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Supreme Court upholds SG election

Decision: Court rules 4-1 that discrepancy in vote tallies would not have affected the election outcome

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Supreme Court last night upheld the results of last week's election, despite arguments from election officials that all or part of the election should be overturned.

The decision was 4-1, with Justice Brian Hopper

dissenting. The court met in the College of Law courtroom after a discrepancy of 171 votes in the election results gave rise to suspicion of voter fraud or errors in how voting was recorded.

Eric Mills, the election investigator, argued in favor of a new election in races where the discrepancy may have affected the outcome.

Braphus Kaalund and Holly Harris argued on behalf of several candidates that all election results be upheld.

Hopper said to explain his vote, "I'm dissenting more in the fact that it's time SG started covering their asses," and avoiding election problems.

In explaining the majority opinion, Chief Justice Phillip Wheeler said: "There's just as much of a likelihood that this will hap-

pen next election. If we overturn this election, we'll be just as much obligated to overturn the next election."

Wheeler said there would be discrepancies in every future election, and that no member of the court suspected fraud was the cause of the 171-vote discrepancy.

Kellen Baker, Board of Elections chairman, said he agreed with neither the court's decision nor the election investigator's argument. Baker had filed four election

violation claims on behalf of the board that argued in favor of holding a new election for all offices.

Claims included charged that candidates did not have access to an up-to-date copy of the constitution, and that vice president-elect Matt Rippetoe was not qualified to run.

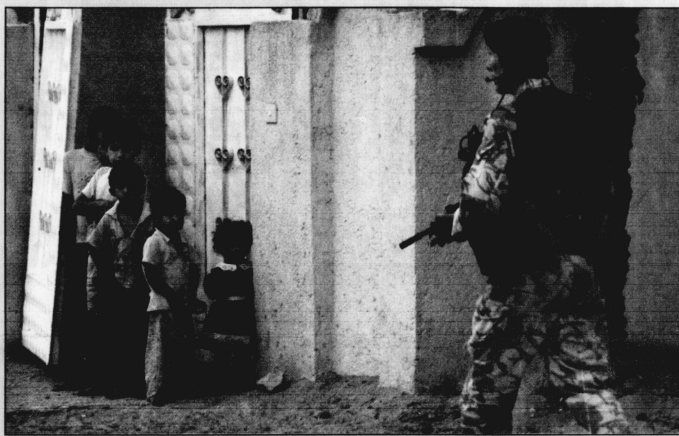
Baker arrived in the courtroom to testify with Mills, but said he refused to testify after seeing that Mills did not plan to argue the claims that were filed on the

board's behalf. "I couldn't stay for the court out of the fact that I expected to present a case on the whole election being redone," he said.

Mills said he argued what he understood to be the consensus opinion of the Board of Supervision, which was that a new election should be held only in some races.

"I don't know how they can live with themselves knowing that there were races that were so close," Baker said of the court's decision.

WAR IN IRAQ



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The innocent

Local children watch a British Royal Marine out on patrol Thursday in Basra, southern Iraq. Basra has seen several days of civil disorder that followed two weeks of fierce fighting, which ended with British coalition forces taking control of the city.

Kurds sweep northern Iraq; Bush addresses Iraqi people

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Opposition forces crumbled in northern Iraq on Thursday as U.S. and Kurdish troops seized oil-rich Kirkuk without a fight and held a second city within their grasp. U.S. commanders said signs pointed to a

last stand by Iraqis in Saddam's birthplace of Tikrit.

Despite the gains, one Marine was killed and 22 injured in a seven-hour battle in the Iraqi capital. Four more were wounded in a suicide bombing. "Baghdad's still an ugly place," said Maj. Gen. Gene Renauert.

Widespread looting persisted 24 hours after the city celebrated the regime's fall.

Striking anew at the regime leadership, coalition aircraft dropped six satellite-guided bombs on a building where Saddam's half-brother, Barzan Ibrahim Hasan al-Tikriti, was believed to be

The half brother once headed the Iraqi intelligence service, and the building in Ar Ramadi, 60 miles west of Baghdad, had served as an intelligence service operations site, said Marine Maj. Brad Barteit, a spokesman

See WAR on 2

Women share stories of Balkan War

Remember: Student project brings women together to reflect on terror in former Yugoslavia, U.S. action

By Derek Poore
STAFF WRITER

War came as a surprise to Mirjana Antic during the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, and she was forced to live in fear.

Antic and two others — Julia Bozich and Dzevadah Grohovic — shared vivid personal stories of the war in the Balkans Thursday in the WT Young Library.

"Women in War: Stories of Survival" was organized by Aumaine Mott as a part of her Gaines Center fellowship.

Mott, a Russian and East European studies junior, said she was asked to do some-

thing "community based" as a part of her junior jury project for the Center.

Mott looked to her close friends and the stories they had to tell.

The three women told their chronicles of destruction, religious prejudice, and ethnic cleansing and refugee camps, many times with tears welling up in their eyes.

"While we were walking, we had to watch where we were stepping because there were a lot of bombs hidden under the leaves," said Bozich, who was 9 years old at the time of the war. She came to the United States in 1996, when she was 16.

Grohovic, who was expecting her first child when the war began, said that instead of her first childbirth being a joyful experience, it was hell.

"All I could hear was grenades exploding," she said. "Being in labor at that point wasn't important at all. Saving someone's life was more important."

Grohovic's family was forced to flee their homes, and refugee camps were isolated and overcrowded.

"60,000 people in the middle of nowhere," she said of the camps. "Each family was with a few bags of food and clothes."

Grohovic eventually fled to Germany, and the other two eventually sought peace elsewhere as well. All three

shared the same route, which led to the United States.

During the war, many were angry because (former Yugoslavians) was not aided sooner, Antic said.

"Most people were upset because Bosnia was part of Europe," Antic said.

Scenes of celebration in Baghdad this week praised by the three women.

"It's so nice to see freedom in Iraq after three weeks," Bozich said, adding that she wished it hadn't taken four years for the United States to rescue her country, but that she is thankful.

"So many years later I will never forget," Grohovic said with tears in her eyes. "I'll never forget that I lost the best years of my life."

Keeneland offers UK employees free day at track

By Sherri Sullivan
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This Sunday, many UK employees will be off to the races.

Keeneland Race Track is holding its first Staff Day and offering faculty and staff free admission to the track.

"Staff Day gives teachers and staff a day to get away and have a break," said Christa McAlpin a student at UK interning with Keeneland.

It's a day to honor teachers and staff."

To receive free admission all university employees must enter through the Grandstand East Gate with an employee ID.

The first 250 staff members entering the gate also receive a program of the races and events of the day and tickets for seats in the grand stands.

The two major races this Sunday include the Commonwealth Breeders' Cup Stakes and the Jenny Wiley Stakes.

This is the first Staff Day at Keeneland, but College Days have always

been a huge success, McAlpin said.

Last fall, close to 1,000 students from Kentucky and all over the United States visited the track on College day.

This year College Day is scheduled for Friday, April 18.

All students must present valid college identification cards and enter through the Grandstand East Gate to receive free admission to the track.

Kentucky Thoroughbred Association has teamed up with Keeneland this year and will give away \$10,000 in scholarships, \$1,000 given to a lucky student at the track after each race.

Keeneland gates open at 11 a.m., and the first race starts at 1:15 p.m.

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Race days are Wednesday through Sunday. General admission is \$3.00. For more information on tickets or races at Keeneland visit www.keeneland.com or contact racing@keeneland.com.

SARS case reported in Florida workplace

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ATLANTA — Federal officials said Thursday the new respiratory virus that began in Asia may have spread for the first time in a workplace in the United States.

Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said a suspected SARS virus patient who became ill after traveling to Asia may have infected a co-worker in Florida.

Gerberding said she was very concerned about the possible spread of the disease and said the Florida case is being investigated. Gerberding and Florida officials declined to name the location.

Until now, severe acute respiratory syndrome has appeared to spread only to family members or health workers who have had close contact with an infected person.

So far, a dozen people — nine family members and three health workers — had been infected in that manner. The rest of the 166 suspected cases in this country involve people who were infected while traveling in Asia.

In Florida, the possible spread was found during the health department's routine investigation of one worker's contacts. The health investigators discovered a co-worker who had a respiratory illness and placed that person on the list of suspected SARS cases.

"It is far too early to know if any of these workers have SARS," Gerberding said.

But just in case, she said the CDC will post new guidance regarding SARS for schools and the workplace.

"We are asking people to contact their clinician if they have any kind of unusual illness," she said.

Since the World Health Organization announced a worldwide alert last month about the emergence of SARS, the United States has implemented infection control policies in hospitals and among households of suspected cases.

A SARS case outside close contacts could cause health

See SARS on 2

Two students with disabilities to receive Carol Adelstein Award

By April R. Stevenson
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Two UK students will be presented with the Carol Adelstein Award this afternoon in recognition of their outstanding achievements. This award honors students with disabilities who excel academically and socially.

Sarah Newman and Robert "Sam" West will both be rewarded with \$1,000 at the award presentation. This will be the 19th year this award has been presented by UK's Disability Resource Center.

"I was shocked, grateful, surprised; it's kind of hard to put in words," West said. "I am very honored. I don't use my disability as an advantage — I take it in stride and don't let it stand in my way."



West



Newman

West graduated in 1999 from Ballard High School in the top 3 percent of his class and is currently working on a dual degree program that includes a bachelors in mechanical engineering and a masters in business administration. West has a vision impairment and is legally blind.

Newman is a graduate student in the Masters Rehabilitation Program, with a bachelors from the University of Louisville, and she was honored last year as the "Disabled Alumni of the Year" by U of L. While in Louisville, she worked with disabled children, and she currently works with the Symptom Management and Palliative Care Program at the Markey Cancer Center.

The award is named after the wife of former UK professor Michael Adelstein. Mrs. Adelstein raised a family and worked though she used a wheelchair because of polio.

"This award is a pretty big honor," said Newman, who has a spinal chord injury. "Disability or not, people should be inspired to follow Mrs. Adelstein's example. To have them believe in me like that means a lot to me."

The presentation will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in room 206 of the Student Center.

"This award represents leadership, involvement in extracurricular activities, academic achievements," said Jacob Karnes, director of the Disability Resource Center.

To nominate someone for this award, call Karnes at 257-2756 or email him at jkarnes@uky.edu.

