



Third time's the charm?

Let your voice be heard

The third candidate for the rail editor position of fame is Mark Youssef. He approaches his rail as an argument/plea for the rail editor position, dragging some humor behind in a cart that is his sense of humor. Do you like his cart? Let me know at rail_editor@hotmail.com if he's the best or if you would rather have one of the others take on the job. One more left on Monday then back to me for a while. Sorry!

Half man, half humor

Hello folks, I go by the alias of Mark and I would very much like to be the next rail editor. I offer an unlimited well of humor to draw the water of happiness that will make your life that much better.

Many people call this column "the rail." Did you happen to realize that rail backwards is liar? I promise you good folks of Kentucky that I'm not a liar, nor am I a lyre, the mythical instrument of fables past.

Here are some innovative new rail subsections I plan to debut:

Rail Joke of the Day: How many chickens does it take to completely dominant sub-surface, post-nuclear, biochemical war?

Three, or the answer will be posted in the Kernel one year from today.

Invention Corner: New inventions to carry us into the 22nd century. I envision a fanciful box, perhaps no larger than a common automobile, capable of making simple calculations (such as $1 + 17 = ?$) faster than the speed of sound, and maybe also a good veal parmesan.

Lucky Lotto Numbers: 1,2,3,4,5,6
Good Luck!

•Mark Youssef

THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo

It will be 95 degrees tomorrow and so beautiful you won't want to go inside. Just kidding.

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ORGANIZATIONS

Tackling social, cultural issues

The students' advocate: Members of the Black Student Union provide relaxed, friendly atmosphere for students

By Nicole Foster
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Black Student Union is rooted in social change.

In 1966, a group of black students formed the group Orgena — a negro spelled backward — as a social and cultural outlet for black students.

Orgena petitioned UK administrators for a course on black history and held weekly dialogues on events and developments related to the civil-rights movement. The

group changed its name to the Black Student Union in 1968.

The students tackled the need for African-American history courses; UK's failure to recruit black athletes, students and faculty; faculty behavior toward black students, and community concerns with housing, employment and police brutality.

Over the years, the BSU has provided a relaxed and challenging atmosphere for black students.

"BSU is an organization that advocates the best interests of African-American stu-

dents at the University of Kentucky," said Chester Grundy, director of African-American Student Affairs.

Over the years, many students have gained invaluable experience from attending the BSU meetings.

"I first started attending the meetings this semester and I found the atmosphere to be both business oriented and friendly," said Angela Peagler, a biology junior.

Other positive aspects of the BSU include meeting new people and being surrounded by familiar faces.

"I've met many interesting people, but I also knew a lot of people because my friends were in BSU," Peagler said.

The BSU conducts a variety of activi-

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Black Student Union members have implemented many social changes at UK through projects.

HOME SWEET HOME

Looking for the lap of luxury

Students: Campus dorms lack amenities of other universities

By Mac McCarthy
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When UK student Josh Devine comes to his dorm room, he is greeted by two wooden desks and an old set of bunk beds.

Meanwhile, when UCLA student Julie Andrews comes to her dorm from classes, she relaxes with free HBO, carpeted floors and a window view of palm trees and sunsets.

The difference? An experience of luxury, extravagance and relaxation that UK students are missing.

From island-counter kitchens at the University of Maryland to free HBO at UCLA, these students enjoy a wide range of luxuries in the dormitories they inhabit. Just ask students at University of Florida, who have their own clubhouse and lake to use as they please.

The idea is that universities will bring in big bucks with the rent they charge students for these lavish accommodations, according to Ben Crutcher, director of UK Auxiliary Services.

So where is UK in this high-stakes luxury race? Apparently still quite a few years away.

"Right now, we are just looking at property for new construction," Crutcher said. "We'll probably have to go south, but we will be looking at contemporary housing that fits the students' needs."

Those are needs that right now, according to many UK students, aren't being met.

"I don't even get air-conditioning where I live," said Devine, an undeclared freshman living in Keeneland Hall. "It's ridiculous that these people get kitchens and clubhouses while others get basically nothing."

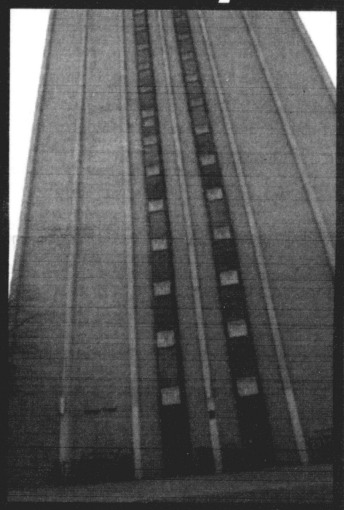
Crutcher explains how institutions like UCLA

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Blanding Tower...
Blanding Tower, located on south campus, provides 22 floors of rooms for UK students.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR



...and its twin
Kirwan Tower, around the corner from Blanding, also offers an abundance of living space for UK students.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

KUDOS

UK Children's Hospital ranks in top 30 of magazine poll

By Lamin Swann
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Number 28. That number may be bad for a basketball team trying to crack into a top 25 poll, but for the UK Children's Hospital, that number is promising.

In this month's issue of Child magazine, the hospital was ranked 28th in the nation among 178 hospitals that were eligible. UK tied with the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron in Akron, Ohio.

Sherry Holmes, director of nursing, was proud even to see the hospital participate in the evaluations.

"I'm thrilled," Holmes said. "Just being asked to participate, (with UK) being a small children's hospital."

The UK Children's Hospital has 117 beds, while the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, who was ranked first in the magazine, has 400 plus beds, Holmes said.

Holmes visited CHOP last year

and was glad to see that what UK offers was the same at CHOP.

"I was delighted to have the same services as them," Holmes said, "even with Philadelphia's hospital set in a large urban setting, more beds and endowments in the billions of dollars."

The eligible hospitals, all members of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions, were narrowed to 50 finalists based on evaluations.

After evaluations from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, hospitals with a score of 93 or above completed a comprehensive 42-question survey by the magazine's six-member medical advisory board.

The survey addressed issues including cancer survival rates and hospital programs. Established in 1997, the \$12 million, 65,000 square foot addition to the UK Hospital was designed to accommodate its patients and their families.

With a separate entrance from UK Hospital, the state-of-the-art hospital feature a colorful, kid-friendly environment with private patient rooms with pullout beds for parents and even a multimedia center to help patients keep up to date with their studies with a full-time teacher.

"Our pride is to provide family centered care our patients," Holmes said.

With the staff busy caring for patients, Holmes said that they are not really aware of the ranking.

"But the managers are thrilled," she said. In the next couple weeks, Holmes said the hospital is planning to hang a banner announcing the honor.

