



**WEATHER** Mostly sunny today, high in the 80s. Cooler tonight, low 55 to 60. Warm tomorrow, high near 80.

**VITAL STATS** The UK volleyball team racked up big numbers in a three-win weekend in Athens, Ohio. See Sports, page 3.



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## Fen-phen adding weight to epidemic

### Drug pulled after link to disease found

By Brian Dunn  
Assistant News Editor

Dr. James W. Anderson said obesity is the third-leading killer in the United States. Obesity, unlike heart disease and AIDS, is on the rise and might affect half of all Americans in 2010, he said. And long-term drugs are the best hope for fighting the disease.

But that philosophy took a tainting hit yesterday when the Food and Drug Administration announced fenfluramine, part of the popular drug combination fen-phen, was voluntarily pulled from the market.

"Fen-phen is dead forever," Anderson said yesterday at a Chandler Medical Center press conference. "I don't plan to use fenfluramine again."

Since June, when the FDA and the New England Journal of Medicine linked the drug combination to heart valve and lung damage, the treatment has been increasingly criticized, said Anderson, a professor of medicine and clinical nutrition.

He stopped prescribing fen-

phen in July, he said, before adding 291 cases of heart damage were reported last year by people who were taking the drug.

Hence, the company that produces fenfluramine, Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, felt pressure from the FDA to withdraw the drug from the market, Anderson said. "It seems fairly clear that fen-phen is associated with heart valve lesions," he said. "Right now, we have to re-evaluate all the drugs available."

But Anderson said he was concerned that the negative publicity surrounding fen-phen — arguably the most effective treatment for obesity — might affect how many people will judge weight-loss drugs.

"I think this is unfortunate

because it's slowing the process (to find other and better drugs)," he said.

For example, Anderson thought fen-phen, which also includes the safe drug phentermine, was tainting other weight-reducing drugs that have yet to be released to the public.

Two drugs are ready now for doctors, he said, but the companies will not release them for months because of anti-drug sentiment.

"These new drugs don't act on the hearts and lungs," Anderson said.

First discovered as an effective drug combination for the treatment of obesity in 1992 by Dr. Michael

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### Not flowing with Fen-phen



possible side effects include pulmonary hypertension, a fatal lung disorder, and possible brain damage.



The heart has four valves that close to keep blood flowing in one direction. For some people who use the combination of drugs known as Fen-Phen, the valves don't close and blood can leak backwards. Other possible side effects include pulmonary hypertension, a fatal lung disorder, and possible brain damage.

Source: American Medical Association

CHRIS ROSENTHAL Kernel staff

## Heritage fair packs downtown

By James Ritchie  
News Editor

Several thousand people gathered downtown on Saturday for a parade and street fair to celebrate black culture as part of the Roots and Heritage Festival.

"I'm knocked out," said Chester Grundy, festival committee member and director of African-American Student Affairs at UK. "The turnout is tremendous. It's really very special to the lives of the people in this community."

"It's about returning to the cultural values that sustain African-American people."

Arms swayed in the air to the sounds of reggae, blues, jazz and soul as group after group took to Stage I to perform at the fair from noon to 1 a.m. The Delfonics and Little Milton headlined the festival.



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Chester Grundy, roots and heritage festival committee member and UK director of African-American Student Affairs.

Other groups including Vuka, a South African dance troupe, Jikki and the Stonefish Posse, a politically oriented reggae group and K.A.S., a seven member jazz group also took to the stage.

The smells of grilled foods wafted through the air as dozens of vendors cooked fair cuisine. Other vendors sold African-inspired clothes, jewelry, art and decorations.

Woodcarved masks were available at several booths.

Other booths represented social and political organizations.

Meanwhile, several blocks down Elm Tree Lane at the other end of the fair, local talent such as the School for Creative And Performing Arts entertained a diverse crowd on Stage II with dancing, singing and poetry from noon to 9 p.m.

"It's good that everybody's appreciating each other's backgrounds," said Alejandro Stewart, president of UK's Black Student Union and a member of the event staff. "I'm happy to see all these people come out."

