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Here are the nominations for this year's Golden Raspberry Awards, honoring the worst films of the year:

Worst Picture:
Battlefield Earth
Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2
The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
Little Nicky
The Next Best Thing

Worst Actor:
Leonard DiCaprio - *The Beach*
Adam Sandler - *Little Nicky*
Sylvester Stallone - *Get Carter*
Arnold Schwarzenegger - *The 6th Day*
John Travolta - *Battlefield Earth* and *Lucky Numbers*

Worst Actress:
Kim Basinger - *Bless the Child*
Melanie Griffith - *Cecil B. Demented*
Madonna - *The Next Best Thing*
Bette Midler - *Isn't She Great*
Demi Moore - *Passion of Mind*

Worst Screen Couple:
Any 2 Actors - *Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2*

Richard Gere and Winona Ryder - *Autumn in New York*
Madonna and either Rupert Everett or Benjamin Bratt - *The Next Best Thing*
Arnold Schwarzenegger (as the real Adam Gibson) and Arnold Schwarzenegger (as the clone of Adam Gibson) - *The 6th Day*

Worst Supporting Actress:
Patricia Arquette - *Little Nicky*
Joan Collins - *Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas*
Thandie Newton - *Mission Impossible 2*
Kelly Preston - *Battlefield Earth*
Rene Russo - *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle*

Worst Supporting Actor:
Stephen Baldwin - *The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas*
Barry Pepper - *Battlefield Earth*
Keanu Reeves - *The Watcher*
Arnold Schwarzenegger (as the clone of Adam Gibson) - *The 6th Day*
Forest Whitaker - *Battlefield Earth*

Worst Remake or Sequel:
Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
Get Carter
Mission: Impossible 2

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STUDENT LIFE

Student death still not known

By Ferran Robinson and Jermaine Johnson
STAFF WRITERS

"He could put a smile on anybody's face." David Ernspeker, 20, said of his roommate, Bobby Lanier, 18, who collapsed and died yesterday during a basketball game with friends in the Seaton Center.

Lanier was a freshman at UK. The Fayette County Coroner could not be reached for comment on the cause of Lanier's death Monday.

Ernspeker said Lanier, a Louisville native and graduate of Pleasure Ridge Park High School, was the kind of guy who looked out for his friends and had a wonderful sense of humor.

"His personality was great... he'd do

anything for you," Ernspeker said. Ernspeker, also from Louisville, and Lanier did not know each other before they became roommates. Immediately they became best of friends along with two others, Chris Wragg and Majemite "MJ" Begho, who were there when Lanier collapsed.

"Everywhere we went, we went together," Ernspeker said. "I loved him like he was a brother."

Ernspeker said Lanier was very close to his family, particularly his grandmother. Ernspeker described Lanier as six feet tall, slim but not skinny, and light skinned with a small afro.

"He was very athletic ... there was nothing he couldn't do," Ernspeker said.

Ernspeker said he regrets he wasn't

there when Lanier collapsed, and as a life-guard he wonders if there was anything he could have done to help the situation.

After Lanier collapsed at the Seaton Center, he was taken to the UK Chandler Medical Center.

Ernspeker waited with friends at the hospital until Lanier's family arrived, but the doctors would not divulge any information to non-family.

Lanier was pronounced dead at 4:49 p.m.

"He was free-spirited... if we needed something he'd give it to us," Begho said.

Lanier, Wragg, Ernspeker and Begho were a close group and used Bobby's room as a meeting place and hangout spot.

"Bobby would give us his key and we'd

keep our books and clothes in his room... everything is still there," Wragg said.

Lanier loved sports. He played intramural football and basketball, and when not playing he could be found heckling friends on opposite teams. However, when it was time to study, Lanier let everyone know.

"He would cut the stuff off and tell everyone to study," Wragg said. "He was my age but he was like a big brother."

The group plans to continue doing things the way they always have, but now without Lanier.

"We didn't want to go back to the basketball courts at first, but we decided that we need to do things that Bobby wanted us to do," Wragg said.

NASCAR

Fans mourn the death of NASCAR legend

By John Dobson
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Imagine a sports figure with the success of Michael Jordan, the demeanor of "Stone Cold" Steve Austin and the adulation routinely laid before Cavood Ledford.

