



The Grocery

Super 'Fun' Market

If you've spent your career here at UK living in the dorms, like I did for three years, you've probably never had to do real grocery shopping.

I'm not talking about beer runs to Winn Dixie for chips and dip. I'm talking about actually having to buy supplies that you need to live, like meat, cleaning supplies and toilet paper. This is the kind of shopping you have to do when you have an apartment.

I've become familiar with this new way of life this semester and I'm already tired of it, mostly because I don't have the money to buy all the junk food and Snimoff I need. Anyway, I've come up with a list of fun stuff to do in order to combat the boredom and annoyance of shopping.

When you first get there, search through all the carts in an attempt to find one that veers strongly to the left or right. Don't try to correct the steering, just let it run into the steef and displays. It's not your fault.

Fill up a cart with odd items from everywhere in the store and simply leave it in one of the aisles. Deny any responsibility for the cart when questioned by employees or simply tell them you left your wallet in the car.

Pick up some ice cream first thing and then spend another hour shopping for everything else. When it inevitably melts, inform the manager and insist on getting a fresh one.

Open every carton of eggs and look for that perfect dozen. If people ask if they can help or simply tell you to stop, tell them "It's OK, I'm a guidance counselor." This should work because guidance counselors have the most useless job in the world, thus allowing for their odd behavior.

Go through the automatic checkout lines like the ones at Kroger and select the Spanish menu. The people around won't be looking because of the deep-voiced Spanish instructions coming from your machine; they'll be respecting your multilingual skills.

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MILITARY

Student called up for duty

By Mark Boxley STAFF WRITER

By Andrea Uhde ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Lauren Raupach will be shipped to Fort Bragg, N.C., to work in supplies with the Military Police Battalion. Raupach, a member of the UK ROTC who joined the Army National Guard last year, was hoping she would be called on duty soon. "I'd like to get a chance to use my skills that I had been trained for," the biology freshman said.

Raupach, 18, finds it exciting

and intimidating to be called to work. "It's exciting because I get to help out and learn from older, more experienced people," she said.

Though she is sad to leave, Raupach said this is important. "I don't have a choice in the matter," she said. "I'd like to be at school there but I think this takes priority over everything else."

Raupach said many of her close friends were more nervous than she was, Raupach is a minority at UK though. Maj. John

Luttrell said it would take a national emergency and an early commission for many of the UK ROTC members to see action.

Luttrell said most of the ROTC cadets in the National Guard or the National Reserves are in a simultaneous membership program. This program involves a contract that says cadets must finish officer training before they are eligible for service.

"The officer program supercedes their commitment," Luttrell said. Cadet Michael Sharp, a student getting his teaching certificate, was left behind when his battalion was called for duty.

Sharp has a family background in the armed forces and said without hesitation that he would go if he had the chance.

He talked about his friends who had been deployed. "It doesn't really hit home until someone you know actually gets called up."

Cadet Justin Chula, a biology senior, said he is ready. "It's one of those things you know could happen but you take it day by day."



MARK BOXLEY | KERNEL STAFF Michael Flanagan rappels off a 60-ft. tower Wednesday as part of an ROTC training exercise.

RELIEF

Firefighters relieve New York

'I couldn't say enough about the people there if I spoke for 3 days'

By Andrea Uhde ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

"I've seen death at fires, and I've seen the turmoil it causes the family. But there's nothing compared to New York."

These words, uttered in the company of tears, are the words of a Lexington family man: a father of three sons, including a former UK student, a husband, a firefighter for 22 years.

Ray Salsman is a man who was determined to help New York City after the worst terrorist attack on American soil, and he and two retired Lexington firefighters resolved to represent Lexington with assistance in the city that never sleeps.

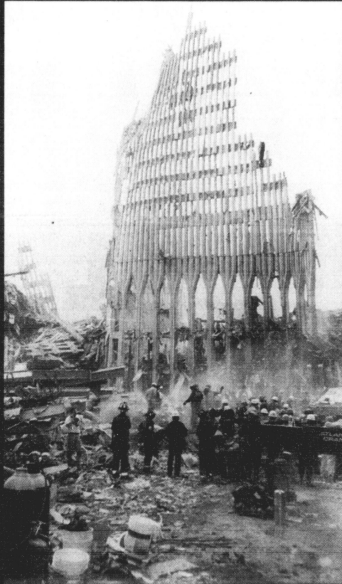
Salsman and his friends packed up at midnight on Sept. 25. They drove from their peaceful suburban neighborhoods, lined with basketball hoops and picket fences, to the latest wonder of the world, a gigantic pile of dust, steel and ashes of the fathers, mothers and best friends who were killed on Sept. 11.

Tears swell up in Salsman's blue eyes whenever he discusses what he saw that week. He has walked on the edge of death, chased fire on a foot-wide ledge and run through a tunnel of flames, but the pain in the memories of this trip burn fresh in his mind unlike any pain he has battled before.

It was only by luck that the men were able to enter the version of hell called Ground Zero. A Brooklyn narcotics detective spotted Salsman, dressed in a Lexington Fire Department shirt, on the street and used his power to get them in.

After passing through security, they found themselves in a place Salsman said is incomparable to anything else. Dogs were scouring the area looking for bodies and finding nothing, while firefighters were shifting debris to other areas, seeing no sign of human life in the process. "The thing that entered everybody's mind was

See FIREFIGHTERS on 3



Helping out

Rescue workers search through the debris at one of the collapsed towers of the World Trade Center. More than 5,000 people are believed to be dead from the suicide hijackings where knife-wielding hijackers crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 toppling its twin 110-story towers. The total number of casualties still hasn't been determined.

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POLITICAL

Freshman senators to take SG office

Four freshmen Student Government senators are taking office as student body representatives after last week's freshman class elections, in which 350 students voted.

Thirteen students ran for the four open positions. Freshmen Jessica King, Rachel Lee Watts, Shawn Dixon and Matt Rippetoe received the most votes and will take their positions this week. The students will serve as representatives for the student body within the senate and the Freshmen Representative Council of the SG this school year.

Only freshmen could vote, and each voter ballot allowed for four votes. A total of 1,410 votes were cast.

As senators, each freshman will participate in a joint committee and standing committee of their interest.

"I plan to speak for my fellow freshmen and classmates to the best of my ability and represent them on what they want," Rippetoe said.

The freshmen will be featured on 88.1 WRFL this Thursday at 3 p.m. to introduce themselves and discuss the issues they support.

Compiled by Assistant News Editor Andrea Uhde.

THREAT

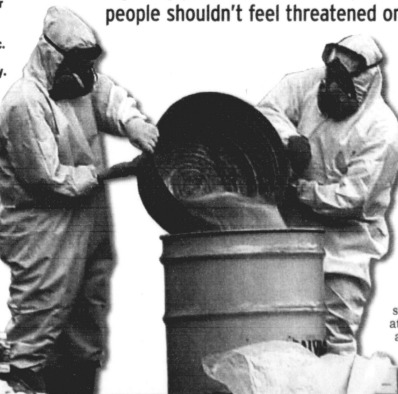
Lexingtonians should not fear anthrax scare

Mystery powder: Officials say no direct threats made locally; people shouldn't feel threatened or endangered

FBI agents wearing biohazard suits pour liquid into a yellow drum outside the American Media, Inc. building in Boca Raton, Fla., Tuesday.

The anthrax virus was found in an employee's nose and on a computer keyboard Monday after a photo editor for the company died Friday because of the rare disease. All 300 people who work in the building and anyone who spent more than an hour inside since Aug. 1 were advised to visit health officials.

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By Holly McIntosh CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The mysterious powder mailed to the Lexington Clinic Tuesday has many people fearing future terrorist actions in Lexington.