As many of the Stage II performers were children, an older crowd including parents gathered there than at Stage I.

The UK Hospital Office of Minority Affairs sponsored a health fair as part of the event.

Demetres Williams, a second year dental student, worked at a booth providing oral screenings.

"We really want to get to the kids," she said. "If you get to them while they're young maybe they won't have that fear of dentists."

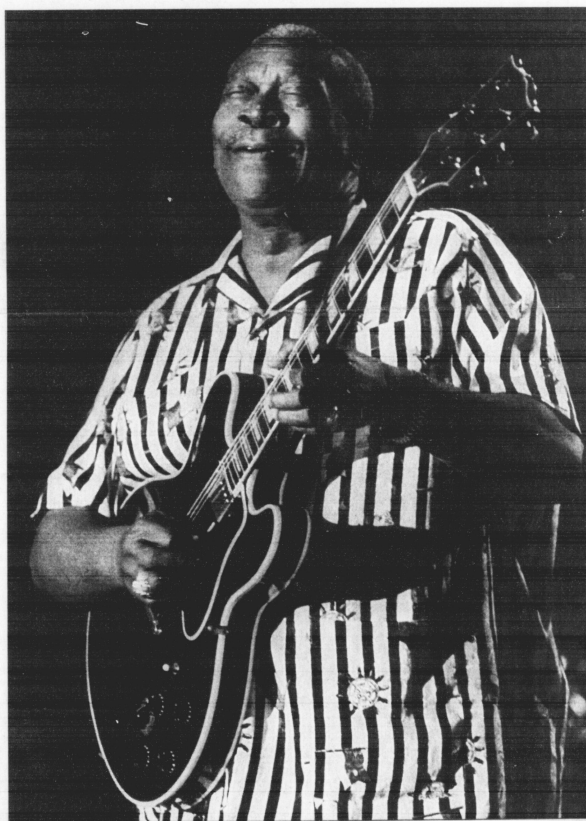
The purpose of the booth was preventive maintenance, said Laquetta Gay, also a second-year dental student, especially since some children don't have the opportunity to see a dentist often.

"They've been coming over here with no problem," she said.

The schools of pharmacy, medicine and nursing were also represented along with other health organizations.

The festival, which runs through Sept. 26, was formed nine years ago by a group of north side residents.

It started as a one-day street festival and evolved into a month-long series with guest speakers, art shows and a golf tournament.



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

**BLUES TRAVELERS** B.B. King (right) headlined the fourth annual Blues Festival Sunday at the Lexington Horse Park. King turns 72 today.

## Birthday Blues

Today might be the only day of the year that B.B. stands for birthday boy. Memphis' other King is celebrating a 72nd birthday and 50 years playing the blues.

The legendary bluesman entertained a crowd of over 10,000 with his trademark candid humor and long guitar solos at the fourth annual Blues Festival in Lexington Sunday night. With a talented eight-man entourage, King and company played crowd favorites like "How Blue Can You Get" and the instrumental "song for the ladies," "Darlin', You know I Love You."

Jay Geils and Magic Dick led things off before giving way to the horns of Tower of Power and ultimately a superb set from the Robert Cray Band.

As talented as his predecessors were, however, it was left to the charm of music's most veteran figure to once again confirm the ageless beauty of the blues.

### NEWSbyte

## CAMPUS Corporations to show off at Career Day

Students exploring their career options can check out the more than 70 companies that will visit UK tomorrow afternoon.

As part of a Career Day, about 160 representatives from 73 firms will display information and discuss career and summer job opportunities with undergraduate and graduate students, said Kem Blanchard, assistant director of the career center for the Gatton College of Business and Economics.

The visitors will include representatives from major national corporations such as Black and Decker, Fifth-Third Bank, Host Communications, IBM, Kroger Company and Toyota Motor Manufacturing USA, as well as local businesses such as Lexmark International, Ashland Oil, Bank One Kentucky and Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Blanchard said.

The event, sponsored by the business and economics college, will be held in the Student Center Ballroom from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For questions regarding the career day, students can call Blanchard at 257-4573.

