



Parties

Um, no

I was missing in action, but I'm not sure where I was. I'm back and here's a rail for your reading enjoyment.

Parties and college go together like peanut butter and jelly. These parties may get a little out of control but there is always a certain flow to every party and there are just some things that wouldn't happen at a party. Here's my list of things not likely to happen at a UK party.

You aren't likely to hear, "I know the kegs were expensive, but I'm feeling generous so cups are on the house tonight!"

You're not going to hear, "Gez, will you please stop taking your clothes off and waving yourself around? I'm trying to have a serious conversation here."

You aren't likely to hear, "We need to take this last barrel back because everyone has already had enough."

You probably won't hear, "Don't you know that smoking is bad for your health?"

It's a good bet you won't hear, "Enough of this crappy music. Anyone up for some Yanni?"

You definitely won't hear, "Man, I never get tired of drinking the beast. It's the greatest!"

You're not likely to hear, "Please don't puke in the lawn. This new fescue hates high acidity."

You're probably not going to hear a girl say, "No, I'd rather just wait my turn at the end of the line."

You aren't likely to hear, "So who wants to do the Hokey Pokey?" (Unless it's used in a perverse pick up line.)

You won't hear, "Hey! Everybody listen up. The neighbors just called and complained so I think we're gonna call it a night."

The number one thing you won't hear at a University of Kentucky party is... "Everybody make room and let this man to the front of the line. He goes to Louisville!"

Have a great day and drop me a line if you get a chance.
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Hi Lo
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ADDITION

Parking structure reopens

New spaces: Rose Street garage reopens with more than 300 new spaces

By Erin McDaniel

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Parking structure two, located by the W.T. Young Library on Rose Street, reopened Monday with more than 300 new spaces. The 1,150 to 1,200 spaces in the renovated structure will be open to UK employees from 5 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and will be available to any UK students with K, C or R parking permits at other times.

The \$12 million project was funded by parking revenue acquired through parking fees and was undertaken, in part, to compensate for the number of faculty parking spaces lost because of other construction projects. The new spaces are also a result of UK Parking and Transportation officials taking advantage of the obstacles presented when the original parking structure, built in 1968, began to deteriorate a few years ago.

"The old garage was in need of repairs, so our choices were either to tear the old garage down or to restore it," said Don Thornton, director of Parking and Transportation Services.

In addition to restoring the older portion of the structure, officials decided to expand the structure horizontally, adding a new fourth-story portion.

In conjunction with the opening, around 90 parking spaces on Huguete Drive will be made available to residents of Donovan and

The employee parking garage, located near William T. Young Library and Rose Street, has more than 300 new parking spaces. New student spaces on Huguete Avenue will be added soon.



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80 YEARS WISE



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Beth Livingston, a marketing and communication junior, jokes with former UK president Otis A. Singletary at the celebration of his 80th birthday in the M.L. King Library, Monday. Livingston is a Singletary Scholar. Singletary, who was president from 1969 to 1987, will turn 80 this Wednesday. Look for a feature story on Singletary in Wednesday's Kernel.

CITY

Council votes for sewer line underneath Jacobson Park

Decision: Council member says the line is best option

By Emily Hagedorn

KERNEL URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL WRITER

Another pipeline will be placed into Jacobson Park, city council members decided Thursday in a 9-4 vote.

A four-foot diameter pipeline already traverses the reservoir. And with Lexington's growing population, advocates of the plan have said more pipelines are needed to transport sewage.

Urban County Council member Al Mitchell, of the sixth district, said there is no other way that would be as safe to the land as building the proposed pipeline. The alternative was to build pump stations throughout the park, and he said these seem to be costly eyesores and error-prone. If leaks were to occur, the sewage would run through Jacobson Park.

Representatives of PEH Engineers, the developers building the pipeline, were not available for comment. Many, though, agree with Mitchell that a 12-inch diam-



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

A new sewer pipeline will run under Jacobson Park. Developers and environmentalists debated the issue for weeks before the vote.

ter pipe being placed underground will be safe.