In a news conference Wednesday Lexington Police and Fire Department officials hoped to answer questions being raised in the community about substance in envelopes.

Police Chief Anthony Beatty assured citizens that so far Lexingtonians should not feel threatened or in danger.

"We have not received any direct threats," Beatty said. Lexington Mayor Pam Miller stressed that people should not exaggerate or draw premature conclusions about recent events.

"(Citizens should be) concerned but not overly fearful," she said.

As of Wednesday evening, test results to identify the powder con-

tained in the letter, that made three people ill, were not available.

While officials have not yet ruled out any connections, they said this was probably similar to a Nigerian hoax letter. Police say they have been seeing these for years.

Police Sgt. Pat Murray of the Lexington Police fraud and commercial burglary units says these letters, usually postmarked from Africa, urge people to contribute money in order to get a percentage of a multimillion-dollar account.

"They all contain some kind of sob story where they are asking for money or banking information. Of course, people who send money never see it again," he said.

Officials received eight calls on Wednesday from people concerned about suspicious letters mailed to them. Most of those who called became concerned after hearing of Tuesday's incident and then receiving a letter with no return address.

Police have picked up each of these letters and are storing them as potentially hazardous material. Fire Chief William Hollerman said these letters are not being tested.

"We will keep the letters and contact the proper authorities," he said.

At this time, none of the officials had spoken with the FBI about these incidents.

Five of the letters collected on Wednesday were postmarked from Africa, strengthening officials' belief that these letters were not necessarily

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Round of budget cuts could go deep

FRANKFORT — Forecasters slashed another \$171 million from the state's General Fund estimate this year, which will prompt another round of budget cuts that could hit education. And the preliminary forecasts for the coming two years will mean a spare cupboard for the General Assembly's budget-makers. The Consensus Forecasting Group's revision means total cuts from the spending plan first put together by the 2000 legislature will approach \$600 million, the largest shortfall in a decade. Budget director James Ramsey said actual spending cuts could be greater because some revenue receipts have to be shared with local governments.

## 3 officers suspended after crash

LOUISVILLE — Louisville police said they will suspend three officers without pay for their involvement in an incident where an off-duty officer crashed into a parked car and then walked away from the scene. Chief Greg Smith said Wednesday that each officer faces a suspension of 15 days without pay. Smith said he couldn't be more specific because the officers haven't received official notification of the charges. Officer Reuben Highsmith crashed his Jeep Wrangler into a parked car in downtown Louisville on May 18. He got out and walked several blocks before he was picked up by another officer. Highsmith later conferred with Maj. Donald Burbrink, his superior, but was never interviewed by the officer investigating the crash.

## Afghan airdrops include peanut butter

ALBANY, Ga. — Workers at Tara Foods don't know if Afghans have ever tasted peanut butter, but they're sure anyone who tries the popular American spread will like the taste and get valuable nutrients. U.S. planes have dropped about 100,000 packets of Tara peanut butter over Afghanistan since Sunday, when airstrikes began against military targets in that country. The military said the drops are designed to ensure people who have been cut off from aid normally provided by international organizations do not go hungry.

## Jury candidates talk about O.J.

MILAMI — A woman who said she was beaten by her ex-husband and thought O.J. Simpson got away with murder passed an initial round of questioning Wednesday in his road-rage trial. Jury candidates are being asked whatever they know about Simpson, from his football career and Hertz commercials to his movies and murder trial. The latest charges of auto burglary and battery carry a possible prison sentence of two to 16 years. Much of the time was spent asking people if they had firm opinions on Simpson's criminal acquittal and civil liability in the 1994 mur-



**PULP FICTION:** Some have hailed *Mulholland Drive* as David Lynch's best film, and it earned him top director honors at this year's Cannes Film Festival, which he split with Joel Coen for *The Man Who Wasn't There*. His fans will love the complicated structure, the detailed settings, the dark mood. Those unimpressed with his work — who typically walk away from a Lynch movie having no idea what they just saw — will dismiss it as baffling and pretentious, as usual. They're both right. Where he previously ripped the pristine lid off suburbia to reveal something dark and sinister with movies like *Blue Velvet*, here he turns his attention to a city that's been portrayed as dark and sinister all along: Hollywood. The title comes from the name of a long street that snakes along the top of the hills that divide Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley. It's also where the first scene takes place.

ders of his ex-wife and her friend. "In your mind, you think he did it and got away with it?" defense attorney Yale Galanter asked. Prospective juror Marlen Heceverria replied, "Yes." "Basically, prosecutors screwed it up?" he asked. She nodded and said, "Oh yes."

## Louisville setting zones for dancers

LOUISVILLE — Nude and topless cabaret dancers will have to stay at least 3 feet away from club patrons — and each other — once a new city ordinance takes effect. The measure, approved in a 9-3 vote Tuesday by the board of aldermen, also will require dancers to perform on a stage at least 18 inches high to prohibit lap or table dancing. The ordinance won't go into effect until it is signed by Mayor Dave Armstrong. A lawyer for two strip clubs, meanwhile, plans to take the measure to court. Bradley Shafer, a Michigan lawyer hired by PT's Show Club and Deja Vu, said the restrictions are unconstitutional.

## Employees find powdery substance

LOUISVILLE — Authorities said a white powdery substance found Wednesday by two employees and a security guard of a Bank One branch in southern Jefferson County is not toxic. At approximately 1:30 a.m. Wednesday the Jefferson County Emergency Management Services were called to the Bank One, said Col. Michael Riordan, spokesman for the department. The employees had opened an envelope which contained a white powder, Riordan said. The employees were decontaminated and transported to University of Louisville hospital. "We started them on prophylactic antibiotics right away," Riordan said. "But only as a precaution."

## Ad campaign on MTV to support gays

NEW YORK — Asserting that more than 80 percent of gay students are harassed at their schools, an advocacy group joined Wednesday with MTV to release a series of public service ads aimed at countering anti-gay sentiment among teens. The New York-based Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network said the ad campaign is the largest of its kind on any television network, and will run at least four weeks, possibly longer. The first spot was timed to coincide with Wednesday night's airing of "Hate in the Hallways," an episode about anti-gay bullying on MTV's new weekly documentary series, "Criminal."

## United States claim air supremacy

KABUL, Afghanistan — In the biggest attack so far against Kabul, U.S. jets pounded the Afghan capital Wednesday, and explosions thundered around a Taliban military academy, artillery units and suspected terrorist training camps. With the United States claiming air supremacy in its campaign to root out Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, American jets roamed across the skies for more than two hours, seeking out targets on the fringes of this war-ravaged city of 1 million.



**FUNNY GUY:** R&B hitmaker Jermaine Dupri, rock icon Henry Rollins and old school rapper Koolhae Dee are a funny-looking trio in any setting. Put them in sheriff's uniforms and give 'em a lil' southern drawl and you've got bona fide comedy. Dupri, Rollins and Dee are three of a handful of musicians with roles in the upcoming movie *The New Guy*, which stars DJ Qualls (*Road Trip*) and Eddie Griffin (*Double Take*). "We are three sheriffs at a prison in Austin," Rollins said recently. "They work for me. They are my two burly minions. We are in our tan correctional outfits and cowboy hats and sunglasses. It's really funny." Former Mötley Crüe drummer, Tommy Lee, singer Lyle Lovett and Skateboarder Tony Hawk also have cameo.

## Life expectancy reaches an all time high

ATLANTA — Life expectancy in the United States has climbed to an all-time high of nearly 77 years, while infant mortality has dropped to the lowest level on record, the government reported Wednesday. A government study of death certificates nationwide put U.S. life expectancy at 76.9 years for someone born in 2000, up from 76.7 in 1999, the National Center for Health Statistics said. Infant mortality dropped last year to 6.9 deaths for every 1,000 live births. Death rates also fell for the nation's leading killers, including heart disease, cancer and stroke. "It's a relatively optimistic report," said Ari Minino, an NCHS statistician and an author of the study. Death rates are rising for some diseases that afflict primarily older people, including Alzheimer's disease and pneumonitis, which scars the lungs.