Compiled from staff reports.

## Blue mold hurting crops

### Researchers work to keep tobacco alive

By Ellen Lord  
Contributing Writer

UK's Tobacco and Health Research Institute is researching new ways to help tobacco farmers fight off a dangerous plant disease known as blue mold.

The THRI Board already has approved funding for an in-house project which requires hiring a specialist and a technician, and in upcoming proposals will request funding for three to four two-year grants from the board.

Each grant would request \$50,000 each year. An additional \$50,000 would go toward pur-

chasing containment equipment for all projects.

"(The research) must be relevant to overall design of resistance strategies," said Maclor Davies, an agriculture professor.

"(We) must have some knowledge...to devise a solution."

Bill Nesmith, the lead advisor on blue mold disease and a professor at UK, explained that burley tobacco, the kind grown on most Kentucky farms, is highly susceptible to the disease.

In addition, "the native environment is extremely conducive to (blue mold) development," Nesmith said. Blue mold can travel thousands of miles by air or spread to nearby plants through rain splashes.

This year, the spores from Florida and southern Georgia infected Kentucky plants, and Kentucky blue mold spread into Canada.

The disease, which appears as

a lesion on tobacco plants, is most apparent when spores infect a leaf, but most dangerous when it moves into the plant's vascular system, Nesmith said.

He said that when a tobacco plant is young and growing quickly, blue mold can stunt its growth, change the plant's chemical make-up and eventually kill it.

Blue mold in Kentucky has become much more heat-tolerant and resistant to chemical treatments used from 1975-95, Nesmith said.

While the chemicals used to treat blue mold in the past required little exactness in application, newer treatments are effective only if applied precisely, and tobacco growers are generally not supportive.

The THRI is seeking more cost-effective methods that farmers will actually use.

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# Bonepony rides into Lexington

## Roots rock band plays Lexington

By **Trey Prestigiacomo**  
Contributing Writer

Bonepony. No, they're not hard core alternative, but they could be best described as foot-stompin', acoustical roots rock with Southern flavor. They'll bring that style to Llynagh's.

The songs these guys create will place you on a back porch deep in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and then swing you to the nearest arena for some late '70s anthem rock.

Founding members Scott Johnson and Bryan Ward started the new version of Bonepony (the old version was electric and based in Baltimore) in Nashville in 1991.

They threw away the spoils of electricity and opted for more down-home music with man-

dolins, dobros, violins, foot stomps and finger snaps. They added Mickey Grimm on drums to round out their sound.

When it all comes together it creates an eclectic country rock sound worthy of praise. However, Bonepony wants to shy away from the whole country-Southern rock label because it doesn't want to limit its listeners to just rednecks from the deep South.

Two years ago, Bonepony released its major label debut, *Stamp Revival*, a CD with big rock sound and splashes of jam credibility. "Poor Boy's Blues" opens up the CD with Bluegrass finesse. "Where the Water's Deep," the band's first single, shows its music is accessible to everyone.

Critics were hailing Bonepony as the next big roots rock stars with the likes of Dave Matthews and Blues Traveler. "Becoming the next roots rock stars is not an easy task. To say the least, Bonepony had a lot of ground work to do.

Before the release of its debut CD, Bonepony had spent most of its time in and around Nashville.

Since then, Bonepony has spent the last couple of years doing non-stop tour openings for such greats



**ROMPER STOMPER** Nashville-based southern rock band Bonepony looks to follow in the footsteps of other roots rock successes such as Blues Traveler.

as ZZ Top and Bob Seger as well as selling out clubs on its own.

How popular are they? About 300 of their fans closed the streets and caused a major traffic jam in Portland, Maine, when the public address system at their venue went on the fritz and the band decided to play outside.

Prior to this, the local radio station in Portland played Bonepony's CD in its entirety two weekends in a row after repeated

requests.

*Stamp* is the overlying theme at any Bonepony show. The band actually has this thing they call a homemade electric stomping board (I doubt they have a patent) so the audience can hear them stomp along to their songs.

