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WEATHER Cloudy today, high 35 to 40. Mix of rain and snow tonight, low in 20s. Light snow tomorrow, high 30 to 35.

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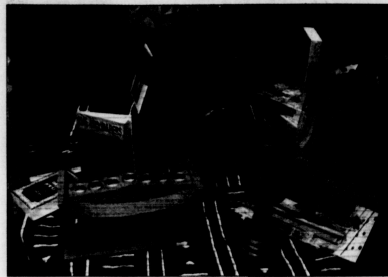


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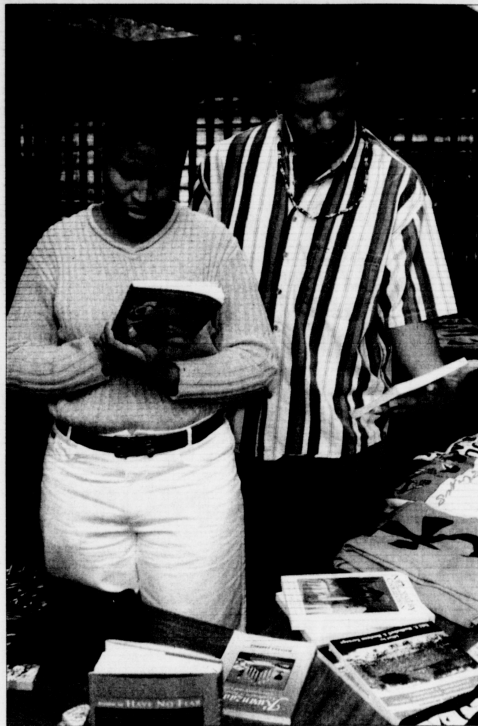
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Opening chapters of history and culture

As part of Black History Month, Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center held a book fair yesterday featuring Afrocentric items. In addition to books and calendars, ceremonial artifacts, a libation cup and a Kanara that is used to celebrate Kwanza were also for sale. History and English senior Mika McClain and communications freshman Will Hallback, right, look at some of the items for sale yesterday. The book fair in the King Cultural Center continues today from 10 a.m. to 8 tonight.



Guinier: tests fail, not pupils

By James Ritchie
Senior Staff Writer

Minorities and women serve as the "miner's canary," indicating social problems that affect everyone, a University of Pennsylvania law professor told a crowd of several hundred in Memorial Hall last night.

Lani Guinier focused her argument on the educational system in a lecture titled "Reframing the Affirmative Action Debate."

"We may be using the wrong instruments to measure everyone's capacity to succeed," Guinier said, referring to standardized tests such as the SAT, GRE and LSAT. "We are calling this merit but it actually functions as a test of wealth."

Blacks and Latinos tend to score lower on these types of tests, she said, not because of their race but because of their class. A disproportionate number of the members of these minority groups come from low economic classes, and whites from the same economic level tend to score low, she said.

Coal miners used to lower a canary into a mine to see if the air was safe to breathe before going in themselves, Guinier said. If the canary died, it indicated a problem with the air, not the canary.

Likewise, the difficulties minorities and women face with current standards indicate a flawed educational environment, not incapable students.

"And the problem hurts all students, not just the 'canaries,'" she said. Whites from low economic classes are at the same disadvantage as minorities.

"The poverty of whites is hidden by the affluence of other whites," Guinier said.

Standardized tests are coachable, Guinier said, meaning students can be taught to do well on them. Wealthy parents can afford to enroll their children in courses that teach "strategic guessing."

Guinier talked about a set of twins in Florida who scored perfect SAT scores. When the New York Times asked their mother why they had been so successful, she responded that they had been taking the test since seventh grade.

Guinier said that studies have shown standardized tests to be inefficient predictors of a student's performance; random guessing would yield nearly-as-accurate predictions.

Once labeled the "Quota Queen" by the Wall Street Journal, Guinier was nominated to the nation's top civil rights post, then dropped amid allegations by conservative members of congress and the media that she was radical, extremist and anti-democratic.

Guinier was not afforded the chance to publicly address the Senate during her nomination process. However, Arts and Sciences Dean Richard Edwards said he was more proud to have Guinier as the college's 1997 Blazer Lecturer.

"Maybe they didn't want you in Washington, but we're delighted to have you here," Edwards said to Guinier as she came onto the stage.

The Blazer Lecture Series was endowed in 1948 by Paul Blazer, a founder of Ashland Oil Inc., and his wife, Georgia Blazer, the first woman to serve on the UK Board of Trustees. Since then the college has hosted more than 100 speakers, including Kentucky author Wendell Berry and former president Gerald Ford.

NEWSbytes

NATION WKU regents look for new president

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University's board of regents will meet Saturday to discuss the search for a new university president to succeed Thomas Meredith.

Meredith, who came to Western in 1988, was hired Wednesday as the new chancellor of the University of Alabama's three-campus system.

Board chairwoman Peggy Loafman said the search will be nationwide, but qualified candidates currently working at Western will be "seriously considered" for the opening.

Meredith begins his job in Alabama on June 1.

NAMEdropping

Seinfeld sweats off marriage ideas

NEW YORK — Is marriage in Jerry Seinfeld's future? The subject is enough to make him sweat.

"You know when I'll get married? I'll get married when somebody like John Kennedy Jr. gets married," Seinfeld joked in an interview airing Sunday on CBS' "60 Minutes."

Informed that Kennedy had tied the knot, Seinfeld replied, "Really?" One question later, the star of NBC's "Seinfeld" announced with a nervous laugh, "Can we get some powder on my face?"

Compiled from wire reports.

Fires, write ups all in an RA's day

Advisers keep full schedules

By Matt Herron
Features Editor

Seven in the morning. Sarah Signorino, an English senior and resident adviser in Blanding Tower, rises from an all-too-comfortable slumber to exercise at Kirwan II.

From there, she attends classes, and returns at 2 p.m. to check her e-mail at the residence hall's front desk. She relaxes, listens to a few of her 30 residents beat anxiously on her door in hope of hearing the wisdom of an adviser who has spent four years in the tower.

Every Tuesday, Signorino and the other RAs make three rounds each night in pairs. On weekdays they stay indoors from 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. on a six-person rotation.

"I almost quit this past fall," said Signorino, who also serves as assistant adviser for the tower's residence hall government. "It was draining me emotionally. I couldn't find the strength to be supportive of the people on my floor."