In an earlier interview, Bill Farmer, an Urban County Council member, said the plan is solid.

"From a functional standpoint, everyone has said that this is OK with the engineering part of it," Farmer said.

But Don Pratt, a Lexington citizen running for council, said he feels citizens' voices were not heard at Thursday's council meeting.

"We were not well represented," he said. "We need a substantial change in leadership, both in the administration and in the council itself."

David Gabbard, assistant municipal environmental engineer, has said he believes the water from the reservoir will not be drinkable in the next 15 to 20 years because of contamination from nearby development projects.

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CAMPUS

Secret Service arrests R.A. on counterfeit charge

By John Wampler

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

While resident advisers are usually expected to report crimes, one UK R.A. has recently found himself on the other side of the law.

Aaron Murphy, the current RA for Kirwan II second floor, is one of four men who have been arrested recently in connection with what police suspect to be a counterfeit operation.

Murphy was arrested on three counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument in the first degree. The arrest came after a joint investigation between the United States Secret Service and Lexington Division of Police, with assistance from UK's police department.

"He seemed like a nice guy," said Cody Jennings, an undeclared freshman who lived on Murphy's floor. "I would've never expected it."

Although Jim Wims, UK's director of Residence Life, did not want to discuss this case specifically, he said that if it is determined that staff member has violated their job expectations or university policy, his office would move toward disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action can range from probation to termination depending on behavior, Wims said. However, given

that R.A.'s are held to higher standards, termination is the most likely result in any given case, he added.

Several of the residents of Murphy's floor said that he didn't associate much with the residents.

Murphy was arrested last Monday at Turfand Mall, along with Howard Moore, a fellow UK student, and Gregory Hutchinson, a 25-year-old homeless man from Virginia. A fourth man, Nabil Shalash, was arrested later.

Paul Sims, a resident agent for the Secret Service, said that more arrests are possible.

Wims said that he could not recall another instance where any her RA has been arrested in the five years that he has been here.

Wims added that Residence Life does conduct background checks on its staff, and that Murphy's actions are not a reflection of Residence Life or its hall directors.

"Sometimes people don't live up to the expectations we set forth and I believe that that was the case here," he said.

Murphy could not be reached for comment.

Contributing writer Erin McDaniel contributed to this story.

ADVICE

MentorNet helps females in sciences

By Christy Ditty

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With the help of a national group and UK's College of Engineering, women interested in pursuing careers in engineering or sciences can receive career advice from professionals in their fields.

UK is one of a select group of colleges participating in MentorNet — the Electronic Industrial Mentoring Network for Women in Engineering and Science.

MentorNet provides a yearlong mentoring relationship through e-mail for students at UK majoring in engineering, science or math. Students are matched with industry mentors from companies such as AT&T, IBM, Intel, Hewlett Packard, DuPont,

Texaco, Microsoft Corporation, 3M and many more.

Women make up nearly 50 percent of the work force but less than 10 percent of engineers and around 30 percent of scientists, according to the National Science Foundation. MentorNet was created to support women's professional development based on their under-representation in the engineering, science and math fields.

"There is compelling evidence that mentoring can make a big difference in a student's success while she completes a degree program as well as after graduation," said Carol Muller, MentorNet founder and executive director. "MentorNet links female

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EVENTS

Festival celebrates cultural diversity



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Kentucky culture

Danny Williams of the Bluegrass Collective entertains students, faculty and staff in the Patterson Office Tower plaza yesterday.

By Shaun McKendry
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Beans and rice and bluegrass music — an unlikely combination — but one that brought together students and faculty Monday to celebrate cultural diversity.

The Bluegrass Collective entertained a crowd of students and faculty members at Patterson Office Tower to begin the two-week long event. The group was treated to free food and information on upcoming activities.

