



Over the weekend

Bar humor

So there's this guy at the bar, and he looks over at this other guy sitting there who has a small one-foot man on the counter playing the piano. He scratches his head in wonder, then orders a beer.

Then the guy leans over and says, "If you rub that bottle over there, a genie will come out, and you can ask him for anything, and he will grant it to you."

So the guy goes over to the bottle and rubs it and says, "I want to be rich." And all of a sudden the guy grows this horrible nose with a wart on the end of it and some long raty hair.

The guy turns to the other guy at the bar and says, "I said I wanted to be rich, not be a witch!"

And the other guy looks at him and says "Do you think I asked for a 12 inch pianist?"

I can do anything

On the top of a tall building in a large city, there was a bar. In this bar, a man was drinking heavily. He would ask the bartender for a tequila shot, then walk out to the balcony and jump off. Minutes later, he would appear in the elevator and repeat the whole process.

One guy watched this happen a number of times until curiosity got the better of him. Finally, he went up to the man and asked, "hey, you keep drinking, then jumping off the balcony. And yet, minutes later, you're back again. How do you do it?" "Well," the other man said, "the shot of tequila provides buoyancy such that when I get near the ground, I slow down and land gently. It's lots of fun. You should try it."

The guy, who was also drunk out of his gourd, thought to himself, hey, why not? So he goes to the bar, drinks a shot of tequila, then walks out to the balcony and jumps off. Whoooooooooooooo, splat!

The bartender looks over at the first guy and says, "Superman, you're an asshole when you're drunk."

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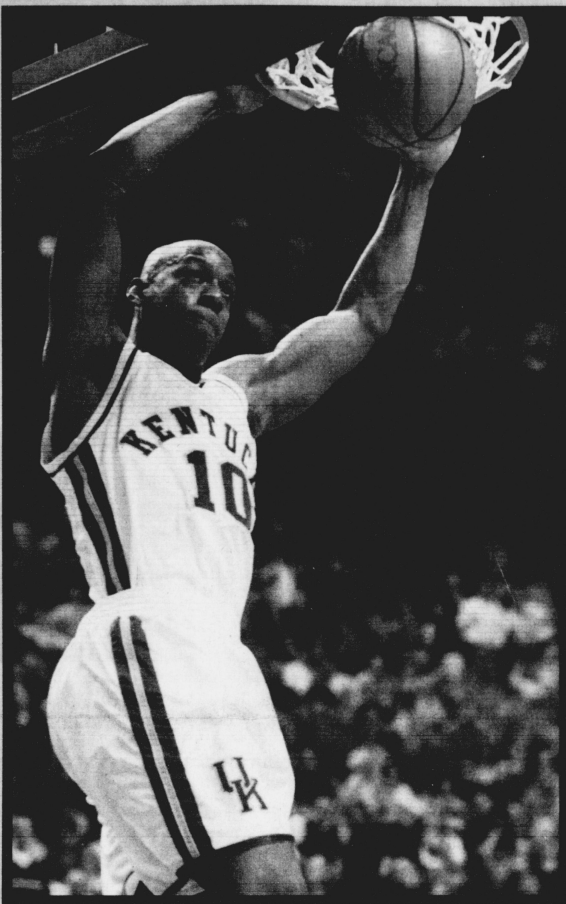
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Eye of the tiger
Woods on a roll with sixth PGA win. | 5

UK 73, FLA 90



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Primetime player

Keith Bogans continued to boost his stats, scoring 24 in last night's loss to Florida. The Cats next opponent is LSU on Sunday at 1 p.m. at LSU. The game will be broadcast on Jefferson Pilot T.V. and WVLC 590 AM.

Cats run ends in Swamp

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — No. 12 Florida validated its spot among the nation's elite Tuesday night with a 90-73 victory over No. 11 Kentucky.

The Wildcats came in as arguably the hottest team in the nation, having gone 13-1 since splitting their first eight games and bringing up questions as to whether the dynasty was in decline.

Certainly it isn't, although the Gators made it look that way at times before a frenzied crowd of 11,818, many of whom

waited outside overnight to get seats at the O'Connell Center.

Full-court trapping — the Wildcats into a state of frustration, the Gators took a 34-17 lead with seven minutes left in the first half and spent the rest of the game holding off Kentucky rallies.

Kentucky got the deficit down to 76-66 with three minutes remaining but committed a turnover when it had the ball with a chance to trim it to eight.

When it was over, the Wildcats could target foul trouble and their own trouble at the foul line as culprits for the loss.

They finished 18-of-29 from the line, but endured a 3-for-9 stretch late in the first half that kept them from capitalizing on a 4-minute scoring drought by Florida.

Meanwhile, Kentucky center Jamaal Magloire drew his second foul four minutes into the game and his third three minutes into the second half. He played a total of 17 minutes and finished with four points and eight rebounds.

It spoiled a 24-point effort by freshman Keith Bogans and a 17-point game from Desmond Allison.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

Budget plan to reduce public debt

Mixed reviews: Republicans unhappy with proposal, while Democrats show support

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President Clinton was so proud of what his final budget would do about eliminating the publicly held part of the national debt that he used a paint brush to draw a plunging blue line on a wall chart.

Angry Republicans, however, probably would have chosen the color red for Clinton's last budget — for the shame they charge he should feel about all his new spending programs, his tax increases and his modest tax reductions.