The hospital is complacent with being 28th, however.

With UK's goal to become a "top 20" public research university by 2020, the hospital is looking at a "top 20" ranking next year.

"The goal is to be in the top 20 (of the rankings)," Holmes said.

WATCHDOGS

Group reports rights violation in Mexico

By Scott Sloan
STAFF WRITER

A war is brewing in Mexico, but dissidents can leave their machine guns at home. Instead, they should arm themselves with thread, thimbles and needles.

An international independent factory-monitoring group has reported violations of a number of workers' rights at a Mexican clothing factory that produces Nike apparel.

An investigation team from the Worker Rights Consortium visited the Nike contractor's factory in Adlisco, Mexico, in early February and has reported a number of "severe ongoing violations of worker rights" including substandard pay, verbal and physical assaults on workers and corrupt unions.

The contractor, Kukdong, produces college sweatshirts for Nike, including those of UK. Because the sweatshirts promote UK and other institutions, many feel that universities are inadvertently condoning the working conditions.

"This is not a message we want to send to the people who make the clothing bearing our universities' logos," said the delegation's leader, Columbia University Law Professor Mark Barenberg, who also chairs the WRC board.

The WRC is a factory watchdog group established by 67 colleges and universities. These include prominent schools such as the Universities of Massachusetts, Michigan and Connecticut and local schools like Transylvania University.

While UK is currently a member of the Fair Labor Association, many students feel it would be more beneficial for UK to join the WRC.

"The WRC is going right to the source and solving problems and deserves our support," said Emily Rigidon, an agricultural en-

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

Florida miscalls won't be repeated

WASHINGTON — The nation's top TV executive told Congress a national uniform poll closing time would eliminate the issue of networks announcing winners in some states before polls in other states are closed. In an eight-hour hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the network presidents Wednesday also pledged that they will wait until all the polls in a state are closed before declaring a winner in that state and take other steps to prevent a recurrence of events that led to the premature — and incorrect — declarations of the Florida presidential race.

Requests for heating assistance soar

WASHINGTON — Nearly 5 million households, about a quarter more than last winter, are having serious enough problems meeting winter heating costs that they've asked for government help, according to a nationwide survey. "Prices soar, temperatures plummet and poor families are left out in the cold," said Mark Wolfe, director of an association that represents state low-income energy assistance officials. The reports from the state offices show that so far this year the number of households seeking help has increased by 1.1 million, a 26 percent jump over last winter. In some states the number of applicants has nearly doubled and is likely to go still higher, officials said.

China warns against censure effort

BEIJING — Calling for dialogue instead of confrontation, China on Thursday kicked off its annual effort to fight off attempts to criticize its human rights record at an upcoming United Nations meeting. Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhu Bangzao said Western efforts to censure China at the U.N. Human Rights Commission had disrupted and "seriously poisoned the atmosphere" at previous commission meetings. "This has met with strong opposition from the wide majority of developing countries, China included. It is natural that it ended in failure," Zhu said at a regular press briefing. The U.S. government is still debating whether to back a resolution to censure China at the annual meeting next month of the U.N. rights commission in Switzerland. On Wednesday, a bipartisan group of 11 U.S. senators urged President Bush to sponsor such a resolution.

Ecuador kidnappers agree to ransom

QUITO, Ecuador — Freedom appeared near for seven kidnapped foreigners who have endured four months captivity in Ecuador's jungle and the brutal execution of a U.S. hostage. The head of Ecuador's military, Vice Adm. Miguel Saona, announced Wednesday that the kidnappers had agreed to an unspecified ransom hours before a deadline to kill another captive. "The criminal group said it would not execute anyone else and I understand they have reached some economic



TAKING FLIGHT: Wingspan, the long-in-the-works film and rarities collection CD surveying McCartney's post-Beatles solo group, is finally completed. The two-hour film, which took three years to prepare and saw McCartney soliciting memorabilia contributions from fans, will be broadcast on TV in early May, and will be accompanied by a two-CD 40 song collection. Reuters said.

arrangement," Saona said.

House passes reform task force

FRANKFORT — A task force on tax reform would be created under a resolution passed by the Kentucky House on Thursday. Whether the Senate would go along was in question. The Senate's Republican leaders say the state needs tax reduction, not further tax study — a criticism the resolution sponsor, Rep. Harry Moberly, may have had in mind. "Many people say this has been studied to death, and it has been studied quite a bit," Moberly, chairman of the powerful Appropriations and Revenue Committee, said in a floor speech. The joint resolution calls for House, Senate and executive branch appointees. A report would be due to the Legislative Research Commission by Nov. 1.

Cell phone bill stalled

FRANKFORT — A bill to prohibit people from talking on cell phones while they drive stalled out in a House committee Thursday. Rep. Tom Burch said people trying to do both are a road hazard. "When you use a cell phone, you are distracted," said Burch, D-Louisville. "You are not concentrating on driving." Burch's bill generated plenty of discussion among House Transportation Committee members. But when the time came for a motion to approve the bill, there was silence. Burch said he wasn't discouraged and would try again next year.

Kentucky man dies after wreck

LEXINGTON — A Louisville man died Thursday after being injured the day before in a wreck in Jessamine County. Aaron Hawks, 19, was pronounced dead at University of Kentucky Medical Center at 9:50 a.m. EST. Hawks was driving west on U.S. 88 when he lost control in a curve and was hit by an oncoming vehicle, officials said. The crash happened at about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Lexington-Fayette County coroner's office said Hawks died of a severe head injury.



CRUISING FOR TROUBLE: Tom Cruise, 38, reportedly shocked Nicole Kidman, 33, by rushing file for divorce only two days after the pair announced their separation. Cruise's divorce petition also reportedly spells out the actor's intention to block Kidman from making any alimony claims.

Louisville man to face charges

LOUISVILLE — A Louisville man faces three counts of robbery in federal court following an armed holdup at a PNC Bank in Louisville on Tuesday. Darryl L. Welch, 31, appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge James Moyer on Thursday, where he was charged with one count each of robbery, armed robbery and using a firearm during a robbery. He remained in federal custody. He will be in court again on Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. EST.

BSU

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ties and events throughout the semester.

"BSU actively works in community service projects year-round and during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays," said David Duncan, an education senior and BSU vice president.

A majority of these activities are geared toward helping others.

Every other Wednesday, BSU students help feed the

homeless at Consolidated Baptist Church.

Other activities offer students a chance to mingle and to be entertained. Each year the group hosts a Thanksgiving dinner for students. This year, the BSU co-sponsored Showtime at the Apollo, a talent show in Memorial Hall.

In its entirety, the BSU has been a powerful force for many students at UK.

"Although some years have been more effective than others," Grundy said, "BSU has remained faithful to its original mission."