"It was a nice way to celebrate Kentucky's own culture in sharing with the rest of the

world," said Ron Penn, a School of Music faculty member. "We're acting locally, thinking globally."

The Cultural Diversity Festival has been running for twelve years, but this year is the first time it's been held in the fall. Many activities are planned throughout campus such as food tastings, ethnic dialogues, exhibits and more.

"The whole idea is to get campus involved in a celebration of diversity in a two-week time span," said Randy Gonzales of Student Affairs.

"It will lead into more awareness in the weeks and

Upcoming events

For more information about the events, visit www.uky.edu/DiversityFestival. The events run until Nov. 10.

European Pastry Café, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 29-Nov. 2, at Student Center Room 245.

International Conversation Hour, 6-9 p.m. Oct. 30, continuing weekly through the semester at Student Center's Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center.

A Taste of Our World: Festival Kickoff, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 31, at Student Center Grand Ballroom.

Ethnic Dialogues, 6-8 p.m. weekly through Nov. 7, at Student Center.

"History Through Deaf Eyes" exhibit, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday through Nov. 3, at Student Center Rasmussen Gallery.

Housing Alternatives & Support Services for the Aging seminar, 12:05-12:55 p.m. Oct. 31, at 177 W.T. Young Library.

Working Successfully with International Teaching Assistants: Communication and Crossing

Borders workshop, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 1, at W.T. Young Library Gallery.

International Games Day, 12 p.m. Nov. 3, at Seaton Center.

Judaic Studies Lecture Series: A lecture by Marc Raphael on American Jewry in the 1950s, 8 p.m. Nov. 5, at Singletary Center for the Arts President's Room.

Art at Lunch: A lecture by Meira Marrero, 12:30 p.m. Nov. 7, at UK Art Museum's Richard Freeman Gallery.

Study Abroad Fair, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 8, at White Hall Classroom Building, 7th Floor South Hall.

Book Discussion — Achieving Against the Odds: How Academics Become Teachers of Diverse Students, 3-4:30 p.m. Nov. 8, at W.T. Young Library Gallery.

Winter Holidays Across the World, 5-7 p.m. Nov. 8, at Jewell Hall.

"One More Bridge to Cross: Being Black and Gay in America" lecture by Keith Boykin, 8 p.m. Nov. 8, at Memorial Hall.

People to People, 8 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Nov. 8, at Student Center's Worship Theatre and various rooms.

months following the festival." Gonzales is co-chairperson of the Cultural Diversity Festival Committee.

Some students saw this as a great way to celebrate the sunny day, as well.

"It's a beautiful day for this. We've got a lot of people out here to listen to music and learn more about our diversity," said Jamie Cox, business and marketing junior.

The festival committee's goal is to use activities to enrich the lives of students, faculty and staff through exposure to programs that are culturally-stimulating, intellectually-challenging and representative of a global community.

"Kentucky is so rich in culture," Gonzales said. "We just want to bring awareness and open up ideas to the students.

counter additional security measures and to note any suspicious activities.

Supreme Court, more buildings contaminated

WASHINGTON — A New Jersey woman became the nation's 15th confirmed anthrax victim Monday and spores turned up in at least three additional government buildings including the mallroom of the Supreme Court.

The woman, who was diagnosed with the skin form of anthrax, has been successfully treated and released from the hospital, according to authorities.

Administration officials sought to reassure the public that mail was safe.

But a New York area postal union filed suit trying to force the closure of a vast processing and distribution center where traces of anthrax were found on four machines.

PARKING

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Haggin halls. Students must have 30 hours of credit to park in the reassigned lot. Though many upperclassmen residing in these halls are pleased with the new arrangement, others, like freshman Dirk Glahn, expressed discontent.

"I park in K lot and I'm still going to have to park in K lot because I don't have 30 hours," Glahn said.

The project has been in the works for nearly three years. Construction on the parking

structure has been under way since July 2000 and has employed from 50 to 75 construction workers and nearly 10 separate contractors throughout its progress.