## U.S. soldier first U.S. casualty

An Army soldier got trapped between two trucks and was critically injured Wednesday, becoming the first American casualty of Operation Enduring Freedom, the campaign against terrorism, officials said. The soldier's name and where the accident took place were not disclosed. "U.S. medical personnel on the scene performed initial lifesaving care," then the soldier was taken to a U.S. base in Incirlik, Turkey, for further treatment, said Maj. Brad Lowell, a U.S. Central Command spokesman at MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

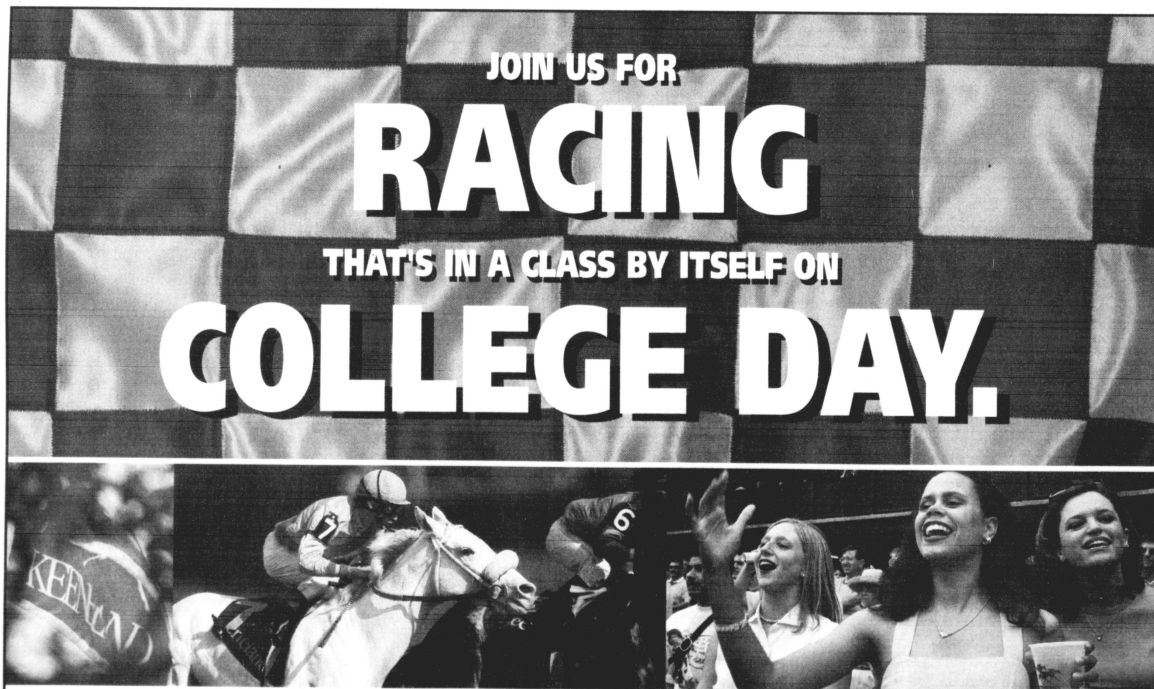
## Reagan, the longest living president

LOS ANGELES — Ronald Reagan on Thursday will have lived longer than any other U.S. president — 33,120 days — eclipsing the record held by the nation's second chief executive John Adams. Reagan, 90, who occupied the White House from 1981 to 1989, was born Feb. 6, 1911. "Time passes so quickly," former first lady Nancy Reagan said Wednesday. "These days, especially, we should remember how precious life is and how important it is to cherish every moment." The nation's 40th president is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease and there has been no change in his condition, Reagan chief of staff Joanne Drake said.

## Bombing to target mobile targets

WASHINGTON — As U.S. warplanes shift from fixed targets in Afghanistan to bombing more mobile targets such as troop convoys, helicopter-borne special forces teams are poised for what is likely to be a prominent role in the next phase of attacks. Special forces "will have a significant role in all the areas they are trained to perform in," said Army Col. Bill Darley, a spokesman for U.S. Special Operations Command. The next phase of the U.S. strikes could include raids by small groups of Army Special Forces soldiers ferried in by low-flying helicopters to rout out terrorist or Taliban leaders, military analysts say.

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where are all the people," Salsman said. "There was nobody. There was just dust." More than 5,000 casualties are expected from the attack.

Salsman said the city was totally altered, from the people and the inches of dust on buildings to the atmosphere in general.

"It just wasn't New York," he said. During his stay at Ground Zero, where the men unloaded supply trucks and handed out respirators, helmets and hand tools, Salsman met a man who had conquered the unimaginable — he had survived the fall of the World Trade Center as it collapsed right above him.

Tommy Spinard of Engine No. 7 in New York was the driver of the truck that took his crew to the South Tower. While the other men entered the tower, Spinard stayed back to finish getting his equipment.

When the tower collapsed, he stood behind the column of a nearby building and dodged the debris as it fell on top of him. His crew perished in the tower, and the fire truck they traveled in is now two feet high, reaching just above his knees.

Salsman calls Spinard and other firefighters of New York heroes.

"I couldn't say enough if I spoke for three days about the people there," he said. In New York, all firefighters are respected this same way, said Salsman.

"Whenever we were on the streets of New York, people would come up, shake our hands, pat us on the back and say, 'Hey guys, we love you,'" he said.

The men returned home after five days because security had increased, and they were no longer able to get



**Volunteering**  
Lexington Firefighters Ray Salsman, Ron King and Ron Coy at Ground Zero.

into Ground Zero. Salsman said his life has forever changed since the trip. "I was just really glad that I got to participate and help these guys," he said. "My life has been totally enriched by New York."

Now back from New York, wearing an FDNY cap and with his hard-hat in hand, Salsman shares pictures and memories with his family. Lexington sees this man as a hero. He disagrees. "We were just guys helping out," he said.

# ANTHRAX

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associated with the recent terrorist attacks on America.

While these letters tend to be reported from businesses, individuals may receive them as well. Those who receive suspicious letters should not be afraid to report them.

"We are not discounting concern over any letters. To be careful, we are picking up letters and storing them, if citizens call us," said Fire Major Bart Powell.

Hollerman stressed that people should practice practical safety procedures.

While there is no immediate danger to Lexington citizens, Hollerman said, "Every one should be more concerned than before. We are a nation of people who never thought this could happen."



**Scare**  
Firemen scrub down a woman, center, standing in a detox area outside the Internal Revenue Service tax processing center in Covington Tuesday. The center summoned police after it received a letter containing a white powder of unknown origin. The center that employs about 1,200 was locked down as a precaution.

# Anthrax

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# Safety first

The UK Police in conjunction with the FBI and Lexington Division of Police have issued the following instructions for anyone receiving or coming into contact with any suspicious letter or package.

- If you receive such a letter:**
- do not pass it around to others
  - do not disturb any contents in the letter
  - Look for letters or packages that contain:
    - A postmark from Africa
    - A misspelled name or no return address

- If you find such a letter:**
- Place it in a plastic bag and call the UK Police at 257-1616; Environmental and Emergency Management specialists at 258-3784; or the Urban County Division of Fire and Emergency Services Hazardous Materials Response Team at 254-1120.