Sound like slavery? Not exactly. The night the Wildcats won the national championship, for instance, Signorino recalled fire alarms sounding repeatedly, streakers racing from floor to floor and the

RAs walking the halls between plays. Of course, some celebrating occurred, too. Advisers partied in the Woodland-Euclid Avenue melee on 15-minute intervals.

"We have a couple of weekends a month free so we can go home, do schoolwork," she said. "We're free to not have to stay in the building."

Trainees must attend a course in mental hygiene for one semester for 2 1/2 hours. The class is taught by Melanie Tyner-Wilson, Pat Whitlow, Tony Ralph and Jim Wims, director of residence life, another former trench warrior.

Wims started at Kent State about two years after the infamous killing of four student protesters in 1970. In his first two years as RA of Kent State's Dunbar Hall, Wims was in charge of nearly 170 students.

He climbed the administrative ranks to Coordinator of University Conduct Systems, and Director of Student and Staff Development.

A course in "mental hygiene" may sound like a no-brain sleeping pill, but Wims said the subject matter, which deals with suicide intervention, substance abuse and conflict management resolution, provides RAs with crucial information.

"The topics really speak to the kinds of situations RAs are going to encounter on a day-to-day basis," he said.

When selecting the front-liners of the residence hall system, "I look for individuals that take initiative, help others, have

See RA on 7

Benchmark universities show RAs work more — receive less

By Chris Campbell
Assistant Editorial Editor

For the perks UK residence advisors receive, in comparison to RAs at benchmark universities, there are none.

For the perks UK residence advisors receive, in comparison to RAs at benchmark universities, there are none. RAs at benchmarks do not easily receive the same amount of compensations for the jobs they hold. Along with that, the turnover rate for RAs is much less than that of UK, which brings up serious questions.

Do UK RAs really have a gripe?

As it stands right now, UK advisers get their housing paid for, live in single rooms, \$150 on their plus accounts and \$650 on their meal plans.

This looks to be a "competitive" figure compared to that of other universities.

"That sounds really competitive to other schools," said Wayne Kuncel, residence life

director at the University of North Carolina. "It sounds very nice compared to others I have heard of."

For the Tar Heels at UNC, the RAs may not always be available when students need them. A UK adviser will oversee 25 to 30 residents, while at UNC, advisers look over 45 on the average, 60 in many cases.

Not much changes at another benchmark from the Tar Heel State, North Carolina State University. Jennifer Wilder said the average number of students for RAs there is between 35 and 45, but

again, because of the size of some residence halls, 60 students is not "uncommon." Said Wilder, "25 to 30 is nothing."

Wilder, central campus housing director, agreed that UK RAs complain despite better benefits in the program.

"From what it looks like, you

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That (UK) sounds really competitive to other schools.
Wayne Kuncel residence life director, UNC

Year of ox starts Saturday

By Brian Dunn
Contributing Writer

About 300 Chinese students and faculty will come together this weekend to celebrate Chinese New Year with friends and family.

The Chinese Students and Scholars Association will be throwing a party at the Baptist Student Union to celebrate the Chinese New Year from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Chemistry graduate student Yue Lieu said the Chinese New Year for Chinese is much like Thanksgiving for Americans.

The New Year is a time for a reunion of family and friends, he said.

Ligan Cai, a junior, said many Chinese students and faculty here miss the chance to get together with their friends and family. To Cai, the party offers those people a chance to come together and ease the

pain of feeling homesick.

"I'm always away from family," he said. "I'm going to call them tomorrow and wish them luck."

Lieu said the party also gives Chinese students the opportunity to meet and get to know other Chinese students on campus.

The celebration starts with a Chinese celebration dinner provided by the Panda Garden. The dinner will include 16 different Chinese dishes, including everything from fried rice to traditional Chinese desserts.

"We have really great Chinese food," Cai said. "If you come, you can get a feeling of what it is like studying abroad."

Karaoke, dancing, games and a lucky prize drawing will follow the dinner. A tape will be shown of the celebration in China, which actually occurs the day before.

The Chinese year is based on the lunar cycle, not

the sun's cycle like the American year, Lieu said. A Chinese year can vary in length but is usually between 12 and 13 months long, and begins and ends sometime in February, he said.

The Chinese New Year celebrates the legend of Xi, the monster that represents the year, Lieu said. Xi comes out each new year's to pester the people, he said. So the people celebrate and light firecrackers to scare the monster away.

Also, the Chinese use a 12-year cycle, each year named after an animal, Cai said.

Saturday the Chinese will be celebrating the end of the year of the rat and the beginning of the year of the ox.

The 12 years fall in the order of rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, chicken, dog and pig, Cai said.

"If you enjoy Chinese food then you'll like the food we'll have," Lieu said. "If you'd like to know more about Chinese culture than you're welcome to attend."

The Baptist Student Union is located at 429 Columbia Ave. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$4.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

SPORTS

Wildcats roll in Catamount rout

By Jay G. Tate
Weekend Sports Editor

Lightly-regarded Western Carolina came into Rupp Arena hoping to catch the Wildcats in a funk after Tuesday's loss at division-leading South Carolina.

The Catamounts went inside. They got stuffed.

The Catamounts went outside. They got stripped.

Things didn't work out.

Instead, UK flexed its collective muscles and coasted to a 82-55 victory last night, improving its record to 21-3 on the season.

And though last night's score was a familiar sight to out-of-conference opponents at Rupp Arena, the source of the pain was from an unlikely outlet.

In his second game at the power forward spot recently vacated by Jared Prickett and his ankle injury, sophomore Scott Padgett smoked the Catamounts for career-highs in points (23), rebounds (13) and assists (6). It was the kind of effort UK head coach Rick Pitino was hoping for since Padgett's surprising play during the team's 1995 tour of Italy.

"Scott is gaining more confidence," Pitino said. "I saw the potential in Italy. I didn't expect him to play like this as soon as he as."

For Padgett, it couldn't have come any sooner. After academic woes forced him to sit out last season, last night's performance seemed to validate the time he's spent improving himself on and off the court.

"I just wanted to prove that I could play at Kentucky," Padgett said. "I think that there's a huge difference in me as a player and as a person. I've learned a lot about the game and a lot about life."

Although Prickett's injury has thinned an already short bench, playing time at power forward has smiled squarely on Padgett, providing him an opportunity to play his kind of game — without interruption.

