



The weekend

Why I love college

Here are some things I found humorous over the weekend:

Being criticized all night for ruining my friends' artful ways of picking up girls in class by means of a past LOC. Evidently my advice was intercepted by female readers and is being used against men. Sorry!

Watching the NFL

Placing bets on what will occur first: A camera man getting run over, an implant exploding during a dance routine, or a season ending injury occurring during the opening dash for the ball (in lieu of a coin toss if you happened to miss it). Oh wait, the last one has already happened. The crowd at the Las Vegas game was comparable to that at a wrestling match, but with less class and less teeth. The gimmick will wear off in a year or it will have a cult following bigger than NASCAR.

The same underage group trying to see which ID looks the most like them. And better yet, one of the girls asking how old she is. "I was born in April of 79, am I 21 or 22?"

Going to a country bar, not being a country fan in the least, knowing half of the songs anyway, and having a truly good time. The company may have helped.

Playing intramural basketball, having the clock run by an onlooker, and wondering how they are going to staff a larger, new Seaton Center when they can't find enough to do the job now.

Going to a chain restaurant so much they know you by name. Maybe that is actually more pitiful than anything, but a good happy hour is a good happy hour!

-Ron Norton

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THE 411

Tomorrow's weather



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Hi Lo

The cold weather just won't go away. Spring Break will be here before you know it.

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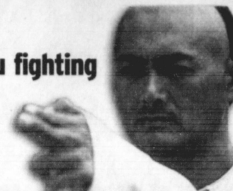
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EXTRACURRICULAR

Professors put effective comic spin on chemistry

With science: Professors create a web site that uses comic book characters to help people understand the elements of the periodic table

By Ferran Robinson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For decades comic book authors have turned to science for material for their work, now science has struck back and the periodic table has turned, all thanks to two UK professors.

Chemistry professors Jack P. Selegue and F. James Holler have put the science back in science fiction with their Periodic Table of Comic Books web site, an endeavor that allows its visitors to marvel at the involvement of the elements in the world of comic books.

Now in its sixth year, the 400-page web site allows its visitors to see how the elements have been used in

pages of comic books over the years. Selegue and Holler said there are currently 300-350 pages displayed with atomic references, each assigned to its corresponding element.

Within the site one can find characters ranging from Batman to Uncle Scrooge putting the elements to use. The range of material reveals that comic authors varied greatly in their understanding of chemistry.

To the site's creators, looking at this mix of accurate scientific information and blatant misuse of the principles of chemistry can make the site really interesting.

"We love that because kids can learn some stuff from the pages," Holler said. "We also love the outrageous stuff that pops up that's not only wrong, but just so completely and utterly off the wall that you just can't believe it."

Selegue and Holler said the project began as an outlet for their passion for comic book trivia, but it has now grown into much more. With 1,000 known links to the site and now nearing one million hits, it has become quite a success.

"It's pretty well known among comics fans and chemists," Selegue said.

They said it has also become quite popular as a teaching resource with teachers around the country using the site to spark interest in their students. Selegue said a teacher in Dayton, Ohio even had her students create their own comic book characters based on the site.

"It's a stimulus for learning," Holler said, who credits his early interest in both reading and science.

According to Selegue and Holler, outside involvement in finding and even creating material for the site has been overwhelming. "The thing is starting to have a life of its own with kind of a narrow but dedicated clientele," Holler said.

Selegue says there are more than 100 pages waiting for inclusion. Their biggest drawback, they said, is that they don't have enough spare time to dedicate to the site.

"If we both had our druthers we'd probably both be spending most of our time with this web site," Holler said.



GOTHAM CITY IS TO BLAME FOR TURNING ME INTO LIVING PHOSPHOROUS!

HEALTH

Eating disorders devour college-aged men and women

Body image: Photo exhibit will visit campus during Eating Disorders Awareness Week, explores the different types of women's bodies

By Jay Salyers
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then the photographs in The Century Project speak volumes.

At least that's the hope of UK CARES, the student organization responsible for bringing the exhibit to campus to promote Eating Disorders Awareness Week at the end of this month.

The Century Project is a series of nude photographs and personal statements of women from the moment of birth

through 100 years of age.

The pictures, taken by Frank Cordelle, have been displayed at universities such as Cornell, Dartmouth and the University of North Carolina.

Cordelle stays with the exhibit while it's being displayed so that he may speak personally with those who view it, said Gabriella Pessah, senior staff psychologist at UK's Counseling and Testing Center and UK CARES adviser.

The exhibit contains between 50 and 60 photographs.

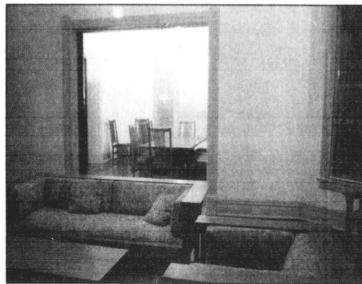
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Be aware

Eating Disorders Awareness Week starts Feb. 25 and ends Mar. 4. The Century Project will be displayed from Mar. 5-9. The location of the exhibit is not known.

