

Kentucky Channel



WEATHER Cloudy today
showers likely, high 60. Cloudy
tonight, low near 40. Chance
of rain tomorrow, high 60.

SPOTLIGHT ON SANCHEZ Spotlight
Jazz presented Pancho Sanchez's Latin Jazz
Group Saturday. See Diversions, page 3.



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University to spend \$60,000 on retention

By Brian Dunn
Staff Writer

Because the graduation and persistence rates of UK bachelor's degree students have decreased over the last six years, the Lexington Campus has allocated an additional \$60,000 to help fund a new advising office. According to the 1996 Kentucky Higher Education Accountability Report, UK's strategy is to increase the first- and second-year students' retention rate, or the percentage of students who stay at UK to graduate. Simply, UK wants to keep students in school.

"We're in the business of helping students," said David Watt, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research.

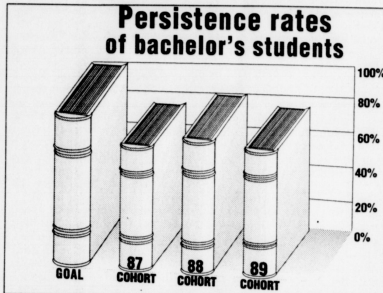
UK is using the \$60,000 to pay for a new advising office and personal counselor for undeclared students, he said.

The plan includes moving undeclared students out of the College of Arts and Sciences, Watt said, and into Undergraduate Studies.

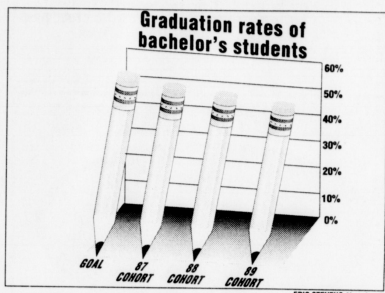
UK is now interviewing for the new counselor and his or her supporting staff, Watt said. He hopes the changes are made by the end of May. Watt said the College of Arts and Sciences tried valiantly to accommodate the undeclared students, but UK needed to do more to help the students with degree and class choices.

The move may be the first in a series of changes to increase personal contact between the University and the student.

"The whole campus has to work to solve the problem," said Louis Swift, dean for Undergraduate Studies. He said many students complained about UK being impersonal and said they didn't feel a sense of belonging. Swift said of the idea for a new advising office, "We were thinking of ways to improve so that students can feel at home on cam-



pus right at the beginning." According to the accountability report, graduation rates decreased from 51.4 percent in 1988 to 48.1 percent in 1995. The persistence rate dropped from 78.1 percent in 1988 to 73.9 percent in 1995. The persistence rate is the sum of the graduation rate, students still enrolled and students who transferred within six years of



first enrolling. UK wants to increase the graduation rate to 51 percent and the persistence rate to 78 percent, said the report. Swift also said UK is increasing UK 101 classes to 35 this fall. UK is also offering a new three-hour UK 101 class that would combine campus orientation and a major's orientation.

UK celebrates being alive

By Brian Dunn
Staff Writer

The drums chanted, "Nuanaruk, nuanaruk, nuanaruk."

The drummers' faces relaxed, their eyes calmly shut and their heads gently swayed to the soothing rhythms of the drums, cooing, "Nuanaruk."

This drum circle was the epitome of the word, which means "to take extravagant pleasure in being alive."

Green Thumb, one of UK's many environmental groups, couldn't think of a more perfect word to name Saturday's Earth Day celebration, the Nuanaruk Festival. The festival lasted from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and included music, speakers, workshops, booths and extras such as face-painting, tie-dyeing and drumming.

About 100 people coursed through the festival, which was sponsored in part by the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Board and Green Thumb. Emily Gallagher, chief organizer of the festival and founder of Green Thumb, said the festival's purpose was to "teach people how to be practical every day" and to show people what environmentalists work on every other day of the year.

Saturday's celebration in UK's free speech area was the first Nuanaruk Festival and the first UK Earth Day celebration in three years, Gallagher said.

Among the highlights of the day were speakers Liz Natter, an environmental racism attorney, and Sally Edwards, an expert on environmental policy. Several experts led discussions and workshops on such issues as industrial hemp and organic gardening.

Fianna Rua, a Celtic traditional band, and Amoeba performed. Along with Green Thumb, Environmental Professionals, the UK Forestry and Wildlife Association, the Residence Hall Association, Recycling, the Kentucky Hemp Growers Association, Amnesty International and UK Sierrans participated in the festival.



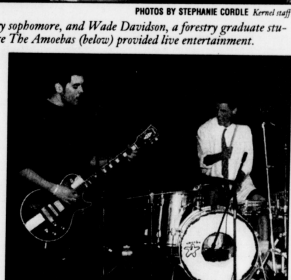
TIE-DYING Lara Baker, an arts administration and history sophomore, and Wade Davidson, a forestry graduate student, make tie-dyed shirts at the Nuanaruk Festival where The Amoebas (below) provided live entertainment.

The groups set up booths along the sidewalk between the new and old Student Center buildings. At Green Thumb's booth, members handed out free white pine seedlings and sold white Nuanaruk Festival T-shirts, which later could be tie-dyed.

SAB plans to continue the Earth Day celebration tomorrow, when they show the movie *The Medicine Man* in Worsham Theater at 9:30 p.m.

Green Thumb will have a booth in the free speech area from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow. "One of the main focuses is to get the campus involved in environmental issues to let the campus know we're here," said Rachel Ross, a communications junior and membership chair for UK Sierrans.