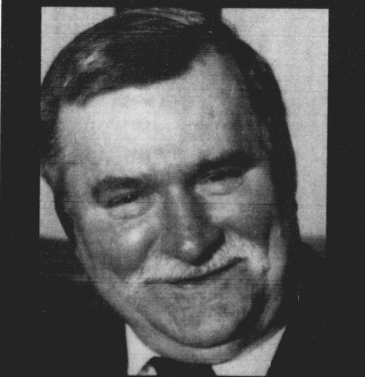
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**MEETINGS**  
\*GRU 7:30pm, Worsham Theater  
\*Devotions-Lunch, 12:00pm, BSU, \$1.00 admission  
\*Freshmen Focus, 8:00pm, BSU  
\*Cinema Committee, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230  
\*Religion Studies/Institute, 12:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 319  
\*Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 106  
\*Lambda Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 231  
\*Anniversary International Meeting, 8pm, Student Center, Rm. 228  
\*Worship, 8pm, 508 Columbia Avenue  
\*English Conversation Class for International Students, 7:30pm, BSU, Classroom 2  
**ACADEMIC**  
\*Government Employment, 2:00pm, Career Center  
\*Master Student, 8pm-9pm, 201 Frazee Hall, For further info, call 859/257-6959.  
**SPORTS**  
\*Shihan-Do Karate classes, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*UK RUGBY practice, 6-8pm, Club sports field  
**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
\*Beach Volleyball Tournament, 4pm, Haggin Field, For further info, call 257-8867  
\*Concert The Pat McGee Band, 7:30 pm, Stoll Field, Free, For further info call 257-8867  
\*Literary Kentucky-An Exhibit of 20th Century Kentucky Writer's, 8am-5pm, M-F, Paul Gallery, Margaret I. King Library  
\*National Depression Screening Day, 10am-3pm, W.T. Young Library, Lobby inside University Drive entrance, Admission: Free  
**ARTS/MOVIES**  
\*Don Giovanni, 8:00pm, UK Opera Theatre, Reserved Seating, For more info, call 257-4929

**Thurs 11**

**MEETINGS**  
\*Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Student Center, Rm. 230  
**ACADEMIC**  
\*La Residence francaise, 5-6PM, Keenland Hall, Basement  
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\*PEP RALLY 8:00 PM, Stoll Field, For further info call 257-8867  
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\*NILES GALLERY SERIES-Piano Recital, Cully Bell, Piano, 12:00 Noon, Niles Center, Low Fine Arts Library  
\*Chi Omega Golf Classic, 12pm lunch, 1pm tee time, Widow's Watch Golf Course 6000 Harrodsburg Rd., FEE: \$45 students, \$65 non-students, Tickets Available, Chi Omega House 456 Rose St.  
\*Public Participation in the Environment, 8:30am-4:30pm, Worsham Theater, Student Center  
**SPORTS**  
\*UK vs. University of North Carolina, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5 at the door  
\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
**ARTS/MOVIES**  
\*Richard Stoltman And Family, 8pm, SCFA, For more info, call 257-4329

**Fri 12**

**ACADEMIC**  
\*University Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ, Rm. Auditorium  
\*Discovering God Together for International Students, 6:30pm, BSU, Classroom 2  
**ARTS/MOVIES**  
\*The Meeting, 8pm, Singletary Center for the Arts Recital Hall, \$5 students, \$10 General Public  
**SPORTS**  
\*Homecoming Game, UK vs. LSU @ Commonwealth Stadium  
\*UK vs. University of North Carolina, Midnight, Lexington Ice Center, \$5 at the door  
\*Tae Kwon Do practice, 11-1:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft  
\*UK's Women Rugby Game, 2:00pm, Rugby Practice/Field(soccer complex)  
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**Sat 13**

**Sun 14**



FOLLOW UP

# Jets, explosions hit Afghanistan capital

**Retaliation: Raids continue on Kabul, Taliban says bin Laden still safe**

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Heavy explosions from around the airport shook windows and anti-aircraft guns blazed overhead in the Afghan capital late Wednesday, after earlier U.S. strikes on the Taliban's home base of Kandahar in the south.

Hours before the fourth night of the U.S.-led air campaign opened, the United Nations complained that the Taliban had assaulted its Afghan staffers in three cities and seized U.N. trucks, ambulances and mine-clearing vehicles.

Anti-aircraft gunners opened fire from positions all around the capital, Kabul, as jets roared in the night sky Wednesday. Explosions, presumably bombs or missiles, were heard from the area of the Kabul airport — a target in earlier U.S. raids — shaking buildings in a wide area.

It appeared that a large number of jets were flying toward the west of the city, where Rishkore and Kargah — both areas where Osama bin Laden is believed to have terrorist training camps — are located.

The private Afghan Islamic Press, based in Pakistan, reported five or six explosions and fires in Shamsabad, a Taliban military base about four miles from the Pakistan border.

Earlier, the United Nations said Taliban had beaten some Afghan staffers for the world body in recent days in Kabul, Kandahar and the northeast city of Jalalabad.

Among those attacked were workers for a U.N.-affiliated mine-clearing agency, U.N. spokeswoman Stephanie Bunker told reporters in Pakistan. She said the Taliban had seized a number of vehicles, including three ambulances, a pickup truck and "a significant number of mine-action vehicles."

The United Nations withdrew its foreign staff at the outset of the crisis, but Afghan nationals remained behind.

On Tuesday, U.S. military officials said they had achieved air supremacy over Afghanistan with the bombing campaign launched Sunday. The United States aims to cripple Afghanistan's ruling Taliban and the al-Qaida terror network headed by bin Laden. Washington says bin Laden is its top suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Taliban's ambassador in Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, denied that Taliban air defenses were destroyed.

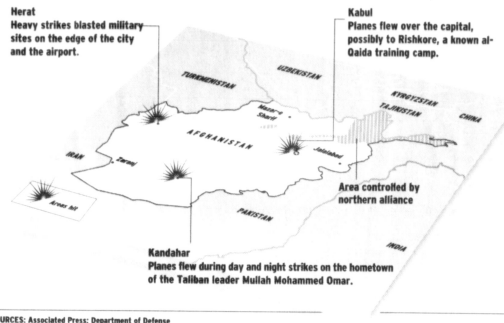
"American planes are flying very high, and the defense system that we have, they are not in the range of what we have," he said.

Zaeef said bin Laden was safe, as was Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar despite three days of attacks against his home and office in the Kandahar area.

In airstrikes early Wednesday, jets dropped three bombs near the Kandahar airport, the target of multiple assaults since the raids began late Sunday.

**Ongoing air war: daytime strikes**

On the third day of the U.S.-led offensive in Afghanistan, American forces flew during daylight hours, a sign of U.S. confidence that the Taliban air defenses are sufficiently impaired. Since the strikes began on Sunday more than 80 percent of the targets have been hit, said Air Force General Richard Meyers. Here are some of Tuesday's targets.



SOURCES: Associated Press; Department of Defense



**Protesting**

Egyptian demonstrators burn the flags of the United States and Great Britain in protest against the attacks in Afghanistan, in front of Cairo University, Tuesday. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak tried to calm the fears of his citizens who are protesting America's air strikes, but reiterated his support for the U.S. anti-terrorist campaign.

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**The aftermath of Sept. 11**

Sept. 12 - With backing from NATO, President Bush declares that attacks are an "act of war."

Sept. 13 - FAA reopens air travel to the country with the exception of Reagan International Airport in Washington, D.C.

Sept. 14 - Congress gives approval for use of force against "those responsible for attacks." National Day of Mourning declared.

Sept. 15 - Bush speaks to the nation in his weekly address. He calls for a "sweeping, sustaining and effective" response to the suicide hijackings.

Sept. 17 - Financial markets reopen for the first time since the attacks. The Dow loses 684 points. Bush puts out a "dead or alive" mandate for bin Laden.

Sept. 20 - Bush addresses Congress, saying from this day forward we will give any nation that harbors or supports terrorists as a hostile regime.