SARS

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officials to consider stronger measures for controlling the disease, but Gerberding said the Florida transmission hasn't been proven yet.

"When we see an unexplained case pop up in a school or workplace that's when we are concerned the

public health containment efforts have failed," she said. "But we're not seeing that at this time."

Also on Thursday, two teams of doctors reported in a medical journal finding a newly discovered version of the coronavirus, a bug that ordinarily causes common colds, in a total of 27 people believed to have SARS. The work supports the scientific case that this virus causes the disease.

WAR

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for the U.S. Central Command in the Persian Gulf. It was not known immediately whether al-Tikriti was hit.

Increasingly, the U.S. military focus was away from the capital. Kurdish troops set off celebrations in Kirkuk when they moved in, and there were hopes that Iraqis would surrender in Mosul, another northern city on Friday.

Nearly 100 miles to the north of Baghdad, U.S. commanders said Tikrit was the likely site of a last stand by Iraqi forces — if there is to be one. Iraqi defenders were believed to have moved there from other parts of the country.

U.S.-led fighters and bombers also hit Iraqi positions near the border with Syria, where special forces were trying to prevent regime loyalists from slipping out of Iraq and to keep fighters from entering.

An American plane beamed taped addresses by President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair to Iraqis. "Your nation will soon be free," Bush said while Arabic subtitles scrolled across the screen. "The regime of Saddam Hussein is being removed from power and a long era of fear and cruelty is ending."

While Bush, Blair and their commanders talked of a new life for Iraqis, Saddam's whereabouts remained unknown and there were fresh reminders that

the war was not over.

In northern Iraq, Lt. Col. Robert Waltemeyer, commander of a special forces unit, said troops would enter the city of Mosul "in a matter of hours or days."

Gen. Babakir Zebari, a Kurdish commander, said remnants of Saddam's Bath party and Iraqi military commanders in Mosul had offered to surrender on condition that the U.S.-led bombing stopped and they received amnesty.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said some of the Iraqi forces inside the city had stacked their weapons in accordance with U.S. surrender demands. Waltemeyer said the U.S. military would meet with representatives from Mosul on Friday morning in an attempt to negotiate a surrender, although he said, "I'm not here to make deals."

Kurdish forces, which have battled Saddam for years, triggered celebrations in Kirkuk when they reached the city, an ancestral home and gateway to Iraq's northern oilfields.

In a scene reminiscent of downtown Baghdad Wednesday, joyous residents toppled a statue of Saddam, then stomped it and hit it with their shoes — a serious insult in the Arab world. "USA" was spraypainted on the base of the statue.

Local residents cheered the passing Kurdish forces and pelted them with roses.

Hours later, a suicide blast injured four Marines shortly after dark in downtown Baghdad. No further details were available.

Your nation will soon be free. The regime of Saddam Hussein is being removed from power...

— President George Bush, during a television address to the Iraqi people

Local journal puts students in limelight

Imaginative literature: *Limestone* magazine focuses on aspiring writers in the Bluegrass area

By Robbie Clark
ASSISTANT SCENE EDITOR

A biannual literary journal is now available showcasing UK, national and international talent.

Limestone magazine, though not exclusively restricted to local flair, tries to promote new writers in the Bluegrass, said Emily Biggs, an editor-in-chief of *Limestone* and UK graduate student.

"We want this to be a UK journal," she said, "and give beginning writers a venue for their writing."

The periodical features not only writing, such as poetry and fiction, but black and white photography and artwork.

Biggs said that the majority of the artists in this issue of *Limestone* have never had their work printed, which is a factor the editors look for.

"We have a preference for unpublished writers," Biggs said.

During the process of selecting which art will be included in each issue of *Limestone*, editors and readers must sift through more than 3,000 submissions. Deciding which compositions to publish is a "democratic process" and nobody at *Limestone* has a final say in the selection process, Biggs said.

Limestone magazine has been published under its current name since 1976. Before then it was known as *Stylus*.

"It's nice to be a part of the continuity," Biggs said. One of the reasons

Limestone has endured is because of the committed volunteers who contribute to the production. The creation of the periodical is "completely volunteer." Biggs said.

"It's just a bunch of people who enjoy writing and the process," she said. This is the first year, however, that *Limestone* offers a paid undergraduate internship position.

Applications for the job are available on the 12th floor of the Patterson Office Tower.

Copies of this edition of *Limestone* are available at local bookstores and will be sold April 14-17 in front of the Student Center. They cost \$6.

Considering this issue of *Limestone*, Biggs said she was happy to work with this caliber of talent.

"It's nice to get some of these people on their way up," she said.

"I hope this will be an encouragement to aspiring writers in the area."

Your name in print

Limestone magazine is currently taking submissions for the fall 2003 edition of the periodical. Deadline is April 30.

Poetry: writers should limit poetry submissions to five or less.

Fiction: submissions should be no longer than 15 pages, double-spaced.

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Williams' decision affects several coaches, programs



Travis Hubbard
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

Don't feel sorry for Roy Williams.

The Kansas coach in search of his first national title lost for the sixth time in six Final Four appearances Monday against Syracuse in the NCAA title game.

The long-suffering coach fell to another veteran coach, Jim Boheim, who had compiled an impressive coaching resumé, but also lacked the supreme credential.

Don't feel sorry for him because of the unwanted media attention he received during the Final Four weekend as a result of Matt Doherty's resignation at North Carolina. With North Carolina pursuing the former Tar Heel assistant, Williams refused to do the obvious — say he wasn't interested in the Chapel Hill job in order to rid himself and his team of the distraction.

The truth is, Kansas may have been distracted, but the Jayhawks lost because Syracuse couldn't miss in the second half and KU couldn't keep up. Or catch up.

Roy's history of getting out-coached in big games had more to do with his sixth loss in eight games at the Final Four than all the speculation of his next stop.

Don't feel sorry for him because of his shaky relationship with Kansas Athletic Director Al Bohl — who was disposed of Wednesday — either. Bohl alleges Williams got the AD fired because of their personal differences. While Williams has denied asking for Bohl's dismissal, Kansas knew any chance of retaining Williams may have hinged on his relationship with the athletic department.

So while his athletic director is out of a job, Williams gets to choose between Kansas and North Carolina — two of the three winningest programs in the history of college basketball.

Poor Roy. Not only will Williams get to choose between his two dream jobs (and surely get a huge raise either way), but he gets to be the center of the basketball universe for at least this weekend. And his decision is sure to affect almost a dozen other coaches.

If Williams doesn't move to UNC (and I doubt he rejects the Tar Heels a second time. He can't tell his mentor, Dean Smith, no) then the Tar Heels' second choice would likely be former Tar Heel and former Kansas coach Larry Brown, who is currently with the Philadelphia 76ers.

If Brown took the job, UK coach Tubby Smith would be on Philly's short list of candidates. Smith has a good relationship with the Sixers' ownership and has always been intrigued by the possibility of coaching in the pros while waiting patiently for the Philly job to open up. Even if Brown doesn't leave Philly, Tubby might be the top candidate outside the North Carolina bloodlines to replace Doherty.

Meanwhile, UK AD Mitch Barnhart has tried to sweeten up Tubby's deal to deter the coach from any other job. But he sure that Smith will wait until all the chips fall before signing his Orlando Smith on the dotted line.

The most remarkable twist of the whole scenario is that in the same offseason four of the most prestigious jobs in college basketball could open up. UCLA has already hired Ben Howland to replace Steve Lavin, North Carolina is trying to sway Williams from Kansas, and UK may have to find a replacement for Smith if he gets the NBA bug.

And Kansas and Kentucky could end up fighting over the same applicants.

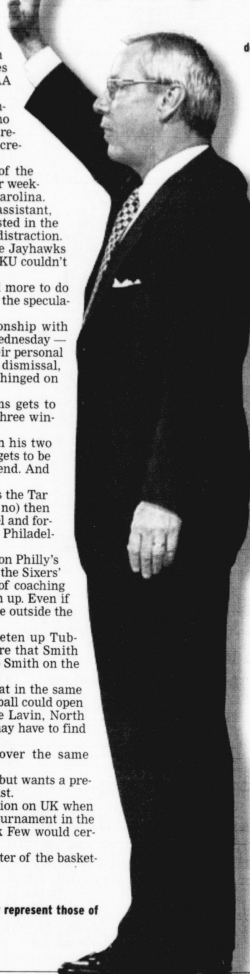
Bill Self, a former Kansas assistant, is happy at Illinois but wants a premier job. UK, UCLA, Kansas and Carolina would be on his list.

And Tom Crean left an impressive preliminary impression on UK when his Marquette Golden Eagles thumped the Cats out of the tournament in the Elite Eight. His name, along with Self and Gonzaga's Mark Few would certainly come up should either job open up.

But it all depends on Roy Williams. He gets to be the center of the basketball universe for one weekend.

This time he can't lose.

Travis Hubbard is a journalism senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



Next ...

Roy Williams must decide this weekend whether he wants to stay at Kansas, where he has become a coaching legend, or begin a new legacy at North Carolina, where he served as an assistant under Dean Smith. Other coaches are waiting for Williams' decision before deciding to stay put or seek a position at Kansas or North Carolina.

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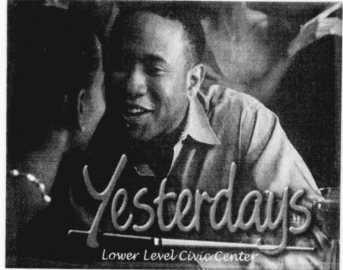
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IN OUR OPINION

SG court decision mirrors last year's farcical elections

Last night, Student Governments Supreme Court proved once again that an SG election can't go by without the process being turned into a mockery of democracy.

The court voted 4-1 to uphold last week's election, even though a huge discrepancy was found among the voting totals. The number of votes registered at the polls and the number of voters who were double-checked by poll workers was off by 171 votes.

While this didn't necessarily matter in the presidential election — even if president-elect Rachel Watts had forfeited 171 votes to runner-up David Hutchinson, she would have still won the election — every senate race could have been affected by the discrepancy. In fact, in some elections, the winner's margin of victory was less than five votes.

SG election investigator Eric Mills said that either poll workers didn't properly record which students were voting, or the machines were broken

into and the extra votes cast that way. The fact that poll workers messed up, or that the polls were possibly broken into, raises a cloud of suspicion against the integrity of the entire election.

