are flag experts.

Dallas resident Donna Ohland, a 50-year-old real estate manager, flies a Texas flag at home to complement a native landscaping theme that features

sage and prickly pear cactus. Last summer she learned she was inadvertently signaling distress by flying the flag with the red stripe at the top.

"Somebody told me that it's something to do with 'the blood runs down,' so that's why you have to have the white on top," she says.

The Texas prison system has its own method of avoiding that mistake.

"White is for 'clouds up.' Clouds are always up," says Ronnie Bond, who supervises female inmates who sew flags for governmental use. "I don't think

people really know how it's supposed to go."

It's a problem worth contemplating on Texas Flag Day, which falls on Friday this year. Flag Day is celebrated on Texas Independence Day, which marks the day in 1836 when Texas broke away from Mexico.

The Lone Star flag, adopted in 1839, is more distinctive than other state flags, partly because it was designed to fly over an independent nation, the Republic of Texas, says David B. Martucci, president of the North American Vexillological Association in Trenton, N.J.

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Phish community ives despite touring hiatus



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Pheelin' it...

Jam band Phish have a strong and devout following that travels with the band all over the world. The band's exploits have spun off many live albums and *Bittersweet Motel*, a documentary film that followed the band through a fall tour and a large festival concert, "The Great West."

Never the same thing twice: A Phish concert always results in an unique experience and can be a mind-expanding musical trip

By Casey Hamilton
STAFF WRITER

Anticipation builds. Many fans across the country mark their calendars and count down the months, the days and the minutes. Traffic is clogged by beat up old VW buses, Jeep Cherokeees and pick-up truck beds full of people, young and old, just enjoying the ride.

Outside the venue a small community is rapidly forming. A tall skinny boy with three-foot-long dreadlocks walks up and offers you platty grilled cheeses and veggie burritos for a dollar each. Further down the line three young girls sit on a cooler full of beer, selling some to thirsty patrons. Everywhere you turn you can find necklaces, T-shirts, pants and everything else imaginable. As thousands start gathering the good vibes increase, every transaction ends with a smile and everyone wishes each other a good show.

Inside the venue the excitement reaches biblical proportions, at random moments the crowd begins cheering at a fever pitch for no other reason than to express how happy they are to be there. The ticket stub you are holding says 7:30 p.m., but as it nears 7:45 p.m. the vibes get stronger and stronger. Finally, the lights dim. The crowd bursts with enough passion to rival any Super Bowl. Some fans cheer and pass around high fives. Glow sticks can be seen flying in every direction. A mist of smoke and euphoria engulf the crowd.

Surprisingly, there are no fireworks or other special effects. Four casual guys stroll onto stage each assuming their respective instruments: Trey on guitar, Mike on bass guitar, Page on piano and Fishman on drums. Cries of "We love you Mike!" and "Fishman!" erupt from the back of the arena. After a moment of deliberation the boys choose a song and begin playing with no particular destination in mind. The crowd begins swaying with the music. At first it is disjointed but as the music takes hold and finds its groove the entire crowd moves together, dancing in unison like a group of palm trees blowing in a coastal wind.

For the next few hours the packed house is treated to unbelievable and surprising music. Musical conventions are broken

in place of improvisation and experimentation. Some songs clock in at five minutes, others at over 30. The only certainty is that there is no certainty. As the crowd digs deeper, so does the band, each pushing each other to reach a pinnacle moment where all is lost and there is no place you would rather be.

As the show ends the parking lots fill back up and community returns. Smiles are found everywhere. Guitars and drums fill the air and tapes from that night's performance are blaring over someone's far-off speakers. As the night tickers on and police begin chasing people off, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and hugs are all exchanged. People who remember each other from previous journeys recall old times and hope for future ones. All the VW buses, Jeep Cherokeees and pick-up trucks pile together on the highways and interstates to the next venue, anticipating the next moment and enjoying the strange design of life.

One lyric aptly puts it: "What a beautiful buzz."

This is the life of the Vermont-based jam band Phish, consisting of Trey Anastasio, Mike Gordon, Page McConnell and Jonathan Fishman. Phish has consistently toured since the mid-80s developing thousands of loyal fans, most of whom travel across the country catching nearly every show of the particular tour. With a repertoire of over 500 songs, a dazzling light show and unmarked musicianship, every show provides something new and different for the band and the audience.

