



Instant replay

**Jimmy, Jimmy, Jimmy**

You get to have a replay of past events. You are lucky and justified. But will 245 Student Center at 7:30 tonight be like watching an old rerun or will you produce a turnaround better than a bored Tony Hawk on the half pipe? I see representation is coming this time. The student body should come to see what happens to Student Government President Jimmy Glenn.

Hypothetically possible defenses for Jimmy Glenn, some more realistic than others, yet none are true. In fact, I made them all up in good fun. (Cover your butt is needed here and when tanning in a thong for the first time, from what I have heard.)

"I was using the restroom when all said events did not occur. Can you blame me for answering the call of nature? I have a weak bladder and nature has me on speed dial for goodness sakes!"

"I just want to build a bridge of prosperity that we can all cross into the 21st century, a great bridge that will leave no one out. One that will cross Limestone so that we can all go to McDonald's without fear of traffic."

"Did I mention that I am a two-term president? Look at all I have done. I did that whole extra student on the TA thing and, well, there's tons more. Do you really want to impeach me now?"

"Sometimes I think that you all are just out to get me. I mean, who really cares if you think I used the students' money without your approval except for you all?"

"I did not have sexual relations with that woman. Oh wait, wrong role model to be looking to for guidance and wrong impeachment trial."

"I was hoping that no one would notice that. Since when did you all become so observant?"

**-Ron Norton**  
Rail\_editor@hotmail.com  
Got any questions, ideas or comments? Then quit sitting there and e-mail the rail editor.

**THE 411**

Tomorrow's weather

**42 40**  
Hi Lo

Scattered showers for Thursday. Grab an umbrella before you head off to your classes.

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And out of the darkness came...  
The good guy who wore black 14



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**THE SAGA OF SGA**

**Vote to impeach Glenn overturned**

**Retrial tonight: Glenn's up against the same four charges but has a third-year law student representing him; Lawyer says Glenn will plead not guilty**

By Tracy Kershaw  
NEWS EDITOR

The vote to impeach Student Government Association President Jimmy Glenn has been overturned because Glenn was not properly notified of the trial.

Glenn will be retried for the same four charges this Wednesday, this time with a third-year law student as his attorney.

"Because of the importance of this, I wanted representation and advice," Glenn said. "It takes two-thirds of the Senate votes to impeach an SGA president. The committee who passed the trial onto the Senate should have notified Glenn in writing, according to Robert's Rules of Order, the guidelines under which the trial was operated."

Sen. Zach Webb, who brought the four charges against Glenn,

served the notice to Glenn in person instead of in writing.

Senate chairman Edwin Orange nullified the Dec. 6 vote. Another trial is only fair, he said.

Glenn would not defend himself at the Senate's trial, citing improper notification. His silence led many undecided senators to vote for his impeachment.

He is accused of four violations: purchasing and signing a contract for advertising with the Kernel before a budget was in place; failing to award Spring 2000 Child Care Grants; trying to replace the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee; and violating the oath of office.

In December, Senators found him guilty of each charge, and voted for his impeachment based on those findings.

Alan Donohue, Glenn's student

lawyer, works for the law school's legal clinic. He has emergency certification to act as an attorney.

Donohue said Monday that the two-term president will plead not guilty to the charges.

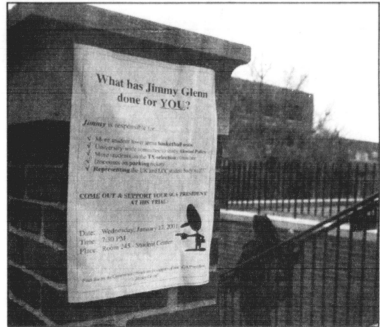
Donohue, who said he is defending Glenn for the experience, understands changing the minds of a Senate who has already voted against his client will be difficult.

"I would say overall that Jimmy has a pretty strong case but from my understanding there is a lot of politics involved here," he said.

"We've got a senate here who is already, at least some of them, anti-Jimmy."

The chances, although most would agree are better for Glenn this time, are still bleak. But it doesn't bother Donohue.

"I know the odds are stacked against us and I like a challenge."



NICK TORRES | PHOTO EDITOR

**Everywhere signs**

The trial will take place at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Student Center Ballroom. Let SGA know what you think - sgahearmout@hotmail.com.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

**Geoffroy visits campus, students**

**The facts: The Kernel spoke with UK Presidential Candidate Gregory Geoffroy about his thoughts on UK and why he wants to be president**

By Julie Nelson  
MANAGING EDITOR

**Editor's note:**

This interview is the first of a three-part question and answer series on the presidential candidates.

The Kernel asked a series of questions to each candidate focused on campus issues.

Gregory Geoffroy is visiting campus today. Geoffroy is currently the provost at the University of Maryland. Below are Geoffroy's responses to the questions.

If you have questions you would like to ask the candidates, attend the student forum at 3:30 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday in the Worsham Theater of the Student Center.

UK's next president will be chosen Tuesday.

**Questions & Answers**

**Q:** Students have criticized President Wethington for not interacting with them. Many students, when asked, are not even sure what his name is or what he looks like.

**A:** If you came to UK, what efforts would you make to have a more interactive relationship with the students?

**A:** I think it is important for the president to be visible on campus and this can be done in formal and informal ways. We have at Maryland a very good presidential student advisory committee where students meet with the president once a month. I like that method very much and I think it works very well. This way we can hear the voices of students.

I also think it is important to interact on an informal basis by hopping in to residence halls and dining halls. You don't have to do it every day but you can do it periodically. I would enjoy doing that. I like interacting with students and I think it is very important to keep the finger on the pulse of the student population.

**Q:** Many students have expressed concerns at the presidential search forums about the growth of our University. Many feel that there are too many buildings and not enough green space.

**A:** How would you deal with this issue? Are you supportive of campus growth, and if so, how do you propose that we do have enough green space on campus?

**A:** I think the campus needs some serious facilities master planning. I noticed that when I informally visited UK's campus a couple of weeks ago. I didn't see the kinds of green space that I'm used to. I agree, I think green space is a very important component of what makes a campus a campus. I would want to see some very serious master planning done with an aim to increase campus green spaces. I agree completely.

**Q:** Many students on our campus feel very strongly about UK's involvement with the Fair Labor Association. Sweatshop issues are very important to these students and there has been a committee formed to investigate the FLA and decide on a possible switch to the Workers' Rights Consortium.

**A:** What is your position on sweatshop issues and would you be supportive of making a switch to another watchdog organization?

**A:** I think it does require very careful evaluation. No one can support sweatshops. It is very important that universities be seen as strong champions for fair labor issues. I think that the ball is still out as far as which of these organizations is going to be most effective, but from what I've read, the Worker's Rights Consortium hasn't become fully organized yet. The issue does require continued study.

**On a more personal note**

In an effort to let students get to know the candidates better, the Kernel chose some random questions for the candidates.



Geoffroy

**Q:** What is your favorite movie?

**A:** I'm not a big movie-goer. The movies I generally like to see are of the James Bond or Star Wars type. I like movies that have a happy ending.

**Q:** What is your favorite breakfast, lunch and dinner food?

**A:** For breakfast, a bowl of cereal. For lunch and dinner I like ethnic foods of all varieties.

**Q:** What is your favorite type of music?

**A:** Swing music, reggae and classical music.

**Q:** Do you have a favorite hobby or pastime?

**A:** I enjoy doing physical activities of all types, but I especially like mountain biking.

**Q:** What is your favorite vacation spot?

**A:** The Canadian Rockies.

**Q:** What is your favorite book?

**A:** I don't read much in the way of novels, but I recently read *Time-line* by Michael Crichton.

**Q:** What is your favorite moment in U.S. history?

**A:** Landing on the moon.

**Q:** Are you a UK basketball fan? Who is your favorite player?

**A:** I grew up in Louisville, so when I was young, I was an avid UK basketball fan. My favorite player was Larry Conley.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**UK sacked by more allegations**

**Accusations: Memphis media report that Bassett gave \$100,000 in cash to coaches**

STAFF REPORT

Amidst rumors and an NCAA investigation, the UK football program has been hit with another charge concerning a large amount of cash and gifts given to high school football coaches in Memphis, Tenn.

Memphis media outlets reported that an unidentified source said that \$100,000 in cash and two sport utility vehicles were given to Memphis high school coaches Milton Kirk, 55 and Lynn Lang, 31, by former UK recruiting coordinator Claude Bassett.



Bassett

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal reported earlier this month that former University of Arkansas recruiting coordinator Fitz Hill and another Southeastern Conference assistant, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said that Lang gave an offer to him including two SUV's and \$100,000.

Kirk is a former assistant coach and Lang is a current football coach at Memphis Trezvant High School where Albert Means, one of the top prep defensive linemen in the nation in 1999, attended.

The Commercial-Appeal reported that Lang allegedly shopped Means to the highest bidder. The defensive lineman eventually ended up at the University of Alabama then transferred to the University of Memphis this semester amid controversy at Alabama.

Lang denies ever taking an offer. "This is another bombshell for UK and its dealings with Memphis-area high schools with early allegations of money sent to suspended Melrose High School head coach, Tim Thompson.

