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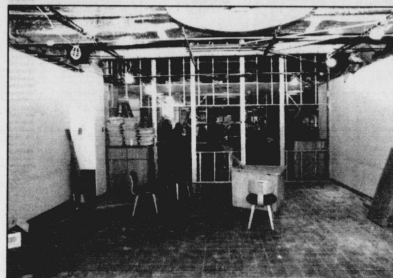
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Smoking lounge slotted for Student Center



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SMOKE BREAK Part of the Student Center food court is being remodeled to accommodate the new smoking area.

State-mandated job has been costly for UK

By Misty Gentry
Staff Writer

Plans are underway for smoking rooms in some of the busiest buildings on campus.

Reconstruction of a dining area into a smoking room in the food court area of the Student Center has several students moving from their usual eating places.

Associate Director of the Student Center John Herbst said the room will be a smoking area with a specific ventilation system.

Physical therapy sophomore Jason Routin is glad to see the smoking rooms being added.

"There is no other place on campus where smokers can smoke," he said. "It's inconvenient for smokers to go outside and the weather is also a factor."

Other students are concerned that the smoke may not stay confined to the designated rooms.

"I think the smoking rooms are a good idea as long as (smoke) stays contained to those areas and doesn't carry over to the rest of the building," said home economics freshman Marianne Lorenson.

The UK Associate Director of Human Resources T. Lynn Williamson said a few years ago the governor issued an executive order

stating that all state owned buildings should have designated smoking areas.

Robert Lawson, assistant to the president, said no state funds were allocated specifically for smoking areas.

"In the last year, we have taken a step toward putting smoking rooms in buildings," Lawson said.

"UK doesn't have a lot of smoking rooms, but we are working on that over a long period of time as funds become available."

At the request of the tobacco task force and the government, the University has been looking at buildings where the largest number of people and smokers are located.

"There are plans to build smoking rooms in the Student Center, the Patterson Office Tower area and in the College of Agriculture," Williamson said.

He said the University issued a smoking policy for all buildings.

"Ninety-nine percent are non-smoking because there isn't the funding for the systems," Williamson explained.

Since the funding has to be provided by the University, smoking rooms will be added as funds become available.

Williamson said the state requested the use of filtration systems in each of the smoking rooms, but due to the large cost, ventilation systems were selected by the University.

Frank Harris, director of the Student Center, said the installation of the smoking rooms is an "expensive and lengthy process."

Project teaches kids geometry principles

By Gary Wulf
Staff Writer

Remember those endless hours in high school geometry class where you would say to yourself, "Why am I here? I'm not learning a darn thing!" Well, the UK mathematics department is trying to change that.

As a part of Arts and Sciences Week, the mathematics department held an exhibit yesterday called "Geometry and the Imagination." The exhibit was to challenge the mind with hands-on activities of puzzles and structures.

"A lot of people think of mathematics as simply formulas and rules and that it is permanent and doesn't change," said Carl Lee, chairman of the mathematics department. "In fact, mathematics develops continuously and a lot of discoveries come by way of discoveries, looking at models, and even looking at puzzles."

The exhibit had objects ranging from ancient geometrical tools like tangrams to modern day computers. One program displayed "Kaleidocycle," and showed how a person can make an extravagant design from a simple shape.

Lee said the goal of the exhibit was to "give people who come some of the joy of

discovery and recreational aspects of mathematics."

"Sometimes we see the finished product without showing the fun that went into making it," Lee said.

Eighth-graders Heather Hek and Angie Cornish from Bluegrass Baptist School spent 45 minutes assembling a cube out of different colors of construction paper. Afterward they felt as though they had accomplished something.

"We're proud of ourselves," they said.

Fay Bess, a teacher at Bluegrass Baptist, said she believed the exhibit was a helpful instrument for learning.

"It's a way to supplement what they had learned in the classroom," Bess said.

Chris Davis, an 11th-grader from Bluegrass Baptist, was enthusiastic about the exhibit. "Science really can be fun if you put your mind to it," he said.

However, not all the people who attended were grade school students. Greg Gunn, a mathematics graduate student, relived the joy of mathematics.

"I think a lot of the math grad students accumulate to puzzles like this," Gunn said. "I wasn't expecting anything like this."

Lee said he saw this as a great success.

"I wasn't expecting any type of turnout like the one we've had," he said.



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PUZZLED A Lexington elementary school students tried to figure out a problem presented by the College of Arts and Sciences yesterday. Events will continue throughout the week.

South Campus fire causes minor damage

By Jennifer Smith
Managing Editor

A fire causing about \$1,000 in damage broke out in the third floor of the UK Outreach Center at 3:30 p.m. yesterday. The center was under renovation to create more office space when the fire started.

A UK Physical Plant Division electrician noticed smoke while he was installing a conduit tubing around wires.

He attempted to put the fire out with a fire extinguisher, but when the smoke became overpowering, he ordered everyone to evacuate the building at 1101 University Drive.

No one was injured in the fire. The cause is undetermined and under investigation.

It apparently started in the window sill and frame on the third floor.

Ed McClure, director of Chandler Medical Center

PPD, said most of the estimated damage was contained to the window area. He said there also was minimal water damage inside the structure.

UK's Outreach Center for Science and Health Careers, as well as an interactive classroom for local elementary and high school students are housed in the building.

The center, funded mostly by donations and grants, has more than 20 different programs for students.

The interactive classroom is used to help stu-



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CLEANING UP Firefighters put away gear after quickly containing a fire to the third floor of the UK Outreach Center yesterday.

dents learn about science and medical-related fields through special projects.

None of the projects were damaged.

Dr. Don Frazier, director of the center, was not in the building at the time of the fire, but a few of the center's seven employees were.

"Thank goodness there was nothing up there," Frazier said. "When I went to the (scene) I was glad to know that no one in the building was hurt."

Officials worried about UK tickets

Staff Report

An unusual surplus of student tickets has left the UK Athletics Association wondering if students know about the basketball team's last home game of the season.

At about 4:30 yesterday afternoon, UKAA spokesperson Rodney Stiles estimated that 750-1000 tickets still remained unclaimed by students.

A ticket lottery was held Sunday for the UK-Vanderbilt ticket distribution, but Stiles said he thinks students forgot or did not know about the lottery.

He said students may not have realized the most recent distribution was taking place this past weekend because UK has yet to play Alabama.

Tickets to the UK-Alabama game were part of the Arkansas-Georgia distribution two weeks ago.

Stiles said students may have been confused because of the last distribution.

He explained that because the Alabama game occurs on a Tuesday (tonight), it was part of the previous distribution to give students enough time to get guest tickets and make arrangements for the game.

The UK-Vandy game will be played March 2 at 7:30 p.m. The game will feature traditional senior night festivities as students and fans say good-bye to seniors Tony Delk, Walter McCarty and Mark Pope, who will play their final game at Rupp Arena that night.

Stiles said students can purchase two guest tickets at the usual price of \$13 per ticket today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

But if there is a low turnout for guest tickets today, he said students may be able to buy as many as four guest tickets.



LOOKING
ahead

Guest tickets will be available today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum for \$13 each.