"I think people show up for the same reason we do, to see what's going to happen," bassist Mike Gordon said in the band biography *The Phish Book*.

Many fans express the same sentiment. "Every show is different,

they are really talented, care-free, spontaneous musicians," said Lyndsay Stogsbill, a junior math major who has seen roughly 14 shows.

The devotion of Phish fans was shown this past year. The most impressive event was Phish's millennium New Year's celebration which drew more than 70,000 fans to remote Big Cypress Indian Reservation in southern Florida. There Phish played the "show of all shows," playing four sets of inspired music before unleashing a seven-hour midnight to sunrise set. Fueled by the rumors of a possible hiatus, Phish sold out every show this year reaching from Hartford to San Francisco, including shows at the famed Radio City Music Hall and Roseland Ballroom. Along the way, Phish enthralled fans by playing some of their most inspired music. Highlights included playing seven different versions of Led Zeppelin's "Moby Dick" in one show and bringing out special guests Wynona Judd, Ricky Skaggs, the Grateful Dead's Bob Weir and Kid Rock.

"I guess the excitement comes from suddenly finding a band that has a huge back catalog and is spread by word of mouth instead of being served up as the flavor of the week," said pianist Page McConnell in *The Phish Book*.

Despite its ever-increasing size, Phish still looks after its fans by offering mail-order tickets and only playing venues that will allow fans to camp out after the show. Phish has willingly fostered the community environment.

"It really gets better with every show as you understand the band more. It gets more personal," said Ashley Gardner, an Integrated Strategic Communications sophomore.

In the recent documentary, Trey described the feeling of playing on stage as the ultimate release and a good show depends on how the band and audience can match intensity. "When you look around it is amazing, everybody dancing together, the energy, everyone's there for the same good reason. There's no place I'd rather be," Gardner said.

For those of you who might be interested, it may be awhile. Citing exhaustion Phish has taken an indefinite leave with no shows in sight. Whenever they do return, you can bet the fans will be there waiting to follow them for the next time the circus comes to town.

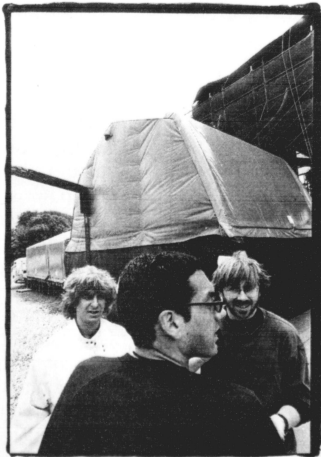


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Guitarist and bassist, Trey Anastasio and Mike Gordon, talk with Todd Phillips, the director of *Bittersweet Motel* and *Road Trip*.

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Need a few earth-friendly pigs...

Group sues hog farms

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A coalition of groups opposed to corporate hog farms has filed federal and state lawsuits claiming Smithfield Foods Inc., the nation's largest hog producer, has broken criminal and civil laws by willfully ignoring environmental regulations.

The federal lawsuits were filed Wednesday in Florida and North Carolina. The group also filed four notices of intent to sue in North Carolina and one intent to sue in Missouri, where Smithfield owns former Murphy Farms operations.

The coalition of 35 groups representing farmers, environmentalists, ranchers and animal rights organizations is led by The Water Keeper Alliance, which is led by Robert Kennedy Jr.

"This is the beginning of a legal campaign to get the family farmers back to the land and to force the corporations to take care of the land and animals they own," Kennedy told a crowd of about 200 people during a news conference Wednesday in Kansas City.

Living in a winter wonderland...

Frozen river causes evacuation in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Ill. — Three small towns sat partially under water Wednesday as the Rock River backed up behind a 7-mile-long ice jam that plugged the stream, but some residents refused to leave their homes.

About 200 people had left their homes in Cleveland, Barstow and Osborn or been evacuated, and only a few were left Wednesday, said John Swan, fire chief in nearby Colona. Crews were in the three towns Wednesday to make sure the remaining residents were not injured and to try to persuade them to leave, he said.