Thompson, who has assisted Hal Mumme in the past with UK summer football camps, is accused with receiving a \$1,400 money order from Bassett.

The incident prompted an internal investigation into the football program by UK Athletics, along with investigations by the NCAA and SEC.



**Royalty**

Junior forward  
Tayshaun Prince  
scored 16 points  
in Tuesday night's  
game against the  
No. 4 Vols. For  
more on the  
game, see page  
eight.

See Q & A on 3

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

# The Low-down

## Bush pays tribute to King

AUSTIN, Texas — President-elect Bush honored Martin Luther King Jr. with a promise Monday to advance King's work by improving public schools, as civil rights questions loomed over the confirmation of his attorney general nominee, John Ashcroft. As Ashcroft faced those questions Tuesday on Capitol Hill, Bush was spending his last day at home in Texas before changing his address to Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Laura, will take up residence at the White House following Saturday's inauguration.

## Earthquake death toll rises

SANTA TECLA, El Salvador — As the death toll in a devastating earthquake topped 600 and continued to climb, authorities shifted their attention from searching for trapped survivors to coping with the growing number of corpses. President Francisco Flores said 2,412 people were injured and more than 45,000 houses were damaged or destroyed in Saturday's magnitude-7.6 quake. Workers had recovered 609 bodies in El Salvador and were searching for hundreds more. At least six people were killed in neighboring Guatemala.

## Israelis burn Palestinian green houses

JERUSALEM — Jewish settlers avenging the killing of one of their own destroyed green houses and shot at homes in dozens of Palestinian farms in the Gaza Strip early Tuesday, Palestinian witnesses said. Despite the violence, peace talks were set to resume. Palestinian negotiators said the settler rampages would be at the top of the agenda in the negotiating session with Israel, to be held Tuesday in Jerusalem. The Palestinians were also waiting for maps showing how Israel interprets President Clinton's peace proposals. The U.S. plan calls for a Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip, 95 percent of the West Bank and Arab areas of Jerusalem.

## Judge says '97 elections null and void

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — A High Court judge declared Guyana's 1997 general elections null and void because of fraud — but said she can not order a change of government. About 30,000 registered voters were barred from casting ballots because they did not possess special identification cards. Justice Claudette Singh ruled Monday that lawmakers, who had approved the voting rules, had acted beyond their authority. Singh also said there was evidence of missing ballot boxes from opposition strongholds. But she said she could not order a change of government because there was no proof the alleged irregularities swung the vote decisively in the government's favor.



**FRENCH FRY:** Jodie Foster will head the jury at the 54th Cannes Film Festival in May, festival officials announced Tuesday. Foster said in a statement, "I've dreamed since my childhood of having the honor of being president of the Cannes jury."



**FAMILY MAN:** Damon Wayans is looking to make a "Cosby" for the new millennium. The actor is starring in "My Wife and Kids," a family sitcom that will premiere on ABC this March. He said he wanted to pick up from "Cosby" and "deal a little more with problems that kids are facing today." Wayans, 40, has four children who range in age from 18 to 10, and he's about to become a grandfather.

## Kuwait's highest court rejects case

KUWAIT — Kuwait's highest court rejected a case Tuesday in which activists had pleaded for women to have the right to vote and run for office in this oil-rich state. "The court has decided to reject the case," said Judge Abdullah al-Issa, president of the Constitutional Court. He offered no immediate explanation. Frustrated with the 50-seat legislature that voted down an emiri decree and a bill for suffrage in 1999, women activists and their male supporters took their case to courts. The case rejected Tuesday was filed by a Kuwaiti man, Adnan al-Issa. He sued the elections department for failing to register the names of women, including his wife, on voter's lists.

## Sri Lankan army retakes rebel base

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Government troops and tanks, backed by MIG-27 jets, began an assault at dawn Tuesday to retake a major Tamil Tiger rebel bastion in Sri Lanka, the military said. One civilian was killed and several injured in the first hour of fighting in northern Jaffna Peninsula, said military spokesman Brig. Sanath Karunaratne. Using tanks, heavy artillery and aircraft, the army was trying to move toward the strategic, rebel-held Elephant Pass, which connects the peninsula with the mainland. The loss of Elephant Pass last year was seen as the army's worst defeat in the 17-year separatist war.

## NBC surviving with more "Friends"

ARLINGTON, Va. — NBC plans to expand episodes of "Friends" by 10 minutes and air live skits by the cast of "Saturday Night Live" to fight CBS' "Survivor" on Thursday nights beginning Feb. 1, USA Today reported. The paper said in Tuesday's editions that new NBC entertainment president Jeff Zucker met with the "Friends" cast last week to suggest expanding the episodes and include guest appearances by Susan Sarandon and Jason Alexander. It said the "Saturday Night Live" skits are now scheduled for the first two weeks of February, but might continue beyond that. Another possibility is using "Friends" highlights from previous shows from 8:40 p.m. EST to 9 p.m.

## Knicks bloody Spurs, 104-82,

NEW YORK — With his eye swollen partially shut and a bandage covering at least a dozen stitches, Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy came out the worst Monday after a head-to-head collision with his own player Marcus Camby. Camby threw a punch at Danny Ferry late in the fourth quarter of New York's 104-82 victory over the San Antonio Spurs, but the Spurs forward ducked the punch, and Camby inadvertently slammed into his coach. Camby was ejected from the game for the punch, while Van Gundy required 12-15 stitches to close the cut over his eye.

## CAMPUS LIFE

# Relocation of student seating at Rupp on hold

**Waiting: Administrators must work closely with Rupp officials for proposal to work**

By Jennifer Davis  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are still movin' on down at Rupp ... but not for a while, according to Assistant Athletics Director Kathy DeBoer.

The UK Athletics proposed plan of moving approximately 1,600 students from lower arena to the end zone at Rupp will not be put into action until after the next basketball season, DeBoer said.

The renovation of Lexington Center as a whole will take place over the next two to three years. However, the actual renovation inside Rupp Arena will not occur until the end, according to DeBoer.

"Students would like these changes to be made tomorrow and I don't blame them, but we have to work closely with Rupp Arena to get the seating plan ironed out," DeBoer said.

Some tentatively considered things to be included in the new seating plan would be standing-room-only places for students. However, standing room spots and other changes students have requested are all "predicated on the new bleachers," said DeBoer.

DeBoer said that one thing is for sure: Students won't lose any seats.

"Everything is being done to increase the number of students that take part in the ball games," she said.

That is one good thing about extra time before renovation.

"This will obviously involve the relocation of a significant amount of season ticket holders. This will give us time to find out where to put them," DeBoer said.

Finance senior David Lail thinks they should continue to look for other ways to improve student seating, while waiting for construction to begin.

"If they are going to make an improvement to the seating, they should take a look at Duke's student seating and then come up with a plan," Lail said.

Regardless, ISC Senior Britt Clem thinks any plan of getting the students closer to the floor is a good one.

"I think it is a good idea to get students closer to the floor because it is our team and we can feel more part of the experience," Clem said.

However, Clem hopes the actual view of the game will improve with the move.

"If not, maybe they should re-evaluate the plan during this time," she said.

Compiled from wire reports.

Thanks mom....  

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- Jimmy has **IMPROVED** parking by offering discounts on tickets!
- Jimmy has **GOTTEN** another student on the TA selection process!
- Jimmy has **REPRESENTED** UK and the UK student body *well!*

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## Q & A

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**Q:** What would your goals be for our University? What are some problem areas that you would like to remedy as president?

**A:** The goal that the new president should have is the goal that the legislature has set — making UK a top-20 university.

That really means the University is going to have to work to meet excellence standards of its academic programs and it must be a student-centered campus. It is going to have to make sure it serves the citizens of Kentucky by promoting economic development and growth and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Kentucky.

**Q:** How do you feel about UK's goal to become a top-20 research university? How would you maintain the quality of the undergraduate studies program with our mission to become a top-20 research university?

**A:** I feel very strongly about that goal. It is what attracts me to the University. I think it will take some time, but Kentucky can achieve it.

It can achieve it in a balanced fashion by which as the quality of the academic programs grow it is also important to make sure that the quality of the educational experience of students also increases.

**Q:** A former member of our football staff recently admitted that he committed two NCAA violations and there are now investigations taking place.

Do the internal investigations of our football staff make you apprehensive about coming to UK?

**A:** No, I am disappointed that this has occurred, and I would hope that this would be resolved by the time the new president is appointed.

But the new president is going to have to live with what ever that resolution is. It should not have happened. It is an embarrassment to the University.

**Q:** What personal qualities do you feel best qualify you for the job?

**A:** I have spent my entire career in universities much like Kentucky—large public land grant universities. I understand how they work and how you get things done.

One of my strengths is that I believe very strongly in free and open communication and I try to create that atmosphere. I value open dialogue.

If I were president, I would try to create that kind of atmosphere.

I have strong leadership skills. I have been very effective in motivating and inspiring people and in achieving ambitious agendas. I have good interpersonal skills.

**Q:** UK is known in Kentucky as a "best buy" for a college education because of our low tuition rates.

Are you a supporter of annual tuition hikes? Why or why not?