News Editor Tracy Kershaw contributed to this story.

DORMS

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can still afford to build extravagant housing for their students.

"What these universities are doing is called privatization," says Crutcher. "They buy out land and contract private companies to build these places."

Besides the desire for basic necessities like air conditioning, another concern for many UK students is the lack of perks and facilities for on-campus living. For that, UK officials say it has plenty to offer.

"We have the Under-

ground, which is a fantastic fitness facility," said Sandy Morgan, a coordinator for UK Housing Assignments. "In fact, the only people that can use the Underground are people who live in university housing."

Along with the Underground, which is located in the lower level of Donovan Hall, UK also boasts the new W.T. Young Library, as well as the wide array of dining facilities across campus. Still, many students feel that all this is not enough compared with the high-priced accommodations of other universities.

"It's just boring so far," said Devine, who just moved to UK this semester. "More activities and better living conditions would definitely be good."

RIGHTS

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engineering junior and member of United Students Against Sweatshops. "This situation in Mexico clearly demonstrates that."

UK students have met with Richard Plymale of the UK Legal Counsel. Plymale is considering writing a letter to Nike regarding the Kukdong situation.

The conflict started when workers at the Kukdong factory began a three-day work stoppage on Jan. 9 to protest the poor working conditions. The stoppage escalated into a strike that resulted in the dismissal of a number of workers.

Both the WRC and Nike have called for all Kukdong workers employed before the

strike to be rehired immediately and without exception. A press release from the United Students Against Sweatshops reported that between 300 and 400 of the original 850 workers have not returned to work.

The WRC is also investigating whether returning workers are being forced to join the same union they protested against just weeks ago and if they are victims of possible discrimination or reprisal.

WRC investigators wrote in a preliminary statement that "Kukdong may be violating [provisions of] university codes of conduct that govern child labor, physical and verbal abuse, payment of living wages and free association."

Investigators also believe that Kukdong may be in violation of Mexican and international laws addressing the same areas.

Compiled from wire reports.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Rich pardon controversy bewilders Clinton

Geraldo, hear me out: Clinton denies accusations

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bill Clinton said Thursday that he is "bewildered" by the controversy over his last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich and he blamed Republicans for the criticism.

In a telephone call to Geraldo Rivera, host of CNBC's "Rivera Live" and a friend, the former president again denied any wrongdoing in pardoning a man who had faced federal charges of evading more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and participating in illegal oil deals with Iran.

"There's not a single, solitary shred of evidence that I did anything wrong, or that his (Rich's) money changed hands," Clinton said, according to Rivera. "And

there's certainly no evidence that I took any of it."

Clinton's comments were not recorded, but a transcript of Rivera's notes was provided to The Associated Press. A call to Clinton's transition office was not returned.

The pardon is the subject of congressional inquiries and a criminal investigation by the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office in New York, which indicted Rich in 1983. Prosecutors are trying to determine whether Clinton was somehow bribed to grant the pardon.

"I was blindsided by this," Clinton told Rivera. "I just wanted to go out there and do what past presidents have done, but the Republicans had other ideas for me."

Clinton pointed out that Rich was once represented by lawyer Lewis Libby, now Vice President Cheney's chief of staff.

"It's terrible," he told Rivera. "I

mean, he had three big-time Republican lawyers, including Dick Cheney's chief of staff."

U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White, in a brief statement issued Thursday, confirmed her office and the FBI are investigating whether federal laws were broken in the pardons of Rich and his partner, Pincus Green.

The probe is expected to examine bank and telephone records and other documents.

Critics have noted that Rich's former wife, Denise Rich, contributed an estimated \$450,000 to the Clinton Presidential Library Fund, more than \$1.1 million to the Democratic Party and at least \$109,000 to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign.

Ms. Rich has refused to answer questions before Congress, citing her constitutional right against self-incrimination. Her spokesman has not returned calls seeking comment, but Rivera said

he spoke to her by telephone Thursday. "I spend half my time crying and half my time laughing," she said, according to Rivera. "But that's not so unusual for me — I'm such an emotional person."

As part of the probe, federal investigators are expected to determine whether campaign finance laws were broken — in particular, whether Rich, who renounced his U.S. citizenship, illegally funneled money through his former wife's accounts.

In any event, legal experts said prosecutors will have a difficult task proving bribery in the case.

"It may not be proving that it was done with the intent of getting preferential treatment is tough," said Philip Weinberg, a professor of constitutional law at St. John's School of Law. "It goes to what was in the person's mind when they did it."



Clinton denies wrongdoing in his last-minute pardon of Marc Rich.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

House committee puts telemarketing bill on hold



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Telephone solicitation

Attorney General Ben Chandler, right, comments on a bill sponsored by Rep. Buddy Buckingham, D-Murray, left, that would strengthen the state's telephone solicitation law during a meeting of the House Labor and Industry Committee Wednesday in Frankfort. The committee did not act on the bill.

Bad call: Attorney General's endorsement may have hurt bill

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A bill to put further restrictions on telephone solicitors was put on hold Wednesday by a House committee.

The committee chairman said a ringing endorsement by Attorney General Ben Chandler may have caused the hang up.

Chandler, whose relations with the General Assembly have grown strained, spoke in favor of the bill while seated next to its sponsor, Rep. Buddy Buckingham, D-Murray. The Labor and Industry Committee heard lengthy testimony on the bill but declined to act.

Committee Chairman J.R. Gray, a Benton Democrat, said he initially didn't think Chandler's presence played a role. His impression changed, however, after chatting later with committee members.

"I begin to get the impression that in all probability, yes, his presence there did not help Representative Buckingham's cause," Gray said.

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, said he also heard talk that Chandler's appearance hurt the bill's chances. Yonts attempted to have the committee approve the bill, but his motion died for lack of a second.

Yonts said the bill's biggest setback was an industry prediction that the restrictions would cost jobs at call centers in Kentucky.

Buckingham said he didn't invite Chandler to testify — "I was surprised to see him there" — and didn't know if his appearance hurt the bill's chances.

Chandler said it was only natural for him to testify since his office is closely connected with efforts to protect people from telemarketers.

Chandler said the legislation is popular with Kentuckians and expressed surprise that the committee took no vote.

"If it's because of any kind of personal feeling toward me, I cannot believe that that would stand in the way of the interest of the people of Kentucky," Chandler said in an interview.

The legislation would allow people over 70 to be placed on a "zero call" list maintained by the attorney general's office. Solicitors would be barred from calling them without prior permission.

The attorney general already has a "no solicitation" list for anyone not wanting to be called by telemarketers. More than 65,000 people have asked to be put on the list, Chandler said.