CULTURE

German club gets a start with students



MATT GIBSON | KERNEL STAFF

The Max Kade German House, located on 212 E. Maxwell St., is a renovated Victorian house that dates back to 1904.

A common ground: Club members hope to form a cohesion between German students

By Mac McCarthy
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in UK's history, German students finally have a club to call their own.

The UK German Club held its inaugural meeting Wednesday night at the Max Kade German House, in hopes of starting a prominent and profitable student organization.

"This is all to help undergraduate cohesion between German students," said John Arbegust, president of the German Club. "Basically, it's so we can all get to know each other better."

Though Arbegust is president of the club, he insists that everyone in the club has an equal say in what occurs.

"Everyone here is on a common ground," Arbegust said. "There's no set, established order."

Dr. Jeannine Blackwell, chair of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, thinks the club is an excellent idea.

"It's a great way for our minors and majors to communicate," Blackwell said. "Also with our new German house, they all have a place to get together."

The Max Kade German House, a renovated Victorian house from 1904, has been a part of the department since last October. Along with several dorm rooms, the house provides an environment for open dialogue for German students, and now for club members.

Though the club is still in its infant stages, plans have already begun to make it one of a kind.

"We have plans for a DVD player which club members could utilize," Blackwell said. "They could also have the opportunity to be a part of a true academic honorary, which will soon have."

While being a German student is a plus, Arbegust suggests that it is not a necessity for being a club member.

"Anyone who is interested in German culture can join," Arbegust said. "The only perk is learning."

German house

The next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Ramsey's on Woodland Avenue. If interested, call the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at 257-4642. The Max Kade German House is located at 212 E. Maxwell St.



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Competition

The North Hardin High School Lady Trojans competed in the platoon drill at a regional meet Saturday at the Student Center Grand Ballroom.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS.

The Low-down

McAuliffe takes over as chairman

WASHINGTON — Promising a more aggressive and harder working Democratic Party, the man who once wrestled an alligator for a campaign donation won election Saturday as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Terry McAuliffe, best known as a prolific fundraiser for Bill Clinton, said Democrats would waste no time, beating Republicans in local elections before the year is out. "That's my mission: to win elections. And to win elections, we must create the best run, the best managed, the best organized and the best funded political party in America," he said in his acceptance speech.

To me hell would be a wet Wednesday afternoon in the old vic for the rest of eternity."

Anthony Hopkins, 63, admitting to people that he prefers the bright lights of Hollywood to performing the Bard in London.

Signs of epidemics emerging in India

KOTADI, India — In a destroyed town near the Pakistani border, Dr. Anuvha Ghose treated the sick and injured Saturday, providing the first medical care the villagers have had since an earthquake devastated this corner of western India eight days ago. While tending their wounds, Ghose, a CARE India staffer, also discovered a new problem: Nearly all the children she saw had respiratory infections — a harbinger of possible epidemics to come. "Pneumonia is the leading cause of child death in India. We are afraid these children will develop severe pneumonia," Ghose said, surrounded by children coughing as they waited for antibiotics.

Bush, Democrats define budget fight

WASHINGTON — President Bush and his Democratic congressional rivals are dueling over who gets to define this year's budget battle to the public. At stake are trillions of dollars in projected federal surpluses. For Bush, the goal is to portray Democrats as wanting to carve money out of his budget centerpiece, a big tax cut, to feed their habit of wasteful spending.

The president plans to send Congress an outline of his proposal on Thursday. He said in his weekly radio address Saturday. "It is broad and responsible. It will help our economy, and it is the right thing to do." The plan is expected to closely track the \$1.6 trillion, 10-year reduction



Barak in search for votes

in income and other taxes that he campaigned on.

Barak in search for votes

KIRYAT SHEMONA, Israel — Trailing badly in the polls, Prime Minister Ehud Barak desperately sought support Saturday in a town where most voters favor his challenger, Ariel Sharon, in Israel's election this week. Barak told a crowd of about 100 people in Kiryat She-mona that Tuesday's vote is "perhaps the most fateful in the last generation" and called it a choice between a chance for peace and continuing conflict. He reiterated that he would seek separation from the Palestinians, if not through a peace deal then through unilateral, gradual Israeli steps.

German man charged with kidnapping

THESSALONIKI, Greece — A man accused of luring a Florida teen-ager to Greece over the Internet was charged Saturday with kidnapping and sexual assault. Konstantin Baehring, 35, a German who lives in Greece, was arrested Thursday after an international police investigation into the disappearance five months ago of the 15-year-old from Mulberry, Fla. Baehring claimed he did nothing wrong. "I love the girl and we want to get married," he said before his arraignment. The girl was released from protective custody to her mother and U.S. consular officials Saturday.