"We are in environmental crisis," said SGA Environmental Chairman Gottlieb Duwan. "I think the students are a good place to start."



PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE CORLE

Sunshine brings out hundreds for AIDS Walk for Life

By Jennifer Smith
Staff Writer

Hundreds of feet took to the pavement in yesterday's AIDS Walk for Life to raise money and show support for AIDS awareness.

People from local businesses and groups as well as UK students gathered at UK's Commonwealth Stadium to enjoy live music, food and get a little exercise while helping to further a great cause.

Events lasted from noon to 4 p.m., ending with a post-walk raffle. Ten raffle prize baskets donated by local restaurants and businesses were awarded to participants.

Entertainment for the pre-walk festivities included live music from three local singing groups, as well as music from Z-103 FM, which broadcasted live from the Commonwealth Stadium parking lot.

Walkers and their pets alike enjoyed the beautiful day while listening to local groups Innocence and Sister Sound, and the Lexington Men's Chorus.

After the groups performed, the exercise festivities got underway with a welcome program and warm-up aerobics.

Walkers who didn't participate in the aerobics could simply enjoy the sunny weather, get some snacks or view the AIDS quilt on display in the Nutter Center.

Several participants walked in memory of loved ones lost to the AIDS virus.

"It's a social problem that is so complex and has so many aspects to it," said Mary Beth Durnell, executive director of AIDS Volunteers of Lexington.

One participant in the walk and

volunteer at AVOL said she found out about the organization through her sorority.

"The people from AVOL came to our house and needed volunteers, so that's how I got involved," said UK student and Delta Delta Delta social sorority member Beth Hunter.

"I'm doing this walk to get volunteer hours for my health communications class," UK student Heather McCollum said.

Proceeds from the fifth annual AIDS walk, which is presented by AVOL, directly benefits AIDS patients and research in Kentucky. AVOL works under grants to increase community awareness in a program called the Community Education and Prevention Outreach. In addition to the community service aspect, AVOL provides client services to HIV and AIDS patients.

"We just opened Rainbow Apartments, which is transitional housing, (and we're) renovating Solomon House for patients in the late stages of the virus," Durnell said. Several companies — including Central Baptist Hospital, Joe's Cafe & Bar, Lazarus, the Lexington Herald-Leader, Lexington Jaycees, Turf Catering, 104.5 FM The Cat, Z-103 and 1580 The Beat — donated \$5,000 or more.

Durnell said her mission is "to do all I can to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS."

She said there is no reason that more people should continue to be infected.

"The key to stopping the spread is education and good personal choices as well as caring for each other," Durnell said. Durnell said in Lexington alone more than 300 people could be living with HIV or AIDS.

Greek groups take honors

By Kathy Reeding
News Editor

Concluding its annual Greek Week, the UK Greek community honored its top chapters and individual members Saturday night for scholastic achievement, leadership and community service.

Overall, Alpha Delta Pi social sorority won the Intergreek Programming Assembly's chapter achievement award in the sorority division for the seventh consecutive year. The sorority also picked up awards for highest chapter GPA, most chapter and individual community service and campus participation.

Michelle Hargis, ADPi president, said individuals in the chapter work on each aspect of the overall achievement, helping the chapter win the award.

"Scholarship is our main focus," Hargis said. "We have our priorities straight."

She said the chapter's "consistency" sets an example for the Greek community and helps create competition and motivation among organizations. The achievement award goes to the chapters who earn the most points in the 10 other categories.

For the social fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega received the overall chapter achievement award. The fraternity also had the most improved GPA.

Kevin Joynet, ATO president, said his group hasn't finished in the top recently.

"(Saturday night) was certainly something we've been working toward for the past year," Joynet said.

He said the fraternity revised its bylaws, committee structure and financial systems in order to become more efficient as a chapter and recover from debt. The fraternity also formed its own scholarship program, accounting for the improvement in GPA.

"We weren't happy with where we were," Joynet said. "We have very bright individuals in our chapter."

Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity won the Interfraternity Council award for the highest chapter GPA.

Tony Hayden, IFC president and Sigma Nu social fraternity member, won the 1997 Greek Man of the Year award.

On the sorority side, Meg Wiggins, past Panhellenic president and Delta Delta Delta member, was named Greek Woman of the Year. Wiggins was recognized for the UK Greek Educational Development program she initiated, designed and trained peer educators for.

NEWSbyte

STATE Committee avoids vote on education plan

FRANKFORT — Rep. Freed Curd, D-Murray, caught many members off guard when he made a motion Friday that the joint education committee go on record favoring Gov. Paul Patton's higher education plan as written.

"I think it's a bad thing for this committee to go on record supporting something that's not even in bill form," said Rep. Bill Lile, R-Louisville. "I don't want to be painted into one corner or another based on conjecture."

Curd's motion was tabled, which had the effect of killing it and still allowing legislators to avoid a direct vote.

Melissa Forsythe, Patton's press secretary, said the governor understood why lawmakers wanted to see the plan in a bill form before making decisions. plans to delay a May 5 special session.

Compiled from wire reports.



WALKING FOR LIFE Participants in the 1997 AIDS Walk for Life moved away from Commonwealth Stadium yesterday afternoon.

SPORTS

Spring Broke: Cats stumble in Florida

By Chris Easterling Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — UK found itself two games out of third place in the Southeastern Conference heading into this weekend's series with Florida.

If the Cats could capture 2-of-3 from the 23rd-ranked Gators at McKethan Stadium at Perry Field, it would leave them in good shape for a berth in the SEC Baseball Tournament with only three conference series to go.