NEWSbytes

NATION Investigators say flames killed victims

WASHINGTON — Eight of 11 people killed in the fiery crash of a commuter and an Amtrak passenger train died from flames and smoke, not from the impact of the crash, a medical examiner said yesterday.

The disclosure focused renewed interest on reports from survivors about jammed exit doors and windows aboard the commuter train.

It also raised questions about Amtrak's widespread use of an older model locomotive with diesel tanks exposed on the side and susceptible to rupture.

The Maryland Rail Commuter train smashed into the lead Amtrak locomotive at an angle during a snowstorm Friday in Silver Spring, Md., just north of Washington.

The collision punched a gaping hole into the locomotive's side and ruptured a fuel tank, and burning fuel oil engulfed in flames both the locomotive and the lead car.

NAMEdropping

Roseanne's editing job causes uproar

NEW YORK — Roseanne, the queen of crass, a contributor to The New Yorker? It's no joke.

Two writers at the highbrow magazine quit in protest over the comedian's involvement in The New Yorker's new "Women's Issue," which Roseanne helped design.

Roseanne's contribution was to attend two days of West Coast meetings at which she urged Brown to include nontraditional women writers.

"No, Roseanne was not an editor in the textual sense," writes James Wolcott, the magazine's TV writer. "But she has the eye of an editor in her ability to pluck one good idea out of a pile of 50-50 ones and connect it to larger shifts in society."

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Roberts leads Cats past Louisville

By Chris Easterling
 Assistant Sports Editor

Shaunda Roberts scored 31 points last night to help lead the UK women's basketball team to a victory over intrastate rival Louisville last night in Memorial Coliseum.

The 74-66 win was the Cats' 11th in a row over the team's in-state rivals at home, dating back to a 68-67 setback to the Cards on Feb. 6, 1979. UK's record against U of L in Lexington now stands at 15-1. The win raises UK's record this season to 7-17, while U of L fell to 14-10.

"Obviously, I'm very pleased with the way our team played," UK coach Bernadette Locke-Mattox said.

"We really stopped (Louisville) and took them out of a lot of the things they wanted to do."

U of L coach Bud Childers said he knew his team was going to have to play well as they visited Memorial Coliseum, despite having a better record than UK.

"I thought we could get them over here (this year)," Childers said. "We knew they had a good basketball team (in Memorial Coliseum)."

The Cats got a huge lift from their dynamic inside-outside duo, sophomores Roberts and Kim Denkins. Roberts' contributions included five three-pointers. Denkins added 18 points from the low post, despite playing on a hyperextended knee she suffered in Saturday's win over Mississippi State.

"The whole team played really well," Roberts said. "I just picked

up my game with the rest of the team."

The Cats managed to hold the Cards to 33.3 percent shooting in the first half, while shooting 48.3 percent shooting from the field.

With the help of some key three-pointers, the Cats held a 35-29 advantage at halftime.

UK managed to expand its lead to nine at 42-33 after Denkins scored on a layup early in the second half.

But U of L's Kristen Mattox and Haley Harris got hot and helped to pull the Cards to within four at 45-41 with 12:58 left in regulation. But the Cats' sophomore duo answered the Louisville challenge.

First Denkins scored off a rebound and was fouled. She hit the free throw to make it 48-41 UK.

Roberts followed with another bucket, and after a U of L turnover, Denkins scored off of a teammate's miss to make it 52-41 in favor of the Cats.

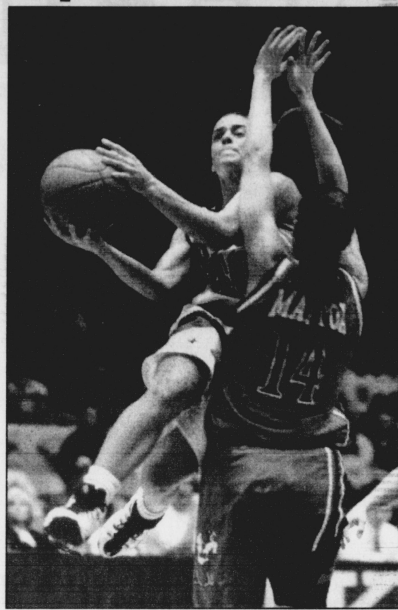
However, Louisville would not let UK finish them off.

The Cards put together a run of their own to pull within five at 55-50 after a jumper by Mattox with 5:42 left.

UK would again answer the bell, thanks in no small part by Roberts and Denkins.

Each managed layups to put the Cats up by nine at 61-52 with 3:55 U of L turned the ball over again to UK, this turnover led to a Roberts' three-pointer at 3:03 left.

Mattox would be the Cardinals' only real scoring threat for the rest of the night, contributing nine of their last 14 points.



JAMES CRISP Kernel staff

SCOOP SHOT UK's Christina Jansen drives against Louisville's Kristin Mattox during the Cats' 74-66 victory last night at Memorial Coliseum.

Mattox led U of L in scoring with 29 points on the evening, 24 in the second half. She completed the double-double by ripping down 10 rebounds.

"Mattox is 6-foot-2 being guarded by my 5-foot-8, 5-foot-9 guards," the UK coach said. "So

she would just turn on (the UK players) and elevate over them and shoot the ball."

The Wildcats would manage to seal the fate of the Cards from the charity stripe, hitting on 10-of-11 free throws in the last 1:17 of the game.

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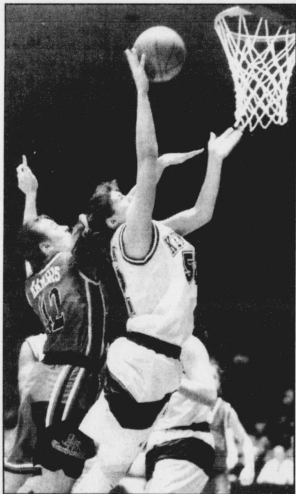
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POWER MOVE The Cats' Kim Denkins takes the ball to the hole during the Louisville game last night. Denkins, a sophomore, finished with 18 points.

Student hits halfcourt shot, awarded semester's tuition

By Jeff Vinson
 Campus Editor

Last night's game between UK and the University of Louisville featured a trio of sharpshooters who burned the night long.

Wildcat sophomore forward Shaunda Roberts led all scorers with 31 points, one point shy of her career high earlier this year against Syracuse. Louisville's star guard countered Robert's performance scoring 24 points in the second half to finish with a team-high 29.

But the biggest shot of the night may have come during intermission.

Marketing senior Mike Guelcher hit a halfcourt shot that netted him a tuition-free semester. The long-range shooting contest was sponsored by the UK Women's Basketball Victory Club and hosted by WKYT and WDKY's Akemi Takei.

Five students were selected at random to take a shot at the prize — free tuition for one semester.

And after three students netted nothing by air, Guelcher took his shot and afterward explained his winning strategy.

"You just get up there and throw it up — that was half luck," a delirious Guelcher said. "I probably couldn't do that again in a hundred tries. Somebody was watching over me tonight."

Guelcher, who loosened up before he

shot, said when the ball left his hands he thought it had a chance to go in.

