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College of Medicine departments rank in Top 20

By Jason McAllister
MANAGING EDITOR

In the 2003 fiscal year, several departments of the UK College of Medicine ranked among the top 20 public medical schools in National Institute of Health funding.

The College of Medicine as a whole ranked 95th, receiving about \$59.4 million, according to a recent UK press release.

"The College of Medicine supports the university's goal of becoming a Top

20 public institution," said Jay A. Perman M.D., dean of the College of Medicine. "Achieving this distinction in NIH funding will help the college and the university to achieve this objective."

Dr. Michael Reid of the department of physiology said the federal funds are vital for research, especially after recent state budget cuts. The funding also benefits labs in the Markey Cancer Center, the Sanders Brown Center on Aging and the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center.

The money will enable scientists and doctors to study diseases and develop technology for treatments, Reid said.

Reid's lab, which studies muscle degeneration caused by diseases and aging, was funded with about \$600,000 from NIH in 2003.

Muscle degeneration often accompanies diseases like cancer, AIDS and rheumatoid arthritis, Reid said.

The body saves energy when it fights diseases and ignores the routine repair of

damaged muscle. When someone is sick for a long time, the lack of muscle repair causes severe damage to muscle function, Reid said.

"Our lab is working to identify the inflammatory mediators that are responsible for this loss of function," Reid said.

When the body has an injury, "inflammatory mediators" are signals sent out by injured cells, as a call for help. The signals travel through the body and are heard by cells of the immune system.

The immune cells respond by migrating to the injury where they make repairs, said Murali Gururajan, a graduate student in the department of immunology.

Some diseases cause an abnormal buildup of these signals, which can damage cells.

Dr. Reid's lab studies the damage caused to muscle cells that result in muscle degeneration. "The sad reality is that we have no treatment for this," Reid said. "It's crucial

that we maintain federal support because state support is shrinking."

Reid's lab also is funded by NASA to study muscle loss and weakness experienced by astronauts in prolonged space flight.

Other departments ranking in the Top 20: Molecular and Biomedical Pharmacology, 10th; Anatomy and Neurobiology, 14th; Immunology and Molecular Genetics, 18th; and Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, 20th.

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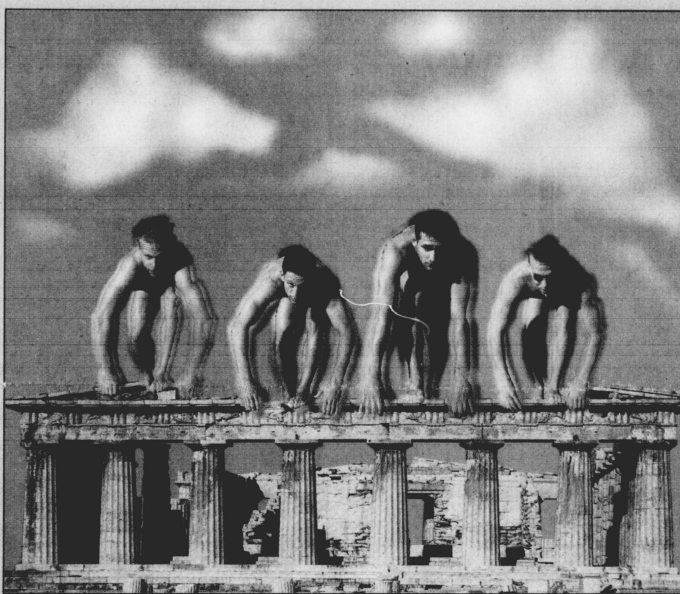


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Cats hope to find Grecian formula

Four UK swimmers are heading to the U.S. Olympic Swim Team trials in Long Beach, Calif., July 7-14. The top two finishers in each event will qualify for the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, Aug. 11-29. Three UK swimmers (from left), Daniel Farmer, Clay Gaspanovich and Tim Patrick are competing in the 50-meter freestyle event and Daniel Cruz (right) will compete in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly events.

Student AIDS advocacy group screens film

By Tricia McKenny
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Since March, the UK Student Global AIDS Campaign has been working to bring AIDS awareness to campus and central Kentucky.

Tonight, the group will be one step closer to its goal as it offers a free screening of the film, *A Closer Walk*, and a presentation on AIDS advocacy at the Kentucky Theatre.