"The president proposed a laundry list of expensive, big government programs the country doesn't need and tax increases the Republicans in Congress will never support," said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla.

Both sides in the debate wasted no time in staking out their positions for a debate that is certain to last all the way into November, when voters go to the polls.

Republicans contend that what voters want is less government and bigger tax increases. Clinton argues that what the country needs to keep the current prosperity going is a more balanced approach that addresses pressing needs such as a lack of health care, pays down the federal debt and offers targeted tax relief.

The Clinton administration will feel the Republican criticism firsthand today as members of the president's

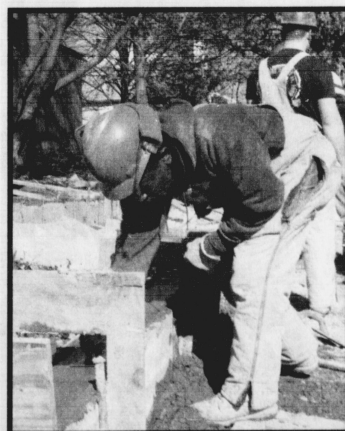
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Money man

Bill Clinton's new budget proposal has many Republican critics seeing red.

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NICK TOMCEK | KERNEL STAFF

Smooth moves

Lee Reed from E.C. Matthews Construction Company skillfully smooths the concrete on the new curbs outside of Wildcat Lodge on Lexington Ave. The curbs and sidewalks are part of an ongoing project to renovate the Wildcat Lodge inside and out which will continue into the summer months.

See FIRE on 3

AFTERMATH

Unattended heater blamed for fire

By Tracy Kershaw

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A space heater left unattended was determined as the cause of Sunday night's fire at the Sigma Pi fraternity house, said the Lexington Fire Department.

"It was a poor misuse of a heat source," said Lt. Gary Ward of Lexington Fire Investigation. The space heater was left sitting on a couch to dry caulk in a bedroom of the house, Ward said.

Space heaters are not danger-

ous when used properly.

"When people use space heaters for something they are not manufactured for, such as a dryer, they become dangerous," he said.

Space heaters are illegal in UK residence halls except where provided by the University, but because the Sigma Pi fraternity house is located off-campus, it is under the jurisdiction of the city of Lexington instead of UK.

The source of the fire was discovered through interviews with the tenants, Ward said.

The bedroom where the fire originated did not have a sprinkler, the fire report stated. A sprinkler would have probably contained the fire to that room, Ward said.

However, the building may have been of the age where sprinklers would have not been required, Ward said.

The Sigma Pi house was relatively safe, said Tony Blanton, assistant dean of students.

"I would not say that the Sig-

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

The Rock goes through his big, fat mama."

The Rock, professional wrestler, as reported in Entertainment Weekly.

Alaska Air part may have broken off

LOS ANGELES — A piece of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 may have broken off seconds before the plane plunged into the Pacific, according to investigators who cited radar data. National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall didn't fix a cause for the Jan. 31 crash near Los Angeles that killed all 88 people aboard the flight from Mexico to San Francisco. The new data showed the pilots struggling with the plane's horizontal stabilizer, a part suspected in the crash. There was no indication whether it may have fallen off the plane.

Small planes collide near Chicago

ZION, Ill. — Two small planes collided yesterday over a hospital parking lot, and one plane crashed onto the roof of the medical center. There were no survivors on either plane, said Zion Fire Chief David LaBelle, but he did not know how many people were on the planes. Some employees of Midwestern Regional Medical Center suffered minor burns, but no patients or workers were killed, said Roger Cary, the hospital president. Zion is about 45 miles north of Chicago, near the Illinois-Wisconsin line. Preliminary reports indicated both planes were approaching the Waukegan Airport, near the site of the collision.

Clinton fights genetic bias

WASHINGTON — President Clinton yesterday barred federal agencies from discriminating against employees on the basis of genetic tests. He urged Congress to prohibit the private sector from refusing to hire people at risk for health problems and insurers from refusing to cover them. Clinton told an American Association for the Advancement of Science audience: "We must protect our citizens' privacy — the bulwark of personal liberty, the safeguard of individual creativity."

Delaware votes in GOP primary

DOVER, Del. — George W. Bush and Steve Forbes battled yesterday in a Republican presidential primary skipped by the GOP field's hottest candidate, John McCain. His absence didn't diminish the stakes for Bush and Forbes, each badly needing a victory after McCain trounced them in last week's New Hampshire primary. "Give me a chance to lead," the Texas governor asked Delaware senior citizens before flying to South Carolina to prepare for his Feb. 19 showdown with McCain.



Gore: Bradley would risk Medicare

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — Vice President Al Gore claimed an unlikely ally yesterday in GOP campaigner John McCain, telling Florida senior citizens that Democratic presidential rival Bill Bradley would endanger Medicare. "McCain and I have in common putting money from the surplus into Medicare and keeping it from being drawn down when the baby boomers retire," Gore said. He told reporters as he flew to Florida, which holds its primary on March 14. "Bradley would not put a penny into this," Gore said.

MIDDLE MEDAL: Variety magazine reported Fox has ordered 16 additional episodes of the midseason comedy hit "Malcolm in the Middle," the network announced Monday. Three episodes will run as additional installments in the May sweeps; the remaining 13 are for the show's fall run, which may begin as soon as August, the network said. "Malcolm" has been the boss of its time period since debuting last month.