"As soon as I let go, it looked good. If it was gonna go in, it was going to have to go through clean," Guelcher said.

And how does it feel to not worry about tuition next semester?

"It's wonderful," he said. "It's absolutely wonderful."

Gaining momentum

For the Wildcats, it was their second straight victory.

Heading into tournament time, UK coach Bernadette Locke-Mattox is starting to see light at the end of a mostly dark first season.

The Cats are now 7-17, 2-8 in the Southeastern Conference.

"I think (the U of L win) is a big plus in that things are starting to come together for (the players)," Locke-Mattox said. "We've got a little bit of momentum and I hope to continue that momentum."

UK plays its final SEC game Feb. 24 at South Carolina, before returning home to close out the regular season Feb. 27 against Eastern Kentucky.

The victory against Louisville gives UK a 500 record at home this season at 5-5. By contrast, it would take a win over the Gamecocks in Columbia to help the Cats gain their first victory on the opponent's home floor this season.

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Sanders might give up baseball

By Denne H. Freeman
 Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Deion Sanders will announce today he is temporarily putting his two-sport career on hold to concentrate on being the NFL's only two-way player, a source told The Associated Press.

Sanders yesterday announced through the Dallas Cowboys that a news conference is scheduled for noon today at Sanders' new club, "Prime Time 21."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and coach Barry Switzer are to attend.

Sanders, who doesn't have a baseball contract, has decided not to try latching on with a team in time for spring training so he can spend more time with his wife and two children at their new \$2 million home in north Dallas.

Sanders, who made \$2.5 million playing baseball last season, probably won't give up baseball for good. Instead, he'll take a year

off to let his body recover from the wear and tear of an extended two-sport career.

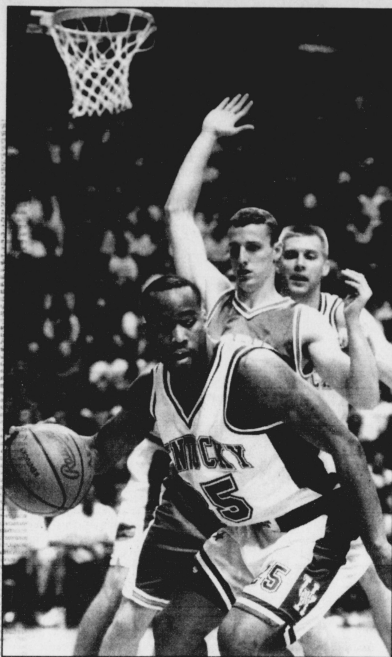
Sanders wants to polish his skills as a wide receiver by working out with Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, who has said Sanders could be one of the NFL's elite receivers with more practice.

Sanders signed a \$35 million deal with Dallas last season, then played nine regular-season games once the baseball season ended.

Sanders began last baseball season with the Cincinnati Reds, then was traded to the San Francisco Giants. The Giants allowed him to become a baseball free agent when they didn't offer him arbitration.

Sanders' Dallas debut was delayed last fall because of surgery to repair an ankle injury sustained while playing baseball.

The Cowboys need Sanders to be healthy and available for all of the upcoming football season because they are thin at cornerback.



FLOOR LEADER Anthony Epps (above) made his first start in eight games Saturday against Tennessee and sparked the Cats early in the game. Derek Anderson and Mark Pope play some defense.

Rogers could be top center in SEC

By Jason Dattilo
Sports Editor

In Rick Pitino's opinion, the best center in the Southeastern Conference isn't Mississippi State's Erick Dampier or Tennessee's Steve Hamer.

It's Alabama's Roy Rogers. The 6-foot-10 senior leads the SEC in blocked shots with 4.2 a game with 14 against Georgia earlier this year.

"He's probably the third-best center in college basketball," said coach Pitino, who placed Massachusetts' Marcus Camby and Wake Forest's Tim Duncan ahead of Rogers. "He without doubt is going to be a great pro. I look at this man and I think he could be a top 10 pick."

Rogers is another in a long line of Alabama players who have reported to Tuscaloosa as relative unknowns and blossomed during their college years.

The Crimson Tide have eight players in the NBA, including Los Angeles Clipper Antonio McDyess, the second pick overall in last year's draft. The list also includes Golden State Warrior Latrell Sprewell and Houston Rockets star Robert Horry.

"I think they obviously do a great job of evaluating talent," Pitino said. "I also think they do a great job of developing talent."

With a top-notch center in Rogers and a talented cast of perimeter players in forward Eric Washington and guard Marvin Orange, this Alabama team

reminds Pitino of last season's Mississippi State team, a squad that defeated UK at Rupp Arena.

"This is the most dangerous opponent we've faced," said Pitino, whose No. 2-ranked team battles Alabama tonight at 9:30 in Rupp Arena.

The reason: If opponents double down on Rogers, the Tide has four players on the wing that can hit the three-point.

"We have to stop the three-point game," Pitino said.

UK (22-1, 12-0 SEC) will be playing for its 21st straight win, while Alabama (14-8, 7-5) looks to maintain its status as the last SEC team to go through conference play unbeaten.

The Tide went 14-0 in SEC play during the 1955-56 season.

"If we ever did it, it probably wouldn't happen for another 40 years," UK guard Tony Delk said. "We're so close we don't want to let it slip away."

Home again

So far this season the Cats have played their best basketball on the road leading Pitino to make some

subtle adjustments to the team's home-game routine.

The biggest difference: The Cats will arrive at Rupp Arena later to help cut down on distractions during pregame activities.

"All I know is we're playing great basketball on the road and winning at home," Pitino said.

Pitino's mom, a basketball junkie hooked on DirecTV, has another theory on why UK sometimes seems flat at home. Mom says when watching games played at other gyms, the noise from the crowd drowns out the commentators.

"Not at Rupp," Pitino said. "It's very similar to an NBA crowd." Pitino said, "It's like a Knick crowd. If you do something great they're going to explode. If not, they're going to watch the game."

When Pitino took over at UK, the young New Yorker brought a new level of enthusiasm to Rupp Arena. He even encouraged players to take an active role in motivating the crowd — a practice that has since been outlawed.

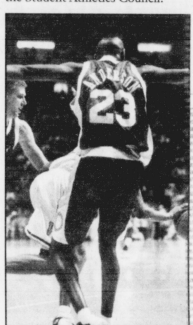
"If (the players) want to cheer-

lead, I'll get one of those little girls out there to play point guard and I'll let them cheerlead," said Pitino, who believes players can't concentrate on the crowd and the game.

If UK ever built an on-campus arena, Pitino would like to see some changes made in the seating. "I'd put 4,000 students behind each basket and on the sidelines," he said. "That's what makes Duke so great. They have all those fans in the lower arena."

But even with the geriatric factor eliminated, fans become accustomed to blowouts. And if the comfort level is up, the cheering level is sure to be down.

"It's hard to get excited when you know you're going to win," said communication disorders junior Robin Harris, a member of the Student Athletics Council.