"I wouldn't say it's one of the biggest [projects that I have worked on], but it's definitely one of the longest," said Perry Carpenter, a contractor working on the project.

Another parking lot for faculty and commuting students opened recently on University Drive near Commonwealth Stadium. Another lot on Linden Walk near the Newman Center, will offer parking for residents and is slated to open in late November or early December.

PIPELINE

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Pratt, among others, say efforts to preserve the park should be taken regardless of the pipeline. The city's lease on the park ends during the next two decades, and many are not viewing the long-term effects.

"We also have to make

moves to save Jacobson Park in the next 17 years ... the interest in this park must continue," he said.

While some may see this as a problem for the permanent residents of Lexington, Pratt said students should get involved. "They are recognized as constituents of the council members," he said. "(Students) must follow up on (the government) themselves."

MENTOR

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students with professionals who can help them overcome gender-related obstacles that women face while in college and later in the work force."

Bruce Walcott, a dean in the College of Engineering said science, math and engineering are arguably the most difficult undergraduate majors.

"Students need to be exposed to more practicing professionals in these majors to increase the motivation for matriculating in such challenging curriculum and making informed career decisions."

MentorNet allows students to find out what professionals do on an everyday basis, said

Suzanne Scheff, director of the Women in Engineering Program. "It's an opportunity that shouldn't be missed," she said.

Sarah Schutte, a mechanical engineering senior who participated in MentorNet last year, exchanged e-mails with a production engineer from Ford Motor Co.

"My mentor didn't know all the answers, but he would find the e-mail address of someone who did," she said. "MentorNet gives you a lot of good resources on the Internet, and you can post your resume online."

How to get a mentor

Visit www.mentor.net, e-mail Suzanne Scheff at sscheff@engr.uky.edu or call 257-4178. The deadline is Oct. 31.

BRIEFS

FBI issues new terrorism warning

WASHINGTON — The FBI issued a new terrorism warning Monday asking Americans and law enforcement to be on the highest alert for possible attacks this week in the United States and abroad.

The alert was based on new information that was deemed credible but was "not specific as to intended targets or as to intended methods," FBI Director Robert Mueller said. The warning went out to 18,000 law enforcement agencies. Attorney General John Ashcroft said that while the information was not specific, the FBI was issuing the alert to the American people because "they can make good judgments and can understand this kind of information."

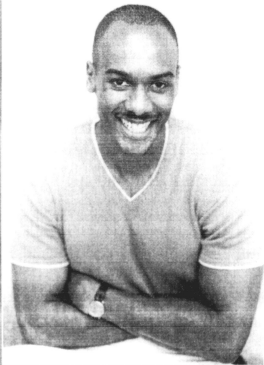
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Limbaugh stays on air

NEW YORK — The onset of deafness would paralyze most radio personalities. Rush Limbaugh likens it to a midlife crisis.

"I turned 50 in January," the talk show host said in an interview. "A guy who turns 50 goes out and buys a red Corvette and hunts chicks to prove he's still youthful. Mine is to still do this, basically deaf, and do it better than anybody else."

Limbaugh's Oct. 8 announcement that he's lost most of his hearing was a surprise. That it didn't shake his self-confidence shouldn't be.

Still, the handicap is a career-defining challenge for one of the biggest names in radio (along with Howard Stern and Paul Harvey).

Limbaugh's voice still sounds as if it's descending from the mountaintop, as it did Thursday when he railed against the media for overplaying anthrax reports. He also suggested former President Clinton might have sent vials of salmonella to himself "to get into the action."

"Nothing's stopped me from talking, and that's what I get paid to do," he said.

"Nobody's paying me to listen."

Even people who disagree with his conservative politics appreciate Limbaugh's ability as a showman and almost laughable self-regard. ("Do you ever get tired of being right?" he asks. "It's a question I get frequently.") For those who agree with him, he's a god.

Hold the elk ...