The bill would reduce the groups exempt from the "no solicitation" request. State law exempts nearly two dozen groups, but the bill would narrow the exclusion to a few groups that include schools, non-profit organizations, charities, real estate brokers and small merchants contacting people who have expressed interest in their products.

"Current law is not getting the job done," Buckingham said.

Chandler said the bill would protect the elderly from heavy-handed or unscrupulous sales pitches. It would greatly limit calls that people consider nuisances that cut into evening family time, he said.

"It's giving the citizens of Kentucky an opportunity to have privacy in their own homes," Chandler said.

The committee seemed to be influenced by another witness — Frank Shoop, a leading fund raiser for Gov. Paul Patton and now a lobbyist for telemarketers. Shoop said the bill would jeopardize thousands of telemarketing jobs that have sprung up, many in rural Kentucky counties with high unemployment.

PAGEANT

16 vie for Miss Lexington crown

Sixteen women — nine of them UK students — will compete Saturday in the 41st Miss Lexington Pageant sponsored by the Lexington Metropolitan Women's Club.

The nine UK students are: Suzanne Bullock, a graduate student; Amber Courtney, a business management sophomore; Shell Johnson, a child psychology junior; Courtney Jones, a health services management senior; Megan Kozlesky, an undeclared sophomore; Amanda Lee, a first year physical

therapy student; Toni Moffett, an interior design senior; Rebecca Rubenstein, an animal sciences pre-veterinary junior, and Kristy Stratan, a broadcast journalism sophomore.

Winners of the Miss Lexington and Metropolitan pageants will advance to the Miss Kentucky pageant in June.

The pageant starts at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Haggin Auditorium on Transylvania University's campus. Tickets are \$15.

Campus Calendar

February 12 - February 18, 2001

The Campus Calendar is produced by the Office of Student Activities, Registered Student Orgs. and UK Dept. on campus information for FREE online ONE WEEK PRIOR to the MORNING information is to appear at: http://www.uky.edu/Campus_Calendar Call 252-8847 for more information.

MEETINGS	Sat 17	Fri 16
*Newman Center Mass, 6pm		
SPORTS		
*The Kappa Delta Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gymn Hall		
*Men's Basketball @ Nashville, 1pm		
ARTS/MOVIES		
*UK Viola Day Finale Concert, 7pm, Singletary Cr. B11		
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION		
*Table Tennis Singles, Doubles, & Co-Rac Doubles Tournament		
MEETINGS		Sun 18
*Newman Center Mass, 6pm, 11:30am, 5pm, and 8:30pm		
*Kappa Delta Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gymn Hall		
*Phi Sigma Pi Mtg., 7pm, 230 Stud. Cr.		
*12:12 University Worship Services, 8:30pm, Southside Church of Christ		
*Bible Study, Jesus the One and Only, 10:30am, Calvary Baptist Church		
*Roman Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union Chapel		
SPORTS		
*UK Kappa Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gymn Hall		
*Women's Basketball vs. South Carolina, 7pm, Memorial Coliseum		
ARTS/MOVIES		
*UK Women's Wind Ensemble, 7pm, Singletary Cr. C1		
*White Program, 8pm, Singletary Cr. B11		
*Who's Bosses In It Anyway?, 8pm, Singletary Cr. B11		
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION		
*UK Kappa Club, 5:30pm, UK Alumni Gymn Hall		
*Recreation Night, 10:30pm, Campus Recreation, 7pm, Calvary Baptist Church Rec. & Outreach Cr.		
*UK Wheelchairer Ball Session, 8pm, Lancaster Pool, S3		
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NATIONAL NEWS

Violence in Israel persists



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Bus crash

Israeli officials search the remains of a bus that crashed into a bus stop south of Tel Aviv, killing eight people standing in a group there. Several soldiers and one civilian were among the victims of the crash.

A unity government: Israel and Palestine search for peace through continued attacks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and Ehud Barak agreed on formation of a unity government Thursday, with Barak's party getting the key defense portfolio. Israeli media said Barak would be the new defense minister.

Sharon and Barak met for two hours Thursday and Barak — who was resoundingly defeated by Sharon only last week — accepted Sharon's offer of the top Cabinet post. Israeli TV and radio reported.

Barak's office said in a statement that a decision was made to set up a unity government, and that Barak's Labor party would receive the defense and foreign ministries. Officials close to Barak were not available for comment on the media reports of his agreement to stay in government.

Violence persisted Thursday as two mortar shells fired by Palestinians fell on a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip, and Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian who was trying to infiltrate another settlement there.

No casualties were reported.

In the mortar attack at Netzarim, an isolated enclave in central Gaza. The settlement had come under mortar attack twice before. A Palestinian police officer whom Israel believed to be responsible for the earlier attacks was killed Tuesday by Israeli helicopters firing rockets.

The Palestinian killed near Kfar Darom, another isolated settlement in Gaza, was identified as Nasser Hassanat, 23. He was a member of a Palestinian security force, according to documents he carried.

Funerals for young Israeli soldiers and a civilian — eight were killed Wednesday by a Palestinian bus driver — weighed heavily on politicians seeking a coalition between Sharon's Likud party and Labor.

Sharon, who cannot take office until he forges a majority coalition, was confident. "I will set up a unity government," he told reporters before meeting European Union peace envoy Miguel Moratinos. Sharon said it would "enable us to reach security and peace."

Other prominent Israelis had harsh words for the Palestinians.

President Moshe Katsav, visiting the family of a soldier killed in an earlier attack, said Arafat incites Palestinians to attack Israel, while talking about peace at the same time.

"That's Yasser Arafat, with his conflicting messages and dual morality and two-faced behavior," Katsav said.

A leading rabbi recommended that Israel seize the Palestinian town of Bethlehem as retaliation for gunfire at a Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem and Rachel's Tomb, a Jewish holy site near Bethlehem.

Rabbi Shalom Mashash, chief Sephardic rabbi of Jerusalem, was quoted by a Jewish weekly as saying that Israel gave the Palestinians control of towns for peace.

But since there was no peace, Israel should take back Bethlehem, he said.

Sharon has said he would not order the capture of areas under Palestinian rule.

Israelis were in a somber mood as reports of funerals dominated the news. In the coastal city of Ashkelon, weeping parents buried four young soldiers one after the other at the military cemetery under

gray, drizzly skies.

They were among the eight killed Wednesday when a Palestinian bus driver crashed into a crowd of soldiers and civilians at a bus stop south of Tel Aviv.

The driver, Khalil Abu Olibeh from Gaza City, was shot and captured after a highway chase.

In response, Israel clamped its toughest quarantine yet on the West Bank and Gaza, banning Palestinians from entering Israel or leaving for other countries, limiting internal travel, enforcing a sea blockade and closing the Palestinian airport.

