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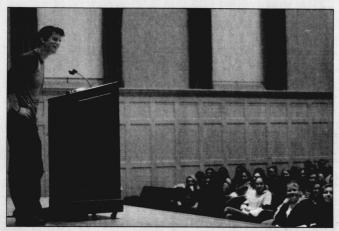
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Real World star frank about drinking



Frank Roessler, who was on MTV's "Real World Las Vegas," laughs as he is asked a question by one of the students who came to hear him speak in Memorial Hall on Wednesday. Roessler talked about his experiences with the "Real World," as well as how one night of binge drinking in college before he was on the show nearly wrecked his life.

Missing girl found alive 8 months later

'Miracles do exist': Police find Elizabeth Smart with family handyman after being abducted from home at gunpoint while her younger sister pretended to be asleep; spokesman said Smart couldn't escape

SALT LAKE CITY —Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom nine months ago, was found Wednesday walking down a suburban street with a drifter who had briefly worked at the family's home. The man was taken into custody, and the tenager was whisked away for a reunil steelager was the family shome. The man was taken into custody, and the leanager was whisked away for a reunil steelager was whisked away for a reunil steelager was the family shome. The man was taken into custody, and the senager was whisked away for a reunil steelager was the family shome. The man was taken into custody, and the feature of the past couple of weeks was the way Elizabeth has come back to their parts the post couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to reduce the post couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to the was the way Elizabeth has come back to their past to the past couple of weeks to the was the way Elizabeth has come back to the past couple of weeks the way Elizabeth has come back to the past couple of weeks to want to solve the way to the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to was the way Elizabeth has come back to their past the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to we was taken into custody, and the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to was the way to be a substance of the past couple of weeks the was the past couple of the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to we want to want to the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to the past couple of weeks to the past couple of the past couple of weeks to the past couple of the went to w

Smith, Bogans receive SEC's highest honors

Congratulations: Smith named coach of the year by AP and SEC coaches; Bogans awarded player of the year



Students get 'dialogues' going about race

to bring students of different backgrounds together

Tara Hornbeck always tried to be open when it came to people of other races. But noce she started going to a weekly meeting where she spoke to people different from her, she's found out she has more to learn.

"I thought I was open minded, but I realized I was-n't," said Hornbeck, an ISC freshman who is white.

Hornbeck is a member of an ethnic dialogue group that has met every Tuesday evening for the past five weeks. During the sessions. It students and ethnicities ask ended to the control of the past five weeks and ethnicities ask ended to the control of the past five weeks of a variety of races and ethnicities ask ended to the control of the past five weeks. During the office to the control of the past five weeks. During the office to the control of the past five weeks. During the office to the control of the past five weeks. During the office to the control of the past five weeks. During the grant past five weeks. During the grant past five weeks. During the grant past five weeks.

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group with UK graduate John Lindsay four years ago. Stockham said he and Lindsay felt a need for communication between people of different races and ethnicities. They wanted to create a safe environment for people to get together, discuss issues and ask questions that they wouldn't normally feel at ease to ask, he said. The group asks one another fourth questions—and ethnicity that most people wouldn't normally feel comfortable asking. But group members understand that they are only being asked these questions to the peducate other group members and open them to other views.

One student said she enjoys the frankness of the group's conversations.

"It's an opportunity to come and talk about things you wouldn't feel comfort-

Canadian professor brings 'A Plea for Sex'

Equality: Lecture will address issues related to gender

By Wendy Hazelwood

Government weights

Many people think feminists are monsters or mysterious people, said Christine Overall, a philosophy professor and associate dean of women's studies at Queens University in Ontario, Canada.

"But a feminist is really someone who believes women have been historically subjected to discrimination and is committed to ending its injustice against women," said Overall, who will present her lecture, "A Plea for Sex," today at the VT. Young Library.

Overall, who will be speaking about sexism and gender, said: "There is still a stereotyping and discrimination on the sais on sex in addition to only using the word gender because it hides a certain form of discrimination on the grounds of sex member of the Canadian Royal Society, the highest academic society of Canada, and she writes a weekly feminist column in her local newspaper, the Kingston-Widge Standard called. In Other Words.

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united in the belief that duct during an NCAA champinship has a significant impact upon the image of the sport, the institutions, nstitutions, and the NCAA."