If the polls were indeed broken into, and it wasn't worker error, who's to say that a number of the votes cast couldn't have been altered from one candidate to another?

Of course, it seems like SG can't hold an election without some kind of controversy ensuing. It's the same show, with an all new season: Student Government Election Mishaps 2003. Students were shocked last year as polls were closed, hundreds of students were denied their chance to vote and dozens of election violation claims were brought against incumbent Tim Robinson, who won the presidency by less than 50 votes.

How can students have any faith in next year's SG Senate, since the entire election was botched? To restore integrity to SG, the Supreme Court should have voted to have another election.

It seems like SG can't hold an election without some kind of controversy ensuing."

Celebrities should admit they were wrong

The thought of Janeane Garafalo prostrating herself before the feet of George W. Bush makes the sadist in me giddy. If the posterchild for the Hollywood anti-war braintrust has any interest in keeping her word, that fantasy will become reality.

Before the war began a mere three weeks ago, Garafalo made the rounds on the cable news shows, boring the nation with her predictions of catastrophe in Iraq. I'll at least salute her for defending her position in the face of educated commentators in live debate, unlike the majority of her cronies — who are very adept at jabbing the president and making infantile statements in front of any camera they can find, then disappearing behind a curtain with their Oscar.

In one of her appearances, Garafalo blessed us all with her prophetic wisdom, explaining that Iraqi civilians wouldn't welcome U.S. troops in their country. Bill O'Reilly proposed a hypothetical scenario to Garafalo, asking how she'd react if U.S. marines marched into Baghdad, and throngs of Iraqi civilians were seen celebrating with our troops, waving the American flag and praising our deeds. Garafalo promised that if



Josh Sullivan
 ASST. DIALOGUE EDITOR

such an outlandish thing happened, she'd deliver flowers and fruitcake to the White House, apologizing to George W. Bush while kneeling on broken glass.

Time to pay the piper. Of course, I don't expect Janeane to go to such Arthurian lengths to admit how dead wrong she was. A simple apology will do. The images broadcast to the world from central Baghdad this week have proved which school of thought had it right.

I seriously doubt Garafalo and her compatriots will have the courage to admit their mistakes, though. Celebrities, and unruly war protesters in general, seem to have a problem accepting the idea that their actions may in fact bring about consequences they don't like.

Hollywood stars seem shocked at the criticism they've received from the American public. Protesters who break the law don't tend to like it too well when they are handcuffed and dragged to police cruisers, or shot with rubber bullets when trying to disrupt shipments of military supplies to our troops in Iraq.

But when it comes to celebrities, we shouldn't be upset to learn how low they'll stoop and how ignorant they truly are. In fact, there's something inherently funny about a college dropout who plays a fake president on TV professing to know more about world affairs than a real president with degrees from Harvard and Yale. The most alarming development in the anti-war movement was

that it seemed like these childish superstars were writing the copy for much of America's "elite" media.

Editorials from prominent papers like the New York and L.A. Times predicted nothing but doom and despair in Iraq. Writers and retired generals who have been years removed from military service claimed that any hopes of a grateful Iraqi civilian population celebrating our victory were reckless fantasy. Since the war began, many of these papers have been spending their time and effort tirelessly working to defend their original positions, rather than accepting the fact that they were wrong, and admitting so on their editorial pages.

But I don't need the New York Times or Sean Penn to analyze what we all saw this week. Iraqi civilians embraced our soldiers and helped them pull down statues of Saddam Hussein, then danced through the streets of their capital, cheering for our troops and our president. Scores of Iraqi refugees in Michigan took to the streets in elation, brandishing American flags and homemade signs expressing their gratitude.

Under current circumstances, their opinions matter much more than any of ours.

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READER RESPONSE

War protesters love dissent, hate criticism

To the editor:

Between Susan Sarandon, music celebrities and even those on campus upset that people are criticizing their opposition to the war, the idea of freedom of speech and thought are getting quite the workout. Opponents of the war have been very visible and vocal in their disparagement of the conflict and this administration. But a surprising backlash to this wave of protest has resulted in the protesters now saying it is unfair when they become the focus of current criticism — a protest of the protesters, if you will.

Nowhere is this more true than in the entertainment industry. Long a bastion of left-wing politics, many in the entertainment industry were among the first to organize protests and appearances to espouse their strong opposition to the war in Iraq, culminating in peace pins and Michael Moore's weak "shame on you, Mr. Bush" tirade at the Academy Awards Ceremony.

On the European leg of their current tour, country entertainers The Dixie Chicks voiced their views in concert, and singer Natalie Maines went as far as to publicly claim that the Chicks were "ashamed that President Bush was from Texas."

Then the backlash begins, as Americans voice their own opinions on Moore, Sarandon and The Dixie Chicks in public exchange of free speech and thought, the same vehicle used by the opposition, and boycotts and "CD crushes" organized by radio stations attuned to listeners' frustrations. The entertainers' advocacy of this exchange stops here, though, and many in the industry voice concerns that attempts are being made to curtail their freedom of speech and first amendment rights.

I think the thing that everyday Americans acutely discern about these public assertions is that stars want it both ways. They want to use the status of their celebrity as a forum for voicing their political opposition to a popular president and a war most Americans support because of a perceived threat in a post 9/11 world. But when it comes to the other side of this double-edged sword, celebrities cry foul when people criticize them and extol the opposing view.

Ms. Sarandon voiced concerns that we live in a country where her critics and their attempted "oppression" of a view unilaterally criticizing the president and his administration (with the war thrown in as the current point of contention, of course) weighs heavy on her heart and "scars her" and that the current backlash experienced by The Dixie Chicks was unwarranted because they had every right to voice their political views.

I couldn't agree more. The Dixie Chicks, Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins and Sean Penn all have a right to voice their opposition to this administration, to this war, and to apple pie and paper clips if they so choose. This is a freedom the men and women fighting in Iraq are laying their lives on the line daily for, part of the many freedoms that a regime such as Hussein's would have put in serious threat had he greater access to and advancement of the weapons of mass destruction that the UN itself deemed he already had.

But let's not forget that my freedoms and the freedoms of non-entertainment industry Americans are just as valid, and it is my freedom not to buy your music or see your movies and my freedom of speech to voice my unilateral opposition to you.

BOBBY CHAVIRA
 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT JUNIOR

When it comes to the other side of this double-edged sword, celebrities cry foul when people criticize them and extol the opposing view.

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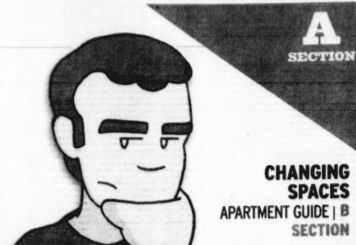
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Seven U.S. POWs released by Iraqi troops

Hunt: Rumsfeld says Iraqi leaders are escaping to Syria; search for Saddam, DNA tests on corpses continue

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U.S. forces met sporadic resistance Sunday in their move on Tikrit, birthplace of Saddam Hussein, after splitting to safety seven missing American soldiers released by a band of Iraqi troops.

Marines assembled on Tikrit's outskirts and sent units in and out of the city, drawing occasional small-

arms fire and rocket-propelled grenade.

The city is the last center of Saddam loyalists known to the allies, who are turning their attention to the task of scouring towns they skipped in the race to Baghdad.

"We have simply by-passed villages and towns," said Gen. Tommy Franks, the war commander. "And now we will go to each and every

one of them, and be sure that we don't have some last, small stronghold in that country."

Three weeks after Iraqis seized them and put them on TV, the seven ex-POWs were escorted to a Marine unit on the road to Tikrit by a group of Iraqi soldiers.

The seven walked — some ran — into a transport plane that flew them to Kuwait for checkups, treatment for those who needed it, and briefings.

U.S. officials, trying to de-

termine whether the vanished Iraqi president is dead, said forensics experts had samples of Saddam's DNA and would try to find a match from bodies recovered in the bomb and missile attacks most likely to have killed him.

And on the war's other deep puzzle, the location of any Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, U.S. forces reported they held a variety of Iraqi officials, including a half-



U.S. Army pilots Chief Warrant Officer David Williams of Orlando, Fla., and Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Young Jr. of Little Springs, Ga., who had been held as POWs by Iraqi forces, are escorted onto a transport plane April 13.

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Candidates disagree on court ruling

By Paul Leighty
STAFF WRITER

Candidates in the Student Government elections voiced varying degrees of support for the SG Supreme Court decision upholding the results of the election.

The court ruled 4-1 Thursday that the discrepancy of 171 votes in the election results would not justify overturning any of the races, although some were determined by fewer than five votes.

Presidential candidate David Hutchinson said the court's ruling was biased because three justices were nominated by former President Tim Robinson. He said the SG constitution is also too vague to provide a clear basis for decisions. "When there's a vague rule, no one knows how to enforce it," he said.

Justice Michael Walker said the election had been poorly conducted, but overturning it would set a precedent that might require overturning future elections.

He said he was less concerned about the election than the integrity of SG. "I really believe the organization as a whole is a ludicrous waste of resources," he said.

Presidential candidate Kyle Jewell said the court's ruling on the vote discrepancy was justified.

However, Jewell said he questions the eligibility of vice president-elect Matt Rippetoe to run, because he might not have met a GPA requirement.

Hutchinson and Kellen Baker, Elections Board chairman, both filed election rule violation claims after the election to contest Rippetoe's eligibility. All claims are still under investigation.

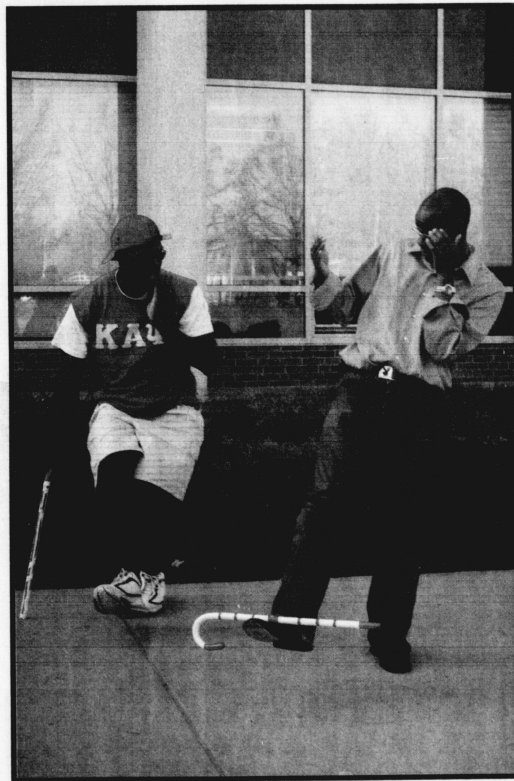
Baker said that an administrator had verified that Rippetoe did not meet the constitutional GPA requirement of 2.3.

