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The basic stats and facts

Eight to ten people die every day in the U.S. while awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant.

The total number of patients waiting for an organ transplant today numbers more than 66,000.

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A total of 20,260 organ transplants were performed in the United States during 1996. In that same time period, there were only 5,412 people who donated one or more organs upon death.

In 1996, nearly 4,000 Americans — one person every three hours — died while waiting for a transplant.

The refusal rate among families of potential donors nationwide is around 50 percent.

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Also, to dispel some myths and misconceptions:

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Take the time to sign the back of your license and let your family know what your wishes are. It is your decision, but in the event you lose your life, you can give life to another, who would not live without you.

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THE 411

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Student on game show

Final answer: UK student, Doug Souleyrette, has been chosen to be on College Jeopardy, to be taped next week

By Amanda York
SCENE EDITOR

Doug Souleyrette watches Jeopardy every night from his living room. Next week, Doug will play Jeopardy, but it won't be from the comforts of his living room.

Instead, Doug will travel to California and compete on the show.

"I'm happy. It's been a dream of mine," Souleyrette said.

For Souleyrette it's been somewhat more than a dream, it's been a goal he's worked on for years.

"I've watched the show off and on for about 16 years, religiously for about six," he said. "If we were going to be away I would tape it. I've just always found it fascinating and it was sort of a challenge."

He's passed the test for the show for the past four years. This past February Souleyrette got the closest he had ever gotten to becoming a contestant on the show when he made it as an alternate in the college tournament.

While at the taping for the college tournament Souleyrette took the test for the regular Jeopardy show and passed it. This won him the chance to compete as an actual contestant on the show.

Souleyrette said he devotes many hours a week to studying for the show.

"I study about two hours a day on the weekdays and about four hours on the weekends for the show," he said.

Books, dictionaries and the show serve as Souleyrette's major resources for preparing for the show.

"I have quite a few books. I use the net a lot and I watch the show. That's a great way to prepare, just to get to know the kinds of questions they ask," he said.

Along with studying for Jeopardy,

Souleyrette, a biology senior, attends classes at UK where he's a member of the basketball pep band and marching band.

Making the cut for Jeopardy wasn't the only good news he received this semester. This summer, Souleyrette begins medical school at UK.

Despite the fact that millions of people tune into Jeopardy every night, Souleyrette said he's not nervous.

"I'm not nervous. It's a once in a lifetime chance and I'm not going to let nerves get in the way," he said. "It will decrease my performance on the show."

He'll compete with adults on the regular Jeopardy program and thinks his age may put him at a disadvantage.

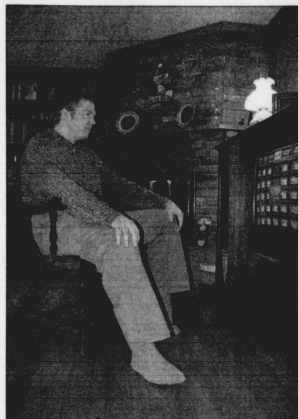
"As far as not having the life experiences they've had. I think Jeopardy tests a lot about living and being aware of your surroundings," he said.

Even though he thinks his age could deter him on certain questions he thinks it will help him with the buzzer.

"I will be at an advantage on the reflexes on the buzzer. I think I will be a lot faster," he smiled.

Souleyrette also said he did not want to let Alex Trebek get the best of him.

"I'm trying to think of ways to outsmart him. He kind of belittles contestants," he said. "I won't let that happen to me."



AMY CRAWFORD | KERNEL STAFF

Cramming

Doug Souleyrette uses old episodes of Jeopardy to practice for his upcoming Jeopardy challenge, which will be taped next week in Los Angeles.

I'm not nervous. It's a once-in-a-lifetime chance and I'm not going to let nerves get in the way.

— DOUG SOULEYRETTE, JEOPARDY HOPEFUL

ADMINISTRATION

Wethington adds new position

Climb to the top: Wethington to name Zinser to outreach post, calls it Top 20 move

By Chris Markus

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

By Jill Gorin

NEWS EDITOR

President Charles T. Wethington is planning to create a new office that he hopes will be another step in UK's journey to become one of America's next great universities.

On March 7, Wethington will appear before the UK Board of Trustees to propose the idea of having a Vice President of International Outreach and Affairs.

"All of us feel that for this university to be in the Top 20, it must be one that has its act together in terms of international affairs," Wethington said.

If the Board of Trustees approves Wethington's proposition, he plans to name current chancellor for the Lexington campus, Elisabeth Zinser, to take on the role.

"I'm delighted," she said. "I want to give all my attention to public service and expanding international engagements beneficial to Kentucky."

Wethington said that he chose Zinser for the position because of her record, experience and interest.

Wethington described the current chancellor as, "a natural for the position."

"Right now, all the academic program, except for the medical center, deans report to me," Zinser said. "I'm not spending as much time as I would like in public service and international activities."

Wethington said that he hopes the position will serve to coordinate the exchange between international students and faculty with UK students and faculty.

And Zinser said she has already begun

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The man

John McCain won the Michigan primary yesterday and faces three more next week.

ACHIEVER

Pulitzer Prize winner, Marx visits campus

Words of wisdom: His series on a UK basketball scandal won a Pulitzer Prize

By Tracy Kershaw

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In a state where basketball is regarded as vital as food, water and shelter, it comes as no surprise that Jeffrey Marx received death threats after his series of articles on the UK basketball scandal ran in the Lexington Herald-Leader in 1985.

Nevertheless, Marx's series of articles earned him and his partner, UK alum Michael York, more than hate mail: it won the duo a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting.

Now a freelance writer in Washington D.C., Marx returned to Kentucky this week to promote his new book, "It Gets Dark Sometimes: My Sister's Fight to Live and Save Lives." He also visited journalism classes at UK yesterday as part of the Scripps Howard Foundation celebration



NICK FOWLER | KERNEL STAFF

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jeffrey Marx spoke of his experiences yesterday at the Faculty Club.

of the First Amendment.

Marx's "It Gets Dark Sometimes" chronicles the story of his sister Wendy's liver transplant 12 years ago and examines

the state of organ donation and transplants.

Wendy fell into a coma when Hepatitis B destroyed her liver. Due to a donor shortage, doctors told the Marx family that their 22 year-old daughter and sister had only 24 hours left to live.

Thankfully, Wendy's severe condition shot her name to the top of the donor list, and she received a liver donation.

Yet the scare of losing Wendy propelled Jeffrey Marx and his family into action.

"We made a commitment to turn a big negative into a positive," Marx said.

That commitment resulted in the Wendy Marx Foundation for Organ Donor Awareness. The foundation works to make the public more aware of the important issue of organ donation.

"We talk so much about the beginning of life and so little about the end of life. Organ donation should get equal billing as what color to paint a baby's damn room," he said.

Marx's book is part of the foundation's awareness campaign. Writing about such

an emotional topic changed the way he thinks about writing, Marx said.

Marx felt the need to write the book within the first year after Wendy's transplant. However, he did not actually write it until ten years later.

