



**WEATHER** Mostly sunny,  
high 60. Cloudy tonight, low  
40. Fifty percent chance of  
showers tomorrow, high 65.

**SHUTOUT** The baseball team blanks  
Austin Peay 14-0 in its first home game of  
the season. See Sports, page 2.



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## Construction blocks access to hydrant

By Brian Dunn  
Staff Writer

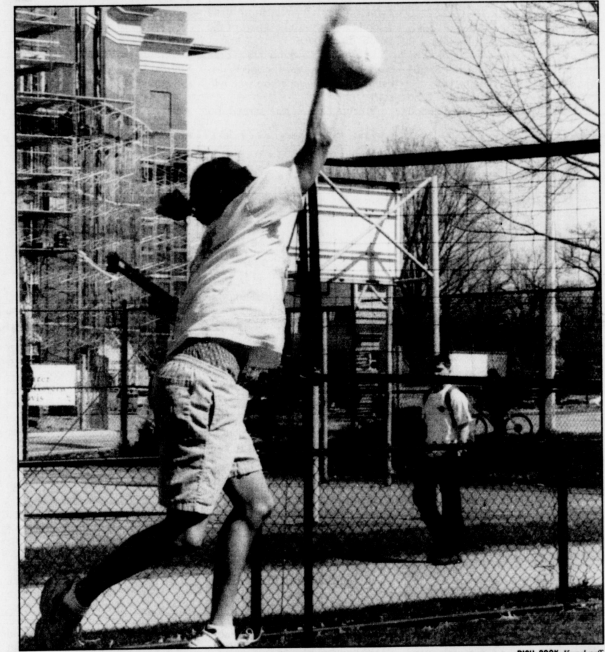
Clifton doesn't exist anymore. Clifton Avenue that is, and Alpha Tau Omega President Kevin Joynt and his brothers no longer have an address. Earlier this week, occupants of the Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity houses woke to the pounding rhythm of jackhammers. At first, they were "pissed off at all the noise going on," said Sig Ep Aaron Horton, an international business sophomore. But soon they realized mail could not be delivered as usual. And over the weekend a fire engine could not get to the fire hydrant in front of their houses. "It looks like Beirut," ATO Treasurer Brandon Scheldt, an undeclared sophomore, said of the scenery outside the house. "We had to wake up (early), and by noon, we find out we don't have a street." Because of the new construction and the extended fencing, things such as mail delivery

have not been running as smoothly as usual, Scheldt said. For example, the fire department ran into a speed bump over the weekend responding to a possible fire at the Sig Ep house. Garry Beach, UK fire marshal, said Fire Station No. 6 had "temporary minor problems" reaching the Sig Ep house for a false alarm over the weekend because of the new construction. "They missed the street when they were heading out there," he said. But the fire truck quickly made its way around the block to Hill-top Avenue to access the house from the back and can use the fire hydrant near K-Lair grill. Fire Stations No. 5 and No. 6 are now "well aware" of the problem, Beach said. Still, Scheldt asked, "Why should they have to figure it out? They could've very easily been informed." Also, Scheldt said he didn't see how a fire truck could be as effective from the back of the house because of the parking lot behind each of the houses. The ATO parking lot holds 30 cars, he said.

"They go whipping up the fence without even thinking twice about it," Scheldt said. "Why couldn't they at least say, 'Hey this is what's going to happen?'" Joynt said he knew the construction, which is for a walkway to the new library, was going to happen soon, but he wondered why nobody told him it would be happening now. Then the fraternities and church would have had time to change their address to receive mail, he said. Paul Anderson, the mailman for the fraternity houses and the neighboring University Heights Church of Christ, said he knew something was going to happen because he saw bills posted on cars that they needed to be moved by Sunday. "I just went out there Monday, and it was fenced," Anderson said. "It's not difficult to deliver; just two more steps." "This construction just seems to be getting out of hand," Scheldt said. "My whole point is why don't they just tell us what they're going to do. The whole courtesy thing really bothers me."



**BEHIND BARS** A fence blocks the fire hydrant on Clifton Avenue preventing firefighters from accessing the unit.



**SPIKED**  
Computer Science sophomore Jeff Rye enjoys the 60 degree weather playing on the sand volleyball courts in front of Haggin Hall yesterday. The good weather continues today with sunny skies and a high of 60.

## Nun Study gives clues

*Alzheimer's research gives patients hope*  
By Kathy Reding  
News Editor

The UK Sanders-Brown Center on Aging researchers announced further discoveries in its Nun Study on Alzheimer's disease. While principle researcher Dr. David Snowdon briefed news media in New York yesterday about the findings in the JAMA feature article, Dr. William Markesbery discussed the symptoms once they develop. "The group of researchers found that small and large strokes are capable of producing and intensifying Alzheimer's symptoms." "The bottom line is if you have Alzheimer's disease and have even a small stroke, it can make the cognitive damage much worse," Markesbery said. "If you are pre-symptomatic and have a small stroke, it increases the chance of developing full symptoms." Markesbery said researchers previously thought slight strokes can affect Alzheimer's, but the clinical research derived from the Nun Study is the first scientific proof that if patients have Alzheimer's and then suffer a stroke, they are going to get much worse.