Joe Sterrett, chair of the NCAA committee, about the sanc-tions imposed on Western Ken-tucky University and Western Illi-nois University after a fight at football playoffs.

Sullivan Awards seeking nominations

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The Sullivan Awards Committee is now
seeking nominations for recipients of the
2003 Sullivan Medallions, to be awarded at
commencement. The award will be given to
one undergraduate woman in the graduating class, one undergraduate man in the
graduating class and one person is not a
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to Dr. Carol L. Elam, Chair; 2003 Sullivan
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40506-6298. For more information call Beth
Mattingly at 323-6161. The deadline is 4:30
p.m. on March 19.

Financial aid deadline approaching

Financial aid deadline approaching
The priority date for returning and
transfer students to apply for financial aid
for the 2003-2004 cacdemic year is April 1.
All those interested must complete the free
application for Federal Student Aid (FEA-SA) by this date. Applications may be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or can be
picked up in UK's Student Financial Aid office in Room 127 of the Funkhouser Building. For more information, call 257-3172.

UK law professor to speak at caucus

Carolyn Brutesour to speak at Calcus Carolyn Bratt, a UK law professor and former head of the UK's Commission on Women, is the featured speaker at the Bluegrass Women's Political Caucus general meeting on March 23 at the Central Public Library. The caucus is a non-partisan, advocacy organization with a purpose to increase women's participation in the political process.

Females sought for science program

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Teachers and students are being sought for the Girls in Science program. The focus of the Girls in Science program. The focus of the Girls in Science program. The focus of the Girls in Science program is to encourage for the Girls in Science and the Science and the Science and five Saturday academies throughout the school year at participants' local community colleges. Females from the following counties are being recruited: Bell Breathitt, Clay, Ford, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle, Whitley and Wolfe. All expenses are paid, and each participant will get a \$100 stipend upon completion of the summer camps and a \$1,000 stipend upon completion of the two-year program to be used at the college of her choice. Teachers are also needed. They will receive a \$500 saist in creating the clubs. Girls envering the seventh grade in fall 2003 and teachers that teach at least two math, science or technology courses at the middle school level are eligible to apply. For more information, call 266-7535, e-mail creid2@ukyedu or go to www.mc.ukyedu/bealvairoalscience/girlsin-science.asp. The deadline for applications is April 4.

Plant explodes in Winchester

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WINCHESTER - An explosion leveled



EX-RAPPER: The latest hip-hop star to claim he's hanging up the mic is DMX. Talking to MTV News about his upcoming fifth album, "It's Not a came." the 32- year-old rapper asid, "That's the truth. It's my last he won't still be in the game. The Bloodline Records top dog will still oversee his kennel of artists, including Bazzar Royale, blig Stan, and Rashmir. He'll still oversee his kennel of artists, including Bazzar Royale, which is the still be standard to be standard to be still be standard to be still be standard to be standard to

just ger more into the Word." After all, he says, family is important to him. "I got kids, and one of my children is at tage where you have to be around. He's B months, and I don't wanna be a stranger to my children. That's more important to me important to me important to me stranger to my children. That's more important to me important to me stranger to my children. That's more important to me important to me

Earl Simmons)
kept mum on the
details of his fina
recorded opus,
which he expects
to release this
spring. He did say
that "It's Not a that "Ht's bot a Game" would include a duet with man-of-themoment 50 Cent. "He's an individual after my own heart." DMX said. "Once again, hip-hop was getting a little bit to slippery, a little too sliny, 50 it's good, it's refreshing, to have some bring it right back to the streets."

a sewage plant in Winchester but caused no injuries, authorities said Wednesdax Roy Burgher, director of the city's sewage operations, said workers represent the control of the city's sewage operations, said workers represent the said of the displant of the said of the

School on alert after weapons found

School on alert after weapons found RICHMOND — Signs of heightened vigilance are noticeable at Clark-Moores Middle School in Richmond, where a stash of weapons was uncovered, and a possible plot to take the principal hostage was folled. A police officer is assigned full time to the school. Metal-detecting wands now are swiped over students' bags. Student lockers were searched to reassure parents that the school was weapons-free. "Ifs made us more aware, more alert," said Lawrence Bailey principal of the school, which has an enrollment 670 students in grades six through eight. The extra security stems from the arrests of four 13-year-old students last Friday after the weapons — three knives, an unloaded. 38-calliber pistol and a BB gum — were found stashed in a book bag in a classroom. The students were charged with unlawful possession of a weapon on school property. The students — two boys and two girls — were suspended pending a school board hearing to determine possible punishment by the district. Options include expulsion or assignment to the alternative school broard hearing to determine possible punishment by the district. Options include expulsion or assignment to the alternative school broard hearing to determine

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

Corrections

The deadline for voting in the student Board of Trustees election was incorrect in the Kernel this week. Voting ends at noon Friday. Vote online at www.uky.edu/botvote.