Furstenberg and Diller wed

NEW YORK — USA Networks chief Barry Diller and designer Diane von Furstenberg have wed after 26 years of friendship. "It was nice," von Furstenberg, 54, said of the small, private ceremony as she and Diller, 50, walked out of the city clerk's office. The ceremony took place Friday in front of eight relatives and was followed by a party for 350 guests at von Furstenberg's Greenwich Village home. The wedding grew out of a discussion of the couple's plans for Diller's birthday, which was also on Friday. Diller unexpectedly proposed to von Furstenberg, saying, as she recalled: "We always say we're going to do it, maybe Christmas, maybe my birthday, and we don't."



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EATING

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"The first time I saw the pictures, I was so incredibly moved," Pessah said.

Pessah said the exhibit gives people an honest view of the human body.

"What we see on television and in print media aren't real people. We are looking at images that aren't real," Pessah said.

At any time, 80 to 90 percent of her cases pertain to eating disorders, she said.

"Students come to college, an unfamiliar atmosphere, and are really worried about what other people see," she said.

Megan LaFollette, a dietetics sophomore and UK CARES member, thinks the exhibit will shed light on a subject many people want to hide.

"Photographs are a much more powerful way to reach people who want to close their eyes to the seriousness of the subject," LaFollette said.

"We wanted something that would reach a broad range of people, something that would make people want to come see what was going on."

Pessah said that the exhibit isn't just about eating disorders, it's more about bodies.

"We aren't pointing to magazines and saying that those pictures are wrong," Pessah said.

"We're saying that Frank's pictures are reality."

By the numbers

1 million boys and men struggle with eating disorders and borderline conditions.

1 and four men are on a diet on any given day.

3 times as many people are affected by eating disorders than schizophrenia (2.2 million people are living with schizophrenia).

4 out of five 10-year-old children are afraid of being fat.

