



A note of thanks

**Good job Cats!**

A congratulations is in order for the whole UK team and coaching staff, but a special thanks to the three seniors and Tubby for a great run at another NCAA Championship.

Vacation education

**Mexico, the place to go**

Things that I learned during the past week in Cancun, where it never rained once during the seven days we were there:

- There are plenty of alternatives to the water, which are good, compared with the water, which is really nasty.
- A man with one leg who asks "Do you wanna get high?" can scare just about anybody.
- Bus drivers can get pulled over too, yet they can drive side-by-side with inches to spare for miles.
- Horns are not used enough in the United States, evidently.
- Organized tours are not all they're cracked up to be.
- Words to know: el baño and alto. One means bathroom, handy when drinking the alternatives to the water. The other means stop, good for the bus drivers if you want to be within a mile of your hotel.
- Foam parties are really fun, but really wet. Don't wear good clothes, or take your wallet for that matter.
- Boats can make you feel like you're still swaying a day later, if not more.
- Craig Kilborn can be seen in an airport and boy, what a shave and make-up can do!
- The UAB volleyball team is really cool.
- Cancun is a great place to go if you don't mind coming back with no money, except five pesos.
- It seems really hard to find a decent place that airs college basketball where you can chill and eat.
- A double quarter-pounder with cheese is a gourmet meal once you get home.

— RON NORTON

**THE 411**

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo

On this day, a day of endless mourning and grief that has befallen our campus, sun and rain will enter our lives to remind us that some good can come from defeat. And, after all, it's just a game.

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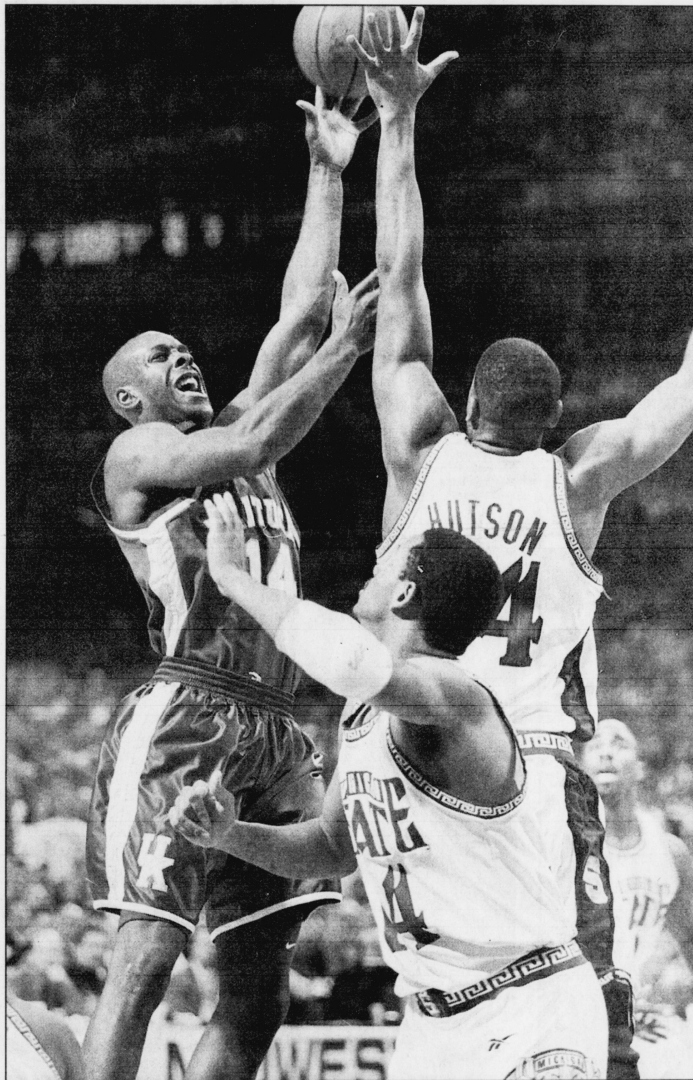
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**March Sadness**

**A struggle**

Senior forward Heshimu Evans took pains to get this shot off against the Spartans. The Cats failed to get back into the game by missing some crucial shots toward the end.

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**UK battled tough times all season**

By Matt May  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

ST. LOUIS — It had to end. Sometime. Somewhere. Somehow. Some way.

It was destined to end. No school could keep up the level of competition and excellence UK had. It was improbable, bordering on the impossible.

The Cats had battled their way into three straight Final Fours, and took home the hardware twice. They had defeated Wake Forest, Utah and Duke in those three regional finals.

It wasn't always easy, on the contrary, and it usually was anything but easy.

In 1997, UK rebounded from the loss of Tony Delk, Walter McCarty, Mark Pope, Antoine Walker and a mid-season injury to Derek Anderson to push its way into the Final Four.

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This squad was berated with criticisms on how it was no good, didn't have a go-to guy, couldn't play halfcourt basketball, didn't have a shooter, couldn't play against physical teams, struggled with quick guards, couldn't play to the level of its competition and just plain didn't have the horses of years past.

After dropping its final regular season game at Tennessee, several Vols players said there "aren't any Ron Mercer's or Antoine Walker's" on that team. Fans lamented the possibility that their spring trips would be thrown into disarray because the Cats would come home early. Writers wrote off Head Coach

See MSU on 5 >>>

**TOURNEY TOAST**

**Ride ends for Cats**

By Jen Smith  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

ST. LOUIS — Even the best roller-coaster rides come to a screeching halt.

Leaving the riders a little empty, a little overwhelmed and a little numb. That ride was the NCAA Tournament and for a change, the passengers exiting to the left were wearing blue.