"What it really boils down to is ... you want to do your best to prevent strokes," Markesbery said. Risks for a stroke include hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, smoking, drinking alcohol and using birth control pills. Markesbery said hypertension is the largest risk factor because it causes small strokes that are not always detected physically. The strokes can be detected clinically in the brain, though, because they cause lacunar infarcts, or dead brain tissues. Even one or two of the small strokes may increase the risk for Alzheimer's development and the severity of the symptoms once they develop. "It's a double whammy," Markesbery said. "(The strokes) have an added impact to make your cognitive deficit worse." In the Nun Study, which involves 102 college-educated Catholic sisters 76-100 years old, neuropsychological tests were used to identify dementia in the nuns. After they died, called neurofibrillary tangles and senile plaques, brain lesions indicative of Alzheimer's, were measured in autopsies. Among the 61 women with abundant lesions, those with strokes were more likely to have

dementia than those without strokes. In women with one or two small strokes detected by the infarcts, dementia occurred in 93 percent of those with strokes. Dementia occurred only in 57 percent of those without strokes. Markesbery said if someone has Alzheimer's tangles and plaques, a small stroke causing infarctions may lead to full-fledged Alzheimer's symptoms. "Combinations of disease and either small or physically detectable large strokes also leads to faster degeneration." "You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure that if you have one disease and then the other, you are going to get worse," Markesbery said. Because strokes generally occur in adults older than 50 as does Alzheimer's disease overlap of the lesions and infarcts are also common. Markesbery said the nun community provided an ideal setting for an Alzheimer's study because of the records kept by the community. Upon death, they also donated their brains to the study. "(That participation) is a gift to mankind and fitting with their lives of service to others," he said.

**Dr. William Markesbery**  
Alzheimer's researcher

*You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure that if you have one disease and then the other, you are going to get worse.*

## Rice lives without regrets

*Editor's note: This is the first story in a series that will look at the people behind the platforms. Vice presidential candidate Kristin Triplett will be featured tomorrow.*

By Brandy Carter  
Staff Writer

Alizha Rice lives life to the fullest. Rice fulfills her goal of living a life without regrets by spending time with friends and taking an active part in campus. "I love trying new things like white water rafting and learning how to tango," Rice said. "I love experiencing new things." An experience Rice can't wait to have again is snow skiing because of the adrenaline rush it gives her. While at home during vacation Rice also enjoys riding her two horses. Rice unwinds by watching action movies, especially the James Bond series, which she has seen numerous times on TNT movie marathons. When she's not watching movies, Rice enjoys collecting inspirational quotes, among them her favorite, "Reach for the moon for if you miss at least you'll be among the stars." "The quotes inspire me so much

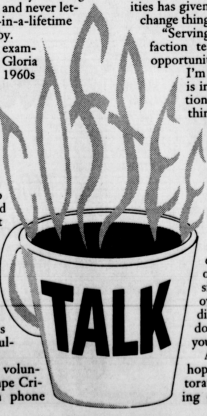
that I have a whole screen saver of them," Rice said. Rice describes her outlook on life as always looking for opportunities and never letting those once-in-a-lifetime chances pass her by. Following the example of role model Gloria Steinem, a 1960s women's rights leader, Rice wanted to take an active part in campus life. "I was very involved during high school and I wanted to become involved in college and not be just one of 25,000 students," she said. As a college student, SGA senator at large and a volunteer at a rape crisis center, she has fulfilled her goal. "I really love volunteering at the Rape Crisis Center as a phone

counselor because I enjoy helping people," Rice said. Rice's involvement in student activities has given her the opportunity to change things on campus. "Serving on the Student Satisfaction team has given me the opportunity to work on a problem I'm concerned with, which is increasing student retention rates," Rice said. "I think that if you give students something to be involved in then they will stay." "Taking an active role in the student satisfaction team has made me aware of the problems facing freshmen." Rice advises freshmen to, "Get involved early it will give you not only pride in the university, but also a feeling of ownership. Explore all different opportunities — don't just sit back and live your life passively." After graduation Rice hopes to one day get a doctorate in chemical engineering or the equivalent to a

**Alizha Rice**

**FAMILY:** Lois and Bob Rice, no siblings

**BIRTHPLACE:** Cincinnati  
**HOMETOWN:** Cincinnati  
**YEAR:** Junior  
**MAJOR:** Chemical engineering with a mathematics minor  
**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**  
▼ If she could only have three possessions Rice would keep her contact lenses, computer and 486x Hewlett Packard calculator  
▼ Her favorite hangout is Common Grounds Coffee Shop  
▼ Her favorite drink is mocha cappuccino



