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Witnesses left scene, waited before calling police

By Dale Greer
Executive Editor

Two men who were in UK cornerback Ted Presley's room when he was fatally shot Thursday morning left the scene and waited about 15 minutes before

calling police, a school official said yesterday.

UK spokesman Ralph Derickson said Jeffrey Mitchell, a 21-year-old UK student from Louisville, Ky., and Jason Smith, Presley's roommate and lifelong friend, both left Presley's room in Blanding II residence hall soon after he was shot in

the right temple with a single .22-caliber bullet.

The two men then went to Haggin Hall, where Smith placed an emergency call to UK Police at 12:50 a.m., Derickson said. Police do not know which Haggin phone Smith used.

After the call, Mitchell and Smith

met UK police at the scene of the shooting, 113 Blanding II.

Derickson said police estimate 15 minutes elapsed between the time Presley allegedly shot himself and the time the call was made.

Leticia Smith, who was working Blanding II's front desk Thursday night, said Mitchell and Smith left

the residence hall for about 10 to 20 minutes before returning. She said they didn't seem to be in a hurry as they left and walked out as though nothing had happened.

About 10 minutes after the two men left, one UK police officer arrived, she said, and five to six more showed up momentarily.

UK police also have determined that Jason Smith owned the six-shot revolver used in the shooting, Derickson said.

Smith, a 21-year-old UK student from Hopkinsville, could not be located yesterday, and

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'Courageous' Presley honored at memorial

By Tyrone Beason
News Editor

About 50 friends and acquaintances of UK walk-on football player Ted Presley gathered last night to remember the life of what one speaker called a "bright, shining black prince."

Jerry Stevens, director of operations for the Office of Minority Affairs, said that Presley's death Friday of a gunshot wound is a cause not only for mourning, but for celebration.

"We must ... carry on," he told the somber crowd.

Stevens led a list of guests invited to speak on Presley's behalf at Worsham Theater. Among them were Aaron Hughes, hall director at Blanding II where the shooting incident occurred; the Rev. C.B. Akins, pastor of the church that Presley attended and UK football coach Bill Curry.

Curry's evoked images of a Ted Presley dedicated to excellence in every aspect of life,

particularly academics.

And as an athlete, Curry said, Presley constantly pushed himself to the physical limit, not once complaining about the hard work.

"The rest of the team was a little bit ahead of him, but he would not concede to that," Curry said. "Most people, when the pain begins, ... we backed off to protect ourselves. A very few courageous people, when the pain begins, they pour it on. Ted was one of those."

"He won the respect of everybody and very seldom said a word. I wish I had known him better, but he just didn't say much."

Curry said that on the final day of football practice before the shooting, Presley was "more admired and respected than a lot of the men that you see play Saturday afternoons."

Everyone who spoke at the memorial service said Presley's death represents something much more than an evitable human tragedy; it provides individuals who otherwise might never know each other an opportunity to connect spiritually.

"This is what I call the fellowship



Sophomore Melody Holliman (left) consoles junior Cherrod Pate last night at Worsham Theater during a memorial service held for UK football player Ted Presley. The 22-year-old cornerback was fatally shot Thursday. He died Friday. Funeral services are set for today.

of agony," Akins said. "I pointed out to Coach Curry in that intensive care waiting room Thursday morning that here were people that, chances are, if they met on the street, they wouldn't even bother to speak.

"Ted pointed out to us that we have more in common than we die in difference. If Ted is not to die in vain, then we must learn the lesson that he would have us learn, ... that the past is irrevocable but the future is still available."

Dean of Students David Stockham, who attended the service, said another lesson to be learned from the shooting incident is that when people have firearms, bad things are likely to happen "whether they're intended or not."

Eliminating guns at UK tough task, official says

By Dale Greer
Executive Editor

A UK official said yesterday that it is nearly impossible to prevent people from bringing firearms into campus residence halls without violating students' privacy.

Bob Clay, director of residence life, said the only method that possibly could lock out guns would involve some sort of bodily search — an approach he called "intrusively invasive into a student's private life."

"We could say, 'OK, we're going to pat you down or put you through a metal detector,' but I have a suspicion our students would revolt against that," he said.