Kennedy kin arraignment postponed

STAMFORD, Conn. — A juvenile court judge yesterday postponed the arraignment of a Kennedy nephew charged in a 1976 murder while she considers whether to open the proceedings to the public. Michael Skakel, whose father is the brother of Sen. Robert Kennedy's widow, was 15 at the time of the killing. The arraignment, which had been set for today, was put off until March 14. The victim, 15-year-old Martha Moxley, was killed near her Greenwich, Conn., home. The murder weapon was a golf club that matched a set in the Skakel home.

Albright: Chechnya will drag on

WASHINGTON — Russia claims to have regained control of Chechnya's capital Grozny, but the battle for the rebellious region is far from over. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said yesterday. Rebel forces, evading federal troops, have fled the capital, she said in testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "They are guerrilla fighters, and I think that this will go on," Albright testified.

Dow ends up 51.81; Nasdaq soars

NEW YORK — The Nasdaq composite index soared to another new high yesterday after the federal government reported American workers' productivity is rising sharply, a potential buffer against inflation. The Nasdaq rose 104.80 to 4,426.57, cruising past the record it set yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 51.81 to close at 10,957.60. On the NYSE, gainers led losers 1,600-1,452.

Magician Doug Henning dead at 52

NEW YORK — Doug Henning, the magician who starred in the 1970s in TV specials and a Broadway show, has died at 52. Henning, who had suffered from liver cancer for five months, died yesterday in Los Angeles.

Compiled from wire reports

BUDGET

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Cabinet appear before various congressional committees to defend the administration's spending and tax proposals. In releasing the budget on Monday, Clinton said it was important that the nation seize the current good times and bulging government surpluses to "make the most of this moment of promise to extend prosperity to all corners of our nation."

Clinton's \$1.84 trillion spending plan for the 2001 budget year, beginning in October, would spend more for the environment, schools and gun-law enforcement while still pledging to take steps to erase the \$3.7 trillion publicly held portion of the national debt by 2013.

Clinton also proposed a major expansion in the Earned Income Tax Credit that helps the working poor, called for the government to provide health insurance for 5 million of the 44 million Americans who do not have it and help the elderly pay for drug prescriptions.

Republicans charged all the new spending programs were an effort to appeal to voters in hopes they will reward Democratic candidates in the fall.

"It has all the things for

everyone they feel they'll need to get Al Gore elected president." House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said.

Kasich and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told reporters that their committees would move quickly to draw up a GOP spending and tax blueprint that would differ drastically from Clinton's version.

Even before that work is accomplished, House Republicans were moving to consider this week a 10-year, \$182 billion plan to cut taxes for married couples, including those who pay more than if they were single. This is just one piece of their much larger \$792 billion tax cut that Clinton vetoed last year.

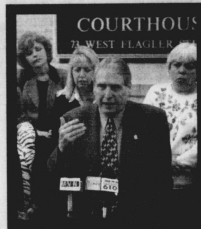
In contrast, Clinton's budget would provide \$51 million in more targeted tax relief to help pay the costs of college education, ease the burden of long-term nursing care and support retirement savings.

But Clinton also would raise \$181 billion in other taxes, including a 25-cent-a-pack increase in cigarette taxes and \$91 billion in higher taxes on corporations by eliminating current tax benefits.

House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, signaled the GOP would "strongly oppose" all of Clinton's tax increase proposals again this year.



HEAR TO BELIEVE: Madonna remade Don McLean's "American Pie" for the movie "The Next Best Thing." The flick stars Rupert Everett and Madonna and comes out March 3.



Elian's ordeal continues

Dr. Jorge Herrera speaks to the media during a news conference Monday in front of the Dade County Courthouse in Miami, as he and a group of Cuban-American psychologists speak out about the behavior of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers during their visit with him last January.

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GREEK LIFE

Sigma Chi's contest eviction from frat house

By John Wampler
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

While members of the Sigma Pi social fraternity were forced to move due to a fire in their fraternity house, those of the Sigma Chi social fraternity recently found that a fire doesn't necessarily have to occur for a house to be closed.

Citing numerous fire code violations, UK officials informed members last Wednesday the house would be closed for the remainder of the semester and they had 48 hours to move out.

Among the violations: inoperable lighting fixtures, a motorcycle with a gasoline engine lodged inside the building and numerous doors left propped open.

George DeBin, vice-president of fiscal affairs, said that one small infraction would not have been a cause for concern, but it was the combination of multiple violations that was the problem.

"It's a difficult decision (to close a house) but a decision that had to be made for the safety of the residents," DeBin said.

Sigma Chi members said the decision was a rather hasty one.

Mike Bowlin, president of Sigma Chi, said most violations were fixed within 45 minutes, and all were repaired before they had to leave.

Yet when the members requested a second inspection, they were denied.

DeBin said the decision to not have a second inspection was based on a pattern of repeated violations. UK cannot afford to investigate the fraternity on a daily basis to ensure that conditions are up to par, he explained.

The Sigma Chi house also failed inspection

in the summer of 1998. It re-opened last semester after major renovations.

Richie Thompson, a soil sciences and landscape architecture senior and Sigma Chi member who lived in the house two years ago, said the eviction made all the money spent fixing the house seem like a waste.