Miners try to stop hunt

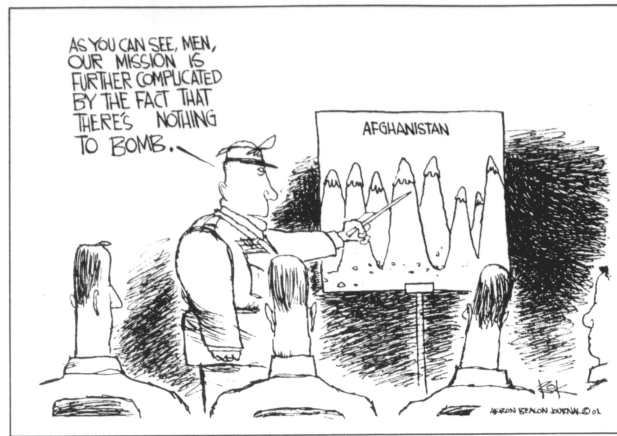
ST. PAUL, Va. — Some government officials and the Virginia Mining Association are asking Virginia's wildlife department to prohibit hunting of elk that migrate into the state from a Kentucky restocking program.

Kentucky began returning the massive animals to its eastern counties in 1998, including those that border Virginia. Virginia game officials, however, want to discourage elk from migrating to the state and have allowed elk to be hunted like deer.

At least two elk have been killed in Wise County by hunters just three weeks into the season, said Tim Hayes, the county game warden.

"The Virginia Game Commission is exacting revenge on Kentucky for basically not asking for and receiving Virginia's permission to stock elk in their own state," said Frank Kilgore, a St. Paul lawyer and conservationist. The Virginia Mining Association has asked Virginia's wildlife department to stop elk hunting until the herds are established.

—Source: AP
—Compiled by Clay McDaniel



IN OUR OPINION

NBA in Louisville: how about a vote?

The city of Louisville should follow Rick Pitino's advice and put the issue in front of voters in the form of a referendum

Benedict Rick may have finally gotten something right. In response to the question of whether Louisville should attract an NBA team—namely the Charlotte Hornets—and build a new downtown arena, the new head coach of the Louisville Cardinals recommended putting the issue to a vote.

Open referendums are not always the wisest course of action, but it only makes sense that, before the city spends the money to help attract and finance an NBA franchise, officials should find out if the potential supporters actually support the decision. After all, if no one is interested in the product, a lot of time and money will be wasted that could have been avoided.

Pitino's critique stemmed more from the competition the new team would pose to U of L ticket sales, and if you happen to be a Cardinal fan you should be concerned. You should also seek immediate psychiatric help.

The real issue is whether or not Louisville even wants an NBA team in the first place, and—perhaps even more important—whether or not they can support one if they do.

The two are not mutually exclusive, since the product an NBA team would produce cannot be exported or sold abroad. Its revenues derive almost entirely from local and regional interest, and if that region has neither the desire nor the means to ensure a profitable bottom line, what's the point?

The NBA, like most professional sports, has been on the decline for a number of years. Certainly an NBA team has the potential to significantly affect Louisville's economy, but the direction is still uncertain.

Just as a successful venture will create many jobs and help grow Louisville into the major city it already believes it is, a failing venture will just suck funds away from far more productive areas.

So, how does one find out if an NBA franchise in Louisville will be a success or a failure? The first place to start should be the voters.

READERS' FORUM



Expressions

Swann right in pointing out flaws in patriotism, critics mistaken in what true American really is

Lamin Swann should not be attacked for being un-American as he was by Ryan Hall on Tuesday's Dialogue Page. Instead, he should be praised as a real patriot and journalist.

He is a patriot because he is calling for reform and not blindly accepting the propaganda we are fed daily.

Hall's letter sounds as if it comes directly from the U.S. department of propaganda. He proudly supports the American flag, but he must have it wrapped tightly over his eyes.

Swann's column really talked about racial profiling, not the recent catastrophes, as Hall constructed.