Neither Rippetoe nor President-elect Rachel Watts could be reached for comment. Both had said they will not comment on specific claims.

"Everybody has a right to file any kind of claim," Rippetoe said in an interview last week.

One candidate who lost in a bid for College of Pharmacy senator said the ruling didn't bother him. Bob James, who lost by one vote said, "the only people that voted for the College of Pharmacy voted at the [UK Chandler]

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Kappa week

Electrical engineering senior Nathan Owen III, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, and Chris Walker, a visiting Kappa from Hampton University, perform some moves with red and white canes, a Kappa symbol. They were at an annual Kappa Week picnic outside of Haggin Hall Saturday.

Student charged with 2nd assault

Update: A second fraternity pledge had charged student with luring him to his home, beating him

By Emily Hagedorn
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

By Andrea Uhde
NEWS EDITOR

The student charged with assaulting a UK fraternity pledge is also charged with assaulting a pledge from a different fraternity a month earlier.

Jared Keith Moore, 21, of High Point, N.C., who was once a resident adviser in Kirwan II, has been charged with sexual abuse by one pledge and second degree assault and first degree unlawful imprisonment by another.

The latter charges say that Moore, posing as an ac-

tive member of the fraternity called a fraternity pledge March 9 and asked the pledge to jog jogging that afternoon.

The pledge, thinking Moore was a fraternity brother wanting to get to know him, tried to get out of the phone to run behind his truck when he drove by. The pledge did this, and then Moore stopped the truck, blindfolded the pledge and took him to his basement.

The summary also states: Moore told the pledge on the phone to run behind his truck when he drove by. The pledge did this, and then Moore stopped the truck, blindfolded the pledge and took him to his basement.

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Student, professor advance study of illegible documents

Uncovering a mystery: Student uses digital imaging to transcribe Old English texts ruined by fire, water

By Kelly Upchurch
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The difficulty of reading original ancient manuscripts that have been illegible for centuries may be solved with the work of a UK graduate and a professor.

Linda Cantara, who was one of the first UK graduate students to produce an electronic thesis, used digital imaging to transcribe Old English texts that were illegible due to fire, water damage and aging.

"She meticulously transcribed these formerly illegible readings and compared them with the text from another well-preserved manuscript," said Kevin Kiernan, UK English professor. She could tell the difference between the original manuscript and the ruined one, he said.

Kiernan, who has an international reputation for working on a Beowulf manuscript and who pioneered the work in digital imaging of Old English texts, directed Cantara's thesis.

The subject of Cantara's project, St. Mary of Egypt, was a fourth century prostitute who repented of her sinful occupation at age 29 and served penance the rest of her life. The original manuscript had been severely damaged due to a fire in 1731. Cantara used the digital imaging to restore the original version.

It just boggles my mind because she is doing this in Old English and it is all

hand written," said James O'Reilly, associate dean of the graduate school. "It takes a trained eye and experience, even if you know Old English, to read what these people have written because the letters hardly look like the letters we use today," he said.

The process involves acquiring images of damaged texts in normal light with a digital camera to get an image of what the page looks like to the naked eye. The pages are then illuminated with ultraviolet light that can penetrate pigments deep down, causing a glow revealing what may be the original version, O'Reilly said.

He said the scholarly process is to take the fluorescent version and establish the difference between what is seen by the naked eye and what writing or image may have been on the original copy.

"The original manuscripts were also altered by repair attempts by scribes who, in the process, inserted a different word or image," O'Reilly said. "Now we can reveal the original version."

Cantara received the 2000 Council of Southern Graduate Schools Master Thesis Award for work in the Arts and Humanities division.

"I was pretty shocked when they told me I won," Cantara said. "I thought it was an honor enough to represent UK."

Maureen Grasso, chair-
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Phat ride

Pre-pharmacy sophomore Kaleb Blair and pre-nursing freshman Taneisha Pratt check out EKV graduate Ben Richirawani's (far right) modified 1996 Honda Civic at Saturday's Phat Car Show. The show, sponsored by UK's Student Activities Board, drew roughly 150 cars, with participants' families and friends, as well as outside spectators, attending the event.

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brother of Saddam. Other figures from the Saddam era have escaped into Syria, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said. Syria's deputy ambassador to the United States, Imad Moustapha, denied his country was taking in Iraqis. However, one example of cooperation stood out Sunday: the delivery of the seven POWs into U.S. hands. Capt. David Romley said Marines were met by Iraqi soldiers north of Samarra who approached the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Company and had the Americans with them. Another spokesman for the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Capt. Neil Murphy, said those Iraqis had been

abandoned by their officers and "realizing that it was the right thing to do, they brought these guys back." Two helicopter crewmen and five members of the 507th Maintenance Company convoy who were ambushed March 23 were let go. Two had gunshot wounds, Franks said. Before Sunday, 12 soldiers had been listed as POWs or missing in action. U.S. officials said Sunday that Watban Ibrahim Hasan, an adviser and half brother of Saddam, was recently picked up en route to Syria. Saddam's science adviser surrendered Saturday. With U.S. troops guarding banks and hospitals, parts of Baghdad began to return to normal Sunday. Shops reopened and people who had fled began streaming home. In Mosul, a U.S. Special Forces soldier was shot and wounded Sunday while on a security patrol.

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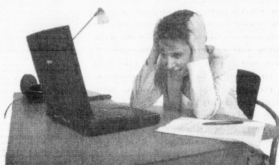
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part of the pledging process, discussed what had happened with the fraternity members at a pledge meeting. The brothers told him they were not involved in what happened. According to the court summary, weeks later, Moore called another pledge from the same fraternity and told him the same thing he had told the other pledge. The pledge knew what was going on. Some of the pledges followed Moore to get his license plate number. A charge of sexual abuse against Moore, a senior in the College of Communications and Information Studies, states that he called a pledge April 2 and took the pledge to a wooded

area around the Lansdowne Shopping Center, where he blindfolded and handcuffed the pledge to a tree and flogged him. Moore also assaulted him with a wooden fraternity paddle, reports said. Moore, a former member of Phi Sigma Kappa, is charged with videotaping the victim using a video camera loaned to him for academic purposes from the College of Communications and Information Services. According to UK employment records and Residence Life, Moore was an RA in Kirwan II between August 2000 and December 2001. Res Life runs background checks on its job applicants, said Tony Ralph, associate director of Res Life. While the specifics of Moore leaving his position are not available, Ralph said the reason for it probably wasn't out of the ordinary. "Most people just move on," he said.



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woman of the Master Theses Award committee, said Cantara's work was ranked highest among submitted theses by eight deans from universities across the South. "All theses are reviewed thoroughly by innovation, methodology, contribution of field, clarity of style and presentation" and scholarship, said Grasso. Kwaku Addo, associate dean in the UK Graduate School, accepted Cantara's award on her behalf on Feb. 23 in Tampa, Fla. The award included \$500 and a plaque. Cantara, who has earned three degrees — a bachelor of arts in English, a master of science in library science and a master of arts in English — is now a Metadata librarian at Indiana University in Bloomington.

What is an electronic thesis?

An electronic thesis or dissertation contains everything the traditional thesis does, but it has the advantage of being displayed on the World Wide Web and archived electronically. Other advantages of an electronic thesis, according to the UK electronic thesis Web site and the University of Cincinnati Web site: It provides greater access to a student's research — anyone browsing the Web can view his or her work. This contributes worldwide to graduate education and aids research for the scholarly community. New electronic tools give the ability to express ideas with high-resolution images, video and audio clips.

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Medical Center ... I'm sure it wouldn't have affected me." The Medical Center polling place was the only one where vote discrepancies were not recorded. Other senate candidates said they feel strongly about the court's decision. "They ruled the correct way that I think they should have," said Megan Gentry, who was re-elected as an at-large senator. Marissa Payne, who lost in a bid for College of Communication senator, said she isn't happy about the way the elections went. "It's pretty obvious ... SG doesn't know how to run an election or that people have found ways to cheat," she said.

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Canadian triumphs in Masters playoff

Sweet swing: Mike Weir becomes the second lefty to win a major

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — A Maple Leaf grows among the towering pines of Augusta National.

Mike Weir became the first Canadian to win the Masters, making two clutch pars to force a playoff with Len Mattiace, and winning on the first extra hole with a simple tap-in for bogey.

The green jacket Tiger Woods had hoped to slip on for a record third year in a row is going north of the border.

Weir, who only five years ago had to toil through PGA Tour qualifying rounds, closed with a bogey-free 68 on a school, closed with a bogey-free 68 on a school, dramatic Sunday at Augusta National, then let Mattiace make all the mistakes in the first Masters playoff in 13 years.

Weir had to sweat over a 5-foot putt on the 17th and a 6-footer on the 18th, as Mattiace waited on the practice green among chairs that were set up for the fabled green jacket ceremony.

Minutes later, Weir leaned over to tap in for his only bogey of the day, then raised his arms and embraced his longtime friend and caddy, Brennan Little.

What a breakthrough — not only was he the first Canadian to win a major championship, he became the first left-hander to win a major since Bob Charles in the 1963 British Open.

The other lefty — Phil Mickelson — had a 4-under 68 for his best closing round at the Masters, but it still left him empty after 43 tries in a major championship. Mickelson finished third at 5-under.

Matiace watched a brilliant day at Augusta National crumble quickly.

He chipped in for birdie, holed a 60-foot putt on No. 10, and charged through the back nine on a mission to build a two-stroke lead. But Mattiace bogeyed the 18th for a 65, and he never had a chance in the playoff.

From the middle of the 10th fairway, he hooked his approach wildly to the left and then chipped some 30 feet by the hole. His par putt nearly went off the green, and Mattiace wound up with a double bogey.

Both finished at 7-under 281, the

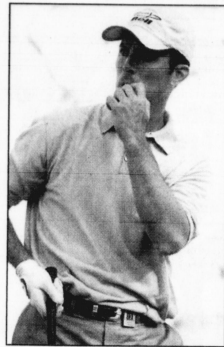


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Nerves

Mike Weir watches an approach shot yesterday. He defeated Len Mattiace in a sudden-death playoff at the Masters.

highest winning score at the Masters since 1969.