The documentary, directed and produced by Academy Award nominee Robert Bilheimer, was filmed in Uganda, South Africa, Switzerland, Haiti, India, Nepal, Ukraine and Cambodia, along with cities in the U.S.

Glenn Close and Will Smith narrate the film, and through interviews and profiles, it examines how AIDS affects the lives of many different people, not only those with the disease and their caretakers.

Interviews featured in the film include the Dalai Lama, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and singer Bono from U2.

It is the Dalai Lama's first interview on what he calls "Universal Responsibility" in the fight against the AIDS epidemic.

Members of the UK SGAC said that the goal of the presentation, "Moving from Awareness to Advocacy," goes along with the film's theme, "Walk the Walk."

"We're using this event and presentation to make people aware, yes, but especially in order [to hope] that people will be drawn to the advocacy work that follows," said Patrick Sweeney, a member of the UK SGAC and one of the event's planners.

Kristin Weeks, a UK SGAC member, first-year medical student and one of the planners for tonight's event, looks forward to a full house.

"The theater seats 350 people and we are hoping to fill it," she said.

After the film, the UK SGAC will host a discussion and presentation about how to get involved in AIDS advocacy, the global AIDS campaign and Kentuckians' role in the global war against AIDS.

Audience questions will be answered by Sweeney, Tara Loyd, a Peace Corps member who worked with AIDS orphans in Lesotho and UK medical students. Several civic groups including the National Conference for Community and Justice, NAACP, GLSO, members of Lexington's Interfaith Alliance and numerous Christian and Jewish congregations support the local screening of the film.

"[The film] gave me a real connection with people to see how it affects them with their family, their future and their goals. You see how it washes away all of their hopes for a future, and I hope people also see a great need for a way to help them," Weeks said.

See AIDS on 2

Celebrate July 4 downtown all weekend

By E. Stephen Burnett
STAFF WRITER

A 10K race, fireworks and famed country artists playing for free headline the Independence Day activities downtown this weekend.

The city's planned events start today at noon, with an ice cream social and apple pie contest in Cheapside Park.

On Saturday, Main and Vine streets will be closed for the festival.

Parking is open almost everywhere else, said Debbie Jones, a member of the Lexington Festival Committee.

"Most of the downtown businesses have opened up their parking lots for free,"

she said. "So parking shouldn't be an issue -- just try to find the best spot," she said.

And arrive early, she added.

Food vendors and arts and crafts booths will line the closed streets beginning at 9 a.m.

"We've had a lot more sponsors step up this year," Jones said. "That makes it possible to put on the kind of festival that everyone wants to see."

The race starts this Saturday, July 3, at 8 a.m., beginning a day of events and entertainment that will end at 10 with the city's fireworks show.

"This is that one time in

the year when downtown is hopping," said Alana Nisko, creative director for the Lexington's Parks and Recreation division.

Nisko said the city has wide-open admissions for the race, and runners don't even have to run.

"We have seated runners, and people who walk," Nisko said.

Those interested in running, walking or whatever in the downtown race have their last chance to sign up on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel near Rupp Arena.

Then at 4 p.m., enter the much larger "Red, White and Boom" concert, where coun-

try music fans will get some well-known performers including Terri Clark, Mark Chesnut and Mark Willis.

What fans won't have to get is tickets, because the concert is free.

"You would have to pay \$35 to \$85 to see those people at Rupp [Arena] or anywhere else," Nisko said. "And they're going to be right there in the Cox Street parking lot."

"It's going to be spectacular," Jones said. "This is the first year we've had a concert of this magnitude, where we have three national artists."

Nisko suggested viewers stick around the Cox Street

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SATURDAY

Edwin McCain w/ Mala Sharp
9 p.m. The Dame. Tickets cost \$15.

Red, White and Boom

7 p.m. Cox Street Parking Lot.

SUNDAY

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Over three-fourths of downtown merchants have shown their support for the film by advertising with flyers.

"We are hoping for a big constituency to let people know that Kentuckians care about what is happening in the world. The U.S. can as-

sist the rest of the world. We have the ability and the technology, but that is being blocked. We want to encourage people to get involved to get past that," said Weeks.

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If you go

The UK SGAC is screening *A Closer Walk* tonight at the Kentucky Theater at 7:30. The film is followed by a presentation by the group.

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parking lot for that.

Others can watch the show elsewhere, perhaps from the roofs of parking garages.