The bottom line is that Bonepony will make sure you're moving and having a good time, and tonight they bring their acoustical jam to Llynagh's.

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# Crashers try novel concept of fun

By **Brian R. Gilbert**  
Staff Critic

Over the past few years, a trend in modern rock has developed regarding female vocalists.

It has become standard to see a female lead singer crooning, screaming, whining or moaning about some serious issue or solemn topic.

With the industry's present

success in marketing "Grrrl Rock," it is now difficult to find a female singer that sounds like she has fun at some point in her life.

Elyse Rogers and Karina Deniké of the Berkeley-based Dance Hall Crashers have an important message also — "Lighten up!"

Since 1989, DHC has been rocking the nation with an up-

tempo blend of ska rhythms and pop/punk guitars and melodies. The backbone, singers Rogers and Deniké, add beautiful vocals and harmonies that create a nostalgic feeling of early '50s doo-wop and, of course, have a blast all the while.

*Honey, I'm Homely* is definitely typical of any other DHC album to date. It offers some really light punk rock mixed with ska, providing the backdrop for which Rogers and Deniké can showcase their talent. And let me clearly state, they do have talent. In fact, they have the best female voices in punk rock and could compete with anyone in the pop scene too.

The first single off the album, "Lost Again," is a juiced-up punk number about difficult-in-girl/guy relations. The catchy chorus, well-placed breakdowns and energetic punk guitars typify the DHC style.

"All Mine," a slow, melodic ska tune, is a song that every guy wishes he could have sung to him. As Rogers and Deniké harmonize in the chorus, "Because now I've got you and I'm never gonna let you go," there is a definite sincerity and conviction in their voices.

Other songs such as "Next to You," "Last Laugh" and "Stand By" contain a more soulful feel to

them. Their slower rhythms and emphasis on vocals provide a pleasant change to the standard punk anthems that fill the album.

*Honey, I'm Homely* differs from DHC's previous release, *Lockjaw*, in two ways.

First, DHC has lost guitarist Scott Goodell and now exists as a five-piece, and second, this release contains horns on some tracks.

Efren Santana and Kincaid Smith of Hepcat provide sax and trumpet for the album. This addition certainly gives the select songs a more full sound and amplifies the ska element within the music.

Dance Hall Crashers has not been affected much by these changes. The new album is just as lively, upbeat and entertaining as other releases from the band.

The only problem with *Honey, I'm Homely* is that it does lack originality and has only five to six really promising songs.

The album is still very amusing and deserves a listen. It's an excellent alternative to the somber and glum mood of most modern music. DHC realizes that there is nothing wrong with being happy.

You can see the Dance Hall Crashers live at Bogart's Oct. 21, with MXPX and Weston.



**CRASHER COURSE** Dancehall Crashers' latest release, 'Honey, I'm Homely,' hit record stores last Tuesday.

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SPORTS

# Wildcats win without grin

By Jay G. Tate  
Sports Editor

The statistics. People base their lives and their judgments on what they prove or disprove. But when it comes to the UK volleyball team, perhaps the statistics don't show the whole story.

The Cats traveled to Athens, Ohio, last weekend for the Larry Conrath/Kroger Bobcat Invitational. They won three of three matches and recorded the equivalent of Beethoven's Fifth in terms of statistical performances. UK hit .250 for the weekend, highlighted by a season-high .357 hitting performance against Middle Tennessee State.

On offense, outside hitter La'Tanya Webb, on her way to a third all-tournament selection in as many weeks, recorded 65 kills. She recorded 16 kills in one game against James Madison.

Sixteen kills. One game. Her unstoppable play throughout the weekend earned her a second tournament MVP selection only two weeks into the season.

On defense, the team's front line recorded a whopping 20 total blocks in its win against James Madison, just short of a long-standing team record.

Nice work? Nice try. "A really good team crushes people like we played this weekend, and we did not," UK head coach Fran Flory said. "We don't want to be great yet, but we've got to be closer to great than we were this weekend."

Crushing opponents is a completely new alternative to the Big Blue attack. After stumbling to a 12-20 season record in 1996, attempting to stay competitive was the only option last year.