**A:** I think in general, tuition hikes need to keep up with inflation. As long as the state continues to provide adequate support, I don't think I would see the need for tuition increases to be greater than the inflation rate.

## EXTRACURRICULAR

# Students reap benefits of online video service



### No secret

Students can reserve videos online from CineVault. The service works on a first come, first serve basis. CineVault opened its first automated rental machine in Lexington in July 1999. The machines have been popular in Europe since the early 1990s.

PHOTO FURNISHED

## Rent: Online service offers students a break from haker without hassle, chairman says

By Paul Haker  
STAFF WRITER

Students tired of fighting the crowds at the video store have a new option: reserve videos online.

Video Vending North America Inc., who owns six CineVault movie dispensers around Lexington, has recently unveiled the world's first automated movie rental reservation system, said chairman Nicholas Weare.

After logging on to [www.cinevault.com](http://www.cinevault.com), members of CineVault can select a video to reserve. They have up to two hours to pick up their movie at the CineVault location where they reserved it. The service is available 24 hours a day.

Once a person becomes a member, they receive a card. The member then puts money on the card, and the computer automatically deducts the cost of the video from their account.

Weare said the online reservation system was increasing business for CineVault.

"The reservations have brought new customers who may have passed a machine by because they underestimated how many videos were available in the machine," he said. "The web site lets you see how many videos are actually in stock, and

whether or not they have been rented."

While there are web sites that allow you to rent videos through the mail, this is the first web site which enables users to actually reserve a copy.

CineVault opened its first automated rental machine in Lexington in July 1999. The machines have been popular in Europe since the early 1990s.

The service is first come, first serve — the system has no preference for online or onsite rentals. If a member was at a CineVault location at the same time a person was at the web site trying to rent the same movie, whoever made their selection first would score the film.

Weare believes that this service will greatly benefit college students.

"Students who are looking for a break from their all night studies can go onto our site and reserve a movie without having to go out into the cold to a video store just to find out that the movie they want is out," he said.

Michael McLaughlin, president of Video Vending North America and CineVault, said CineVault members were pleased with the service.

"We have had nothing but positive feedback since adding the online service," he said.

Students and regular CineVault customers were also excited about the new service. Computer science sophomore John Ortega said the service would make it easier for him to rent videos from his dorm room.

"It will be easier to rent videos now with the fast Internet connection we have in the dorm rooms."

CineVault customer Ashley Temple was excited about not having to deal with video store clerks.

"The only people you have to deal with are the ones in the movies; no longer do you have to put up with the dull video rental employees. I think we're getting that much closer to the utopia of never having to see anyone real again. Thank goodness."

McLaughlin said the site is also able to keep track of the member's preferences. Eventually they site will send an e-mail to customer's informing them of movies that have recently been released that the customer might be interested in.

McLaughlin also explained that the service has been problem free so far.

"We engineered the site to be as error free as possible. If, for some reason, the reservation doesn't go through, the web site immediately responds with an error message so the user immediately knows what happened. The chances of the reservation being unsuccessful is slim."

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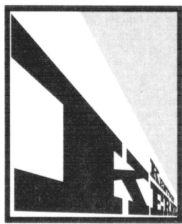
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<p><b>Fri 19</b></p> <p><b>LECTURES</b> "Dept. of Entomology Colloquium, 4pm, Ag. Science Cr. North A-7</p> <p><b>MEETINGS</b> "Newman Center Mass, 9am, 11:30am, 5pm, and 8:30pm "Noon Bagel Brunch, Hill/Jewish Stud. Org., 12:00pm, Manhattan Bagel on Richmond Rd. Phi Sigma Pi Mtg., 7pm, 230 Stud. Cr.</p> <p><b>SPORTS</b> UK Judo Club, 5-7pm, Alumni Gym Left "Women's Basketball vs. Tennessee, 2pm, Memorial Coliseum</p> <p><b>INTRAMURALS/RECREATION</b> "Mandatory Team Reps. Mtg.-Men's &amp; Women's Basketball League, 5:30pm, Stud. Cr. Warsham Theatre</p>	<p><b>Sat 20</b></p> <p><b>MEETINGS</b> "Newman Center Mass, 6pm</p> <p><b>SPORTS</b> "Men's Basketball @ Oxford, 1pm</p>
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MUSIC

# Johnny Cash unstoppable with new country recording



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**Man in black**  
Country legend Johnny Cash has recorded many albums and won numerous awards.

**American legend: Cash's new album shows his spiritual side and features guest stars Sheryl Crow and June Carter Cash**

By Erik Rust  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Johnny Cash  
*American III: Solitary Man*  
American Recordings

Johnny Cash cannot be stopped. The man is a free-roaming legend of American culture who continues to captivate audiences with his pure endurance and unflinching musical dedication and spirituality.

For those who find the slightest hint of country/western music repugnant, take notice: "The Man in Black" transcends the genre, if not transcending of any musical categorization other than "legend."

Few artists have garnered as much respect and admiration across the musical lexicon as Cash, and as judged by the roster of contributors to *American III*, there has been no recent shortage. Tom Petty, Sheryl Crow, Merle Haggard, Benmont Tench and wife June Carter Cash are all aboard as Cash spreads his heart across 14 tracks of the familiar "Amer-

icana" formula that originated with 1994's *American Recordings*.

Though the sparseness of Cash's aging voice becomes apparent, there is no lack of soul in these tunes. A testament to his fortitude, the album opens with the Tom Petty cover "I Won't Back Down" and from there strolls down a retrospective memory lane of sorts. The yearning sincerity in Cash's delivery is obvious as he sings "That Lucky Old Sun (Just Rolls Around Heaven All Day)" and outlines the loneliness of a loner's existence in "Nobody" and "Solitary Man" and as he delves into the wickedly surreal murder scenario of Nick Cave's "The Mercy Seat."

The wispy sweetness of "Field of Diamonds" is accented by Sheryl Crow and June Carter Cash's winsome background vocals and as if looking back at his legacy, Cash addresses the songs that existed before him in "Before My Time." And if you think there's no rebellion left in ol' Johnny, just take a listen to "I'm Leavin' Now," with the weather-

tested Merle Haggard, and you'll see that there's still an inkling of defiance in his bones.

To bring things full circle, the album closes with the haunting, violin and accordion-laden "Wayfaring Stranger" which includes foreboding imagery aplenty. The song brings to an end an album in which Cash seems to accept his immortality; but whether or not the listening public is convinced is another matter.

This album is one for the ages and is a touching validation of one of our great musical talents and his undying devotion to relay the songs trending in his heart and offer the thoughts in his knowledgeable, well-traveled mind. *American III* is still superior despite the obvious waning of Cash's voice. But in this case it's not the voice that matters, it's simply the will to live, sing and preach the gospel that Johnny Cash has so fully mastered throughout his luminous career.

Grade: A-

MORE MUSIC

## Welsh singer offers one of the best

By Tim Staley  
SCENE EDITOR

David Gray  
*White Ladder*  
ATO Records

David Gray is the best new artist of the past couple years, if it weren't for the fact that his first album was released in 1993.

Like many artists from overseas (Gray is Welsh), it takes quite a while to achieve notoriety in the United States. This can be a good thing sometimes, protecting us from the incessant waves of Euro-trash

techno and punk groups. This is truly unfortunate in the case of Gray. He is truly capable of being one of the best songwriters of the current generation. His lyrics are moving and his music is timeless modern and unique.

Gray has made the move across the pond with the help of Dave Matthews's new ATO label, re-releasing *White Ladder*, an album that Gray made himself two years ago.

With a foundation primarily of guitar, piano and drum machines, the instrumentation on *White Ladder* showcases the lyrics and the beauty of the

music. While Gray cannot be considered an outstanding singer, the emotion he puts into his performances makes them gripping.

All of the songs on *White Ladder* are worthy of a listen, but some of the more outstanding tracks include the current single "Babylon," "Nightblindness" and the stirring "This Year's Love."

Before you blow all of your money for the semester on things like food and rent, you should use it for something worthwhile like *White Ladder*.

Grade: A-



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David Gray's *White Ladder* has helped him climb the charts.

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FILM

# Costner hits his lucky number with the thriller 'Thirteen Days'



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**Chaos**  
Bruce Greenwood and Steven Culp star as John and Robert Kennedy in *Thirteen Days*, a new thriller about the Cuban Missile Crisis. Kevin Costner also stars.

## Cuban missile crisis: A fictional account of the Kennedy's actions

**Brandie Bright**  
STAFF WRITER

In 1962, the ultimate game of chess was played. This time, though, the winner and the loser would both have faced fatal consequences. The Cuban missile crisis sent America into panic as fear of a nuclear war was slowly turning into reality. In a matter of 13 days, the fate of the world would be decided.

Director Roger Donaldson has come a long way since *Cocktail* and *Cadillac Man*. He collaborates with Kevin Costner to resurrect the drama and chaos of the Cuban missile crisis in *Thirteen Days*.

Costner not only plays the part of John F. Kennedy's adviser, Kenny O'Donnell, but he also acts as one of the film's producers. Not being strangers to each other, Donaldson and Costner have worked together before in the Navy/Pentagon film, *No Way Out*.