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UK vs. Alabama			
Tonight, 9:30			
Rupp Arena			
UK (22-1, 12-0 SEC)			
Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:	
G Tony Delk	19.5	4.4	
G Anthony Epps	6.6	3.0	
C Walter McCarty	10.9	5.6	
F Derek Anderson	8.9	3.0	
F Antoine Walker	15.2	8.0	
Reserves:			
Mark Pope, 8.8 ppg; Ron Mercer, 8.4; Jeff Shepard, 5.3; Wayne Turner, 4.6; Allen Edwards, 3.6; Nazir Mohammed, 2.4; Oliver Simmons, 1.9; Cameron Mills, 1.5; Jason Latworn, 0.5.			
Alabama (14-8, 7-5)			
Probable Starters:	Pts:	Reb:	
G Marvin Orange	8.0	2.4	
G Marco Whitefield	7.2	1.9	
C Roy Rogers	13.1	9.0	
F Thalamus McGhee	3.8	5.9	
F Eric Washington	18.0	8.6	
Reserves:			
Brian Williams, 11.5 ppg; Anthony Brown, 5.8; Anton Reese, 4.2; Damon Baccote, 2.4; M.C. Manque, 1.6; Blake Thrasher, 1.0; Scott Hamilton, 1.0.			
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Team statistics

UK		Opponents
.492	Field Goal Percentage	.405
.692	Free-Throw Percentage	.657
.396	Three-Point Percentage	.305
92.3	Points Per Game	69.2
42.3	Rebounds Per Game	36.2
14.3	Off. Rebounds Per Game	13.8
21.5	Assists Per Game	12.3
16.9	Turnovers Per Game	23.0
5.3	Blocks Per Game	3.0
12.1	Steals Per Game	7.8

SCOUTING report

BACKCOURT



Epps

Anthony Epps started for the first time in eight games Saturday against Tennessee. The junior point guard solidified his spot in the starting rotation by helping the Cats get off to a quick start. Meanwhile shooting guard Tony Delk continues to lead the team in scoring with consistent offensive production. A key to tonight's game could be how well the UK backcourt defends against the three. UK coach Rick Pitino said Bama has four people who can effectively shoot the three.

FRONTCOURT



McCarty

Alabama center Roy Rogers — not the namesake for a chicken restaurant — is the SEC's most feared shot blocker. Rogers has recorded two triple-doubles this season, and he set a new SEC record for blocks in a game by rejecting 14 Georgia shots earlier this season. If the Cats' offense can neutralize Alabama's biggest weapon by keeping the ball away from Rogers.

BENCH

The UK bench is an ever-changing entity, with nine Cats starting at least one game this season. With no player on the UK roster averaging more than 26 minutes a contest, even the best see some time on the pine.

ETC.

Alabama has eight players in the NBA, including Houston Rockets standout Robert Horry. The former Crimson Tide player now has a genre of players named after him. Pitino calls the Cats' Walter McCarty a Robert Horry-like player because both Horry and the UK forward can shoot the three and drive the lane for the slam.



ALABAMAstats

Team statistics

UA		Opponents
.431	Field Goal Percentage	.405
.636	Free-Throw Percentage	.680
.364	Three-Point Percentage	.328
82.1	Points Per Game	60.1
40.1	Rebounds Per Game	39.5
13.0	Off. Rebounds Per Game	15.5
12.5	Assists Per Game	13.2
14.1	Turnovers Per Game	13.3
5.9	Blocks Per Game	3.0
6.5	Steals Per Game	7.2

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NATION

Residents angered over Indian hunting rights

By Aviva L. Brandt
Associated Press

NILE, Wash. — Marcie Desserault and three friends slowed their snowmobiles to watch a herd of elk that were drawn to a state-operated feeding station. As they turned a corner, they saw a dead elk, shot by a Yakima Indian hunter, in the back of a truck.

"To hunt is one thing, but to watch them eat at what should be a safe place and then say, 'I guess

I'll take that one' just seems wrong," Desserault said.

The Jan. 27 killing of two bull elk near the feeding station has set off protest meetings and letter-writing campaigns by more than 100 non-Indian residents of the Chinook Pass area, southeast of Mount Rainier in the Cascades.

Yakima County Prosecutor Jeff Sullivan is considering whether to file charges against the hunter, former Yakima tribal police chief Joe Young.

At issue is whether the feeding

site — set up by the state to keep the animals going through the winter — is in the tribe's "usual and accustomed hunting area," as prescribed in an 1855 treaty with the U.S. government.

The Yakimas have 8,000 registered members, most of them living on a reservation in the area.

Under their treaty, they can hunt year-round within the 10 million acres of central Washington that they ceded to the federal government. The tribe retained rights to fish, hunt and gather

medicinal plants on that land, now a checkerboard of federal and private property used mostly for logging.

For non-Indian hunters, elk season lasts only a week to 10 days in November. Archery hunting is also defended at various times.

Young defended his killing of the two elk.

"This treaty gives us our right," he told the Yakima Herald-Republic. "We can hunt, fish and gather roots within our usual and accustomed places. This was with-

in the ceded area."

Non-Indian hunters see if from a different perspective.

"It's more of a moral issue than their ceded rights. The way they're taking these elk right off a feeding station where they're trying to survive, it's not fair to the animal or the sportsman," said Todd Huck, a Naches orchardist and hunter.

"That's why people are upset," said John McGowan, a state wildlife official in charge of the elk feeding station. "It just goes

against their sense of morality that we attract them down here and feed them and then someone harvests them."

Some hunters complain elk hunting shouldn't be allowed at all under the treaty because the animals aren't indigenous to this part of Washington but are descended from a herd shipped from Wyoming in 1913. There are now about 13,000 elk in the area.

Non-Indian hunters also complain that while they are limited to hunting "spikes," young male elk with single-prong antlers, the Yakimas are killing mature breeding bulls with five- and six-prong racks.

Nevada town hopes tourists will find it out of this world

By Robert Macy
Associated Press

RACHEL, Nev. — If E.T. is ever looking for a place to phone home, or searching for a route back to his extraterrestrial kin, this blip of a town may be just the ticket.

Long a mecca for people who believe we are not alone, Rachel is now the anchor for Nevada's newest tourist attraction — the Extraterrestrial Highway.

It's even going to get official state highway signs.

Folks here are convinced there are alien visitors just over the mountains to the south, at a top-secret government base known as Area 51 or Groom Lake.

"I think there are people and machines from other planets over there," Pat Travis said as she scrubbed breakfast dishes at the

Little A'Le'Inn — think "alien" — the focal point of this hamlet of 100 people.

"I think our government is working in conjunction with them."

"I don't doubt for a minute that there are extraterrestrials," added Chuck Clark, an amateur astronomer who has written a guidebook on the area. "To think we're the only life in the universe is ludicrous."

Area 51 is veiled in mystery. The heavily guarded, isolated base 85 miles north of Las Vegas is where the government has tested some of its most exotic aircraft, including the U-2, SR-71 Blackbird and F-117A stealth fighter, and is now believed to be flying Aurora, apparently a new reconnaissance plane.

Officially, the military won't even acknowledge the base exists.

Uniformed Marines and Air Force personnel drive through, and some stop at the Little A'Le'Inn for breakfast.