## NEWSbyte

### STATE Brewery sends water to flood victims

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Anheuser-Busch's Virginia brewery has come to the aid of Kentucky flood victims with drinking water. After getting a plea from Red Cross officials, the brewery cranked out 2.4 million 12-ounce cans of water in two days. "It's just the regular city water we use in our brewing process," said Dennis Nesbitt, assistant plant manager. Helping the flood victims required five straight eight-hour shifts, Nesbitt said, and was the plant's largest disaster relief effort ever. The 100,000 cases of water were sent to National Guard facilities in Kentucky, where the raging Ohio River last week flooded more than 75,000 homes and caused about \$250 million in damage. Five trailers filled with white cans showing the Anheuser-Busch blue eagle logo were unloaded yesterday outside the Kentucky National Guard facility near Greenville, said Warrant Officer Joe Wilkins. Wilkins said the water will be distributed to shelters in the area, where flooding has contaminated wells and water treatment facilities. Another 42 trailers were headed to the National Guard in Winchester. *Compiled from wire reports.*

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## Cats find runs in home opener

By Chris Easterling  
 Sports Editor

Home is where the heart is. Or, in the case of the UK baseball team, where the runs are.

After scoring just 14 runs in their last four games, the Cats exploded in their home opener yesterday, defeating Austin Peay 14-0.

"It's really nice to be home," UK coach Keith Madison said. "It was a beautiful day to play baseball and a lot of the guys came ready to play. I didn't realize how long we had been on the road until I walked out on the field today."

UK (3-10-1) burst open the game in the first inning, scoring four unearned runs off of Governors' starter Craig Smith. The inning was capped off by a two-run home run by sophomore designated hitter Josh Loggins.

Loggins, a transfer from Purdue, added a three-run blast in the fifth and finished 2-for-3 with five runs batted in for the afternoon.

"It feels good to come out on the other side," Loggins said. "We've been struggling to get leads and then keeping leads and just putting people away when we get a chance to. It wasn't anything the pitcher was doing, it was just a matter of us being back home again and getting the chance to swing the bats in our own park."

After the first, the only thing left for the Cats to accomplish was to maintain the lead and get the shutout.

Behind starter Eric Bishop, who was making his first start of the season, and reliever Aaron McClone, UK allowed only four hits and left a goose-egg in the visitor's column on the scoreboard.

"(Austin Peay) was a first-pitch back team, coach told me," said Bishop, whose 10.80 earned run average is certain to go down. "So I was mixing it up (with my pitches), trying to keep them off-balanced."

Bishop struck out three and allowed only three hits in five innings of work.

Making the task of shutting out Austin Peay (8-6) even more difficult was the wind at Cliff Hagan Stadium, which was blowing out yesterday.

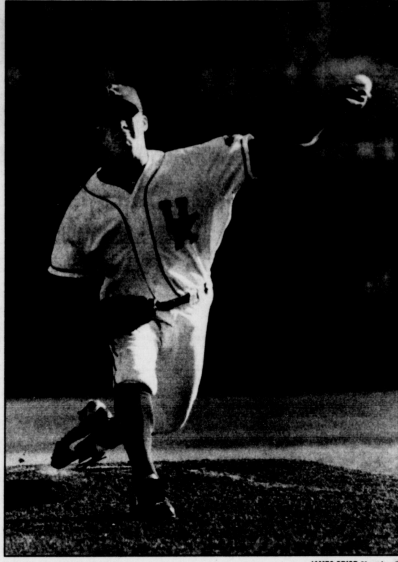
While it may not be Chicago's Wrigley Field, Madison said that the wind can make the baseball really jump off the bat. This has even led some to give the field the moniker "the Launching Pad."

"To me, with wind blowing out, the impressive thing about today's game is the shutout," Madison said.

**Notes:**

▼ The Cats return to action today, facing Ohio University at 3 p.m. at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The game will be the 1,000th in Madison's 19-year coaching career.

▼ "I've really been blessed," he said. "To think that I could coach



**NOT TOO SHABBY** Eric Bishop pitched five strong innings yesterday as the Cats shutout Austin Peay 14-0. Bishop only allowed three hits and one walk.

in 1,000 games without missing one with illness or some other catastrophe. It's something that I am just thankful to be a part of the young men's lives."

▼ Lefty Tim Rowland will get the start on the mound for the Wildcats. OU is undecided on who will start.

He hurled a nine-inning two-hitter last Friday at Ole Miss, blanking the Rebels 1-0. For the season, Downs is 1-2 with a 4.68 ERA.

He has struck out 19 this season while pitching 25 innings.

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## Finally, softball team plays at home

By O. Jason Stapleton  
 Assistant Sports Editor

Hold your breath and knock on wood - the UK softball team might actually be making its home opener tonight at the UK Softball Stadium off Alumni Drive.

The team was originally supposed to play its first-ever game at home two weeks ago with the UK Invitational Tournament.

But that was the same weekend torrential rains pounded the Bluegrass. A forecast of temperatures in the 60's and sunny skies has got

the ladies of the softball ready to hit the dirt.

"It'll be nice to have our first game here," right fielder Susan Moore said. "I am kinda disappointed that we didn't get to open it up with our tournament."