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<p>Mon 5</p> <p>MEETINGS *Prayer-in-Praise, Campus Crusade for Christ, 9pm, Episcopal Church *UK United Students Against Sweatshops Mtg., 7pm, 228 Stud. Cr.</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *Art Inquiries Art, now through April 1, 2001, UK Art Museum *Patch Piano Series, 8pm, Singletary Cr. RH</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *UK Aikido Club, 8-9:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Left</p>	<p>Tues 6</p> <p>MEETINGS *F.R.I. Meeting, 7:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union Chapel *Workshop on Chain Mail, UK Medievalists, 7pm, 111 Old Stud. Cr. *Lafayette Stud. Union Mtg., 8pm, 228 Stud. Cr. *God's Anointed Bible Study, 7:30pm, 113 Stud. Cr. *Alpha Phi Omega Mtg., 7:30pm, 359 Stud. Cr. *Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Mtg., 6:30pm, 359 Stud. Cr. *University of Louisville Brown Bag Lunch, 11:30am, Stud. Cr. Food Court-Corner Table *"Basics of Study Abroad" Info. Session, 1-2pm, Bradley Hall Rm 108</p> <p>SPORTS *UK RUGBY Practice, 6-8pm, Club Sports Field *Tau Kappa Delta Club Practice Hours, 6:30-8pm, Alumni Gym Left *Men's Basketball vs. Florida, 9pm, Rupp Arena</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *Ronald McDonald House, Alpha Kappa Psi, 5pm, Ronald McDonald House</p>
<p>Wed 7</p> <p>MEETINGS *Alli Meeting, 8pm, 228 Stud. Cr. *Prayer in the Presence, 10:00/10:30 Stud. Org., 4-5pm *Blazer Court Trial, Prizes Dining Room *Club Executive Board Convention Group, 4-6pm, Blazer Hall Prizes Dining Room *Housework, Can for Christ, 7pm, 228 Stud. Cr. *Green Team Mtg., 7:30pm, 100 Stud. Cr. *Prayer/Accountability Groups, Uplink Campus Ministries, 6:30pm, Calvary Baptist Church *Catholic Center *Prayer and Worship Service, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5:30-6:30pm, Calvary Baptist Church *Bible Study, 8:00pm, 113 Stud. Cr. *Catholic for All, Home Service Mtg., 7:00pm, 100 Stud. Cr. *Basics of Study Abroad" Info. Session, 4-5pm, Bradley Hall Rm 108</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>LECTURES *Design & the Materially Changing Department Store, 5:30pm, Pence Hall Rm 201</p> <p>SPECIAL EVENTS *UK ROTC's Hospital Roll, 4-5pm, Hospital Lobby</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *Art Inquiries, Terrace Gallery, 12:30pm, Art Museum Gallery</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *UK Aikido Club, 8:30-8:30pm, UK Alumni Gym Left *Medieval and Renaissance European Dancing, 7-9pm, 363 Old Stud. Cr.</p>	<p>Thurs 8</p> <p>ACADEMICS *Internship & Shadowing Orientation, 11am-12pm, Shackert Bldg. Rm 101</p> <p>MEETINGS *Armeny International, 8pm, 228 Stud. Cr. *Freshman Focus, 7pm, Bapt. Stud. Union Chapel *UK Lambda Mtg., 7:30pm, 231 Stud. Cr. *Devotions-n-Lunch, 12:15pm, Bapt. Stud. Union Multipurpose Room *Campus Crusade for Christ, 7:30pm, Worship Theatre *Christian Student Fellowship: Synergy, Bpm, CSC, corner of Woodland and Columbia</p> <p>SPORTS *UK RUGBY Practice, 6-8pm, Club Sports Field</p> <p>LECTURES *Why Have a City Center?, 12pm, The Gaines Cr. Bingham-Davis House Seminar Rm.</p>
<p>Fri 9</p> <p>MEETINGS *Cultural Event in French Mtg., 5-6pm, Keeneland Hall Basement</p> <p>SPORTS *Tau Kappa Delta Club Practice Hours, 5-6:30pm, Alumni Gym Left</p> <p>LECTURES *Dept. of Entomology Colloquium, 4pm, Ag. Science Cr. North A-7 *"Researching the Department Store & the City", 12pm, The Gaines Cr. Bingham-Davis Seminar Rm.</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *Upan Gym Volleyball, Uplink Campus Ministries, 8pm, Calvary Baptist Church Gym</p>	<p>Sat 10</p> <p>MEETINGS *Newman Center Mass, 6pm</p> <p>SPORTS *Tau Kappa Delta Club Practice Hours, 11am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Left *Men's Basketball vs. Mississippi, 1pm, Rupp Arena</p>
<p>Sun 11</p> <p>MEETINGS *Newman Center Mass, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, and 8:30pm *Newman Center Mass, 11:30am/12:00pm, 12:00pm, Manhattan Bagel on Richmond Rd. *Phi Sigma Pi Mtg., 7pm, 230 Stud. Cr. *8:12 University Worship Service, 8:12pm, Southside Church of Christ *Bible Study: Jesus the One and Only, Uplink Campus Ministries, 5-7pm, Calvary Baptist Church *Thomas Bible Study, 8:30pm, Baptist Stud. Union Chapel</p> <p>SPORTS *UK Judo Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Left *Women's Basketball @ Columbia, 2pm</p> <p>ARTS/MOVIES *Master's Recital, 8pm, Singletary Cr. RH</p> <p>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION *UK Aikido Club, 7-9pm, UK Alumni Gym Left *Recreation Night, Uplink Campus Ministries, 7pm, Calvary Baptist Church *UK Outrigger Club *UK Wildwatercats Roll Section, 5pm, Lancaster Pool, 53</p>	<p>Go CATS! Beat Mississippi</p>



Rundown

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Two game scoring total for sophomore point guard Rita Adams. Adams set a career high with 18 points Wednesday against Virginia Commonwealth, but promptly broke that career high with 23 against Arkansas on Sunday.

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Turnovers committed by UK in its loss to Arkansas. UK had committed at least 20 turnovers in six consecutive games, including a sloppy 32-turnover disaster at Arkansas on Jan. 14.

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GymKats that tied for third place on the balance beam Friday. Sophomores Julia Gore and Mindy Smith and junior Jesse Lemp helped improve the GymKats' disappointing beam scores from last week's loss to Michigan.

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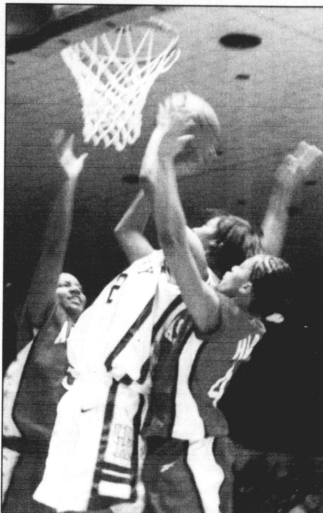
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BABY STEPS

Cats can't pin Hogs



UK junior forward LaTonya McDole battles for a rebound with two Lady Razorbacks in UK's 84-78 loss to Arkansas. McDole scored 14 points, grabbed six rebounds and dished out three assists in more than 36 minutes. McDole is UK's leading scorer and rebounder. The Cats fell to 5-16 on the season and 1-8 in the SEC. The Cats will try to rebound from their three game losing streak when they travel to Columbia, S.C. to face the Lady Gamecocks of South Carolina on Feb. 11.