Also, Israel canceled VIP passes issued to officials in Arafat's Palestinian Authority. The passes allowed them to travel through Israel without stringent security checks.

Israeli media reported that some Palestinian officials were allegedly using their passes to smuggle arms and explosive into Palestinian territories.

Maj. Gen. Yaakov Or, coordinator of Israeli activities, said the issue of VIP passes must be re-examined.

Meanwhile, Arafat repeated his charge that Israel is using a new form of gas, stronger than tear gas, in the southern Gaza Strip. "The Israeli military called the allegation 'a lie.'"

DISASTER

Salvadorans cry out for help

'We need food': Resources needed after second earthquake; more than 200 dead

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — With hospitals running out of beds, blood and medicine, officials appealed for international help for thousands of victims from Salvador's second deadly earthquake in a month.

Villagers who live along the Pan American Highway that links the quake zone to the capital strung paper signs across the road Thursday reading "We need help," "We need food," and "We need water."

Resources and hope were dwindling, and landslide-covered highways blocked rescue workers on Wednesday from reaching stricken communities.

"Blood reserves have run out, we urgently need donors, and the hospitals have no space," Salvadoran Red Cross spokesman Carlos Lopez said.

Medical centers throughout the country — already overwhelmed by the thousands injured in last month's deadly quake — could not handle the additional victims from Tuesday's 6.8-magnitude tremor.

The National Emergency Committee on Thursday put the death toll at 276, with 2,715 injured, 17,925 houses destroyed and nearly 123,000 people suffering property damage.

In San Vicente, a central city of 40,000 that was one of the hardest hit, the San Gertrudis Hospital was rendered practically useless, its walls cracked by the force of the quake and its administrative offices destroyed.

Forced to improvise, doctors created a makeshift hospital outside Wednesday, examining quake victims in the beds of pickups with IV lines strung from bamboo poles.

Men and women with bruises and broken limbs lay on bloodstained mattresses or on the ground as repeated aftershocks trembled beneath them.

In San Salvador, the maternity hospital was evacuated to make way for quake victims. New mothers and their infants were in the street.

The streets were crowded with funeral processions, the coffins sometimes decorated with bougainvillea vines plucked from the trees for want of anything more formal.

The quake hit before authorities had finished accounting for hundreds missing from a Jan. 13 quake of magnitude 7.6 that killed at least 844 Salvadorans.

"This earthquake has complicated everything," Lopez said.

Vice President Carlos Quintanilla put out an urgent plea for help.

"We can't do it with just the resources of the state and Salvadorans," he said, adding that the international aid received thus far is "insufficient — a drop in the bucket."

Nations around the world provided help in the wake of January's quake, which caused an estimated \$1 billion in damage, nearly half the annual budget.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Agency for International Development said it would provide an additional \$275,000 for emergency relief supplies and \$8 million for emergency housing to meet immediate needs in the wake of the latest disaster. The U.S. Southern Command, which oversees all military activities in the southern hemisphere, also sent three helicopters and 20 personnel to help with medical and evacuation needs.

Mexico sent 65 soldiers and Air Force personnel to the country Wednesday, along with a team of nine doctors and other medical personnel and more than a ton of medical supplies.

“ We can't do it with just the resources of the state and Salvadorans.”

— Carlos Quintanilla, vice president of El Salvador

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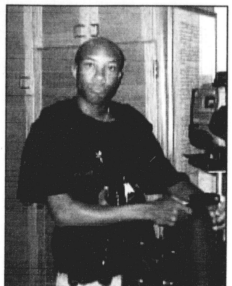
By Stacie Meihaus
STAFF WRITER

Although it sounds like an ad for Bath and Body Works, *46 Bottles of Shampoo* is actually a breakout film from the creative vessel of Visionary Films, Empty Pockets Production Inc. Starring Marielle Peck, a theatre and communications sophomore, and produced by Richard Carr, *46 Bottles of Shampoo* premieres at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Young Library.

Richard Carr is the founder of Visionary Films, Empty Pockets Production Inc.

The Independent Filmmaker Archives of the University of Kentucky is sponsoring the event.

According to Carr, *46 Bottles of*



Centerfold
Independent filmmaker Richard Carr (above) and his subject for the film *46 Bottles of Shampoo*, Marielle Peck (right).

Shampoo is "a supernatural docu-drama. It is a journey through the soul." Carr isn't disclosing anything else about his 45-minute film.

"I want the audience to be baffled," he said.

He did admit that he has always been intrigued with spirituality, Wicca, Ouiji Boards and other matters of supernatural nature.

Carr met Peck through a mutual friend.

"Marielle is a model with a lot of beautiful, elegant photos. I wanted to film her," he said.

So on Sept. 28 and 29, he accompanied her to two different photo shoots where he filmed her.

In looking back on his footage from the photo shoots, Carr said, "We've got a movie here."

Peck said much of her "acting" wasn't really acting.

"I didn't know it was going to turn into a movie, so I wasn't acting. I was just being myself," she said.

The film is completely unscripted, and directed and produced solely by Carr. "It formulated itself completely," Peck said.

As for the title, it stems from a monologue in the film in which Peck's character expresses her desire to have her hair smell like different bottles of shampoo.

When asked about her preferences, Peck replied that she likes theater and film acting equally, but she wants to perform in films for a career.

"Acting is my passion. When I get up in the morning, that's what I'm thinking about," she said.

As for future projects, Carr is formalizing his production company sometime this spring. It will be Lexington's first movie production company. He would like to focus on movies, but will also dabble in music videos and short films.

Peck and Carr have discussed future projects. She hopes that Carr will keep her in mind for new material. "I want to make more movies," she said.

ART

Lexington art scene gets hoppin'

Artistic freedom: German-born Ulrike Hahn among talented artists featured in Gallery Hop

By Paul Haker
STAFF WRITER

Lexington, a town consumed by basketball and horses, will have something else to talk about tonight: art.

The first Gallery Hop Reception of the new millennium is tonight and will feature numerous artists with ties to Lexington. The Tower Cerlan Gallery, one of 20 galleries taking part in the event, will showcase German-born, Lexington resident Ulrike Hahn's art. The exhibit features around 20 new oil paintings.

Ann Tower, co-owner of the gallery, said Hahn's paintings are representational, dealing

with imagery one can recognize. Hahn uses loose, thick brushwork in her paintings.

Hahn, who was born in Zwickau, Germany, in 1966, has been interested in art since childhood. Because the East German government required every person to learn a trade, she attended the Berlin School for Clothing and Design. She began formal art training in 1991 at the Berlin School of Art in Weissensee after the unification of Germany. She moved to Lexington in 1999 but returns to Berlin often to showcase her work at Gallery Leo.

The Tower Cerlan Gallery will feature many other artists during the Gallery Hop.