"The team is hoping to have quite a bit of support for its first home series, a doubleheader against Valparaiso."

"Everybody from classes and a lot of the other athletes are planning on coming," Lindsay Houser said. "I just hope it's really nice out."

The two-game set starts at 6 p.m. and each game itself should last a little over an hour.

Coach Beth Kirchner is really looking forward to getting the chance to showcase her young

squad. "It's always nice to be able to open up at home and not have to worry about travel," Kirchner said.

"We're also excited about showing people out in the state what college fastpitch is all about."

The team is coming off of a big tourney at Eastern Kentucky.

The Cats lost in the finals against Wright State, but the telling game came in the game prior, when the Cats came from behind in the seventh inning to beat the Colonels.

UK trailed 3-0 going into the final inning, but rallied for six runs to go on to win the game by a final score of 6-3.

"It was a good win for us to build on for the rest of the season," Kirchner said.

"Now we know that whenever we're down we'll be able to come back. In that respect it's a good win and we'll be able to draw on that all year long."

The win showed UK's scrappiness, Moore said.

"We showed that we can really come back in the seventh inning," she said.

"We have a lot of spirit in us and when push comes to shove we'll bring it out for everybody."

There is one sore spot coming into this first-ever home game, and that is the fact that starting shortstop Meredith Seales is out with an injury.

"It shocked us all and we feel really bad for her," Moore said.

"She's still a big part of the team, though. She comes to everything we do. She supports us and even though she might not be standing out on the field we know her presence is there."

Seales' spot is being filled by Brooke Tilley, who moved over from first base with Lori Horner and Suzanne Kopulos now splitting time at first.

Kirchner said the team has already been doing a good job in the absence of Seales.

"Brooke Tilley has really stepped in and done a good job as far as not freaking out about playing a new position," she said.

"And the people who filled in for her at first base have likewise done a good job."

After Valparaiso, the Wildcats will play the next nine games on the road, starting with the Indiana Tournament this weekend in Bloomington. The next home game will not be until April 5.

**GAMEinfo**

The UK softball team will play its first home game of the season tonight at 6 at the new softball stadium off of Alumni Drive. The opponent will be Valparaiso. The doubleheader will mark the first-ever home varsity softball game played at UK.

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# DivERSIONS

## 'Seven' a nice third for Mama

By Tom Owens  
Senior Staff Critic

Sunny, upbeat, slinky, cosmopolitan, rapturous — just a few adjectives to get your ears primed for a decidedly different take on music.

Hailing from Paris, Zap Mama has stepped to the forefront of the global meltdown. The band's music, however, defines a geographic region David Byrne has termed "Afropea," describing the unique cultural fusion that has resulted from Europe's colonization of Africa.

The interesting point of Afropea is not where it resides, but how and when. The how can be determined by watching a few foreign films or reading some international authors. For example, the African cabbe comprehending blindness in Jarmusch's "Night on Earth," Argentinian author Julio Cortazar sipping coffee in Paris' Arabic Quarter, filmmaker Djur Djura exiled to France after an extremist Algerian government disagreed with her on the issue of women's rights, or the Talking Heads crafting of "Naked" with some of the best Parisian musicians.

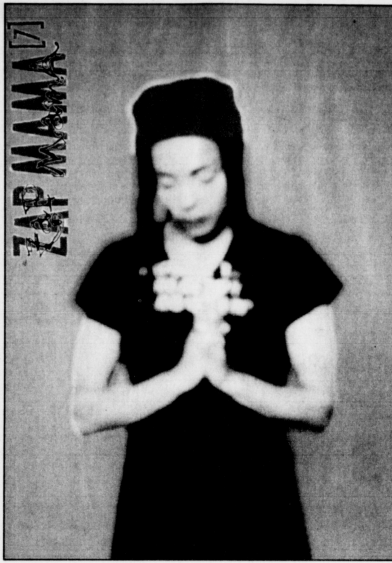
When is entirely now. Zap Mama's music has been a bright sensation since the debut of its nearly all-acapella, self-titled album in 1993. Since then the band has released a second record, *Sabiyima* and finally a third, *Seven*. *Seven* has a fresh sound, completely departing from the more traditional vocal repertoire of the

first two records. Originally a five-member fever of vocal virtuosity, Zap Mama has pared down to three regular vocalists and a changing cast of bassists, drummers, and special guest Michael Franti of Spearhead.

Some argue that the purity of international folk music is only polluted by the addition of modern instruments and a motley assortment of styles. Hopefully Zap Mama has set the correct tone for cultural fusion.

The band's new sound is like James Brown gone to Africa after a few stops in Jamaica to get some reggae and in New York for a little hip hop. Locked-down grooves support amazing vocals augmented by animal sounds. Urban rastas growl between diva choruses before it tightens up

into a polyrhythmic drum fest. The first song, "Belgo Zairose," rides in rhythmically, painting a wild African picture that starts head-nodding to Marley when lead Marie Duane sings, "No, no man no cry." The stellar "Jogging a Tombouctou" adapts an intense Brownian bassline with a distinctly North African rhythm scheme. Duane layers in an amazing vocal performance, sliding in a fury of syllables under the limbo wire before breaking into Moorish wails. The idea is a mélange of many societies in a very small space, as exemplified by the song "Telephone," where phone rings are vocally imitated and interpolated by gospel wails and a hip-inflecting bass-and-drum combo.