MATT FALK | KERNEL STAFF

Improvement is apparent: Mattox's Cats limited turnovers and showed improvement despite falling to the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks 84-78 Sunday

By Will Messer
ASSISTANT SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Following last Thursday's loss to Colonial Athletic Association foe Virginia Commonwealth, Bernadette Mattox challenged her top players to provide her freshman-laden squad with much needed leadership.

Junior forward LaTonya McDole and freshman guard Rita Adams responded — McDole with her words and Adams with her play.

McDole could be seen leading team huddles and acting as a player coach at times. Adams, meanwhile,

was on her way to a 23-point outburst, topping the 18-point performance she delivered in the loss to VCU.

Despite the improvements UK showed Sunday, the result was the same as the VCU game — another UK loss.

The Arkansas Lady Razorbacks managed to fend off a late UK rally to defeat the Cats 84-78.

Coach Gary Blair noted his squad didn't out-hustle UK, but they did out-execute the Cats.

"Kentucky must have gotten every loose ball in the ballgame — but they weren't converting the loose

balls into points," he said.

Arkansas took a 43-37 lead into the half, largely due to his teams 3-point shooting.

"I'm still not pleased with giving up 38," Mattox said. "They scored 18 points off 38 in the first half."

Those 18 points came on only 13 attempts. Senior guard Wendi Willis had 14 first half points, nine of which came on 3-point baskets.

Less than three minutes into the second half Arkansas built a 10-point lead, but UK managed to stay within striking distance the whole half.

UK used a full-court press to try to cut into the lead, but Arkansas's junior point guard Amy Wright responded.

"When they were running their press Amy Wright did a great job of dissecting it very well and we were getting some easy baskets," Blair said.

Both teams were plagued by foul trouble, which forced Arkansas into a zone defense and limited UK freshman center SeSe Helm to only 20:10 of playing time.

With 4:18 remaining Arkansas enjoyed a 75-63 lead, its largest of the game, but then UK turned it on.

By the 1:23 mark the Cats had cut the lead to 79-74, but that was as close and they would get.

Arkansas made 4-of-4 free throws in the final minute and held on to win.

The Lady Razorbacks were led by freshman forward Shameka Christon's career high-tying 21 points.

UK committed fewer than 20 turnovers, 19, for the first time in six games and also out rebounded Arkansas.

Freshman forward Alvine Mendeng led UK with eight rebounds and scored 13 points. Mendeng started at power forward instead of small forward in an effort to allow her to become more involved.

"We needed to put her in a position where she could get more touches and more points," Mattox said.

Mattox was pleased with Mendeng's play but described the play of fellow freshman Rita Adams as "excellent." The coach was more impressed with Adams' ball control and endurance than her 23 points.

"She played 40 minutes and only committed two turnovers," she said. "I think she understands what we need from her."

TUMBLING

GymKats earn first win with runner-up finish

Not quite tops: UK gymnasts fall short of an upset of No. 3 Georgia

By Samantha Essid
STAFF WRITER

The women's gymnastics team suffered a disappointing loss Friday night in its first tri-meet of the season to No. 3 Georgia, but still managed to claim its first win of the season.

UK fell to the Bulldogs 195.500 to 193.675, but finished ahead of George Washington's team score of 190.600 for second place. The GymKats improved their record to 1-4 overall, but fell to 0-3 in the SEC.

UK coach Leah Little said her team improved from its last match against Michigan, but still committed unnecessary mistakes that prevented the GymKats from upsetting the Bulldogs.

Bulldog all-American senior Kristi Lichey won all-around honors, scoring a 9.850 or higher on every apparatus. She also took home first place honors on the balance beam and the vault.

UK sophomore Julia Gore tied for fourth place with a score of 38.300. Gore had personal bests on the uneven bars and on the balance beam. Freshman Aronda Primault achieved a personal best on the beam, also.

The GymKats were tied with the Bulldogs after two events and trailed by only a slim margin after the third event. Their solid performances in the vault, uneven bars and balance beam only preceded a disappointing finish during the floor exercise.

UK senior Beth Coleman scored UK's highest score on the vault with a 9.850 to earn third place. A fall on the uneven bars was a little upsetting for the team, but it didn't keep them down.

"We had our problems, but our beam team really came out strong after a fall on the bars," junior Katie Toups said.

UK's strongest event Friday night was the beam. Gore, Jessie Lemp and Mindy Smith all tied for third in the individual competition.

Overall, UK dominated the balance beam with a score of 48.800 besting UGA's 47.600 and GW, who scored 46.725.

"The beam team had the biggest improvement this week," Little said.

Despite the GymKats' struggles, especially the disappointing finish on the floor exercise, the GymKats looked solid.

"We were confident tonight," Primault said.

"We took it one event at a time."

There were originally four teams scheduled to compete in UK's first quad meet of the season, but Radford was absent from the competition, for unknown reasons.

The GymKats host Illinois for "Cartoon Night" on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.