But "I have never had anybody who works at Area 51 tell us anything," Travis said. "We've had some of them get pretty drunk and they still don't tell anything."

While the federal government wishes everyone would go away, the Nevada Transportation Department recently named a 92-mile stretch of desolate state route 375 the Extraterrestrial Highway. It plans to put up four signs at a cost of \$3,300.

Gov. Bob Miller quipped that some of the signs should be placed flat on the ground "so aliens can land there."

The governor said the designation shows Nevada has a sense of humor, as was the case several years ago when a magazine named

U.S. 50 across the state "the loneliest road in America."

"Instead of being insulted, we turned it around, set up way stations, and created T-shirts and bumper stickers reading, 'I survived the loneliest road in America,'" Miller said.

The Extraterrestrial Highway runs between the hamlets of Hiko and Warm Springs, traversing mountain passes and deserts covered with scrub brush and juniper trees.

Highway officials say it draws only about 50 vehicles a day on average, though more show up twice annually when Rachel holds "UFO Friendship Campouts" for tourists looking for flying saucers.

Clark, 50, said he has seen mysterious sights such as glowing orbs of light around Area 51.

"I think the stuff that is being seen is alien, but under the control of our government," he said. "I don't know if they're spaceships. But they're beyond our physics."

The tiny cafe features racks of UFO T-shirts, caps and books, and photos taken from a distance of the hangars and 30,000-foot runway at Groom Lake.

Groups accuse FDA of delaying treatments

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government doctors thought they'd finally proved Americans get life-saving new medicines as fast as or faster than Europeans, but critics are insisting that's not good enough.

Afraid the good news could slow congressional efforts to revamp the Food and Drug Administration, its detractors are charging that hidden red tape forces U.S. drug makers to spend 15 years developing a single medicine.

Incensed regulators say that's just not so.

It's a question that becomes pivotal tomorrow, because which side Congress believes could determine whether it gives an overhaul or merely a face lift to the agency responsible for safeguarding medical therapy.

"We are far and away ... ahead of the world," fumed the normally imperturbable Dr. Murray Lumpkin, the FDA's drug chief.

Countered Robert Goldberg of George Washington University: "Patients are still waiting longer than necessary."

Congress begins debating legislation tomorrow to make the FDA get new therapies to patients faster.

A Senate plan would force the FDA to review new medicines under strict deadlines and streamline the time spent testing new products. The House will explore a much more radical alternative: Let private companies approve new medicines to reduce the FDA's role to that of a gatekeeper that ensures the firms are certified to work prop-

erly. The hearings promise to be feisty and partisan: Just last week, House Republicans apologized for announcing them to FDA critics before giving Democrats the date.

"Nobody disputes that FDA has worked too slowly; in 1987, it took three years on average to review a drug. But the FDA argues that it has improved on its own, averaging 16 months last year. More important, it cut in half the review time for "breakthrough" medicines, taking six months to clear drugs for killer diseases or first-of-a-kind treatments.

International drug records show that last year Americans were the first users of 10 of the world's 28 breakthrough drugs. Germany and Belgium had the next-highest rate of first approvals, with three.

The figures stunned FDA critics, and drug makers conceded the agency had improved.

The critics are giving Congress two new arguments:

▼All told, the rest of the world got 18 of last year's 28 breakthrough drugs before Americans.

▼FDA requirements for how companies test a new medicine force drug makers to spend 15 years developing a single drug, Washington University's Goldberg charged.

"There's a great deal that can be done to improve that (development) process and streamline it, none of which puts patients at risk," said Carl Feldbaum of the Biotechnology Industry Organization.

The FDA says comparing one country to the whole world combined is unfair.

Conference aims to cut middle ground for loggers and environmentalists

By Scott Sonner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A tradition-rich national forest conference recovers today, seeking a truce between timber companies and environmentalists at a time when tension over U.S. logging policy is at a historic high.

"The time has come for the nation to turn away from polarization and toward consensus," Forest Service Chief Jack Ward Thomas said in a welcome prepared for the Seventh American Forest Congress. The congress first met in 1862.

The five-day event here brings

together corporate officers, professional foresters, academics and — for the first time — environmentalists and other conservation-minded citizens.

It's the first meeting of the congress since 1975, when the U.S. Congress passed a series of environmental laws that now are under attack by majority Republicans and some conservative Democrats.

The second meeting, called by Teddy Roosevelt in 1905, led to the creation of the national forest system, which now stretches across 191 million acres.

Hopes were high for this conference when it was announced

last October and a series of 51 local meetings gathered citizen views.

Timber industry officials and union mill workers share Thomas' optimism that the gathering will lead to a new era of cooperation in charting forest policy for the 21st century.

But optimism has waned among environmentalists. Several of the more militant groups are boycotting the event, planning instead to demonstrate outside the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

"It's basically an organization of the timber industry. Their record is a century of deforestation," said Mark Winstein, co-

director of Save America's Forests, a coalition of grassroots conservation groups.

"Environmentalists have no business sitting down and parlaying with the industry," said Ron Mitchell of the Idaho Sporting Congress, which is fighting logging in several national forests of the Northern Rocky Mountains.

Several conservation groups, however, are among the organizers. The Wilderness Society, National Audubon Society, and Izaak Walton League are among the sponsors along with such timber giants as the International Paper Co., Georgia Pacific Corp. and the Weyerhaeuser Co.

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Montana students protest new plans to open campus bar

By Sonja Lee
University Wire

A University of Montana student angered by a proposal to start a pub on campus has vowed to do whatever it takes to keep the bar off campus, even if she has to sit in front of the pub site all day.

Katie Conway, a junior in pre-law and sociology and a former ASUM student affairs committee member, sat in the UC for three hours Thursday to protest the bar, which could open as early as next fall. And she promised not to keep coming back if necessary.

Conway said she is protesting because she believes there is no need to have alcohol at school.

A university pub would promote underage drinking, she said, and would send the wrong message to UM students.

Conway also said the pub's profits won't help the university because the bar will be under a private contractor.

Clair Savon, a junior in Liberal Studies, said she agreed with Conway's protest.

"There are so many bars in Montana and Missoula already," she said. "What I think people need is a coffeeshop where underage people can get together." But other students on campus feel differently.

"I think students here on campus need some entertainment," Kami Parmiter, a junior in international business said. "As long as there are age limits, it's better to stay on campus rather than walk downtown."

Conway said liability problems also will be created by serving alcohol on campus.

This story originally appeared in *The Kaimin* at the University of Montana.

DiVeRSions

Independent filmmaker duos on roll

The film noir genre — characterized by its sharply-written dark humor, convoluted crime stories, sleazy characters and abundant plot shifts — which thrived in the '40s was given a rebirth, of sorts, in 1984 when Joel and Ethan Coen released their defiant cold-hearted thriller *Blood Simple*.

Getting their start as assistants on the set of horror-director Sam Raimi's *The Evil Dead*, the brothers agreed to write Raimi's next feature, *CrimeWave*.

Thoroughly disappointed with the outcome, they decided to concentrate on teaming up to do their next film.