The theme park was the jam-packed Trans World Dome filled with a tournament record 42,519, and the end result was a 73-66 loss to No. 1-seed Michigan State (33-4).

The Spartans were led by Tournament Most Valuable Player Morris Peterson's 19 points, in-

cluding three straight successful trips to the line to seal the game for MSU. Reserve A.J. Granger also yanked down 10 rebounds, nine of them offensive.

"(Granger's) been hitting shots like that all year," said teammate Mateen Cleaves, who pitched in 11 assists and 10 points.

The ride started quickly with the ascent up the steep hill. A 17-4 UK run in the first eight minutes, including nine points from the hot-handed Heshimu Evans.

"A team like that and the aura of playing a team like Kentucky," Tom Izzo said. "It's important. It's why they're so big. If we had gotten down by a few more baskets, who knows what would

have happened."

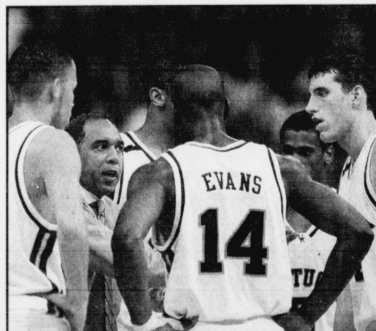
But it didn't happen. UK (28-9) forgot that at the end of the incline comes the free fall.

"For once, we were the team who got a little too excited about a good start," said senior Scott Padgett, who scored 11 points for UK. "They kept their poise and made the tough shots to get back in it."

Those tough shots were back-to-back threes via Granger, to pull MSU within striking distance.

Then the loops started. The tight spirals that can turn the stomach.

With less than a minute to go in the first half, UK up 34-29,



Head Coach Tubby Smith tried to organize the Cats during a timeout in the closing minutes of yesterday's loss against Michigan State.

See NOTES on 5 >>>

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## 2 charged in beating

Two men were charged in the beating of a disabled painter outside a bar. One of the men charged is the victim's nephew.

Police responded to a report of fighting Thursday morning outside The Shack Bar. James Thomas Cummins, 47, was found in the road, unable to respond to officers. Emergency workers took him to the UK Hospital, where he died Friday from his injuries, according to the Fayette County Coroner's Office.

First-degree assault charges against Shannon Wayne Cummins and Michael Lee Todd, both 24-year-old roofers, were upgraded to murder Friday.

The two men charged encountered James Cummins outside the bar after they left Thursday, said Police Sgt. Mark Barnard. It's not clear if alcohol was a factor in the fight.

"We had heard that they were drinking, but that's it. We don't know if they were intoxicated," Barnard said, declining to discuss a motive.

According to police reports, three witnesses told authorities they saw Shannon Cummins and Todd hitting and kicking James Cummins, even after he fell to the ground.

James Cummins painted automobiles until paint fumes damaged his lungs and left him unable to work, his sister, Pat Newton, said.

I did everything wrong there was to do."

Diane Lane, actress, on her life as a teen-ager in the spotlight.

## Fire rips through resort

**FAIRDEALING** — A fire destroyed the restaurant, laundry room and convenience store at the Southern Komfort Resort & Marina on Kentucky Lake.

Chief Prentice Williams of the Fairdealing-Olive Fire Department said the fire started Friday morning at the deep fryer in the kitchen. A cook saw the fire from another room and tried to put it out.

"Once the fire got to the attic there was just no stopping it," Williams said. Also destroyed in the fire was a garage and a community room.

The fire is not believed to be suspicious, Williams said.

One firefighter, Brooks Travis, was treated and released at a local hospital after a portion of the building's ceiling fell on him.

## State fined for tardy taxpayers

**FRANKFORT** — The state was fined almost \$18,000 by the Internal Revenue Service because of late tax payments and not a 10-cent overpayment, Kentucky officials said.

Last week, state officials said the IRS was trying to collect a \$17,675.93 fine because the state paid an extra dime on a 1998 tax bill of \$101,990,661.31.

The IRS said the fine was prompted by late payments. On Friday, state officials said the IRS



**PRICE TO PAY:** Filmmaker Ron Howard has reflected on his own lifelong celebrity status. Howard struggled to fit in with the other kids at school and worked to make sure he didn't become another mistitled child star. "Part of my code of life became defined by not fulfilling those clichés."



**VERSATILITY IS BEST:** With a hit sitcom and a new movie coming out, "Dharma & Greg" star Jenna Elfman has a few tips for staying sane in Hollywood. "Do other things," Elfman says in the March 18-25 issue of *Time Out New York* magazine. "I don't just act. It starts to feel like you're digging into an open wound when you do the same thing all the time."

was right.

Farmers Bank in Frankfort did not act immediately when the state told the bank to transfer bank funds on three occasions last year, according to a letter to the IRS from Eugene W. Harrell, director of disbursements and accounting for the state. On another occasion, Harrell typed the state's tax liability on the wrong line of a form, according to the letter. Harrell asked the IRS to drop the penalty levied against the state for late deposits.

## Yugoslav general says troops ready

**WASHINGTON** — A top Yugoslav Army general said yesterday that the country's troops are prepared "to repel any aggression against our country." That statement was made just hours before the U.S. made a final diplomatic effort at peace by sending special U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke to meet with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Airstrikes are likely to follow if the talks end with Milosevic defiant on two counts: still refusing a Kosovo peace plan and persisting in pressing an offensive against out-gunned Kosovo rebels.