Robert Tharsing, a professor in UK's art department, will have a painting displayed. The gallery's next show will feature his artwork.

Other artists that will have paintings, sculptures, ceramics or photographs displayed include art professor Robert James Foose, creative writing professor James Baker Hall, UK graduate Patrick Adams, UK graduate Monica Church, Karen Spears, Nori Hall, Dal Macon, Bob Lockhart and others. Co-owner Gayle Cerlan will also have a mosaic vase displayed.

"We pick high quality work which holds together. The art showcased ranges from abstract to realistic," Tower said.

While the gallery is open throughout the year, new exhibitions open around the time of the Gallery Hop, which is held

five times a year and has taken place for seven years. The next one will be April 20.

"The Gallery Hop is a celebration of art. It gives people a chance to look at art and socialize, and the serious buyers and lookers wind up coming back. Because there are 20 galleries participating, it's impossible to see anything seriously. The people who attend regularly go where they like or places that have the shows they know they will like," Tower said.

Need to know

The Gallery Hop is tonight from 5-9 p.m. The Tower Cerlan Gallery is located at 522 West Short St. For a complete list of all the Gallery Hop exhibits log onto www.lexart.org/galleryhop.

MUSIC

UK student drives toward a dream

Here I am, on the road again: Sarah Wood fights time and distance for her music

By Sarah Zoppi
STAFF WRITER

As I sit directly across from her, she opens a daily planner. I watch patiently and wait. Flipping through the pages urgently, she draws in a deep breath of air and in a flash spouts out a date that would fit her strenuous schedule.

At age 19, Sarah Wood is already using a day-to-day planner. She works as a publicist, recruiter, student and musician. Wood and her group, The S&W Project, are just beginning to hitch their bandwagon to its star for what they anticipate to be the long haul. Living a dream that so many young musicians aspire to, Wood and her friend Wes Ernest planted the seeds for this blooming band a few years back.

"Wes was my guitar teacher and he found out I could sing one day. I asked him about a contest on the radio and he said he'd help me out. He took me to his home studio and one thing led to another; we played a charity event and it all fell together," said Wood.

Although Wood is an engineering major at UK, the rest of her band lives in Columbus, Ind. Traveling back and forth had become an incremental part of her life since signing with Stardust Records.

"The rest of the band works in Indiana. Wes is a guitar teacher and lead guitarist in the band, Rachel DeBoard is on bass, Chris Campbell on steel guitar, Adam Cook on drums and Ben Weaver on keys," said Wood.

There is indeed an intense

overtone of that lost rockabilly sound of Buddy Holly, Johnny Cash and some early Elvis ringing through the lines of some songs on the album including "Muddin' Hole." On the flip side, it's easy to hear recent influences like Lucinda Williams and Mary-Chapin Carpenter.

"I am a fan of country; Wes brings in the rock. Randy Travis, now I am a fan of his lyrics! Wes enjoys Kiss, Van Halen and Stevie Ray Vaughn," said Wood.

The sound quality of this CD is superb considering the location of its recording. Presently, The S&W Project is in the process of changing studios.

"We did this one in Wes' home studio — Love Shack Studios. After stuff is settled we will have our own studio so that we can incorporate more artists," Wood said.

The S&W Project has yet to play in Lexington, although they have played several charity gigs in their hometown. Wood has conflicting views about playing in front of

crowds she knows like the back of her hand, and also those obscure to her.

"We haven't played around here yet, we are working through three agents who have us playing up in Indiana. I like playing in front of a crowd I don't know because the audience gets into it more. In the local charity events, we get a pretty good following of family and friends and it's comforting," said Wood.

As the interview comes to a close, Wood looks off into the distance, vaguely, as if in thought. Turning to me slowly, she summed it all up with honest conviction.

"Professional musicians are amateurs who never stop trying."

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Snake scare in cop locker

LAPORTE, Ind. — A 4-foot snake that escaped while in police custody six months ago finally turned up — in an evidence locker.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was dead," said Detective David Gariepy, who made the discovery Monday. "The snake was not moving much at all, but when I nudged it, it moved." The snake is believed be some sort of python. Officers had found it last August slithering down the streets of LaPorte, about 45 miles east of Chicago.

"We placed the snake in a holding container which ended up not holding it," Gariepy said. "We scoured the building back then and found no traces, so we just figured it got out or went into the duct work and would be found dead."

The snake was taken to a pet shop, where employees told officers it looked healthy.

"I got chills because I'm a little fearful of snakes," Chief Walter Brath said. "I'm glad it wasn't me that found it."



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Her's a cold-hearted snake.

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Woman hits hole-in-one

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — Eat your heart out, Tiger Woods.

Evenly Tucci, an 82-year-old who usually shoots in the low 100s, sank two holes-in-one during one round of golf.

"I prayed that before I did I'd get a hole in one," Tucci said. Her wishes were answered twofold Tuesday at the Crystal Lake Country Club when Tucci, a 32-handicap, joined friend Carin West in a tournament.

Tucci used a 4-wood to ace the par-3, 112-yard, No. 2 hole to get things going.

"I wouldn't believe it 'til I saw it," Tucci said. "Then one of the other players shouted to me, 'Evelyn, come over here and see. It's in the cup.'"

Noticing the wind was blowing hard, Tucci lined up at the par-3, 157-yard fifth hole and swung her driver. And sank her second ace of the day.

"I saw it heading toward the green, but I never imagined," Tucci said.

Tucci and West won the tournament with a handicapped score of 55.

According to a March 2000 issue of Golf Digest, the odds of making two holes in one during one round is 67 million to 1.

"It was amazing," Tucci said.

—Source: AP Wire
—Compiled by:
Jenny Robertson

Matt Vetter
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Education about more than a degree

According to Anna Jameson, "The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold the seed of immortality already found within us; to develop, to their fullest extent, the capacities of every kind with which the God who made us has endowed us."

This is quite a romantic ideal, and very appealing. However, many institutions and individuals define education differently. Spencerian College of Lexington boasts a graduate employment success rate of 98.2 percent. The mission of Spencerian College is "to provide men and women with quality training for careers in the business and technical professions (spencerian.edu)."

On the other hand, the University of Kentucky is "dedicated to preparing students for an increasingly diverse and technological world, and to improving the lives of people in the Commonwealth, the nation and the world through teaching, research and service (uky.edu)."

Higher education can be either vocational preparation or life preparation. I prefer the second, which not only serves students but also faculty and the university's immediate academic communities.

The primary function of colleges and universities is to prepare students for the rest of their lives and to aid them with resources to further self-growth and knowledge. Education at the university level encompasses a broad range of social, intellectual and spiritual opportunity. These opportunities, along with other outside influences, come together to create an individual who is an independent thinker, socially prepared, politically aware, resourceful and limitless regarding his or her future vocation.