But Nisko recommended not trying to watch the fireworks from Triangle Park. A lot of people think it's a great idea at first, she said, but the Civic Center blocks the view.

For those unable to see the show, local radio station 630 WLAP-AM will broadcast the fireworks' background music, said David Howard, assistant marketing director for Clear Channel.

Though the fireworks mark an end to Saturday's events, July 4 will bring more entertainment and

games at the Red Mile starting at 3 p.m.

About 90,000 people attended the city's festival last year, Nisko said.

And Jones said that this year, if weather permits, even more will crowd the city, especially to see the concert.

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This is that one time in the year when downtown is hopping"

-Alana Nisko, creative director for Lexington Parks and Recreation department

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

LCC officially transferred from UK to KCTCS

Governance of Lexington Community College was transferred Wednesday from UK to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. LCC president Jim Kerley looks forward to the transition. "This is a momentous day for LCC as we officially end at least part of our longstanding relationship with UK and merge with the community and technical college system," he said in a UK press release. "I know our students will prosper from this transfer of governance, and is committed to providing open access to anyone desiring higher education." In July 2003, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools placed LCC on probation for 12 months for failure to demonstrate that "it has sufficient autonomy to be accredited separately..." The transfer allows LCC to be removed from this probation. Students currently enrolled in LCC will still retain the same privileges and benefits they received before the transfer until June 30, 2006. At that time, the services will be available to students on an individual basis. Students enrolled on or before September 1, 2004, in associate degree programs approved by the UK Board of Trustees will have until August 31, 2016 to complete their degree program and receive a degree conferred by the board.

UK faculty win national awards

College of Pharmacy faculty members Frank Romanelli, Pharm.D., assistant professor, and Kelly Smith, Pharm.D., associate professor, were chosen as winners of the 2004 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Council of Faculties Innovations in Teaching Competition.

Students awarded predoctoral awards

Five College of Medicine students in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry have been awarded American Heart Association Ohio Valley Affiliate Predoctoral Fellowships. The students are Nathan Correll of Robards, Ky.; Garland Crawford of Paducah, Ky.; Amanda Knoebber of Newport, Ky.; Cara Payer of Johannesburg, South Africa; and Lisa Senter of Louisa, Ky. The fellowships are designed to help students initiate careers in cardiovascular research by providing research assistance and training.

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UK swimmers head to trials

By Chris Johnson
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Four UK swimmers could get one lap closer to Athens next weekend by participating in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials July 7-14 in Long Beach, Calif.

The top two swimmers in each event make the Olympic team, but each UK representative says just being in contention is a worthy enough honor for this point in their careers.

Daniel Cruz, Daniel Farmer, Clay Gaspanovich and Tim Patrick all qualified for the trials by meeting the time standards imposed by U.S. Swimming, and doing it by a certain deadline.

"The standard is pretty quick," said Gaspanovich. "It's not as quick as NCAA time, but it's pretty quick."

"The NCAA is pretty much the pinnacle of the sport," said Cruz.

The swimmers said they didn't train any differently for the trials than they did during the season for NCAA meets, but the training had simply stepped up in frequency and intensity.

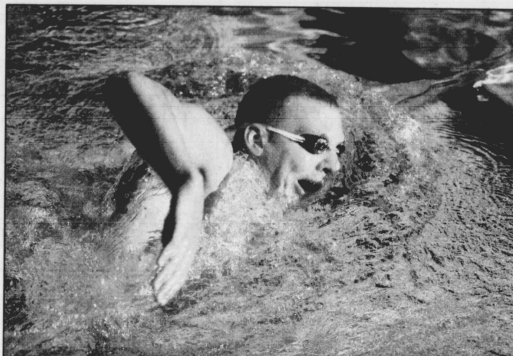
"It's definitely more intense this year, being an Olympic year," said Cruz, the only current UK swimmer in the 100- and 200-meter butterfly trial. "Over the summer, we've been training five hours a day in preparation for the trials. During school it's like three to four hours a day."

The swimmers arrive at the pool at 7 every morning and train until 9:30, then rest for "the day," said Cruz (as if they were wasting time by resting) and come back at 2 p.m., often training until 5.

"You just have to come into practice ready to work and stay motivated," Cruz said.

"I wouldn't say that's the most difficult part, but I would say it is more intense during Olympic years," Cruz said.