Dale Earnhardt was that and more, especially to the legions of trey-clad fans that cheered him from living rooms and racetracks over the course of his career.

Those people — and NASCAR fans of every other stripe — were devastated at the news of the "Intimidator's" untimely demise at Sunday's Daytona 500.

Shortly after word spread, fans began gathering at the Winner's Circle NASCAR store in the Hamburg Pavilion.

Jay Caskey, owner of the Winner's Circle, said that he and many other Bluegrass-area fans were having a hard time dealing with the loss of one of NASCAR's greatest drivers.

"I've had so many phone calls, so many people coming in, all of them like me — just hoping that we'd wake up and it'd just be a bad dream," Caskey said.

"But it's reality." Caskey's store, like many other outlets for NASCAR paraphernalia, has been swamped with fans looking to snatch up anything bearing the visage or name of their fallen hero.

"It's been unreal," Caskey said. "It's been nonstop since this morning. It's just about all gone."

Earnhardt's accident, which happened on the race's last lap, looked quite pedestrian when compared with many of his previous crashes.

Unfortunately, that impression couldn't have been more wrong.

"I thought, 'He'll bounce back,'" said Kym Thornsbury of Lexington, who visited the store three times on Tuesday. "But when I heard he had died, it was to



Remembering "Dale"

Michael Evans, II, of Nicholasville, perused a poster bin at The Winner's Circle, a NASCAR store in Hamburg Pavilion.

CAMPUS

Feminist Alliance addresses women's issues

By Scott Sloan
STAFF WRITER

For More information about the Feminist Alliance or how to contribute to their daily lives.

No, not NBC's sitcom, "Three Sisters."

The group is the UK Feminist Alliance, a member of the Campus Progressive Coalition. The Feminist Alliance hosts discussions each week and is involved in a number of activities on campus.

The purpose of each meeting is to discuss an issue that affects women and their status in society. Past issues have included the controversial abortion drug RU 486, the power of voting and dating.

"The most important thing is taking a diverse outlook on women's issues and sharing it with others,"

said Melissa Johnson, a psychology senior. "Learning different perspectives is the number one thing."

Besides weekly meetings, the Feminist Alliance has helped organize a number of events on campus, including a reproductive health fair and date rape forum.

The group also takes an interest in national political affairs. They recently wrote a letter to President George W. Bush encouraging him to help Afghanistan refugees.

The Feminist Alliance is participating in an Afghanistan "Back-to-School" campaign to help women in the country continue their education despite the pressures of the ruling Taliban.

The campaign seeks to raise money to purchase school supplies and pay teacher salaries for home schools around the country.

Even small contributions can

help because it only costs \$36 to pay the monthly salary of a teacher. School supplies including notebooks, pencils and pencil sharpeners for 300 students can be bought for only \$60.

Finally, \$500 can pay the costs of home school for 90 students for six months.

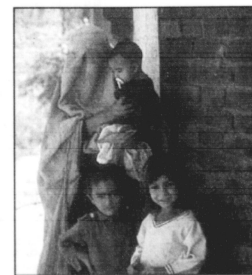
The Feminist Alliance is seeking any donations to help the cause.

All donors and interested students, even men, are welcome to attend meetings.

"We would love to have men here," said Sara Sahri, an English senior. "We seek equality for men and women from all racial and religious backgrounds."

Ashley Larmour, a political science freshman, dismissed a common stereotype.

"We don't sit here for an hour and man-bash," Larmour said.



The Feminist Alliance is raising money to help women in Afghanistan continue their education.

ACADEMICS

UK students finalists for scholarship

By Ashley York
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Two UK students have prestigiously gained the honor of being named national finalists to receive the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

Jennifer Kasten, a French and biology senior, and Jay Varelis, a history senior, will complete one final interview next month for the \$30,000 merit based scholarship.

The undergraduate scholarship is awarded to students who are committed to careers in government, the non-profit or advocacy sectors or elsewhere in public service. The money will provide the winners with financial support for graduate study, leadership training and fellowship with other students who are committed to making a difference through public service. The foundation expects to award between 75 and 85 scholarships.

"Those that have won this scholarship in the past have gone on to be national leaders in public service," said Penny Miller, UK's Truman faculty representative and an associate professor of political science.