He also felt the timing of the eviction was bad, saying it was the middle of winter and many members were also preparing for their first exams.

"It makes UK look real bad," he said.

While UK did offer rooms in the residence halls to the members, few accepted. Even though the semester is several weeks old, UK was going to charge full price for the rooms, explained Sigma Chi treasurer Blaine Adams.

Most members living in the house stayed with friends and looked for apartments and other places to live, Bowlin said.

With everyone being separated and broken up, it has made keeping in touch and keeping things running smoothly rather difficult, he added.

Even without their house, Sigma Chi is still permitted to conduct regular business, said Tony Blanton, assistant dean of students.

Bowlin said the fraternity's meetings would probably be held in the Student Center for now.

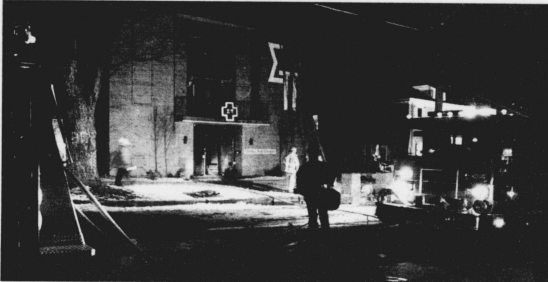
Although losing their house has caused some setbacks, Bowlin feels that the fraternity has learned how to overcome such trials.

"We were shut down for a year before, but we kept everything intact," he said.

Lavin Troutman contributed to this article.

FIRE

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FILE PHOTO

A big loss

Sunday night's fire at the Sigma Pi fraternity house has the fraternities members looking for new homes.

ma Pi house was not up to fire code, but that does not mean a fire can't happen," he said.

The residents now face the task of finding new housing.

The Sigma Pi Housing Corporation owns the house and the property. Most tenants pay \$462 monthly rent to the corporation, which has insurance.

Three or four brothers paid \$1,450 in full for the semester.

The corporation will refund approximately \$900 to \$1,100 of that money, said Dave Stoll, Sigma Pi president.

UK has offered room and

board to the tenants for \$1,450. Five hundred six dollars of the \$1,450 will be put on the students' diner account.

The Sigma Pi fire adds UK students to the list of university students that have recently witnessed the effects of fire in their college community.

In January, fire ravaged a Seton Hall University dormitory, killing three people and injuring 38. A dorm fire in September 1998 at Murray State University took the life of student Michael Minger. And only last week fire destroyed a building on the campus of Bryan Col-

lege, including the library housing historical documents from the famed Scopes "Monkey Trial" of 1925.

In response to the Murray State fire, UK decided to install smoke detectors in all residential buildings. The project will be completed by 2002 and is funded entirely by the University, said UK Fire Marshall Garry Beach.

Safety of the students, staff and faculty is a primary concern of UK, said Lloyd Axelrod, director of public relations.

"It is as important as the education of students," he said.

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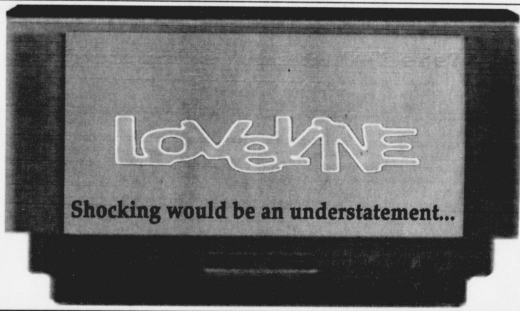
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ACADEMIC	Wed 9	Thurs 10
<p>*L.E.A.P., 1-1:50pm, 203 Frazee Hall</p> <p>MEETINGS</p> <p>*Dinner at the Dorms with the Hill/Jewish Student Org., 6:15, Blazer Hall</p> <p>*Table Francais, 3-5pm, Magic Beans Cafe (SH Station)</p> <p>*UKNOW, 7pm, Rm 115 Student Cr.</p> <p>*Pre-Physical Therapy Stud Assoc., 7pm, 205 Stud Cr.</p> <p>*Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity Rush, 7pm, 245 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>*SAB Homecoming Comm., 7pm, 203 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>*Kempo Self-defense Club, 8:30pm, Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>*Toe-Boxing, 5pm, Baptist Stud. Union</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>*UK Climbing Club, 6pm, ClimbTime Gym, S6</p>	<p>ACADEMIC</p> <p>*Internship and Shadowing Orientation, 2-3pm, Rm 111 Student Cr.</p> <p>*Math Tutoring, 123-3-3:50 & 109-4-4:50, 203 Frazee Hall</p> <p>MEETINGS</p> <p>*Thursday Night Live, 8pm, Christian Student Fellowship</p> <p>*Freshman Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union</p> <p>*Devotion and Lunch, 12pm, Baptist Stud. Union, S1</p> <p>*Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity Rush, 7pm, 245 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>*Golden Key NHS Open House, 6-8pm, 230 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>SPORTS</p> <p>*Kempo Self-defense Club, 6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>*Toe Kwon Do Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left Rm 19</p> <p>*Toe-Boxing, 3:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union</p>	
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Cats' Martinez weathers changes with maturity

Role reversal: After starting for two seasons, senior guard now provides spark off the bench

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

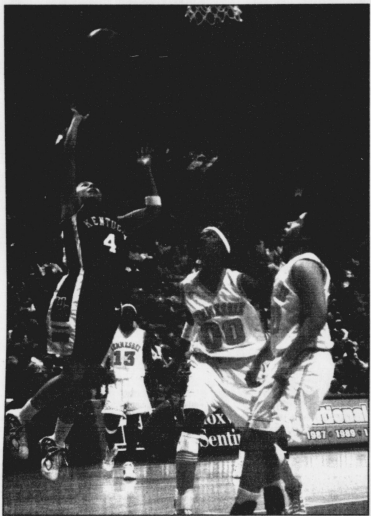
Look into the eyes of UK senior guard Natalie Martinez, and you'll see a competitive fire burning brightly.