A name was misspelled in Tuesday's Kernel. Liza Hendley is the co-owner of Failte Irish Import Shop.

To report an error call The Kentucky Ker-nel at 257-1915.

State of emergency declared in Serbia

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Snipers lurking near government headquarters on Wednesday ambushed and assassinated Serbia's prime minister, a pro-Western leader who helped topple Slobodan Milosevic and had declared war on organized crime.

The slaying of Zoran Djindjic at midday in downtown Belgrade prompted the government to impose a nation-wide state of emergency amid fears the volatile Balkan country could plunge into violence in a power struggle for his surcessor.

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Djindjic, 50, died in a hospital after being shot in the
abdomen and back, said Nebojsa Covic, a deputy prime
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search, setting up roadhlocks in Belgrade and halting bus,
rail and plane traffic from the capital. Witnesses said the
suspects fled in a red car.

The US. Embassy urged Americans in Serbia to exercise caution after the assassination, which occurred three
blocks from the embassy.

Djindjic had many enemies because of his pro-reformist and Western stands.

He was despised by some arranging the extradition of Milosevic to the UN. war crimes tribunal in The
Hague, Netherlands, in 2001, and for urging more arrests
of war crimes suspects.

He also was targeted by Serbian crime bosses and warlords who were allied with the former Yugoslay president.

When Milosevic was toppled in October 2000, Djindic admitted luring key mob figures into changing sides.

But later, he turned against them, declaring an open war
on the rampant smuggling of contraband goods and
drug.

Djindjic often was criticized by opponents for seeking
too much power and for "mercilessly" taking on his political rivals.

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The assassination heralds turbulent days for Serbia. The assassination heralds turbulent days for Serbia. A bitter power struggle for Dindic's successor could affect cooperation with the West, particularly over arresting and handing over indicted war crimes suspects.

Dijndjic appeared to have been targeted last month, when a truck suddenly cut into the lane in which his motorcade was heading to Belgrade's airport. The motorcade narrowly avoided a collision.

After Wednesday's shooting, the Cabinet held an emergency session and declared three days of mourning. President Bush expressed condolences Wednesday. Djindjic "will be remembered for his role in bringing democracy to Serbia and for ... bringing Slobodan Milosevic to justice," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

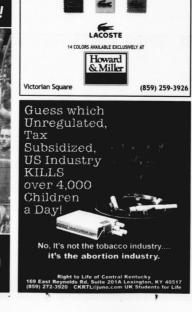
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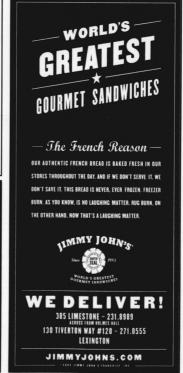
vic to justice," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

A German-educated technocrat, Djindjic was known to supporters as "The Manager" for his organizational skills and as "Little Slobo" to his detractors for his authoritarian tendencies.

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Organization helps military friends, family

Knowledge: Silver Wings members work to learn about military life, get involved in the community

By Andrew Martin

War may be on the horizon, but that's not worrying Susan Messmer anymore.

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Messmer, a fine arts senior, had reservations about the future military career of her fiance, Albert Harris, a music junior and cadet major in the Arnold's Air Force Society, an organization of the UK Air Force ROTC.

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Society, an organization of the UK Air Force ROTC.

To caim her fears, Messemer joined Silver Wings, at UK organization that educates its members in areas of national defense, professionalism and civic leadership.

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"The organization is primarily for wives, fiancees and priffriends of Air Force expersionel," said Harris, who is a laision for Silver Wings and Arnold's Air Society, "However, men can join as

but anyone interested in learning can become a mem-ber. The group meets once a week in Buell Armory. Founded nationally in the 1950s. Silver Wings was devised to educate wives about the facts of military service, particularly in the Air Force. The goal was for wives to understand the sig-nificance and specifics of their husbands jobs. Silver Wines programs

well. The current president of Silver Wings is a male."