But there was one small problem for the Wildcats in this picture — Florida is also fighting for its playoff life. And Florida is living life a tad easier today after finishing off a three-game sweep of the Cats with a 18-6 win yesterday.

The Gators (27-17 overall, 10-11 in the SEC) have pulled into a tie with Vanderbilt for third place in the Eastern Division. Florida will need some help from the rest of the conference in order to secure the East's final berth.

But Madison said he thinks UK still has a chance to get into the tournament.

UK appeared to have hope early on yesterday to pull out the final game of the series when lead-off hitter David Cheate reached base on an error. He eventually

scored on a wild pitch by Gator starter Matt McClendon to give UK a 1-0 lead.

But the Gators had yet to bat, which needless to say, had been the Cats' downfall in the first two games in Florida.

It didn't take long for Florida to wipe out what was UK's only second lead of the series. And who else would it be to end the Wildcats' nirvana than Brad Wilkerson.

The 1994 Kentucky high school player of the year from Owensboro's Apollo High School plagued the Wildcat pitching staff all series, and yesterday was no different as he doubled in David Eckstein to tie the score at 1-1.

Wilkerson was 9-for-12 with five runs batted in and five runs scored for the series, 3-for-4 yesterday with two RBIs and a run scored.

It would be the start of a long inning for starting pitcher Matt Borne. After Wilkerson doubled, Casey Smith reached on an Andy Green error. A passed ball sent Smith to second while Wilkerson was caught in a rundown, then Smith eventually came around to score on a Derek Nicholson single. Nicholson was the main catalyst for the Gators yesterday, going 4-for-5 with a career-high seven RBIs and three runs scored.

"I just try to be aggressive at the plate," Nicholson said. "As aggressive as possible. I expect to drive in runs."

Brian Haught then hammered the first pitch from Borne deep to left center field for a two-run home run to make it 4-1 in favor of Florida. UK would tie it up in the top of the second, but the same dreadful fate awaited the Cats — the bottom half of the inning, where the Gators waited to pounce on their prey.

UF went on to send 10 men to the plate, with seven of them crossing the plate, to effectively blow away the Wildcats. The big hit in the inning was a three-run double by Nicholson, followed by a two-run homer by Brian Ogle.

SPORTSbytes

Arm-ball, part 3

The UK first-team offense and first-team defense fared well against their second-team counterparts in a two and one-half hour football scrimmage Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

Led by sophomore quarterback Tim Couch, the first-team offense moved into scoring position on all nine possessions against the second-team defense.

The first team scored six touchdowns, two field goals, and missed a field goal attempt.

Couch, a native of Hyden, put together his third strong outing of the spring, completing 46 of 59 passes for 531 yards and three touchdowns.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Ryan Keller also battled gamely against the first-teamers, completing 22 of 41 passes for 190 yards and one touchdown.

Col finishes 8th The UK women's golf team

competed in the Southeastern Conference Women's Golf Championships in Columbia, S.C. and finished 11th with a cumulative score of 91 over par.

Heather Kraus finished in 16th for the Wildcats. After shooting an 11-over par, 82, on Friday, she regrouped to shoot a 74 and 73 for a total of 229.

The UK tandem of Laurie Berlese and Katy Loy finished tied for 27th with a total of 233.

Georgia won the overall championship with an 899, defeating Louisiana State by six shots.

Tennis teams fall at SECs

After upsetting No. 18 Alabama on Thursday, the UK women's tennis team lost in the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament to No. 4 Georgia, 5-1 on Friday.

UK's men's tennis team fared no better over the weekend. The No. 7 Wildcats fell to No. 8 LSU Friday in the second round of the SEC Tournament, 4-0.

Green Thumb UK Student Center Theater Tuesday, April 22, 1997 7p.m. Tomorrow is Earth Day! Special environmental movie night: Featuring "Medicine Man" and the brief documentary "Now or Never!" Then, join us for a special candlelight vigil from 9:15-9:45 in the Student Center Free Speech Area Admission and Popcorn are Free!

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MEETINGS

ATTENTION SPL MEMBERS - meeting Thursday Apr. 17, 8:30 pm, Rm. 210 Student Center. Incentive for new members, elections, and 1st shift orders. Refreshments will be served. Attendance mandatory. Questions call 727-6344.

UK SNOW SKI CLUB - Steamboat deposits are in. No meeting this week. Student Center.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

The Campus Calendar is a free service which appears in the Monday edition of the Kentucky Kernel. All registered organizations wishing to publish meetings, lectures, special events and sporting events, must have all information to Student Activities room 203 or call 257-8867 one week prior to publication.

MONDAY 4/21

ARTS & MOVIES -SAB Randall Gallery-Crystal Heis, Senior Exhibition, 257 Student Ctr (thru 4/24)

Center for Contemporary Art: Photos and Mixed Media by Young Kim, MFA exhibition; FREE (thru 5/09)

MEETINGS -Newman Ctr Catholic Mass every weekday, 12:10pm, 520 Rose St; 255-8566

LECTURES -Career Center Orientations: M,W,F 6:30am & Tues & Thurs 2:00pm (thru 5/02) 257-2746

RECREATION -Aikido Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

7:30pm, 206 Student Ctr; 254-0231

Model United Nations Club Meeting 8:00pm, 363 Student Ctr; 225-6109

LECTURES -Center for Computational Sciences Brown Bag Seminar: Sudip Mukerji, "Simulation and Modeling of Small-Scale Turbulent Fluid Flow," 12:00pm, 327 McVey Hall