You'll see the frustration of her freshman and sophomore seasons, in which she saw more minutes but won fewer games.

You'll see the experience she's gained by playing three-and-a-half seasons of the toughest women's basketball in the country.

You'll see the eyes of a player who, although she lost her starting job along the way, wouldn't trade the recent success of the UK women's basketball team for anything.

Looking back on her career, Martinez does admit things have changed considerably since her freshman year, when she was thrust into the starting point guard role immediately.



UK's Natalie Martinez drives to the basket in the Cats' recent loss to 4th-ranked Tennessee.

She played admirably, finishing her first season with 91 assists and a mid-20 points per game. Her sophomore season however, saw her numbers tail off, averaging only 3.9 points per game, and continuing to struggle from the field (around 30 percent shooting).

"For two years, Natalie had to deal with that," said UK coach Bernadette Mattox of the constant physical play from other SEC teams. "She got bumped. She got trapped. She turned the ball over. It was tough for her."

In came highly-touted Erica Jackson, a junior college transfer who was born, it seems, to play point guard in an up-tempo style. Martinez would have to compete for the right to see the court after barely stepping off it each of her first two seasons.

"Everybody had a fair chance in practice," Mattox said. "Natalie even started the first game of the (1998-1999) season. Everybody has to prove themselves. (Erica starting ahead of Natalie) wasn't something that was foreseen. It was evident on the practice floor."

"It's always got to be tough when you start for two years and then you don't," Mattox said. "Natalie was mature enough to understand that Erica was the better player."

"It was difficult at first," Martinez admitted. "All throughout high school, even my freshman year, I started on varsity. Coming out here, I was starting right away. But this is a business, and we needed to win. I needed to win."

Not wanted to win. Needed to win. "I was so sick of losing," she said. "I hate losing. That's the worst thing for me."

The fact that Natalie hated losing was evident at an early age, as she battled her three siblings, especially her older sister Elaine, for attention and accomplishments.

"When my sister started getting into sports, my father Joe really paid a lot of attention to her.

He helped her play catch, or shoot the ball. I was just this little runt sitting there trying to be just like her. So if she was learning how to spin the ball on her finger, I would go into my room and try to spin the ball on my finger and beat her the next day. I wanted to learn how to do it before she did."

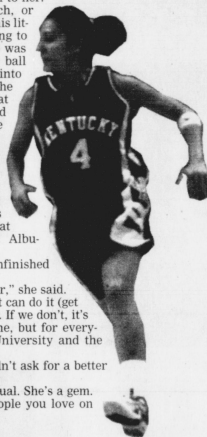
Martinez will graduate this May with a degree in political science, and she'll return to UK for a master's degree in social studies, which she hopes to use someday to teach at her old high school in Albuquerque, N.M.

But there's some unfinished business left this season.

"Now, it's my last year," she said. "We do have the team that can do it (get to the NCAA tournament). If we don't, it's a letdown, not only for me, but for everybody on this team, the University and the city of Lexington."

Mattox said she couldn't ask for a better player to grace her team.

"She's a great individual. She's a gem. Those are the kind of people you love on your team."



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DERRICK THOMAS, 1967-2000

Chiefs star Thomas dies in hospital

33-year-old was expected to recover from spinal injury

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MIAMI — NFL star Derrick Thomas died yesterday in a hospital where he was being treated for injuries from a car crash that left him paralyzed from the chest down.

The Kansas City Chiefs said he died of a heart attack. Jackson Memorial Hospital called it "cardio-respiratory arrest," and doctors were expected to elaborate later in the day.

Team president Carl Peterson said he was with the 33-year-old linebacker Monday.

"He was upbeat, he was positive, he was Derrick," a tearful Peterson, wearing a button with Thomas' No. 58, said.

"He was in a wheelchair. ... I said, 'Son, you're mobile.' He said, 'Father, I am. I've got wheels.'"

Thomas was injured Jan. 23 when the speeding car he was driving flipped on an icy road. A friend was killed in the crash.

Thomas, a nine-time Pro Bowl player and one of the game's most feared pass rushers, had been heading to the Kansas City airport with two companions to fly to St. Louis for the NFC title game.

"Derrick Thomas leaves a tremendously positive legacy that will permanently enrich everyone whose life he touched," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said.

Flags were lowered to half staff at Arrowhead Stadium. The Missouri Legislature paused for a moment of silence. Thomas' death was announced by Bill Kenney, a state senator and former Chiefs quarterback.

"Derrick Thomas was a true hero," said Kenney, who urged lawmakers to support a bill for spinal cord research in Missouri.

Thomas broke his spine and neck in the crash and was flown to Miami, his hometown, for surgery and rehabilitation.