## Statements may conflict on crash

**BOURBONNAIS, Ill.** — Witnesses to the deadly Amtrak train crash may have given conflicting statements about whether a steel-laden truck was on the tracks before warning signals and crossing gates activated. "We have not been able to completely reconcile the statements that are possibly conflicting," said National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Jamie Finch. He would not comment on what the possible conflicts were. Eleven people were killed and more than 100 injured when the Amtrak train crashed into the truck on March 15.

## Assassination attempt kills 1

**GROZNY, Russia** — A mine exploded near Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov's motorcade yesterday in an assassination attempt while he was returning to his residence.

Maskhadov was not hurt. One person was killed and eight were wounded by the radio-controlled device, said the president's press secretary, according to the Interfax news agency. It was the second explosion to rock the troubled Caucasus region in just three days. At least 51 people were killed in an explosion Friday at a crowded market in Vladikavkaz.

## OPEC urges compliance with cuts

**VIENNA, Austria** — OPEC ministers eager to end a global oil glut expressed hope yesterday that oil-exporting nations would abide by production cuts designed to slash total output by more than 2 million barrels a day. The new quotas, which begin April 1, would remain in effect for a year. Under the deal reached at The Hague, Saudi Arabia, which produces more than 8 million barrels a day, will take the biggest cut — 585,000 barrels.

Compiled from wire reports.

## WATTS CRASH

# Bar owner's trial begins

By Mark Vanderhoff  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The owner of Haney's Tavern, a popular hangout for UK football players, was in court Friday to answer charges of serving alcohol to minors and serving after hours.

The prosecution called several UK students, two of them minors, to the witness stand on Friday in Fayette Circuit Court to testify about having been served alcohol by Jim Haney.

Defense attorneys argued the alcohol was served in Haney's home, which is connected to the bar, and that each of the minors had used fake IDs to enter another bar that night. The trial began with a reconstruction of the night Chad Clore, 20, former UK center Jason Watts, and three other students went to the tavern after hanging out at Boogie Nites.

Later that morning, Clore was killed after he stumbled in front of a train near Main Street.

Less than two weeks after that incident, Watts, UK football transfer Artie Steinmetz and Eastern Kentucky University student Scott Brock went to Haney's. The next morning, Watts wrecked his truck on route to a hunting trip, killing Steinmetz and Brock.

The charges in Friday's trial stem from the night Clore died. Senior Jacob Terlau said he and Clore left Boogie Nites at 1 a.m. on Nov. 5 and were looking for a ride home. Watts picked them up and took them to Haney's, Terlau said. Freshmen Nick Heald and Mike Beirne, both 19, were with Watts and also testified.

Terlau said they entered the tavern, where they stayed for about 15-20 minutes drinking beer before going to Haney's residence, which adjoins the bar.

While in Haney's home, they were offered more beer and some "moonshine," he said. "It was a real friendly environment," he said.

Terlau said Haney let him sleep on a couch that night. "By the time I woke up, Chad had left," Terlau said.

Beirne and Heald also said they entered Haney's home through the tavern. Heald said they walked straight through the bar to get to Haney's home.

All three said they did not pay for the drinks and were not asked for identification. "We just sat around the kitchen and talked," Heald said. Beirne and Heald said they used fake IDs to enter Boogie Nites earlier that evening. "Most of my buddies use them," Heald said. "It's common."

Haney maintains he thought the students were old enough to drink. "Jason told me they were down at Boogie Nites, and I assumed they must have been carded to get in," Haney said.

Haney said the "moonshine" was actually grain alcohol, and the beer he served them was from the refrigerator in his home, not from the bar.

Haney's wife, Helen, his son, Russell, and Rosie Croucher said they were closing the bar when the boys entered. None of the students was carded because the bar was closed, the Haney's and Croucher testified. The trial resumes today at 8:50 a.m.

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**Take this**  
 "This is for all those sports writers who had voted us to end up last in our conference and not to do anything."

**Bernadette Mattox**, UK head coach, on silencing the doubters.

**Warms the heart**

**Hard fought**  
 "I'm proud of this team. They've grown up and matured. We're just going to work in the offseason to become a better team."

**Mattox**, on how she felt about the Cats' play.

**Reflection**

**Tough loss**

The men got a painful reminder last Friday that there's more to life than just basketball. Like life.

UK recruit John Stewart died during a high-school basketball tournament game in Indiana on Friday. The Cats wore black tape on their jerseys during the games in his memory.

**Div. II hops**

**Lucky 7**

Kentucky Wesleyan beat Metropolitan State 75-60 in Louisville on Saturday for the school's seventh NCAA Division II Championship crown.

**THE 411**

**Women's bracket**

**The Elite 8**

East Region  
 ● Tennessee  
 ● Duke

MIDWEST REGION  
 ● IOWA ST.  
 ● GEORGIA

MIDWEST REGION  
 ● PURDUE  
 ● RUTGERS

WEST REGION  
 ● LOUISIANA TECH  
 ● UCLA

**Men's Bracket**

**The Final 4**

EAST REGION  
 ● DUKE

MIDWEST REGION  
 ● MICHIGAN ST.

SOUTH REGION  
 ● OHIO ST.

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## Bruised but not beaten

**Big Dance blues: UK falls to strong UCLA squad after advancing past Cornhuskers**

By Gary McCollum  
 STAFF WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Making its first NCAA tournament appearance in eight years, UK had to be thinking if a job is worth doing, it's worth doing well.

But during the first half of their first-round game with Nebraska, the Cats must have been questioning how well they were doing.

UK started the game off flat. Laura Meadows hit a 15-foot jumper to get the Cats on the board, but the second field goal didn't fall until 13 minutes were left in the half.