"I felt so relaxed out there tonight and it was good to know that with Prickett out, Coach couldn't put anyone else in for me," Padgett said.

Though Padgett's powerful outing lead the team, UK got solid efforts from nearly everyone on the court. The Cats shot nearly

60-percent from the field and hit 5 of 12 from three-point range. Big Blue also outrebounded the Catamounts 35-19.

In recent weeks, Pitino had asserted that the loss of Derek Anderson would likely shift defensive pressure toward Mercer. As a result of Anderson's absence, Mercer spent several games adjusting to his new role. Last night's stat line included 9 of 12 shooting, 18 points, 5 rebounds and an assist.

Adjustment completed.

"I felt good out there tonight," Mercer said. "It's great to be going into the Villanova game with a lot of confidence."

Although Mercer's improvement has UK fans smiling, the Catamounts found out the hard way that a confident Mercer and a hungry UK team is a major obstacle.

"Taking no credit away from Kentucky, they are a good team," Western Carolina's Bobby Phillips said. "They showed us the difference between the SEC and the Southern Conference."

Though the Catamounts now head back for the more comforting pastures of the Southern Conference, the Cats instead look for-

Kentucky 82, W. Carolina 55

UK (10-11): Fleming 5-7, 0-0 14; Mayo 0-3, 1-2 1; Whitmore 1-5, 0-0 2; Phillips 5-10, 1-2 11; Scholtz 4-8, 0-1 8; Gibson 0-1, 0-0 0; Graham 6-10, 0-0 12; Claytor 0-0, 0-0 0; Wright 0-1, 0-0 0; Caray 1-2, 0-0 3; Scott 0-1, 0-0 0; Gorelick 0-0, 0-0 0; Channault 1-2, 2-2 4. Totals: 23-50, 4-7 55.

UK (21-8): Edwards 6-12, 1-1 14; Padgett 9-10, 3-5 23; Magloire 2-5, 2-2 6; Epps 2-3, 0-0 5; Mercer 9-12, 0-0 18; Mills 2-4, 0-0 5; Mohammed 3-8, 1-4 7; Turner 2-3, 0-0 4; Massello 0-1, 0-0 0. Totals: 35-58, 7-12 82.

Halftime: UK 40, WCU 27. Rebounds: UK 35 (Padgett 13), WCU 19 (Gibson 4). Three-point: UK 5-19 (Padgett 2-2, Epps 1-2, Mills 1-3, Edwards 1-5), WCU 5-8 (Fleming 4-5, Caray 1-1, Mayo 0-1, Phillips 0-1). Assists: UK 23 (Epps 7), WCU 11 (Caray 3). Blocks: UK 10 (Magloire 5), WCU 1 (Claytor). Fouls: UK 11, WCU 12. Fouled out: None. Attendance: 22,134 (53,000).



GLASS EATER Scott Padgett goes up for one of his game-high 13 rebounds.

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Mumme wraps up first UK recruits

By Dave Gorman
Staff Writer

The wait is over. UK football fans can finally begin to look forward to next season and see what Coach Hal Mumme has put on the table.

Mumme held a press conference yesterday to discuss his high school signees.

Although Mumme had less time to recruit than other coaches across the nation, he is happy with his future players.

"We're pleased with how we did in the short amount of time we had to work," Mumme said. "We had a month and a half to do about a

year's worth of work. We're pleased with the young men we got."

Headlining UK's signees is running back Derek Homer who will be a fine replacement for Derrick Logan whose off-the-field problems have put his football career on hold. Homer joins current UK quarterback Tim Couch as the second consecutive "Mr. Football" to sign with the Cats. Homer should provide a spark for UK's running game as he averaged 8.8 yards per carry and 164.5 yards per game playing for Fort Knox High School.

Mumme has managed to add some Texas flavor to the UK squad.

Roderick Green and Jeremy Bowie are names the coach hopes will stand out for UK's defense. The two Texas natives ran track in high school and played in Five A leagues with great competition.

"Something we needed was defensive speed," Mumme said. "We are very pleased to have them."

One of the new offensive linemen protecting Tim Couch will be Matt Brown, out of Harlingen, Texas. Brown, at 6-foot-5, 280 pounds, should make an impact right away according to Mumme.

"He's all of 280 right now, wears

Mumme's first signees

The 22 players who have signed with UK since the signing period began on Wednesday.

- ▼Jed Bassett- DB- 6-0, 185 lbs.- McAllen, Texas (Memorial)
- ▼Adrian Black- RB/WR- 6-2, 195 lbs.- Houston (Marine Military Acad.)
- ▼Dustin Bonner- QB- 6-2, 200 lbs.- Valdosta, Ga. (Valdosta)
- ▼Jeremy Bowie- DB- 5-10, 172 lbs.- Tyler, Texas (Tyler)
- ▼Matt Brown- OL- 6-5, 280 lbs.- Harlingen, Texas (Harlingen)
- ▼Nolan DeV Vaughn- OL- 6-5, 285 lbs.- Corbin, Ky. (Corbin)
- ▼Randy Garver-* OL- 6-5, 295 lbs.- North Canton, Ohio (Hoover)
- ▼Willie Gary- DB- 5-10, 175 lbs.- Valdosta, Ga. (Valdosta)
- ▼Kenneth Grant- RB- 6-0, 191 lbs.- Taylor, Texas (Reagan)
- ▼Roderick Green- DB- 5-11, 178 lbs.- Victoria Texas (Victoria)
- ▼Seth Hanson- KP- 6-2, 190 lbs.- Dallas (Lake Highlands)
- ▼Derek Homer- RB- 5-11, 190 lbs.- Fort Knox, Ky. (Fort Knox)
- ▼Derrick Johnson- OL- 6-2, 315 lbs.- Harrodsburg, Ky. (Harrodsburg)
- ▼Michael Kamphake- RB- 5-11, 196 lbs.- Cincinnati (Moeller)
- ▼Lance Mickelsen- WR- 6-3, 180 lbs.- Salina, Utah (North Sevier/Snow College)
- ▼Scott Mims- DE/TE- 6-5, 250 lbs.- Bowden, Ga. (Bowdon)
- ▼Ryan Murphy- LB- 6-2, 230 lbs.- Cincinnati (Moeller)
- ▼Teddy Neptune- LB- 6-2, 205 lbs.- Montreal, Quebec (Vieux Montreal College)
- ▼Josh Parrish- OL- 6-6, 310 lbs.- Westerville, Ohio (North)
- ▼Marc Samuel- K- 5-10, 158 lbs.- Anchorage, Ky. (Ballard)
- ▼Pascal Trudeau- QB- 6-3, 195 lbs.- Belleoie, Quebec (Vieux Montreal College)
- ▼Jermaine White- WR- 6-6, 200 lbs.- Gainesville, Fla. (Buchholz)

* - indicates signees who enrolled in January and will participate in spring practice.

a size 16 shoe," Mumme said. "He's going to grow a lot. He's got great feet and real long arms. He will be a great pass protector."