Doctors decompressed his spinal cord and stabilized the spinal column with screws, rods and hooks and implant bone grafts from Thomas' hip.

Thomas and passenger Michael Tellis, 49, of Kansas City, Kan., were not wearing seat belts and were thrown from the car, police said. Tellis was killed instantly and a third passenger who was wearing his seat belt was treated and released.

A clearly shaken Chiefs coach Gunther Cunningham recalled telephoning Thomas from the Pro Bowl after seeing several players and fans honoring the linebacker by wearing his number.

"Derrick said, 'Coach, be strong.' He never told me how strong I needed to be," Cunningham said.

The coach said that after a game, Thomas would always walk across the field "with a smile on his face — not because the Chiefs won, but because that's the way he was. And that's the way I'll always remember him."

Thomas holds the NFL one-game record of seven sacks and ranks ninth on the career list. His seven sacks against Seattle in 1990 came on Veterans Day. He dedicated his effort to his father, an Air Force pilot killed in Vietnam in Operation Linebacker II.

"He had so much love for the game, for his teammates and for our town. ... A light has gone out," Peterson said.



He's Grrreat!

Tiger Woods won his sixth straight PGA tournament on Monday at Pebble Beach. He needs six more consecutive wins to break Byron Nelson's record. If everything pans out, Woods will surpass Nelson at the Masters.

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SPORTSBYTES

Rifle, tennis, track results

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

The UK rifle team notched a strong 6058-5786 victory over Rose Hulman on Saturday, Feb. 5 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Cats were led by freshman Crystal Hamilton, who won the air rifle competition with a 388. Junior Matt Newburn continued to improve upon his smallbore standings, as he finished first in the competition with an 1154.

The Cats posted a 4547 in smallbore, while tallying a 1511 in the air rifle portion of competition. Hamilton took second-place honors in the smallbore with an 1145, while junior Taryn Lewis finished second in the air rifle with a 385.

"The team really worked hard today," said coach Harry Mullins. "I feel that they worked through some of their problems and are finding their mistakes faster. This will help them in the future not to give up as many points."

UK returns to action on Saturday, Feb. 12, when it participates in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Murray, Ky.

Tennis

The 40th-ranked doubles team of Johan Hesusou and Gustav Pousette defeated Milan Rakvica and Rahman Smiley of Indiana on Sunday in the final day of the Indiana Winter Invitational, 8-6. Pousette and Hesusou also won their singles matches in Sunday's action.

In singles action, Hesusou, who is ranked 48th in the nation, defeated Gabriel Montilla of Indiana in three sets. After dropping the first, 3-6, Hesusou won the second, 6-1. The third set was forced to tiebreaker, but Hesusou finished victorious, winning 7-6.

In other singles matches, Pousette

beat Ian Arons of Indiana, 6-3, 6-4. The Cats only other singles victory came when Reven Stephens defeated Brendan Storey of Indiana, 6-1, 6-2.

"The guys got in some good matches this weekend," said coach Dennis Emery. "We competed against good opponents and were pretty successful."

The Cats will compete next against Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., on Feb. 8.

Track and Field

Andrew VanderWagen jumped 7-1 in the high jump Saturday at the Rod McCravy Memorial Classic in Lexington to provisionally qualify for NCAA competition. His height was good for first place in the event and set a new personal best.

The high jump was also the scene for Matt Smotherman's second place leap of 6-10.25. Not only was this a new personal best for Smotherman, it also tied the UK freshman high jump record.

Other first-place finishers for UK included Janet Crawford in the high jump, Michelle Williams in the 60-meter hurdles, Roshell Russell in the 400-meter dash, and Shevan Threats in the long jump and the triple jump. Threats' win in the long jump was her fifth consecutive.

"We definitely had some bright spots today," said head coach Don Weber. "These meets just lead up to the championships. We want to keep getting better as we make our way there. We are doing that."

The Cats return to action next weekend as they travel to Blacksburg, Va., for the Virginia Tech Invitational on Feb. 11-12. This will be UK's last indoor meet before the SEC Championships on Feb. 26-27.



College Scholarships

The College of Communications & Information Studies will be awarding four scholarships to continuing students. Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to two juniors and two seniors for the 2000-01 academic year. Application deadline is April 1, 2000; forms are available in 105 Grehan Journalism Bldg.

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For the birds

Wild Emu discovered in Indiana

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) - The streets of Muncie are once again emu-free. Since last summer, people have occasionally spotted one of the giant, ostrich-like birds running free on the outskirts of town.



The loose emu was once spotted by Leslie Walker. She noticed the brownish-black bird eating corn in a field of stubble and said it looked like a 'big wet feather duster.'

On Sunday, J.J. Bonham and her husband, Delaware County Commissioner Ron Bonham, said they spied a 5-foot-tall emu searching for food along the edge of their yard.

The couple lured the odd bird into a kennel behind their house by feeding it corn. 'It was fate that he came here and was at the point where he would cooperate with us,' Mrs. Bonham said.

In his weakened condition, the emu could not have been found at a better time, according to Mrs. Bonham. Emus are native to Australia and are not prepared to deal with snow and cold.