"It was the most challenging, but most rewarding writing experience of my life. Nothing comes close," he said. "Even if one reads this book, it will still mean the most to me."

Quite a statement from a Pulitzer Prize winning author.

Meet him

Book signing

Jeffrey Marx, 1986 Pulitzer Prize winner for investigative reporting, "It Gets Dark Sometimes: My Sister's Fight to Live and Save Lives." 7-8:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 Joseph Beth Bookstore in Lexington Green

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Bush slams McCain for primary heist

LOS ANGELES — GOP presidential campaigner George W. Bush said yesterday he lost the Michigan primary to Republican rival John McCain because of Democrats "trying to hijack the election." Bush said that would stop in upcoming states that require voters to decide on one party or the other. In California yesterday, Bush toured an inner-city Los Angeles organization that uses religious programs to help the poor, criminals and drug and alcohol abusers "Super Tuesday" contests on March 7.

McCain vows 'governing coalition'

SPOKANE, Wash. — John McCain, coming off GOP presidential primary wins over George W. Bush in Michigan and Arizona, yesterday vowed to form a "governing coalition" with Democratic and independent voters. He urged more Republicans to join in and "enjoy the ride." McCain lauded his "overwhelming and phenomenal victory" in Monday's primaries during a speech in Spokane, Wash., one of three states with contests next week.

9 Calif. inmates shot in riot

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. — Guards shot nine inmates, killing one, during a riot yesterday at one of California's toughest maximum-security prisons. The half-hour melee at Pelican Bay State Prison, near the Oregon border, involved about 200 inmates using handmade weapons, Lt. Ben Grundy said. He did not know the cause. "It was black and Hispanic inmates fighting," Grundy said. "We've had racial incidents in the past." Some 1,200 of the prison's 3,400 inmates are in permanent lockdown conditions.

French, maybe U.S., troops to Kosovo

WASHINGTON — France is sending 600 to 700 more troops to help quell the rising violence in a divided city in northern Kosovo, and the United States may send in a Marine unit, U.S. and French officials said yesterday. "We have already decided" to dispatch a French Army battalion to the city of Kosovska Mitrovica, in a part of Kosovo controlled by French peacekeepers. French Defense Minister Alain Richard said at a news conference with William Cohen, the U.S. defense secretary. Cohen said no decision has been made on whether more American troops would go.

Gulf oil output boost hinted

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Gulf Arab states are leaning toward a slight increase in oil production, officials said Wednesday after a meeting of



WHAT A DOLL: U.S. President John F. Kennedy will become the latest historical figure to be immortalized as a "G.I. Joe" action figure. Hasbro Inc. introduces a doll later this year depicting Kennedy as a Navy lieutenant in the World War II, the toy-maker said on Wednesday.

Greenspan: don't waste surplus

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan made another appeal to lawmakers yesterday to hold off committing projected government surpluses to new programs, at least until better predictions are available. "All I say, all I'm asking in effect, is just to delay for a while until we have a better grip on what the true balance in the federal government accounts is," Greenspan said. He went before the Senate Banking Committee to deliver the Fed's semiannual report to Congress.

Gore Urges Prescription Coverage

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. — Eyeing bigger potential budget surpluses, Vice President Al Gore yesterday urged Medicare coverage of prescription drugs. He dubbed the proposal "Medi-coverage." Gore traveled to a retirement community to make his call for a bigger drug benefit protecting the catastrophically or chronically ill elderly.

Santana Leads Grammy Favorites

LOS ANGELES — Carlos Santana, the guitarist who sealed his place in rock history a generation ago with a performance at Woodstock, headed into the Grammy Awards last night with a leading 10 nominations for "Supernatural."

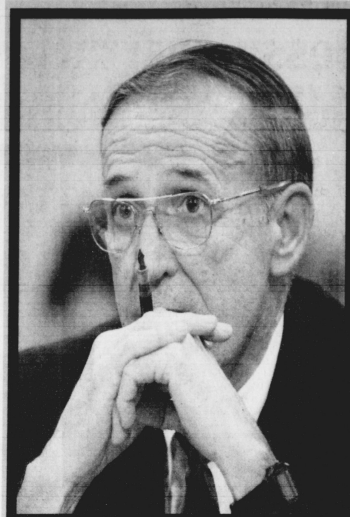
Nasdaq soars; Dow is off 79.11

NEW YORK — A huge rally in technology stocks yesterday pushed the Nasdaq composite index up 168.02 to 4,550.14 in its biggest one-day point gain ever. The Dow Jones industrial average, which seasawed late in the session, ended down 79.11 at 10,225.73. On the NYSE, losers led gainers 1,694-1,381. Demand for technology shares revived after Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan told a congressional committee that high stock prices weren't driving the Fed's interest rate policy.

NHL suspends McSorley for season

NEW YORK — Boston's Marty McSorley was suspended yesterday by the NHL for the rest of the season for hitting Vancouver's Donald Brashear in the head with his stick — the harshest punishment in NHL history for an on-ice attack. McSorley was suspended for 23 games — the number of games left in Boston's season — and the playoffs.

Compiled from wire reports.



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Hazardous Waste

Natural Resources Secretary James Brickerford ponders a question during a House Appropriations and Revenue Committee meeting on Tuesday, in Frankfort Ky., where a bill to extend a fee that must be paid by companies that generate hazardous waste was being considered.

POSITION

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to get started. She left today for the United Arab Emirates to help a university develop and gain some research.

The process of creating the new position began last spring when Wethington met with a group of faculty members to examine the strength of UK's international programs.

After a discussion with the faculty, Wethington said that the group came to a general consensus. They decided a vice president was needed to increase the breadth of the international programs.

If the Board approves the president's proposal, Zinser will assume her new position on July 1.

Wethington said that UK has already begun a nationwide search for a new chancellor. He said that the university is accepting resumes from both current UK faculty and applicants nationwide.



The Latin thing is out of control. You know who's got a three-record deal? Elian Gonzalez!"

—Rosie O'Donnell, host of last night's Grammys.



RIDING IT: Will Smith will star in the latest Universal Studios Florida attraction "Men in Black Alien Attack," a simulation ride based on the 1997 film co-starring Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

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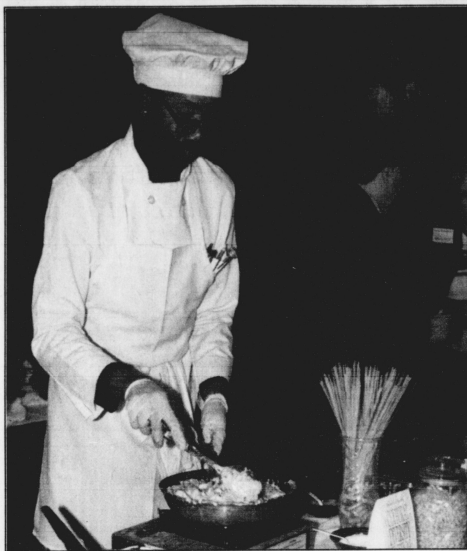
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DEE-LISH

Lexington's premier chefs cook on campus



Student Center cook Dan Williams fixes a dish for the hungry students present yesterday at the Cultural Festival in the Student Center Ballroom.