Bruce Greenwood plays the nation's hero, John F. Kennedy. His previous role as Nick Parsons is the same guy filmgoers despised in the thriller *Double Jeopardy*. Greenwood's role in *Thirteen Days*, however, will surely win the favor of the public not only because he's the good guy this time, but because of his sharp acting abilities. His strong resemblance to the real JFK is fascinating to watch.

Along side of Greenwood stands Steven Culp as Robert F. Kennedy. Culp bears a wicked resemblance to the Kennedy family, allowing viewers to have no problem being convinced for 135 minutes that they are watching the Kennedy brothers at work.

It is easy to sense the intensity and the fear of the characters as they are forced to make decisions no one would ever want to think about. Considering that this is Hollywood, however, the actual story of the crisis is slightly embellished and somewhat tweaked.

The story is told through the eyes of O'Donnell, when in actuality, the real tape recorded sessions that include his statements are barely audible. The film accurately shows the historical events of each day, but throws you off guard when trying to figure who are all of the enemies. Obviously, the Soviets and Cuba are the bad guys, but some of the White House officials are portrayed as the antithesis of Kennedy morale.

Overall, this parable makes a good movie for those of us who did not live through those gut-wrenching days.

The pawns were set. America watched and waited to see if the Soviets would back down. Eventually, they did. Checkmate.

Grade: A-

MORE FILM

# 'Double Take' leaves almost nothing to enjoy

**Few funny moments:** Nothing but a late night television movie lacking a good script

**By Bryan Marshall**  
STAFF CRITIC

Some movies, by using multiple plot twists, try to be so witty and clever that the film ends up being too confusing to understand. *Double Take* is one of those films.

*Double Take* stars Orlando Jones, of 7-UP commercial fame, as a respectful businessman named Daryl Chase, who is framed for a murder he did not commit.

In order to get away from the police, Daryl switches clothes with a street hustler

named Freddy Tiffany, played by comedian Eddie Griffin.

After the identity switch it never becomes absolutely clear who is exactly good or bad in the film. Are the people from the FBI and the CIA that are trying to help Daryl get his life back really who they say they are? This is just one question that remained somewhat vague at the conclusion of the film.

The script keeps the true identity of Freddy in question throughout the film, making the audience wonder if he is the street hustler that he seems or a FBI agent protecting Daryl

from being killed.

In an action-comedy like *Double Take*, plot twists are unnecessary because they take away from the film. If a film is consistently humorous with stunning action scenes, it is not really in danger of becoming a failure.

Unfortunately for *Double Take*, the comedy comes only in patches throughout the film, and the action sequences are dull compared to most recent action movies.

The film inevitably falls into the hands of its two stars, but that is not enough to save it.

Griffin plays Freddy so over-the-top that he is annoying. Jones is competent but really not any better than in his commercials since the comedy

rarely comes from him.

The funniest part in the film, however, does belong to Jones when he orders some food along with some "Schlitz Malt Liqueur" in his newly acquired street hustler dialect. Unfortunately, this scene is given away in the trailers for the film shown to entice viewers to see it.

The film's premise had potential but the necessary elements, like a good script and good performances, are just not present in this highly disappointing movie.

Ultimately, people should save their money because *Double Take* is the kind of film that you enjoy on cable television late at night with blurry eyes.

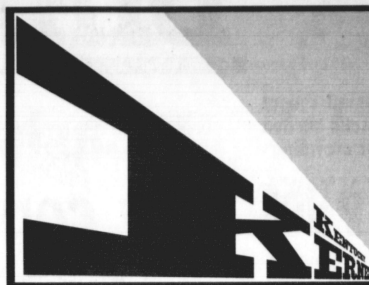
Grade: C



## Beatle Mania

The Scene section of the Kernel will offer up their Beatle nostalgia in Thursday's edition of the Kernel. A Beatles timeline, a review of all of their albums and a preview of movie *A Hard Day's Night* will all appear on the Beatle's page.

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**Small school lacks burden of crowding**

SWAN CREEK TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Ray Albers might feel a bit lonely when it's time for his high school reunion. Albers, 19, was the lone graduate Friday from the 15-student Shield of Faith Christian Academy in this small township, about 90 miles north of Detroit. The K-12 Pentecostal school opened in 1990.



PHOTO FURNISHED Graduation for one this year.

"They don't have quite as many programs, like basketball, but I've enjoyed going to school here," Albers said. One advantage of attending the academy is its high standards, he said. Students must score better than 80 percent in each class or else repeat it. "We have a smaller student count per teacher, so scholastically we are able to do a good job," said the Rev. John F. Ahrens, the school's principal.

**Sculpt this...**

**Competitors fight nature for snow**

ROCKFORD, Ill. — Unseasonably warm temperatures and rain are melting some sculptors' chances for success. Organizers and would-be participants of the annual Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition, which begins Wednesday, are hoping for a cold snap. Though more than 30 inches of snow fell in Rockford in December, above-freezing temperatures have them worried.



PHOTO FURNISHED Snow sculptors overcome the elements.

"It's got to cool off," said Gary Simon, a snow sculptor from Belvidere. "Really, the ideal temperature is 10 to 15 degrees. If it's 20 degrees and sunny, it will start to melt." Last year, a lack of snow postponed the competition until a 6-inch snowstorm hit a week later. Rockford Park District spokesman Vance Barrie said a record 20 state teams plan to compete this year, along with 13 high school teams and as many as three international teams.

—Source: AP Wire  
—Compiled by Amanda Thompson

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# DIALOGUE

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**IN OUR OPINION**

## America, land of the free and poor

*American relations between foreign powers strained due to funding from Iraq sent to U.S.*

There are many words typically used to describe America's relationship with the rest of the world. "Hegemony" is a popular one, as is "superpower." NAFTA, the Marshall Plan, manifest destiny — our conduct in foreign affairs would have us believe that the other 180 or so independent, sovereign states on the planet exist solely because of our good and benevolent nature.

Well, foreign affairs have changed. Iraq, hardly ascendant among the economic powers of the Earth, announced Monday that they would make available 100 million euros (roughly \$94 million) to alleviate the misery of the 30 million Americans living below the poverty line. Proceeds from oil sales will be directed in a bilateral program administered solely by Iraqi officials to buy food, medicine and other essential goods for our impoverished citizens.

This move is especially ironic given the fact that Iraq is currently under U.N. administration to relieve the suffering of a people shackled to a decade of economic sanctions stemming from the invasion of Kuwait.

This marks one of the first times that America is the recipient of foreign aid.

Even though the gesture is most certainly a sardonic political ploy rather than a measure truly designed to combat poverty (after all, the donations would amount to little over \$3 a person), it should cause the U.S. to re-examine its role in the global economy. Perhaps the indignation felt and the outcries raised over our national sovereignty are not unique to us.

Perhaps the feeling that, thank you very much, we can manage our country and its problems just fine exists among the recipient nations of our massive foreign aid programs as well.

Maybe we're the Great Satan after all.

Yes, we believe that choosing our next president here at UK is so important we are reprinting the times for you to meet with the candidates. Students, the time is 3:00 to 3:50 p.m. at the Worsham Theater Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Michael Walker**

GUEST COLUMNIST

## Stand and deliver: SGA must proceed with care

Recently, some University administrators have overstepped the bounds of their office by publicly attempting to influence the SGA Senate under color of their titles. They have essentially told the Student Senate that it made the wrong decision to move for President Glenn's removal, that it passed hasty judgment without considering alternatives to removal and violated the vision and spirit of our Student Government.

As an SGA Supreme Court Justice, I cannot comment on whether or not the Senate is following proper procedures in bringing charges against President Glenn. I feel it appropriate, however, to defend the independence of SGA and criticize what I believe is an unwarranted intrusion into a student organization's independent affairs by University administrators.

Our University's Governing Regulations state that SGA "is recognized by the Board of Trustees, administration and University Senate as the official student body authority in University matters to

insure a maximum of self-government and to create mutual respect and liaison between students and the faculty and administration." (G.R. XI.A)

How can any branch of SGA be assured maximum self-government or mutual respect with the heavy breath of the University administration upon its neck? In the Kernel and other venues, UK's administration has questioned SGA's ability to thoughtfully consider issues, and implied that student senators do not understand the meaning of a tripartite system of government.

For example, Vice President of University Affairs Joe Burch spent considerable time in a recent column discussing the Senate's power to remove a President, arguing that there was no justification for removal. While I cannot comment on the justification of the charges, I will again point to our Governing Regulations, which authorize SGA to "develop rules for its composition and procedures, which are consistent with rules and regulations of the Uni-

versity." Mr. Burch and other administrators should give due respect to these regulations, and allow our organization to take care of its own house.

Administrators have also implied that the students' best interests were not represented by the Senate's vote for removal because the President was twice elected by popular vote. This is fairly reasonable. Just because a President is popularly elected does not lead to the conclusion that it is the students' best interest to keep him or her in office. Student senators are also popularly elected. Besides, how does the central administration keep the pulse of the students' interests? I never see any of them going to student organizational meetings, or chatting with students outside of class.