Sept. 21 - Taliban closes Afghanistan's borders, responding to demands by the United States to do so.

Sept. 24 - Americans respond by ending period of mourning, raising flags back to full staff. Bush unveils plan to freeze terrorist assets.

Sept. 27 - Bush addresses the FAA, initiating more stringent security at airports.

Oct. 1 - A Taliban envoy confirms that bin Laden is being sheltered in Afghanistan.

Oct. 4 - One billion dollars in aid is promised to those caught in the crossfire in Afghanistan.

Oct. 7 - U.S. and British forces launch first strikes against Afghanistan, concentrating on military targets and installations. A memorial service is held for the firefighters of New York City.

Source: Associated Press, Washington Post

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ENTERTAINMENT

# Combining electric rock with a Celtic-esque flare

By Mike Tabben  
CONTRIBUTING CRITIC

Bad Haggis is a unique band with a variety of sounds. They describe themselves as "Celtic jazz with two kinds of animals on board." Apart from the name, there is nothing bad about their playing.

During a live audience taping of WoodSongs at the Kentucky Theatre on Monday night, the audience saw first-hand the eclectic nature of these artists. Eric Rigler brings much of the Celtic sound to the band through his amazing ability to play both the bagpipes and uilleann (pronounced chillin without the Ch) pipes. On a cover of the classic song "Summer Breeze," Rigler and Bad Haggis bring in a whole new dimension to the music that cannot be described in words. The mere thought of bagpipes being played along with the song may sound bizarre, but the band effortlessly blends in the sound.

After the show I talked with the members of Bad Haggis: Mick Linden (bassist/vocalist), Eric Rigler (bagpipes/uilleann pipes), Mike Hoffman (guitarist) and Bryon Holley (drummer). All the guys are from the Los Angeles and have been musicians all their lives.

From the time Eric was a wee little lad he had a fascination with the bagpipes. His fascination grew and he convinced his parents to let him become an exchange student and go to Scotland. About two weeks after arriving in Scotland, Eric decided to drop the exchange program and focus on playing his bagpipes. During his stay in Scotland he studied under the best and improved his talent greatly.

In 1998 Eric was asked if he and his band



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Bad Haggis will perform at 7 p. m. Thursday on Stoll Field. The event is sponsored by SAB.

could play at a World Music concert. Eric was very eager and said he would play. The only problem was that there was no band. So Eric called long time friend Mick Linden and put together Bad Haggis.

If you missed Bad Haggis's performance at the Kentucky Theatre, there is still a chance to check them out. They play at 7 p.m. Thursday on UK's Stoll Field. The concert is part of the Homecoming celebration.

# Band wants enjoyment

BR549 plays a rockabilly mix: Band brings some music and smiles to Lynagh's

Casey Hamilton  
STAFF WRITER

They have been called the next big thing and Nashville's hottest band by critics. BR549 has earned accolades without even having a hit song on the radio.

Their sound bounces from country music to retro-hillbilly. It radiates between sappy love songs and straight-ahead country sounds. One reviewer called the band's sound "a quest to find America's lost Saturday night." With such a diverse sound, BR549, whose name is derived from a Junior Sample "Hee-Haw" skit, has had to build a fan-base by touring non-stop.

"All of it happened very natural; it wasn't record companies putting this together. People just started showing up," said "Smilin' Jay" McDowell, who plays the stand-up bass.

BR549 started its career playing four hour plus shows in the Lower Broadway district of Nashville. During the country boom of the early 90s, radio sta-

tions virtually ignored the band. To compensate, the band began relying on live performances. The band recently completed their 11th trip to Europe and have shared bills with the Brian Setzer Orchestra, Nick Lowe, George Strait and Bob Dylan.

Brian Setzer was a great experience. Bob Dylan was the one that made my parents the most proud," McDowell said.

With the country music industry on the decline in both sales and popularity, BR549 is hoping to usher in a new era of fun music out of Nashville. This past spring, the band released their fifth album *This is BR549* and it finds the band with a newer, more musically concise sound.

"Every record of ours is different and changed in some way. It is better musically than anything else we have done," McDowell said.

Although they offer something different in Nashville, the band doesn't necessarily think everyone should discard country music right away.

"There are a lot of good bands around and musically Nashville is great right now," McDowell said.

While sales of *This is BR549* are slower than previous albums, the audiences have been overall receptive of the new material.

"This tour has been positive and people are accepting. The crowds were really good in Europe. The European crowds really enjoyed the real Americana sound. Crowds in America have been good too."

The band plans on releasing the song "Little Good News" as their second single off *This is BR549*. The band and audiences have found the song very touching in the wake of the suicide hijackings on Sept. 11.

McDowell said that anyone who hasn't heard the band before will still enjoy a musical evening.

"It's a good time. A couple of hours with no troubles and just make everybody feel good."

BR549 at Lynagh's  
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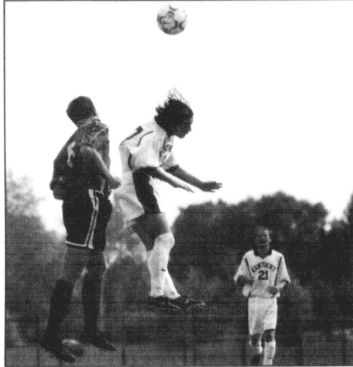
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# Rebound at home in Cats' game plan



Sophomore midfielder Nathan Fleet-wood beats a defender to a ball while junior forward Antti Peltonen watches on. The Cats host Buffalo at 1 p.m. Sunday at the UK Soccer Complex.

NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

By Tom Soper  
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's soccer team kicks off a three-game home stand on Sunday, against Mid-American Conference opponent Buffalo.

The Cats (6-4-1, 3-0 MAC) return home riding a two-game win streak. A win Sunday will tie them for the conference lead with Akron.

The Cats have yet to play to their potential in home games, posting a record of 1-2-1. With a full week between contests, Coach Ian Collins feels his team had beneficial break.

"It definitely helps us I think," Collins said. "We've got a lot of things to work on still."

"It gives us a chance to actually practice more instead of just having two days to prepare for a game. This actually gives us a week to work on some stuff. The long week definitely helps, especially coming off a long road trip."

The road trip saw the Cats go without one of their star players, midfielder Antti Peltonen. The junior was sidelined with a viral infection. Collins said on Wednesday he isn't sure if Peltonen will be ready to go for the weekend.

"I think it's doubtful right now," Collins said. "We really could use him, because he's a terrific player, but we're not going to rush him back."

Another difference last week was UK's goal tending situation. Junior

Greg Rabor got his first two starts of the season posting a .5 goals against average and recording a shutout in his two wins. Collins said he will still use the extra time off to evaluate his goal tending spot, as he has all season.

"No question," Collins said. "It's going to be like that with a number of positions."

"Players are starting to play better, competition is starting to get better, which is good. Some guys are getting completely healthy and some guys are starting to get used to the system. Things are starting to come around in a positive direction."

The improvements Collins spoke of couldn't come at a better time for the Cats. Buffalo comes to Lexington fresh off a victory against No. 23 Marshall, a MAC powerhouse.

"Sunday's game is huge," Collins said. "They're going to come down here full of confidence."








"It's a chance for us to get straight. We played very well this past weekend. We did things better and performed much more like we're capable of. We're looking forward to playing at home."

Collins also put a new spin on the attitude he wants his team to have during the next three games.

"We've got to get the mentality that we have to defend our home like a castle," he said. "And nobody's going to be allowed to come in here and take over our castle."

Kick off for Sunday's game will be at 1 p.m. at the UK Soccer Complex.