Fine dining: Thanks to a new program by UK Food Services, cooks from restaurants like Phil Dunn's are serving up goodies once a week

By Jill Gorin
NEWS EDITOR

UK Food Services is offering a change of pace. Students and staff can sample foods from area restaurants this semester in the Student Center.

"We wanted a chance to showcase some nice things on campus and get some interest," said Carol Raitz, food services director.

And the interest appears to be rising. "I think it's a good idea," said Erin Vachlon, an undeclared freshman. "The food on campus is good at first, but then it gets boring."

The idea to feature different chefs from around Lexington was a joint effort.

"It was a brainstorm among the management team," said Charles Shropshire, Student Center food court manager.

The plan consists of two different features: free lunches for staff and samples from local chefs for anyone on campus.

Each Thursday, 12-15 staff members are selected and sent invitations to have a free lunch from any food court restaurant.

Soon, the free lunches might apply to students. "Right now we have selected mailing lists," Shropshire said. "And it's only faculty, but we're thinking of doing the same thing for students."

Also, each Thursday, a local chef from a Lexington restaurant cooks food in room 214 Student Center (dining room) and offers free samples to anyone.

UK's own catering chef, Robert Tiffault, was the first cook to participate about three or four weeks ago. And so far, chefs from Phil Dunn's have come to UK twice to make samples for all.

Shropshire said they are considering chefs from O'Charley's, Applebee's and other restaurants to cater more to students.



Cory Birdwhistell, law student, and Doug Curi, a geological survey student, investigate the diverse foods yesterday at the Cultural Festival in the Student Center Ballroom.

"It is a win-win for both," he said. "Good advertising for them, and it's something extra, special and different for us."

Shropshire also said they might be extending the program beyond just this semester.

In the future, chefs from Romano's, Dudley's and UK's Assistant manager of catering, James Brown, will be fixing samples.

"We usually just ask them to make a vegetable and a starch," Shropshire said, "but the choice is up to them."

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THE WORST OF TIMES...

Total breakdown: Cats lose

Hard to stomach: Tennessee win over UK all but removes Cats from SEC title contention



Adam Spaw
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — BU-
UAAagghhh...

Three years of education from the nation's finest school of journalism, a sportswriting class and a half a lifetime of reading Chuck Culpepper and I've never learned to write that word. Oh well.

You know the expression. You wailed it after Kentucky lost to Florida and LSU and Dayton and Indiana. You even said it after the Ole Miss and Alabama affairs — and the Cats

won those.

Last night, Tennessee all but assured themselves the title Southeastern Conference Champions with a 74-67 win over Kentucky.

They won't admit, of course. But with games left against Alabama, Arkansas and Georgia, Tennessee's chances of claiming the title appear to be pretty reasonable. Not UK.

Denied for the second consecutive year. Yeah, all of those crummy so-called preseason gurus were right.

Every cynical and sarcastic sportswriter that said Kentucky didn't have a chance back in mid-November were right too.

"I can't remember a time Tennessee has beaten Kentucky at home and the students didn't

storm the floor," said Tennessee coach Jerry Green. He almost sounded upset about it, though it was rather complimentary of them.

Those orange-clad students expected as much.

And it would be different if UK was losing 90-88, or 105-92, or 150-95 (like in 1990 to Kansas). That would be interesting to watch. Sixteen turnovers to eleven assists. Thirty six percent shooting from behind the arc ... say it again ... BUUAAagghhh...

"It was a total breakdown," UK coach Tubby Smith said. "Our ball handling wasn't very good. We were fumbling the ball and our execution was poor."

"Don't point your finger at poor shooting though."

"You can't blame it on that," UK guard Saul Smith said. "We never shoot the ball well."

Tennessee didn't display a

stellar performance. Just a better one.

"You have to bring your A game to beat them," UK guard J.P. Blevins said. "Not your B +. We had a B-average out there."

Kentucky native and Tennessee junior Isaiah Victor enjoyed the win especially.

He noted there was a lot less blue in the stands of Thompson-Boling Arena.

"Maybe they're doubting they can get the victory down here," Victor said of the Big Blue faithful. Maybe he's right.

So Kentucky will probably have to wait another year to add to its collection of 39 SEC titles. Once again, all the Commonwealth has to look forward to is March and its annual madness.

Go ahead, lie down.

Take a deep breath and say it again ... BUUAAagghhh...

It's kind of a sickening feeling like that.

Vols topple Cats in key SEC tilt

By Matt Ellison
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Down on Rocky Top, UK's shooting was once again rocky, sinking UK at the hands of the Tennessee Volunteers, 74-67.

A stretch of eight minutes in which the Cats could muster only three points proved to be the turning point in the game, as UK lost an early lead to the hustling, more aggressive Vols.

"I thought Tennessee was quicker to the ball and very aggressive around the basket," UK head coach Tubby Smith said. "I didn't think we were as aggressive as we should have been at both ends."

UK's 22 offensive rebounds led to only 12 second-chance points.

Tennessee, perhaps seeking redemption from a weekend loss at Vanderbilt, saw Tony Harris and Isaiah Victor, who combined for five points in that loss, go for 49 points last night. Harris' first two threes were uncontested, the second sparking a 23-12 UT run to end the first half.

Several times the UK defenders got caught in switches or out of position in their zone defense, and Harris bombed away to the tune of six three-pointers.

Victor was dominant on the wing and down low, throwing down dunks and getting to the free throw line, where he knocked down 12 of 15.

Overall, UT shot 32 free throws to UK's 13, and made 25, while Kentucky only drained six.

"Isiah seemed to have his high energy level," UT head coach Jerry Green said. "Defensively, we were good and we didn't give up many easy baskets."

"We're definitely the quicker team," Victor, a junior forward, said. "They were bigger, but we were more athletic."

"I think they were more aggressive this game," UK forward Desmond Allison said. "They wanted it more this game than they did last time (UK's 81-68 victory over UT in Rupp Arena). They took a lot from that loss, and they came out ready to play."

After trailing by as many as 14 with 3:19 to play, UK got hot, as points from Allison, J.P. Blevins, Saul Smith and Tayshaun Prince cut the lead to six with 1:38 remaining. Following a Victor free throw, Bogans took the ball at halfcourt and drove to the basket, but Vincent Yarbrough blocked his layup, and Harris controlled the rebound. UK never threatened after that.

"We really didn't take the ball to the basket with aggressiveness," Smith said. "When we did, I guess we weren't getting fouled."

Smith was pleased with the comeback at the end, but not happy with the perceived lack of effort.

"We've got a very competitive group of guys," he said. "Even at the end, we got layups and second shots. But we didn't see the effort I thought we needed."