This is an issue that receives too little attention. It is especially important now since President Bush has proposed John Walters as the new Drug Czar. Walters recently said that it is an "urban myth" that "the criminal justice system is unjustly punishing young black men."

He also said, "Neither is it true that the prison population is disproportionately made up of young black men."

Most people should know this is a truly ridiculous statement. We need a drug czar who will at least admit the existence of institutionalized racism, not deny it!

The truth is that Jim Crow laws are still enforced today. The "War on Drugs" is a primary justification for that enforcement. Officers across the nation use dark skin color to profile Americans as "drug dealers and junkies."

There was a recent story of an African-American dentist in New Jersey who has been stopped by state troopers over 100 times in the last five years. He was searched for drugs and harassed repeatedly. Officers like those in New Jersey will just not realize that a black man in an expensive car does not equal drug dealer.

So the "true Americans" right now need to work together to fight these

injustices. Patriotism shouldn't be about backing the government regardless of its actions; it should be about challenging it to make positive changes.

MIKE BORSUK
COMPUTER SCIENCE SOPHOMORE

Novotny correct in calling for modesty in dress

"Ah, cold weather. I love it." Those were my thoughts exactly when I began to read Nathan Novotny's article on Oct. 17. However, little did I know the column following the statement would also agree with my thoughts.

Coming from a woman, I too love the cold partly because women are forced to cover up their curves. Not because I am more visual, like men, but because my heart breaks for those who rely so heavily upon impressing other people with their bodies.

Beyond that it breaks for those who convince themselves this is classy, when in all actuality it begs the question: Where is your morale? I once stood in the shoes of these same women, thinking I was valued by the clothes I wore, the people I knew, and the places I went.

Then four years ago, by God's grace my life was changed forever. Since then value has acquired the definition of one's compassion, hope, joy, and forgiveness towards other people. This does not go to build up my character, because anyone who knows me knows I struggle with every area mentioned. But women don't allow men to control your outward or inward appearance. This also does not say that women shouldn't value their beauty, because God has created each of us with perfection.

However, take your perfect creation and preserve it by dressing in a way that if you were to meet Him today you wouldn't be ashamed. I promise if you do this there will be men who will desire to date you, but to your advantage it won't be solely based on how hot you are or one who you can give them.

For those who felt this article placed blame on women, it didn't. Nathan doesn't ask that we look like Laura Ingalls, but for our own dignity and for the sanity of men re-examine your definition for "classy" and for "women". All you men out there who attempt to value women as people, not a collection of body parts, I say thank you. There are women alike who value you.

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GUEST COLUMNIST

Film industry's self-censorship unnecessary

This week, an Internet rumor started about MGM re-tooling John Carpenter's 1981 masterpiece, "Escape From New York," removing all footage of the World Trade Center.

The building, for those who haven't seen the movie, plays an integral role in the film, as Snake Plissken (Kurt Russell) must land atop one of the towers in order to get into New York, where he will rescue the president from terrorists. The movie is genre fiction at its finest, as politically intriguing as it is exciting.

The rumor, of course, has been denounced as absolutely false, proving how great a filmmaker Carpenter is. But meanwhile, on the other side of Lake Auteur, something horrible is afoot.

First, there is the upcoming *Spider-Man*. Sam Raimi, director of the *Evil Dead* series, as well as *Darkman* and *The Quick & The Dead*, I hope will finish the flick before summer rolls around. I was looking forward to it quite a bit, finally, one of my boys will have made a good mainstream movie. Wes Craven tried it and didn't quite pull it off, but Brother Sam just might, right?

One of the coolest images in the trailer was a shot of Spider-Man slinging web between the twin towers, catching and blowing up a helicopter. We're talking a true comic book lover's dream come to sparkling digital life. And if you know Raimi's visual style, you know this would be an awesome sight.

Oops. Guess I forgot to mention that Sony Pictures executives are balking even though no one has asked them to do so. They have removed that footage, pulled the trailer from theaters and are currently filming re-shoots.