The strength behind higher education relies on the limitless classroom of the mind. According to E. D. Hirsch Jr., universities and those affiliated value "depth, breadth, and accuracy of knowledge and independent thought."

A college cannot train you for all professions and cannot fully instruct you for any profession. Education is something more than a degree. It is manifest in the self-expression of individuals. The greatest thinkers of our time were not taught, trained or instructed. However, through education, they were given a chance to realize the potential in themselves and what they should do to extract that potential.

The habitus is a social lesson in itself. Rooming with 400-plus people, sharing a bathroom and sharing a bedroom can have a tremendous impact on an individual. Communication barriers are cast away. Self-esteem and long-lasting friendships are also benefits of this environment.

The university prepares students in politics.

James Orton
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Retrospectives from the right side

Enough is enough. I am tired of reading disproportionate liberal editorials. I have finally decided to make the time to write from the conservative point of view on a regular basis.

It seems that recently the debate about God in school has risen again. The non-religious and people of minority religions do not want their children indoctrinated in Christianity in school. That is understandable. One day I expect to have children and I won't want my children being exposed to religions that I deem inappropriate either. What the left side does not seem to understand or does not care about is the fact that as Christians our children are being exposed in public schools to non-religious rhetoric. Our children learn in our homes that homosexuality is a sin, yet are told at school that it is an acceptable lifestyle. They are taught creationism at home, but at school the theory of evolution is taught as a fact.

Excuse me, I thought laws were facts. Our children are even told that some things should be shared with the guidance counselor and kept from parents.

The liberal ideal of a school system is to take the parenting responsibility away from parents and give it to the administration. That is not the conservative, Christian view of the school system. I cannot say which view is right and which is wrong. I can only determine which is right for me. So it appears that we are at an impasse, but recently an idea has been brought forward that should alleviate this problem. It's

called school vouchers.

Once again, it's conservative idea and the liberals oppose it. Vouchers would give me back some of my tax dollars to spend at the school (religious or not) of my choice. It would also allow the poor to do the same.

Why would the liberals balk at an opportunity to get the Christians off their backs about the Ten Commandments and prayer in school? Because the liberal leaders do not want separation of church and state — they really want the destruction of the church.

They won't admit it; they will say that privatization would destroy the public school system. They will say the voucher won't be enough for poor families. All these arguments are false. The money the states could save by not fighting the American Civil Liberties Union anymore could help fund the school system. The real problem is that this move would destroy organizations like the ACLU that live off suing religion, and the ACLU is a major contributor to liberal America. So all of you that want Christian America to stop pushing its religion on your public school join in me in support of vouchers. If you don't, then stop whining that your tax dollars are being spent on ACLU lawsuits because we will continue to fight for our children's proper education.

Contributing Columnist James Orton is a decision sciences information systems junior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

Individuals participating in student government receive a foundation in citizenship and responsibility. Centre College, in Danville, Ky., hosted the vice-presidential debate for the 2000 election. Political events, including protests and speeches, shape the minds of students.

Green party activists on UK's campus are one such example. These students participated in the event mentioned above, protesting the exclusion of a third party.

On a lesser note, voter registration tables were set up all over campus. Education creates conscientious citizens. As Benjamin R. Barber said, "Give the uneducated the right to participate in making collective decisions, and what results is not democracy but, at best, mob rule."

A university aids the students and communities with resources to further self-knowledge. Libraries, museums and technology are at the fingertips of students. These and other resources give individuals the chance to expand their interests and areas of study. Without these materials, new and free thought would not be able to exist.

As a student at UK majoring in classical languages and literatures, I am often asked, "What are you going to do with that?" The classics are the starting points of my education, at which the lines of self-knowledge will grow. Below I've prepared a list of options available to me after graduation, with a bachelor's degree in classics.

- Form a cult.
- Sell pineapples and papayas on the side of the road.
- Join a punk band.
- Get another degree.
- Watch television.
- Get a job at the zoo cleaning up after sick giraffes.
- Start an e-business and make millions sitting on my butt. As you can see, my options are countless. I can do anything I choose, and I can accomplish plenty without a degree. College can help me decide.

The degree or subject of our education should not limit us. An education should not rule the rest of our lives. Only experience can teach the necessities.

Virtue is not found in any book. Logic is realized. Ethic is earned. Emotion is felt.

All of these come from experience, which we can acquire at college. Until we have acquired these, can we really say we have lived?

Contributing Columnist Matt Vetter is a classical languages and literature freshman. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.

PARTING SHOTS.

Final Word

The Question:

"According to a stories released by the Associated Press, Lexington Herald-Leader and the Kentucky Kernel this week, a new drug is on the rise in parts of eastern Kentucky, quickly becoming the addiction of choice for many of the state's dealers and abusers.

OxyContin is a powerful prescription painkiller released in 1996 to help cancer victims and others suffering severe, chronic pain. Law enforcement officials say the drug sells illegally for as much as \$1 a milligram, and is to blame for the recent rise in drug-related deaths in the state. Experts believe that abuse of the drug is reaching epidemic proportions, but others, such as Tom Collins, interim head of the state's program to combat IV drug abuse, said Friday he had never heard of OxyContin. However, a drug bust last week, dubbed OxyFest 2001, resulted in the arrest of over 200 OxyContin dealers and attracted attention from Kentucky newspapers, national TV networks and reporters from The New York Times.

While some are denying the seriousness of the situation, there's little doubt that OxyContin's presence in eastern Kentucky has had a devastating affect on the local population. What do you think should be done about the epidemic, if anything? What does this say about our state and our ability to care for Kentucky's drug addicts?"

What They Said:

I'm sure far more eastern Kentuckians have died from 'snorting' coal dust in the ridiculously unsafe mines than from using some obscure painkiller. I guess this just shows where our state's loyalties lie."

Andrew Grossman, Assistant News Editor

Two words: Oxycute 'em."

Kevin Clapp, Kernel Cartoonist

'Epidemic?' An epidemic is 3.5 million Africans dying each year from malaria, not 50 bored hillbillies experimenting with high-level analgesics. If they've got \$100 worth which to buy drugs, tell them spend it on chloroquine and ship it to Kinshasa."

Jennifer Kasten, Kernel Columnist

These pills should have been made more difficult to inject. At present it is child's play to get them into a syringe, in a vein, and moving on the fast track to the pleasure centers of the brain. Economically depressed areas breed psychologically depressed people who look for drugs to escape a harsh existence. I feel that it is ultimately the economy, not the Kentuckians, that needed a shot in the arm. Unfortunately, gone is the chance for an ounce of prevention and arresting people doesn't even hint at a pound of cure."