"We kind of started the game very tentative, not our aggressive, get-after-it old selves," Head Coach Bernadette Mattox said.

The score at the half saw Nebraska with an eight-point lead, but UK began to claw back in the second half. A 13-1 run gave the Cats their first lead of the game, 47-45, with 16:28 remaining.

The biggest bucket of this team effort came from senior Jaye Barnes with 1:27 left. Barnes, who had to adjust to a backup role this season, put the Wildcats up for good with a layup.

After scoring a record 64 points in the second half, the Wildcats were celebrating their first NCAA Tournament win since the 1981-82 season. With the win over Nebraska, UK earned a second round matchup with UCLA.

"For all of the sports writers who had voted us to end up last in our conference and not

to do anything, I think the team did a tremendous job and went above and beyond that," Mattox said.

Against UCLA, the Cats started out aggressively, which paid off, as Bruin starters Janae Hubbard and Marie Philman were confined to the bench for most of the first half with two fouls each.

The result: UK up 12-2. That lead was short-lived as UCLA turned to its bench.

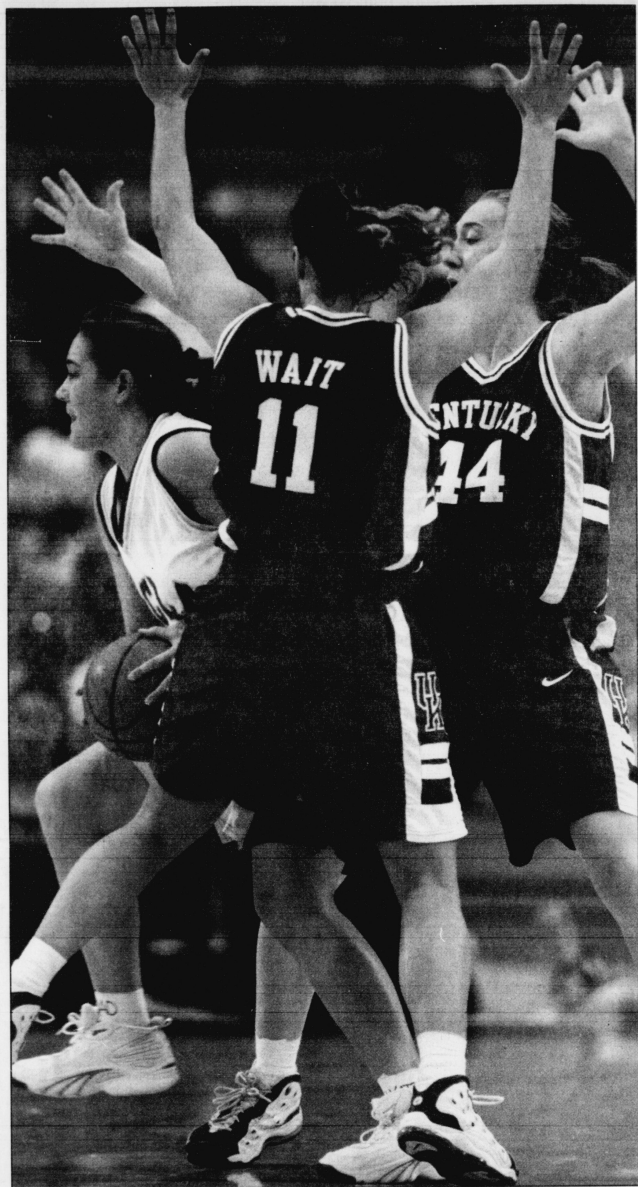
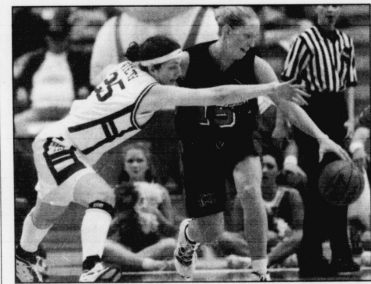
Junior Melanie Pearson drained a three-point shot to begin a 26-6 run over the next eight minutes. The result: UCLA up 32-19 two minutes before the half.

"Melanie hitting those outside shots always helps us a lot because it opens up the inside and makes them respect our outside game," said Maylana Martin, who scored 21 points and went 15-for-15 from the foul line.

As the Bruins built their second-half lead, the Cats were forced to turn to perimeter shots that weren't falling. While UCLA shot almost 60 percent from the field in the second half, UK shot only 34 percent, and only 5-for-23 from three-point range.

Slowly the Cats' 98-99 season finished at the Pauley Pavilion, as UK bowed out of the tournament with an 87-63 loss to the Bruins.

"I'm proud of this team," Mattox said. "They've grown up and matured. We're just going to work in the offseason to become a better team so that this time next year, we will be the ones moving on in the tournament."



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### Tooth and nail

Tiffany Wait and Laura Meadows (above) put the squeeze on a UCLA ball handler, but the Cats couldn't put the squeeze on a win over the Bruins. Katie Vieth (left) pressured a Cornhusker guard in UK's first-round win in the tournament.

## UK streak goes bad

**Serve and volley: Women run into win-happy SEC teams over the break**

By Michael Heppermann  
 ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

You know the one that goes, "Bad news always comes in threes?" Well, the UK women's tennis team can attest to that.

The Cats played three matches last week and lost all of them, falling to Ohio State last Saturday, No. 1 Florida last Wednesday, and No. 3 Georgia Saturday.

Despite what senior Christy Sigurski described as a disappointing loss to the 26th-ranked Buckeyes, the Cats remain optimistic that they can turn two Southeastern Conference losses into positives.