To become a member, one must be initiated. Pledges plan community service projects, learn about the history of the military and the ROTOT of the ROTOT of

the US. military." Messmer said.

Activities for Silver Wings and Arnold's community service includes work with the Ronald McDonald house, canned good drives, work at homeless shelters and various other places around Lexington.

"Pretty much anything that people suggest is considered," Harris said.

Another goal is to visit Air Force bersonnel will live with their families.

"An Air Force base is like a city. It's self-contained. You never really have to leave it," Harris said.

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Many people confuse
joining Silver Wings with
joining the military Members have been hard to come
by because of this misconception, Messmer said. With
the seemingly imminent war
with Iraq, many are skeptical, even fearful about joining, she said.

"As soon as peonle heard."

ing, sne said.
"As soon as people heard
this program was affiliated
with the military, they were
turned off," Messmer said.
"This program does not require someone to join the
military."

Resources

Continued from page 1 Continued from page 1 Continued from page 1 Wearing wigs when they were stopped, authorities said. Relatives of Emmanuel, whose real name is Brian Mitchell, have described him as a self-appointed prophet for the homeless who lived in a tespee in mountains outside the city, the was hired by the Smart in November 2001 to work on their root Elizabeth disapparently not her work of Elizabeth was held against her will, he said: "At Smart family spokesman, Chris Thomas, said Elizabeth apparently and no chance to escape. "She salt were located as when they were some page of the control of the co COACH

Talking it out

For more information on both groups, contact David Stockham at 543-8419 or STOCKHAM03@aol.com or John Lindsay at 252-7781 or jclind2@msn.com.

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but I realized I wasn't."

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Hayes, Cliff Hawkins and Gerald Fitch honorable mention in the AP poll.

Ron Slay of Tennessee was voted AP Player of the Year in the conference, but Bogans was happy to win thonor from the coaches.

"It's especially great coming from the coaches who are some of the best in the country." Bogans said in a news statement.

Last season was a time of

a news statement.

Last season was a time of disarray for the team. Double-digits losses and discipline issues plagued UK, but Coach Smith did some yard

work last spring.
Several Cats were uprooted: Rashaad Carruth, Cory

Sears and Adam Chiles left the team

sears and Adam Chiles left the team.

"I feel that Tubby Smith has done a very impressive job considering the turmoil the team had last year," said agriculture-biotech junior Josh Johnson. "They are a true team, and I think that is swhy Keith Bogans won player of the year, because he relies on his teammates and through him they have become a better team."

UK heads into the SEC tournament Friday with a SEC sournament f

more honors to the mantle, starting with the SEC tournament. Friday night at 7:30, UK plays the winner of the Alabama-Vanderbilt game.

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talking about these issues — a debate that is going on worldwide among gender theorists, 'said Joan Callahan, the director of women's studies. When the control of the control argues women, Overall argues women but men can also be discriminated against on the grounds of sex,' she said. It's also an issue that should interest college students, she said.

"Our gender affects the life choices we make, and without noticing it we can be influenced by the norms we may want to rethink," she said. GENDER

said.
Callahan said the lecture
won't be something to sleep
through. "If you come expect
the lecture to be dynamic
and illuminating," Callahan
said.

If you go

The lecture "A Plea for Sex" is at 4:30 p.m today in the William T. Young Library gallery.

Come catch a sneak preview of this remake of a cult classic staring Crispin Glover & lots of rats. Thursday night at 11:30



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able about otherwise," said Theresa Mullins, a marketing freshman.
Liz Green, a journalism sophomore, said the class has inspired her to travel around the world and meet people of other cultures.
"I would like to visit a country where I'm the minority for a change," said Green, who is white.
Stockham said that any group or department can

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Friendship, dedication make band successful

Working together: Group to perform and help raise funds for band

By Lily Cooksey



Jamming

Better Known Enemy will be playing tonight in the student center grand ballroom at 7 p.m. They will be sharing the stage with other bands such as Sock Puppet Mafia and Aquatic Pop Rocks.

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Local coffee house to host smoke-free poetry readings

It's good for the students to be able to come and just hangout

- JAMES REYNOLDS.