YO MAMA Parisian band Zap Mama serves up some rhythmic 'Afropea' sounds on its third album 'Seven.'

International music has had a traditionally bad reputation in the United States. Too many radio programmers were stuck on the 70s to allow a sense of now to

soak in. Fortunately, with groups like Zap Mama seeping across the big drink, we shouldn't have to wait long before someone gets it and joins the groove.

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By Suzanne Raffeld

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): You turn into a large purple being. You also ooze some kind of liquid from your cranial area. You know, if you took care of this problem, you'd probably have a couple of friends. But then you'd need to change your personality, which is more difficult than stopping your oozing.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): You fall into a huge pit of insane snakes that want to engulf your entire body in one swallow. This makes for a painful injury that is too wacky to explain, so take your chewed up self and rest for awhile.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Three people mysteriously arrive at your doorstep and claim they live with you. You protest, but they barge in and make themselves at home, eating your food and talking on your phone. When you try to physically force them out, they decapitate you and use your head for Wednesday night bowling.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): You disease ridden fool! You incestuous pig! Well, you're not that bad, but a little hyperbole never hurts.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your

### WHAT'S your sign?

fixation with your appearance comes to a sudden end on Friday when your nose falls off. You really can't do anything about this except bemoan the fact that when you look into the mirror you look like an alien being.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): My, you've been a nervous wreck lately. Going off that massive dose of tranquilizer wasn't a great idea. Not only are you comparable to a quivering mass of Jell-O, but you're rather snappy, too.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): On your flight to wherever the hell you're going for spring break, you manage to anger a flight attendant. This wouldn't be so bad, but this person is married to the pilot, who gives you two choices. You can either jump out of the plane, or eat all the airline food. You opt for hurling yourself out of the plane.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): So you made fun of the fat chicks in high school, eh? Bad move, because they have started a coalition and want your body. In tiny pieces.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In an early St. Patrick's Day celebration move, you round up a

couple of Leprechauns to bring festivity into the hearts

of others. But in your leprechaun rounding haste, you grab a bunch of sweaty Irish midgets who have short tempers and a love of drink.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You find a large pot of gold that appears to be unattended. As you are gathering this loot, a derailed Leprechaun with fangs takes off your left leg. You touched his sacred, private stash, and he does not have a sense of humor.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your four-leaf clover fetish gets out of hand. You proclaim yourself as the magical four leaf clover, able to grant any wish. But your magical powers come for a limited time only, leaving the large, stupid people who invested money into your knowledge very angry. They rearrange your limbs so that you really look like a clover and rub your head every so often for luck.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Every muscle in your body becomes a tense coil that feels like it will either snap or break. Your body wants to make your every waking moment a painful experience and it is winning in a big way.

### DivERSIONS byte

#### Academy offers collegiate award

Enterprising young filmmakers may want to take note in the twenty-fourth Annual Student Academy Awards competition which is now underway.

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## Patton's plan

The Courier-Journal reported last week that Gov. Paul Patton is strongly considering the idea of stripping UK of its community colleges and technical schools.

Our main concern lies with what differences, if any, would be created if the community colleges and tech schools are taken away.

Money.

That's the main difference.

Take a look at the classes, on the other hand. In today's university setting, no matter what community college you attend, basically all of your lower-level courses will transfer to other larger universities.

When you want to take some of the higher, 200-level courses, there may exist some complications, but whether you take classes at PCC or JCC, Western Kentucky and UK will accept you and your credits.

One of the major problems laid out by the governor's Task Force on postsecondary education is that retention rates at most state universities are down.

Naturally, one place this is most evident is at UK.

We know this by the recent budget cut debates and lack of funds for many programs.

President Charles Wethington has stood by promises to get retention rates to rise and keep them that way.

He is failing, and it will continue if all the 2-year colleges are taken away from UK.

UK has a lot invested in its community colleges.

The University prides itself on being able to rely on those students to transfer here thereby contributing tuition money.

Alumni are going to gripe a lot more openly about this issue than the Administration.

At last week's education sub-committee meeting, Senators were quoted as saying that UK alumni in their area are already calling, showing that "the forces are at work."

Something is obviously clear — whether UK is stripped of the colleges or not, the University needs to take care of its house and pay close attention to matters on the home front.

With budget concerns raising eyebrows and with TAs and departments being denied funds, this money madness cannot continue.