Miller said UK was one of two schools in 1999 to have two finalists, Monica Grant and Anthony Jones, become winners.

"There's a good chance of replicating that this year," she said.

Kasten said being named a finalist was a capricious honor.

"Besides money, it opens doors to different offices and connections in the field of public service," Kasten said.

Kasten wants to pursue international health in medical school after graduation. She is a Singletary Scholar and Gaines Fellow.

Kasten said community service was a paramount issue in the application process, as well as something she doesn't like to skip out on.

"It's so attuned to what I want to do," she said of her job at Moveable Feast, a food service that delivers food to AIDS patients. "I feel like I'm reaching out to help others."

Likewise, Varelis actively participates in community service. But he didn't describe himself as a traditional candidate for the scholarship.

"I don't do traditional service work," he said of the work he does in grass roots organizations. "It's political work, but not unteaching with an established agency."

Varelis works with Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, Kentucky Student Progressive Network and describes himself as one of the pioneers of the Leftist Student Union at UK. Likewise, he is a Gaines Fellow and senator at large for the Student Government Association. He plans to attain a law degree after graduation.



Varelis



Kasten

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

Clinton defends Marc Rich pardon

WASHINGTON — Former President Clinton gave his fullest defense yet of the Marc Rich pardon on Sunday but failed to silence critics who argue that political donations and connections helped the fugitive financier's cause. "I want every American to know that, while you may disagree with this decision, I made it on the merits as I saw them, and I take full responsibility for it," Clinton wrote in an op-ed column in *The New York Times*. Clinton also wrote that three well-known Republican lawyers who once represented Rich "reviewed and advocated" the case for his pardon. All three denied that assertion.

Iraqis demonstrate against airstrikes

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Thousands of Iraqis marched in the rain Sunday to protest U.S. and British airstrikes, and Iraqi television showed damaged houses and shops in a town where one man was killed when allied missiles hit nearby. President Saddam Hussein met with his top air defense commander to explore ways of protecting the country from allied attacks in the wake of the raid, which targeted radar and command-and-control sites. Friday night's strikes around Baghdad — which killed two people and wounded at least 20 — have raised strong condemnations from Arab allies of the United States. And Iraq warned that it raised tensions ahead of key talks with the United Nations.

Yugoslavia urges NATO action

LUCANE, Yugoslavia — An explosion ripped through a police van and killed three Serb officers just outside Kosovo on Sunday, heightening tensions already taut after a bus bombing that killed at least seven Serb civilians inside the troubled province. Yugoslavia blamed both attacks on Kosovo's ethnic Albanian militants, who denied responsibility and said one of their commanders was killed by Serb police later Sunday in Lucane, just outside a buffer zone separating Kosovo from the rest of Serbia.

Police: Gangs responsible for smuggling

FREJUS, France — Criminal gangs operating in Turkey and Iraq were behind the smuggling of hundreds of Iraqi Kurds who landed in France after a week-long journey in a decrepit freighter without toilets or provisions, border police said Sunday. The burgeoning trade of immigrant smuggling hit French shores in an unprecedented way Saturday, when hundreds of Kurds desperate to leave Iraq successfully slipped into France on the "East Sea," a decrepit ship that ran aground off the country's south Riviera. Gangs specializing in people smuggling recruited the Kurds from their homes in northern Iraq, Chazze said. Those willing to pay between \$200 and \$300 were brought to the Turkish border.



EMINEM FINDS SUPPORT: Eminem is finding himself with some friends in high places, last week with Elton John and this week with Pat Boone. Boone said recently "I don't agree with his lyrics, their content or tone. I'm totally opposed to violence, racism and homophobia, but I vigorously feel that we must respect an individual's right to speak his mind, especially when it comes to all forms of art."



LOVIN' MS. JACKSON: Macy Gray and UKast have all signed on to pay tribute to Janet Jackson at MTV's first annual mtvICON event. The aim of the new special is to celebrate artists who have made a significant contribution to music as well as influenced a new generation of singers, songwriters and musicians.