Mumme and his staff ventured across the U.S. borders to Canada to recruit three players. Teddy Neptune will stand out from the other Canadians as a 6-2 linebacker weighing only 205 pounds.

Offensive coordinator Claude Bassett agrees with Mumme's philosophy of looking for players that fit into the system.

According to Bassett, UK did not paid much attention to experts and top 100 lists of high school players.

"When you look at these kids here right now there are some awfully great football players who I think are going to excel," Bassett said.

Ladies' Items

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Fall Skirts Values to \$138 | Fall Pants Values to \$135 | Fall Knits Values to \$79.50 | Wool Sweaters Values to \$150 |
| Fall Blazers Values to \$225 | Wool Sweaters Values to \$225 | Cott. Sweaters Values to \$150 | Sportshirts Values to \$79.50 |
| Fall Vests Values to \$125 | Outerwear Values to \$198 | Outerwear Values to \$295 | Fall Trousers Values to \$150 |
| Fall Knits Values to \$68 | Fall Blouses Values to \$118 | Footwear Values to \$140 | Sportcoats Values to \$495 |
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Mammoth Villanova battles UK

By Brett Dawson
Senior Staff Writer

On Sunday, UK plays host to the team that puts the Big in Big East. Size will matter when Villanova, boasting three starters 6-foot-10 or taller, invades Rupp Arena on Sunday at 3 p.m. UK's key concern is whether all its bangers will be on hand. Jared Prickett, out the past two games with a sprained ankle, is expected to play in some capacity.

The Wildcats (21-3) could use him in his effort to prolong a 32-game winning streak against non-conference foes in Rupp Arena.

Villanova's Wildcats (17-5) will try to be the first non-conference opponent to defeat UK in Rupp Arena since Pittsburgh on Nov. 21, 1991.

"We have to get Jared back for Villanova," UK coach Rick Pitino said. "His ankle looks ugly right now, but (UK trainer) Fast Eddie (Jamil) tells me he'll be ready."

"We can't battle them on the inside without him."

Prickett expects to practice today. He said after last night's game that his ankle is "about 80 percent."

"There's been a tremendous improvement the last two days," Prickett said. "I warmed up with the team a little today. I think it's jumping that causes me the most problems right now."

Villanova at Kentucky Sunday, 3 p.m. Rupp Arena

Kentucky (21-3)
National ranking: No. 3

| Probable Starters: | Pts: | Reb: |
|--------------------|------|------|
| F Ron Mercer | 17.3 | 5.0 |
| F Scott Padgett | 9.2 | 5.1 |
| C Nazir Mohammed | 8.4 | 5.8 |
| G Allen Edwards | 9.9 | 3.9 |
| G Anthony Sigs | 7.7 | 4.6 |

Reserves: G Jamaal Magloire, 5.3 ppg; G Wayne Turner, 4.8; G Cameron Mills, 2.9; G Steve Masiello, 1.0.

Villanova (17-5)
National ranking: No. 16

| Probable Starters: | Pts: | Reb: |
|--------------------|------|------|
| F Tim Thomas | 16.8 | 5.9 |
| F Chuck Kornegay | 7.1 | 2.7 |
| C Jason Lawson | 13.5 | 8.4 |
| G Alvin Williams | 15.0 | 4.5 |
| G John Colestead | 8.0 | 3.0 |

Reserves: G Howard Brown, 6.5 ppg; G Brian Lynch, 4.9; C Eddi Bopas, 2.7; F Malik Allen, 2.5; F T.J. Canulette, 1.6; G Brian Noone, 0.8; F Chris Lee, 1.0.

*Assists per game.

TV: WKYT (Channel 27) - Live

UK will take any hops it can get against 'Nova.

Three of Villanova's starters — 6-11 Charles Kornegay, 6-11 Jason Lawson and 6-10 Tim Thomas — are projected as possible first-round NBA Draft picks, Pitino said. The UK coach called all three potential top 15 picks.

The big draw among 'Nova's big guns is the versatile Thomas.

The freshman from Patterson, N.J., is drawing comparisons to the NBA's Kevin Garnett with his all-around play at the small forward spot.

"He's tough to match up with — he's a little like Scott (Padgett) because he's got the size but he can play out on the floor," said UK forward Ron Mercer, who saw Thomas play in high school.

"He's a great player, but they've got more than just him."

Mattox, UGA reunite

By Rob Herbst
Weekend Sports Editor

A five-game losing streak is enough pain for any squad.

A five-game losing streak and No. 6 Georgia coming up for a visit can be pure torture.

That's what the UK women's basketball team faces as they take on the Lady Bulldogs Saturday evening.

Georgia's Lady Bulldogs are a fine team — a Final Four contender. The Wildcats, in contrast, are not a fine team with a record of 6-15. They're not even an NIT contender.

To make matters worse the Cats are reeling after an embarrassing 67-62 loss

to Eastern Kentucky on Wednesday.

The Cats had won 19 straight games over the Lady Colonels until Wednesday's loss in Richmond.

With the loss to unranked Eastern behind it, UK will try right its floundering ship in Memorial Coliseum against the powerful Lady Bulldogs.

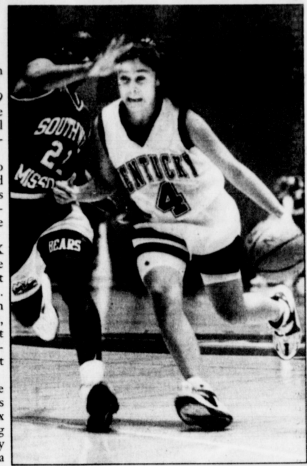
One can excuse UK head coach Bernadette Mattox if she has a soft spot in her heart for Georgia. Not only was Mattox an All-American at Georgia, but she was also an assistant coach for the Lady Bulldogs under UGA's current head coach Andy Landers.