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## READERS' forum

### Kernel columnists prove editor stupidity

Is the Kentucky Kernel editorial staff mentally deficient? Or is it simply that you have nothing else to print, so you think Ben Rich's inane excuses for articles constitutes real journalism? Are you under the impression that because you are a "university" paper, you do not need to impose higher standards on columns? Do you think that his hate articles do not hurt anyone? If you had a heart (or half a mind), you would realize the harm you are doing to student relations on campus by printing this Neanderthal and backward "writing." I am referring to Rich's articles defaming homosexuals, UK NOW, women in general and anyone who is not

**JUST LIKE BEN RICH!** (Which, thank God, we are not!) The Kernel always seems to be the first to print anything they think will cause a controversy. Do you think it will not hurt you as a paper because you print "does not necessarily reflect our views" at the end of each column? It reflects EVEN WORSE on the Kernel staff than it does on Rich when something such as these columns are printed. Your staff needs to learn what the difference is between "free speech" and pure hate and ignorance.

it is also addressed to the person who is the owner of a white dog that looks like a wolf. I don't know the owner's situation, but I often see this dog on campus either tied to a tree or running loose looking for something. The dog looks very scared and lost. For anyone who owns a dog, why have a pet if you are not going to care properly for it? If you are kind enough to own a dog, please put a collar with your name, phone number and address attached to the dog's collar. This white dog is beautiful and intelligent. Please take care of this dog. How do you know what the dog is doing, or what other students are doing to the dog, while you are gone? If you can't take care of your dog, I can find someone who will.

**Take care of pets**  
 To the editor:

This is a letter to any pet owner (namely dog owners), but

**Heather Burris**  
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## Need answers to ticket fiasco? Look at Duke and UNC

Now that UK has confiscated 1,700 student basketball tickets, it should acknowledge that the reason for the decline this year was the home schedule.

It should also address and improve the cumbersome ticket distribution process.

In justifying the reduction, the athletic department pointed out that students only used an average of 1,812 tickets per game this year, down from 2,601 last year.

Unfortunately, some important facts were omitted.

First, the athletic department includes student attendance at pre-season games in calculating its "season" average.

For example, only 729 students went to the Athletics in Action game.

This game's inclusion distorts the real student attendance average.

Secondly, this year's average was calculated before the LSU, Florida and South Carolina games, which will almost certainly increase the average.

Thirdly, as many students have pointed out, UK's home schedule was weak this year.

Of the five non-conference teams that played at Rupp last year, three made it to the NCAA tournament.

Only one of this year's teams made it.

The same is true when the schedule is taken as a whole. Of the thirteen teams that UK played in Rupp this year, only three made it to NCAA tournament.

Five made it to the big dance last year.

Student attendance at high profile non-conference games was virtually the same each year. The average attendance for last year's Louisville and Georgia Tech games was 3,357.

This year, 3,233 students went to see Villanova.

By contrast, students have little interest in paying to watch Wright State, UNC-Asheville, Canisius and Western Carolina. The average students for these games was 1,382.

In short, the worse the opponent, the lower the student attendance.

This year's home schedule simply had weaker teams, so the overall attendance was down.

However, the even bigger reason for the drop in student attendance is the distribution process and the ticket cost.

Since the athletic department began charging students \$5 to attend games, attendance has dropped by about fifty percent.

The athletic department recently cited ticket prices at Duke, Kansas and UNC as justification for increasing the cost of public tickets at UK.

If a comparison between UK and these schools justifies increasing the ticket price to the general public, it should also justify changing the student ticket distribution process.

At Duke, students are let into the lower arena bleachers on a first-come first-serve basis, which means students sleep overnight before games.

Cameron Indoor Stadium has 9,314 seats and students get 2,000 - 3,000 of them.

The games are free. At Kansas, Allen Fieldhouse holds 16,300 people.

Students get 7,200 seats and sit in two sections behind the bench, behind each basket and in the first and second balconies.

Students pay \$85 at the beginning of the year and, in return, get redeemable coupons for all home football and basketball games.

Students redeem the coupons for tickets at a later date. Any unclaimed tickets are offered to other students for \$3 and then to the general public.

In North Carolina, the Smith Center holds 21,500. Students get 6,000 seats and take up the entire lower section of one side of the gym from the free throw line to behind the basket.

UNC uses a lottery to disperse tickets. Students begin getting numbers at noon and the lottery begins at 2 p.m. on Sundays.

The most interesting thing about the UNC ticket distribution process is that the "Carolina Athletic Association," a student group, decides how the tickets should be distributed.

That way, if students don't like the process, they can change it.

UNC students pay a \$30 athletic fee, which allows them to attend all UNC sporting events and participate in intramural sports that semester.

Compared to Duke, Kansas and UNC, UK tickets are more expensive and more difficult to obtain, but UK is the only program where students don't sit outside.

Clearly, UK needs to rethink how it distributes tickets.

Lower arena tickets cost the public \$5 more than upper arena seats, but students pay the same price for both. Upper arena seats should be free to students.

Why should indebted students pay \$5 to see second-rate teams from second-rate seats? The 8 a.m. lottery should be abandoned.

One alternative is to replace it with a Kansas-like approach for lower arena seats. This is not the only solution, but it would be better at getting students to the games than what we now have.

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## It's not Spring Fever, it is really March Madness

Like several million other people, I get stricken with a disease every year. This disease begins to brew in October, when the air turns colder and the winds begin to blow harder.