A call for worldwide ocean parks

SAN FRANCISCO — A worldwide network of no-fishing zones may be the last, best hope of replenishing the Earth's depleted stocks of fish and other marine species, an international team of scientists reports. Fish, lobster and other species recover in only a few years given sanctuaries free of the hooks and nets of commercial and sports fishermen, the researchers say. In a report released Saturday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, they urged creation of the network of marine parks where all sea animals and plants would be protected.

Umbilical may provide important cells

SAN FRANCISCO — Umbilical cords discarded after birth may offer a vast new source of repair material for fixing brains damaged by strokes and other ills, free of the ethical concerns surrounding the use of fetal tissue, researchers said Sunday. In animal experiments, at least, cells from umbilical cords appear to greatly speed recovery after strokes. They work with a simple infusion into the blood stream without the need for direct implantation into the brain. Although many details need to be worked out, Dr. Paul R. Sanberg of the University of South Florida said he hopes to try the approach on stroke victims within the next year or two.

No retirement announcements yet

WASHINGTON — Maybe Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist will leave first. After nearly 30 years on the court, about half as chief justice, he has dealt with almost any constitutional issue imaginable and built a conservative legacy. Also, the 76-year-old Rehnquist might figure that leaving now affords the best opportunity for a conservative president and Republican-led Senate to replace him.

Nominations sought

This year marks the 10th year that UK recognizes the outstanding volunteer service achievements of Darrell A. VanMeter through the presentation of an undergraduate award named in his honor. VanMeter was a sophomore at UK when he died in 1991. Nominations are being taken until Friday, March 9. If you have any questions or need additional information call the Student Activities Office at 257-8867.

2001 commencement

The UK Commencement Committee is seeking a graduating senior to deliver an eight-minute address at this year's commencement ceremony. Selection of the student speaker will be made on the basis of: 1) contributions to UK, 2) public speaking ability and 3) a precis of the talk. The applicant must be receiving an undergraduate degree. The applicant must have significantly contributed to UK through campus and community activities. Applications are due by March 21. For an application go to 120 Student Center, 513 POT or you can visit <http://www.dobson.ca.uky.edu/forms/commence.pdf>.

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ACADEMICS

UK professor receives award for teaching and Middle East studies

By Donia Shuhaiber
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Robert W. Olson thinks it is important that Middle Eastern history be recognized. "Middle Eastern history does not receive much attention," said Olson, the winner of this year's Distinguished Professor Award.

But it will this week. In honor of the Distinguished Professor Award, Olson will be giving a lecture focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

"I think that the Arab Palestinian-Israeli conflict is one of the things that is very important for determining the future of Middle Eastern politics," he said. "It is also very important in American culture, since most American sympathy is for Israel." Olson will talk about several different aspects of this conflict, but most importantly, "We are going to tell the truth here," he said.

He is also very interested in relations between Turkey and Iran.

"Turkish-Iranian relations are important because they are the two largest countries in the Middle East and have a significant impact in the Middle East along with Israel."

rael of course," he said.

Olson has also written several books on Middle Eastern politics and history, some of which have been translated into Turkish, Arabic, Farsi and Kurdish.

"One of the greatest honors of a scholar of a non-Western field is to have your books translated into the language of the region that you are studying," he said. "I feel really proud of that."

Olson plans to continue his work in this field for a few more years. This March he will take his first trip to Iran to do research.

"It is something that I have never done before, so I am very excited," he said.

Olson has received other awards from UK, including the Albert D. and Elizabeth H. Kirwan Memorial Prize (1989-90) and the UK Research Professorship (1995-96), among others.

Olson has also been to Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Israel, Syria, Kuwait and the West Bank for research.

"I hope to spend the few years that I have left teaching on Turkish and Iranian relations and other topics in the Middle East," he said. "Then I am off fishing in Minnesota."

DALE

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"I did a lot of crying last night."

Many other fans at the store expressed the same feelings of loss — unusually strong for someone most haven't met.

"It's like I lost my best friend," said Bob Burke of Georgetown. "It's the toughest thing I've been through. I'll be alright, but it's tough right now."

Jeff Thompson of Corbin expressed similar sentiments.

"It's like losing someone you know. It's hard for me to stand here and talk about it."

The NASCAR scene will undoubtedly be dimmer without Earnhardt's presence. Some fans have already lost interest.