Until Sunday, the most nervous Weir has ever felt was watching Canada win the gold medal in hockey at the Salt Lake City Olympics.

"This was definitely nerve-racking," Weir said. "I tried to gather myself on each putt. Every putt on this golf course is tough."

All of them mattered until the end, when Mattiace chopped up the 10th and struggled to hold back tears when he realized how close he had come.

Woods, who stumbled to a 75, slipped the coveted green jacket over Weir's shoulders.

"Thanks, Tig," Weir told him. "It feels good."

"Unbelievable," Weir said. "It's something I've dreamt of, something I worked very hard at. I'm having a hard time putting it into words because words won't do it justice."

Freshman clinches Senior Day victory

By Jeff Patterson
STAFF WRITER

Whenever the UK women's tennis team needs a clutch win, the Cats turn to dynamic freshman Shannon Stough.

With UK saying goodbye to five seniors Saturday on Senior Day, they relied on Stough to break a 3-3 tie in team points. After losing the first set 2-6 to Vanderbilt's Annie Menees, Stough rallied the Cats to a 4-3 victory over the Commodores, defeating Menees 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

"She has done this six or seven times this season," said UK coach Mark Guilbeau. "She has had a career in less than a year."

It was the first win over Vanderbilt (17-4, 8-3 Southeastern Conference) for Guilbeau in his seven years at UK (20-6, 9-2 SEC). The victory clinched a second-place finish in the Southeastern Conference, UK's highest in 16 years.

"It is the best thing ever in the history of coaching tennis for me," Guilbeau said.

After three straight VU singles victories to tie UK at 3-3, the action on court six decided the match.

"I was really nervous in the first set and I couldn't move," Stough said. On match point, Stough jumped up 30-love, but Menees claimed a 40-30 lead. Stough forced three deuce points by running Menees all over the court.

On match point, Stough forced an exhausted Menees to lob her return long to claim the victory.

"It is a fairy-tale ending just for the seniors," Stough said. "They put in so much work and effort and dedication that they deserve this to move into the top 10 on senior day."

The 11th-ranked doubles team of Sarah Witten and Amy Trefethen beat Sarah Riske and Aleke Tsoubanos 8-4. "We are on a roll," Trefethen said. "We're doing well so anything can happen."

UK's other double victory came from Nathalie Roels and Shannon Stafford who defeated Ashley Schellas and Menees 6-1. Andra Palk and Kelly Schmandt led Vandy to its lone doubles win over UK seniors Leigh Bradley and Jill Buckley.

The UK seniors — Bradwell, Buckley, Stafford, Trefethen and Witten — aim for an SEC Tournament title starting Thursday.

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MEETINGS	Mon 14
*Revival Bible Study, 7:00pm, Commons Market, Rm. 305A, FREE!	
*Feminist Alliance Meeting, 7:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 106	
*Freshmen Games, 7:00pm, CSF Building	
*Bible Study, 7:30pm, off Campus	
*American Civil Liberties Union Meeting, 8:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 231	
*Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106	
*Rock Climbing Club, 8:00pm, Climo Time	
LECTURE	
*Veritas Forum, 7:00pm, Memorial Hall	
ACADEMIC	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 10:00am-2:00pm & 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 Classroom Building	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307	
*French Tutoring, 3:00-5:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby	
*French Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307	
*Anti-War Peace Strail, 11:30pm, Patterson Office Tower Plaza	
*UK Views, 12:00pm-2:00pm, Student Center, Rm. Small Ballroom	
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION	
*Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.	
MEETINGS	Tues 15
*Anime, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 119	
*TNT Worship Service, 7:30pm, 428 Columbia Ave	
*Conversational English Class, 3:00pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Green Thumb Environmental Club Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106	
*Leftist Student Union Meeting, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228	
*UK Berean Bible Study, 8:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 113	
*Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7:15pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 230, Free!	
*The Rock, 5:00pm, Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter house	
ACADEMIC	
*Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
*Biology, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
*Physics Tutoring, (All 100 level courses & 211/213), 6:00-9:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch	
*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
*The Kwon Do practice, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
ARTS/MOVIES	
*UK Lab Band Concert, 7:30pm, Singletary Center, Free!	
*Lisa's Pioneer Diary, 7:00pm, William T. Young Library Auditorium	
MEETING	Wed 16
*Encounter, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 230	
*Institute of Religion/Dogma and Covenants Study, Noon, Student Center, Rm. 119	
*Dressage Team, 3:00pm, Campus, 2nd floor conference room	
*Landscape Society Meeting, 6:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 106	
*Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 8:00pm, CSF Building, Corner of Woodland and Columbia	
*Table Française, French conversation group, 3:00-4:30pm, Student Center, Rm. 228	
*College Democrats Meeting, 7:45pm, Student Center, Rm. 211	
*Space and Eternal Life: the introductory meeting of Buddhists, 6:00pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 111	
ACADEMIC	
*Chemistry Tutoring, (All 100 Level courses), 8:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*Biology, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307	
*Beginning and Intermediate Japanese Tutoring, 7:00-8:30pm, Young Library, check the directory desk for the room	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 10:00-2:00pm, Math Resource Center 063 Classroom Building	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Holmes Hall Lobby	
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*Physics Tutoring, (All 100 level courses & 211/213), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons, Rm. 307	
*French Tutoring, 4:00-6:00pm, Keeneland Hall Lobby	
SPORTS	
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch	
*Equipment Team, 8:00pm, Ap. North Building	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*LAPASTA, 4:30-8:30pm, Kappa House 238 East Maxwell Street	
ARTS/MOVIES	
*German Film Series, 7:00pm, WT Young Library Auditorium, Free!	
MEETINGS	Thur 17
*UK Lambda, 7:30pm, UK Student Center, Rm. 231	
*Institute of Religion: History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12:00-12:30pm, UK Medical Building 3rd Floor	
*Deviations & Lunch, 12:00pm, 429 Columbia Ave, \$1.00	
*Freshmen Focus, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Conversational English Class, 7:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Synergy, 8:00pm, CSF Building	
*Annex International Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 228	
*Antarctic Radio Club, 7:00-9:00pm, Chemistry Physics, Rm. 143	
*International Conversation Hour, 6:00-9:00pm, MLK Jr. Cultural Center, Old Student Center, Free!	
ACADEMIC	
*Career 911 Last Minute Job Search, 3:30-4:30pm, Career Center	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 2:00pm-6:00pm, Math Resource Center, 063 CB	
*UK Shaolin-Do Karate Club, 5:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
*Women's Rugby Practice, 4:45-7:00pm, Rugby Pitch	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*Ham Radio License Training Class, 7:00-9:00pm, Chem-Physics Building, Rm. 163, Free!	
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION	
*Self Defense/Kempo class, 6:30-8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.	
ARTS/MOVIES	
*UK Jazz Ensemble, 7:30pm, Singletary Center, Free!	
MEETINGS	Fri 18
*International Christian Fellowship, 7:00pm, St. Augustine's Chapel	
SPECIAL EVENTS	
*La Ra Resistance Française, 5-6pm, Keeneland Hall	
SPORTS	
*The Kwon Do practice, 5:30-7:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
ARTS/MOVIES	
*UK Orchestra and Choral/Chorists, 7:30pm, Singletary Center, Free!	
SPORTS	Sat 19
*The Kwon Do practice, 11:00am-12:30pm, Alumni Gym Loft	
INTRAMURALS/RECREATION	
*Self Defense/Kempo class, 3:00-5:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft, Free! No experience needed.	
MEETINGS	Sun 20
*International Student Bible Study, 6:30pm, Baptist Student Union	
*Alpha Kappa Psi Executive Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Student Center, Rm. 231	
ACADEMIC	
*Math Tutoring, (All 100 level courses), 6:00-10:00pm, Commons Rm. 307	
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WEEK IN REVIEW

Here's a look back at events and issues from last week. If you want to sound off on any of these, e-mail the Dialogue desk at dialogue@kykernel.com

MONDAY

A referendum on the Student Government election ballot April 2 and 3 surveyed whether students supported an online ticket lottery. The survey showed that 1,714 students voted support the online system and 875 students voted against it, the Kernel reported.

Now that students have given their approval for an online ticket lottery system, they're looking to administrators to embrace their advice. And an athletics official said the department would try to do just that.

"We wanted to get the student opinion (anyway)," said Joe Sharpe, UK Assistant Athletic Director who directs ticket sales. "Definitely, we want to help out the students as much as we can."

Most of the students who approved the method say that an online system would take less time. Meanwhile, the students who opposed it say that the method isn't fair because it is based on a loyalty system, not first come, first serve.

Five UK programs are ranked among the top in the nation, according to the newest rankings by the U.S. News and World Report, the Kernel reported.

U.S. News ranked UK's Rural Medicine program as ninth in the country, up from 24th in 2001. The College of Nursing was ranked 29th, up from 36th in 2000, and the College of Law was ranked 51st. The College of Law was tied for 49th last year.

TUESDAY

A former UK law student has joined the ticket of Republican gubernatorial candidate Ernie Fletcher, the Kernel reported.

Stephen Pence, who attended UK's College of Law from 1978 to 1981 and graduated in 1981, announced his candidacy Monday in Lexington. He replaces Fletcher's first running mate, Hunter Bates, whom a judge ruled ineligible because Bates had spent the past few years in Virginia and didn't meet residency requirements.

Pence, 49, resigned April 9 from his post as U.S. attorney for the western district of Kentucky.

WEDNESDAY

Candidates in the April 2 and 3 Student Government elections filed about 40 "claims reports" concerning the election, the Kernel reported.

Some claims state that the election should be thrown out, and some state that certain candidates did not submit their campaign finance reports by the deadline on Friday.

Two students outside of SG have filed another claim against Election Investigator Mills — the person who prosecutes claims — saying that he is not impartial enough for his position.

THURSDAY

A student has been charged with sexual abuse after coercing another student into his car and claiming to be in his fraternity, UK police said.

On April 2, Jared Keith Moore, 21, of High Point, N.C., called the victim on the phone and took him to a wooded area around the Lansdowne Shopping Center on Tates Creek Road, according to police reports.