"I think we learned a lot from both matches," Sigurski said. "We left with a real positive feeling."

Sophomore Brooke

Skeen summed it up well. "When you play in the SEC, you play good teams."

You got that right. As if facing the third-ranked Bulldogs wasn't enough, UK had to meet the top-ranked Gators in Gainesville, where Florida has never lost an SEC match and is undefeated overall in the last five (yes, five) years.

The Gators beat the Cats 9-0, and extended their record to 15-0 and their home win streak to 53 matches.

UK (8-5, 3-4 SEC) then had to regroup to meet Georgia on Saturday, where it lost 8-1. But Skeen, who picked up the Cats' only win with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Zoe Mellis, said the match was closer than the final score appeared.

"They didn't blow us off the court because a lot of our matches were really close," Skeen said.

Two singles matches that could have swung UK's way, Shannon Stafford's 6-4, 6-4 loss and Carolina Mayorga's 7-6, 6-4 defeat, would have meant a 3-3 split instead of a 5-1 Georgia advantage.

"On another day, things might have gone differently," Skeen said.

The Cats were 8-2 and coming off back-to-back wins, including one over 14th-ranked Arkansas that helped move them to No. 18 in the polls, before their Spring Break skid. But they think their remaining schedule will help them meet their goal of cracking the top 16.

"We still have to play a lot of teams that are ranked ahead of us," senior Kelly Brown said. "If we win the matches we're supposed to, we can do it."

**SWIMMING**

## Senior caps off UK career

By Michael Heppermann  
 ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

After winning the 1,650-yard freestyle and helping her team grab third place in the Southeastern Conference Championships last month, senior Rachel Komisarz had a big obstacle ahead of her if she wanted to improve in the NCAA Tournament.

Well... She didn't win the 1,650 at the championships in Athens, Ga., on Saturday, but she finished second. Quite an accomplishment in a tournament filled with the fastest swimmers in the country and many future Olympians.

Komisarz's time of 16:04.42 broke her own record and was good enough to place her behind only Julie Varozza, from host Georgia, who finished in 15:58.66.

She also finished sixth in the 500-yard freestyle and 11th in the 200-yard freestyle in Athens.

Just a week before, the Knoxville News-Sentinel named Komisarz the SEC swimmer of the year.

She holds the SEC titles in the 200-yard fly, the 500-yard freestyle, and, of course, the 1,650-yard freestyle. She is the first swimmer in school history to capture conference crowns in three different events.

On top of that, Komisarz is a five-time All-American and holds UK records in seven events: the 100 and 200-yard butterflies, the 1650-yard freestyle, the 200-yard freestyle, and she is a member of the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay teams, all of which own the fastest times in school history.

Komisarz also ranks in UK's top five in eight events and will likely earn the team's Most Valuable Member award for the third time in four years.

Junior Annabel Kosten, sophomore Melissa Olson and freshman Carolyn Rader joined Komisarz in representing the UK women in the tournament. The women, wrapping up the championship this weekend, could not be reached for comment.

The Men's NCAA Tournament Championship is March 25-27 in Indianapolis.



Komisarz

**MSU**

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Tubby Smith's second edition as an also-ran.

But low and behold, UK kicked it into gear in tournament time. They blew through the Southeastern Conference Tournament like a tornado through a trailer park. They ripped New Mexico State in the first round of the NCAAs, survived Kansas and showed Wally Szczerbiak and Miami-Ohio that, as sophomore guard Saul Smith put it, "What color is most of the world?"

After starting off like another ode to UK and its God-given right to be a participant in the Final Four, a funny thing happened. The opponent, Michigan State, in this instance, didn't become bewildered. It regrouped and stormed back to claim a 63-56 lead with 3:45 left.

UK attempted the comeback, as senior Scott Padgett hit two threes in the last minute, but in the end, they couldn't overcome, not this year, at least. The signs were there: senior Wayne Turner's missed layup, Padgett's missed free throws. It just wasn't meant to be.

"Those are the type of shots you have to make," Padgett said.

They are, and for once, UK didn't. So when the final horn went off, it was the Cats who had to exit with heads bowed as the other team celebrated. It was an unfamiliar feeling, like something must be wrong with the world.

"It was a new experience for me," Saul Smith said. "Until I walked off the floor, I didn't feel like we lost the game. As a freshman, I got spoiled with a national championship. Today, it felt odd." Turner, who played in more NCAA games than anyone in history, found it hard to comprehend not cutting nets down.

"I was thinking, 'Wow! we're not on the court,'" Turner said. "I was trying to picture us cutting the nets down, but I just kept seeing green and white."

And so it ends. A great run by a great team with great tradition and a great coach. But not enough greatness for this year, and not enough comebacks to win them all.

Would have been nice if it hadn't ended, but it had to, didn't it?

**NOTES**

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MSU senior Jason Klein knocked in an open three. UK Coach Tubby Smith calls a signature timeout with 14 seconds left in the stanza and sets up an open dunk for Jules Camara.

Whew. Momentum into the locker room. Not so fast. With two seconds left, Cleaves nailed a quick three to pull the Spartans within one, 36-35.

"I just shot it; I just let it go," Cleaves explained. "It could have been a little luck. Thank God it went in."

The ride wasn't over just yet. There was another half left.

More loops. More intensity. Soon there were five minutes left. And Turner did what he always does. He drove to the lane on Cleaves for an open layup.

But something happens that rarely happens. It bounced in and rolled out. Desmond Allison tried to put it back, but it just sort of hung there. Then a few more shallow hills, ups and downs.