"Georgia will always be in my heart, but now it's time to go to war," Mattox said. "It's always exciting and fun for me to play Georgia, and Andy's built a great tradition there but that goes out the door when we hit the court."

Mattox's ties run deep with Landers. Her collegiate career started at Roane State Community College where she played for two seasons there when Landers was the head man. When Landers went to Georgia, so did Mattox. Landers' specialty is defense and that's what Mattox has learned most from him.

"What I probably enjoyed most from him was that he was a defensive guy," Mattox said. "He gave me the freedom to press and steal and I loved that."

Now Landers is in charge of a



JAMES CRISP/Kentucky staff

HIGH FIVE The Cats' Natalie Martinez is one of Mattox's freshmen who is trying to put UK hoops back on the map.

national power and Mattox is attempting to build a national power.

For some loyal fans, it may seem as if Mattox has far to go in her attempts to build a Top 25 squad. Transfer and injury problems have reduced UK's team to eight players, including four freshmen.

"We have so much youth on the team and it's just a matter of gaining experience for us," Mattox said. "It takes time and we just have to be patient right now. We can't mature any faster."

Georgia at Kentucky Tomorrow, 7 p.m. Memorial Coliseum

Kentucky (6-15, 0-8 SEC)
National ranking: None

| Probable Starters: | Pts: | Reb: |
|--------------------|------|------|
| G Natalie Martinez | 6.1 | 2.3 |
| G Nikki Hay | 7.5 | 5.1 |
| C Kim Denkins | 9.8 | 7.6 |
| F Tiffany Wolf | 12.8 | 4.1 |
| F Katie Vieth | 7.0 | 3.3 |

Reserves: F Shaunda Roberts, 13.0 ppg; F Patricia Boyd, 5.1; F/C Yonda Jackson, 2.6; G Rebekah Embry, 0.8.

Georgia (17-4, 6-1)
National ranking: No. 6

| Probable Starters: | Pts: | Reb: |
|----------------------|------|------|
| G Kedra Holland-Corn | 16.6 | 4.1 |
| G Rachel Powell | 5.8 | 4.0 |
| G Pam Irwin | 8.6 | 2.1 |
| C Signe Antvorskov | 3.1 | 2.7 |
| F Brandi Decker | 2.3 | 3.9 |

Reserves: F La'Keshia Frett, 16.8 ppg; C Tracy Henderson, 15.9; G Kisha Brown, 6.5; F Tiffany Walker, 5.1; G Latiese Bush, 3.9.

*Assists per game

SCOUTING report

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Alvin Williams is the Big East's active leader in both assists (298) and steals (115). Williams has 82 assists and 32 thefts thus far this season. Ron Mercer has continued to excel since the loss of Derek Anderson, scoring an average of 18.6 points over the three games leading up to last night's game against Western Carolina. Allen Edwards has also picked up his game since Anderson's injury.



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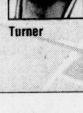
Freshman Tim Thomas has been everything that he was billed to be coming out of Patterson (N.J.) Catholic High School. He is averaging 16.8 points and almost six rebounds a contest. Jason Lawson has been a beast on the board grabbing 8.4 rebounds.

BENCH



Villanova has eight players who average double-figure minutes, while a ninth player averages just under 10 minutes a game. UK's bench gets a boost with the probable return of Jared Prickett. Wayne Turner has been the Cats' most consistent bench player during Prickett's absence.

ETC.



Villanova Director of Athletics Gene DeFilippo served as Associate Athletics Director at UK from 1987 until 1993. While at UK, he helped to hire Rick Pitino away from the Knicks. This is the fifth meeting between these two schools, with UK winning three. Villanova won the last meeting, in the 1988 NCAA Tournament.



Lawson



UK stats

Team statistics

| UK | Opponents |
|------|-----------|
| 471 | 393 |
| 699 | 654 |
| 360 | 311 |
| 83.9 | 62.2 |
| 40.3 | 34.3 |
| 15.3 | 13.2 |
| 19.6 | 12.7 |
| 15.2 | 23.1 |
| 4.9 | 2.8 |
| 12.0 | 6.4 |



VILLANOVA stats

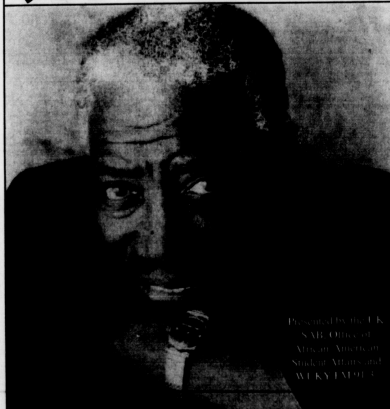
Team statistics

| VU | Opponents |
|------|-----------|
| .454 | .385 |
| .701 | 650 |
| .307 | 289 |
| 75.5 | 64.2 |
| 42.6 | 33.5 |
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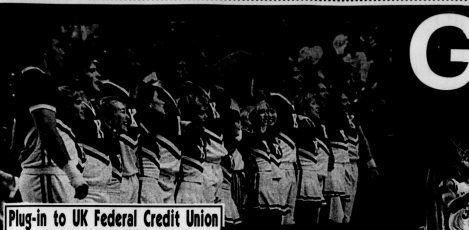
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DiVersions

Stewart coming to stop the insanity

By Josh Herr
Staff Writer

One of the great tragedies of modern society is certainly the removal of Comedy Central from the menu of local cable provider TCI.

In response to this, local radio station WKQO (98.1 FM) in conjunction with Comedy Central is bringing comedian Jon Stewart to town in an effort to "Save World Sanity." Stewart, who achieved a sort of cult status as a talk show host on MTV, will bring his show this Sunday to the Otis A. Singletary Center for the Arts for a free concert. The only cost is signing a petition in an effort to return Comedy Central to its rightful place on the cable dial.

I recently spoke to Jon Stewart over the phone about this concert among other things.

Josh Herr: How exactly did you get booked up with the effort to bring Comedy Central back to TCI?

Jon Stewart: I am part of a huge

underground cable cartel. We have a sort of large map of the U.S. and whenever a good station is dropped from a cable station and in place of that a lame station is put in there an alarm goes off and some of our people are sent to that town. I guess that's how it came about, we have a sort of Bateave situation set up.