UK Police Chief W.H. McComas agreed that searching peo-

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Former lobbyist says he often gave money to Blandford

By Charles Wolfe
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The man who allegedly paid three bribes to Don Blandford said yesterday he often gave money to the former House speaker.

It was money for meals or just for spending, and there were no strings attached, former lobbyist William McBee testified.

In 1986, when the two longtime friends attended a Jockeys' Guild convention in Las Vegas, McBee said he handed Blandford \$200. "I

just told him to take it and have a good time," he said.

McBee spent 19 years with Blandford in the Kentucky House, becoming a lobbyist after losing a re-election race in 1990. Now he is a government witness in Blandford's trial on charges of racketeering, extortion, conspiracy and lying to the FBI.

The government claims McBee paid Blandford three \$500 bribes during the 1992 General Assembly. The money allegedly was to ensure that a horse-racing bill contained no "breed-to-breed" restriction that would have barred harness tracks

from conducting wagering on televised thoroughbred races.

McBee said he made the first payment during a January 1992 weekend junket to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The second and third payments were captured on tape by the FBI during dinners in the hotel suite of lobbyist Jay Spurrier, who secretly was cooperating with the FBI after being caught paying a bribe.

During jury selection last week, defense attorney Morton Holbrook of Owensboro conceded there would be evidence that Blandford received money from McBee. But

Blandford denies promising or doing anything for money.

The defense's questioning of McBee seemed intended to show that he had given money to Blandford for years, so any payments in 1992 would not have been unusual.

Blandford said yesterday he planned to testify. Outside the courthouse, he also said he did not think it illegal to take money from a lobbyist "unless you're in agreement to do something for it."

"I think it was pointed out this morning, I did not. I wasn't asked to do anything. I did not agree to do anything, and I didn't do anything.

So ... what's wrong with it?" Blandford said.

He was referring to McBee's testimony that there was no mention of the racing bill or breed-to-breed legislation during the payment in Florida.

The FBI's recording of the second payment, on Feb. 20, 1992, picked up a fleeting reference by McBee to "a little something from Mr. Spurrier and me and the harness horse people."

In making the third payment, which the FBI captured on videotape March 11, McBee told Blandford that Gov. Brereton Jones' staff

was "taking care of" the horse-racing bill.

Blandford's other attorney, Allen Holbrook, seized on the conversations.

"You didn't ask Mr. Blandford to do anything to help defeat passage of any breed-to-breed legislation, did you?" Holbrook said.

"No, sir," McBee replied.

"And Mr. Blandford never did anything to help defeat passage of breed-to-breed legislation, did he?" Holbrook said.

"Not that I know of," McBee said.

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Yeltsin claims 'massive support'; opponents say vote hurt country

By Sergei Shargorodsky
Associated Press

MOSCOW — A new round in Russia's power struggle began yesterday as Boris Yeltsin's team claimed "massive support" from a weekend referendum while his opponents said the vote had hurt the country.

Preliminary official results and exit polls showed that a majority of voters in Sunday's referendum gave the 62-year-old Russian president a vote of confidence and

endorsed his painful free-market reforms.

But hard-liners pointed to the fact that only about 35 percent of Russia's 105.5 million eligible voters actually expressed confidence in Yeltsin, with the rest voting against him or staying away from the polls.

"In less than two years after Yeltsin was elected president of Russia, millions of his former supporters deny him support," said a statement by the All-People's Union of Russia, headed

by hard-line lawmaker Sergei Baburin.

Yeltsin made no public appearances yesterday and spent the day with aides analyzing the results, his press office said.

But presidential spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov issued a victory statement saying the results showed that Russia was rallying around Yeltsin and his reforms.

"The massive support given by the people of Russia to the presi-

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Man pleads not guilty to hostage charges

By Dale Greer
Executive Editor

Kevin Michael Gibson pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges that he took his ex-girlfriend hostage at a campus medical facility last week.

Gibson, 32, of 1711 Arcadia Park, appeared in Fayette District Court to face charges of first-degree burglary, first-degree wanton endangerment, unlawful imprisonment and disorderly conduct. He pleaded not guilty to all four counts.