Joshua Goebeler, Kernel Columnist

Collins' comments are just another example of how little our state government cares about the people of Appalachia."

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Points UK junior forward Tayshaun Prince has averaged in road games during his current five game hot streak. Prince has averaged 23.8 PPG during the stretch in all games. The road games were against Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

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Rebounds by UK freshman guard Gerald Fitch. Fitch saved UK in the final minute with an offensive rebound of an errant Keith Bogans shot when the cats led by only two. Fitch was also the only player from either team to record a double-double with 12 points, as well.

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UK wins over Vandy since 1988-89 when the Cats went 13-19 in Eddie Sutton's last season. Vandy beat UK in its first game versus Rick Pitino, but the Cats are 20-2 against the Commodores since. Vandy beat UK at Memorial Gym in 1991 and 1993. Since 1993 the Cats have won 15 straight, including seven at Memorial in the series. The most memorable win was "The Miracle of Naz," Nazr Mohammed's desperation flip to beat Vandy at the buzzer in 1998.

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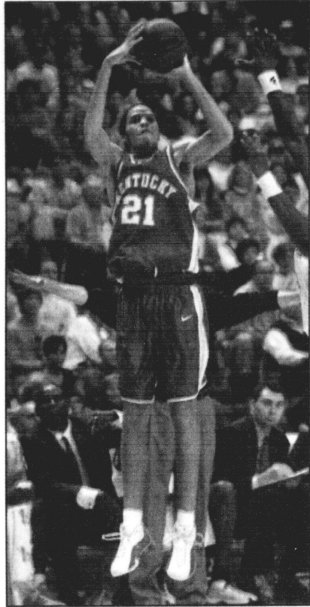
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LOOKING AHEAD

Cats focus on SEC lead

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UK will have a major psychological advantage over Vanderbilt on Saturday.

Not only has UK won six in a row and 13 of its last 15 games, including a one-point win against No. 11 Florida and a 106-95 win at No. 15 Tennessee, but no current Cat player has ever lost to Vandy.

Conversely, no current Vandy player has ever beaten UK. In fact UK assistant coach Reggie Hanson is the only personnel on either team that has been part of and witnessed a UK loss to Vandy. As a UK senior in 1991 Hanson lost to the 'Dores 98-87 at Memorial Gym in Nashville. The Cats have only lost to Vandy once since that game on Jan. 13, 1993.

"We've got seniors that have never beat Kentucky, so it's not just the young guys it's the veterans too," Vandy coach Kevin Stallings said. "I am not sure there is anything we can do (to alleviate the psychological disadvantage)." Stallings indicated that Vandy's rough stretch has not helped to build his players' confidence. His team has lost five of its last eight games, including an 85-76 loss to UK at Rupp Arena on Jan. 26.

"Right now we are not a very confident team," Stallings said. "We have gotten into a rough stretch."

On the contrary, UK has taken huge strides since its last meeting with Vandy. UK has gone from two games out of first place in the SEC East to a two-game lead in the division.

"You are always in control of your own destiny if you do the right things," UK coach Tubby Smith said. "Stealing this win

(against UT) points us in the right direction."

And that direction is westward to Nashville, Tenn. Despite possessing a firm grasp on their primary goal of winning the SEC regular season title, the Cats will not be looking ahead to the SEC Tournament or the NCAA.

"It's early yet and we still have a lot of games to play," Smith said. "We are going to see how we respond in the next few weeks. It's only going to continue to build as we march towards the postseason."

Future road games at Arkansas on Feb. 25 and at Florida for the season's finale loom as major obstacles to wrapping the conference up, but neither Smith nor his players will overlook Saturday's date with Vandy at the mystique Memorial Gym.

Looking to the teams' previous meeting, UK may need to focus on specific problem areas.

Vandy freshman Matt Freije had a Tayshaun Prince-type game with 21 points on 4-of-5 shooting on threes at a 64 percent rate from the field. UK was also out-rebounded 28-19 by Vandy.

Rebounding is typically Smith's biggest concern and justifiably. The Cats have only had considerable success against Tennessee on the boards.

With Prince and Keith Bogans playing at the height of their ability the Cats might get away with the lack of rebounding, especially if they continue to shoot at or near 60 percent.

"With Tayshaun and Keith playing well it gives us confidence we can compete," Smith said.

As if Stallings needed UK to have any added confidence.

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Player to watch



Tayshaun Prince
Player to watch: Prince, Jr. F
Outlook: Prince got UT coach Jerry Green's vote for SEC MVP Wednesday and USC coach Eddie Fogler said he has seen enough. "I haven't watched him since they were at USC, and that was enough for me," Fogler said.

Coach: Tubby Smith (02-20, 4 years)
Records: 16-7 (SEC East: 9-2)
Last game: Won vs. Tennessee, 103-95
Points scored per game: 78.9
Points allowed per game: 69.0
FG percentage: .483
3PT percentage: .337
Leading scorer: Keith Bogans, 16.1
Leading rebounder: Tayshaun Prince, 5.9
Strengths: Everything the Cats are doing right now is a strength. Its confidence is the team's greatest strength and the only thing that the Cats lacked early this season.
Weaknesses: Show us some game film from December and maybe we'll find something. The Cats do have defensive and rebounding lapses. Reducing turnovers is something Tubby can always work on, as well.
Buzz: Gerald Fitch: UK life preserver.
Keys to win: Have a safe trip to Memorial Gym and don't get complacent. Although Prince's play has been near-perfect, the Cats can't assume he'll score 25 and rely on the leader of the team. UK will need to continue to down its opponents.

KENTUCKY COMMODORES

Player to watch



Matt Freije
Player to watch: Freije, Jr. F
Outlook: The freshman single-handedly brought Vandy back to beat UK, according to UK coach Tubby Smith. He has the versatility that reminds many of 2000 SEC MVP and former 'Dore Dan Langhi.

Coach: Kevin Stallings (24-20, 2 years)
Records: 15-9 (SEC East: 4-7)
Last game: Lost vs. Georgia, 68-70
Points scored per game: 72.0
Points allowed per game: 69.4
FG percentage: .430
3PT percentage: .333
Leading scorer: Greg LaPointe, 11.8
Leading rebounder: Anthony Williams, 8.7
Strengths: Vandy is sound and does not make mistakes, which is a direct reflection of its excellent coach. The 'Dores have also been long known as a great three-point shooting team. Vandy is the only Division I school that has never gone a game without making a three since the shot's inception.
Weaknesses: Stallings' team has very little size like most Vandy teams, but LaPointe's weak back has made the VU interior even weaker.
Buzz: Matt Freije: the next Dan Langhi?
Keys to win: The Vandy faithful need to capture up the spirits of Memorial Gym. If Vandy makes more than half of its threes an upset is not impossible.

Leader

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