The warmth of summer is gone, and chills of what is to come blow through my spirit. It intensifies in January, when there are more opportunities for my immune system to succumb.

It grows and grows until the month of March rolls around, when I can no longer survive. I fall prey to a clinical insanity which is known as March Madness. Let me tell you how stricken I am with this disease. Since the year 1991, I have witnessed nineteen NCAA tournament games in person and probably more than 200 games on television. I have entered the lottery for Final Four tickets every year and I finally got a pair of tickets for this year's Final Four in Indianapolis. My calendar always

seems to rotate around March Madness, and who can blame me? I am sure that there are many of you out there who don't give a rip about basketball. To all of you, I am truly sorry that you haven't yet caught the fever. But before you cut me off and say I have no life, let me explain where this love comes from.

Let me tell you, you can't beat the feeling of being at the NCAA tournament. The future stars of the NBA are showing off their skills right in front of you.

I have seen college stars in person, such as Larry Johnson, Stacey Augmon, Christian Laettner, Bobby Hurley, Grant Hill, Clifford Rozier, Bryant Reeves, Calbert Cheaney, Damon Bailey, Eric Montross, Jacque Vaughn, Randolph Chil-

dress, Tim Duncan, Ray Allen, Erick Dampier, Danny Fortson, Stephon Marbury and Glenn Robinson.

To watch them display their skills without the shoe contracts and million-dollar salaries brings out the game in its purest form.

I remember being a fan of NCAA basketball ever since Indiana won it all in 1987.

Growing up as a life-long Hoosier fan, I can't deny that on several occasions I won the NCAA title in my own driveway with a jump shot from the left corner just like Keith Smart, or by shooting the lights out from three point range, just like Steve Alford.

I had visions of shooting the game-winning shot in a championship game to win the title for my team. I could see myself being

carried off the court in Rupp Arena to the postgame celebration. I was a star, and I hadn't even finished the 6th grade yet.

Of course, by the time I reached junior high, it didn't take a genius to figure out that a college career probably didn't fall within my reach.

So to keep in touch with the game I loved, going to the tournament was the next best thing. And if I couldn't be there in person I would be there in spirit. I remember my first tournament game as though it was yesterday.

I sat in the Hoosier Dome for the 1991 NCAA Final Four. And when I say in the dome, I mean barely in the dome. I was in the

last row of the upper level, section 315, row 30, seat 15. At least I had a nice backrest, which was the outer wall of the dome. The teflon roof was closer to me than the action of the court was. But seeing the underdog Duke Blue Devils knock off UNLV in the semifinals got me hooked permanently.

And believe it or not, I saw nearly the same thing last year in Rupp Arena. Who could forget the way that Mississippi State came in last year and throttled the heavily favored Cincinnati Bearcats? Sitting in

the throng of foul-mouthed UK fans while rooting for the Bulldogs hooked me even further on the game I love.

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# CAMPUS

## Campus vending sites plagued

By Ginny Tatum  
Staff Writer

It's 6 p.m., time for dinner. You check the fridge for your favorite soda, but remember your roommate drank the last one. You head downstairs to the vending machine, when you are assaulted with the words: "Out of Order."

Unfortunately, this scenario happens all too frequently for many people on campus. Malfunctioning vending machines have been springing up across campus quite a bit lately.

Campus Vending is in charge of running snack, coffee, cold juice, soda and other food and beverage machines on campus, said Roger Sidney, vending manager.

Sidney oversees the operation of the machines as well as the sub-contracts with Coca-Cola. There are 162 machines on campus, Sidney said. Since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, 1996, 170 service complaints have been registered with Campus Vending, where all the calls are logged.

Campus Vending serves as a liaison to Coke, and they get Coke to repair the broken machines, Sidney said.

Problems with the machines can range from minor to serious. Small problems include empty machines, jammed dollar bills and a lack of change. These problems usually do not take

long to fix.

"The contract calls for the machine to be repaired within three hours," Sidney said.

However, more serious problems with the machines can take longer to repair. One problem with the machines is their age. Sidney said the Coke machines are in the fourth year of their contracts.

Vandalism, refrigeration problems and broken card readers are among some of the other in-depth repairs the machines require.

When the card readers are broken, the machines do not work until the readers are repaired, Sidney said.

"There is only one particular card reader for the machines," he said.

A new card reader must be ordered from Atlanta. Whenever possible, Campus Vending will get the part delivered overnight.

If the part is not in stock, it is impossible to know when the machine will be back in operation. Students who live in residence halls feel the frustration of out of order machines as much as others on campus.

Blazer Hall has had a couple of vending machine problems. Last semester, the Coke machine was down for approximately a month. Currently, the card reader on Blazer's snack machine is out of order.

Kristen Forrester, hall director at Blazer

Hall, said residents complain to their staff assistants when the vending machines are not working. Forrester said there is not much she and others in residence life can do about the machines. She does try to talk to the students about what steps need to be taken in order to report the broken machines.