CHRIS ROSENTHAL | KERNEL STAFF

Tennessee Volunteers (74)

NAME	mp	fg	3pt	ft	rb	tp
Victor	26	5-10	12-15	7	22	
Yarbrough	35	2-9	0-0	0-0	7	4
Black	29	3-4	0-0	4-5	7	10
Higgins	30	1-4	0-1	1-2	5	3
Harris	36	7-14	6-11	7-8	1	27
Woods	7	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	3
Davis	5	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1
Slay	14	2-8	0-1	0-0	8	4
Team	200	21-54	19-25	25-32	37	74

Kentucky Wildcats (67)

NAME	mp	fg	3pt	ft	rb	tp
Prince	35	3-14	1-1	1-1	6	9
Camara	22	3-5	0-0	0-0	3	6
Maguire	31	5-13	0-0	1-2	15	11
Bogans	27	4-15	2-7	1-4	2	11
Smith	35	2-11	1-7	3-6	4	8
Blevins	14	2-2	2-2	0-0	2	6
Stone	9	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	2
Allison	27	6-9	3-5	0-0	15	15
Tackett	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Estill	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Menzel	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Team	200	25-72	9-25	6-13	42	67

Kentucky	23	44-67
Tennessee	31	43-74

Not enough

UK senior center Jamaal Maguire tallied 11 points and 15 rebounds in last night's game against the Volunteers, yet the Cats still fell to their long-hated rival from the south — and lost ground in the SEC title race.

“They wanted it more this game than they did last time ... They came out ready to play.”

— DESMOND ALLISON, SOPHOMORE FORWARD

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THE DIAMOND

Undefeated Cats crack coaches' poll

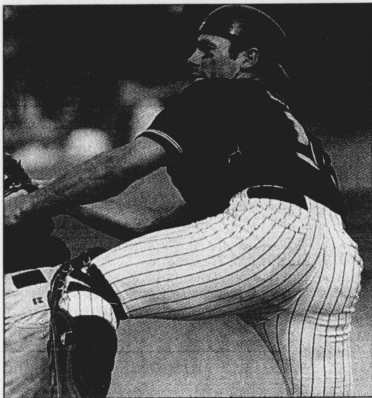


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They're not gonna get him ... he's out
UK junior catcher John Wilson applies the tag in a game last season. Wilson and his teammates placed 24th in the coaches' top 25 this week.

Cats ride timely hitting, superior defense, dominant pitching to unblemished record

By Ron Cox
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Here's a simple mathematical equation: great offensive output plus tough defense plus quality pitching equals wins.

The UK Wildcat baseball team used this formula to answer three wins this past weekend, pushing their record to a perfect 7-0 so far this season. Because of this great start the Cats have cracked the USA Today/ESPN Top 25 poll, entering in at 24.

"Our team felt good about winning on the road against a quality team like Jacksonville," coach Keith Madison said.

In the three games, the Cats' offense put up 27 total runs while the defense and pitching allowed only seven. The Cats have outscored their opponents by 46 runs (61-15) in the seven games they have played this season.

Senior Aaron McGlone led the way for the Cats by going 8 for 13 with one home run and nine RBI. He collected his 200th career hit in the three game set. McGlone's performance last weekend moved him up to fourth on UK's all-time hit and RBI lists. He has a realistic chance at ending his collegiate career as UK's top RBI and hit man.

McGlone was "swinging the bat very well against Jacksonville," Madison said. "He had great concentration ... he looked like he was in the zone."

The 7-0 start is UK's best since the 1987 team went 8-0 to start the season. These Cats still have a ways to go before they challenge UK's longest winning streak of 13 games by the 1992 team. That team started out 9-4 before tearing out the baker's dozen.

Games one and two of the three game weekend was against the Jacksonville University Dolphins (5-4). UK starter Brandon Webb picked up his second straight win by pitching six strong innings, striking out eight while only giving up two runs.

Something happened in game one that had not happened to the Cats yet this season — they found themselves behind. The Cats were down 1-0 to Jacksonville after one inning, but bounced back with their biggest inning of this young season, scoring six runs in the second. The Cats never looked back finishing the game 10-2.

Freshman Scott Wade also got his second straight win by going seven solid innings striking out six and giving up two runs in the Cats' 6-3 win over the Dolphins in game two. The defense was especially effective, for the fourth time this season the defense did not have an error.

"I've got to give my defense a lot of credit, because they made a lot of good plays behind me tonight," Wade said.

Game three for the Cats was against the Navy Midshipmen (0-2), who were coming off a 22-6 drubbing by Jacksonville the day before. Freshman pitcher Rob Corrado had a rough start against the Midshipmen, giving up two runs in the first. He only lasted two innings before being replaced.

After giving up the two in the first, the Cats held the Middies to eight scoreless innings, led by freshman Mark Michael. Michael went four innings and picked up his second victory in the 11-2 win.

The Cats will stay on the road for three more games before returning home March 3 for a three-game homestand against the Dayton Flyers.



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Unconscionable

In this television image, Boston Bruins' Marty McSorley (left) strikes Vancouver Canucks' Donald Brashear with his stick during the closing seconds of an NHL game in Vancouver, Feb. 21. The NHL indefinitely suspended Marty McSorley on Tuesday for knocking out Donald Brashear with a stick-swinging hit so savage that police are investigating.

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It's a hitching post for my lover.

It's kinda like when they tag bears with those big orange things ...

A rusty nail.

It's dental brace-work.

It's a listening device placed by aliens so they can spy on us.

You know those headgear thing-a-mabobs for braces? This is the 90's version.

I was standing too close to the arc welder. They're just metal drops fused to my skin.

A festering, gangrenous wound.

The only cat toy the cats can't push under the fridge and lose

It's an antenna for my wristwatch television.

Something to hitch my stockings to.

It's just a pull-tab from a beer can that I found outside.

It was a horrible fishing accident - I don't want to talk about it.

It's an instant orgasm (for tongue ring).

What thing? Where? (look)

My reward for spanking your mother with a hairbrush.

It was an initiation ritual for the suicide cult I just joined.

It's a birth defect. I'd rather not talk about it, it makes me self-conscious.

I don't know. I just woke up one morning and there it was.

Why did you do it?

I just like the beeping sound of airport metal detectors.

I want my baby to have something to hold onto while breastfeeding.

It's an experimental treatment to contain random outbursts of violent behavior.

So I could make a fortune in porn.

It's someplace to hang my locker key when I'm in the shower.

I need it to fasten my restraints during my "episodes".

I like to run marathons without a shirt. Now I have somewhere to hang my number.

It's reputed to enhance certain sexual acts. Would you like to see?

The body is a temple. Have you ever seen an unadorned temple?

No reason, just bored.

I dunno, why'd you get that haircut?

To give people a way to start conversations.

I lost a bet. It was either this or licking a cow's ass, you tell me?

To prove to my mistress that I really do care.

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MAKE A STATEMENT

Pierce me where it hurts

The true story of a tongue piercing

By Alan Slone
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

I don't know if you've ever had a friend that had anything pierced. I sometimes view it like a car wreck. You look at it, and, even though it might make you hurt, you can't stop staring at it. Yesterday, I became one of those friends.

Accompanied by my colleague Hillary Cromer for solidarity and photographer Nick Tomecek for support, I ventured to Skinfinity, a tattoo and body-piercing establishment. Owner Renee Mikell pierced both Cromer's and my tongue.