Fayette District Court Judge Gary Payne ordered a psychiatric evaluation for Gibson and declined

to reduce the unemployed man's full-cash bond, which was set at \$20,000.

The full-cash bond covers the charges of burglary, wanton endangerment and unlawful imprisonment.

An additional 10 percent cash bond was set at \$1,000 for the charge of disorderly conduct.

A preliminary hearing has been scheduled for May 4 at 9 a.m. in Fayette District Court.

UK Police arrested Gibson on Friday after he allegedly took his ex-girlfriend, Karen Fortenberry, hostage at the Dorothy Easlow Combs Cancer Research Building. Fortenberry works as a biochem-

istry technician at the facility, which is located near UK Hospital on Rose Street.

When police arrived, they found Gibson holding Fortenberry against her will and pointing a loaded 9 mm, semi-automatic pistol in the air, UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said. The officers disarmed Gibson shortly after arriving.

McComas said Gibson apparently was upset about his failed relationship with Fortenberry.

"It was an ex-girlfriend, ex-boyfriend situation — and had been for several months," he said.

Gibson remained in custody at the Fayette County Detention Center last night, a deputy jailer said.

Committee names two for journalism director

By Tammy Gay
Senior Staff Writer

The search committee for a journalism school director yesterday gave the names of two acceptable candidates for the position to the dean of the College of Communications.

The new director will be chosen within the next couple of weeks, officials said.

Roy Moore, one candidate named by the committee, has been an associate professor at UK since 1987 and director of graduate studies in

the College of Communications since 1988.

Chuck Stone, the other candidate named by the committee, is a professor at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

"What we want to do is select a candidate who will have a significant, positive impact on the journalism program and, therefore, an impact on (journalism students)," said Douglas A. Boyd, dean of the College of Communications.

Stone will return to campus later

this week for more interviews with Boyd, Chancellor for the Lexington Campus Robert Hemenway, UK President Charles Wethington and some faculty members.

Boyd said that just because Stone is returning for additional interviews does not mean that he has the job.

"My concern is that among everyone there is a perception because Mr. Stone is coming back he somehow has the job or an inside track on the job. That is not true.

"It is only because we wanted to continue our discussion," Boyd

INSIDE:

CORRECTION:
Because of an editor's error, Matt Bowles was incorrectly identified in a photo in yesterday's Kentucky Kernel. His correct photo appears at right.

WEATHER:
Mostly sunny today; high around 70. Partly cloudy tonight; low around 45.

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DIVERSIONS

Romero unable to improve book's weak ending

"The Dark Half"
Starring Timothy Hutton and
Amy Madigan
Orion Pictures

By Greg Lober
Staff Critic

For fiction readers across the country, the name Stephen King is synonymous with terror.

Since he broke onto the literary scene with his first novel, "Carrie," King has been one of the most prolific writers around. What's more, his name guarantees a best-seller.

In the film world, however, King is anything but a sure bet. His works rarely make the transition from print to screen gracefully.

In fact, King was so appalled by recent attempts like "The Lawnmower Man" that he filed successful lawsuits to keep his name off

them.

The simple fact is, there's no escaping the man. Naturally, he can be found in book stores everywhere. And it seems like there's a new movie adaptation every three months.

Three months later, they're in the video stores. Now, he's lurking in your television with the up-coming mini-series "Tommyknockers."

With this much King to choose from, his editors are afraid the public may become oversaturated. At one point, this fear became so acute that they told him to stop writing all together. Unable to take a break, King continued writing novels under the name of Richard Bachman.

It was the experience of being Richard Bachman that inspired King's 1989 best-seller "The Dark Half." Now, two full years after its completion, George Romero's adaptation has finally hit theaters everywhere.



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rywhere.

The plot, like many of King's works, is highly autobiographical. It deals with Thad Beaumont, an English teacher who dabbles in writing.

To help pay the bills, Beaumont, played by Timothy Hutton, begins

writing trashy crime novels under the name of George Stark.

The public loves Stark's grisly works, and he quickly becomes a celebrity despite the fact he does not actually exist. Unfortunately, Beaumont's double life comes to an end when a fan figures out his secret and threatens to go public.