CO-OWNER OF LIGHT-HOUSE COFFEE HOUSE

Showtime: Coffee house offers poetry readings, smoke-free environment and relaxing hangout

Poetry readings are no longer just for those who like smokey, competitive coffee house slams, but for all coffee and biscotti lovers in Lexington.

poetry readings after several people became interested in finding a new place to hold readings.

"Some one came in one day wanting to start a poetry night because they couldn't work it out at other locations," said Sumayaya Rashid, an employee of Lighthouse Coffee Shop,

James "Reynolds and her teading swill happen every Thursday, in the start poetry night at 8 p.m.

The Lighthouse Coffee Helighthouse Coffee Shop (Berry said about the shop's intimate atmosphere. The Lighthouse Coffee Shop (Berry said about the shop's intimate atmosphere. The shop is intimate atmosphere and the reading said it was pretty successful.

"Five people read and the reading swill happen every Thursday, show up at 7p.m. with prepared material and there were a good number of people there," said Jonathan

David Ponders, partners and owners of the Lighthouse Coffee Shop realized the po-tential of having poetry readings in the coffee house and worked out a night to have one.

Berry, an employee of Light-house coffee shop and some-first reading.

"I don't smoke so it's nice to be in a place that is smoke free," sale Berry about the advantages to hav-ing seeading at the Light-house.

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Lighthouse Coffee Shop, on South Limestone, has started its own poetry slams as an alternative to other coffee shops in Lexington.

Lighthouse Coffee Shop, on South Limestone, has started its own poetry slams as an alternative to other coffee shops in Lexington and the competitive events they hold.

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Editorial Board Will Messer, Dialogue editor Josh Sullivan, Asst. Dialogue editor Tracy Kershaw, Editor in chief Steve Jones, senior staff writer

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Second drop fee proposal is worse than original

The provost announced an alternate to his first proposal to penalize students who drop classes after the add/drop period, but the alternate is more atrocious than the original

the alternate is more atrocious than the orig-inal.

Provost Mike Nietzel has suggested charging students 20 percent of the credit hour cost of the class being dropped. He pre-sented the proposal to the University Senate Monday and debated it with students at a fo-rum Tuesday.

The first proposal suggested charging styl-

rum Tuesday.

The first proposal suggested charging students \$60 for each class dropped.

Under the alternate, an in-state undergraduate would pay \$94 and an out-of-state undergraduate would pay \$258.84

Nietzel said 8,200 classes were dropped during the fall 2002 semester. The practice causes UK to pay teachers it does not need, he said.

Nietzel told students at a forum Tuesday Nietzet told students at a forum Tuesday that the fee is not to raise money for the university. But with UK being hit with a 2.6 percent cut in state funding, that's a difficult argument to buy.

Nietzet told students at a forum Tuesday.

Nietzel suggests students are hoarding

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classes during registration and then dropping them at leisure. That's a skewed version of reality.

Students drop classes for many legitimate reasons: Often they find out a class is more demanding than they can manage that semester or they find out that the course description in the bulletin is inaccurate.

Many times, students must register for a class that lists "staff" instead of the professor's name, which keeps them from checking the teacher's course evaluations or asking the teacher about the course before it begins.

Ing the teacher according to the drop fee penalizes students for exercising their academic freedom. A university should be dedicated to choice and exploration.

UK administrators need to examine why estudents drop classes before they begin to

UK administrators need to examine why students drop classes before they begin to penalize them for it.

President Lee Todd, who is out of town raising money for the university this week, has advocated the idea of a student being a customer. Doesn't any good business allow returns?

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Columnist's criticism of war. **U.S.** system is hypocritical

The argument made in Andrew Grossman's column ("Beginning of war calls for boycott of classes," Marchi-10, g. B6], is one frequently heard on campus: "We should maintain the peace because blood is more valuable flhan oil." A fine sentiment in theory, but there is one caweat: Unless Grossman rides a bicycle to his every destination, he is part of the problem.

As American college students, we are more dependent on the success of the country's economy than anyone. Unless it succeeds, we are all wasting a lot of time and mon-less it succeeds, we are all wasting a lot of time and mon-less it succeeds, we are all wasting a lot of time and mon-less it succeeds, we are all wasting a lot of time and mon-less it succeeds, we are all wasting a lot of time and mon-less it succeeds, and the succeeding the control of the succeeding the succeeding

Students oppose drop fee

I am writing in response to Rebecca Neal's article "Plan would increase proposed drop fees" [March 11, pg: 1]. In the past I've rated my overall experience at UK as pleasant. But now I struggle to acquire words that accurately depict my recent experience. The announcement of a proposal to begin charging students drop fees in addition to a tuition increase has compelled me to speak.