Mikell, who tattoos and pierces with Robert Alleyne at Skinfinity, said that in the six years she has been piercing, she has pierced just about everything you could imagine. While our tongue piercings were one of the three most common (navels and eyebrows are the other two), people still come in for the unusual places, like nipples and genitalia.

"In the beginning, [the clientele] was the 18-25 age range," said Mikell. "Nowadays, we have just about anyone. Just the other day we had a 37-year-old man come in with a business suit on and get his nipples pierced."

When asked what to look for in a piercer, Mikell said that the first step to getting pierced is to do your homework. Find out if there will be conflicts with relationships, employers and other things. Find out the healing time for your piercing and what debilitations you might have for a set time period. For in-

stance, with tongue piercing, you should avoid alcohol, kissing and smoking for around two days. You also must rinse your mouth with antiseptic every time you eat or drink anything other than water.

The second thing to look for is a piercer you trust. Mikell said lack of regulation allows some places to take advantage of you.

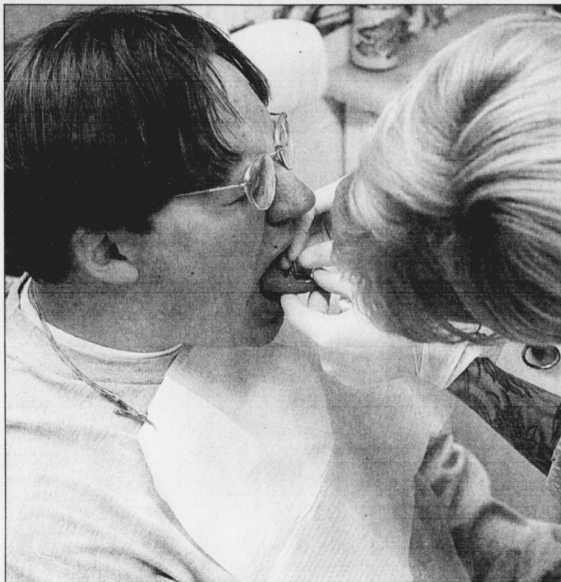
"Some places will pierce you even if they have the wrong size of jewelry, just because they want your money," Mikell said. She also stated that cleanliness and the ability to "click" with the piercer are also key.

"If you're nervous, talk to the piercer. If you don't get a good feeling from them, go to a place where you do," said Mikell.

The actual piercing process, which I was about to experience, entailed three steps. The first was the use of antibacterial scrubs or mouthwashes on the area to be pierced, in order to prevent infection.

The second is the actual piercing process, which involves using a single-use needle and a pair of piercing tongs, along with anything else that the specific area needs. Single-use needles should be standard; most places try to sell single-use needles as something that only they have.

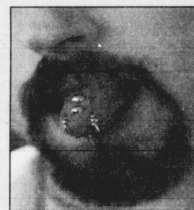
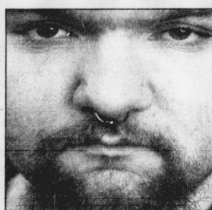
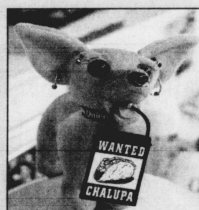
With the interview over, the piercing commenced. No, it doesn't hurt when they pierce you (at least in my case). It's hard to describe the feeling any other way than odd. I've been warned to rinse religiously after I smoke and not to eat dairy products or else my tongue will swell up to the size of my mouth. No worries though. I will be the one my friends can't stop staring at now, and it feels pretty good.



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Express yourself

Experienced piercer Renee Mikell pierces the tongue of Alan Slone, assistant Scene editor.



HEALTH

Sanitation: the key to your piercing

By Max Sturgeon
STAFF WRITER

Putting a hole through various parts of your body that previously did not have holes seems like a health risk, but it still doesn't keep people from expressing themselves through body piercing.

Greg Dinkens, a professional piercer for 12 years and former owner of The Hole Thing, said cleanliness is of utmost importance when you get pierced.

"As far as procedure is concerned, it can be performed safely and properly," Dinkens said. "But the healing aspect does have its risks due to various infections and bacteria. You touch surfaces, then touch your piercing. Whatever was on that surface is now on your piercing and introduced into your body."

To properly care for a piercing Dinkens said treatments vary from piercer to piercer.

"Whatever your piercer tells you to do," Dinkens said. "Everyone has their own aftercare treatments and products that they will recommend for a safe healing of the tissue."

Currently, no laws or regulations exist in Kentucky concerning piercing.

This, of course, means just about anybody can take your

money and stick a big needle into your body. Luckily, most piercers take their jobs seriously if they want to stick around for very long.

But it wouldn't hurt to ask around a little bit before you decide where to get your piercing done.

Dinkens said healing times vary depending on the piercing. "The quickest healing is the earlobe or tongue. If they're done properly, they should heal in four to six weeks. The slowest healers are genitalia piercing and women's nipple piercings. They can sometimes take up to a year and a half to completely heal," Dinkens said.

Until the piercing heals, Dinkens said you should exercise extreme caution. This includes sexual activities.

"I had this one guy who got his nipple pierced, and after a few weeks his girlfriend decided it was healed enough to lick. Come to find out she had strep throat, and so he got a strep infection in his nipple. You don't want to even know what that nipple ended up looking like," he said.

That means if you do decide to get that tongue pierced, don't go sticking it somewhere you shouldn't.

Well, at least for a few months.

OVER TIME

Bones to stainless steel

Same tradition, just different techniques

By Robin Petrozo
STAFF WRITER

By Amanda York
SCENE EDITOR

Despite the recent craze of body piercing among college-aged students, the art of expressing oneself through intermingling metal and skin has a rather long history.

Greg Huser, owner, tattoo artist and body piercer at Castle of Color, said body piercing has existed for centuries.

"It's thousands of years old," Huser said. "The earliest time I can place it is with the Maori Indians about four thousand years ago."

The University of Pennsylvania Museum contains archaeological evidence of body piercing from as early as the 9th century B.C.

Huser said he dates body piercing back to the Maori Indians.

"They pierced all of the face, the nose, ears, forehead, neck, nipples and even genitalia," he said.

The Maori Indians used piercings to define themselves in society, he said.

"They would pierce the body part and gradually over time insert larger objects and stretch the hole out," he said. "The older a person got the larger their adornment or jewelry would be and the higher they would be



FILE PHOTO

From the olden days

The Greeks were one of the first to experiment with body jewelry.

ranked in society."

Huser said the jewelry used by the Maori Indians differs from the jewelry used by piercers today.

"Their jewelry would be made of wood, bone, stone or ivory," he said.

Not only did the jewelry differ, but the techniques also differed.

"Basically, they would use two different people to pull up the skin or the body part, if it was a loose body part, and it was a matter of pushing the sharp

object (whatever they were piercing with), and the jewelry would go right behind it," he said.

Tiffany Long, an elementary education freshman, has 16 body piercings, and she said the methods used by piercers of the past didn't surprise her.

"It's probably the only means that they had of doing it," Long said. "I am sure they didn't have sterile needles and all of that, but I think it is creative that they came up with things like that."