UK Career Ctr Workshop: "How to Find Government Employment," 1:00pm, 201 Mathews Bldg; 257-2746

UK Career Ctr Workshop: Appreciating Diversity in the Workplace, 11:00am, 201 Mathews Bldg; 257-2746

Donovan Forum: "Long Term Care Insurance," Sharon Richardson; 4:00-5:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Ctr

RECREATION -Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

WEDNESDAY 4/23

SPORTS -UK Baseball vs. Morehead State, 7:00pm; Lexington, KY

MEETINGS -SAB Cinema Committee Meeting, 4:00pm, SAB Board Rm, 203 Student Ctr

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Mitakonic Student Union Meeting, Open to the public, 7:50pm, Rm. 106 Student Ctr

LECTURES -UK Career Ctr Workshop: Preparing for Interviews, 11:00am, 201 Mathews Bldg; 257-2746

Center for Computational Sciences Seminar: TSA, 5:00pm, 327 McVey Hall; Reception @ 5:00pm

RECREATION -Aikido Club, 8:00-9:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

SPORTS -UK Baseball @ Louisville, 7:00pm; Louisville, KY

SPECIAL EVENTS -UK English Awards Day Ceremony, Novelist Mary Ann Taylor-Hall, Keynote Speaker, 2:00pm, President's Room,

Singletary Ctr. Reception to follow

Foundation Dinner at the Dorm, 5:30pm, Donovan Hall Oak Room; 255-8548, All are welcome!

THURSDAY 4/24

ACADEMIC -Last day for candidates for a May graduate degree to sit for a final examination

ARTS & MOVIES -UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 8:00pm, Guilford Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; Paid Admission

Choral Concert: UK Chorale & Choraleans, Jefferson Johnson, conductor, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall; FREE

Baptist Student Union Devotion & Lunch (\$1 all you can eat), 12:15pm, 429 Columbia Ave; 257-3989

UK Wesley Foundation, Thursday Night Dinner & Praise, 6:00-7:15pm, 508 Columbia Ave; 254-0231

Christian Student Fellowship, Thursday Night Live Meeting, 7:00pm, 502 Columbia Ave; 253-0313

Campus Crusade for Christ Weekly Meeting, 7:50pm, Student Ctr Worship Theater

UK Lambda Meeting, 7:50pm, 23 Student Ctr; 244-0348

Weekly Meeting, 9:00pm, Christian Student Fellowship Bldg, 502 Columbia Ave; 266-2946

LECTURES -Donovan Forum: "Eastern Studies," Dr. Roger Anderson; 4:00-5:00pm, Rm. 230 Student Ctr

The Graduate School, Dept. of English, College of Fine Arts, College of Arts & Sciences, and the Graduate Ctr present Professor Stephen Orgel, "Shakespeare and the Pornographic Ideal," 7:30pm, President's Room, Singletary Ctr.

RECREATION -Fencing Club, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 257-3812

ARTS & MOVIES -UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 8:00pm, Guilford Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; Paid Admission

UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 2:00pm, Guilford Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; Paid Admission

Friday 4/25

ARTS & MOVIES -UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 8:00pm, Guilford Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; Paid Admission

UK Wesley Orchestra: All Brakes Concert, David Mackenzie, conductor, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall; FREE

Muslim Student Assn. Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm, 111 Student Ctr

International Christian Fellowship Meeting, 7:00pm, Honoring Horace, corner of Rose St. and Rose Ln.

MEETINGS -Gallery Series presents "Idols of the Gallery: About the Beginning of the Great Art Collections in England," by Professor Stephen Orgel; sponsored by: College of Fine Arts, UK Dept. of English, UK Graduate School, Gaines Ctr for the Humanities, 12:00pm, Peal Gallery, King Library North; FREE

SPORTS -UK Baseball vs. Georgia, 7:00pm; Lexington, KY

SPECIAL EVENTS -Voleibolistic Student Union Gamini Friday's new game, 8:00pm, 5:00pm, Rm. 149 Old Student Ctr; FREE!!

SATURDAY 4/26

ARTS & MOVIES -UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 8:00pm, Guilford Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; Paid Admission

UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 2:00pm, Guilford Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; Paid Admission

UK Wind Ensemble, Richard Clay, conductor, 8:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall; FREE

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Sunday 4/27

ARTS & MOVIES -UK Theatre: Billie Spirit, 2:00pm, Guilford Theatre, Fine Arts Bldg; Paid Admission

UK Symphony Band: George Boulden, conductor, 5:00pm, Singletary Ctr, Concert Hall; FREE

MEETINGS -Newman Center Catholic Mass, 9:00 & 11:30am, 5:00 & 8:30pm

Christian Student Fellowship University Praise Service, 11:00am, 502 Columbia Ave; 235-0313

RECREATION -Aikido Club, 1:00-3:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; 269-4305

SPORTS -UK Baseball vs. Georgia, 2:00pm; Lexington, KY

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DiVersions

Sanchez spices up Singletary Center

By Jeremy Rogers
Staff Writer

The energetic Spotlight on Jazz season ended with a bang as The Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band left a salsa-hungry Singletary Center crowd craving more on Saturday night.

Poncho Sanchez and his octet played everything from the standard Caribbean salsas and mambo to bebop-influenced Afro-Cuban jazz. Ending their set with a medley that included renditions of James Brown and "Oye Como Va," the group had most of the diverse crowd — Sanchez commented that it "looked like the world" — dancing in the aisles.