In another case, rumors abound that Steven Spielberg might digitally remove the towers from his futuristic *A.I.* before it is re-released into theaters just in time for the Oscar race. Not only would a re-release give him an unfair advantage over better movies in the Best Picture category (or rather, it would remind many people that the movie wasn't that great anyway), but he would be changing his art for all the wrong reasons. And the audience loses out in the end, especially if we want the DVD with the original version of the film.

It seems most Americans would gladly trade their civil liberties for the sake of safety. Just ask CNN or John Ashcroft. For even pondering giving up an ounce of our freedom, we should be kicked in the shins repeatedly.

We're allowing our daily lives to be ruined, but do we really have to ruin movies, too?

Let's say the Empire State Building was destroyed instead of the World Trade Center. Would that mean we'd have to burn all prints of *King Kong*? (For you cine-literate, "King Kong" is about a really big gorilla, who climbs a really tall building with a really hot babe and is shot down by really stupid Americans. It's kind of like *She's All That*, except with a better actor in the title role.)

The current excuse for this self-censorship is that it's out of respect. You know how I define respect? Being treated like an adult, instead of a whiny toddler who can't distinguish between fantasy and reality. This is like the Columbine thing all over again, when idiots like Joe Lieberman were railing about video games and Marilyn Manson because they drive your children to kill. Anyone stupid enough to take Quake and In-Sane Clown Posse seriously would be better off taking themselves out of the gene pool. The same goes for anyone who thinks censorship, in any form, ever does anyone a bit of good.

It's all backpedaling. When you censor something, and this goes for politically correct speech as well, you're really just trying to cover your own ass. Why don't you just own up to the fact that you're as helpless in this world as we are and start standing up for what this country was founded upon? There's a reason the First Amendment is at the top of the list. Keep that in mind.

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Since the first flickering images of motion pictures enthralled and entranced audiences, filmmakers have tried to terrify and tantalize with horrific tales.

Even as the silent cinema penetrated the dark recesses of the soul, horror films began evolving to meet the perpetually changing definition of what is frightening.

With the advent of sound, filmmakers found new ways to horrify, beginning the Golden Age of Hollywood horror. From 1890 to the late '40s, Universal Studios produced an eclectic mix of films that resurrected many of literature's most famous monstrosities and revived long-forgotten myths. *The Wolf Man*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, *The Mummy* and *The Invisible Man* were all brought to new life.

Of all these early monsters, two remain cinema's most haunting creatures.

The Vampire

Though the legend of Dracula dates back to 15th century Romania, the myth found new popularity with the publishing of Bram Stoker's classic novel in 1897.

With a mix of eroticism and violence, the vampire has appeared on screen more than any other monster.

Nosferatu (1922)

Though *Nosferatu* lacked the brilliant Expressionist images of *The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari* or the camera movement of the early Universal horror cycle, this silent German classic had something to make up for it: actor Max Schrek. The image of Schrek's elongated, feral shadow creeping through the night remains the most horrifying vampiric image in film history.

Dracula (1931)

Based more on the popular 1920s Broadway play than Stoker's novel, *Dracula's* opening sequences are steeped in atmosphere, with dilapidated, cobwebbed sets, crisp dialogue and Karl Freund's gracefully probing camera.

Unfortunately the film bogs down once the count reaches England.

Despite the film's shortcomings, Bela Lugosi brought a sly, devious danger to the role and remains the screen's definitive vampire.

The Horror of Dracula (1959)

Hammer's new *Dracula* incarnation

helped make the studio synonymous with lavish, graphic horror films, as Christopher Lee added an animal rage that Lugosi's debonair count lacked.

Blacula (1972)

Blaxploitation tackles the horror genre. African prince William Marshall is bitten by *Dracula* and trapped in a coffin to forever last for blood. Until a pair of interior decorators inadvertently unleash *Blacula* to wreak havoc on the streets of 1970s New York.