Rather than succumb to the blackmailer, Beaumont decides to publicly end his career as Stark. He and his wife, played by Amy Madigan, soon find themselves posing for pictures beside Stark's imaginary grave.

But the macabre fun ends when it appears that Stark somehow has come to life. Suddenly, the people involved in ending his career start dropping dead left and right, and Beaumont is the most logical suspect.

Romero's script is very respectful of its source. Only a few minor

casting changes are made. Among them was the decision to let Hutton play both Beaumont and Stark.

The effect is eerie. Hutton does a marvelous job in the dual role. As the writer, he seems bright and sympathetic. But every so often, he allows us glimpses at the temper from which Stark is born.

It is his performance as Stark, however, that is most astonishing. Under heavy makeup, Hutton conveys a pure menace coupled with devilish wit.

The supporting cast also is impressive. Amy Madigan makes a very believable wife without falling into any of the pitfalls that snare most females in King movies.

Early on, the movie is filled with promise. The issues it raises about the source of creativity and an artist's struggle with the public are very intriguing. Romero does an excellent job of focusing his attention on these themes rather than dwell-

ing on the gory death scenes described in the novel.

Unfortunately, the movie falls apart in exactly the same spot as the book did. Unable to adequately explain Stark's appearance, King resorts to a typical slasher film ending with a little hocus-pocus smoke cloud for good measure. Romero, it seems, was unable to improve upon the book's weak ending.

As King movies go, "Dark Half" is above average. It is well-acted and quick-paced with enough action to keep fans satisfied. Its lack-luster resolution, however, will keep "Dark Half" from joining the ranks of "The Shining," "Carrie" and "Misery" as the best King adaptations.

"The Dark Half" rated R. Is showing at North Park, South Park and Man O' War Cinemas.

Pearcy's lame lyrics stuck in Ratt cellar

Arcade
Arcade
Epic Records

By Brian Manley
Senior Staff Critic

Once upon a time *waaaay* back in the 1980s there was a band called Ratt, which released six albums and an EP, all containing music that was heavy enough for metal fans, and yet sweet enough to grab the ears and interests of popular radio and MTV.

With LPs like *Out of the Cellar* and *Invasion of Your Privacy*, and singles like "Round and Round" and "Lay It Down," Ratt managed to pave the way for such musical geniuses as Poison, Bon Jovi and Warrant.

Then, in 1991, after releasing a greatest hits compilation, vocalist Stephen Pearcy decided that after a decade he was tired of

penning meaningless rock tunes concerning sex and partying for the purpose of selling records and earning air time.

So he formed Arcade and finally is happy penning the meaningless rock tunes concerning sex and partying that he didn't get out of his system earlier in his career.

Pearcy hasn't strayed far from his former musical ventures, giving us basically Ratt Part II, although with crappier songs.

Arcade even features three lovey-dovey ballads — a sin even Ratt never brought itself to commit. A couple of the songs, like "Nothin' to Lose" and "Never Goin' Home," bring back a nostalgic sense of music you listened to in high school, but others like "Mother Blues" and "Livin' Dangerously" almost make you want to blow chunks.

Butthole Surfers best at bizarre since Cooper

Butthole Surfers
Independent Worm Saloon
Capitol Records

By John Abbott
Staff Critic

I read somewhere that Kiss bassist Gene Simmons wanted to name his band, er, well, that four-letter word that rhymes with "muck."

An amusing idea, sure, but then it



with "Kiss" instead.

Wimps.

I've got a thousand times more respect for The Butthole Surfers, who didn't think twice about taking as their name a vicious slang term for homosexuals.

That's panache, man. They did what they wanted, to heck with the rest of the world, right? Right.

The Surfers haven't quite reached the success level of Kiss, sadly, but

it doesn't mean this isn't one of the most bizarrely entertaining bands since Alice Cooper.

On the group's second Capitol release, *Independent Worm Saloon*, ringmaster Gibby Haynes and friends will give you a taste of Sonic Youth-like distortion, long, acid-psychodelia jams and plain ol' rock music.

The first single, "Who Was In My Room Last Night?," combines a chunky guitar riff with Haynes' static-ridden voice, which only builds on the song's paranoia.