J.H.: How do you feel about moving into leading roles in films, as opposed to the supporting roles you've done?

J.S.: I'm excited about the opportunity to get to talk more in the movies that I'm in. I've been playing Rollerblader No. 1 and having one line, which is basically "Look out!"

J.H.: A few times in the past year you filled in as host for Tom Snyder's late night talk show. Since his show is of a more serious nature than your own, did you feel any obligation to be less goofy?

J.S.: Yes I feel an obligation to be less goofy in general. I mean now that I'm in my 30s I try to be a little less goofy than I was, but it's sometimes difficult to control.

J.H.: I had seen the episode where you interviewed Salma Hayek and you kind of lapped back into the biting on the girl thing.

J.S.: Well, it's difficult to get away from that, but I think people are more accepting of that than say if the guest was Dom Deloiso.

J.H.: Do you have any anxiety about starting up your own talk show again?

J.S.: I have anxiety about getting up and brushing my teeth in the morning, so yeah. I just, in general, have anxiety.

J.H.: I saw that you had a role in David Strimmer's directorial debut 'DogWater.' How exactly did that come about?

J.S.: Well, he made the film for Miramax, which is the company I work for and I was just in the office when they were filling out the slots.

J.H.: Do you prefer the talk show format to stand up?

J.S.: No, in stand up you can do and say whatever you want without worrying about what the audience might be thinking, or you know whatever FCC regulations

have to be complied with. Stand up is really just a nice unfiltered format.

J.H.: So then why keep going back to the talk show?

J.S.: Because the talk show ... pays you a lot of money. You have to be pragmatic in this man's world, and it's not that it's not fun to do it's just... Well one of the reasons I can go out on the road and do OK is that people see me on the talk show.

J.H.: So then what's the appeal of acting where you aren't even saying your own words?

J.S.: I guess it's about doing as many things as you can do in your own field. That's probably a little presumptuous of me but ... When I act it's not like I'm playing anything really challenging it's not like I'm playing the asthmatic guy who just got back from Vietnam. They're not super dramatic roles.

J.H.: Do you see yourself branching into more dramatic roles?

J.S.: If I ever got better, but I don't see myself appearing on NBC on "a very special family movie" about love and redemption. You'll never see me shouting someone stole my baby.

As I concluded the interview, Stewart gave me some valuable advice concerning life.

J.H.: So let me get this straight you go to school, you put out a daily newspaper and you're a



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drunkard ... Let me tell you something about sleep my friend, sleep is going to become your best friend. You got about six more good years in you then there is going to be a huge breakdown.

Once you hit 30, my friend, you will be shocked that you even thought that. Sleep is going to be your best friend. That's all I can say.

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Campus' favorite Coyote is soon to arrive

By Adam Little
Staff Writer

Start the weekend by getting a little funky with Jupiter Coyote tonight at Lynagh's. Jupiter Coyote is a band that, over time, has become a big hit on campus.

"They sound pretty cool ... almost like Counting Crows with an upbeat tempo," said Paul McClanahan, political science freshman.

The group began in Macon, Ga., developing a sound quite unique in its own right. Referred to as "mountain rock," the sound has maintained static throughout the band's existence.

The group consists of John Felty and Mathew Mayes on guitars and vocals, Gene Bass Jr. on drums, Sanders Brightwell on bass, with other percussion beats provided by David Stevens.

Lucky Day, the band's latest

release, packs a variety of musical styles and genres on one recording — folk, country, rock and even a little bit of hip-hop rhythms.

Jupiter's style crosses Steve Ray Vaughn with Hootie and the Blowfish.

Lucky Day contains some of the band's biggest hits on campus. The first song on the CD, "By and By," begins with a riveting guitar solo followed by

Felty singing of sitting in an empty bar with empty bottles on his tables.

This is a characteristic of the group's singing ability that is unique of bands that haven't yet "made the big time." Their songs actually say something about life and love that makes sense.

This truly original style of the group has stayed with them throughout its career. Part of this style is supplied by Mayes on his guijo, an electric banjo that he invented. This is what gives the band its bluegrass flavor.

The band prides itself on maintaining this original sound over time.

The inside of the front cover reads, "Through all the changes and turns, lies and truths, facts and fiction, industry bull — and hard-core reality, the Coyote still sticks to its guns"

Jupiter's newest release, *Ghost Dance*, has yet to hit stores. If it is anything like the band's previous releases, it is sure to be a hit. Besides *Ghost Dance* and *Lucky Day*, Jupiter's other releases include *Wade and Cemeteries* and *Junkyards*.

The group has created a great following at UK in recent years.

"I think they are really good," said undeclared freshman Jamie Umstead. "It is no wonder why they are so big at UK."

So if you want a different kind of music besides the local punk and alternative rock group, Jupiter Coyote will serve up something special.



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SPARE TIME Jupiter Coyote's new album will hit stores Feb. 25. If you can't wait until then, you can catch them at Lynagh's tonight.

LOOKING ahead

Jupiter Coyote plays Lynagh's tonight at 10. Tickets are \$6. For more information, call (606) 255-6614.

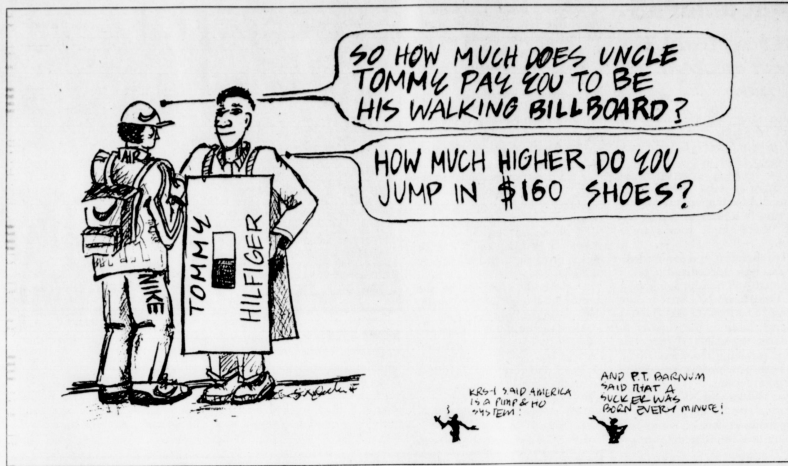


PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

'Steel Magnolias'