"I won't be disappointed if I don't make the team,"



JONATHAN PALMER | PHOTO EDITOR

Daniel Farmer gets a breath of fresh air as he trains in the Lancaster Aquatic Center. Farmer is one of three UK swimmers at the Olympic Trials in the 50-meter freestyle, which is simply one lap down the pool.

Cruz said. "I've got the current world record holder, a former world record holder, and the current Olympic champion in my heat. My goal is to finish in the top four."

Patrick, Gaspanovich, and Farmer think the Top 16 for their event, the 50-meter freestyle, is a realistic goal.

"The Top 16 make it into the semifinals of the trials, a goal that would be considered lofty for most of the field making the trip to Long Beach."

The Top 16 out of the Americans is pretty much the Top 50 in the world," Gaspanovich said. "Once you get there, you know, anything's possible. Someone could DQ [disqualify] or you could rise to the occasion."

"There's almost a one second difference between the Top 16 [and those who make the team]," Patrick said. "It has to do with technique, you know, a good powerful start. It's more about power than endurance [in

the 50-meter freestyle]."

Some of the swimmers opposing the UK students are professionals, men who spend their days in the pool with sophisticated machinery to aid them in their training and other amenities UK and other college programs simply do not have.

They also are not hindered by NCAA rules limiting the amount of hours an athlete can work on his craft during a week, but the UK swimmers, for the most part, do not consider that a disadvantage.

"It's a disadvantage not having the machines used by some guys in Colorado, which is the base for U.S. Swimming," said Patrick. "But we work hard, push the limits, and they [the coaches] pretty much get it all out of us."

"I wouldn't consider [NCAA prohibitions on time] a disadvantage," said Cruz. "UK has done a great job, giving us these great coaches and facilities to train at."

Gaspanovich had a different take. "It's more difficult to juggle school, it'll always be more difficult," Gaspanovich said. "UK has really helped out with tutors and making sure we're going to school, but it is a disadvantage having time [constraints]."

Even with the time constraints, the swimmers are making the most of the opportunities they've been given.

"This is a once in a lifetime shot," said Patrick.

"I've only got two years of college swimming left," said Farmer. "If I wanted to try again in four years, I'd have to train two years on my own, and if I didn't make it I'd be devastating after training for two years."

The trials will be shown on July 9 and 11 (live) from 8-9 p.m. and on July 18 at the same time on NBC.

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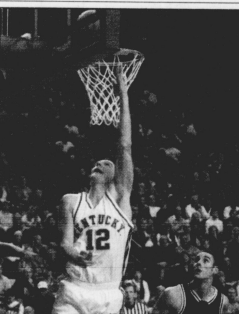
Former UK reserve Bernard Cote, who averaged 14 points in 5.6 minutes per game last season, announced his transfer to Northwestern University in Chicago. The junior forward decided to transfer after the signing of big man Randolph Morris as part of this year's top-rated recruiting class.

According to NCAA rules, Cote will sit out a year and have two years of eligibility left, which he thinks is enough time to finish his master's degree in business.

Former UK player arrested
Former UK All-Ameri-

can and 1978 national champion Jack Givens, 47, was arrested and charged Tuesday with molesting a 14-year-old girl in her home in Orlando. Givens was released on \$25,000 bond. According to Orange County Sheriff's Office documents, the current Orlando Magic color commentator went to the girl's house to give her a basketball lesson. The girl pulled away when Givens touched her in the swimming pool and later when he came into her bedroom where she was changing clothes, according to an arrest affidavit. He also sent an instant message to the girl that day stating he had "used bad judgment," said the affidavit.

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Former UK forward Bernard Cote scores two points against Vanderbilt last season. The junior forward transferred to Northwestern last week, citing concerns about opportunities for playing time.