With both brothers writing the scripts and Joel directing, they went on to do their 1987 smash hit, *Raising Arizona*, which would propel them into cult fame.

Since then the duo have become known simply as the Coen Brothers, going on to ignite a trend of independent filmmakers doing things their own way.

Meanwhile, with the independent scene growing quickly, another pair of brothers, John and Rick Dahl, produced their first feature film in 1989, *Kill Me Again*. The film held striking similarities to the neo-noir genre the Coens re-created, with both brothers writing and John directing. Although they didn't achieve the same success as the Coens' debut, the Dahl brothers have since gone on to lead similar careers.

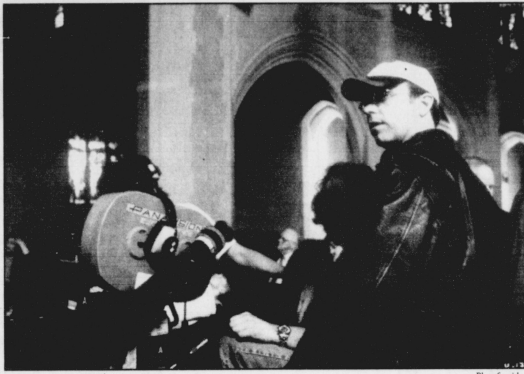
In 1990 and '91, Joel and Ethan made arguably their two finest films. First came their tale of rival mob gangs, *Miller's Crossing*, which recently appeared on *Entertainment Weekly's* list of top 100 films of all time.

Barton Fink followed a year later with even more critical acclaim, as the film virtually swept every main category at the Cannes Film Festival.

The rave acceptance of their dark, sardonic wit had a profound influence on other young independent filmmakers including Quentin Tarantino, Steven Soderbergh and the Dahl brothers.

The major studios finally caught on to their talents, and offered them a \$25 million dollar budget to do their next film, *The Hudsucker Proxy*. With a significantly increased budget, the film turned out to be a major disappointment, receiving poor reviews and losing a substantial amount of money.

During this rapid rise to fame and subsequent failure in 1994, the other pair of brothers



ALL IN THE FAMILY John Dahl (above) directs 'Unforgettable,' opening in Lexington this Friday. The film stars Ray Liotta and Linda Fiorentino.

ers were making waves. The Dahls' 1992 release, *Red Rock West*, solidified their position as budding stars. The twisted tale of deception starring Nicholas Cage and Dennis Hopper, gained several accolades in the art theaters.

Their next venture, however, proved to push them over the top with Linda Fiorentino playing the femme-fatale in *The Last Seduction*. Although ineligible for the Academy Awards because of its initial cable release, Fiorentino received consensus among the critics for a best actress performance.

The acclaim the movie experienced has placed the Dahls in a similar position as the Coens found themselves in two years ago — awaiting the release of their first big-budget film.

Unforgettable, starring Ray Liotta and Fiorentino, opens Friday nationwide. The film is a slight departure for the brothers (as was *The Hudsucker Proxy*), with the screenplay coming from outside the family, John directing, and Rick as the executive producer. The

trademark noir-qualities seem to be intact, however, as it has been described as a disturbing descent into the darkest corners of the human psyche.

While the Dahls wait and see whether they make it through the rise in status, the Coen brothers are planning an early March release of their latest film, *Fargo*. Starring Coen regulars Steve Buscemi and Francis McDormand, it promises the return to the world of humble budgets and gritty, violent humor.

Expect nothing but the best from these two duos in their upcoming films, and hope the Dahls don't complete the following of career stagers with *Unforgettable*.

This group of filmmakers deserves to be commended for their heavy influence on independent cinema. They've made stars out of several young actors (Buscemi, Fiorentino), rejuvenated one of film's most exciting genres, and spearheaded the surge of independent filmmakers. Enjoy and appreciate the works of four of Hollywood's most inventive minds.

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New comedy sitcom explores the life and times of buddies

By Julie Anderson
Assistant Art Editor

An interracial relationship between two filmmakers is the focus of "Buddies," Touchstone Television's latest comedy sitcom

premiering March 5 at 9:30 p.m. on ABC before airing at its scheduled time slot on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. "Buddies" revolves around the escapades and ordeals of Dave Carlisle (Dave Chappelle) and John Bailey (Christopher

Gartin). This half-hour sitcom is situated in Chicago, where friends Dave and John are trying to make a go of it in the film industry. Waiting for their "big break" Dave and John make ends meet by videotaping weddings, birthdays, bar mitzvahs and other galas.

Of the two buddies, Dave is the more easygoing—deeming himself a suave businessman. However, Dave believes in bachelorhood, creating an on-going conflict between him and his long-time girlfriend, Phyllis (Tanya White).

John, on the other hand, is spontaneous in business judgments, yet settled in his personal life. Recently married to Lorraine (Paula Cale), John occasionally doubts the sacredness of his wedding vows, especially since his bachelor buddy lives in the apartment above him. The adjustments of married life splinter into a side plot.

Dave, played by stand-up comic Dave Chappelle, has entertained audiences since he was fourteen years old by poking fun at racial tension.

For example, in one routine Chappelle tells the "The Adventures of Trick Whitey Man," the tale of a superhero who can change skin color. "Buddies" is in line with his way of shedding laughter on America's racial tension.

"Buddies" is different because the characters have grown up together and have always had that bond," Chappelle said.



MORE FRIENDS ABC's latest addition to the Wednesday night lineup is "Buddies," a comedy that revolves around the antics of two filmmaking

DIVERSIONSbytes

Sweet Honey to sing on WUKY

The renowned a cappella group, Sweet Honey in the Rock, celebrates Black History Month with a 2-hour special to air on WUKY (FM 91.3/92.1) on Saturday at 8 p.m. Sweet Honey is recognized around the world for its dedication to the preservation and celebration of black culture through performance.

The program combines live performance material with an in-

terview with Sweet Honey's founder and artistic director, Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagan, and members of the group.

Addition to Humana Festival

Joan Ackerman's family comedy, "The Batting Cage," will be starting March 7 at the Actors Theatre of Louisville as part of the 1996 Humana Festival of New American Plays.

Ackerman's off-beat comedy focuses on two very different

women who travel to Florida to fulfill a last wish and scatter the ashes of their deceased sister Morgan. After arriving at their St. Augustine hotel room, they discover that the suitcase holding the ashes did not arrive as planned.

The sisters and their mother have 10 days to defuse conflicting personalities and redefine their lives that have lost focus since Morgan's death two years ago.

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Just a word of advice to students contemplating a run at the top positions for the Student Government Association executive branch next year.

Lace up your shoes real tight and be ready to answer the tough questions. Don't even come to play if you're only in the line on your resumé or the great parking sticker.

This campus doesn't need you. Too many times in the past, most of the contenders have tried to put on a show, but their acts evaporated and exposed the candidates as pretenders.

Often, students are left with only a couple of worthy tickets to choose from, and a lot of also-rans with very few good ideas. Student government should be all about good ideas and less about fluff or attacking your opponents.

Before making your decision to run, take time to learn how the University runs and how SGA fits into the entire picture.