## Kernel's krystal ball: Staff pigskin predictions for Oct. 13

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|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Drew Purcell</b><br>(.786)<br>Last Week 4-3       |    | <b>PREDICTION</b><br>LSU 38, UK 14<br>Florida 28, Auburn 24<br>Alabama 21, Ole Miss 14<br>USC 30, Arkansas 10<br>Georgia 28, Vandy 12<br>Florida State 18, Miami 21<br>UCLA 27, Washington 20 |
| <b>Chris Rosenthal</b><br>(.786)<br>Last Week 6-1    |    | <b>PREDICTION</b><br>LSU 38, UK 24<br>Florida 56, Auburn 3<br>Alabama 12, Ole Miss 9<br>USC 38, Arkansas 13<br>Georgia 34, Vandy 17<br>Florida State 41, Miami 27<br>UCLA 35, Washington 24   |
| <b>Travis Hubbard</b><br>(.750)<br>Last Week 5-2     |    | <b>PREDICTION</b><br>LSU 22, UK 19<br>Florida 34, Auburn 24<br>Alabama 23, Ole Miss 16<br>USC 27, Arkansas 14<br>Georgia 31, Vandy 9<br>Miami 41, Florida State 27<br>UCLA 35, Washington 24  |
| <b>Dwain Chambers</b><br>(.714)<br>Last Week 5-2     |    | <b>PREDICTION</b><br>LSU 35, UK 10<br>Florida 52, Auburn 14<br>Ole Miss 24, Alabama 17<br>USC 45, Arkansas 10<br>Georgia 33, Vandy 7<br>Miami 35, Florida State 28<br>UCLA 28, Washington 20  |
| <b>Steve Jones</b><br>(.714)<br>Last Week 5-2        |   | <b>PREDICTION</b><br>LSU 27, UK 24<br>Florida 45, Auburn 14<br>Ole Miss 17, Alabama 15<br>USC 34, Arkansas 10<br>Georgia 28, Vanderbilt 7<br>FSU 27, Miami 17<br>Washington 24, UCLA 20       |
| <b>Will Messer</b><br>(.714)<br>Last Week 5-2        |  | <b>PREDICTION</b><br>LSU 27, UK 13<br>Florida 42, Auburn 14<br>Ole Miss 24, Alabama 20<br>USC 31, Arkansas 28<br>Georgia 31, Vanderbilt 10<br>Miami 29, FSU 20<br>UCLA 27, Washington 21      |
| <b>Melanie Curtsinger</b><br>(.714)<br>Last Week 5-2 |  | <b>PREDICTION</b><br>LSU 27, UK 20<br>Florida 30, Auburn 21<br>Alabama 21, Ole Miss 17<br>USC 35, Arkansas 10<br>Georgia 24, Vanderbilt 14<br>Miami 35, FSU 28<br>UCLA 27, Washington 17      |

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# SportsBytes

**MOUNT CARMEL, Ill.** — Former Elizabethtown High School star Antwain Barbour will finish his college basketball career in his home state.

The 6-foot-5 Barbour announced Wednesday he will transfer from Wabash Valley Community College to UK. Barbour averaged 16 points, 7.5 rebounds, seven assists and 5.5 steals per game last season, leading Wabash Valley to a 36-1 record and the 2001 NJCAA national championship. Barbour was named the NJCAA tournament's Most Valuable Player.

He will have two seasons of eligibility left, starting in the 2002-03 season.

Barbour led Elizabethtown to the 2000 state high school championship.

Barbour chose UK over Cincinnati, Indiana and UNLV, primarily because of Wildcats' coach Tubby Smith.

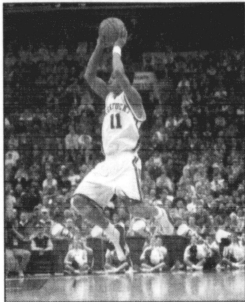
**Ivy rejects Franklin's book**

UK Athletics Director Larry Ivy said Wednesday he is misquoted in a book written by former UK football assistant coach Tony Franklin.

The book, entitled "Fourth Down and Life to Go — Lessons Learned from The Good, The Bad and The Ugly Experiences of Kentucky Football," offers Franklin's perspective on his time in the program.

"I have not read Mr. Franklin's book," Ivy said. "However, it is my understanding that he has quoted me as saying, 'Sometimes you've got to cheat to get a good player.'"

"This statement is not true. I never, or would I ever, make such a remark. Anyone who knows me knows that I am adamant in my efforts to



**Pro baller**

Former UK point guard Saul Smith will get a shot in the NBA Development League's Columbus Riverdragons near his hometown of Athens, Ga. Smith went undrafted in the NBA's amateur draft in July, but the league's new development league gives undrafted and unsigned players a chance to work up to the NBA.

FILE PHOTO

have an athletics department that is in total compliance.

"When Mr. Franklin presented to me evidence that wrongdoings had occurred, I immediately set forth an investigation that culminated with the report we have filed with the NCAA.

"I intend to read Mr. Franklin's book and if there are additional misrepresentations of which I have first-hand knowledge, I will address those at that time."

Franklin is suing UK, former head coach Hal Mumme and the UK Athletic Association, alleging defamation by Mumme.

**Tennis Cats stand out**

Carolina Mayorga, a senior on the UK women's tennis team, scored a straight-set victory at the All-American Championships in Los Angeles, and the men's Jesse Witten advanced to the main draw of 32 players at the men's championships in Georgia on

Wednesday.

Mayorga earned a spot in the tournament's main draw.

Jesse Witten, a freshman, dominated over No. 11 William Baker of Rice for a 6-3, 6-3 victory in the qualifying round. In first round action on Tuesday, Witten defeated UCLA's Marcin Matkowski, overpowering him in two sets, 6-2, 6-3.

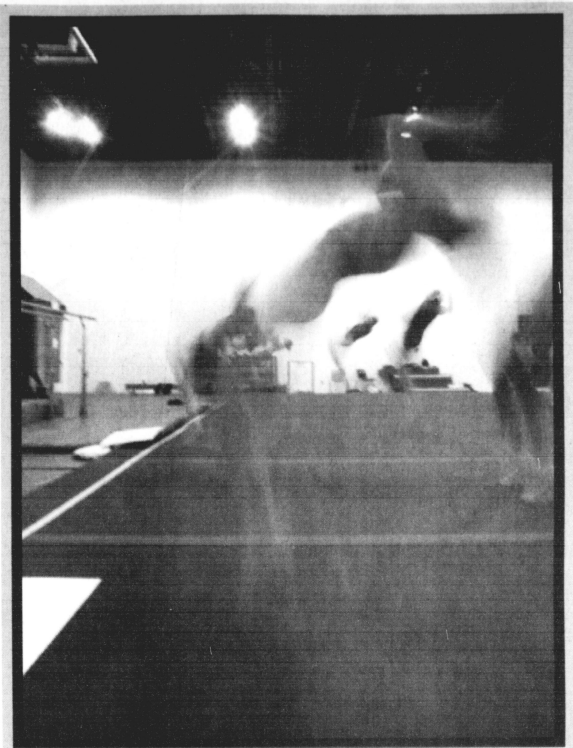
**Saul makes NBADL team**

Former UK point guard Saul Smith has been allocated to the Columbus Riverdragons of the National Basketball Association's Development League, league officials announced Wednesday.

Smith, who won a national title in 1998, three SEC titles and three SEC tournament crowns while at UK. He graduated last year and planned to attend law school.

The Riverdragons regular season opens Nov. 18, 2001 in Columbus, Ga.

Compiled from wire services



JESSE LENUS | KERNEL STAFF

**In motion...**

UK cheerleaders gear up for the Homecoming Weekend. The squad will be performing at Midnight Madness starting at 10 p.m. on Friday and at the Homecoming game at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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### Late night comedians

"They say New Yorkers are coping by having much, much more sex. Talk about luck. Bill Clinton moved here just in time."