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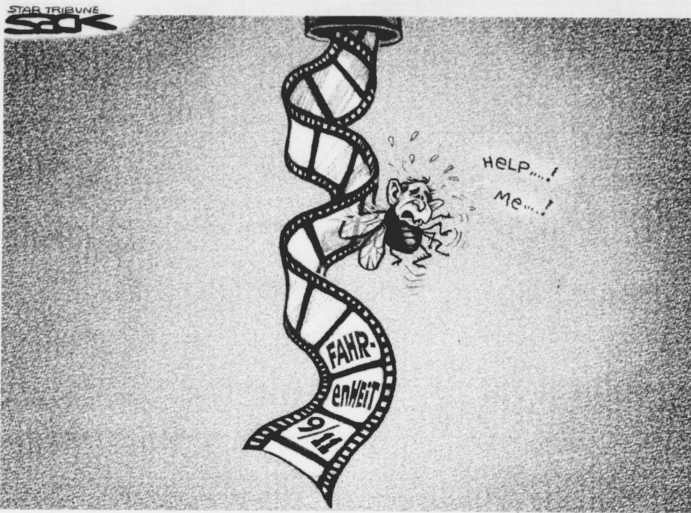
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—SEBETH WELLS, A MEMBER OF UK'S STUDENT GLOBAL AIDS CAMPAIGN AND A FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT ON TOMORROW'S MOVIE SCREENING AND PRESENTATION ON AIDS ADVOCACY



Aiding Iraq: a global effort

The June 30 Iraqi limited handover of power came early to avoid attacks. Now Iraqis are formally in charge of their country without threat of dictatorial tyranny. But with the onslaught of international involvement, Iraq may never be a truly sovereign nation.

Rebuilding Iraq is now a global effort. Though many nations initially opposed U.S. preemption policy, they have become entrenched in the seemingly endless task of putting a once authoritarian nation together in a democratic fashion. But with modern implications of democracy come its ideological counterpart—capitalism. So many international firms have contracts to create a capital infrastructure in Iraq, it will be difficult for the fledgling nation to achieve political and economic independence because of the overriding multinational corporate interests.

In America, we can see how the political will of a society is bent by monetary incentives. From the constituency to office holders, candidates with the most money for advertising have the most effective campaigns, and much of that money can come from interest groups and corporations. This

decreases the impact of individual influence, leaving it to the factions of the Federalist Papers penned by this nation's founders. When the United States of America became independent from Britain, it also did so with international monetary aid from countries that had their trade and political interests in mind.

As the Christian Western world stakes a claim in the Muslim Middle East, a question can be raised of liberation and sovereignty from the almighty dollar — or franc, or pound or euro. The power of money through influence knows no denomination. Such an overwhelming rush from a Third World nation to a First World project may prove too hasty for proper market conditions to develop, leaving Iraqis economically dependent on their "liberators" for an indefinite amount of time.

Let us hope the War on Terror does become a covert global economic stimulus, condoning colonization in the name of liberation.

This editorial was featured in *The Daily Eastern News* (Eastern Illinois University). Their views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Iraqi transition doesn't mean worst is over



Joshua Odoi
Kernel Columnist

The Iraqi transition came as a shock to most of the world. Observers were shocked not because they did not expect America to give up full control of Iraq but because of the secretive nature of the transition. Obvious logical reasons were given later as to why the ceremony was moved up two days ahead of time.

The war, although still physical, is turning into one of propaganda. In light of this, it would have been a sweet victory for the ordinary Iraqi people to celebrate their sovereignty on streets of Baghdad. This was supposed to be an important day in their nation's history, one that would be celebrated for a long time to come.

This celebration eluded them because the legitimate argument that a June 30 ceremony might have brought joy in the morning and mourning at night.

A careful look at recent developments in the Middle East in general and in Iraq in particular all pointed to a devastating June 30 handover.

As we have seen in the past few weeks, this war is not a simple one. Like the Vietnam War, this war is taking a course that many did not expect. The terrorists are willing to do anything within their means to make a statement. They kill people for mass viewing over the Internet. Even worse and more surprising, their recent hostage-taking of their fellow Muslims have triggered the wrath of some of their sympathizers. How can you Jihad against a fellow Muslim? The beheading of Paul Johnson, Jr., who is said to have shown great interest in the Islamic faith, and the recent capture of Corporal Wassaf Ali Hassoun, a Muslim who is also being threatened to be beheaded, only affirms the fact that terrorists do not have the Islam in mind. They are just jealous of human liberties in general and Iraq's prosperous future in particular.

Iraqis must realize that though they have sovereignty now, the war for their freedom and great future is far from over. They should be aware that terrorists have deprived them of their entitled celebration would go a long way to make them miserable in their land.