Some administrators, including the vice chancellor for student affairs, at a meeting of the senate and the vice president for University Relations, in a recent Kernel column, have cautioned the Senate to proceed carefully because the Student Government president

**Jay Varellos and Kevin Kidd**

GUEST COLUMNISTS

## The search stops here

Bravo for the Kernel and their editorial Tuesday imploring UK students to come out in force to see the candidates for UK's next president. Bravo again to the Kernel for asking us to grill the candidates. That is exactly the approach that UK students should take this week — probably the most important week in the past 10 years for UK.

If all goes as planned, UK's Board of Trustees meeting next Tuesday should have the naming of a new President as its last item of business. The only thing we know for sure is that the person for the job will be super-smart with a history of super success. The interviews on campus this week will decide who gets the job.

Do students want Jon Whitmore, provost (a job overseeing all academic affairs) of the University of Iowa and a theater history professor? Or do we want Greg Geoffroy, provost of the University of Maryland and a well-established chemist? Or do we want Lee Todd, an untraditional candidate who was a UK electrical engineering professor 20 years ago and has since become a very successful entrepreneur?

As your student representatives, we need as much feedback as possible. There are feedback forms on the Search Committee web page at [www.uky.edu/PresidentialSearch](http://www.uky.edu/PresidentialSearch). You can give us a phone call at 421-4336 or e-mail us at [jayvarellos@hotmail.com](mailto:jayvarellos@hotmail.com). But perhaps the best approach would be to attend the student interviews in Worsham Theater in the New Student Center on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00-3:50 p.m.

After the candidates leave at 4:30 p.m., the Student Government Association will provide free pizza over which we can get feedback as to what students think after hearing from the candidates. Jimmy Glenn, the students' representative on the 20-member Board of Trustees, will also be there to hear what we think. We all have an open mind at this point and it's up to the students to help us choose between three choices.

These forums are not just about students communicating with their representatives, though. They are also about students making a strong first impression on our next leader. There are 400 seats in Worsham Theater and it would be great to fill them all. Even better would be to hear countless good, and sometimes tough, questions coming from every student in

attendance. It would help set a tone for the new president, showing him that the students at UK have needs, expect a lot and deserve attention.

There is no shortage of issues that UK students want to see addressed. Safety on campus has been a big concern in recent months. Dorm life never seems to get any better. Our alcohol policy seems to be in serious need of reform. Undergraduate education is in desperate need of improvement. Students need a campus that is more inviting and nurtures student community more successfully. These are just a few of the many areas in which a president and those under him can act to improve students' experiences here at UK.

Another important part of these interviews can be asking broader philosophical questions to tease out the candidate's worldview and underlying philosophy. A question about how important they think diversity is at a university would tell us a lot. Affirmative action is also an important topic. Greek life is a big thing for many at UK and would be an appropriate issue to touch on. Campus religious groups may also have some concerns. Let's not forget that business over the sweatshops either. Women's issues should not be forgotten. Also, gay and lesbian issues are important for UK, too.

And there is the important question of how to balance support between "softer" disciplines, such as the humanities and social sciences, and "harder" ones, like the natural and applied sciences.

Doing so will help your representatives represent you better and will also get the attention of the candidates and let them know that this University needs to start respecting its students a little more. Hard questions will help us see who is the most prepared and willing to lead us forward to become a great University for students.

One final note: Although the three finalists are white males, during the search we had conversations with many women and people of color who didn't work out for one reason or another.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the forums and don't forget there's free pizza!

**Guest Columnists Jay Varellos and Kevin Kidd are student members of the Presidential Search Committee. Their views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.**

**Guest Columnist Michael Walker is a graduate student in the Martin School of Public Policy. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kernel.**



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# Cats silence critics and Vols

**Wire to wire: Cats grab early lead and hang on to beat UT**

By John Dobson  
SPORTSDAILY EDITOR

The Cats extended their winning streak to seven with a 84-74 win over the fourth-ranked Tennessee Volunteers before a raucous crowd of 23,821 at Rupp Arena.

Sophomore guard Keith Bogans spearheaded the Cats' effort with 21 points and nine rebounds. Junior forward Tayshaun Prince added 16, while freshmen Jason Parker and Gerald Fitch tallied 10 apiece.

Fitch once again proved that he belongs in the Cats' starting lineup. To the delight of the home crowd and his teammates, the freshman impressed in all aspects of the game — particularly under the basket. Fitch tallied seven rebounds, the majority of which were earned against bigger, stronger foes.

UK coach Tubby Smith was impressed with the youngster's moxie.

"It takes courage to stick your nose in there with the big boys, and come out with the ball the way he did so many times," Smith said.

The win almost surely will give the Cats a spot in the national rankings for the first time since Nov. 20 — and cements Bogans' reputation as something of a clairvoyant. The sophomore had predicted a UK win.

"I guess I did back up my words that we were going to win," Bogans said. "I knew it would be a tough game, but I had a good feeling."

The loyalty of Rupp crowds has seldom been questioned, but the fans' intensity — the non-student sections in the lower arena being the primary offenders — in recent years has left much to be desired. UK Athletics has taken several initiatives to energize the nation's third-largest collegiate arena, and they appear to be paying off, with last night's crowd being the loudest in recent memory.

Tennessee junior forward Vincent Yarbrough attested to the arena's renewed vigor.

"The first five minutes, we were really affected by the crowd. We couldn't hear anything. The first two years I played here, I didn't think Rupp was loud at all. Tonight, it was the loudest arena I have ever played in," Yarbrough said.

UK senior guard Saul Smith was as enamored of the crowd as the Vols were annoyed.

"We all know we have the greatest fans in the world," Smith said. "They proved it again tonight."

Prince led off the game with a three-pointer, giving UK their slimmest lead of the night at 3-0. The Cats never trailed, leading by as much as 18 with 11:40 left.

UK (10-5, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) is the lone remaining squad with a perfect record in the SEC.

Tennessee (16-2, 2-1 SEC) closed to within four points — 51-47 — with a 10-0 run early in the second half, but UK responded with a 16-2 run, dealing the Vols a blow from which they were unable to recover.

UT senior forward Isiah Victor is looking forward to the Vols next crack at UK.

"I am looking forward to Kentucky coming to Knoxville on Valentine's Day. We play Mississippi State on Saturday, and that will be sweet... but Kentucky coming to Knoxville on Valentine's Day will be sweeter," Victor said.



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**Ridin' high**

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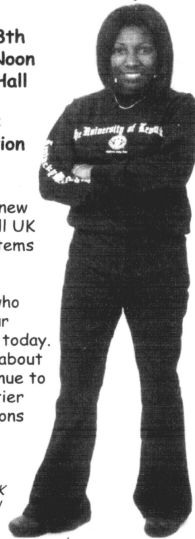
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## Expected deficit won't affect tuition

**Budget shortfall: UK administrators search for additional revenues beside tuition hike**

By John Wampler  
NEWS EDITOR

Although UK expects a \$6 million-dollar budget shortfall due to state budget cuts made by Gov. Paul Patton, students will not be expected to foot the bill, officials said.

Last Thursday, President Lee Todd held an all-day budget

meeting with other UK administrators to discuss preliminary plans on how to deal with the shortfall. It was his decision that there would be no additional tuition increases, said Jack Blanton, senior vice president for administration.

"Affordability for Kentucky students has always been a large concern," Blanton said.

Todd's decision pleased history junior John Hammons.

"I think it's great that they're not raising (tuition)," he said. "It would have been unusual to place the burden on students."

UK students will still have to pay the roughly 6 percent tuition increase that UK's Board of Trustees approved in the fall of 2001 for both 2002 and 2003, but there will be no additional increases to those figures, said Acting Provost Mike Nietzel.

"We're trying to keep the

cost for students as affordable as possible," he said.

Students at Ohio State University, one of UK's benchmarks, did not fare as well when their school faced a similar situation last year. Lee Walker, OSU's budget director, explained that when the school took a 6 percent reduction in state support, tuition had to be raised by 9 percent. A typical yearly tuition increase for OSU is 5 or 6 percent, he said.

UK administrators are still engaged in extensive budgeting

discussion as to how to handle the shortfall, Blanton said.

Rather than cutting expenses, UK is trying to focus on finding new revenue sources, Blanton said. What budget cuts do have to be made will not be across the board, he added. Not all departments will be asked to take equal cuts, he explained.

UK's current plans are based on the concept that only the \$6 million will be cut, and that there will be no additional cuts, Blanton added.

UK will not be able to deter-

mine its actual budget until after the Kentucky legislature passes its budget bill in April, he said.

UK officials have a good perspective on the current situation, Blanton said, and will have an even better one when Patton delivers his budget to the legislature at the end of this month.

For now, UK is doing what it can to be prepared.

"You can't wait until the last day to start this process," Blanton said.

“The people in this department are great. And I get paid to play.”

—JEFF BABBITT, UK GLASS BLOWER



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### Beakers bubbling

Jeff Babbitt uses his glassblowing skills to create an electro-chemical cell that will be used to grow chemical structures in the Chemistry-Physics Building. Babbitt, originally from Ann Arbor, Mich., has been practicing glassblowing for more than 25 years.

## Through the blowing glass

**Unleashing steam: After-school job becomes a life's work for Michigan native**

By Kelly Sweger  
STAFF WRITER

In a shop in the basement of the Chemistry and Physics Building, Jeff Babbitt works full time blowing glass.