On a day when most popular music considers a percussionist little more than a human metronome, Latin music has continually honored the percussionist as a talented craftsman, if not a gifted artist.

With three Grammy nominations, an impressive discography and a worldwide touring schedule, Sanchez is perhaps the most distinguished conga player in Latin music today.

Better than knowing exactly

what to say to the crowd, the Mexican-American mambro knew exactly when to say nothing and just play. And although Sanchez did some virtuosic soloing, by no means did he eclipse the rest of the band.

Led by pianist David Torres, it performed more than two hours of music centered on the danceable polyrhythms of Sanchez, Ramon Banda (timbales) and Jose Rodriguez. The three percussionists stood behind a bulwark of more drums than you can shake a stick at — it's no wonder they use their hands.

Rodriguez's performance was one of the highlights of the show. He played bongos, a cowbell and numerous other percussion instruments. Sanchez even gave Rodriguez his seat at the congas for a portion of the show, and quite honestly Rodriguez showed every bit as much talent as Sanchez.

As Latin jazz goes, the band's horn section played an overall subdued and lackluster role with the exception of the occasional saxophone/flute solo by Scott Martin.

What the horns lacked in musi-



STEPHANIE CORDELE/Kentucky Kernel staff

MAMBO KINGS Poncho Sanchez and his octet ended SAB's Spotlight on Jazz season in grand style with their entertaining brand of Latin jazz.

cal consequence, though, they made up for in flair. Dancing back and forth throughout the show when they weren't playing. They even did some orchestrated horn-swinging during the James Brown number.

The only real downfall of the group's performance was the restricting environment of assigned seats and lack of a dance

floor in the Singletary Center. Still, it was refreshing to see a thousand overdressed, middle-aged men and women sipping O'Doul's and dancing in front of their seats.

Saturday was Sanchez's Lexington debut, and though the band travels all over the world playing its hot Latin jazz, no time is too soon for an encore performance.

Ali plays dual roles as jester and King

By Dan O'Neill
Arts Editor
★★★★1/2 (out of five)



Photo furnished

KING OF THE RING Muhammad Ali flexes a right hand for a group of Zaire tribal people in the excellent documentary 'When We Were Kings.'

When I get to Africa, we gonna get it on, because we don't get along! I'm gonna eat him up ... If you think the world was surprised when Nixon resigned, wait till I kick Foreman's behind.
—Muhammad Ali

That's just a sample of the outspoken yet often poetic words of Muhammad Ali, which pervade much of the stirring documentary *When We Were Kings*.

The film recounts the famous "Rumble in the Jungle," in which the aging Ali takes on the youthful brute and heavyweight champion George Foreman in Zaire, Africa. Beginning with a variety of press conferences with Ali spouting off classic quote after classic quote, the film quickly shifts to his arrival in Zaire and the training process. All along, Ali and promoter extraordinaire Don King keep their mouths running non-stop, to the joy of everyone.

But the film is more than Ali talking smack; it details his importance as a political figure, and the event's significance in history. As Spike Lee, one of the film's narrators, pointed out, "There was a time that if you called a black man an African you better be ready to fight."

In part, the film chronicles how the fight helped break down this barrier between black

Americans and Africans by informing the ignorant.

The rich tradition of music within communities also intertwines in the form of an extravagant concert. James Brown, B.B. King and the Spinners all make appearances at the pre-fight festival. Complete with their dancing entourage to accompany the chanting tribesmen, the entertainers add to the film's outrageously fun atmosphere.

Writers Norman Mailer and George Plimpton, who covered the fight, serve as the two central narrators. Each provide insightful and intimate commentary on the fight and the main players involved. One instant they'll speculate on how King's hair got into its upright position and the next they'll offer a revealing story of King's persona.

Much of the film's success comes from this ability to balance humor with historical fact. In that regard, it achieves a simplistic beauty similar to the documentary *Hoop Dreams*, only doing so in half the time.

Ali's magnetic personality, the phenomenal historic value of the event and the documentary's intense structure make this an accessible and enjoyable film, regardless of individual background.

It's only fitting to close with another taste of the champ's own pleasantly imposing words: "Only last week, I murdered a rock. Injured a stone. Hospitalized a brick. I'm so mean, I make medicine sick!"

Duffel bag a good place for the poor '8 Heads'

By Matt Mulcahey
Staff Critic

What happens when a mob hitman loses eight severed heads at the airport? That's the question posed in the new comedy *8 Heads in a Duffel Bag*.

Joe Pesci stars as the hitman (big surprise) whose luggage gets switched with a college student's on his way to meet his girlfriend's parents. Pesci then must retrieve and deliver the heads, or else lose his own.

Oscar-winning screenwriter Tom Schulman (*Dead Poets Society*, *What About Bob?*) makes a so-so

directorial debut with this hit-and-miss comedy.

8 Heads in a Duffel Bag has its moments, and the movie's up-tempo pace is a major asset. Overall, however, the movie's bad points outweigh the good.

The most disappointing aspect of gifted screenwriter Schulman's debut is the weak script. He fills the story with an overabundance of subplots and ultimately comes off as repetitious. Schulman recycles the same jokes over and over, ruining any semblance of what was an original idea.

The acting is also suspect. Andy Cameau is average in his film

debut as the man with Pesci's heads. Kristy Swanson, George Hamilton and Dyan Cannon are

to be in this movie. The best moments in *8 Heads in a Duffel Bag* come from Pesci and two med students he kidnaps, played by David Spade and Todd Louiso. Spade plays the same character as he does in every film, but it's a funny one nonetheless. He, along with Louiso, who played the jazz-obsessed baby sitter in *Jerry Maguire*, make for a hilarious duo. Together, their chemistry with Pesci provides some truly funny moments, but not enough to save the movie.