This proposal, despite Provost Mike Nietzel's claim, is not only a knee-jerk reaction to possible budget cuts, but on the most fundamental level is a fundraiser for UK. The evidence is the time frame of the proposal's conception, a time when UK's costs exceed its revenues. Students pay'tuition as well as numerous other fees to attend UK in pursuit of a degree. This gives us the right to take any classes and drop any classes as we deem necessary in pursuit of our ultimate goal.

The dropping of classes is not a game students play, I drop classes because I may prefer the teaching strategies of one professor over another, the time of another class better fits my schedule, it is not safe to walk to my car on a dimly lit campus at night alone, a low performance on a highly weighted test or perhaps just because my course load is too demanding to include one more class that I believed I could handle.

No matter what the reason, we as students should have the right to determine our course load without suffering financial penalties for seeking the best class schedules, teaching methods and grades as possible it appears UK's focus has transitioned from creating well-rounded students prepared to serve their society to a money himry institution.

My question to the UK administrative staff is what is the benefit of being the "hext great university" if you lose sight of the people that you serve as well as your integrity as a result?

Deep rifts in Serbian society could be to blame for assassination

Wednesday's assassination of Serbian Prime minister Zoran Djindjic is the latest of a series of political assassinations that have occurred throughout the last decade in Serbia.

that have occurred throughout the last decade in Serbia. The killings of journalists, politicians, businessmen and military the assassination of Zelko Raznjiatovic Arkan, a member of the Serbian parliament who was accused of committing war crimes, and the disappearance of former Serbian President I van Stambolic, who was a rivial of Slobodan Milosevic. Both of these events occurred in 2000.

Djindjic had been the leader of the Democratic Party of Serbia for 10 years. He staunchly opposed Milosevic, the former Serbian and Yugoslavian president.

In 1986, Djindjic, Vuk Drashkovic and Vesna Pesic led the Hundred Days' Serbian popular resistance against Milosevic's electoral frauds that succeeded when Djindjic took the Belgrade mayor's office.

After the military and political withdraw and Milosevic from Kosovo, which marked the search that the popular service of the search that the proposed of the pr

ceeded with the reestablishment of the DOS coalition that overthrew Milosevic in November 2000.

After becoming prime minister, Djindjic displayed commitments to liberal economic reforms, the democratization of Serbia and Yugoslavia, and improvements of their relationships with the European Union, the tonships with the European Union, the Union of the Committee of the Committee

International Tribunal for War Crimes in Yugoslavia.

Many of the possible reasons for his assassination are linked to deep rifts that characterize contemporary Serbian society. A possible reason might be Serbia's political rivalries. Serbia's recent past shows that the physical elimination of political adversaries has a rich tradition in this country.

A second reason might be Djindjic's increasing efforts to fight the widespread mob that is stifling Serbian society and banning economic progress.

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Djindjic's commitment to his policy of capturing and giving up suspected Serbian war criminals to the Hague Tribunal might be another reason as well. Serbia is involved in a painful and enduring liberal economic reform, which will be impossible to campete the commitment of the commitment

Most of the Western help is conditional upon the cooperation of Serbian and Yugoslavian authorities with the Hague Tribunal Suspected war criminals hidden in Serbia might have been threatened by this policy.

Serbian nationalists were also not happy with Diindijó's recent plans for a possible recognition of the independence of Kosovo after several border redraws.

On the other hand, Djindijc displayed a liberal stance toward a possible separation of Montenegro from Yugoslavia and supported the more liberal linkage of Serbia and Montenegro in the new union established in December 2002.

His liberal stance was encouraging Serbs and Hungarians of the northern Serbian province of Voyvodina to seek more autonomy from Belgrade.

Recently, Djindijc unleashed a diplomatic offensive toward Kosovo, the region between Serbia and Albania inhabited by roughly 1.8 million people. \$2 percent of them Albanians.

Albanians.

Serbia lost control of the region in 1999 as a result of an Albanian guerrilla war and NATO's military intervention.

Dijndjic's attempts were concentrated in set of proposals toward the United Nation Mission Interim of Kosovo and the regions newly-elected government to open negotiations about the future of the area.