But armed with an 8-1 record, a

new offense, a new attitude and a newly found ability to retain its confidence when challenged, UK is developing into a team that could challenge for control of the conference standings.

Despite the strong record, some players warn, it's not all good. Outside hitter Katie Eiserman agrees her team is improving. But much like her head coach, Eiserman believes last weekend's tour-de-force wasn't necessarily the kind of performance she was looking for.

"It would have been so much more fun to be taking on the lows or the Michigan States," Eiserman said. "Those teams have better everything than we saw this weekend."

"We were playing good volleyball teams this weekend. (Iowa and MSU) are great volleyball teams."

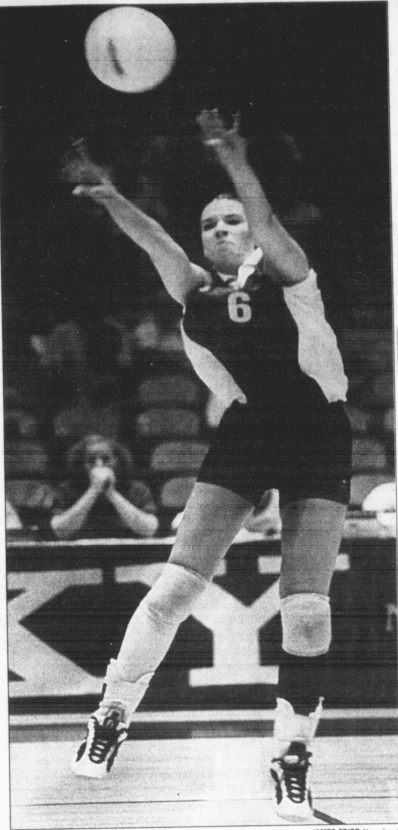
Perhaps the first game against James Madison provided the weekend's best challenge for the Cats. After finding itself down 7-14, UK regrouped. After several long rallies, the Cats captured the game 22-20 and at the same time captured the team's imagination.

"It was a long game, but no one was tired," middle blocker Jenny Muzzev said of the colossal game against JMU.

"The fact that we played a two-and-a-half hour match and we were ready to play another match was amazing."

Though mildly troubled by her team's inability to finish off beaten opponents, Flory was again impressed with her tower of power, Webb. The junior boasts a team-leading 170 kills and has become the team's answer to every question. In trouble? Set Webb. Then celebrate the point.

"It's very reassuring that no one can stop La'Tanya," Flory said. "She is definitely our go-to player and the key to this group."



A VIEW TO A KILL Freshman Kristy Burns prepares to notch another assist. In the Cats' 6-2 offense, Burns shares the setting load with sophomore Terri Crabb.

JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

# Hurt thigh, no fly: Robinson still ailing

By Price Atkinson  
Senior Staff Writer

The UK football team resumed practice without pads yesterday afternoon at the Nutter Training Facility following the first of two open weekends in the Cats' 1997

schedule. Maybe UK wished the weekend was just a day longer.

At the end of practice, UK wide receiver Jimmy Robinson, already nursing a bruised thigh, collided with a teammate in the final drill of the day, re-injuring his thigh mus-

cle. After practice, Robinson received treatment in the training room, UK media relations director Tony Neely said. Neely said trainers will examine the injury today before Robinson is cleared to practice again.

The sophomore suffered the thigh contusion in the second half of the Wildcats' 35-27 loss to Mississippi State on Sept. 6.

Also on the injury front, junior offensive tackle Jonas Liening is still nursing a knee injury he suffered at MSU. Liening has a partially torn anterior cruciate ligament and is listed as questionable for Saturday's game at Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

Liening did not practice again yesterday but will test out the knee at practice on Wednesday, UK offensive line coach Guy Morriss said.

"We're going to try to put him out there Wednesday in a brace and see how the knee holds up," Morriss said. "I think he's improving but it's still too early to tell."

Liening sustained the injury on UK's first offensive series against MSU, but played the rest of the game.