'Steel Magnolias' is the first play by Robert Harling, who just completed the screenplay for 'The Evening Star.' 'Steel Magnolias' tells the story of six different Southern women coming to terms with the trials and tribulations of life in modern America. Many people are already acquainted with the play because of the 1989 film starring Julia Roberts and Sally Field. Unlike the film, the stage version takes place in Tracy Jones' beauty parlor and features an all-female cast. Junior Becky Dotson plays the spirited Shelby and sophomore Terra D. Greer portrays her mother, M'Lynn. The play kicks off the UK Department of Theatre's series of student directed and designed plays. 'Steel Magnolias' will be performed on February 6, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. in the Briggs Theatre, located in the Fine Arts Building. Admission is free to the public, but donations to the Association of Concerned Theatre Students will be accepted. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

ViewPOINT



Advice for advisers

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Residence advisers need to pack up their egos and get back to what they need to be doing instead of complaining about their needs.

And that is getting back to work and do a job worth being proud of.

After finding out the heavy workloads of other benchmark universities, it became clear to the Kernel that UK RAs have nothing to complain about.

There is a huge difference between trying to manage 25-30 students, and trying to do the same for 60.

You can do the math, and so certainly can the RAs.

There are RAs in dorms across this nation of ours that do not have the same luxuries that our RAs have.

It is a shame that instead of being thankful for the benefits that they do receive, now it looks like they are going to beg for more than what they should get.

It goes back to the old saying of getting your cake and eating it too.

Let's see what an RA sitting in Kirwan Tower or Blazer Hall would say if the housing

department called and decided to eliminate some positions and they had to supervise more than one floor.

We don't think the response would be that enthusiastic.

There is no true gripe for the RAs when comparing them to that of other benchmark universities.

The only discrepancy concerning the RA comparison is the fact that other university RAs do not have to sit the front desk of the dorms they help manage.

This argument, however, becomes very null and void when considering the work and dedication those individuals must give to the residents in the halls.

We think the residence life people should take a look at other programs and see how they function. Maybe Residence Life could come up with a way for the RAs spend less time working at the front desk.

If there are problems with the RAs here at UK, and something needs to be done, then maybe the solutions which are obviously working for benchmarks can be applied to our own staff.

IN OUR OPINION

Figuring who you are is not as bad as being a frat boy

What are you? That question is asked of me more times than I can recall. The first time someone asked me that, I did not know what to say.

I said, "Excuse me?" They replied, "You know like Sigma Chi, PIKE or SAE." I soon realized what they were asking. I told them I was nothing.

I want to tell you a little bit about myself, so you can get an idea where it is I'm coming from. I was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska.

I have lived up and down the West Coast, Hawaii and most recently Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. I have talked to, played sports, smoked marijuana and drank beer with all kinds of people from all over the world.

From legitimate millionaires to drug smugglers to crack heads, I've dealt with them. I try to keep an open mind to different ways of living. In fact that was one of the reasons I chose to attend UK. I wanted to experience a completely different scenario. I got it.

Just like all the other freshmen at this school, before I came here I'd think about what school was going to be like.

I wondered what kind of people I would meet and whether I would like going to school here.

I knew it was going to be different. When I got here, I was put into a dorm room that I had to share with a complete stranger.

I'm still thankful he could speak English; it's not good not being able to talk to your roommate. I did not know a single person.

I was constantly awakened by somebody's music blasting right through my walls and any visitors would have to "check in" leave a picture ID, and everyone, including relatives and females, had to be out by 12.

No alcohol or drugs even if you are of legal age. I just want to say to those of you still living in the dorms, I feel for you.

Prison anyone? Those who are living in the Towers, how's another fire drill sound?

Anyway, I thought, it's going to be OK. Give me a big fat party and everything will be all right.

So the first week of rush rolls around and I think finally I'm going to be able to sit down and drink some beer with some good of boys.

But no.

This campus does not allow alcohol at its fraternity or sorority rushes.

I was then told that fraternities weren't even allowed to have kegs

at their parties. So now I'm thinking great, how the hell does this school get together without kegs. The answer is, basically, it doesn't.

Before I came here I thought there's got to be some huge parties going on. I've seen a few, but with the exception of a certain house on Woodland Avenue, what's up boys?

The first time I heard that, I laughed really hard and I said "So be it, I'm an Independent." I am independent of defining myself through what I am affiliated with I wouldn't want to be anything else.

If I make the soccer team next week, I'll be known as a soccer player. But there is a lot more to the athletes on this campus other than their sport.

My man Fife Dog from Tribe Called Quest puts it philosophically. "We're all human beings. It's all bullshit at the surface."

Let me give you one last perspective. While riding a bus in Mexico, I saw a little boy get on. He walked to the back of the bus and as the bus began to move the boy began to sing. It was beautiful.

When he finished, he walked around and collected coins from the people on the bus and that is how he earned his living.

Within a month's time I was at some house in Lexington drinking some beer, watching a group of frat boys who appeared to have the same plaid shirt on, while I was talking to a girl.

First thing out of her mouth, "So are you a PIKE?"

I'm just a guy looking for some soul in a place where I get asked questions like that.

I don't care if you're a cheerleader, grow crops, Sigma Chi, Phi Phi, wanna-be-hi, Rastafarian or from Madagascar.

I don't care. There are far too many people on this campus who do.

I'm giving a shout out to those who feel the same.

Contributing Columnist
 Andy Barrier

Contributing Columnist Andy Barrier is business freshman; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

READERS' forum

Editor's note: The following are letters in response to the satiric column written by Ben Rich in yesterday's Kentucky Kernel.

Sarcasm is 'the weapon of the weak'

To the editor:

Ben Rich's column (Feb. 6) is not only disrespectful, bigoted and closed-minded, but often scattered and confused as well.

His feeble attempt at sarcasm (the weapon of the weak) was apparently written with a minimum of thought and a maximum of fear and anger.

Anyone examining the article can find a surprising lack of logic and reasoning.

I'm sure Mr. Rich knew when he wrote this that he would get a large response, mostly negative, to the content of his column.

I object not so much to the content — it is his opinion, but one I don't agree with — but to the quality of the presentation.

The Kernel should present a variety of opinions but require that at least those opinions are well thought out, clearly organized and based on more than raw emotion.