Find out what type of ideas are possible for students to accomplish, and figure out a plan to do it. Surround yourself with creative individuals who want to make the campus better, instead of people who just want to pad a resumé.

Most of all, be honest with the students and don't try to sell them incomplete proposals or ideas that you know won't fly. Candidates can promise to do all sorts of things, but the most effective student leaders are the ones with the experience and the plan to do the job right.

And to the student body, hold your student government accountable for its actions. They are given \$250,000 each year to help make campus better, and more often than not, that money is never turned into anything constructive for students.

Ask the tough questions, press the candidates on the issues and if you are really dedicated to the cause of making the campus better, then think about running on your own ticket.

IN OUR OPINION

READERS' forum

Fans upset over new uniforms are acting like idiots

To the editor:

The furor that has erupted over the color of the new men's basketball uniforms has reached a level seen way too often in modern society: the level of absolute idiocy!

After hearing comments made on the Big Blue Line and reading the front page of the Lexington-Herald Liberal (Leader) I believe that the following rule can apply: The amount of uproar created by an issue is inversely proportional to the importance of that issue. I also agree with the coach that the fans are focusing on the wrong issue here.

When was the last time we

were 20-1 and undefeated in the Southeastern Conference?

We should be running and screaming through the streets and celebrating the fact that the team has done this well. Besides who cares what Billy Packer — who is obviously dumber than two rocks and just trying to stir up trouble — has to say about us anyway? The traditions of UK have not been damaged by the uniform change. The only thing that has been damaged is the credibility and reputation of the supporters of the Kentucky Wildcats.

I would like to take the time to personally apologize to Rick Pitino, the coaching staff, and the players for the idiotic actions of a few of the fans and hope that they accept the apology knowing that all of the fans are not like this. I would also like to apologize to the two rocks, they didn't do anything to deserve the comparison

with Billy Packer and I shouldn't go around insulting rocks like that anyway.

Scott Dickison
 geography senior

Walkway by the Safety Center is dangerous

To the editor:

Maybe you could tell me why the worst stretch of sidewalk on campus is directly in front of the Fire and safety prevention center on Columbia?

Handicapped students who are housed on Woodland (directly across from the Sigma Pi social fraternity house) must travel to the opposite side of the street to come to campus because the walkway is in such bad shape they cannot get their wheelchairs over it.

Just a thought.

Tina Moorhead
 School of Library and Information Science staff

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Segregation is alive and well at Cultural Center

As I'm not an avid practitioner of Ostrich-style head in the sand relaxation, it would be impossible not to notice the racial polarity on this campus.

Perhaps the best recent example of this was the racial division in the Student Center during the televised O.J. Simpson verdict last year. The lines between black and white were clearly drawn, as each group clustered together to await the verdict. As the verdict was announced, the atmosphere of each group was radically different. The students in the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center, where the black students had gathered, erupted in shouts of joy. The main lounge area, where a mostly white audience watched the proceedings, was as somber as a tomb.

This type of racial division has become common on almost every American campus. It is a symptom of a much larger problem. In our rush to respect cultural diversity, we are tearing this nation apart.

The goal of integration seems to have lost its appeal as we as a nation approach the year 2000. No where is this more evident than in the recent trend of establishing ethnic or racially based lounges for students.

At UK the Student Center is home to such a place, the King Cultural Center.

Although the goal of such a center is to provide an environment of unity, I find that such places only further divide our nation. We are no longer a nation of Americans, instead we are African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Latin-Americans, etc. Being proud of your heritage is a good thing, yet to use it as a basis to separate racial and ethnic groups is a mistake. Far from being a melting pot, this nation seems intent on re-establishing the concept of separate-but-equal. Some would have us believe that it is perfectly acceptable to have separate facilities for different racial or ethnic groups.

The problem is that encouraging separate facilities fosters feelings of elitism and encourages distrust of other ethnic and racial groups. As clearly expressed by the Supreme Court in Brown vs. Board of Education, the concept of separate but equal is anything but equal. Abraham Lincoln stat-

ed: "a house divided cannot stand."

This nation can ill afford the dangers inherent in increased racial tension. We need to apply a tourniquet to stop the flow toward total race and ethnic separation.

In regards to this goal, the first step I would take on this campus is to close the cultural center.

This center is multicultural in name only, it is simply a lounge for African-American students. The center does little except to provide a convenient excuse to divide along racial lines. UK needs universal student assembly areas, not segregated ones. To provide such places as the King Center not only pushes us further apart, but it also opens the door for reverse discrimination. If you have a center primarily for African-Americans why not one for European-Americans? It doesn't take much to imagine what would happen if the University established the Robert E. Lee Multicultural Center for Students.



Clayton Sandford
 Contributing Columnist

UK would be branded the most bigoted and racist of institutions. Yet to establish a center that is primarily for African-Americans is deemed acceptable. The truth is, the King Cultural Center is the epitome of racism in a domain with no place on this campus. I am quite aware that the center is open to any race or ethnic group, but let's not kid ourselves. This lounge is the exclusive domain of African-American students.

While I certainly understand that some African-American students feel more comfortable in a racially homogeneous area like the center, this reinforces the idea that racial separation is a good thing.

I believe the center is a pay-back to the African-American student population for past wrongs. But that's the point, this grant guilt complex that drives efforts to support perceived African-American needs and wants is only dividing this campus further.

Contributing Columnist Clayton Sandford is a psychology sophomore.



The truth is, the King Cultural Center is the epitome of racism and has no place on this campus.

INFORMED SOURCES

"I WAS walking down the road and I saw a big white flash in the sky. I looked and then saw a double-decker bus but there was nothing left of it, it was completely blown to pieces."

Anthony Yates, an eyewitness at an explosion tore through a double-decker bus in central London Sunday night.

Medicare an inevitable folly for the Democrats

It's about to be deja vu all over again. Prior to Christmas and shortly after the New Year, the government shut down because the Republican Congress and President Bill Clinton were unable to agree on what came to be called "cuts" in Medicare spending. How anyone can call a \$1,900 per-person spending increase a "cut" escapes me.

The Democrats argue that without larger increases in Medicare spending, seniors will be forced to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine. The deductible increases that elderly Americans are forced to accept every year continue to force more and more Medicare recipients dangerously close to financial insecurity. And those cold-hearted Republicans even more "cuts."

President Clinton and his associates likely will use this line when

the continuing resolution that is currently funding the national government expires soon as well as against the Republican nominee in the general election this November.

Well, Sen. Robert Kerrey, the chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and a veteran who lost a leg in Vietnam, didn't call Clinton an exceptionally good liar for nothing. The latest Democratic mantra is demagoguery pure and simple. That is not my characterization. That comes from Matthew Miller, a former member of the Clinton administration. As he points out, Medicare



Todd Baggary
 Kernel Columnist

actually pays more for the many medical services than health insurance programs that cover those in the private sector. And as Health Maintenance Organizations proliferate this trend will only accelerate.