"He acted like he was with the fraternity and this was how you join the fraternity," said Cmdr. Travis Manley with UK Police's Communications and Information Services.

Moore is not a member of the fraternity the victim is pledging.

FRIDAY

The Student Government Supreme Court upheld the results of the April 2 and 3 election Thursday despite arguments from election officials that all or part of the election should be overturned, the Kernel reported.

The decision was 4-1, with Justice Brian Hopper dissenting. The court met in the College of Law courtroom after a discrepancy of 171 votes in the election results gave rise to suspicion of voter fraud or errors in how voting was recorded.

In explaining the majority opinion, Chief Justice Phillip Wheeler said: "There's just as much of a likelihood that this will happen next election. If we overturn this election, we'll be just as much obligated to overturn the next election."



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IN OUR OPINION

Students can represent themselves at meeting

Students disillusioned by the resignation of Student Government President Tim Robinson and problems at the polls in consecutive SG elections might prefer to simply represent themselves. This week they will have a chance to do just that.

UK will host Lexington Mayor Teresa Isaac and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council as they carry out their regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Center Theater in the Student Center.

The meeting gives UK's student body a chance to begin anew with city leaders. A strong student turnout would indicate that students are capable of taking interest in non-collegiate issues and making Lexington a better place. It would also go a long way toward re-establishing the credibility of students' voices.

Don't think city officials didn't make note of Robinson's resignation, which followed a guilty plea

for interfering with voter registration, or the fact that SG can't seem to run a clean election. In 2002 some polling places weren't open during the required hours during the 2002 election, and this year the number of votes cast on machines exceeded the number of students who voted by 171.

If students want more influence in city issues, such as a student liaison on the Urban County Council, then a strong showing Thursday is a must.

The council has affected students most recently with its passage of the Lexington Area Party Plan. It is also a player in other issues, such as the smoking ban debate and UK's collaboration with Lexington to develop a 'college town' area.

The meeting provides the ideal first step for students to put the recent SG fiascos behind them, and it's important that students take advantage of this chance.

Economic plan hardly conservative

Since his first days in office, President Bush has come under fire from moderates and liberals for being "too conservative." On issues of gay rights, women's rights, civil rights, civil liberties and social justice, I suppose I'd agree. Yet even Bush's conservative label can't disguise the liberal economic plan his administration has been pursuing, and unfortunately for our country and our economy much of the damage has already been done.

Bush's plan, as we know it so far, is to spend large amounts of money on homeland security, the military and foreign aid and have enough left over to fund "faith-based initiatives." At the same time, he intends to decrease taxes even further, eliminate some targeted taxes (those at the expense of the wealthy) altogether, and thus diminish our government's ability to pay for all his expensive programs.

Perhaps Bush has learned the lesson they don't teach you in economics 101, that of political expediency. Since budget short-

falls are an intangible irritant to most voters in our country, whilst taxes and decreased services are tangible irritants, the most politically easy way to budget is to spend money you don't have. By keeping taxes low and expenditures high, Bush is pursuing a strategy more similar to that of his father, George Bush.

Unfortunately magic money can only get you so far. Even today, as a result of unbalanced budgets before most of us were born, we spend a significant percentage of our government's money paying interest on our debts. As the debts grow, the percentage grows.

Any college student with half a brain and a Visa card knows the folly of excessive borrowing. While it may be easy to spend freely and leave a later administration to deal with the budget crunch in the future, it is fiscally irresponsible.

Bush was the first president in decades to inherit a balanced budget, despite no small effort by Reagan and Bush I to prevent that from being possible. In less than three years we are right back in the 1980s, discussing lopsided tax cuts amid news of budget deficits.

When we launched into this ill-behaved-

ten war, Bush made a point of not allowing any expenditures for the war to be included in his administration's budget. By delaying these costs, which may quickly exceed \$100 billion, he was hiding the severity of our budget crisis and the real amount his team plans to spend to run this country.

All over the country, state and local governments are desperately trying to trim costs. These government bodies often have rules requiring balanced budgets except in states of emergency; for them, economic indulgence is not an option. With our university and many others in the country sorely in need of funding, with unemployment climbing as the economy falters, another tax cut is exactly what America doesn't need.

Bush's administration would do well to delay the tax cuts, assess the true costs of the continuing war on terrorism across the world and approach budget making with a greater sense of fiscal responsibility, of fiscal conservatism. It may sound pained from a yellow-dogger like me, but anything less would be, well, un-Republican.

Andrew Grossman is a political science senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.



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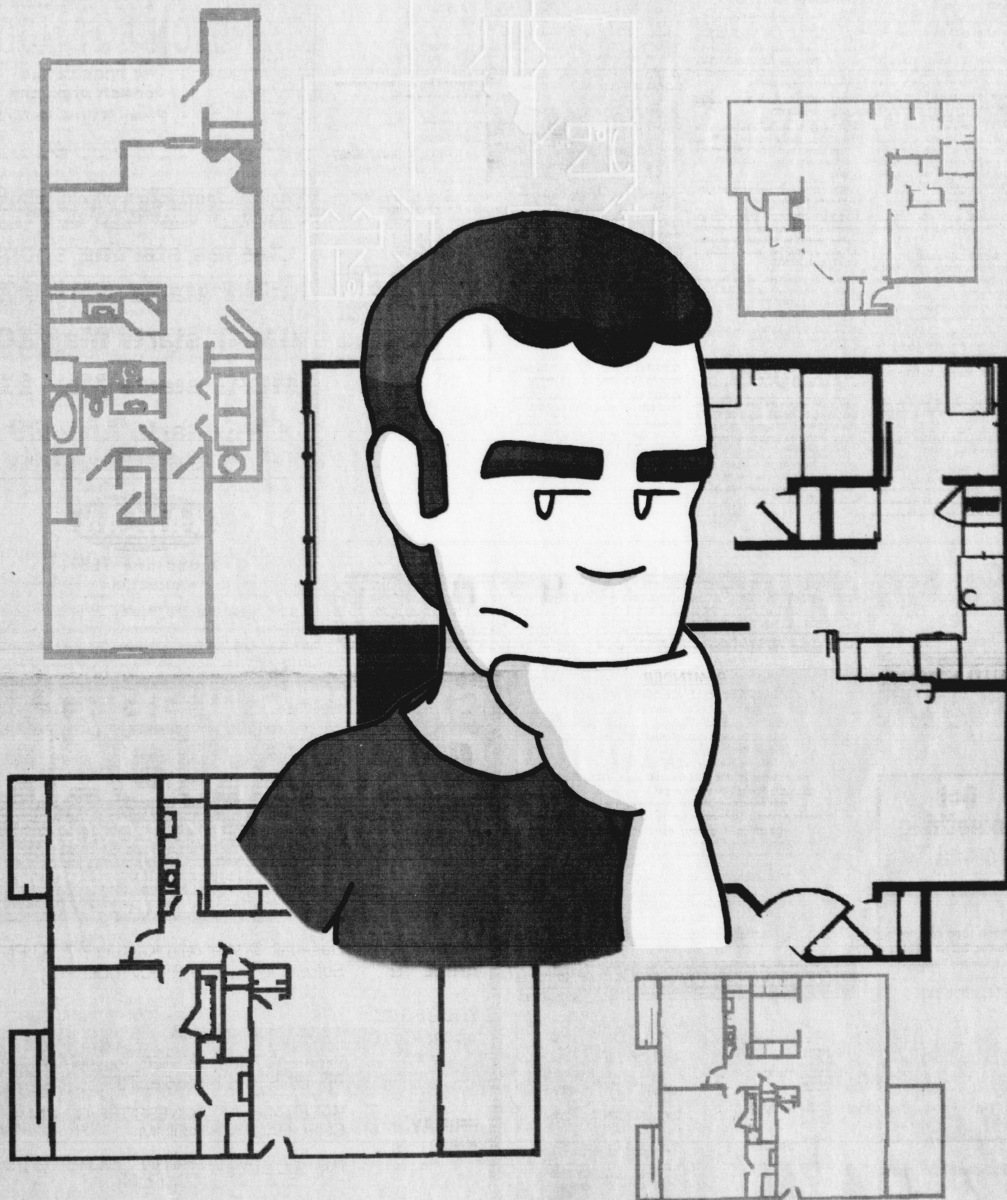
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It's Apartment Season. "For Rent" signs dot front yards. Students scan the classifieds and drive around town in search of a new place to live. Others anxiously await calls for someone – *anyone* – to sublease their apartment for the summer. Friends wonder if they'll still get along after a year in the same bedroom. The whole process can be stressful – We want to help. If you've just started your search or if you've already signed a lease, take a look at this guide. We've collected the most important questions to ask landlords, neighbors and utility companies. We've sought expert advice on dealing with roommates. We've scoured Lexington's thrift stores for secondhand furniture. We talked to the right people about how to deal with a deadbeat landlord. Maybe this will make looking for – and living in – your new apartment a little easier.

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Looking for perfection? Lower your standards

Apartment life has landed me in morning traffic jams, on the phone with police and in the dark for 17 days during the ice storm.

Each time I moved into a new apartment, I thought it was perfect.

Each time, I was wrong.

When my roommates and I chose an apartment two years ago, I shrugged off the 15-minute drive to campus. Students populate the neighborhoods surrounding campus, but they are increasingly filtering out into the suburbs for newer apartments and less expensive rent. Cheaper rent, I told myself, was more important than being able to walk to campus.

I was wrong. Halfway through the fall semester, I began to loathe the drives down Tates Creek Road each morning: the traffic lights, the backup at New Circle Road, moms in mini-vans clogging the road. Sometimes I took Chinoe Road as a shortcut, but I soon grew tired of its 35 mph speed limit.

That spring I found a one-bedroom on East Maxwell, barely a 10-minute stroll to campus. The rent was higher, but the convenience made up for it. Instead of living in a generic apartment complex, I lived somewhere unique,



Tracy Kershaw
EDITOR IN CHIEF

with high ceilings and a fireplace in my bedroom. Living this close to campus was perfect, I told myself.

I was wrong. I realized it when I heard skateboarders speeding by my window each night. Or maybe it was when I heard someone kicking my garbage can at 2 a.m. Or maybe it was having to call the police after hearing a gunshot outside my door. Or maybe it was coming home to find three police cars surrounding my apartment because a suspicious man had been seen lurking between my house and the neighbor's.

Sure, I could roll out of bed and walk to campus in five minutes, but the constant noise on the streets and strange occurrences made me leery of living there alone.