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- David Letterman

"Cal Ripken played his last game last week. Did you see who was at the game? Bill Clinton was there. He was right behind home plate sitting right behind the catcher. That has gotta bring back some memories — seeing a 250-pounder wearing kneecaps."

"Today President Bush urged all Americans to be patient with the war on terrorism. I think we're pretty patient. Election day took what, three months?"

"Bin Laden was once targeted by President Clinton. President Clinton wanted to kill him but couldn't get him. Of course not, we all know what kind of aim Clinton has."

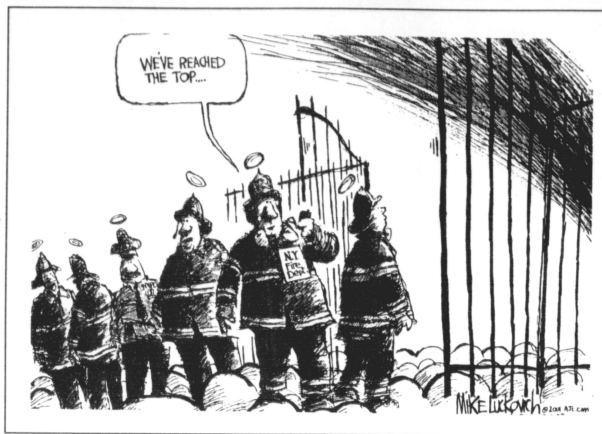
"Clinton is urging his fellow New Yorkers to ease the traffic problem by using public transportation. The system is fast and efficient, and as Clinton put it, during rush hour you can accidentally brush up against female passengers and get away with it."

"You read about all these terrorists, most of them came here legally, but they hung around on these expired visas, some for as long as 10-15 years. Now, compare that to Blockbuster; you are two days late with a video and these people are all over you. Let's put Blockbuster in charge of immigration."

"We are getting more and more insight into the life of Osama bin Laden. Today the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States said that bin Laden had an unhappy childhood growing up, 52 brothers and sisters. You think his childhood was unhappy, wait 'til we deliver his 'middle life crisis.'"

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### IN OUR OPINION

## Law loopholes costing lives

There is an old comic strip where Garfield is speaking to the reader and says the veterinarian told him to eat carrots. The next frame has Garfield standing next to a carrot cake with a big grin exclaiming, "Loophole!"

In a similar vein, hundreds of people charged with driving under the influence have been able to delay prosecution due to a backlog in requests for blood-alcohol tests. In some cases, judges are even dismissing the cases.

The problem is a combination of both the backlog of tests and a 1991 law urging judges to settle DUI cases within 90 days of the arrest.

Because of these delays, people who should either have their licenses revoked or be put in jail are instead driving down Nicholasville Road right alongside the rest of us. Instead of changing their ways, they are changing lanes.

Technicalities are a part of the legal system, as well they should be. Restraints are placed on officers all the time to make police work slightly less arbitrary. This issue of test delays, however, has no bearing on the quality of police work or even the quality of our legal system.

It is a simply a loophole caused by understaffing at the toxicology lab, and for that there is no excuse.

Many judges have attempted to resolve the matter by threatening contempt of court charges against the lab technicians. So, the person who threatened the lives of Kentucky motorists goes home while lab technicians doing their jobs go to jail. That makes sense.

In reality, the 90-day rule is not apt for this situation. It was put in place with good intentions — to prod along counties with historically long trial periods for DUIs — but, as good intentions often do, turned out to be bad law.

Unfortunately, bad laws are much easier to pass than to fix. The General Assembly has yet to resolve the issue, and Kentucky will see more and more cases dismissed as a result, even when the tests come back above the legal limit.

If that is the case, our legislators are the real reckless drivers.

Mari Armstrong-Hough

GUEST COLUMNIST

## Many Vietnamese drawn to American ideals

It seemed we met them everywhere in Vietnam. Aging men would approach us, asking for our nationality in broken English.

At first we glanced at one another nervously before replying — calling oneself an American now has a weight to it few of us felt a month ago — but the smiling Vietnamese remained undaunted by our hesitation, rephrased the question and experimented with new simple sentence structures.

"Where from?" When we finally responded, they were even more enthusiastic about our presence. Were we from California? Had we been to Texas? Then, from back pockets and worn wallets came the 30-year-old pictures of the very same men when they were our age.

The earlier versions of themselves smiled back at us in military uniform, their mouths full of teeth, their faces clean and smooth. They stood straight-backed, young and proud in front

of American fighter jets or with American officers. Here were ghost images of boys reaching manhood early, looking out at us and grinning in the South Vietnamese way — out at a future they could not have possibly comprehended.

With the pictures came stories. These men had fought with the Americans in the war — many had even been trained in Texas and had the opportunity to see some of the United States. Now cyclo drivers or tour guides or cooks, they had once been fighter pilots and prisoners of war. They had spent years in "re-education camps," concentration camps for those who opposed the North Vietnamese government. They had also endured further years of institutional discrimination.

Phuoc, a Saigon man, spent two years in one of the camps. His mother burned most of his pictures of America or American soldiers out of fear of communist retaliation. All that remain are two pictures he kept hidden

from her.

Another man we met in Can Tho, Thanh, spent more than four years in a re-education camp and lost two fingers in the experience.

At first, given the circumstances of their hardships, it was hard to understand their reaction to my national identity. They reacted almost as if it were a part of their own, and I sensed very little resentment over the Nixon doctrine that had tapered off military support to South Vietnam after the United States prolonged and intensified the debilitating war for years.

Weren't they disappointed by America? Didn't it hurt them a little to see the privilege we represented, evident in our flippancy with dollar bills, our straightened, white teeth and even our very presence in Vietnam? When I asked two veterans if they were angry at all, though, they didn't understand the question. When I persisted, one finally shook his head and held up his index finger.

"America number one!" America represents something far larger than the accumulation of our history, far grander than our actions and far nobler than even our best intentions as a nation.

The United States is a sovereign state, but America is an idea. It represents a value system with profound social implications, prizing equality, liberty, democracy and opportunity. Whether or not the practical incarnation always lives up to these ideals, or whether or not all the ideals are even fully attainable at present, is not the issue. The very existence of the idea of America is magnetic and powerfully symbolic. As Americans, it gives us enormous privilege and demands even greater responsibility.

Vietnam is changing. The U.S. Senate voted last week on a trade pact with Vietnam, finally normalizing trade relations. The Vietnamese government is experimenting with liberalizing the economy. The Museum of American

War Atrocities in Saigon was renamed the War Remnants Museum and includes new, glossy photographs donated by Americans and Europeans.

Like the rest of the Cold War, American values of capitalism and democracy are finding success in the passage of time where they never succeeded through war or threats.

The takeover of South Vietnam that all the efforts of the U.S. government could not stop is steadily being reversed — not by force, but by what the Vietnamese government calls "new thinking."

The thinking is really not all that new, but rather the same idea America represents. It is an idea that some of us in the world are privileged enough — and today, perhaps burdened — to call home.

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Nick Garland

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

## Coming out to be straight with yourself

As a young child growing up in rural eastern Kentucky I just knew I was different from all the other boys. Although I played with butch action figures like He-Man and G.I. Joe, I took great pride in styling Barbie's long, flowing blond hair and wondering at her seemingly unattainable and voluptuous body proportions.

My sister longed for her dolls to have dinner dates, so I would fix them up for a night out on the town. However, the dolls were lonely every night while the G.I. Joe ranks were violating the government's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

As I grew older the outward expression of my inner feelings gradually shifted. Classmates and male friends criticized me and called me a girl because I didn't like certain "boy things" such as kickball and basketball.