"I'm selling my tickets to the spring race in Bristol. I don't want to go anymore," Thornsbury said.

Most will continue to watch, but all will have difficulty accepting Earnhardt's absence anew each weekend.

"It won't be the same," Burke said. "It's going to be hard not seeing the black three car out there every week."

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Albert Camus, (1913-1960), writer and philosopher.

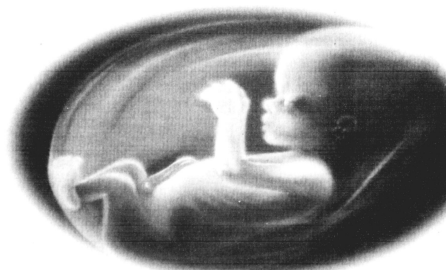
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THE AFTERMATH

Earnhardt's death renews safety debate

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt believed an open-faced helmet was as safe as those high-tech helmets worn by most of today's drivers.

He mocked restrictor plates, saying any competitor who supported slower speeds was a chicken and should find another line of work.

A neck brace? Forget about it. Earnhardt had survived and thrived for more than two decades without one of those newfangled devices. He saw no need to change ways in the twilight of his career.

But the swashbuckling life of stock car racing's greatest star ended Sunday on the final lap of the Daytona 500 when his black No. 3 Chevrolet slammed into a wall at 180 mph.

Doctors said Earnhardt, 49, died instantly from massive trauma at the base of his skull — just the kind of injury that led to the invention of the Head And Neck Safety (HANS) system.

About a half-dozen drivers donned the U-shaped device for the 500, but Earnhardt and most of those in the 43-car field shunned it as bulky and uncomfortable.

Dale Jarrett wore the HANS for the first time at Daytona. His crew chief, Todd Parrott, said it's time for all drivers to follow suit.

"We're going to have to take a look at some of the safety issues," Parrott said. "My driver tested the HANS device over the summer and he will not get in the car without it now. If Dale (Earnhardt) had that on, we'd probably be looking at a different situation."

The death of Earnhardt was a staggering blow for NASCAR, which already faced increased scrutiny of its safety measures after three drivers were killed last year.

Adam Petty, Kenny Irwin and truck racer Tony Roper died from similar skull fractures or similar conditions. Earnhardt apparently suffered

The crash

Dale Earnhardt's Chevrolet crashed on the last lap of Sunday's Daytona 500. The car was traveling at an estimated speed of 180 mph upon impact with the concrete wall.

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the same type of injury. The HANS was designed to lessen the pressure on the most vulnerable part of the body — the neck and base of the skull — in the type of high-impact crashes that killed all four drivers.

The CART open-wheel series has mandated the device for all of its oval races this year, and the Formula One series is expected to require the HANS in 2002.

But NASCAR, heeding the concerns of its drivers, has so far declined to make the device mandatory. Officials say additional tests are needed to determine its effectiveness in the 3,500-pound stock cars.

"I really think they should wear the HANS," said Melvin, who was brought to North Carolina last month to lecture Ford and Dodge teams on improving safety. "But the problem right now is getting the HANS fitted properly."

Dr. Steve Bohannon, among the team of doctors who treated Earnhardt at the track and at Halifax Hospital, was asked if the HANS would have saved the driver's life.

"I don't know if the HANS device would have helped," Bohannon

replied. "I suspect not." Bob Hubbard, a biomechanics professor at Michigan State, helped develop the HANS. He was at the speedway last week, working with several drivers who are trying to get a comfortable fit.

While he's a fan of the HANS, Melvin agrees with NASCAR's decision to leave it up to the drivers whether they want to wear the device or not.

"If you mandate this and it conflicts with the driver's ability to control the car, then all of a sudden you've made things worse," said Melvin, adding that other measures such as shoulder restraints and head netting are also needed.

Jarrett's father, former Winston Cup star Ned Jarrett, questioned NASCAR's efforts to slow speeds and produce tighter racing.

For more than a decade, the series has mandated restrictor plates to reduce speeds at Daytona and a similar high-banked track at Talladega, Ala.

Many drivers have complained about the horsepower-sapping devices, saying conditions are more dangerous when the cars are bunched together,

racing two- and three-wide. This year, a new aerodynamic package was introduced at Daytona to make it easier to pass after last year's single-file snoozer of a 500.