"Goofy's Concern" follows the same formula — with similarly excellent results, except this time, Haynes sounds like he's singing through a bullhorn. Oh, the wonders of modern technology.

"Alcohol" is so gleefully warped that you have to assume the Surfers were on something a lot stronger than Mad Dog 20/20 when they recorded it. It sways and twists, like you're on a rollercoaster and your lunch decides to come back up to take a bow.

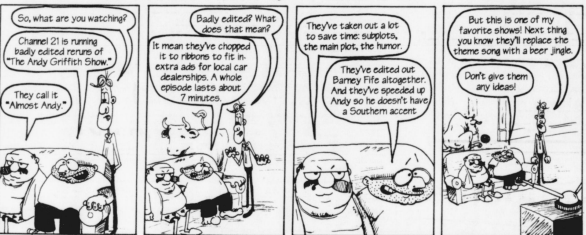
Strangest of all is "The Wooden Song," which is strange precisely because it isn't. It's gentle, largely acoustic, kind of wistful, and is one of the few songs on the album when Haynes doesn't use any kind of distortion on his voice. It turns out he's a pretty decent crooner when he isn't mixing his voice to sound like an auto accident.

Independent Worm Saloon was produced by John Paul Jones, who was the bass player in that loud, obnoxious band way back when called ... er ... ah ... what was its name?? ... Lead something-or-other?

For all of you classic rock fans weeping bitter tears at your hero's pathetic fall from glory, let me repeat myself: John Paul Jones, bassist for the legendary '70s rock band Led Zeppelin, is producing the Butthole Surfers, a garage-rock band that has no compunctions about including vomit sounds in its songs.

John Paul Jones — of all people! That's hilarious, man. That's entertainment.

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SPORTS

UK's pitching, hitting keys to success

By Ty Halpin
Sports Editor

The UK baseball team is coming together. Maybe at the right time, too.

After sweeping three straight games from the Florida Gators last weekend in Gainesville, Fla., the Wildcats stand at 25-16 and 6-9 in the Southeastern Conference.

"I think it is a situation where we are hitting better and pitching better at the same time," associate coach John Butler said.

The Cats take a break from SEC play, coming home to take on Eastern Kentucky tonight at 6. The Colonels battled UK March 30 in Richmond, losing 7-0. UK's Matt Bowles pitched masterfully in that game, frustrating Eastern's batters. Pitching was a major asset for the Cats while in Florida. Brian Reed started his first collegiate game on Saturday against the Gators and came through, helping the Wildcats to a 5-3 victory.

"We went in there knowing we had to hit better and play better defense," Butler said. "The pitchers really did their jobs. We got three quality starts out of them."

Butler also mentioned the criteria he uses for playing winning baseball. He said that there are three categories you must do well in to compete: Defense, pitching and hitting.

"Usually, if you can get two out of the three, you've got a good chance to win," Butler explained. "This weekend, we got three out of



three every game. They really intimidated their hitters."

The normal starters had yesterday off, because of the long weekend series.

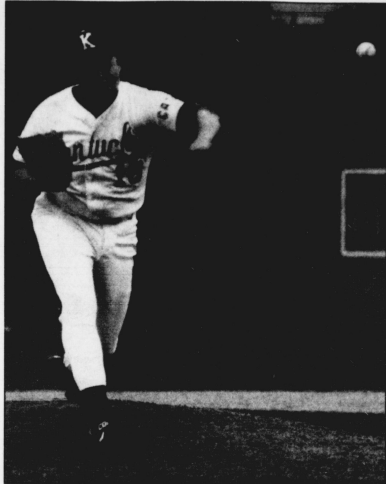
"We played three games in 24 hours," Butler said. "Those guys expend a lot of energy. They played nine hours of baseball."

Butler said there were quite a few Wildcats who have added some intensity to their play.

"Pookie (Jones) is doing better," he said of the rightfielder. "He was a catalyst for us. There were men on base and he got them in. Matt Bragg also had a good series. Overall, we just pitched better."

The Wildcats have not played especially well at home this season, losing four of five conference games at Shively Field. Butler said weather played a major factor in the poor showing the Cats have had at home.