With 34 seconds left, down by seven, Padgett kicked in three of his 11 points. Looking a lot like a ride they were on just a week-end ago against Kansas, the Cats braced themselves for the end. Not this time.

Peterson made both of his free throws, then Padgett put in another three.

But it was too late. Peterson iced two more sets of free throws and the game was over. "Every time we'd make a play to put us on a run, they'd hit some big shots," Padgett said. "When they needed the big plays, they got them."

The long, exhausting ride had come to an end.

And even though he was tired and even though the roller coaster had thrown him for a loop, Turner found

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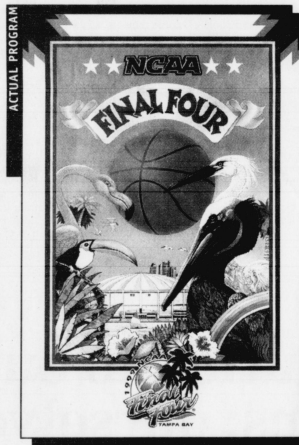


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**Hillary and Chelsea's mishaps**

WASHINGTON - First lady Hillary Clinton and daughter Chelsea's 12-day trip to North Africa got off to a rocky start Saturday. The planned departure from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland was delayed an hour because the Air Force Boeing 707 jetliner carrying the president's wife and daughter, staff aides and journalists was found to be overweight with cargo and luggage. Then as the plane raced down the runway for takeoff, flames shot out the rear of the outboard engine of the left wing. The jetliner skidded to a stop and taxied back to the terminal, where a dozen Air Force personnel scrambled to repair what a crew member described a minor engine compressor problem. The plane took off about two hours after its originally scheduled departure time.

Wire report.

Brain food

**Peas in a pod**

In your orientation sessions before attending UK, you were undoubtedly told there is a student organization or club for everyone. Is this true? Here are a few registered student organizations you might not have known about.

- American Sign Language Club
- Block and Bridle
- Chinese Karate Club
- Dairy Club
- Equine Law Society
- Golden Key National Honor Society
- Horticulture Club
- Institute of Transportation Engineers
- Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Miskatonic Student Union
- Percussion Society

**Chain reaction**

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**IN OUR OPINION**

## The wrong stuff

### KSU abused its power over yearbooks

Are we really adults yet? Or, while going through college, are we still shy of the world's standards for adulthood? Those are key questions being asked this week in a courtroom as Kentucky State University students are appealing a court's decision to uphold the censoring of their yearbook. KSU administrators seized 2,000 copies of the Thorobred, KSU's student-published yearbook, refusing to allow it to be distributed to students. They cited poor quality as well as the failure of the yearbook's color scheme to match the school's official colors. The students sued to have the book distributed, and the student media adviser was reassigned to a different department.

In an inane ruling, 6th District Judge Joseph Hood cited a Supreme Court ruling concerning a high school newspaper, going against numerous lower court decisions affording more freedom to college publications. In his opinion, he said college publications are not "public forums," but they were "educational tools," used to help prepare students for the real world. The case is under appeal.

This instance, while unique, is typical of the bias against those in the dangerous age bracket of 18-21. In other words, college-age people.

A campus publication is not an educational tool. It is a source of news, information, ideas and opinions for adults. That's right.

Adults. And the last time we checked, adults are people worthy of enjoying the benefits of the freedom of the press. But not children. And apparently, Hood thinks he can draw that line in a new, not to mention illogical, location.

If you are old enough to serve in the military, old enough to stand trial as an adult, to drive a car, to become parents, to get married, to use tobacco or not go to school, then you deserve to be treated like an adult. By refusing to allow the yearbooks to be distributed, KSU is treating its students like children.

Lawyers for the students have cited the KSU handbook that they say gives students the responsibility to publish the yearbook. If this is the case, KSU administrators have no reason for locking up the yearbooks.

Their reasons for locking them up are petty. The judge's reasoning in siding with the school is ludicrous. And the whole matter reeks of First Amendment violations.

We hope that the appeals judge will realize the gravity of this case, and understand that allowing the decision to stand will be another slap in the face to an already disrespected segment of the population.

**Luke Boyett**

GUEST OPINION

## The solution to our problems: ourselves

I am concerned about social and political issues, and see the participation of people as the means to addressing these issues, thus activism plays a prominent role in my life.

Because of my fairly radical and left-wing political views and activities, I am frequently labeled a "commie" or a "hippie." Of course, this is largely because of the narrow political spectrum corporate media has, as well as misrepresentations continually repeated within formal education systems in this country. This stereotyping does not disturb me personally, but I am disturbed by these attitudes as a social phenomenon, particularly when such attitudes are so prevalent among my fellow students.

Why should I, or anyone else, be concerned about apathy, if not outright hostility, to social activism?

First, the bad news: Our generation will have a lower standard of living than our parents' generation. A college degree no longer offers job security. Full-time permanent jobs are being replaced by part-time temporary jobs with no benefits. The social safety net has been slashed. Democrats and Republicans all look the same. Life expectancy and access to education are relative to income. Quality of health care is decreasing while costs are increasing. Our government is controlled by money, and only the top 10 percent of

the population matters to politicians. International law has been thrown out the window. Police do not hesitate to intimidate and abuse.

There's more: Many workers cannot unionize for fear of losing their jobs; exploitation of Third World workers is a tool to keep our standard of living down. One out of four American children are born into poverty. Ownership is virtue while hard work is degraded.