For 22 years, Babbitt's job has been to make and customize glassware for UK's chemistry and physics labs.

These two departments often have unique needs that require Babbitt's skill. One such example is chemistry professor David Butterfield's graduate level thermo dynamics and kinetics class. The class is researching Alzheimer's disease, and to get the one-of-a-kind design they needed, they turned to Babbitt for help.

"He's a clever guy," Butterfield said. "He's an asset to our department and we are glad to have him."

Hailing from Ann Arbor, Mich., Babbitt's love for warmer weather and camping brought him to the Bluegrass.

Babbitt can make or repair a piece of equipment on the spot. Production needs can be up to 50 flask valves a day, he said. Usually profes-

sors give Babbitt an existing piece or a drawing of what piece is needed. Glass must be worked with while it is hot, a temperature close to 1,000 degrees Celsius, Babbitt said. If the glass cools too quickly it will crack.

Babbitt buys glass tubing and parts individually and then puts them together. He uses a variety of tools and techniques depending on what is needed. Summer is the busiest time as he prepares inventory to stock the lab for the fall semester.

Scientific glassblowing has been around since science has needed glass, Babbitt said. For example, Babbitt added, Thomas Edison had his own glassblower to make his light bulbs.

Babbitt said he is fortunate his father Joel introduced him to what he now loves. Babbitt started learning the trade under his dad's supervision in junior high.

Glassblowing was Babbitt's after-school job. He and his dad are close and relate to one another through their profession. Babbitt's father recently retired from scientific glassblowing and focuses

Production needs for the chemistry and physics departments can include up to 50 flask tubes each day. Glassblowers work for 16 years before they can be considered professionals in their field. The average salary for this profession is \$65,000.

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on the craft part now.

Glassblowing is a skill learned through apprenticeship. After six years, a glass blower is considered a journeyman, and after 10 years, a professional. Salary range depends upon experience; the average salary for this profession is \$65,000.

Most may be unaware of

what goes on in the Chemistry and Physics Building, but it's people like Babbitt who keep the beakers bubbling, helping Butterfield's students as they search for free radicals that may help fight Alzheimer's disease.

"The people in this department are great," Babbitt said. "And I get paid to play."

### CAMPUS NEWS

#### Former UK athlete faces assault charge

A UK football player, whose eligibility expired last fall, was arrested Monday on charges of second-degree assault.

Jack Paul "Gus" Jacobs, 22, a senior from Louisville, was served with a warrant charging him with assaulting an unidentified adult male on Jan. 10 at about 1:15 a.m. at the corner of South Limestone and Winslow streets.

The man was taken to Samaritan Hospital to be treated for injuries to the face and head, including lacerations that required stitches. He released that day.

The man filed the complaint against Jacobs at the Fayette District Court the day of the incident.

UK Police arrested Jacobs at the courthouse, where he was facing an unrelated warrant for a failure to pay traffic fines. He was taken to the Fayette County Detention Center where a \$5,000 bond was posted.

A preliminary hearing for the assault charge is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., Wednesday Feb. 6 at the courthouse.

Jacobs, a fullback, was a member of the football team from 1997 to 2001.



Jacobs

#### Cheerleader arrested on rape charge

A UK cheerleader was arraigned Wednesday on charges of first-degree rape.

Fernando Thomas, 19, a freshman from Georgetown, was arrested Tuesday night by UK Police for an incident, which occurred on campus on Oct. 15, 2001.

Thomas turned himself in to police and was held in the Fayette County Detention Center. As of Wednesday afternoon he was still in custody.

He was arraigned Wednesday at the Fayette County District Court on the charge. The full cash bond was originally set at \$10,000 but was reduced to \$5,000.

Thomas has been suspended indefinitely from the squad pending further investigation and resolution of the case, according to UK public relations.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 23 at the Fayette County District Court.



Thomas

### RESTORATION

## Building's hidden past revealed by expert

Firefighters battled the Administration Building fire in May, but most of the building was gutted. Restoration plans are underway.



FILE PHOTO

By Emily Hagedorn  
STAFF WRITER

Many are optimistic that the damage caused by the Administration Building fire in May will lead to a better future.

"(We want) to make it a building that was probably better than it ever was and that is fully functional and indicative of a new university," said Dennis Dorer, a historic preservation professor.

Plans to restore the building were preceded by plans to uncover the building's history.

At a lecture in Pence Hall Wednesday night, Charles Phillips, the preservation architect working on the project, unveiled the building's secrets.

Phillips' said he has been

carefully analyzing the building and was surprised with what he's unearthed. He found lessons from the 1920s on blackboards and antique wallpaper under layers of plaster.

"If we don't retain evidence of what people have done in the past, then we don't know where to go in the future," he said. Other uses for the building were concluded as well. It used to house an infirmary and the Union Philosophical Literary Society.

"When they were building this building it wasn't just putting up a building and putting classrooms in it — education had a philosophy," Phillips said. "It was embodied

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### UK football players' trial delayed

The trial for three suspended UK football players was delayed in Fayette County District Court until Jan. 30. The continuance will allow more time for their attorneys to prepare for trial. Brett Hamblen, Jeremy Darveau and Benjamin Scott are all pleading not guilty to first-degree arson charges. The charges stem from the two fires in Kirwan Tower on the morning of Dec 11. No one was injured in the fires.

### Range finder stolen from UK golf club

A window was broken last Monday in the maintenance building of the University Club, UK's golf club. A range finder, a device that projects distance, was stolen. The cost of repairs to the window as well as the value of the range finder, came to about \$200. A report has been filed with the Lexington Police, but no suspect has been named or found.

### LCC opens new campus in Winchester

Lexington Community College officially opened a campus in Winchester-Clark County Wednesday. The new campus will offer classes ranging from anthropology and biology to economics and Spanish. LCC has offered classes at Winchester-Clark County for the last 10 years, but this is the first centralized location where students have access to advising, registration and instruction.

### UK offering GRE, GMAT prep classes

UK will offer a class to prepare students for the Graduate Record Exam on Tuesday evenings for six weeks this semester. The classes run from Jan. 29 through March 5. UK is also offering a class to prepare students for the Graduate Management Admission Test. The verbal review for the GMAT will be offered Thursday evenings, and the math review for the GMAT will be Tuesday evenings. The fee for each of the GMAT and GRE preparation classes is \$80, and a text is required. Register at the Central Advising Service and Transfer Center, located at 109 Miller Hall, or call 257-3383.

## STATE NEWS

### Ky. House panel offers cloning ban

FRANKFORT — A bill to outlaw human cloning in Kentucky emerged from a House committee Wednesday with strong support, but was denounced by a researcher who wants to create cloned babies. Human cloning was termed im-



**GANGSTAR?** British pop star Adam Ant has been admitted to a psychiatric ward in London under the Mental Health Act. The singer, who had a string of hits in the 1980s with his band Adam and The Ants, was taken to the Royal Free Hospital in north London by police the day after he was accused of pulling out a gun at the Prince of Wales pub in Kentish Town.

The 47-year-old, whose real name is Stuart Goddard, was arrested on Saturday night and charged the following day with criminal damage, actual bodily harm and possession of a firearm or imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence. He was bailed to appear in court at a later date. Police then detained the singer on Monday night and he was taken to the Royal Free Hospital where he was detained. Under the act, doctors can hold him for 28 days while they assess his condition.

moral by the bill's chief sponsor and by a university professor who spoke to the House Judiciary Committee. Absent from the hearing was Panayiotis Michael Zavos, the Kentucky reproductive researcher and advocate for human cloning. Reached later at his office, Zavos called the committee's action naive and misinformed. Zavos, who heads a Lexington organization that provides fertility services, wants to clone human babies for infertile couples. He said that more than 3,000 couples have contacted his organization.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Shooting rampage at law school kills 3

GRUNDTVY, Va. — A law school student who had just been suspended went on a shooting spree at the Appalachian School of Law Wednesday, killing the dean, a professor and a student before he was wrestled to the ground, school officials and witnesses said. Three students also were critically wounded in the hall of gunfire. Dean L. Anthony Sutin and Professor Thomas Blackwell were gunned down in their offices, according to school officials. The third person slain was a student, said Ellen Qualls, a spokeswoman for Gov. Mark Warner. State police identified the suspect as 43-year-old Peter Odighizuma. Odighizuma had been suspended from school earlier Wednesday, Qualls said. She said Odighizuma had a history of mental instability that school officials were aware of. The suspect was at the Buchanan County Jail.

### AIDS vaccine ineffective in recent test

In a study that illustrates how cunning a foe AIDS is, a monkey that was given an experimental AIDS vaccine died after the virus changed just one of its genes. HIV, which causes AIDS, already is known to mutate and grow impervious to standard AIDS drugs in at least half of all Americans being treated for the infection. Now researchers have seen a similar outcome with an experimental vaccine that tries to stop the virus from multiplying. The mutation occurred in one of eight vaccinated rhesus monkeys in a Harvard experiment. The findings were published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

### Shoe bomber may get 5 life sentences

BOSTON — The airline passenger accused of trying to ignite explosives in his shoes was indicted Wednesday on charges of being an al-Qaida-trained terrorist whose goal was to blow up the plane. Richard Reid, a 28-year-old British citizen, could get five life sentences if convicted. The indictment, issued by a federal grand jury in Boston, alleges Reid attempted to kill the 197 passengers and crew aboard a Paris-to-Miami American Airlines flight Dec. 22. Reid did "attempt to use a weapon of mass destruction... consisting of an explosive bomb placed in each of his shoes," the indictment said. The indictment said Reid "received training from al-Qaida in Afghanistan."