Straight outta 'Neptune.'
Simple Neptune opens for Gold Tooth Display this Saturday at AIA. Neptune's home is in Detroit where they have played to crowds of up to 5,000 fans. They record at the same studio with bands such as Sponge, Hoarse and 19 Wheels.

A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND UK

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THURSDAY
Delicious Trip Attendants w/ Candy Says. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$3.

FRIDAY
The Galoots. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$5.

Primus w/ P.O.D. Bogart's, Cincinnati. 8:30 p.m. \$22.50.

Household Saints. Yat's. 10 p.m. \$3.

Traveling Jack. Kitty O' Sheas. 10 p.m. \$2.

SATURDAY
Brian Martin. Kitty O' Sheas. 10 p.m. Free.

Bacon Brothers w/ Jeffrey Gaines. Bog- An Evening w/ Freesound Records. UK

arts, Cincinnati. 8:30 p.m. \$15 in advance/\$17 at the door.

Blue Mountain w/ The Mertons. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$5 in advance/\$6 at the door.

Gold Tooth Display w/ Simple Neptune. AIA. 10 p.m. Price: TBA.

Underground Hip Hop Party. Yat's. 10 p.m. \$2.

SUNDAY
American Spiritual Ensemble. Single- tary Center for the Arts. 4 p.m. \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door.

WEDNESDAY
Mount Pilot w/ Pleasureville. Lynagh's. 10 p.m. \$4.

Student Center Gameroom. 6:30 p.m. Free.

Kernel's Picks

Steve Meade. Hypnotist Steve Meade will perform at the UK Student Center Gameroom on Monday Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

Guinness Toast. Representatives from the Guinness Book of World Records will be on hand at Kitty O' Sheas to see if the record for most people to toast can be broken. Sat. Feb. 26. 11 p.m. \$1.

Theater

Cabaret. Arnoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati. Performances are now through March 5. Performances run Tuesday through Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. Sunday evenings are at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets prices are \$35 to \$55. Call (513) 241-7469 for info.

Books

Jeffrey Marx. Co-author, with Olympian Carl Lewis, of *Inside Track and One More Victory Lap*, will be signing his most recent book, *It Gets Dark Sometimes: My Sister's Fight to Live & Save Lives*, at Joseph-Beth Booksellers on Friday, February 25 from 7-8:30 p.m. Call Joseph-

Beth for info.

Coming Soon

Third Eye Blind w/ Tonic. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale this Saturday at 10 a.m. for \$25. Call (513) 562-4949.

Bruce Hornsby. Kentucky Theatre. Piano-playing genius will play two nights at Lexington own's Kentucky Theatre April 12 and 13. Tickets are on sale at the Kentucky Theatre box office. Call 231-6997 after 4 p.m. for ticket info.

Taj Mahal. Kentucky Theatre. Legendary blues guitarist Taj Mahal will stage a concert at the Kentucky Theatre. The performance is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3. Tickets will be on sale in the future at the Kentucky Theatre box office. Call 231-6997 after 4 p.m. for ticket info.

Alison Krauss and Union Station. Taft Theatre, Cincinnati. Tuesday, March 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22. Call (513) 562-4949 for info.

Film

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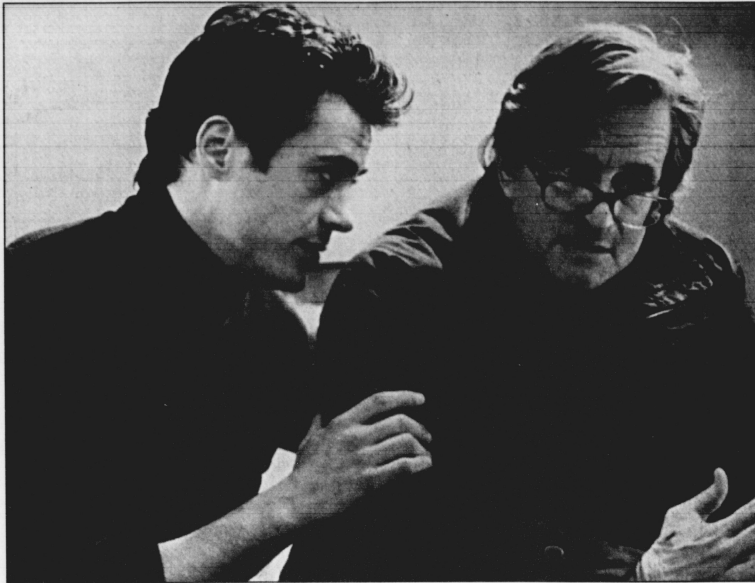
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Coming of age ... at 50!

Michael Douglas (right) and Robert Downey Jr. star in the new film *Wonder Boys*, the story of a literati who can no longer live up to himself. At South Park and Woodhill.

AT THE PICTURE SHOW

Frame by Frame

Any Given Sunday. Oliver Stone, the king of cheap technical tricks, manages to avoid politics and the '60s for subject matter in this film about the inner workings of professional football. At Woodhill.

Stuart Little. Tom and Jerry for the new millennium. In this original story, a family adopts a new mouse but the family cat wants to eat him. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

Toy Story 2. The sequel to the first completely computer-animated feature. Woody is stolen by a toy collector, and when Buzz comes to the rescue, Woody must choose between his friend and immortality in a museum. At Woodhill.

The Green Mile. Tom Hanks tries for yet another Oscar nomination with this life-affirming story of strength and

salvation. Based on the Stephen King novel, the move has been called a *Shawshank* wannabe. At Man o' War.

The Hurricane. Based on the real-life experience of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, Denzel Washington stars as a boxer who is sent to a prison for a crime he didn't commit. At Woodhill and South Park.

Next Friday. Ice Cube returns with the follow-up to his 1996 comedy hit. This time, Cube is sent to the suburbs

to live with his lot-

tery-winning uncle and cousin. At Woodhill.

The Sixth Sense. Bruce Willis and a child who can see dead people. Sound silly? Wrong; this film is making a killing at the box office after 15 weeks. Check it out before it hits video, it's a must-see. Playing at Woodhill and South Park.

Galaxy Quest. A crew of actors elect to go into

space because some aliens mistook one of them to be true galactic battle heroes instead of the actors that they are. Starring Tim Allen, Sigourney Weaver and Alan Rickman. At Woodhill.

Scream 3. Director Wes Craven and screenwriter Kevin Williamson team for the final installment of this reflexive horror trilogy.

Returning from the first two films are David Arquette, Courtney

Cox and Neve Campbell. At Lexington Green and Man o' War.

Hanging Up. Woody Allen muse Diane Keaton directs this story about a dying patriarch (Walter Matthau) and his three daughters. At Lexington Green.

Magnolia. Boogie Nights director Paul Thomas Anderson proves he has something else in his pants with this emotionally charged drama. At South Park.

The Tigger Movie.

Tigger got his own movie, so you know the Pooh has to be pissed. At Lexington Green and Woodhill.

Pitch Black.

A group of marooned space travelers struggle for survival on a seemingly lifeless world. At Woodhill.

The Beach.