Conveniently, I had an excuse to move out. I was getting married in December, and my fiancé and I were moving in together. We found a place off Fontaine Drive in the Ashland Park neighborhood. I loved the hardwood floors, the French doors, the spacious porch, the table and benches that pulled down from the kitchen wall. We were only a few minutes drive to campus, but we weren't surrounded by parties.

It is my favorite apartment so far, but it, too, has some drawbacks. Our largest closet is in the dining room. There are only a few precious electrical outlets. And on one fateful Sunday in February, we awoke to no lights, no heat, nothing. We figured, surely, it would be only a few days before the

electricity returned.

We were wrong. Seventeen days and a slew of electrical changes to the apartment later, we had lights and heat again.

Since Ashland Park is an older neighborhood, it was one of the places last to get electricity turned back on after the ice storm. And since our apartment was wired before code restrictions required the boxes to be on the outside of the house, we couldn't get power restored to our house until the house was brought up to code.

Still, I love living in my latest college apartment. My voyage through apartment life has taught me that no matter the address, there will be problems. Living close to campus is best, if you find a safe spot, preferably with roommates. And before moving in, ask questions, many questions.

Then you might find the right place the first time.

How important is location?

Ask yourself these questions before deciding on an apartment.

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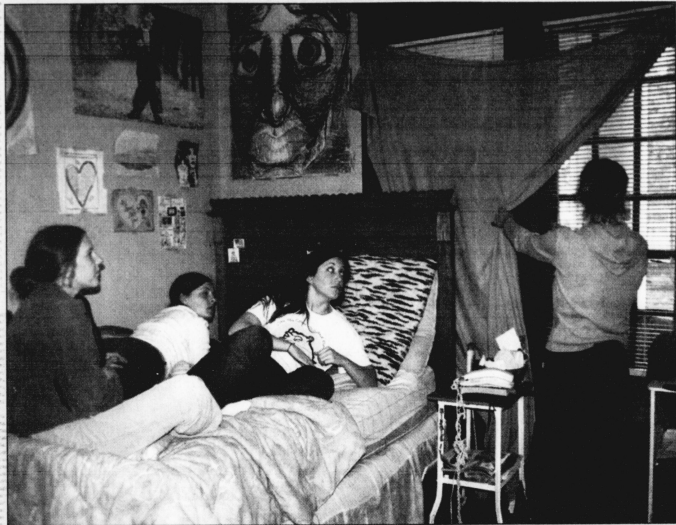
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Why can't we all just get along?

Mary Stuart Barrett opens the blinds to the window as her three roommates (from right) Jessica Morgan, Casey Burmester and Maggie Messerschmidt lounge on the bed. They've learned how to get along in cramped quarters.

Roommates or enemies? Communications professor gives advice on how to survive apartment life

By Danielle Komis
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Three girls sharing the same bedroom. One guy moving in with two strangers. Four girls from the same high school living under the same roof.

What do all of these people have in common?

They've all made their off-campus living arrangements work.

Lindsay Combs, a journalism freshman, said that sharing a house — and the same bedroom — with two other girls could be difficult sometimes.

"It's hard when it's three people you're living with because it can seem like people are pairing up," Combs said.

Much of the time, not all three roommates are home at once, which helps the situation, Combs said. She said that in the beginning, if she and her roommates had a problem with one another they would leave an angry note or a rude voicemail. However, they soon realized that these methods only led to more anger and resentment.

"It's easier to talk it out in person because you're less likely to take

things the wrong way," Combs said.

Maggie Messerschmidt, an anthropology sophomore, had a similar story.

Messerchmidt shares a house with three girls from her high school. They also acknowledged having problems with their living situation, especially in the beginning.

Conflicts arose over things like who should clean the kitchen or bathroom.

"At first, we were really passive about it," Messerschmidt said.

"We're just more comfortable calling each other out now." Like Combs and her roommates, Messerschmidt said that she and her roommates used to leave notes for one another around the house, but that only caused bitterness.

Roommates should talk about problems in a non-threatening way, said Cartwright Stephens, who teaches interpersonal and small group communication classes at UK.

Stephens also said roommates should not avoid talking about problems.

"Avoiding a situation is the easiest and worst way to handle conflict,"

Stephens said. "You need to handle things when they come."

This advice would have been helpful to Andrew Zeh, an anthropology and business sophomore, and his two roommates. Zeh admitted to having problems with one of his roommates, who stays up later than he does.

"It goes from a quiet, dark room to a full-fledged party in the snap of your fingers," Zeh said. This kind of problem can be frustrating, especially if a roommate has an early class or has to work the next day, he said.

Adam McGrath, an economics and finance sophomore, is Zeh's other roommate. Though he and Zeh did not know each other before they moved in together, they became good friends. So why were they so lucky?

"Go in with someone who has the same values as you," McGrath suggested. He and Zeh are both health-conscious, but both also like to watch TV. Having these things in common helped the two roommates get to know each other and relate to each other, McGrath said.

Things aren't always perfect, though. Zeh and McGrath both complain that their other roommate doesn't always do his share

in the apartment.

"He feigns cleaning," Zeh said. "Sometimes he'll rattle some dishes around or move some stuff on the counters ... when he cleans, you have to clean what he cleans."

Having a boyfriend or girlfriend also caused some problems with roommates.

McGrath said he is annoyed when one roommate's girlfriend is constantly at the apartment, using their shower and their washing machine.

In Messerschmidt's house, boyfriends caused some problems because not every roommate had one, dividing the house into cliques.

Casey Burmester, a psychology sophomore and one of Messerschmidt's roommates, said that it is not always easy to live with three other people.

"You don't have much personal space, and there are lots of distractions," she said.

According to Stephens, laying out ground rules in the beginning about what is acceptable at the apartment is also important.

"You can't establish ground rules when you've been living together for six weeks and haven't been following any of them," Stephens said.

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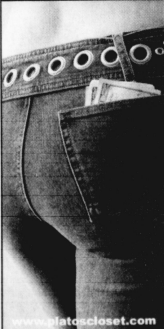
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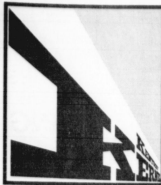
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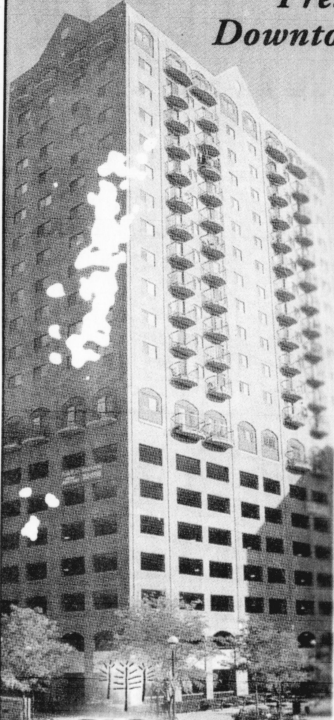


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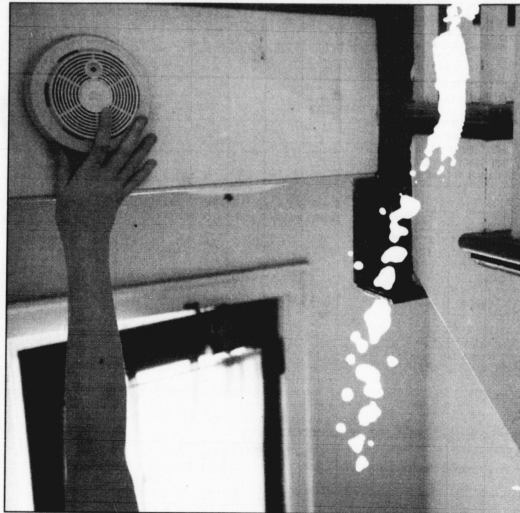
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Choosing an apartment can be tough, but asking the right questions can help ensure that you won't regret your choice three months after moving in.



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Check everything

When looking at apartments, be sure to check for safety features such as smoke alarms. Ask the landlord if the batteries have been changed and who is responsible for changing them.

- Q** What is the neighborhood like?
Look at street lighting. Does the neighborhood look clean? Is it mostly families or college students?
- Q** What damages will I be responsible for?
Be sure to note any damages that already exist in the apartment, and list them on a pre-existing damages sheet for your landlord. Keep a copy for yourself.
- Q** Is there on or off-street parking?
You can also go to the police station to see if there are frequent car burglaries in the area. Ask neighbors if they've had any problems.
- Q** Can I paint the walls?
Some landlords allow you to paint if you repaint the walls before moving out. Consider if it is really worth two paint jobs.
- Q** Is the apartment furnished?
This is a question for phone inquiries, of course.
- Q** Can I have pets?
Can you bear to part with Fido? Some apartments will allow fish or other small animals even when they ban dogs and cats.
- Q** How do I break the lease?
Find out how you can get out of the lease in case of an emergency. Does the landlord allow subleasing?
- Q** How do I handle maintenance needs?
Be sure to get the best number for reaching your landlord or maintenance service. Before renting, ask former tenants if they had trouble getting problems fixed.
- Q** Is the landlord local? Is the apartment privately or corporately owned?
- Q** Are utilities included?
- Q** Is smoking allowed in the house?
- Q** What constitutes loss of a security deposit?
Get this in writing in the lease.
- Q** What are the late fees for rent?
Ask if the landlord ever gives extensions.
- Q** Is the apartment wired for cable Internet?
- Q** Does the house have any Lexington Area Party Plan citations?
- Q** Will existing damages be fixed before I move in?
- Q** When was the house last inspected for fire hazards?
- Q** What am I responsible for when I move out?
Do you need to clean the apartment thoroughly?
- Q** How much notice must I give if I am not renewing the lease?
- Q** Is there central heating or central air?
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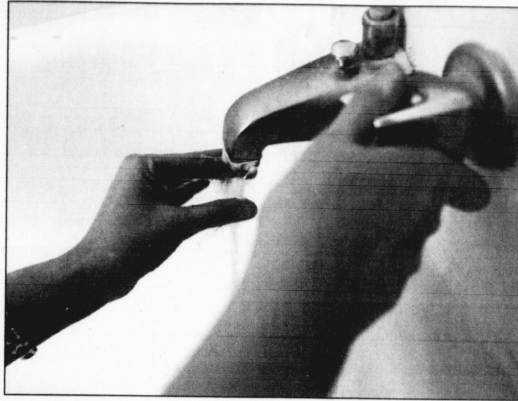
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Water pressure

Checking the water pressure in potential apartments can save you from spending next year showering under a trickle of water.