Compiled from wire reports

## COMMUNITY

### UK offering public service fair

By Emily Hagedorn  
STAFF WRITER

The opportunity is coming for students to give back to the community at UK's first volunteer fair.

Kate Johnson, academic adviser for the Honors program and chair of the volunteer fair, said that 70 agencies will be represented at the fair Tuesday night.

"I think we have a lot of students who want to contribute," Johnson said. "We want to make it easier for them."

The event stems from recent successes in the Truman Scholarship Foundation, which awards \$30,000 scholarships to students interested in public service who are planning to attend graduate school. In the past five years, four students from UK have won this award.

Because of the number of recipients of the scholarship, UK received the 2001 Harry S. Truman Foundation Institutional Award.

Johnson hopes that the fair will assist students in finding ways to help others.

"Our hope is they will make connections," Johnson said. "There are some students that are used to volunteering in small towns, and

then they come here and can't find their place."

This is why Johnson said the fair is important to not only UK, but to the Lexington community as well.

"This is going to get students involved with the community," she said. Jay Varelles, a history and international development senior and 2001 Truman scholar, agreed.

"America works if people give themselves for the common good," Varelles said. "You have to find something you like to do. Hopefully, you can find someone to help out."

Johnson added that volunteering is also said to be intrinsically motivating, which is why many are anticipated to attend the fair.

"I think it all helps us learn about ourselves," she said.

### Volunteer fair details

The volunteer fair will be held from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the Student Center Grand Ballroom. A public service forum will follow from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the William T. Young Library. Free food.

## ADMIN

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in the architecture."

Students are also getting to experience the procedure. More than 50 architecture students will be involved with the restoration process, Domer said.

"It's an opportunity to incorporate the students with the process of running a university," said Megan Smith, an architecture senior.

Administrators agree that students should be involved in the renovation. "It's the oldest building on

campus," said Jack Blanton, senior vice president for administration. "You have to get in touch with heritage."

Possible future plans for the building include classrooms, a new visitor center and an auditorium, Blanton said. Administrators hope the building will be completed by Aug. 2003.

The building is not going to stay in the past. Some say they hope the renovated structure will lead the way into the future.

"The architecture school, like UK, is interested in taking this building and building on its past," Domer said. "In other words it can't be a museum. It's got to be a working building for the future."

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3,000 MILES TO GRACELAND

# On the road again – to Memphis

**Strolling along Beale Street: Not enough minutes in a day to see all the sights, sounds, tastes of a unique southern city**

Well, tomorrow I am heading down to Memphis. My encouragement will include my brother's decade-old Celica (because my car is cursed), a cooler with diet Pepsi, a suitcase, plenty of Tom Petty music, the latest issue of Cosmopolitan, my crush on Elvis, butterflies in my stomach and the open road.

I have been looking forward to this trip for about three months. I tell everyone I am going down there for an internship interview with the Memphis Flyer, which is the truth, but I am also going to satisfy certain obsessions and fascinations.



**Sarah Zopfi**  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

After all, Memphis is the home of blues music and southern hospitality. My dad has been telling me about the Mississippi blues and barbeque for the past 15 years. As a musician, I have high expectations for the quality of music I anticipate hearing down there. I want to walk along Beale Street, eating barbeque sandwiches and potato salad while listening to the echoes of Howling Wolf and John Lee Hooker ring in my ears.

I have this daydream where I'm stumbling out of my hotel room, onto the streets of Memphis, and someone approaches me. His hair is jet black and smooth. When I look into his eyes, I notice how kind and sincere they look. He wears blue-suede shoes and his lip curls when he talks. In my daydream, I meet the King.

This brings me to my fixation with Graceland, the estate that housed the King of rock'n'roll for more than 20 years. Who wouldn't want to visit this place during their lifetime?

I have been in love with Elvis and all his rhinestones of glamour since I was a little girl. I can't wait to tour the homestead, seeing with my own eyes the famous trophy room, where Elvis kept all of his gold records and awards. I'll get to visit the kitchen where Elvis cooked his distinguished grilled banana and peanut butter sandwiches. I have always been consumed with the mystery surrounding Elvis' death, and I

hope this trip will shed some light on my inquiries.

Who knows what adventures will accompany me on my trip down south.

Maybe my internship interview will be successful, and I'll spend my summer days reviewing the music of Beale Street.

Maybe I'll find that all my expectations of Graceland hold true.

And if you never hear from me again, there is no need to worry. Simply refer back to the fourth paragraph of my column. The king and I have left the building.

Adios.

## Elvis and Graceland

Graceland, located in the suburbs of Memphis, Tenn., is a great place for anyone who has ever enjoyed Elvis and rock 'n' roll. The Graceland tour highlights various rooms in Elvis' home including his Jungle Den, kitchen and automotive garage. For added excitement, check out his airplane, too.

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### Basketball

#### The short ballers

It was nice to see the Wildcats get back to doing what they do best, kicking some basketball booty. It was also refreshing to see someone of such short stature get a chance to play at the college level. If you didn't watch the game on Tuesday Night, just smile and pretend to understand me on this one. Ole Miss' starter, Harrison, is a meager 5 feet 5 inches tall, but he manages to hold his own fairly well on the court. The question is, however, how does one follow in his small footsteps by bringing their game to the next level.

Here are some tips on how to be a short baller in the NCAA.

You need to know someone really well. I can't stress how well you really, really need to know them, wink-wink, hint-hint.

Be the ball. No, literally, if you're that small, just jump and hang on to the ball as the taller players run by. You might even get credit for the points.

You should purchase a pair of the new spring loaded Nikes and maybe add your own little enhancements. I'm sure you could tighten the springs or throw on some jet propulsion units.

When you are that low to the ground, the best strategy is to practice the ancient art of deactivating your opponents.

If you are short and quiet enough, you may be able to sneak under the radar of most tall guys who are simply drooling to block your shot.

The fans will understand your role on the team more clearly if you nickname yourself something like "Air Assist" or "The Defensive Dynamo." This is much better than deluding yourself into thinking that you have marketable skills.

Have a play designed where you sequentially step on taller and taller players in order to dunk the ball. Careful getting down though, it's a long fall.

Try playing rough like Harrison, but for the taller players you may have to settle for throwing your forearm shivers at the groin.

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## ONE GOOD ARGUMENT AGAINST HUMAN CLONING



IN OUR OPINION

## Integrity needed in Athletics Dept.

Two years from now the UK men's basketball team will be forced to take the floor against two of its table scraps, former head basketball coach Rick Pitino and former junior forward Marvin Stone. The controversy surrounding Stone's request for a transfer to Louisville overshadowed the Cats' on-the-court endeavors for a couple of shaky games.

Many people are raising questions regarding the move to grant Stone a transfer because of concerns about the type of precedent it could set in the future. Fans should not be concerned with the bearing this may have on future Cat teams (which will, in all likelihood, be minimal), but rather with the graceless way the Athletics Department handled the entire situation.

Athletics Director Larry Ivy initially pointed to an "unwritten" policy as justification for his decision to deny Stone's request. He explained that the policy prohibited athletic transfers to any Southeastern Conference school, as well as three non-conference opponents: Notre Dame, Indiana and Louisville.

After it was revealed that former UK athlete — like football player Donnell Gordon who transferred to U of L in 1995 — have in fact been granted releases in the past, Ivy was quick to change his tune.

Stone was allowed to seek a spot on Louisville's roster in addition to an athletic scholarship, and Ivy abandoned the beloved phantom policy, contending that the ultimate decision had rested with head basketball coach Tubby Smith. In the beginning, Ivy explained that Smith didn't want to have to suit his team up against a former teammate, but because of a change of heart Ivy decided to grant the transfer. Oddly, at the outset of the debacle Smith told the media he was happy that he didn't have to be a part of this particular decision.

The way this situation was handled points to a dire lack of professionalism in the department, which is far more dangerous to the basketball team than any disgruntled player (or coach) seeking refuge with its rivals could ever be.

What this entire circus proves is that there is a severe ineptitude somewhere within the Athletics Department, and with a basketball program as historical and well-respected as UK's, these types of charades cannot be tolerated because they can definitely have a negative impact on the program later.

And in order to sustain an admirable reputation, the Athletics Department must ensure that UK's position of superiority among college basketball programs continues.

## Hip hop could be answer to dream

He was a man who led a flock from the inferior grounds of the Jim Crow South up to a world of desegregation where all races can live, work and play together. This Monday our nation will celebrate the life, legacy and contributions of Martin Luther King Jr.

From the Sweet Auburn district of Atlanta, the Baptist minister drove out hate with love and non-violence. Reflections and ripples of his dream are still spreading, though there are still some blind eyes and ears.