Fright Night (1985)

Vampires were all over the screen in the '80s, but no film captured both the contemporary setting of the decade and the nostalgia of what had come before like *Fright Night*.

Innocent Blood (1991)

John Landis made up for all the bad horror comics that followed his 1981 masterpiece *An American Werewolf in London* with this vampire movie/gangster saga amalgam.

The most terrifying part of the film is the mere idea of Don Rickles having eternal life.

Bram Stoker's Dracula (1992)

Although this is the most faithful of the big budget *Dracula* adaptations, it adds one important plot twist: Mina Harker (Winona Ryder) is actually the reincarnated love of Vlad the Impaler (aka *Dracula*, played by Gary Oldman).

Director Francis Ford Coppola's visuals are among the most striking to ever grace the screen, regardless of genre.

Frankenstein's Monster

While on vacation at Lake Geneva, famed poet Lord Byron challenged his friends and fellow wordsmiths Percy and Mary Shelley to see who could concoct the best horror story.

Two years later Mary Shelley published *Frankenstein*.

First filmed in 1910 by Thomas Edison, Shelley's fable of persecution and the danger of science has graced the screen countless times since.

Frankenstein (1931)

In many ways the quintessential monster movie, *Frankenstein* fills the screen with unforgettable images of Gothic horror, with wonderful set design, lighting and a great turn from previously

unknown Boris Karloff.

Bride of Frankenstein (1935)

One of the rare instances where a sequel is superior to its classic predecessor. Despite being tossed from a windmill in the original, Henry Frankenstein (Colin Clive) is talked into creating a mate for his monster by the sinister Dr. Praetorius (Ernest Thesiger).

Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein (1948)

With the popularity of Universal's monsters and that of comedy team Bud Abbott and Lou Costello at all-time lows, the studio decided to combine the two in a series of tongue-in-cheek films that mocked the very monsters that had made Universal famous.

Though he will forever be identified with the role, this film marked the only other time Bela Lugosi played *Dracula*.

The Curse of Frankenstein (1957)

The success of this *Frankenstein* update began Hammer's decade-long dominance of the horror genre and made stars of Christopher Lee (as the monster) and Peter Cushing (as its creator).

Young Frankenstein (1974)

Classic spoof from Mel Brooks is made great not only by its humor but also by the carefully detailed manner in which the look and mood of the classic Universal horror films is recreated.

The Bride (1985)

This convoluted *Bride of Frankenstein* retelling finds Frankenstein's (Sting) experiments producing the lovely Jennifer Beals.

The only real question is who has better hair: Sting or Patrick Swayze circa *Dirty Dancing*.

Weird Science (1985)

Bride of Frankenstein for geeky high-schoolers, as two dorks use their computer to piece together the perfect woman.

Edward Scissorhands (1990)

Most of Tim Burton's films are visually Gothic horror. This brilliantly designed fable is a perfect example. Johnny Depp plays a man-made monster whose creator (Vincent Price, in his last great role) dies before he is completed, leaving Depp with scissors for hands.



The first film version of *Frankenstein* was made by inventor Thomas Edison in 1910. The silent version ran a mere 14 minutes.



After breaking free from anonymity, Bela Lugosi didn't want to play a character without dialogue. So he turned down the role of Frankenstein.



Tampering with nature in a *Frankenstein* film usually results in death and destruction. Sometimes it merely results in a few bras on the head.




Because dubbing was not yet available, a Spanish-language version of 1931's *Dracula* was shot at night on the same sets.

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Producer Carl Laemmle Jr.'s original choice for the role of *Dracula* was silent film star Lon Chaney. After starring in silent classics such as *The Phantom of the Opera* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Dracula* would've been only the second speaking role for Chaney. Sadly, he was diagnosed with cancer while the film was in preproduction. Laemmle Jr. instead turned to Bela Lugosi, a little known 49-year old Hungarian actor who played the role in the popular Broadway play in 1927.

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