**Statistically speaking**

Without playing a down last Saturday, the Cats maintained the No. 1 passing offense in the

Southeastern Conference and the NCAA, averaging 388 yards per game in the air.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Cats are ranked 18th overall in the NCAA in total offense with 448 yards per game.

Maybe the biggest statistical surprise is the UK defense, ranked 27th best in the nation in total defense.

The Cats are allowing an average of 286.5 yards per game. Five other SEC schools are ranked in the top 20 nationally.

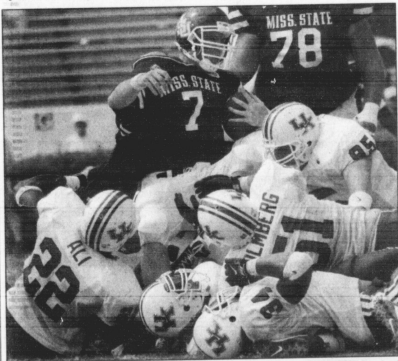
Last season, the Cats gave up an average of 353.5 yards in eleven games.

Individually, UK quarterback Tim Couch is number one in the SEC in total offense and second nationally with 341.5 yards per game.

Halfback Anthony White leads the SEC in all-purpose yardage, racking up an average of 132 yards catching and running the football.

Four UK wide receivers rank in the SEC top 10 for total receptions: Jimmy Haley (14), Craig Yeast and Anthony White (13 each) and Kio Sanford (12). Those four also are ranked in the NCAA top 25 for receptions.

Defensively, UK strong safety Tremayne Martin is tied for the league lead in interceptions with two picks. Martin's two grabs are tied for third nationally.



MATT BARTON Kernel staff

PAYING THE PRICE Mississippi State quarterback Matt Wyatt finds the going tough against the UK defense. Indiana QB Jay Rodgers is the next target as the Cats head for Bloomington to tangle with the Hoosiers.

## You are Invited!

Student organization representatives and organizational advisors are invited to attend a reception honoring the University of Kentucky's registered student organizations. Hosted by the Student Organizations Center, the reception will be on Wednesday, October 1 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and mingle with other student organizations as well as the Student Organizations Staff. We hope to see you there so that we can learn more about you and your organization.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Life's not worth living without O.J. and Bobbitts

Scandals remind us that life could actually be worse

In light of recent events, the tabloid media has taken quite a beating. Everyone's pointing fingers at them — even accusing them of murder.

Can't the networks find a few anchors who aren't so long in the face? Maybe we could find someone a little saucier to deliver the news.



Greg Lober Contributing Columnist

I look to the first two trials as merely a prologue for the trials to come. Surely it can't be too much longer before the gypsies and knives

Besides, we have to face facts here. No matter how much you whine and complain about the adverse effects of the media, it's not going to change things.

A housewife cuts off John Bobbitt's Judy Roger — front page with a bullet, baby.

Now all they have to do is ring the dinner bell with his little thing and we come running like pigs to a trough.

You see, scandal rags help us feel good about ourselves. No matter how bad things may be, the tabloids let us know they could be a lot worse.

For instance, I could be Burt Reynolds.

So, stop being so holier-than-thou. Admit to yourself that you love it too.

If enough of us rally around the cause, nothing can stop us from getting that All-Mary Fisher channel.

Contributing Columnist Greg Lober is a non-degree graduate student.

Vermin be gone

We have no problem with students. Hey, some of our best friends are students. They deserve the same rights as everyone else.

That seems to be the attitude of the South Hill Neighborhood Association in its efforts to prevent a student-gated apartment complex from being built in the area.

The investors who want to construct the housing have tried to compromise. They've reduced the number of apartments in the proposal

They've also designed the complex with a townhouse look to blend in with the rest of the homes in the neighborhood.

Residents of the historic neighborhood have complained that having so many students living there will create parking problems.

That's a better ratio of spaces to bedrooms than most of the houses in the area.

Perhaps students may end up taking a few spaces on the street, but aren't they as entitled to street parking as anyone?

But it's not the number of apartments, the look of the apartments or even the number of parking spaces that are the issue for the residents of South Hill.