Leonardo DiCaprio overcomes his fetal alcohol syndrome long enough to star in this rip-off of *Lord of the Flies*. At Lexington Green and Man o' War.

Boiler Room.

Ben Affleck and Giovanni Ribisi are high stakes brokers in this film about the subculture of the stock market. At Lexington Green and South Park.



Ben Affleck plays Reindeer Games with Gary Sinise.

It is no wonder John Frankenheimer was willing to direct *Reindeer Games*. The film is the brainchild of screenwriter Ehren Kruger, whose adroit sense of suspense and plotting perfectly suits the director of nail biters like the *Manchurian Candidate* and *52 Pick-Up*. In the film, a ex-con named Rudy (Ben Affleck) is strong-armed by his girlfriends brother, Gabriel (Gary Sinise). Along with his crew of deadly criminals, Gabriel hopes to attain information about a Casino that used to employ Rudy. Now, just as Rudy is beginning a new life, he's caught in a myriad of temptations and surprises that could destroy him, unless he can successfully dodge them. At Lexington Green and Man o' War.

— LURE SALADIN
"FRAME BY FRAME" EDITOR

"You don't frighten us English pig-dog! Go and boil your bottoms, son of a silly person. I blow my nose at you, so-called Arthurking, you and your silly English kiniggets"

— French soldier, from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

OSCARs
Return of American Beauty



Kentucky Theatre
American Beauty. Eight Oscar nominations brought this film back for another run downtown. Times vary. Call 231-5997. Also playing at Man o' War.

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World's epidemic

New AIDS drugs found

At the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science this past Saturday, scientists reported they had found two new possible treatments for AIDS patients in the bark of trees.

A tree in Argentina has yielded a compound that attacks the AIDS virus, while a tree known as *Bobgunnia madagascariensis* found across Africa makes an anti-fungal compound that might work against the mouth infections that plague HIV patients, scientists said.

AIDS facts

HIV
Human immunodeficiency virus is the virus that causes AIDS. HIV progressively destroys the body's ability to fight infections and certain cancers.

AIDS
Acquired immune deficiency syndrome. It was first reported in the United States in 1981. Since then, more than 600,000 cases have been reported.

Other AIDS treatments

When AIDS first surfaced in the United States, no drugs were available to combat HIV. Over the past 10 years, the Food and Drug Administration has approved a number of drugs for the treatment of HIV infection.

Groups of drugs used to treat HIV infection:

Nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitors
These drugs interrupt early stages of virus replication. They may slow the spread of HIV in the body and delay the onset of opportunistic infections.

Protease inhibitors
These drugs interrupt virus replication at a later step in HIV's life cycle. Because HIV can become resistant to each class of drugs, combination treatment is necessary to effectively suppress the virus.

Get tested

For HIV treatments to be their most effective, it's important for the virus to be detected early. Here are two places to be tested:

University Student Health Service
323-2778
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County Health Department
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IN OUR OPINION

Say 'bye to the rafters

Support Glenn's campaign for better student seating in Rupp

This is a call to arms, UK students. While you read this editorial, some members of the Board of Trustees and basketball coach Tubby Smith are either reading or have read a proposal by Student Government Association President Jimmy Glenn.

Glenn wants better student seating at UK basketball games.

The Kentucky Kernel would like better student seating at UK basketball games. We're glad Glenn's fighting for us. Students should be glad too, and if they like the idea of sitting down by the floor, right behind the net, in Glenn's proposed "spirit section," they need to voice their approval.

We've heard horror stories of students being told to sit down during games. What is that all about? It's a basketball game. This is the Bluegrass where basketball rules. Should one sit down, hands in lap, and politely enjoy the action?

It's time to kick out the boring old people who sit down the entire game in the best seats of Rupp Arena. The only noises coming out of their expensive season seats are snores and golf claps.

Glenn's proposal, which he presented to C.M. Newton on Thursday, Feb. 17, would shuffle the seating allotment in Rupp to move students closer to the action.

In the Feb. 18th Kernel it was reported that the proposal would increase the number of lower area student seats from 1610 to 2000.

This would come at the expense of the overall number of student seats (5002 to 4094) but would provide the spirit section. Five hundred of the 2000 lower arena seats would be designated specifically for wild Big Blue fans who would buy tickets to be a part of what is temporarily being called the Kentucky Spirit Group.

"Ideally, the excitement of the spirit group would spread to the younger alumni, then to the older alumni, until that little 90-year-old lady has her face painted and is jumping around with excitement," Glenn said. Imagine massive Rupp Arena with the excitement of Duke's or Florida's fans, two of our biggest rivals who unfortunately put UK to shame when it comes to vocalizing and displaying their pride. This is a call to arms, UK students!

We've got the finest basketball program in the nation, but horrible student seating.

Let's paint ourselves blue, work ourselves into a barbaric frenzy and show Newton, Smith and the Board that we deserve better seats.

Flood them with e-mails, unload piles of letters onto their desks, visit them in their offices, call them on the phone ...

Do something. Or sit down in the nosebleed section and shut up.



Parking attendants just doing their job



Tia Chilton
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Well, I'm going back on my word. In my first column, I said there would be some issues that I would not discuss. One of those issues was parking at UK. But, after last Friday's "Left of Center" in the Kernel, I had to speak up.

I understand that the web site was a joke — it was meant to be funny. But some of the general public is not going to get the joke. For example, the Columbine shootings. Klebold and Harris watched *The Basketball Diaries*, a dark comedy that included a school shooting. We know how that turned out — the two boys took it too logically.

My fear as a police officer is that somebody will view the "Left of Center" too literally. Two of the suggestions encourage you to break the law. By putting epoxy in a coin slot, you would fall under the criminal mischief statute. The next time you catch yourself swearing when you are paying your fines or paying for your permit, remember that your money does benefit you in some ways. Parking revenues pay for paving of the parking lots, which allows your shiny black Camaro to stay shiny instead of dirty. It pays for the new parking structures, which allows more parking in a smaller amount of space. It pays for the lighting that shows you the way back to your dorm and it pays for the video cameras that helps us protect your car from thieves.

But, if none of this lessens your pain, be happy in knowing that even the parking employees and the police have to pay for parking permits just to come to work.

Contributing Columnist Tia Chilton is a UK police officer. Her views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

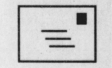
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Expressions

Scott is not a worthy critic

To the editor:

Surprise, Surprise! Scott strikes again! Apparently, Jim Scott's one-man crusade to destroy the self-esteem and integrity of the UK theatre department continues. His review for "Pride's Crossing" is more of the same.

Scott seems to go out of his way to degrade a fine production. His accounts are both uninformed and disrespectful. He begins by saying, "This play should have never been produced at UK." It is unfortunate that he cannot see why this play was produced here. The department already battles sagging box office sales and is awaiting renovation of their largest theatre, yet in the face of all that, they are willing to give their actors, directors and designers a challenge. They offer them something they must put their hearts into.