To soften the criticism, I retreated into myself and began to change the way others perceived me. I was a quiet kid who kept to myself, living in a conflicting world of inner reality and social expectations.

More than three years ago, I decided I had lived too long in hiding. The emotional burden others had put on my soul was substantial but not irreparable. So, one fateful October night in 1998, I mustered up the courage to take the first step in living my life openly and honestly. Shortly after the death of gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, I told my parents I am gay.

In my mind, I had constructed the worst possible outcome to this situation. I thought my parents would disown me, cutting me off forever, and others would view me as a son who greatly disappointed his parents. To my disbelief, my mother responded, "Well, Nick, I think your father's gay!" After laughing nonstop for a few minutes, my father interjected an almost unbelievable response: "We're proud of you for telling us," he said. "You are our son, and we will love you no matter what."

The burden I had carried on my shoulders for the greater part of my life was suddenly lifted. Over the course of the next several months, I would tell all my close friends, my old high school buddies and even the UK campus community.

Coming out is one of the most important steps in the life of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people. I can't imagine living in the closet again.

I don't have to live in fear that someone will discover I am gay because I am open and honest about my sexuality. I can live my life to its full extent. As a gay person, you too can make this leap.

Coming out is also one of the most difficult steps to make. You may fear your parents will disown you or your friends will desert you.

Although this may initially be true, most parents and friends eventually discover that loving someone about your sexuality does not stipulate the loved one be heterosexual. You will eventually learn many valuable lessons about what the words "love" and "friendship" really mean.

Many people including closeted gays will say that you are simply flaunting or being "in your face" about your sexuality by proclaiming it. In reality, these comments play on existing gay stereotypes and are meant to hinder us by targeting our internalized homophobia and fear of rejection.

Coming out not only bolsters the quality of your own life, but it also positively affects the lives of others. If you have the chance to come out to someone, you can take a small step in subverting the assumption in most people's mind that everyone is straight. If all gay people came out to everyone they know, many straight people would have to re-evaluate their homophobic stereotypes.

Most would know at least one neighbor, friend or relative who is gay or lesbian. This would be an incredible step to combat bias against us.

Today, October 11, is National Coming Out Day. Join me and thousands of other gay and lesbian people as we proclaim our pride and shatter the stereotypes and social pressures of society. When you live your life truthfully, openly and honestly, your future is limitless.

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LITERATURE

# Good, not timely writing to win prize

And the winner is: Swedish Academy to announce Nobel literature winner today

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The winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in literature will be named Thursday as the coveted award marks its centennial year in the shadow of U.S. attacks on Afghanistan. But jurors say they kept their choice focused on great writing, not current events.

Horace Engdahl, permanent secretary of the 215-year-old Swedish Academy that selects the winners, said they quickly dismissed even discussing whether to skip the awards after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States and the subsequent bombing of Afghanistan.

"Literature is the basis of a worldwide community, which is obviously not based on violence or hatred but which paves

the way of mutual understanding between cultures and people," Engdahl said, sipping tea in a cafe in Stockholm's medieval Old Town.

"If any prizes at all should be distributed on a year like this, it ought to be the literature prize and the peace prize — just to show the world that this justest process of bringing the nations together mustn't cease," he told The Associated Press.

The prize, first awarded to French author Sully Prudhomme in 1901, is worth \$945,000.

Last year's winner was little-known exiled Chinese novelist and playwright Gao Xingjian, a French citizen — an award denounced by the Chinese government as political.

Italy's Dario Fo and Germany's Gunter Grass are other recent winners with strong political views.

Engdahl acknowledged the prizes sometimes have political implications but insisted the choice was always based on the writing.



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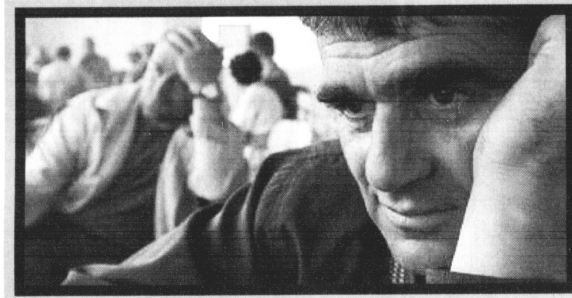
Possibilities include Belgian writer Hugo Claus; South Africa's J.M. Coetzee; V.S. Naipaul, a Trinidad-born writer living in London; Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa; Israel's Amos Oz; Nigerians Chinua Achebe and Ben Okri; Somali Nuruddin Farah, Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood and Americans Susan Sontag, John Ashbery and Philip Roth.

Alfred Nobel, the Swedish industrialist and inventor of dynamite, offered only vague guidance about the prizes in his will. The awards always are handed out on Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death in 1896.

The peace prize is to be announced in Oslo, Norway, on Friday.



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## Hunger strike...

Bosnian Muslim worker Selim Hotovci, 51, rests during a hunger strike in the carpentry factory Drinjaca in Kladanj, near Tuzla, Wednesday. Around 290 workers at Drinjaca began a hunger strike three days ago, demanding unpaid salaries.

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MEDICINE

# Drug similar to marijuana may protect brain

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Could a drug similar to the active ingredient in marijuana protect your brain?

Research at the Hebrew University in Israel, reported in the journal *Nature*, shows that a cannabinoid, similar to the active ingredient found in marijuana and produced in the brains of many animals, protects mice from brain injury.

Mice that sustained brain injuries were discovered to have elevated levels of a compound known as 2-Arachidonoyl glycerol, or 2-AG. Theorizing that this cannabinoid was produced to prevent damage, the researchers administered more of the compound to injured mice and found it protected the brain.

Currently, there is no effective drug for the treatment of traumatic brain injury. In the U.S., there are nearly 52,000 deaths and roughly 80,000 cases of severe disability related to

traumatic brain injury every year.

There are more than 5.3 million people in the U.S. living with disabilities related to traumatic brain injury — numbers far greater than those for multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease. "Brain injury is not a one-shot deal. The primary injury occurs from the initial hit. Neurochemical injuries can cause secondary damage," said Dr. Ken Strauss of Temple University.

The secondary effects of brain injuries, such as swelling and the release of toxic chemicals, can be more damaging than the initial blow, said Dr. Esther Shohami, lead author of the study.

The cannabinoid, 2-AG, is believed to work in three ways. First, it reduces the levels of glutamate, a toxic molecule, released after injury. Second, it decreases the amount of free radicals and TNF (a chemical

that induces inflammation) after injury. Third, it increases the blood supply to the brain. All three mechanisms are essential for limiting the damage done after the primary injury.

"The dose has to be very carefully controlled," Dr. Shohami said — noting that requirement is one of a number of reasons why marijuana, which can vary in potency, would likely be an unreliable treatment for head injuries.

She added that 2-AG must be administered within a four- to six-hour window after the injury to be effective. Although 2-AG has only been tested on animals, Dr. Shohami said she didn't "see any problems with using a drug from this family to treat patients." Other cannabinoids have been approved for use in humans, such as synthetic forms of THC used to stimulate appetite.

In fact, one pharmaceutical company is trying to develop a

similar drug for humans. With the help of researchers at the Hebrew University, Pharmsos is set to begin the final stage of clinical trials of Dexanabinol — a drug that is essentially the mirror image of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. Because it is not exactly like THC, it does not bind to the same part of the brain, and therefore does not have the unwanted side effects.

However, the drug appears to exert effects similar to other cannabinoids on the brain after injury — that is, a decrease in toxic chemicals and swelling. The first two phases of clinical trials were completed in Israel to test for safety. The third and final phase of the trials is set to begin in Europe in January, followed closely by trials in the U.S.

"Helmets are for preventing primary injury, and hopefully this work can protect people from the secondary effects," Strauss said.

### Graduate School Dissertations

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