With 26 laps to go in Sunday's race, there was a 19-car crash that began on a tightly packed group of cars on the backstretch. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured.

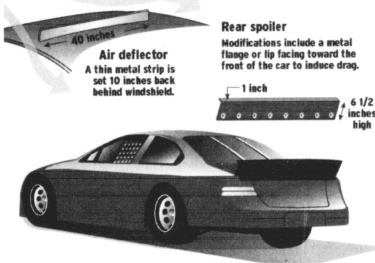
Earnhardt was killed on the final turn of the final lap when his car brushed Sterling Marlin's Dodge, fish-tailed briefly before swerving sharply to the right, where it was struck by Ken Schrader's car just before slamming into the outside wall.

"NASCAR does a good job of keeping the competition as close as it can," Ned Jarrett said. "They might have gone a little bit overboard here at Daytona."

Melvin said it's too early to begin demanding measures that might prevent another tragedy. "There's a tendency to talk about solutions right up front," he said. "We need to respect the man and recognize all he represented. He was an amazing individual."

New designs at Daytona

New NASCAR rules, first instituted before last fall's race at Talladega and now at Daytona, mandate a modified rear spoiler, larger holes in the restrictor plate and an air deflector across the roof.



Campus Calendar

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Man on a mission?

Court Justice tackles killer mountain

JACKSON, Miss. — He's run with the bulls in Spain and raced Harleys across America. But Mississippi's Hemingway-esque Supreme Court justice won't sit still until he scales Tanzania's ice-capped Mount Kilimanjaro — all 19,340 feet. "Kilimanjaro has got a face that I'd like to meet," Justice Chuck McRae said. "I like getting on the edge and this is literally on the edge."

McRae, 60, and five others are planning to climb Africa's tallest mountain to raise money for a children's charity. McRae, an avid scuba diver who also enjoys flying, said he has dreamt of Kilimanjaro since reading Ernest Hemingway's "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" several years ago. McRae's been working out on a treadmill to prepare, but admits the climb will be a tough slog. "The biggest problem is I don't want to fail," McRae said.



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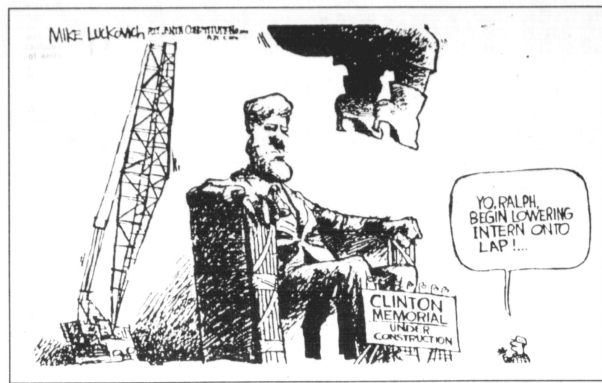
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — It may not be as American as apple pie or baseball, but eagle love is coming to a school near you. Some 80,000 schools have been invited to watch Liberty and Justice, two bald eagles, share intimate moments in their manmade "love nest" beginning March 1 on the internet at www.eagles.org. The videotaped "nest watch," set up by the nonprofit American Eagle Foundation, will track the eagles until July 4 as they try to repopulate their threatened species.

"This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for people to see their national bird tending to their nest and to their family," foundation president Al Cecere said. Cecere hopes the plan will hatch two or three eaglets which will be released into the wild.

Liberty and Justice, mates since 1993, shouldn't disappoint. The love birds have already delivered 10 healthy eaglets. In 1999, they produced the first eagle triplets ever captive-hatched in Tennessee. "You know you can't control nature," Cecere said. "But they've got a pretty darn good track record."

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IN OUR OPINION

SGA realm awash with controversy

Presidential hopefuls plea against amendment

It is not always experience that matters. Sometimes it is inexperience and new ideas that make a difference in an organization.

That's why the Student Government Association should strike down the amendment that requires students running for SGA president to have one year of experience.

Currently, two SGA senators have written a proposal that would strike down the amendment. The senators, Brian Roth and Steve Shaw, will know tonight if their plea will be heard at the Wednesday night meeting.