With more cold weather forecast, the mass of ice is not likely to start melting or breaking up anytime soon. Temperatures fell to 7 degrees above zero early Wednesday in northwestern Illinois, and highs were forecast only in the 20s.

Gov. George Ryan flew over the area Wednesday to survey the damage, and called two of the holdouts in Cleveland, George and Bessie Kass, and told them a helicopter could pick them up.

"It's a chance to get out," he told them. "The river's supposed to rise this evening." But Kass, 91, said he and his 89-year-old wife weren't budging. "I don't see no reason to," said Kass. "We're high and dry. It'd have to get three feet higher to get into the house."

—Source: AP Wire
 —Compiled by:
 Jenny Robertson



READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Research shows vehicular cell phone use as dangerous as drunk driving

To the Editor:

I read the editorial in the Feb. 21 issue, about how the Kernel was happy about the decision made by the House Transportation Committee to not vote on the bill restricting the use of cell phones while driving.

Although I agree with you that pulling over on the side of

the road to make a call is ridiculous, I also believe that the Kernel should have done better research on this topic before writing about it.

You mentioned that the state should concentrate on the problem of drinking and driving instead of worrying about talking while driving.

For your information, talking on a cell phone while driving quadruples your chances of getting in an accident, the same as driving under the influence. The New England Journal of Medicine confirmed this in a 1997 cell phone related study. Everyone needs to know that talking and driving are dangerous.

Next time, research your topic a little better.

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Jimmy Glenn GUEST COLUMNIST

Increase in fees calls for input from students

My fellow students:
 As always it is a busy time inside student government.

I am working on several projects and am attending numerous meetings representing your interests.

As your elected representative, I am charged with collecting information and representing the diverse interests of the student body in several situations.

At the March 6 meeting of the UK Board of Trustees, the board will discuss adjustments to the University's student fee structure.

I have talked to a cross-section of the UK student body concerning our student fees — student leaders as well as classmates, both graduate and undergraduate students.

I have researched our fee structure and contacted other universities about their student fee structure. However with a decision as important as this one, I wanted to get as much information as possible.

Student fees are a way that the University can provide goods and services to the entire University.

The thought process is simple: When everyone pays a little, a whole lot is gained.

There are four groups that are asking for a fee increase.

Technology: UK has had a technology fee for nine years. However, I would like to know what students think of the state of technology on our campus. The purpose of the fee is to help UK pay for computing labs that the entire campus uses.

The Office of Information Systems wants to use the fee increase for increasing the number of student labs, providing mail server space and wireless access, expanding hours of operation, increasing specialized software and increasing the wages of the student lab consultants.

Several of our benchmarks have a technology fee that is higher than the one that is at UK.

However, several of our benchmark institutions do not have a technology fee, rather money for technology is extracted from their university's general fund.

The other factor in this decision is the impact of students bringing their

own computers to camp.

The number of students that own their own computers has risen dramatically over the past few years. However some research seems to indicate that students still heavily use the computer labs and that does not seem to have been affected by the increase in computers that student own.

WRF: The student-run radio station wants to have a fee increase for its general operations. They play a diverse range of music that is representative of our diverse campus.

What I need to know is as a student body, what are your feelings on the station and do you want to increase your support of them with student fee dollars?

Student Activities Board: SAB is requesting a fee increase so that they can improve the services that they offer to the student body.

SAB feels that with an increased dollar amount it can increase the amount of programming. SAB is the organization that provides UK with a broad spectrum of cultural, social, recreational and educational entertainment. The goal of SAB is providing this entertainment at a reduced price for students.

The Student Center: The UK Student Center is a multipurpose facility for members of the UK family. The purpose of the increase is to fund daily operations and to fund special projects. Many campus organizations use the Student Center as a meeting place and many students use it as a place to study and eat.

My fellow students, your input on the student fee increase is critical. The only way that I can accurately represent you is if you tell me your thoughts. So e-mail me, call me or stop me on campus.

Let me know if these are the areas that you would like to see more student fee money go toward.

As your representative on the Board of Trustees, I want to get student feedback on this issue.

If you have any feedback, please e-mail me at jhglenn@pop.uky.edu or call the SGA office at 257-3191.