### The question I pose to my fellow students is this: When else will you get involved?

ing the stuff I have determines my worth as an individual. I feel lucky for being a white male. Our inner cities are falling apart. Racism and sexism run rampant while people enter the job market rather than striving for self-improvement and enlightenment. Corporate media lies and exclude me. Public broadcasting is no longer public. Private corporations make or control all the important decisions. Constitutional violations are ignored while sexpapes are the hot topic for a year. Nobody bats an eye when

more than 5,000 Iraqi children die every month as a result of U.S. policy.

Why? Because I am scared and alienated, and I see the same in nearly every person I meet.

Then again, there are plenty of reasons why things aren't as bad as they seem. Because my voice matters. I can make a difference. Social institutions are not monolithic and unchanging. The labor movement is revitalized. College campuses across the nation are waking up and positively changing the way they operate.

I know I am not alone; people everywhere are working together and winning. Systemic weaknesses are apparent at every turn (i.e., the Asian economic crisis) and are an impetus for mass mobilization. I see action for change right here at UK. The list could go on, but I am running out of space — because I hope, I am inspired and I see it working right in front of my eyes. I know that when I work with you, along with the next gal and her roommate or other friends, we can do it.

The question I pose to my fellow students is this: When else will you get involved? You won't have the same luxury to be involved once you graduate and enter the rat race. You owe it to yourself. You owe it to your children. You owe it to your fellow human beings.

Make a difference. It can happen.

**READERS' FORUM**



## Expressions

### Lexington is a society that reeks of Puritanism

To the editor:

My name is Frank Rizzo, and I am utterly appalled to see how far our glorious mayor and all the other usual suspects have gone to limit our personal freedoms. First, not being able to buy beer or liquor on Sundays in New York would be unheard of, but obviously not here in the reincarnation of the "Land of the Puritans." Now to get serious, I wrote this letter to tell you to wake up and smell the rights violations here. You have probably heard of the nude dancing ordinance banning all-nude dancing in favor of the wearing of thongs and strings. Currently, one of the only all nude bars here in Lexington is Deja Vu. They do not serve alcohol, but instead, dance totally nude.

It is ridiculous for a mayor of all citizens to tell others how they must earn a living. I am a regular customer of the establishment and I know that 99 percent of the people working there are there because that's their only job. If this new ordinance is passed without any objections, then these people will be forced to work in the worse conditions at the other bars here in the city and make less money. The mayor should not have the authority to pass such an ordinance that will regulate how we spend our leisure time, and for others, our working time. I mean, where does she or anyone else get off telling others how to live? The last time I checked, she is not God or the president, nor is she the authority on anything. So why do we all sit back and let her run our lives?

All I am asking you people to do is to send nice little form letters to the mayor's office telling her that her attempt to make us all moral is going to fail, just like prohibition failed miserably in the 1920s. When are politicians going to learn they cannot and should not tell people how to live? Probably never.

FRANK RIZZO  
 LEXINGTON

### College town? Lexington doesn't always feel like one

To the editor:

Do you consider Lexington to be a college town? I don't see it that way. This can't be a college town, because there's nothing for students to do in this town. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and UK seem to keep taking away things for us to do around here.

Ask yourself, what do you usually do on the weekends? What do you look forward to? For most of us, it will be to party in some way or another, but where's it at?

Last year, almost every weekend, there was some kind of good party to look forward to. This place to hang out with other students, dance and have a good time.

If you lived on campus, most of those parties were within walking distance. We can't dance anymore, because if we do, we'll get slapped with a noise ordinance violation.

The idea of having a dry campus has led many students to find dancing and fun elsewhere. If you are under 21 (which most undergrads are), you can't just go to a club in

Lexington.

Therefore, we must find a house party somewhere, which will lead to a lot of drinking and driving. I don't know how many parties I went to where someone drove home drunk, and as hard as I try to stop it, it doesn't help.

A few people will always leave every party driving drunk, so the streets are often filled with a bunch of drunks on Thursday through Saturday nights. I'm not trying to blame the city or UK for this drinking and driving problem directly, but it is a factor. It is our own decision to drink, but finding anything else better to do is hard.

ALEX SETTLER  
 MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SOPHOMORE

### Death penalty is what makes the most sense

To the editor:

Abolishing the death penalty would be a huge mistake for this country. Critics of the death penalty often argue that "killing someone to show that killing is wrong" doesn't make sense, or that "two wrongs don't make a right." But some of us have a different perspective.

Think about the victim of the crime in question. Assuming the death penalty is the most severe penalty that can be inflicted on a person, we are devaluing the life of the victim if we give any lesser penalty. Are we to say the loss of a life is not important enough to give the murderer the most severe penalty possible?

It is true that capital punishment has not been shown to reduce violent crime. But is the purpose of the death penalty deterrence? How many more crimes may have been committed if those who are now dead had been released from prison? We all know that few criminals serve their entire sentence, and yes, even people with life sentences get out early. The return rate is 75 percent, meaning three out of four criminals released from prison will commit another crime.

In other words, for every four people who get out of prison, three innocent Americans become victims of crimes. I personally do not like those odds, so keep criminals off of the streets at whatever the cost. If it means death, then you will hear no objection from me.

ROB MAY  
 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE STUDENT

### Starving artists, starve no longer at the Kernel

A picture is worth a thousand words.

If this is true, then we need people who are artistically inclined to contribute to the Dialogue page as cartoonists. If you have artistic talent, and have views concerning any issues that we should be aware of, then the Kentucky Kernel wants you. We would also love to hear from those of you who are gifted with computers, and can create electronic cartoons. If you can, then we'd love to hear from you.