At any rate sovereignty has been achieved. The Iraqi officials must henceforth plan the course it wants their reborn country to take. By now they know that the terrorist would overthrow their legitimate government if they had the means and opportunity, with the sole purpose of imposing extremist Islamic decrees on the defenseless Iraqi populace. For this reason we, the United States, have not turned our back on Iraq. We continually lose our family members for their cause. For this reason asking a greater Iraqi participation in the war against terror is not too much to ask. Heaven helps those who help themselves. The international community would be willing to help if Iraqis start helping themselves.

It is encouraging that NATO has promised to provide the needed support in the creation of a permanent Iraqi Armed Forces. This should commence at once. One cannot emphasize enough that in spite of increasing international support, Iraqis are the only people who can solve their own problems.

Who protects the terrorist? Who shelters and feeds them? Without resistance from Iraqis towards the insurgents, these rogues would turn their land into a safe haven for terrorist activities. The worst is yet to come, if only they allow themselves to be used by terrorists.

Iraqi sovereignty is a welcomed one, but there is greater work to be done. The nations of the world should join forces in combating these evil forces of terrorism. A victory in Iraq is not a Bush/Blair victory. A victory in Iraq is victory for civilization.

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June review: defunct planes and Spidey's reign



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As we go to press, "filmmaker" Michael Moore is using his slimy tentacles to spread his film "documentary," *Fahrenheit 9/11*, about President Bush's evil nature to the mass public.

The evil doctor of deceptions cackles wickedly as the four mechanical arms fused to his spine whip like snakes, their claws ensnaring gullible Americans and earning millions of dollars at the box office ...

Wait, what's that in the sky? Swinging down on a thin web line, now clinging to a wall, flipping towards the theater with a whoop and a wisecrack — look out, look out, it's Spider-Man!

Ha ha! Go Spidey! That Michael Moore is GONE! ("I'll get you, Spider-Man!")

Of course, that's not how the *Spider-Man 2* movie actually goes, but then again, neither did real life according to these following dramatic-licensed news briefs:

June 2: Multibillionaire George Soros declares that President Bush's war on terror is "worse than the Sept. 11 attacks," pointing to the repeated times when members of the 101st Airborne Division hijacked Iraqi airliners full of civilians and flew them unprovoked into the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad.

June 5: Ronald Reagan, the 40th presi-

dent of the United States, sets sail from the Gray Havens toward the Undying Lands, the far green country, under the swift sunrise.

June 11: Dignitaries, former presidents and leaders from around the globe gather at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., for the funeral of former President Ronald Reagan.

("I'd leave it at that, but space does not permit.) During the singing of one majestic, rousing hymn, Bill and Hillary Clinton, sitting in the front row, bob their heads in a desperate effort to find a faster, pop-style beat in the hymn's metering.

Upon failing to discover it, they close their eyes, either to go to sleep or to pray to God or whatever, petitioning Him — or it — to keep them from tearing each other apart until the service is completed.

June 13: George Soros donates another few million dollars, exact amount undisclosed, to the MoveOn.org voter fund, on the one condition that fund staffers support a new act of Congress requiring Americans to bow three times daily before a graven image of Soros.

June 15: The Supreme Court throws out atheist Michael Newdow's lawsuit alleging his ten-year-old Christian daughter was violated by having the option of saying the Pledge of Allegiance in school, with the phrase "under God" included.

Taking a cue from the former Iraqi Misinformation Minister Muhammad Saeed al-Sahaf, Newdow claims victory in the High Court's 8-0 ruling against his case.

"Even now, my ACLU attorneys are at the gates of public school American history book publishers," Newdow said, "and they will have the victory over the Western religious infidels, and they are even now slicing all references to The Unconstitutional One out of the books with the edges of their pointy little beards!"

June 17: After being blasted by the Herald-Leader for shaming the state with an outdated plane and provoking evacuation of government buildings in D.C., Gov. Ernie Fletcher authorizes the purchase of a new gubernatorial plane with better equipment.

This prompts an outraged Herald-Leader editorial board to criticize the governor for wasting state funds in this pressing time of budget crisis.

June 20: *The New York Times* reviews Bill Clinton's forthcoming autobiography *My Life* and pronounces it (this is completely true): "sloppy, self-indulgent and often eye-crossingly dull."

Meanwhile, Morglog, spokesman for the Low Command of Hell, frantically reports the place has just frozen over.

June 21: 14 geeks in Goldstone, Calif., as well as one Kernel staff writer, howl with glee as civilian test pilot Mike Melvill detaches his *SpaceShipOne* from a carrier ship and rockets his craft beyond the atmosphere of the first private space flight in the United States.