SGA President Jimmy Glenn is a civil engineering senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

PARTING SHOTS

Final word

The Question:

"On Tuesday night, President George W. Bush delivered his first speech to a joint session of Congress. In the 50-minute address, Bush spent much of his time talking about his highly publicized tax cut, which has come under fire from Democrats for being too extreme. 'The people of America have been overcharged, and on their behalf, I am here to ask for refund,' Bush said.

President Bush also took the opportunity to discuss other issues, such as Social Security and Medicare, and claims that his tax cut won't affect the programs. Democratic leaders disagreed, however, saying Bush couldn't possibly deliver on his promises to boost spending on education, conservation and enact a military pay raise if he sticks to his tax-cut plan.

What did you think of Bush's speech? Do you agree with his assertion that the government can afford his \$1.6 trillion plan and still preserve Social Security and Medicare? In fact, what do you think of Bush's performance so far as president?"

What They Said:

Comparing our respective incomes, Bush's tax cut will save him personally enough to buy a new Mercedes each year. Me, I'll save just enough to buy an order of small fries at McDonalds. Maybe that whole assassination attempt thing wasn't such a bad idea."

Andrew Grossman, Assistant News Editor

To be quite honest, I think that Bush has surprised most people at this point in his competency as a president. I can only hope that this keeps up. As for the tax cut — less, more, who cares? Money back to me is money I didn't have before."

Alan Stone, Kernel Columnist

Clearly President Bush's dealings with congressional Democrats indicates a keen understanding of the old military axiom 'Never interrupt your enemy when they are making a mistake.'"

Clayton Sandford, Kernel Columnist

Under the Bush plan the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans would receive 43 percent of the total tax cuts. What a plan ... what a scam!"

Joshu Goebeler, Kernel Columnist

Since he hasn't fallen down a lot, been attacked by a giant swimming rabbit, misplaced some weapons in Iran or misplaced his you-know-what in something as big as Iran, I'd say that Bush has set a new standard of excellence for the modern presidency."

Jennifer Kasten, Kernel Columnist

The government could afford a much higher tax cut than that if he would quit beefing up the military and pay attention to the programs that are really suffering."

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SEC Player of the Year awards Tayschaun Prince has been awarded so far this season. Prince was named the 2001 SEC Player of the Year by colleaguesin.com yesterday.

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Both UK and Florida's average rebounding advantage. Neither team is a dominating rebounding team, but the work on the boards could be the most decisive part of the game.

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Florida's latest RPI ranking. According to the Associated Press Florida is No. 6. Its 89th ranked schedule has reduced its ranking despite a 21-5 record. UK is No. 11 in the RPI and has the eighth most difficult schedule in the nation.

Compliments

"There is no doubt in my mind that they are a top five, top 10 team in the country."

Florida coach Billy Donovan speaking about how well UK has played in recent weeks.

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Win in Swamp seals the deal



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Driver's seat

UK sophomore guard Keith Bogans penetrates to the basket while freshman forward Jason Parker watches in a game against LSU last week. Bogans and the Cats can claim sole possession of the SEC regular season title with a win against Florida on Sunday. UK's 41 SEC titles is three more than the rest of the SEC schools combined.

Season finale: Cats can prevent sharing the SEC title with win

By Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The means of deciding the Southeastern Conference regular season title has become predictable.

UK heads to Gainesville, Fla., Sunday with a one-game lead over the Florida Gators. But just last year it was the Gators that were protecting a one-game lead over a field of three teams, including UK, LSU and Tennessee.

"It is kind of the same scenario we were in last year with them coming into Rupp Arena and we had to win that game to tie for the SEC regular season title," UK coach Tubby Smith said.

While the scenario is similar, Donovan said personnel adjustments have altered both teams. Florida is operating without Donnell Harvey, Mike Miller and Kenyan Weeks from its 2000 Final Four team, and the Gators will be without injured starters Justin Hamilton and Brent Wright against a completely different UK team.

Wright's status is still questionable after he re-aggravated a broken foot. Hamilton has missed two months with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee and is out for the season.

"The injuries have forced other guys to play and become more comfortable in those roles than they were two months ago," Donovan said.

UK has progressed game-by-game with a young and talented team, but is without All-SEC center Jamaal Magloire from last season.