MOVIE review

★★★★1/2

(out of five)

'8 Heads in a Duffel Bag'
Orion Pictures

With his performances in movies like *Goodfellas* and *Raging Bull*, Pesci has shown that when at his best he has few equals. He has a tendency, however, to pick some bad roles (e.g., *The Super*, *Jimmy Hollywood*), and this is one of them. Pesci is too good an actor

to be in this movie. The best moments in *8 Heads in a Duffel Bag* come from Pesci and two med students he kidnaps, played by David Spade and Todd Louiso. Spade plays the same character as he does in every film, but it's a funny one nonetheless. He, along with Louiso, who played the jazz-obsessed baby sitter in *Jerry Maguire*, make for a hilarious duo. Together, their chemistry with Pesci provides some truly funny moments, but not enough to save the movie.

Director Schulman took a somewhat original idea, ruined it with clichés and wasted the talents of a fine actor in the process.

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ViewPOINT



Revenge of Abbott: He's back to visit Lexington fresh from Nebraska

And you thought I was kidding last year when I said "same time, next year?" Welcome to the Third Annual John Abbott Farewell Column. I had to come back to Lexington.

In the same sense that one is glad to undergo major surgery. What's weirder is that, as much as I complain about where I live, I know I'll miss it when I'm gone. I will look back fondly on the same rural simplicity I rail against now. You can't completely hate a town where your commute to work is four whole minutes if you drive real slow, and where you can accidentally leave your keys in the back door the entire night and not wake up the next morning having been cleaned out. Quintinness has its advantages.



John Abbott
Guest Columnist

I had to come back and write this because the response to the Second Annual John Abbott Farewell Column was so overwhelmingly positive that everyone wanted me to... well, no, not really. I came back to write it because I haven't yet grasped the concept of "beating a dead horse."

And even if I did, I never liked horses anyway. After I last stalked the pages of the mighty Kentucky Kernel, terrorizing Aquarians and writing in much greater detail about my personal life than anybody really needed to know, I pulled up stakes and took a job in North Platte, Neb., a railroad town in the western-central part of the state.

It's not a bad place to live, with the possible exceptions that it's small, incredibly boring and about four hours from any city of significance.

Wish you were here — instead of me, that is. True story: As I drove across the Nebraska state line for the very first time, I looked down at the odometer and discovered that it read 666 miles. On the money. Man, if that isn't a sign from God to turn the van around and head screaming for home, I don't know what is.

Sometimes I wish I had turned the van around. It has been a rough transition from college to post-college life.

It's a new, intimidating situation with very different rules. What's especially jarring is how much harder it is to meet people now. During college you see a largely new group of people every semester with every new slate of classes.

You get a whole truckload of fresh freshman faces each fall and you see these people all the time as you mill about campus. It's easy to take for granted that it will always be that way, and it's easy to let your social skills atrophy in the process.

When you get out into the accursed "real world," the only people you see with regularity are the same bunch of jerks you find yourself forced to work with. But I know that living in North Platte has been good for me — good for my development — even if it hasn't been that much fun. I'm glad I moved to North Platte

where your commute to work is four whole minutes if you drive real slow, and where you can accidentally leave your keys in the back door the entire night and not wake up the next morning having been cleaned out. Quintinness has its advantages.

But after seven months in Nebraska, I really missed this place. I had to come back to Lexington. A number of people have chided me for "wasting" a week's vacation coming back to Lexington.

I guess I can understand where they're coming from. As they struggle with finals for classes they hate and papers on subjects they have no interest in and want to block out of their minds as soon as possible, it's no doubt difficult to find anyone who escaped this place would willingly return, especially when there are warm, sunny beaches in Florida.

But this was an important trip. I had to flush this place out of me. Lexington was a comfortable place I spent five years getting to know.

I enjoyed a little status as Kernel columnist and astrologer and a ready supply of friends around town.

Then I moved to North Platte and lost all of that. I was a thousand miles away from anything I had ever known. I didn't know anybody there; heck, when I left for Nebraska, I think I knew all of one person who had even lived in the state.

My new "status" was low guy in the pecking order. Struck with a case of those good-old-college-days syndrome? You betcha.

So I returned to Kentucky not only to spend some quality time bumming around with old friends, but to get it through my nostalgia-ridden brain that this chapter of my life is over — that this is no longer a place for me, so I ought to get past it and rush into the next phase of development instead of wishing I was back at UK all the time.

Goodbye again.

Former Kernel columnist John Abbott graduated but we still can't get rid of him; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

INFORMED SOURCES "WE DEAL WITH JUST AS MUCH BLOOD AS DENTISTS."

Greg Dinkens, owner of the Limestone Street The Hole Thing piercing studio, is lobbying Frankfort for state legislation of piercers. Currently there are no laws regulating piercing procedures in Kentucky.

Perfect attendance

Congratulations to the newly elected college senators for moving away from the status quo of skipping University Senate meetings last Monday.

That's right. All of them were there. All of them voted. Theoretically, all of their fellow students in their respective colleges had their opinions represented to the entire Senate.

This is an impressive accomplishment, considering their 1995-96 predecessors maintained a slack non-attendance policy. In that year, only three senators attended half the meetings.

The 1996-97 college senators began an increased attendance policy, but only select senators were consistent in making it to the University Senate meetings on a monthly basis.