Following this success, engineers for the project prepare to enter the Ansari X-Prize contest, in which supporters will award \$10

million to the first team to launch an aircraft to space and return to Earth, twice within two weeks. In a press release, pilot Melvill declares he is "slightly nervous about the X-Prize flight," since he will be facing strong competition from Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

June 25: In a major speech to stockholders, George Soros declares that he is instituting a new "Global Community Economic Initiative," under which participants will be required to take his mark on their right hand or forehead. "Without this mark," Soros declares, "you will be unable to buy or sell."

(Author's note: pay no attention; this is merely a rumor I'm trying to start. Forward it in email form to all of your friends!)

June 28: In a surprise move guaranteed to impress all of the Iraq war's opponents, the American-led coalition turns over sovereignty to the new Iraqi government two days earlier than planned.

The next day President Bush announces he made the early-transition decision based on a shrewd scheme of timing:

"After all, *Spider-Man 2* comes out on June 30," the president explains. "Now I'll be able to see it in the White House theater, uninterrupted."

That's all, folks! I'm going to go see a movie.

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Fahrenheit 9/11 comes to town

Controversial documentary playing downtown; hundreds line up to see what all the talk is about

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Breaking new ground for documentary films everywhere, Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* was the top grossing film last weekend.

The film raked in \$21.8 million, despite a shortened opening week and being carried by a relatively small number of theaters nationwide.

Fred Mills, manager at Lexington's Kentucky Theatre, where the film is currently showing, said it has done extremely well.

"I believe it's the biggest three-day draw we've had for any one movie," Mills said. "We've had sellouts or near sellouts at every showing."

In a year where the political scene is as polarized as this fall's election promises to be, people from all political parties are gearing up for a November 2 that experts say should be one of the largest voter turnouts since JFK's bid for the presidency.

"It doesn't matter which side people are politically aligned toward, whether you support or disdain Michael Moore, movies like *Fahrenheit 9/11* are much needed in today's society," said Laura Houpp, 32, and a mother of one.

"It's introducing a political dialogue to a whole new generation of people and already, in just a short amount of time, stands as one our greatest examples of free speech," said Houpp. "The world needs more of this — more debates, more questioning, more people thinking and talking about making the world a better place."

Crowds of moviegoers — about 800 in all — lined

Main Street over the weekend to see what all the controversy was about, with most of the patrons cheering on Moore and his message.

"It's going to be hard to sleep tonight," said Amanda Merritt, a political science junior. "It's scary to think those people are in office dictating the events of our lives."

Neelam Parekh, a computer science senior, agreed with Merritt.

"It's a great picture of what American government truly is and how oblivious we all are to what's really happening in the White House," she said.

Others gained new insight from the film.

"I was pro-Bush before seeing his deep ties with oil; his deceit," said Jeremy Kolonyay, an economics senior.

"I feel like I've been cheated — Bush should be impeached," he said.

Despite the support of most patrons, some who came to see the movie disagreed with Moore's message.

"I wish Moore would have been more objective — most of the movie was Bush-bashing," said James Clark, a pharmacology graduate student.

Michael Williams, a business management junior, said Moore should be thankful he lives in a country where he can voice his opinion without any consequences.

"I think Bush has made some mistakes but he's done a great job considering the hand he's been dealt," Williams said.

While most of the



A promotional poster for Michael Moore's most recent documentary, *Fahrenheit 9/11* hangs at the Kentucky Theatre, downtown.

movie's viewers either supported or abhorred Moore's depictions of Bush, others simply expressed their feelings in frustration.

"I didn't enjoy how lightly and humorously Moore portrayed reality," said Chris Fenton, a biology junior. "Politics and especially war are no laughing matter."

Some would go so far as to say the movie's bias could skew the election.

"The unfortunate side to a movie like this one is that it shows how few Americans take the time to make educated political decisions — most just go along with what the media gives them, re-

gardless of what that media is or what it might be trying to promote," said Ben Watson, a philosophy junior.

Regardless of Moore's message, people of all backgrounds are coming out en masse to see the movie.

"If I could pay for the world to see it, I would — it's so riveting," said Brad Waggoner, an ISC senior.

"It makes you want to get out and do something," said Ellen Rosenman, the chair of the English department in UK.

"Everyone should see it," she said.

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