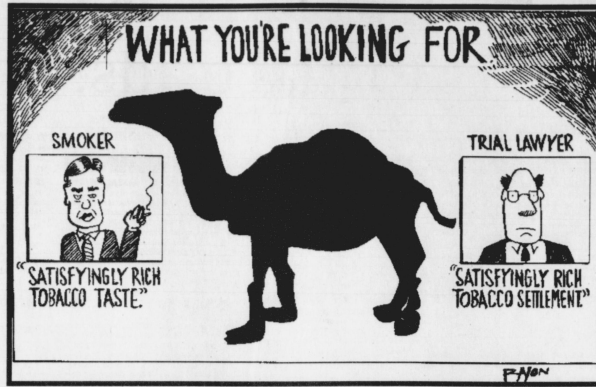
'I'm glad he ended up here because I don't think he would have lasted much longer, especially with all the snow on the ground,' Mrs. Bonham said. 'He's been eating constantly since we've caught him.'

A family affair Brothers active in Florida Government TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - Miquel and Fabiola Diaz were in a hurry Monday morning after watching their son, Alex Diaz de la Portilla, being sworn in as a Republican state senator.

The couple had only minutes to rush over to the other side of the fourth floor of the state capital, where Alex's younger brother, Renier Diaz de la Portilla, was being sworn in as a new state representative, replacing his older sibling.

'It's a real privilege,' Miquel said. 'It's a big day for the family.' In the state Senate, Alex replaces the seat vacated by Republican Alberto Gutman, who resigned after pleading guilty to conspiracy in a Medicare fraud case.

On Jan. 25, Renier Diaz de la Portilla won election to fill his older brother's House seat.



NOTABLE QUOTES

Our operation yesterday intended to signal to the Lebanese government and Hezbollah and even the Syrians that Israel is not willing to accept unilateral violations and we will do whatever it takes to defend our citizens.

- EHUD BARAK, ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, COMMENTING ON WHY ISRAELI FIGHTERS ATTACKED TARGETS IN LEBANON

I don't think this is normal for kids. Every time I hear a boom, I think it's a Katyusha (rocket).

- BEN SCHAMPER, TWELVE-YEAR-OLD, ON LIVING NEAR HEZBOLLAH ROCKET TARGETS ON THE ISRAELI BORDER.

Legos may replace entrance exams



Scott Marchand KERNEL COLUMNIST

The grades are in. Presidential hopeful Bill Bradley, who was a Rhodes scholar and graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University, scored a 485 in the verbal category on his SAT. On the other hand, George W. Bush scored a 566 in the verbal category on his SAT and went on to be a C student at Yale University.

Are either of these men intellectually fit to be the next leader of our country? Probably, but I doubt either could tell you whether ergasophobia is synonymous with fecklessness or if smog really is a portmanteau. And should they?

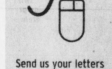
The argument about the reliability of standardized test scores to determine one's success in the future has plagued us for years. Cultural biases in test questions as well as the lack of such tests to measure one's creativity and other indelible characteristics needed to succeed in life are inherently hard to measure.

Until now that is. Nine courageous schools in this country have embarked on a mission to reinvent the evaluation process for undergraduate students. Colorado College, Rutgers, Delaware, and the University of Michigan are just a few of the bellwether institutions standing amid the alien corn.

What revolutionary testing instrument are the schools using to weed out those unworthy to walk in the hallowed halls of their academic institutions? Is it some cutting-edge computer program? Don't be silly. Computers are too antiquated for such an important task. No, no, these schools have thrown down the gauntlet. No longer will they utilize pencil and paper to measure a prospective student's moxie.

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Egg donation asks for thoughtfulness



Meg Marquis KERNEL COLUMNIST

In recent weeks, there has been a classified ad in our fine newspaper that has repeatedly caught my attention. It reads: 'EGG DONORS NEEDED! All races, Ages 21-30. Compensation \$3,500.' My first thought was, I could pay for a lot of college with that! My second thought was, is human life something that can be priced? According to this ad, yes.

Perhaps this ad is legitimate. Maybe couples unable to have children will be helped by these anonymous donors. Isn't the point of egg donation to help responsible human beings to have families they might not otherwise be able to have? This is an admirable act; if I could be assured that a truly deserving and trustworthy human was going to be receiving half the potential to have a baby from me, I would be willing to do it.

What if the individual who received my egg turned out to be a child abuser? I would have helped to create a child brought into a life of misery. This is not to say that egg donation is a bad thing; rather, I think the process needs to be somewhat like an open adoption during which a donor can meet the person who would be getting her egg.

I understand this method treats an egg as if it is already a child, which is an entirely different sticky situation that I'll leave for another columnist to tackle. I still think that it is necessary, not only to prevent incapable people from bringing up children they can't handle, but also to prevent accidental incest.

Think about it. If the process was entirely anonymous and especially if it was handled locally, a couple might have a child with your egg, and you might have a child of the opposite sex. While this possibility is slim, the children could meet, marry, and have children of their own.

IN OUR OPINION

Suitable signs

Public humiliation more than adequate for caught drunk drivers

Last week, several Hindman, Ky., residents were witness to the unusual sight of a woman walking along the highway. It was 11:00 p.m., however, just her presence that generated interest. It was why she was there, an explanation literally spelled out on her sign: 'I put lives in danger by drinking and driving on Kentucky highways.'