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MUSIC MUSINGS

# Dose of good music

**Right prescription:**  
Collective Soul makes music magic with its third album, *Dosage*

by Matt Hestand  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I returned from Spring Break, depressed that it was over, and threw a new CD in the player. Collective Soul has shown some real talent in the past, though its previous album was not up to par with ones before it. However, its new CD raised my spirits and pull my mind out of my post-Spring Break state.

I expected Collective Soul's new album, *Dosage*, to be like *Disciplined Breakdown*. The previous album had been full of somewhat identical tracks. It was good music, but nothing special.

But, the two CDs before *Disciplined Breakdown* had been full of variety and excellent quality. *Dosage* is a return to the first albums, and even takes the band's musical talent to a new level.

The CD opens with a catchy track titled "Tremble For My Beloved," which starts off with a very interesting Indian-type feel. Ed Roland, recently made a father, said in a news release, "it's basically about the insecurities of being a father and bringing a child into the world." The song is possibly the best on the CD with a very upbeat atmosphere.

Next in the lineup is the harder guitar-laden "Heavy," which has been played on the radio for sometime now. This track is very typical Collective Soul, showing off its talent focusing mostly on humming vocals and extensive guitar work. The song is great, but typical Collective Soul and one of the unoriginal tracks on the album.

The CD then moves on to a soft melodic track with the soothing sound of particles of glass being broken in the background. The album just continues from there with an excellent mix of styles and sounds.

The track, "Run," is one of the most soothing tracks with Ed Roland playing acoustic guitar.



Collective Soul's new album is an ingenious mix of stellar vocals, adroit guitar playing and intelligible lyrics.

tar. The background orchestra reminds me of their previous hit, "The World I Know."

On its fourth album, the Georgia band chose to mix things up. Band members play different instruments and more throughout the album.

Ross Childress, who normally is just a guitar player for the band, wrote and sang lead vocals for the track "Dandy Life." This is like every other pop song, with a calming beat and chorus. Ross's voice is a little more high pitched than Ed's, but still satisfactory. He is easily good enough to be singing lead vocals all the time for a band.

The fifth track, "Slow," was the first song Dean Roland wrote with his brother Ed. Ed writes most of the songs, plays guitars, is the lead singer and

even picked up keyboards on this album. He also plays the clavichord on one track. This song, "Generate," is one of the most original sounding and is a real treat to listen to, especially with Ed's new choice of instrument. Dean has only played guitar in the past.

Ross also picked up piano at times. Shane Evans and Will Turpin, who also plays base, mixed up percussion.

This new album is one of the best to come out in the past year. Like the bands previous works, it contains great vocal quality and possibly some of the best guitar work in history. They have had tremendous success with their first CD going double platinum and the self-titled album going triple platinum.

This album should be another one to soar upward in sales. With largely upbeat songs with a mix of slower melodic tunes, the variety of sounds and instruments are amazing and make it one of the greatest new albums I have heard for a long time.

*Dosage* is a great album to throw into your car and listen to with the windows down on a summer day's afternoon. It makes one happy they are alive. Chances are it will be in my car during my drive home after finals, "Generate" playing as loud as possible.

The extraordinary quality of music contained within it continues to show why Collective Soul is one of the most superb bands of the '90s.

Rating: A

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# Season is winding down

Putting it in context: Welcoming the spring with a review of the comings and goings in TV

By Jonathan D. Gent  
STAFF CRITIC

Just some points about the waning television season:

• Thank God for "Frasier," finally letting poor poor Niles conclude his divorce from Maris. Including the separation, that took, what, six seasons?

• Sure, I watched "Felicity" when it started. It faded into a sappy melodramatic fluff thing. I stop watching, boom, it is easily the freshest thing on television. Funny, even when a guy is hit by a bus (while we're watching no less).

• Everyone reading this article, go watch "Sports Night" (if they even put it on this

week). Does the phrase "critically acclaimed" scare you people? "Walker, Texas Ranger" and "The Nanny" get ratings, and yet "Cupid" and "Brimstone" get canceled? Seriously, "Sports Night" has been called "the 'ER' of sports broadcasting," by, well, a lot of people. The difference: it is funny.

• Yeah yeah, I should shut the hell up about "Cupid." Well, what would you people have done if "Moonlighting" had been canceled? That's the best example. Ask your parents.

• A spin-off is being developed for Jennifer Love Hewitt's character on "Party of Five." How do you say "bad idea" in

another language? How about 'Byrds of Paradise'?

• Back to strange ratings winners. Aside from lonely teenage boys, does anyone watch "Charmed"? I bet Wiccans are getting pretty sick of being mocked by Aaron Spelling.

• George Clooney is gone. Maybe going full-time in movies like *The Peacemaker* will place in that upper echelon of television stars in film. Nah.

• "The Family Guy" was, at least funny after the Super Bowl. Can't wait for a debut in April. The show's protagonist was equal parts Archie Bunker and Homer Simpson.

Throw in some Garfield the cat for his dog and The Brain for his youngest son. The show will be warped.

• Oh, the "at least" above refers to "The PJ's" which

couldn't be funny if it was placed after shows titled "Funny funny funny" and "Kick in the Groin." Couldn't we have had an entire show of the Budweiser reptiles? Yes, frogs are amphibians. Shut up.

Maybe next season won't suck. Maybe if Fran Drescher is burned on top of the smoldering bodies of Calista Flockhart and Kirstie Alley. While Tim Allen is given lethal injection, and Sunday becomes animated night, featuring "The Simpsons," "The Family Guy," "King of the Hill" and "Futurama" (the new show from Matt Groening, creator of our first show).

What about "The X-Files"? Put it back on Friday, to help "Millennium" out. The poor show's not even going to make it to the right date.

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