In 1985, Congress, then controlled by Democrats, set up the Physician Payment Review Commission. Its purpose is to subject Medicare payments to physicians to statistical analysis. According to the PPRC, private insurers pay only 68 percent of what Medicare pays. There is one flaw in the data, though. It is from the

1989-1993 timeframe. That was before the proliferation of HMOs and their power to negotiate with hospitals, doctors and other health care providers for limits in growth and outright cuts in health care costs.

The New Republic, a national political journal with liberal leanings, commissioned a study by a firm that studies health care costs. Here is what they found: In North Carolina, Medicare pays \$273 for a colonoscopy while one HMO pays \$248. In Oklahoma, Medicare pays \$1,039 for cataract surgery while an HMO



In other words, those who are struggling to pay their bills, put food on the table, and keep a roof over their children's heads will be subsidizing the income of physicians ..."

those who are in the work force.

The Democrats can use this as an instrument of demagoguery and, perhaps, win back control of Congress. But, what will they have accomplished? For one thing, they will succeed in continuing to use the taxpayers' money to funnel more money to physicians than is necessary to secure an acceptable level of service. In other words, those who are struggling to pay their bills, put food on the table, and keep a roof over their children's heads will be subsidizing the income of physicians — not exactly a group that needs their income subsidized.

My problem with the Democratic Party is not with its motives, but with its preferred means to their preferred ends. Instead of working to help those who can barely keep their heads above water, the Democrats fight to subsidize physicians' income. One has to ask: what good is the Democratic Party anymore?

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Halls sponsoring Lil' Sibs Weekend

By Ben Abes
On-line Editor

Students with younger brothers, sisters or relatives are going to have a chance to show them what college life is all about. The first annual Lil' Sibs Weekend will be held the weekend of March 29 and 30, and application packets are being distributed today at every

campus residence hall's front desk. The event is sponsored by the UK Residence Hall Association and the UK Parent's Association. The idea was tossed around last spring, and the two groups have been working together since early last fall to make the event come to life. Organizers have put together an entire weekend of activities aimed at kids ages 5 through 17.

The tentative schedule is included in the application packet.

On March 29, siblings arrive and check in, where they will be given a name tag and a flyer with the finalized schedule. Then, participants are treated to a welcome party, where they will enjoy pizza, carnival games, a magician, prizes, face painting, caricatures and other activities until 11 p.m.

Coordinators have planned activities for Saturday, including a trip to the Children's Museum, a Scavenger Hunt, recreational activities at the Seaton Center and an ice cream social.

Leah Roth, a middle school education senior and RHA vice president, said the organizers have made special arrangements in the residence halls to allow siblings to

stay the weekend.

She also said the guests will be clear of the normal 2 a.m. visitation restriction, and that they have tried to work around other conflicts during the months of March and April, including the Final Four and the SEC Gymnastics tournament hosted at UK, which both occur the weekend of the program. They also have been working with UK Food Services to offer a special weekend meal plan for the visitors.

Carol Raitz of Food Services

said they "will definitely be doing something for that weekend." She said they will be offering food appealing to younger individuals at a reduced cost.

The informational packets include a form which must be returned by March 15, the Friday during Spring Break. The cost for the weekend is \$15, which includes a T-shirt for the participant and UK student, and covers the program's expenses.

Additional siblings may attend at a reduced cost of \$8.

Popkin prepares for address

By Allison Carmichael
Contributing Writer

Jeremy Popkin took time out from his UK leave to prepare his formal lecture speech. However, the 1995-96 College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor said it was worth it.

The faculty honor is the highest professional recognition offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It's a very special honor to be chosen by colleagues who have even seen you on your bad days," Popkin said.

Popkin is in his 18th year of teaching in UK's history department, where he has completed extensive research on the French Revolution and the relationship between journalism and politics. In addition to teaching, Popkin also has won several prestigious awards and grants for his work outside the classroom.

In 1991 he was chosen for the J.S. Guggenheim Fellowship for excellence in the arts and the Fulbright Research Fellowship. These awards allowed Popkin to continue his research in Lyon, France, as a visiting professor at the Maison des Sciences de l'

Homme. Colleagues describe Popkin as a "true scholar," citing his excellent teaching and research abilities.

"One can go to Jeremy with a question and leave with a clear and insightful answer," said Louis Swift, the 1991-92 Distinguished Professor. "He's exactly the kind of person you'd want at a university."

The Distinguished Professor Award is given to one faculty member who is identified by his colleagues to be an exceptional teacher, and who has contributed greatly to the college and his profession as well as having an exten-

sive educational background.

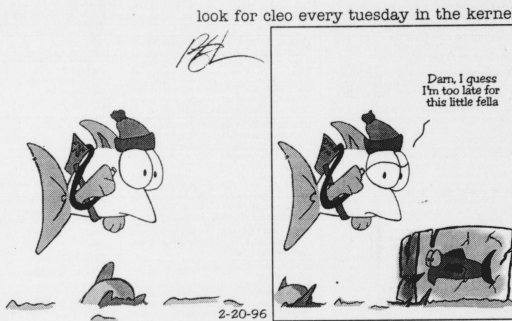
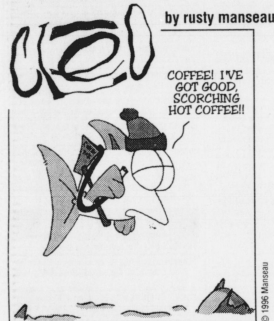
Swift described the feeling of being chosen as "the nicest thing that can happen."

"You feel both pride and satisfaction," Swift said, "but there's also an awareness of all the other great professors that could have been chosen."

Popkin's speech will reflect his recent work on studying the autobiographies of academics.

"I find it interesting to study how academics' ideas are related to their life experiences, and how being a professor affects their life experiences."

Popkin will give his speech at 8 p.m. tonight in the Otis A. Singletary Center recital hall. It is entitled "Academics and Autobiographies."






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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

12:00 noon Teaching and Learning Center Brown-Bag Lunch: "Why Do Students Leave UK: Some Recent Findings." Dr. Louis Swift, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, 359 Old Student Center

2:00 p.m. "Atlas-ing Kentucky's Land and Life." Room 228, New Student Center UK Geography Professors Richard Ulack and Karl Raitz offer a preview of this monumental book project. Joining them are Professors Ronald Mitchelson and Yu Luo, Department of Geography, Government and History at Morehead State University, who will demonstrate the companion electronic interactive version.

3:30 p.m. "Is Science Multicultural? Round 2," 102 Mining and Minerals Building
Panelists:
Professor Dana Nelson, English
Professor John Pickles, Geography
Professor Don Howard, Philosophy
Professor K. R. Subbaswamy, Physics and Astronomy
Professor Moshe Eilitzur, Physics and Astronomy

7:00-9:00 p.m. "Bio Nite," Morgan School of Biological Sciences, Morgan Building, corner of Rose Street and Washington Avenue. The life sciences are on the loose! Exhibits of various life forms, including live snakes, turtles, lizards, and more. Fun and fascinating for all ages.


7:30 p.m. Film and discussion: "Discovering Human Language: Colorless Green Ideas" presented by Professor Anna Bosch and Professor Gregory Stump, Linguistics Program, Worsham Theater, UK Student Center.

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