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COVINGTON, Ky. — A search committee at Thomas More College will re-examine its pool of applicants for president after failing to choose from among three candidates, its chairman said. Ted Robinson, chairman of the search committee, said he expects additional candidates will be invited to the campus for interviews soon.



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Thomas More's next president?

The search committee interviewed finalists Sandra Estanek, vice president for student development and dean of students at Alvernia College in Reading, Pa.; Joseph Gower, vice president for academic affairs, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pa.; and Kathleen Owens, vice president for academic affairs, Saint Francis University, Loretta, Pa. At least 35 people applied for the job. The new president will replace the Rev. William F. Cleves, who announced last year he was stepping down. Father Cleves will become vice chancellor of the college.

As charged...

Two plead guilty in case

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two people pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court on Friday to counterfeiting and drug charges. Deondre Ford, also known as Deandre Clark, 34, of Las Vegas, and Sharett M. Thompson, 23, of Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to produce, use and traffic in counterfeit credit cards. Both also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess marijuana with the intent to distribute. The U.S. attorney's office said Ford obtained credit-card numbers from hotel and restaurant employees and produced counterfeit cards.



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Ready to roll.

Thompson helped Ford recruit runners across the country to use the counterfeit cards to buy expensive items that were later sold, the U.S. attorney's office said. Six other people had already pleaded guilty in other cities. Ford and Thompson could be sentenced to as much as 10 years in prison and fined up to \$500,000. They are to be sentenced on May 1.

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IN OUR OPINION

ACLU: Root of all evil or scapegoat

While state legislators make the laws, taxpayers blame ACLU for having to pay court costs

If taxpayers are looking for someone to blame for the nearly \$300,000 of tax money being paid to the ACLU, they need look no farther than the state legislature.

The legislature passed a law in 1998 that banned a type of second trimester abortion. This law, which has been successfully challenged in several states in recent years, was overturned last week after a legal battle between the state and the ACLU.

In overturning the law, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ordered Kentucky to refund the ACLU for their legal fees.

Before the lawmakers passed this bill, they knew it was illegal. Now, after the successful challenge, lawmakers are attempting to scapegoat the ACLU for the huge bill being footed by the taxpayers.

Since the mid-'80s, the ACLU has already won almost \$600,000 in legal fees from the state on abortion-related challenges.

State lawmakers are at fault for continuing to pass unconstitutional legislation, and they compound this fault by blaming the ACLU for its successful and expensive challenges.

Until the case law in America makes these restrictions on abortion legal, Kentucky lawmakers need to stop wasting their time and our money by passing laws that don't survive court challenges.

Moreover, they need to accept responsibility when a law they pass is deemed unconstitutional, rather than trying to pin the blame on the ACLU.

The ACLU exists solely to fight for civil liberties. They have challenged nearly every abortion-related law passed in this state. By keeping the often overzealous lawmakers in line with the Constitution, they are doing their job.

The federal courts serve an important function in the law-making process. They are not influenced by public opinion, and have the ability to fairly review cases in light of the Constitution. In this case, all they needed to do was reference an identical law that was judged unconstitutional in Nebraska.

The General Assembly members need to accept this as a check on their power, and they need to stop playing games with the federal courts.

Clay McDaniel

KERNEL COLUMNIST

A matter of faith: Ashcroft faces the nation

The headline "Bush Defends Faith-Based Charities," came scrolling across my computer screen this afternoon. Hmmm. Whom exactly would he have to defend faith-based charities against, I wonder? And why do faith-based charities need defending in the first place?

Like I said, hmmm. But it seems my list of people, policies and institutions that I find myself defending that should not have to be defended grows longer by the day.

From John Ashcroft to the Boy Scouts, either my common sense is off kilter or something has gone seriously awry with conventional wisdom.

This whole John Ashcroft thing is extremely distressing to me because there has been no substance to any charge lobbed against the distinguished ex-Senator from Missouri. Sure, the accusations are very serious, but since when do the accusations themselves matter more than the fact that none of them hold water.

And did I really see Ted

Kennedy questioning John Ashcroft's morality? Please, Ted Kennedy giving a lecture on morality is about like Kobe Tai giving a lecture on abstinence. Don't get me wrong, Ashcroft may have indeed been, from time to time, racially insensitive (although that word is so ambiguous he could be called insensitive for not liking the color episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show"), but until Ashcroft gets drunk and drives his car into a lake, like Bush, leaving behind the girl with whom he's been committing adultery to die a horrible death, and then instead of calling an ambulance calls his lawyer, and then uses his family connections to escape any penalty, well, Ted Kennedy ought step down off his soap box, crawl into a bottle of Jack.

Just be grateful that he has the opportunity to vote at all, not to mention for a man as solid as John Ashcroft.

But it seems that many conservative-positions vehemently opposed by the Left are done so from the base position that any-

thing having to do with religion and the state together must be inherently wrong.