So far, the Lexington-Fayette Urban-County Council seems sympathetic to their cause.

In a recent meeting, the council imposed a temporary ban on new construction in the area until it can vote on the neighborhood association's request to make zoning stricter in the area.

In the meantime, there will be two hearings to hear public comments on the zoning request before the council makes a final decision.

City-sanctioned elitism in neighborhoods near UK results in a smaller supply of available off-campus housing for students and possibly higher rent.

So far student voices have not been heard in the debate. The public hearings are your last, best chance.

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READERS' forum

Everyone needed to derail proposed repeat option

To the editor:

We are writing this letter to ensure that students are aware of a potential academic policy change being debated in the University Senate.

The proposal under discussion, as proposed by the Senate Council, would eliminate a provision that allows a student to revert back to the original grade and retain credit if that student fails the course on the second attempt.

a course you originally passed, but then fail on the second attempt, you lose the grade AND the credit hours you already earned.

We feel this is unjust. The taking away of credits previously earned by a student is completely unacceptable.

Let your Student Government Association and the University senators know how you feel. If you need help contacting these individuals, come by the SGA office in the Student Center.

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Maiers respond to photo

To the editor:

Although our family does appreciate the written coverage that you have provided regarding Chris, we were extremely disturbed to see a photograph on the cover of the paper of the funeral.

This was a sacred and private event to be shared only among family and friends.

Let us know how you feel. If you need help contacting these individuals, come by the SGA office in the Student Center.

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Final reflections on Mother Teresa and the 'City of Joy'

I remember when I was a kid, my dad used to drive me to school the way we would pass an unassuming red brick building.

Often I would look out of the car window and see a couple of nuns dressed in white standing outside. On top of the front gate was a bronze statue of the Virgin Mary.



Manish Bhatia Kernel Columnist

is a bustling metropolis of more than 12 million people. Once the winter capital of kings, the city is the whole world in a little package.

Old stately buildings from the British period exist alongside modern high-rises. Electric trams meander across the city as the sophisticated underground Metro rumbles beneath the surface.

One did not have to be a Christian to appreciate the work of Mother Teresa. Her love for mankind transcended geographic, religious and cultural boundaries.

The people of Calcutta speak several languages and possess different religious beliefs. They belong to different layers of the income stratosphere.

The city is more than 300 years old and has seen the best and worst of times. It has produced several great minds ranging from the great poet Tagore, who also wrote the national anthem, to the master filmmaker Satyajit Ray, an Oscar recipient for lifetime achievement in cinema.

ma. The city has a welcoming warmth that makes the stranger feel at home. It is unity among great diversity.

It is hard to express Mother Teresa's work in a column. Despite her origins, she became an intrinsic part of a foreign land.

Her benevolence overcame the constraints of language and religion. She looked at a person simply as a human being. In her eyes, factors like money and fame were immaterial.

The city has often been the focus of attention even before Patrick Swayze and company rolled in to film City of Joy. It has the biggest cricket stadium in the world, the Eden Gardens, where about 100,000 people gather to watch sporting wars being

fought on the field. It has the world's only hanging bridge. Outside the city lies the Sunderbans, the home of the majestic Bengal tiger.

The only way we could possibly bid Mother Teresa an appropriate farewell would be to find a little goodness in our heart. If we could only learn to respect a fellow human and look beyond religion or color of skin.

I wish I could touch her hands and look into the depths of her eyes. I may not have gotten the answers to the problems of the world, but I would have another page to add to my book of cherished memories.

Kernel Columnist Manish Bhatia is an electrical engineering senior.

INFORMED SOURCES "IF YOU get the right toad and lick it just enough, you get big. If you lick it too much, you die. It's a foolish game. I'm not into toad-licking, myself."

Al Breisch, on a 10-year study of frog populations in New York state. The biologist hunts them with a laptop and a satellite link.

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**TENDING TO NATURE** Qingshan Li, a scientist for the Tobacco and Health Research Institute, is one of many researchers trying to combat blue mold.