The 1997-1998 group is off to a good start. All of them came to the meeting. They even met as a group beforehand and discussed how they would vote on the establishment of a university-wide grading system. They united to vote for the two policies they saw as the most student-friendly. Several have spoken out on their commitment to represent students and be

It's nice to see elected students taking their responsibility seriously and attempting to use their senatorial positions as more than just a resume line.

One could speculate that, had the 1995 group of senators viewed their office in this way, much of this long and drawn out controversy on grading could have been minimized. Most of those senators did not attend the meeting last year when the Senate passed plus/minus grading for the College of Arts and Sciences, and although they all expressed their dislike for the new system, but none of them showed up to vote against it.

Who knows... If they all had attended and voted in accordance with their later comments, would the proposal have failed? Senators said faculty thought the students liked the plus/minus idea.

Why shouldn't they have thought so, if the student representatives weren't showing up to meetings? To the new student senators: Way to go on improving from past precedents, making it to important meetings and making the votes that matter in student-related policies.

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READERS' forum

Psychic Solberg knew Rich would misbehave

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to all of the columns that have recently been devoted to the "Speaks Out" issue. More importantly, I am directing this to Matt Solberg.

Mr. Solberg, if you came up to me and asked me why I dislike you, my answer wouldn't be because you are gay. My answer would simply be because you are a coward.

You have been successful in shifting the attention away from your organization's cowardly actions by blaming them on events that didn't even happen and perhaps would never have happened at all. You have been trying to read into the future by

Supportive of Solberg

To the editor:

I felt compelled to write a response to the same-sex marriage debate between Matt Solberg and Ben Rich. Personally I support Solberg's position on the issue, but the reason I am writing is to express concern about Rich's argument.

Usually the response to Rich's frank expression of his opinion is some inane ad hominem attack, something I wish to avoid. The actual problem is his total disregard of logic and his obvious ignorance of what constitutes strong defense of one's ideas. After reading Solberg's articulate, rational and sophisticated argument in favor of gay marriage, I am disappointed that Rich could provide a childish, ill-founded "no,

It's wrong!

it's wrong!"

It is a sad testament to the state of our school when a sophomore has not yet learned that "because the Bible tells me so" is not a logical argument. Rich also opts for opinion over fact when he erroneously asserts that by asking for legal recognition of marriages and protection from discrimination that gays want "special rights."

What exactly is so special about one citizen of the United States enjoying equal legal status with another?

Let me end by saying that I have nothing against Rich or his attitudes.

What I challenge him to do is to read some books on logical argumentation and to write articles that do not waste the time of relatively intelligent, educated people.

Brian Jones
sociology/psychology senior

Something is fishy in the blue Gatorade — read label before ingesting

I think... I think there's something in the Gatorade.

When Charles S. Dutton (a.k.a. "Roc") uttered these words in *Alien3*, we all laughed in surprise when the baby creature popped out of his abdomen just seconds later.

The line was funny because Dutton's character, moments before his death, jokingly compared the feeling of a parasite maturing in his G.I. tract with the idea of his favorite beverage being poisoned.

What he didn't know was how prophetic his statement really was. Indeed, there's something in the Gatorade, and I found out what it was yesterday morning.

My breakfast began just like any other, with a plate covered by waffles next to a veritable log cabin of sausage. The whole meal was steaming hot (fresh from the microwave) and damp with pork

drippings and syrup. Next to this flavor fortress was my morning tumbler full of Blue Gatorade.

I had just enjoyed a bit of sausage and was chasing it down with that fresh-squeezed Blue taste, when I happened to look on the back of the Gatorade bottle.

Noting that I had never bothered to read the ingredients before, I decided that maybe it was time to get to know my favorite sports drink at an elemental level.

Water, the label began. That sounded appropriate. Corn syrup, it continued. "And how?" I replied.

It also mentioned natural and artificial flavors, vegetable oil and Blue #2. Yum!

It made me want to drink the whole bottle right there. I started to but then sprayed a mouthful of it all over my cat (who was luckily

already wet from being leashed up out back all night).

"Vegetable oil?!" I screamed, quickly running to the sink. I leaned over it for awhile, fearful that I might throw up.

I didn't, though; instead, I had a mouthful of Jack (another morning tradition) to steady my nerves, hoping that it was vegetable-oil free.

Feeling better, I stoked my courage and returned to the Gatorade. I rolled it over to reexamine the label, hoping that there had been some mistake — a trick of the light, maybe.

But it hadn't been a mistake. Vegetable oil was right there, sandwiched between artificial flavors and salt. The idea of an artificially flavored salt and vegetable oil sandwich sent me back to the whiskey.



Blake Newton
Kernel Columnist

"My God," I said to my feverish cat after a drink. "Why? Why is there vegetable oil in the Gatorade?"

I didn't want to believe it. But with a little reflection it seemed right, and any drinker of the Blue will know what I mean when I say that there is a certain smoothness to a swallow of Blue Gatorade — the kind that you don't get from some of those "other" sports drinks. I'd always thought it was the extra carbs, those hip, '90s versions of carbohydrates, which made the Blue go down so easy.

But it wasn't. It was the vegetable oil that let it slide down your gullet like a mouthful of

chicken broth.

Disgusting.

Oh, the betrayal, I thought. Why would Gatorade suck me in with that terrific, waters-downed Kool-Aid taste, only to lubricate me slowly with plant grease?

Did they think I needed a shinier coat?

How many tons of Gatorade had I enjoyed over the years and how many gallons of oil did that translate into?

It was too horrible to consider.