John Ashcroft is indeed one of the few Evangelical Christians in Washington. But what irks his opponents the most is that he actually has the gall to put his faith into practice.

He has said time and time



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Attorney General John Ashcroft gets comfy amid the controversy in D.C.

Andrew Grossman

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

SGA steps to the left

In the midst of a student government that seems more bent on ousting its own members than doing anything constructive for UK, Wednesday night's meeting was a welcome surprise.

The SGA deserves our applause and support for their latest resolution, which would extend faculty health benefits to the unmarried "partners" of faculty members.

For those who have been living in a barn, or a military base, for the last several years, this means a de facto acceptance of homosexuality as a valid lifestyle practice that deserves to be recognized on par with heterosexual marriage.

If the traditionally conservative Board of Trustees decides to accept the resolution, it will set a new standard of fairness at UK. Homosexuality has been a sore topic in much of America, where the insistence of many religious sects to deny its existence has stymied the extension of civil rights.

Of course, anyone who has followed the long quest of homosexuals to get even the most basic rights, like the opposition will respond, "Marriage is sacred," they'll cry, "and why should we send the message to our kids that being gay is acceptable?"

It should be clear to all of us, gay or straight, that homosexuality does indeed exist. Even holocaust deniers seem to have conceded on this point. Moreover, it is more widespread than many in the religious right would like to believe. Many prominent personalities have "come out" in recent years, and it seems as though some major barriers to acceptance have been toppled. Sadly, most of that acceptance has taken hold on the West Coast, or in New England. Here, we're right smack in the middle of the cultural muddle known by most as the Bible Belt.

This belt, which some allege is strung a bit too tight and skewed to the right, has slowed the acceptance of homosexuality in Kentucky.

From the vote of the SGA, it should be clear that when you remove the religious tarnish, this issue is rather cut and dry.

Homosexuals have the right to live with whomever they please, and we should respect these unions as much as we respect heterosexual unions.

This isn't a special right, but rather basic rights afforded to all couples who aren't gay. It

shouldn't be seen as an affirmation of a lifestyle some deem inappropriate. It should be noted that many of the bible-pushers who oppose giving benefits to gay unions are also opposed to interracial couples and interfaith couples, yet they raise no opposition to policies that provide equal benefits to both these groups.

The student government has sent a strong message to the trustees. With only one dissent in the committee, the overwhelming student support for an extension of benefits should be apparent. These students didn't discuss homosexuality in terms of hell, fire and damnation, but as a practice that is acceptable and worthy of protection.

The SGA's resolution was also uncharacteristically farsighted. Senator Brian Roth, the bill's co-sponsor, recognized that a highly qualified professor might choose not to come to UK if their partner was not offered benefits. This resolution, if the board approves it, would put UK among almost 150 other schools that offer the same rights.

It's time for the traditional conservative board to take a small step to the social left. UK doesn't have the right to tell homosexuals that their lifestyles are wrong any more than they can tell that to Jews or Buddhists.

Religious conviction has absolutely no business determining the policy of a public university.

I must admit, after the Glenn fiasco I doubted that SGA was good for anything but repetitive headlines on the news desk. However, Senators Roth and Rigdon have proven that our student government can and will represent the ideas and opinions of our student body. The trustees need to encourage this representation by taking this resolution seriously.

The dismissal of homosexuality is as outdated as racial segregation.

It's time for UK to shake off the restraints of the Bible Belt and become the forward-thinking University the students clearly want it to be.

The board needs to wake up and realize, as Bob Dylan so eloquently once said, that "the times, they are a changin'."

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FILM SLASHES QUALITY

Return this 'Valentine'

Dying out: The horror genre continues to decline with another feeble entry

By Matt Mulcahey
SCENE EDITOR

An achingly sensual med student is working late, alone with only a cadaver to keep her company. She hears a noise in the next room and, clad in a slinky gray tank top that shows off her ample charms, she investigates, scalpel in hand, with a mix of Bernard Herrmann strings and John Carpenter synthesizers creepily building into a crescendo.

- At this point, you know you've wandered into a slasher movie. And a very bad one at that.

- Based on the best selling novel by Tom Savage (I've never read the book, but I would hope it's better than this movie), the film itself is a valentine to all things slasher. Leaning more toward the post-*Halloween* craze of inept, idiotic teen slasher flicks than the post-*Scream* movies, most of which smugly thought they where oh so chic and tongue in cheek by tossing in a couple of film buff references in between slayings.

Valentine has no such pretensions, it's bottom of the barrel all the way. A poorly acted, poorly scripted, poorly directed, boring mess the likes of which should've gone straight to cable to be gobbled up by insomniacs at 3 a.m. on Cinemax in between C. Thomas Howell and Shannon Tweed cheapies.