He continues on about Andrew Hall's, Gion A. DeFrancesco's and Nelson Fields' work on the production. Hall and DeFrancesco took great risk with this show. Their lighting and set bring out a minimalist feel that allows the actor to truly take over the show. As for Nelson Fields costumeing, Scott is way off the mark. The show is about the main character's memories. If Scott had problems with these areas, he should have also complained about the director and his choices, yet the director is never mentioned in the review. This leads me to believe, even more, that this is a personal vendetta of sorts.

Finally he speaks a bit of the acting. His nicest comments are indeed his shortest. However, I feel as if he is only throwing them in because he doesn't want it to be all bad. He seems neither affected nor sincere in these choice comments.

Scott, if you hate the theatre kids, or even just some of them, we're sorry! But do not try to hurt the integrity of an entire department just because you don't like something.

CHRIS THOMASSON
THEATRE SENIOR

To the editor:

I was of the distinct impression that the task known as "critiquing" was not synonymous with "insulting." This distinction seems to be lost on Jim Scott who wrote what is obviously an uninformed "criticism" of "Pride's Crossing" that, from the beginning of the article, leans more towards insult.

I was uninformed because he obviously paid no attention to the play. Had the performance received even a modicum of his attention, he would have realized that the main character Mabel Tidings did not deny her true love because he was Jewish, rather because she was already engaged to another man and felt pressured to go through with the marriage. This is addressed throughout the play.

He notes that the play is also about techniques on how to survive in freezing water while swimming the English Channel. This is only mentioned two or three times in the entire play, in the beginning of the first act, and only once at the end. The message of the play is so obviously not about porpoise oil and how not to marry a Jew that if the esteemed journalist, Jim Scott, was unable to divine it, then perhaps he should leave the journalism field, because I assume that particular career path is based on being able to make astute observations.

I will not even mention the awards that author "Tina Howe has won for several of her plays, including "Pride's Crossing." From now on I suggest the Kernel send someone who is familiar with objective journalism and leave the witty remarks to Dave Barry.

LEVI WILSON
THEATRE SENIOR

To the editor:

If Jim Scott, your Senior Staff Critic, wants to be a professional writer when he grows up, he certainly needs to work on a few things. First, he needs to lay off of this trash talk attitude he's developed. Mr. Scott has been abusive with his reviews of several UK Theatre productions, including "Light Up the Sky" and "Pride's Crossing." He has gone so far as to call our productions "train wreck(s)." This is not New York City. Mr. Scott is not working for the Times, and his biting remarks are not at all clever.

Second, his imagination could use some work. The lead actress doesn't wear make-up to suggest age in "Pride's Crossing," because the play makes quick transitions between time periods. Apparently, Mr. Scott needs white wigs and signs that say, "I'm old!" so that he doesn't get confused. Does everything have to be spelled out in big, bold letters? If so, maybe it's time Mr. Scott started criticizing something simpler — like children's literature. Mr. Scott should have more respect for the endeavors of his fellow UK students. If one of our shows fails to bring forth a "catharsis" in Mr. Scott, then he should say so in his review. We love constructive criticism! He should not, however, spout out cruel bombast and try to pass it off as wit.

BRAD STEPHENSON
BFA ACTING SENIOR

Black & Gold Pageant racist

To the editor:

Once again, the Kernel is not worth lining the birdcage with. In the February 18th edition they displayed a picture and small mention of the 2000 Black & Gold pageant. I could not help but wonder what the reaction would be if the Black was replaced with White, and the picture contained a smiling white female award winner. This very question will condemn me a racist? What white person has not noticed that anything regarding blacks as culture, good and acceptable, but anything regarding white pride or culture or heritage is evil and horrific?

Where is the Mr. & Ms. White Lexington pageant or the Annual White Heritage Ball or the United White police officers (teachers, lawyers, journalists, lots of those fit) of America? The WET television stations, the "WHITE MAN" magazines and the all white colleges and universities?

Even a white heritage area on campus here like the blacks have? Wouldn't that be racist? Imagine the traffic from bussed in blacks here to riot and demand justice if a white heritage area was set aside on campus? I'm sure if whites demanded equal representation, the tension around here would be unbearable. Maybe one day UK can hold its head high without the shame of affirmative action and reverse racism shredding with talons of contempt and separation. Equal rights for all — special rights for none.

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Shuttle back from historic map mission

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour and its six astronauts have returned from an Earth-surveying mission that promises to yield the best maps ever of the world's peaks and valleys.

"Very good present from 20th century to 21st century people all over the world," Japanese crew member Mamoru Mohri said this morning.

Gusty wind at the runway kept the astronauts up for an extra orbit and delayed their homecoming by 1 1/2 hours Tuesday, but that made the landing more beautiful than usual. Glinting orange and pink from the setting sun, the shuttle was visible in the sky a full four minutes before touchdown.

Commander Kevin Kregel said the views from inside were spectacular as the shuttle streaked over the Aleutian Islands and Canada, then across the Midwest all the way down to Cape Canaveral.

"When you get down that low and you're going that fast, it's really incredible," Kregel told reporters before returning home to Houston.

During their 11-day flight, the astronauts worked in round-the-clock shifts to keep two large radar antennas running — one in the shuttle cargo bay and one on the end of a 197-foot mast. The method is expected to produce precise 3-D maps of Earth's topography.

The radar mapped 43.5 million square miles of Earth's terrain at least twice, just 2.5 million square miles shy of NASA's original goal. The surveyed land stretched as far north as British Columbia and as far south as Cape Horn — representing three-quarters of the world's terrain.



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The space shuttle Endeavour prepares to land Tuesday evening at Kennedy Space Center, in Cape Canaveral, Fla., ending an 11-day Earth mapping mission.

A faulty thruster on the end of the radar mast forced the crew to use extra shuttle fuel to steady the mast, the longest rigid structure ever deployed in space. To save fuel, the astronauts had to cut short their mapping by 13 hours.

"I thought this mission was one of the most challenging, difficult missions we ever undertook," said NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin. "We deployed a 200-foot boom and held the tip to inches. The radar was a few thousand pounds. The technology was incredible."

Within three hours of touchdown, technicians had unloaded the 326 digital tapes containing the radar data. After several weeks of making copies of everything, the tapes will be flown to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Scientists will keep the originals in humidity- and temperature-controlled chambers.

"We're really going to baby these things, obviously, be-

cause they're our crown jewels," said Michael Kobrick, the laboratory scientist in charge of the project.

NASA and its partner, the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, expect it will take one to two years to analyze all of the tapes. The astronauts collected nearly 12 terabytes of data, enough to fill 20,600 compact discs.

The best maps will be reserved for the military. The Pentagon will use the information to improve the aim of missiles and provide better navigation for fighter pilots and ground troops.

Everyone else — archaeologists, geologists, airline pilots, emergency relief groups — will have to settle for less precise charts. Even those will be better than current ones.

Next up for NASA is an April ferry flight by space shuttle Atlantis to the fledgling international space station.



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The Right Stuff

Endeavour crew members pose with NASA administrator Daniel Goldin, in suit, after their arrival back to Earth. From far left, are Kevin Kregel, Janet Kavandji, Dominic Gorie, Goldin, Gerhard Thiele, of Germany and Mamoru Mohri. The crew completed a radar topography mission.

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