Dijndjic's shrewd movement caught both UNMIK and the region's Albanian-dominated

On the other hand, it was a carefully cal-culated step to take advantage of the U.S. lack of attention in the Balkans due to its engage-ment in the Middle East.

However, it seems unlikely that Albanians of Kosovo shot Djindjic. First Albanians have never attempted to assassi-nate high-ranking Serbian politicians.

And second, though considered an adversary, Djindjic was not an oppressive leader and was not seen as an aggressive opponent. Overall, he was viewed as a Westernized leader who received a Ph.D in Germany and was able to talk with his counterparts and willing to resolve problems with political dialogue.

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Tom what remains of the Serbian political stage following Djindjic's assassination, there is no one with his commitment, engagement and audacity to undertake the radical reforms necessary to change the country.

Djindjic's assassination creates the prob-lem of who his successor will be, a process that might unleash another circle of violence and uncertainty about the stability Serbia.

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Errors doom Bat Cats in series against ISU

Loss: Cats commit eight errors in two-game series against Indiana State, fall 0-2 to Sycamores

By Chris Fisher
CONTENUIVE WRITE

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domed the Cats as they did
Tuesday, when three UK mistues in the Sixth inning led to
six unearned Sycamore runs.
Trailing 3-1 in the sixth,
Cats first baseman Mike
Breyman launched a two-run
homer, his third of the season, over the wall in right
center field to tie the game at
three.
Ki pitchers Aaron Tennyson and Jeff Archer
pritched well for the Cats,
scattering six hits while giving up only one earned run.
But once again UK's defensive struggles proved to be
the difference, this time
catching up with them in the
eighth inning.
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Ben Vannatter, who went 4-5

reached on an error and Jordan Bichanich singled
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Miller, who has hit
safely in every game this
year, then laced an RBI-single scoring Hatler.
Josh Prickett then
reached on another UK miscue, scoring Vannatter then
reached on out the vorun single scoring Miller and Prickert to round out the scoring
for the Sycamores in the
lighth while extending their
lead to 7-3.

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eignt white extending their lead to 73.

The Bat Cats were unable to rally in the final two innings. falling to the Sycamores (65.90 MVC) as reliever West Harris (0-1) took the loss for UK (7-8.0-0 SEC) while ISU pitcher Keny Geiersbach picked up his first win for the Sycamores. Breyman spearheaded the UK offense going 3-4 while Jake Kungl went 2-4.

For the series, UK committed eight errors and surrendered 10 unearned runs.

The Cats open SEC play

The Cats open SEC play this weekend with a three-game series against the Ole Miss Rebels in Oxford.



The Cats scored three runs in their second game against Indiana State. Two UK errors resulted in four unanswered runs by ISU.



Second loss

Sophomore pitcher Jeff Archer combined with Aaron Tennyson to give up only one earned hit in almost six innings in their second loss to Indiana State yesterday. The Sycamores swept the Cats in a two game series. UK errors resulted in the 7-3 loss.

Cats dominate, end losing streak against Eagles



By Patrick McDonald
CONTINUENTIAN WHITE

On Wednesday afternoon the UK softball team (8-13, 0-3 SEC) faced off against in-state competitor Morehead State (2-9-1, 0-0 VC) in a double header.

In game one of the double header. the Cats ended their six game losing streak as they walked off the field with a walloping 10-0 annihilation.

Freshman starting pitcher Amy Kendall (5-7) earned the win while only allowing one hit and striking out five Eagles in five innings of work.

In the bottom half of the first inning, second baseman Nikki Jones provided the Cats with the spark they needed, as she doubled to left field to lead off the inning. The Cats compiled five runs in the bottom half of the first and continued to dominate.

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The Cats continued their pounding of Morehead State with a two RBI single in the second pame of the series. UK connected for 12 hits in route to a 9-1 victory. Jones went on yet another hitting extravaganza as she doubled once again to lead off the bottom of the first.

Ingrid Lochelt drove in the first run and continued to put the bat on the ball as she went three-for-three with two singles, one double, two runs scored, and three RBIs in game two. Bobbi Darretta (1-0) gave up five hits and one run and recorded two strikeouts in a five inning complete game performance.

The UK softball team will face off with the Eagles Thursday and Friday and will play Mississippi University this weekend.



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