And it should be heard. First of all because that is what SGA is about. The senators should be willing to get student input on the amendment. They should be willing to hear all sides of the story. Without student input then it is not student government.

The issue of requiring the next SGA president to have one year of experience before running for the presidency is a controversial one. That was shown by the very close vote from the editorial board.

Some students claim that requiring the next president to have experience would help eliminate some of the drama that has plagued SGA in the past year. Maybe one reason there has been so much drama in SGA is because it is always the same people working in student government. Perhaps new faces and new ideas are what SGA needs. If this amendment stays as it is, then SGA will basically consist of the same people next year.

Not that the current senators haven't done a good job at representing the students, but maybe someone new could bring ideas to the table that the other senators haven't thought of yet.

Others claim that the SGA presidency has become more of a popularity contest than an election. Maybe it has, maybe it hasn't. The important thing is that the students have a choice when election time comes.

And it is that choice that matters the most. SGA is for the students, by the students. Anyone who wants to run should be allowed to run. Students are educated individuals and can make decisions concerning competency when they cast their votes for the next president.

Cathleen Holloway

KERNEL COLUMNIST

Going back to basics: The next great education

The phrase "Top 20 University" has been thrown around a lot lately, especially with the recently concluded presidential search. This leads me to wonder how many people know exactly what the goal to become a "Top 20 University" actually means. When it was proposed a short while ago that UK attempt to reach top 20 status by the year 2020, the idea was to become a top 20 research institution. When people talk about better scholarships to attract brighter students, more diversity and better minority retention rates and more interaction among faculty, staff and students, they apparently don't understand that not one of these concepts has anything to do with the top 20 goal.

Being one of the best research institutions is dependent solely on the research done by faculty and grad students. Teaching ability, quality of undergraduate programs and retention rates are virtually unrelated to the goal. Strictly speaking, UK could have the poorest teachers, the most incompetent

staff and the most apathetic and monochromatic student body in the country and still qualify as a top 20 institution, as long as these people know how to write research proposals and reports. Why do you think so much money goes into medicine and engineering? It's not just because these schools will yield the wealthiest alumni, who will in turn give the most back to the University. It is also because these schools conduct the most in-depth, high-tech research, and will hold the most responsibility in pulling UK to the top.

This goal is also a large part of the reason the Board of Trustees chose a business/technology expert, rather than someone with experience as an academic authority, to fill Wethington's shoes. Not to say that Todd isn't qualified for the job — only time will tell on that — but we know he has plenty of expertise in the area of technological advancement.

These facts force me to ask the question: Should UK really be pushing itself so hard to reach this goal so quickly? Will

it mean exchanging a quality education for quality research? Too many students, myself included, know how frustrating it can be to try to learn from a brilliant professor who can crank out a 400-page scholarly journal every year but cannot effectively communicate ideas and concepts in a classroom setting. The authorities at UK who make the decisions that affect students need to ask themselves what is really important.

Of course university research has infinite value — ask an AIDS victim or a heart-transplant patient. But universities were founded to educate, to enrich the lives of the students who attend them. That has been their most basic purpose since the first students gathered on the steps of the temples in ancient Greece to hear the philosophers rant, and it should still be their first priority. When profit, or research goals, or national rankings get in the way of that, then something has gone wrong.

People in high places at this university and others tend to forget that the students are the university; if we were not here there would be no point in having all of these wonderful buildings and labs and facilities. There are classes in fine arts buildings that have to be canceled frequently in the winter because they have no heat, and yet there is a brand-new mechanical engineering building in the works just a few hundred yards away. This is proof that our priorities are a little askew. A major or a career in engineering or another science is

READERS' FORUM

Expressions

Doing the crime, doing the time: Justice served to Napster with silver gavel

To the Editor:

I love it. Finally, the federal court system has seen it's way fit to overturn the appeal won by the Internet music site Napster.

Last year Napster won a stay that allowed them to continue the online music site where registered users were able to "share" songs with other users. The court battle came about when artists like Metallica and Dr. Dre protested claiming copyright violation.

I can't believe that it has taken this long for the judicial system to decide this. Any way you look at Napster it screams one thing: copyright violation. Lets look at the facts. This site provides a haven where users can download songs then trade them to strangers for no charge at all. Once the person has the song they are free to burn it on a CD and then do whatever they want with the finished product — including sell the songs.