The third Monday of January is set aside for the dreamer. Many use the day as an extension to the preceding weekend, and it disturbs me that many use the day for extracurricular activities that could be done at other times.

Until King's dream is fulfilled, we shouldn't spend the day shopping at the mall or watching the latest film at the theater, but rather reflecting on King's significant contributions to this nation.

Furthermore, we need to pick up the torch he left and embrace the creed of King and continue to integrate it in our high-tech, Starbucks-loving lives.

My initial plan for this column was to recount my experiences of not realizing that I was walking on civil rights.

For example, for the two years I lived in Greensboro, N.C., my family and I shopped in the same Woolworth's where the four North Carolina A&T University students were on Feb. 1, 1960. The lunch counter was famous for refusing service to blacks.

I vividly remember seeing that lunch counter as a little tike and just thinking it was another place to eat — which it wasn't after that day in 1960.

That day began the turbulent sit-in movements of the decade, which launched a Civil Rights Movement that will forever be ingrained in this country's history for eternity.

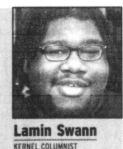
But after viewing the second part of the interview with Death Row Records founder Marion "Suge" Knight on NBC's "Last Call with Carson Daly," plans changed, giving initiative to put the legacy of King to use.

Knight lunched the hip hop careers of Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg in the mid-90s and was driving the car that lead to the death of the late Tupac Shakur in Las Vegas. Daily asked Knight how a hip hop nation can come together and settle the decades-long East versus West Coast beef that exists among today's hip hop artists, producers and labels.

Just released from serving five years of a nine-year sentence on assault-related charges in California, Knight agreed with Daly that the beef needs to be settled, a feud he claims is "more on wax" opposed to a physical, violent type.

Knight said he would not sit together with other hip hop artists/executives such as Bad Boy Records CEO Sean "P. Diddy" Combs until they stop relinquishing the masters and rights of songs to recording conglomerates such as Jive Records and Warner Brothers.

Though a separatist industry, the hip hop industry is one of the most diverse industries since the beginning of modern time. Hip hop is present in the social, political and financial realms of America, but not intertwined, which would be beneficial to African American and Hispanic communities.



Lamin Swann  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

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## Film censorship denies history

Imagine being a little kid again. You're five or six years old and you're watching *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*.

Remember how magical it was? It's a film that everyone associates with Steven Spielberg. An awe-inspiring movie that not only was innovative for the mind, but captured fans and child-dren and adults across the country. It's standing the test of time. After all, who doesn't know the line, "E.T. phone home?"

Twenty years after *E.T.*'s original release, it will be released again this March. As with many special editions, this one will feature some changes. A few are expected because of technology advancements. For example, *E.T.*'s mouth will be made to match his words more closely. There is also a scene with Harrison Ford playing the principal at Elliot's school that may be included (it was cut from the original movie after Ford attracted the attention, instead of the scene itself).

There is also a startling change. In the original version, the government agents who chased Elliot and *E.T.* had weapons in their hands. In the new version, these guns have been changed to walkie-talkies.

Now, heaven forbid I come across looking like a gun-toting, violent person. I am not and never have been. Guns scare me. However, what an asinine change to make. You may argue that my objections to a change so trivial are asinine as well. That's fine.

But wouldn't you think that if you were a government agent, you would be allowed to carry a gun or weapon? And wouldn't you think that you would have a gun in case the alien was more of an *Independence Day* variety rather than a cuddly *E.T.* variety?

The government agents in *E.T.* are scary, there's no doubting that. But part of their fear was the weapons. It created much of the suspense in the film. How scary do they look packing walkie-talkies? Do we really need to take the guns away from people who are perfectly allowed to have them, just for the sake of not offending someone?

I hope this isn't an indication of things to come. I hope we don't end up changing films. We have already edited the World Trade Centers out of many films, and, depending on whom you ask, it's either a blessing or a curse.

Will censorship continue in films? In Germany, the classic film, *Casablanca*, was banned at its release in 1942 because of what they called "anti-Nazi propaganda." After the war, it was finally released in Germany, minus 20 minutes of film as well as all references to Nazism.

Is there a reason for this censorship? I understand the reluctance of the Germans to revisit a dark time in their history, but if we don't see or learn about things we have done, how can we learn?

Can you imagine if the United States threw out all films dealing with our dark periods of time? Slavery, for example, or the Civil War.

One of the oldest films is called *The Birth of a Nation*. Released in 1915, this film heavily advocates racism as well as the Ku Klux Klan. Filmed in a time before our country allowed blacks to act, the blacks in this film were white actors covered with all of things, shoe polish. It's disgusting. It's embarrassing. But look how far we've come and how far we still may need to go. How can we understand that without knowing where we've been?

This all brings to mind something my grade school history teacher would tell my class whenever we whined about learning.

"Those who don't study history are doomed to repeat its mistakes," she would say.

Not every film, book or TV show is intended to make everyone happy. It's almost impossible to do that when they try.

Don't set a precedent with *E.T.* and other altered works. Don't use the opportunity to purge films or things that may offend because they are not politically correct — taboos have a purpose, too.

Maybe we'll even learn something.

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## Cats host SEC Indoors, face stiff competition

**Best of the best: Tournament showcases 12 SEC teams ranked in nation's top 35; UK is No. 25**

By Alex Williams  
STAFF WRITER

The UK men's tennis team will host the Southeastern Conference Indoor championships starting today at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center and the Lexington Tennis Club on Redding Road.

Members of the team said this tournament will serve as a warm-up for the National Indoor Championships on Feb. 7-10 in Louisville.

"We want to prove ourselves," said freshman Cat Jesse Witten. "We've got a lot of talent and we can do it. We just have to show them we can play so they can respect us."

UK coach Dennis Emery said the Cats must play well individually against the deep talent pool of the SEC, which is considered the strongest tennis conference in the country. All 12 SEC teams finished in the top 32 last year, with Georgia beating Tennessee for the National Championship.

Not much has changed. The Cats are ranked 25th this season by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Georgia still holds the reigns to No. 1, followed by Tennessee and Ole Miss at Nos. 4 and 5. The remaining eight teams round out the top 35 in the ITA rankings.

The Indoor Championships will be the second time this year that the Cats have been in action.

Last week, they took part in the Milwaukee Classic where the duo of freshman newcomer Evan Austin and sophomore Karim Benmansour won the doubles competition.

Four other Cats won in singles competition. In this weekend's action Witten figures to lead the Cats in singles competition.

### SEC Indoor Tennis Championships

Action begins at 8 a.m. today at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center and the Lexington Tennis Club, and continues until the championship rounds on Sunday. The title matches will be played at Boone.

his game.

"There's a little pressure on me being a freshman," Witten said. "I know some of the players in the tournament and they're all good."

Playing on its home courts should help give UK an extra advantage.

"We play on these courts everyday, and we even have some fans," Witten said. "We'll also have each other, and we'll be together since we live just a minute away."

Parity among the singles contestants seems to be the theme at the Indoors this weekend. All of the 16 seeded singles players in the SEC championship are ranked in the top 63 in the country.

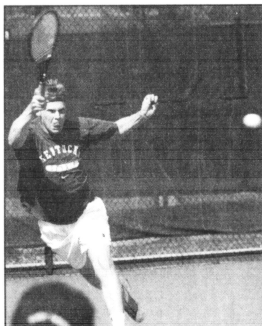
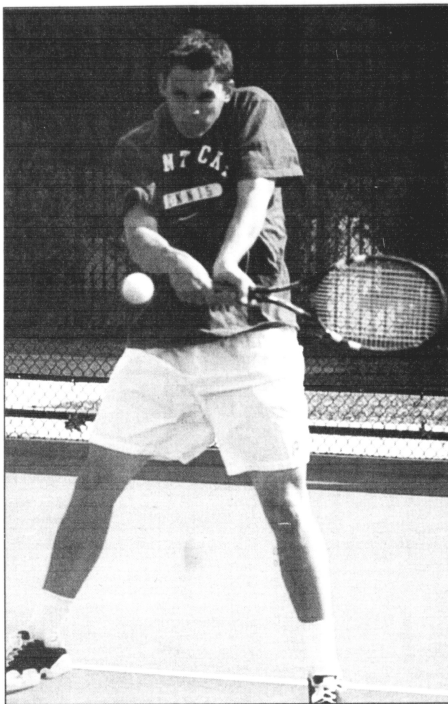
Defending NCAA champion Mattias Boekker of UGA has pulled out of the competition because of an elbow injury, leaving an opportunity open for a new champion and SEC Player of the Year.

With preseason favorite Boekker injured, Emery isn't ready to predict a new champion.

"There's no way of projecting how anyone is going to do in this tournament because the depth of the field is so strong," Emery said. "All of these guys playing at this level have all played so much tennis that they've been in situations like this."



Witten



### Title seekers

UK junior Reven Stephens (above) returns a serve during a singles match in last season's SEC Outdoor Tennis Championships. Senior Johan Grunditz (left) hits a volley in the same tournament last year. Both Stephens and Grunditz will be in action this weekend during the 2002 SEC Indoor Tennis Championships to be held at the Hilary J. Boone Tennis Center on campus and the Lexington Tennis Club on Redding Road.

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