Tara Anderson
music and journalism senior

Morris was on the right track, not Rich

To the editor:

I am both overjoyed and distressed after reading the columns found on the editorial page of Feb. 6.

These two "journalists" are obviously from a different school of thought. Ms. Morris attempts to spread love, kindness and knowledge.

Meanwhile, Mr. Rich attempts to spread hatred, violence and foolishness.

I personally disagree with the

homosexual lifestyle.

As a Christian, I believe that such a lifestyle is wrong in the eyes of God. However I realize that the homosexual community has been informed of the Christian stance. I am not in a position of such omniscience to say exactly what is right or wrong. My beliefs have been stated, that should suffice.

If after understanding the opposing stance a person continues in their status quo, the decision is theirs and if they are wrong, reprobation will be made in time. I applaud Ms. Morris for so eloquently stating her stance, and with hope that she approves, would like to add that to mine.

Ryan Akers
music education sophomore

Exercising free speech might have limits

To the editor:

How is it that every time I open up the Kernel, I find someone from within this great university bashing another? In response to Ben Rich's column yesterday, I have to say that I am discouraged. In an institution of higher learning, we are supposed to use each other's strengths for betterment and help each other to overcome weaknesses. After reading Mr. Rich's column, and others in the recent past, I feel that we have lost sight of compassion and decency.

Give your opinion if you must Mr. Rich, for that is one of the functions of the free speech that this country was built on. Remember that your comments, though reasonable to you, may seem like "whining" to those homosexuals that you have labeled as "whiners," as well as to those heterosexuals who do not happen to feel the same as you on the matter of homosexuality. You complain about the supposed "homosexual

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whining" that is so problematic to you, by whining yourself. Who told you that you were so much better than the rest? We need to stop bashing each other and be constructive. Though it is much harder work, it is also considerably more productive. So to finish as you did Mr. Rich, I offer a quote from Elbert Hubbard: "Down in their hearts, wise men know this truth: the only way to help yourself is to help others."

Matthew A. Bowdy
communication graduate student

Others agreeing with Rich not helping issues

To the editor:

I would like to speak about the horrid excuse of an column written by "Mr. Heterosexual" Ben Rich.

I am, like many other UK students, offended. Mr. Rich, you will be pleased to know that I am a heterosexual. However, I am embarrassed to refer to myself in the same category as some other heterosexuals.

Regardless of sexual orientation, everyone (whether you like it or not) is a member of the human race and all have the right to live as they want to live and "whine and cry about anything and everything they want."

I am appalled at the narrow-minded, ignorant beliefs that were

portrayed in the column that you wrote. However, you are not alone in your thinking. Therefore you have a large number of supporters to egg-on using your behavior and comments.

The most important item that I would like to point out to you is that the Bible condemns homosexual lifestyle, as well as those who judge others. You mentioned that homosexuals look down on the straight masses... maybe you should step down and take a moment to read Tamara Morris' column. You may learn that we as people need to "Respect one another" and "not be quick to judge."

Although I feel that you are in need, it is not my job to judge. So, I will leave that job up to you!

Rachel Smith
merchandising senior

Kernel needs to check its writing standards

To the editor:

It never ceases to amaze me how much ignorant writing is allowed in the Kernel every week.

The most recent of these pathetic excuses for journalism is Ben Rich's editorial on homosexuals.

This column is offensive, unintelligent and a poor attempt at satire.

Rich uses ridiculous stereo-

types of the gay community in an attempt to make a statement. He fails terribly. The only thing he succeeds in is proving he is homophobic and uneducated.

His first mistake is in assuming homosexuals are out to convert heterosexuals. How many homosexuals have actually tried to convince you you're gay, Mr. Rich? I have a number of gay and bisexual friends and they have never questioned my sexuality. I doubt anyone's questioned yours either.

Mocking the ritual of "coming out of the closet" was your second mistake. Have you ever been afraid to admit something because you live in a society that feels something is wrong with you? Just try to imagine the suffering and pain a gay person goes through. I seriously doubt you can.

Your third and final mistake is the use of ludicrous images you've undoubtedly picked up from too much tasteless television and movies. I am a heterosexual who owns many of the "homosexual" things you mention. I guarantee there is a jar of Vaseline in every home in America. Are we therefore all gay? Use some common sense, Mr. Rich. Ben Rich has created a piece that proves no point, is in poor taste, and has no supporting facts. He has offended a large number of people without ever making a solid statement.

God is the true judge

To the editor:

I was absolutely disgusted upon reading Ben Rich's column. Although I realize that hatred and bigotry still exist, even in 1997, I am always shocked to see it manifested in such a way. Obviously, he derived some sort of sick pleasure in spewing such cruelty via the pages of the Kernel. To me, that is the worst kind of sadism.

I cannot say that my personal or religious beliefs advocate the practice of a homosexual lifestyle. However, my personal and religious beliefs also do not advocate cruel treatment of other human beings. Condemn actions if you want to, but do not condemn people, Rich. This is not your job.

To mock other human beings because you disagree with them is cruel, petty and completely childish. To pass moral judgment on them is self-righteous, egotistical, and completely out of line.

In the end, we all must accept responsibility and face up to a Higher Power. (I am thankful that Higher Power is not Ben Rich. We'd all be doomed.)

I hope that "Love thy neighbor as thyself" and "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone" are credos to live by and not just words uttered by someone long ago.

Keri Walls
theatre junior

Marianne Lorenson
human environmental sciences sophomore

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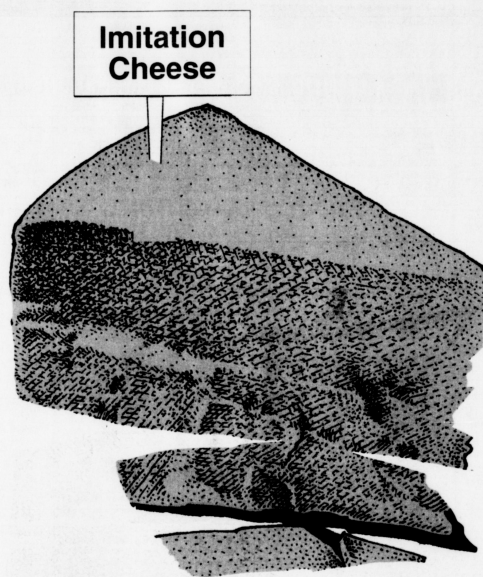
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