Almost one out of every 12 college students has used Napster in the past year for the sole reason of obtaining pirated music, music that they are too cheap to pay for. Record companies and recording artists have every right to be angry.

They are having their work stolen every day. We are already seeing a decline in music sales and record prices are increasing to make up for lost profits directly related to Napster's reign over music's black market.

Napster supporters say that this is free speech. Since we where in the Bill of Rights does it protect someone's right to pirate copyrighted music. The fact is that musicians don't work for free and they expect compensation for their work. That, my friends, is why they sell music and don't give it away. Secondly, this is not protected speech, these are songs and lyrics that are downloaded by users giving them the right to make copies of songs that are legally regulated and taxed for the rest of us.

Finally, Napster's time is drawing to an end and the fate of the site is not looking good.

I realize that many of you are probably upset, now that you have grown close to having this free market luxury. Napster's downfall is obvious; there was no way that the music industry and the tax-paying public was going to stand for the indignity.

TYLER SMITH
 2000 ALUMINUS

Racism and landscape finds fault in poor representation of black community

To the Editor:

The central image of a "strong-rooted tree with powerful branches" is a symbol of slavery just as a mountain is a phallic symbol detrimental to women. An old healthy tree may have simply been chosen for its connotation of strength and prosperity, or its aesthetic appeal as a part of nature.

Obviously, the Credit Union never intended the tree to serve as a racial statement, and one should have the courtesy not to take it as such. If the writer's goal is to educate the public on racial inequality, demanding apologies for an alleged offense will never achieve the desired results. It only makes people defensive.

While we agree that racial discrimination still exists, it will never disappear while people are searching for signs of an offense that does not exist. Facing the problem and solving it is a positive step, but looking for chances to vent about how unfair the world is toward one race will only cause more dissent. Address concrete issues like hiring practices, and not subjective symbolism and subtle insinuations.

The UK Credit Union does not owe the black community an apology for printing a calendar meant as an advertising quirk. Yes, businesses are responsible for the materials they distribute; however, they cannot be expected to cater to everyone's subjective interpretation.

This reminds us of the change in our school's mascot several years ago after someone interpreted the Wildcat's tongue as a penis. Both allegations strike us as equally ridiculous.

TRACY SMITH AND ASHLEY ZEHDNER
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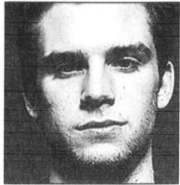
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MUSIC

Coldplay ushers in a new wave of Brit-pop music



Mellow yellow

The British band Coldplay has been topping the charts in their homeland and now hope to make a big splash on this side of the pond as well. The pop/rock group features Chris Martin on vocals, guitar and piano; Jon Buckland on lead guitar; Will Champion on drums and Guy Berryman on bass.

By Ryan Minser
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Coldplay
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Capitol

"I came along, I wrote a song for you and all the things you do and it was called yellow."

These lyrics came from a new song titled "Yellow" by the British group Coldplay, off their new album *Parachutes*.

While "Yellow" is by far the most popular song from the album, don't be mistaken, the entire disc is phenomenal. From "Don't Panic" to "Everything's Not Lost," the album is packed with a variety of great music.

Parachutes contains a wide range of music, providing something for everyone to enjoy. There are radio-friendly songs such as "Yellow" and "Shiver" along with more diverse sounds that leave the lis-

tener wondering how they could make something like that work and make it sound great.

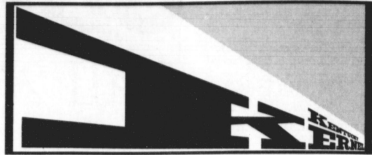
The standout track on the disc is "Shiver," combining an amazing sound with phenomenal lyrics.

Since the release of the album, Coldplay has been on a non-stop ride to the top of the British charts and has just recently made its way to the American charts. The band has received much critical acclaim,

winning Best Album of the Year at the Q Awards after being nominated for the Mercury Music Award. After being praised all over Europe, it is time for them to be celebrated in America.

If you are a fan of British music or just a fan of music, you should pick this album up and enjoy it. Coldplay brings art to music and makes it beautiful.

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