Questions you can expect

Landlords will have questions for you, too. Here are some possibilities.

- Where do you work? How long have you worked there?
- Questions about current and previous rental situations.
- How many people will be living in the apartment?
- Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

Other tips

- See the apartment in daylight. You'll get a better look at the place in natural light.
- Check the water pressure.
- Find the electrical outlets and their locations.
- Check out the closet space.

- If you are really serious about a place, measure your furniture to make sure it will fit.
- Look at the windows. Are they double-paned? If not, your gas bills will be higher.
- Check for bugs — dead spiders in corners, spider webs, etc. This may be a sign that the apartment is periodically infested with bugs.
- Bring references, pay stubs or copies of tax returns to meet with landlords. They may request more information, as well.

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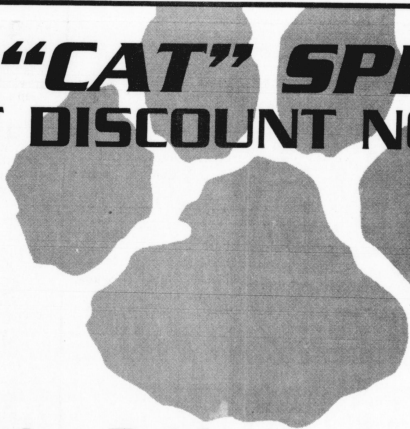
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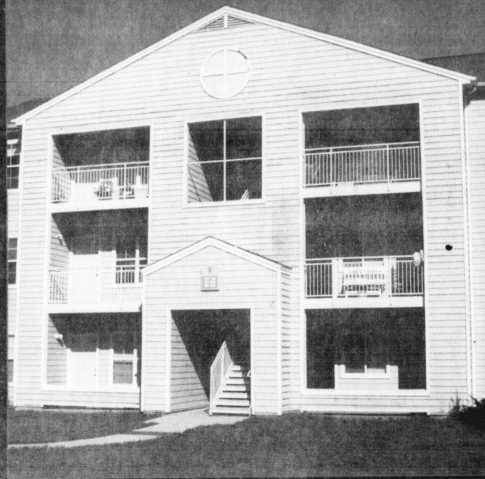
UK recently leased all of University Commons, an apartment complex off Red Mile Road. The apartments come in two and four bedroom models. Buses run from campus to the apartments, but residents have complained that the bus service needs to be more frequent.

The complex has a weight room, an outdoor pool and tennis courts.

The apartments are fully furnished and have full kitchens and bathrooms. There is a full-size washer and dryer, refrigerator with icemaker, microwave, full-size range with vent hood, dishwasher and disposal.

UK alcohol and visitation rules will apply to the Commons, and resident advisers living in the complex will enforce the rules.

Applications must be processed through the UK Housing Office. Utilities are included.

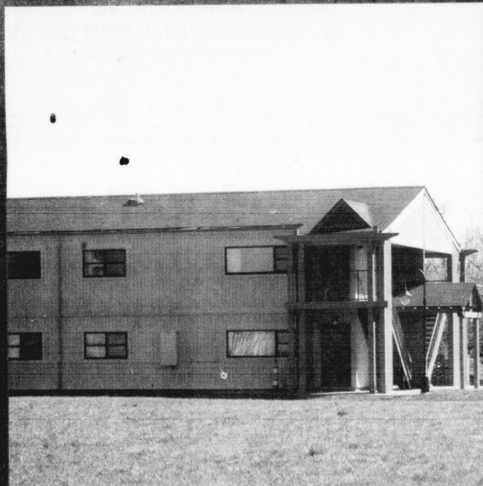


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UK offers apartment options for graduate students and married students. Cooperstown Apartments, on Woodland Drive near Young Library, have efficiencies and one bedroom options. This complex is centrally heated and has wall-to-wall carpeting in the living room and dining area. Some buildings are air-conditioned. Venetian blinds are provided on all windows. Each building has a laundry facility. Playground equipment and lawn space is available.

Commonwealth Village, located on Nicholasville Road, about one mile from campus, offers single graduate student efficiencies and one-bedroom apartments. The complex is centrally heated and air-conditioned with wall-to-wall carpeting and venetian blinds. Laundry facilities are also available.

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By Tracy Kershaw
EDITOR IN CHIEF

No furniture? No money? Don't turn to milk crates — turn to other people's junk.

We scoured thrift stores and yard sales to see what Lexingtonians are giving away.

We found a lot: couches, tables, chairs, microwaves, rugs, silverware, pillows, mattresses — even a piggy bank already marked "beer fund."

At a yard sale on

Cochran Road in the Chevy Chase neighborhood, Carolyn Jones said several students had stopped by in search of household goods.

"There were three or four who talked about starting to put an apartment together," she said. "They were looking for glasses, plates, microwaves, utensils."

Yard sales are good places to find gently used items. Most begin early — Jones had been out since 7 a.m. — and the good stuff goes fast. Be sure to drive a truck or SUV large enough to

bring home big items. From Aug. 2-10, the World's Longest Yard Sale beckons bargain hunters down Highway 127. Stretching from Gadsden, Ala., to Covington, Ky., the sale has more than 5,000 vendors.

At Goodwill on Hartland Parkway we found three black dining room chairs for \$6.50 each, a funky yellow chair for \$5, two end tables for \$4.50 and plates for 50 cents apiece.

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Renters should be aware of their rights, responsibilities

Talk: Lack of knowledge, poor communication between landlord, renter causes most problems

By Lauren Himel
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Renters should understand their rights and responsibilities, communicate well and keep careful records to avoid problems with their landlords, according to people who settle tenants' disputes professionally.

"Lack of knowledge and communication is the biggest problem between landlords and students," said Shirley Mosley of Lexington Tenant Services.

Chapi Johnson, an education junior, is one student who had problems with her landlord.

Johnson said water leaking from an upstairs apartment caused damage to her apartment, but the landlord refused to return her security deposit.

"I should have filled out the proper damage report so there would be no question how the damage was caused, but I didn't know such a document existed," Johnson said.

Students can help prevent such problems from occurring by educating them-

selves on renting. Lexington Tenant Services offers advice on renting and encourages students to take advantage of their services.

Mosley said she is happy to help students understand leasing requirements and security deposit discrepancies.

Renters who have problems with their landlords have several options. First, the renter could go to Tenant Services, located at 258 Clark St., and ask for an information packet, which costs \$3. The packet contains a copy of the Landlord and Tenant Act, a list of renting tips and a list of tenants' rights.

If the problem persists, the tenant can file a complaint. Complaints can be filed by mail, by telephone or in person with the Human Rights Commission, which will conduct an investigation into the problem. The commission can also dole out punishments.

Mosley said security deposit disputes generate the most complaints.

Mosley encourages stu-

dents to fill out proper damage reports before moving into a new space to avoid getting charged for damages they did not cause.

Damage reports prevent landlords from keeping a deposit because of damage done before the tenant moved in.

"Every renter should get a metal box and put all their leasing information and damage forms in it so it is always in a secure place," Mosley said. "A lease is a binding document that should not be treated lightly."

Tenant Services also suggests renters keep all papers that were exchanged between them and the landlord.

If a landlord doesn't respond on time to a request for repairs, the tenant should record this in case the relationship with the landlord goes sour.

Mosley recommends getting everything in writing. These documents can help settle disagreements if the returning of a security deposit becomes an issue at the end of the leasing term.

There are certain terms that every landlord and tenant must follow.

Tenants must pay rent

on time, keep the rented unit clean and safe, obey building codes, pay for any damages done to the unit, keep the unit free of trash, give proper notice when ending the lease and respect surrounding neighbors.

Landlords must give two days notice before entering a rented unit, make a list of damages before the tenant moves in and after the tenant moves out, keep all security deposits in a separate bank account, give the tenant the names of apartment managers who handle repairs in writing, provide tenants with heat between October 1 and May 1 and with hot and cold water.

These conditions are the bare minimum of the responsibilities of a renter and a landlord. If one of them is violated, a tenant or a landlord may file a complaint. Tenant services can provide the official complaint forms and procedures.

Mosley said the most important aspect of renting is to read everything. Read the lease and understand all of its components. If no communication barriers stand between a renter and a landlord, a conflict is less likely to arise between them, she said.

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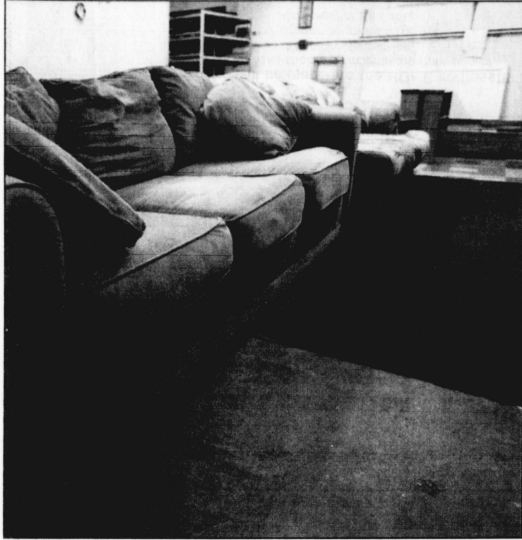
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Something to sit on

Furniture moves fast at Goodwill stores, according to employee Steve Bailey. He said this couch would be priced around \$25.

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will locations and most sell furniture. At the store on Clays Mill Road, we found a microwave for \$15.50, a 50-cent globe, a table for \$8.50 and colorful pillows.

The Goodwill Store on Leestown Road gets in more furniture than most other locations because it has more room, said Steve Bailey, who was working there Saturday. He sees college students come in all the time in search of good deals.

"We get a lot of stuff that doesn't match," he said. "But college students don't care—they just want something to sit on."

Bailey suggested students check in twice a week if they are looking for something in particular.

"The furniture moves fast," he said.

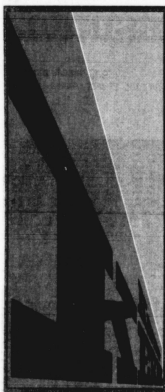
On Saturday the store had two couches, each for around \$25.

"There's no telling what we might get in," Bailey said.



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