Jauwana Stone, a resident of Topmost, Ky., is the latest of five Knott County residents to voluntarily accept a deal offered by District Judge Terry Dean Jacobs. Stone, who was arrested on Jan. 10 and charged with her second DUI - this time with an unbuckled 2-year-old in the car - agreed to a penalty of standing for six hours outside of Ky. 80 (one of Kentucky's busiest highways) with the homemade sign. In exchange, the three-month jail sentence she received for her crime was dismissed.

While this kind of sentence may seem strange, such a move is permitted by the state law books, which allow "shaming sanctions" under an option for "community labor."

While a punishment involving public humiliation might seem like a novel and promising idea, is it really effective - or, for that matter, fair? Think about it. What if Jaumwana Stone hadn't been arrested for DUI, but for vehicular manslaughter? What if she had killed the 2-year-old in her car or someone else unlucky enough to cross her path that night? Would we still be willing to accept a few hours of personal humiliation and discomfort in exchange for the life she took?

Of course not. Driving under the influence is a serious and hazardous crime - and the fact that it's still far too common, despite education and tough laws in many states, just goes to show that not enough people are fully aware of the danger. We feel that the concept has potential. After all, public humiliation can be a deterrent. Instead of offering it in exchange for jail time, we think it should be paired with a reduced sentence, or with hours of community service or fines.

In addition, if the use of signs becomes widespread, the signs should be issued by law enforcement and designed according to specific standards - lettering should be of a certain size, etc. - to ensure that the sign can be read by passing motorists. After all, what's the point of carrying a sign if others can't read it?

Though not practical alone, "shame sentences" like the one Stone received can be effective in curbing the high death rate on our nation's highways. When used responsibly, the overall sentence can adequately punish the offender - while also sending a strong message to others tempted to break the law.

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ART

The natural art of nature

Tim Staley
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

People have viewed nature with fascination since the beginning of time and this could be tied to our lack of knowledge concerning the subject. Despite the vast amount of discoveries made in the past centuries, artists still continue to create works dealing with nature.

"Nature continues to fascinate us because it continues to change and we continue to change," said Ann Tower, co-owner of Tower Cerlan Gallery.

The Tower Cerlan Gallery will feature an exhibit, "Nature Revisited," which focuses on nature in art and aims to take a deeper look at the world around us.

The diverse array of works featured in the exhibit includes sculptures as well as abstract and traditional paintings.

Tower said the exhibit looks at all aspects of nature.

The exhibit features such as painters Andrea Akers, Patrick Adams and Lexington area stainless steel sculptor and furniture designer Gordon Gildersleeve.

"Gordon has a piece in the show that is an abstract bird made of steel. It is not nature, but it is rooted in nature. We also have two new paintings by UK art professor Jim Tharsing which use realistic depictions of nature juxtaposed on abstract backgrounds," Tower said.

Paintings by UK associate art professor Robert Foose will run concurrently with "Nature Revisited." His oil paintings depict the woods and creeks around central Kentucky.

"Landscape painting gets a bad reputation because it is so often painted by amateurs, but a good landscape painting truly transcends the subject," Tower explained.

While Foose's paintings consist of landscapes, he said he tries to look deep into the art.

"The agitated frenzy of nature itself barely hides the violence and hope. Though contradictory, both are also very attractive," Foose said.

"Nature Revisited" and the Foose exhibit will run through March 31. If you're looking for a different perspective on the world around you, stop by and check out these exhibits.



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Nature art galore

Light Crossing, an oil and a'kyd painting on linen by UK art professor Robert James Foose, depicts the serenity of nature. Foose's works can be viewed at the Cerlan Tower Art Gallery.

MUSIC

Performance offers romantic tunes from the Renaissance

By Alan Stone
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

Guys, you know the drill. You're sitting at home hugging your girlfriend and watching the latest flick on the T.V.

Sounds like a great date, huh?
Wrong. Your girl is probably sitting there wondering if you have any romantic sense in your body, especially if it's the third time this month you've done this.

Lucky for you, the Lexington Chamber Chorale will keep you from striking out in romance.

The Lexington Chamber Chorale, formerly known as the Sine Nomine Singers, is devoted to music for courting. It seems that courting has two definitions. The first being the usual usage, meaning to date, and the second meaning music from a king or queen's chamber or court. (If Olde English doesn't make something romantic, what does?)

The Chorale, traditionally performs a Valentine's Day concert, is making this the second concert in a three-concert series for the year. Guest Conductor Mark Kaczmarczyk, the director of men's chorus at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, will direct music from composers such as Handel, Henry Purcell, Ralph Vaughn-Williams, Morten Lauridsen and John Rutter.

Ed Purcell, a member of the board of directors for the Chorale, said the group will perform a diverse selection.

"We have a very wide range of music for the concert. It spans from the 16th century to Modern," Purcell said.

Not only is this a sure thing to make a girl happy and a guy look romantic, but it's not boring either.

"You don't have to dress up, you don't have to have any particular background. You can just come and enjoy it," Purcell said.

The group lets the audience attest to its popularity and appeal, with over 90 season ticket holders and a projected attendance of 100-200.

The emphasis of the concert is the importance of love and music.

"Music creates a mood; a romantic mood. There's nothing more romantic than music," Purcell said.

"It's poetry set to music. It celebrates the eternal relationship between men and women and it is a perfect medium for pursuing the opposite sex by expressing your emotions, your desires and your intentions."

Where it's at

It's courting time...

8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 12

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Carrick Theater on Transylvania campus

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