"Above and beyond that, there's not a whole lot we can do," Forrester said. "But we can empathize and sympathize with (students) for the loss of their money."

Elsewhere on campus, other vending machines are experiencing problems, too. The Coke machine in Holmes Hall has recently been plagued by vandalism. Sidney said the card reader has been knocked off a number of times.

Jim Wims, director of residence life, said Holmes is the only building with vandalism problems. Wims said the hall staff and the residence hall government are instrumental in helping to find out who is behind the vandalism.

"I hope, through the efforts of students and staff, that we will determine the source of the problems," Wims said.

If the vandals are caught, Wims said disciplinary action will be taken against them. The type of action will depend on the amount of damage done.

## Women speak up

By LaShanna Carter  
Staff Writer

The African-American Studies

and Research Program is sponsoring the third annual women's conference entitled "Black Women's Studies: Into the Next Century."

The conference begins today and will continue through Thursday in the small ballroom of the Old Student Center.

The focus of the conference is a celebration of the images, contributions and achievements of women of African descent. The event is a tribute to outstanding African-American women across two centuries.

Doris Wilkinson, founder of the conference and director of the African-American Studies and Research Program, said the conference was designed "to expand our knowledge and understanding of the richness of our culture, history and accomplishments and to extend Black History Month and

Women's History Month."

Opal Baker and Kelly Ellis, coordinators of the event, have brought together several African-American women to showcase their talents as educators, artists, writers, lawyers, poets and physicians at UK and across the country.

"This conference is needed for several reasons, they said: to document the accomplishments of women of African descent, to educate a more general public about

the cultures of people of African descent, to display the cultural talents of outstanding African-American women and to thank black women for their achievements.

The conference was designed to make the public aware of the contributions of historical women such as Maya Angelou, Barbara Jordan, Shirley Chisholm, Tomi Morrison, Angela Davis and Rosa Parks, to name a few.

The UK faculty participating in this historic event are: Nikky Finney, assistant professor and creative writer; Ellis, poet and instructor; Teresa Unseld, assistant professor and director of an art research program; and Lula Mae Fradg, professor in the English department.

The UK faculty will be accompanied by several other black women from various universities and businesses.

### Women's conference

Today's events include:

▼9:30 a.m. - noon: Writing/Literary Workshop "My Mother's Mother," 363 Student Center

▼9:30 a.m. - noon: Black Women's Health Forum "Sick & Tired of Bein' Sick & Tired," Small Ballroom

▼1:15 - 3 p.m.: Mary McCleod Bethune Conference Address "The Psychology of Wellness: Making the Connection"

▼3 - 5 p.m.: Educating our Girl Children Forum "Give the Girls a Chance," Small Ballroom

▼6 - 8 p.m.: Poetry reading/Award Ceremony honoring Doris Wilkinson, Small Ballroom

## PRSSA sells services

By Brian Dunn  
Staff Writer

"What kind of experience can you show me?"

Students on their first job search shudder when they hear those words pass through the lips of the interviewer.

And they are words all too common lately for UK public relations students, said Nathan Deaton, vice president of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Hence, the UK chapter of PRSSA has announced it will sponsor a public relations student agency to help member students gain valuable practical experience.

The student agency, UK PRO SE (pronounced PRO-SAY) will benefit public relations students as well as other UK student organizations, Deaton said.

PRO SE is a "student run public relations firm that's going to offer its services to any student organization or any organization off campus that needs promotion or other public relations service," said communications senior Sandra Effinger, PRSSA president.

"We hope to be recognized as a credible place to receive PR services," she said.

PRO SE's services are free except for costs such as printing. Currently, PRO SE is working with Sigma Pi social fraternity, Kentucky Research, the UK Chandler Medical Center and the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau.

With Sigma Pi, PRO SE will try to change the common image of a fraternity as just "drinking and partying and get-

ting in trouble," said communications assistant professor Alan DeSantis, chapter director for Sigma Pi.

Greek organizations do a lot more right than they do wrong, DeSantis said.

Monday night, PRO SE met with Sigma Pi to set up what it plans to do to help the fraternity rebuild its image.

"The fraternity gets a new image, and the PRO SE members get practical experience."

"It's a win-win situation," DeSantis said.

Also, PRO SE will work on the UK Medical Center's home page on the Internet and on a video for the Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau, Deaton said.

Although sponsored by PRSSA, PRO SE, which means "to stand alone" in Latin, will work independently and will not necessarily reflect any position of PRSSA. For example, Deaton said, if the firm agrees to help two opponents in the upcoming SGA election, then separate PRO SE members will help each candidate without reflecting the views of PRSSA.

"We feel as the word gets out, the numbers (of those seeking PR assistance) will grow," Deaton said. "The people that are working for this agency are knowledgeable and enthusiastic. This agency has serious potential and a number of benefits to offer."

For more information, call Nathan Deaton, 254-9636, or send him e-mail to cndeaton00@pop.uky.edu. You can also leave a message at the PRSSA web page at <http://sac.uky.edu/~sgeff00>.

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