## Tobacco

State's crops continue suffering from fungus

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Nesmith said. Tobacco researchers worry that the disease will easily develop resistance to new chemical treatments and would like to find more cost-effective approaches.

Developing a disease-resistant tobacco plant would meet all of these goals and would be "environmentally more benign than, say, a pesticide," Nesmith said.

Henry West, president of the

Council for Burley Tobacco, said the council benefits greatly from the University's research and is very interested in developing a resistant variety.

"Blue mold is potentially the biggest problem we have," he said. The in-house research project will involve testing blue mold on genetically-engineered tobacco that is resistant to other fungi, Davies said. The lab scientist and technician, who have not been hired, will contact labs that have developed this tobacco and ask to test it against blue mold.

The grant program, which is not yet funded, will focus on fundamental information on the blue mold disease in order to develop better resistance strategies, Davies said.

## Fen-phen

Weight-loss drug is pulled off store shelves

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Weintraub, fen-phen increased rapidly in popularity among Americans. More than 18 million prescriptions for the drug were filled in the United States in 1996.

But fen-phen hasn't been as popular lately, said Jim Parsons, the owner of MedWeight, a weight-loss clinic with two physicians who specialize in obesity.

"Frankly, the use of it has been diminished," he said. "I think it

will have a very chilly effect (on how weight-reducing drugs are seen). That's what's unfortunate.

"The people who need the treatment the most will be scared away." But he said fen-phen shouldn't have been used except by people suffering from extreme obesity, among whom the risk of dying from being overweight outweighed the risk of getting side effects from the drug.

"The people who received the treatment received it because they had more risk than what drugs offered," he said.

The side effects of fen-phen might be seen as an epidemic, but they're not, Anderson said. Obesity is an epidemic, he said, which is increasing three percent every year.

# Memorial Walk to honor dead

By Gary Wulf  
Senior Staff Writer

Deborah Wiley, Kristen Cannon, Congmei Sun, Heath McDonald, Paul Brandon Price, Christopher Maier.

These six people were UK students until their deaths, and tomorrow night they will be remembered.

Student Government Association will hold its third annual Memorial Walk, which will start at 7:30 Wednesday night at Memorial Hall.

The event commemorates students who have lost their lives while attending UK in the past year, the most recent being Christopher Maier, who was killed over Labor Day weekend.

SGA Vice President Alizha Rice said that with Maier's death has come a heightened awareness of crime on campus.

"There is on this campus a sense of urgency," Rice said.

She said, however, the walk shows that UK is not an entity of 24,000 students who do not care about each other.

In the past, between 200 and 300 people have attended the event, but Rice said she expects more tomorrow.

Students will carry candles as they walk to Whitehall Classroom Building, where a tribute will be paid to each student who died this year, said SGA Executive Director for Academic Affairs Joe Schuler.

From there, people will walk

to the Fine Arts Building in memory of Maier, who attended classes there. Family and friends will be able to speak in his honor.

After that, people will stroll to the tennis courts on South Campus named in honor of Ryan Holder. Holder was a senior at Dunbar High School when he was killed by a drunken driver in a traffic accident. Executive Director for Student Services Sherri Eden said Holder was expected to attend and play tennis for UK.

If the families wish to stop at a particular location in remembrance of these students, SGA members will change the route to respect the request.

Rice said a layout of the final route will be given to participants when they arrive at Memorial Hall.

Eden said the walk's date was moved from December because of the number of deaths this year.

"I think it's a way to remember students regardless of whether or not we knew them, they were one of us," she said.

Eden also has tried to contact the family members of each student who has died this year to tell them about the event. But she said she has not received much of a response from family members.

The Memorial Walk spawned the idea to have a memorial room in the W.T. Young library. Eden said library officials have agreed to having the room, but are currently deciding on which floor to have it.

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▼ Michael Reed is the director of the Office of International Affairs at UK.

▼ The story about Hepatitis B in last Wednesday's Kernel should have said the Hepatitis B vaccine is recommended for all individuals who may be at risk of exposure. It is now recommended for infants, for people of high school and college age who may be or may become sexually active and for those potentially exposed to blood and bodily fluids.

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