But for some reason (I'm guessing because these movies are inexpensive to make and non-discriminating moviegoers keep seeing them), this turkey slipped into multiplexes this weekend with all the subtlety of Jason Vorhees hacking up Camp Crystal Lake teens with a machete.

Valentine starts with a confusingly shot, hurried exposition as a nerdy boy is humiliated at a junior high dance by five girls. More than a decade later the girls start

dying off after receiving grisly Valentine letters dispatched by a plastic-masked, kitchen knife-wielding murderer on Valentine's Day.

Who is the killer? Even as the end credits roll that question isn't clearly answered. Not due to an interesting plot twist, but to storytelling incompetence.

It should come as no surprise that the man responsible for the film, director Jamie Blanks, also brought us *Urban Legends*. At least *Urban Legends* was an original, inventive idea that resulted in a terrible movie. *Valentine* is a recycled cliché that results in a terrible movie.

Blanks isn't even picky with his unoriginality, ripping off bad movies as well as good ones. *Halloween, Prom Night, Carrie* and *I Know What You Did Last Summer* are just some of the countless horror movies he pillages, pirates and plunders.

The cast is the usual assortment of no-names and TV stars. But even the TV stars are second rate as we have to settle for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer's" David Boreanaz. With a cast that includes Denise Richards, it's no surprise the acting is on the level of a soap opera, and not even a good soap opera (if that oxymoron exists at all).

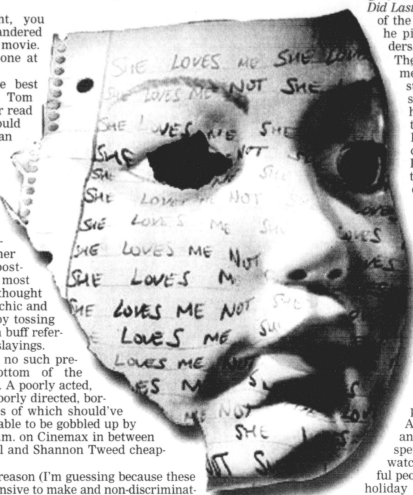
I guess the film's distributor (Warner Brothers) thought this would be good counter-programming for the most ridiculous and pandering of all holidays.

But if this is the movie you take your significant other to on Valentine's Day you've got more troubles than your poor taste in movies.

And if you're single, bitter and think you might enjoy spending Valentine's Day watching the types of beautiful people who never spend this holiday alone being sliced and diced on screen, this movie isn't your best bet either. Hell, it's not even the best slasher flick that takes place on Valentine's Day.

If the preceding paragraph describes you, I offer this recommendation: Rent *My Bloody Valentine* while cursing your aimless existence.

Grade: F



MORE THAN JUST WHIPPINS

Love and kung-fu



Ang Lee, who previously explored 19th century England (*Sense and Sensibility*), the American Civil War (*Hide With the Devil*) and '70s suburban malaise (*The Ice Storm*) once again shifts gears with *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*

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Ang Lee conquers another genre: New film makes 'The Matrix' look like 'The Karate Kid'

By Bryan Marshall
STAFF CRITIC

Martial art films usually only use plot as merely a stepping stone for non-stop action. However, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* mixes a touching love story with breathtaking and exhilarating fighting sequences.

The film follows Li Mu Bai (Chow Yun-Fat) as he gives up his life as a warrior by symbolically giving up his sword, the Green Destiny.

Li Mu Bai is willing to leave his past behind him to pursue his love for fellow warrior Yu Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh).

But the theft of his sword forces Li Mu Bai back into his former life when he learns that one of the thieves is the murderer of his master.

The battles between the warriors and the thieves are shot poetically by director Ang Lee, winner of Best Director at the Golden Globes. Lee commands the screen like a genius again as he did in *The Ice Storm*.

The scenes of violence are gracefully treated rather than glamorized due to the choreography of Yuen Wo-Ping, creator of the kung-fu action in *The Matrix*. Wo-Ping's work was the star of *The Matrix* and it is again apparent why in *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

It is amazing to see the characters jumping from building to building and fighting atop of trees. It is even more amazing to learn that the stunts are accomplished using wires instead of special effects.

The abilities that the characters possess with their hands, feet and weapons are unbelievable. It is hard not to sit there with your mouth wide open and stare in awe of the tremendous combats happening on screen.

The film twists genre conventions to show the power of womanhood by having strong central female characters as the heroes and villains instead of traditional male characters.

Zhang Ziyi plays one of these exceptionally strong women, Jen Yu, the daughter of a governor. Jen Yu lives a life of secrets and is determined to become a great warrior and reunite with her lost lover.

Yu is involved in one of the most amazing sequences when she takes on several opponents inside a restaurant who are trying to bother her as she enjoys her coffee.

The film really comes together due to the exceptional cast of actors, the poetic choreography and the wonderful script. It is in Chinese with English subtitles but do not let that shy you away from this masterpiece of cinema.

Grade: A

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