Skipping work, I spent the rest of the day dumping out bottled Gatorade and using frozen Gatorade pops to grease my pans and skillets. In what time was left I cried and drank emetics, hoping

to clear my system of that hideous, hideous oil.

I have no real advice to offer the rest of you Blue Gatorade fans.

I've heard rumors that some of the other flavors don't list vegetable oil among their ingredients, but these are unconfirmed. Maybe blue flavored Powerade is sans oil, I don't know.

I know that something is missing from my life now. I never thought I'd have to say this, but Gatorade isn't for breakfast anymore.

(Writer's note: Despite the farcical nature of the preceding column, the claims of vegetable oil in the Blue Gatorade are regrettably true and can be quickly confirmed at your local market.)

Kernel Columnist Blake Newton is an entomology graduate student; his views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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A number of people have chided me for "wasting" a week's vacation coming back to Lexington. I guess I can understand where they're coming from.

SPORTS

Would-be Cat makes UK pay and pray

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — If Brad Wilkerson wanted to single-handedly beat UK this past weekend, he probably could have.

This isn't an insult to the Wildcats, but Florida's do-all baseball stud from Owensboro lived up to the "Bluegrass Badass" nickname placed on him by the Gator fans, and then some.

Consider the weekend he Wilkerson put together. On Friday, the sophomore was sent by Coach Andy Lopez to the mound for only his second career start in a desperate attempt to pull the Gators back into contention for a berth in the Southeastern Conference Baseball Tournament next month in Columbus, Ga.

So what does he do? He strikes

out 13 Wildcats in nine innings while allowing three runs (with only two of them earned).

But that was only half the story. Wilkerson also put together a solid night at the plate as well, if you call 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two stolen bases a decent night at the plate.

"Nothing that Brad Wilkerson does surprises me," UK coach Keith Madison said afterwards.

Obviously not, except for his decision to go to Florida instead of his home-state school, despite the fact that Wilkerson was Kentucky's high school player of the year in 1994, a year prior to Scott Downs, who was the opposing pitcher on Friday.

In fact, UF wasn't even in the race until the very end. Tennessee and UK were the schools that

were reported to be the favorites for Wilkerson. But he chose Florida.

On Saturday, he continued to show his home-state school what he was all about with yet another 3-for-4 day at the plate. It was his 92nd consecutive game which he reached base safely.

Think about that, 92 straight games he has reached safely. Some players don't reach base 92 times in their career, let alone consecutively.

But he still wasn't finished. Yesterday, as Florida drubbed UK 18-6, Wilkerson made it 93 straight games on base with, you guessed it, a 3-for-4 day at the plate. And he even played the field well. For the series, Wilkerson made 23 put-outs while at first base.

And not once did it even appear like he was going to make an error, as so many other first basemen have done in the past.

Maybe the only thing that Wilkerson didn't do this weekend was tie the Florida record for home runs in a season, which is 19. He currently stands at 18 for the season.

But on a couple of his long foul balls, with the way he was playing, you almost expected a soft, southeasterly wind to come through and gently push the ball fair and over the fence.

All told, Wilkerson was 9-for-12 batting, with five RBIs, five runs scored and three stolen bases, showing the Wildcats exactly what the Gators fans meant when they chanted "You don't mess with Brad."

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UF fans less than hospitable to Cats

By Chris Easterling
Sports Editor

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The UK softball team's trip to northern Florida produced the same sort of results as its counterparts on the baseball diamond, as the Gators swept the Wildcats in a pair of doubleheaders at the Florida Softball Stadium.

On Saturday, UK (9-37 overall, 1-19 in the Southeastern Conference) was beaten 6-1 in the first game, as the Gators (33-22, 11-7) tallied four runs in the fourth inning to blow the game open. Gator starting pitcher Chelsey Sakizize struck out 12 Wildcat hitters, while allowing only three hits.

Sakizize stayed busy — picking up her second win of the day — as UF blanked the Cats 9-0 in Saturday's second game that was called in the fifth due to the NCAA mercy rule. Sakizize struck out four before giving way to the bullpen in the fifth.

The Gators swept the Wildcats, winning the first game 8-0, then capturing the nightcap 2-1.

Marshall game a forfeit

The UK softball team picked up a win this weekend and it didn't even play the team it beat.

Last Wednesday, in the second game of a doubleheader against Marshall, the rains halted play in the fourth inning with the Thundering Herd leading the game.

After delaying the game for 30 minutes, the umpires elected to wait another 15 minutes before making a final determination. All the waiting made Marshall head coach Louie Berndt more than a little irritated. Soon afterward, Berndt collected his team and walked off the field and headed back to Huntington, W.Va.

UK Sports Information intern Ryan Robinson, who handles softball, indicated Saturday that the Marshall game has been declared a forfeit in favor of the Wildcats.

Gator fans rowdy

They're not quite as obnoxious as their counterparts who fill the adjacent football stadium on fall afternoons, but the baseball crowd that filled McKethan Stadium at Perry Field this weekend would never be compared to an opera crowd.

Among some of the barbs the Gator faithful hurled at UK players:

▼When David Cheatle was at the plate — "Cheatles never win."

▼When a UK batter struck out, the fans responded by yelling "left-right-left-right" as he walked back to the dugout, followed by a "sit down!"

▼When a batter, such as Jay Tedesco, would fall behind in the count, the fans started exclaiming, "Jay's going to strike out."

"I've been coming down here for 19 years and that's just the way their fans are," Madison said. "I've also seen them turn on their own players when they don't perform well."

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