"They are a team that has gotten better and better with each week that has passed by," Donovan said. "Right now I don't know what they are ranked, but just watching them play there is no doubt in my mind that they are a top five, top 10 team in the country."

UK knows it has come far to play itself into at least a share of the SEC regular season title.

"I think we're one of the hottest teams in America right now. I don't think a lot of teams want to face us," UK senior Saul Smith said.

Florida is on a streak of its own. Since losing three of its first four SEC games during a stretch of injuries the Gators have won 10 of 11, the only loss coming in the heroic ending of Tayschaun Prince's late game hook shot for a 71-70 UK win last month.

"We know going to Gainesville will be a real test for us," coach Smith said. "Teams like Florida and Arkansas that have hurt us have been teams that can put the ball on the floor."

Donovan emphasized that his team's focus needed to be on UK despite whispers of a possible No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

UK does not need any lectures of what its focus should be. The Cats want to prevent a tie of the SEC regular season title unlike last year.

"We first have to go get a win at Florida," UK sophomore guard Keith Bogans said. "Then we are ready for Nashville. We want the entire title. We don't want to share with anyone."

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Player to watch



Smith

Player to watch

Saul Smith, Sr. PG

Outlook: Although UK will likely play several zone defenses, Smith will draw the one-on-one assignment of guarding Brett Nelson.

Wherever guards the all-SEC point guard, they cannot allow him to get open looks from the perimeter. Smith must also keep the Cats under control and prevent turnovers.

Coach: Tubby Smith (105-31, 4 years)

Record: 19-0 (SEC East: 12-3)

Last week: Won vs. Auburn, 90-78

Points scored per game: 79.4

Points allowed per game: 69.7

FG percentage: 48%

3PT percentage: 33%

Leading scorer: Tayschaun Prince, 16.1

Leading rebounder: Prince, 4.1

Strengths: UK has elevated its play in every big game this season. There is no doubt this game is big with the SEC title and a high NCAA seed at stake. When Keith Bogans and Tayschaun Prince are both hot, UK is virtually unbeatable.

Weaknesses: UK has to limit turnovers against Florida's pressure defense and force a few for easy scores. UK only had nine turnovers in the first meeting.

Injuries: Probable - PG Saul Smith (knee).

Buzz: SEC MVP: Prince or Nelson or Haslem? First UK season sweep of the Gators since 1997?

Keys to win: A quick start got the Rupp fans up and loud against Florida on Feb. 6.

In order to keep the "Rowdy Replis" silent the Cats must get off to an equally hot start. If UK can hit some shots from the perimeter and beat the Gators on the glass the Cats have a chance to beat Florida on the road for the first time since 1998.

FLORIDA GATORS

Player to watch



Nelson

Player to watch

Brett Nelson, So. PG

Outlook: Nelson can cripple UK with his outside shooting. Nelson, who is averaging 15.2 PPG and 4.3 APG, is the primary opposition to Tayschaun Prince claiming SEC Player of the Year honors. Nelson had 18 points and three assists, but had five turnovers earlier this season against UK.

Weaknesses: Florida has depth, but with Brent Wright out the Gators have no answer if Haslem gets into foul trouble.

Injuries: Questionable - F Brent Wright (foot). OUT - G Justin Hamilton (knee).

Buzz: Revenge can be doubly sweet for the Gators, who lost out on a chance to win last season's SEC title and got stunned by Prince's sweet hook in February.

Keys to win: The Gators must finish strong by cleaning up rebounds late in the game. UK's Gerald Fitch retrieved an errant Saul Smith shot to give Prince the final shot at Rupp. If the Florida shoots well it might be impossible to upset the Gators at the O-Dome in Gainesville.

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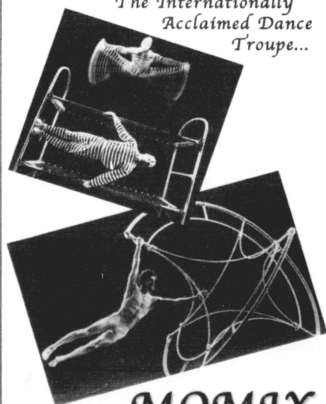
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