"We haven't had any continuity this year. I bet we haven't had too many nice days to get out here. That's really like being on the road. We're not really familiar with our field yet, especially the younger guys."



THROWING HARD: Senior Lorhn Frazier, shown pitching earlier this year, picked up a win in Gainesville, Fla. this weekend.

USA regional team picked; Jansen makes third round

Staff reports

The United States Olympic Committee and USA Basketball have announced the south regional women's basketball team, which will compete July 24-28 in San Antonio, Texas.

UK played host to the tryouts for the south region last weekend, and Lady Kat freshman Christina Jansen was selected to the third round of cuts Saturday night.

Amy Raley, head women's coach at North Dakota State University, will coach the South squad.

The tryouts attracted over 750 young players who were looking to secure positions on one of the four regional teams.

The trials were open to women 20 years old or younger during the 1993 calendar year.

Each regional team consists of 12 players and six alternates.

In addition to naming the U.S. Olympic Festival teams, 17 USOF finalists were identified, based on their performances at

the regional trials, to participate in the May 22-27 USA Basketball Junior National Team trials in Colorado Springs, Col.

The 1993 U.S. Olympic Festival Women's Basketball South Team was announced as follows:

Donyale Canada, Texas A&M University; Abby Conklin, Charlestown High School/Charlestown, Ind.;

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Crystal Robinson, Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Charlotte Smith, University of North Carolina;

Katie Smith, Ohio State University; Raquel Spurlock, Louisiana Tech University; Yolanda Watkins, University of Alabama; and Samantha Williams, Auburn University.

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Football player's death should raise awareness of University, students

EDITORIAL

People often overreact to uncommon situations.

Last week UK football player Ted Presley died from a gunshot wound to the head. The weapon used was a .22-caliber, six-shot revolver. Firearms are prohibited in all University buildings and residence halls by student code. Students know this — they get a copy of this policy when they enroll at UK, and it is restated in the housing contract all students are required to sign.

This incident is tragic, but it is not a cause for the University to overreact and turn every residence hall on campus into prisonlike structures, like Haggin Hall.

Security measures already in place are serving the needs of students, and guns are not commonplace in residence halls, despite this tragedy.

While it's not appropriate to whip out the metal detectors because of this incident, this is a time for those people in supervisory positions to raise their awareness of and watch out for firearms.

If they hear any reports of firearms in residence halls, they should report them — for the safety of all students.

Guns are serious and have no place in residence halls — or anywhere on our campus.

While officials should watch out for guns, students should do the logical thing and leave their guns at home.

By removing any firearms that exist, perhaps another incident like Ted Presley's death can be prevented.

LETTERS

Despite popular beliefs, historic Jesus was black

To the editor:

I, like many other students, was saddened by the death of Ted Presley — not because I personally knew him but because it's another one of us gone.

And as I was trying to make his death a part of my reality, I began to wonder about the destiny of his soul. My mind took me on a spiritual journey to the scene of Judgment. To my surprise, I visualized a white Jesus, surrounded by angels dressed in white, sitting on the Judgment Seat.

Yes, I have been conditioned to the extent that, despite my knowledge of the true identity of Jesus Christ (or should I say Joshua Ben Pender), the Aryan features of blonde hair, blue eyes, and thin nose prevailed in my mind.

How many of us have succeeded to deprogram ourselves and see the historically accurate portrayal of Jesus? Many theologians and historians, both black and white, have become unable to deny the fact that Jesus was indeed a man of color with "hair like wool and skin of burnt copper," which has been stated in the Holy Bible all this time. Some people argue that Jesus

was a Jew, but if we go back to biblical times, Jews were black.

The Holy Bible, which means "Sun Book," was drawn directly from the Egyptian Book of the Dead and other books. The Immaculate Conception, the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection, all bear their origins in Kemetic (Ancient Egyptian) philosophy. It also is there that monotheism first came to be, not in Greece or Rome.

The Bible that we utilize today, despite its revisions (revisions means change or alterations according to Webster), still makes the most references to Africa, in particular Ethiopia and Egypt. Churches and Christians, however, rob us from any identity, culture and beliefs, went to the extent of distinguishing Jesus as a white man. There is no proof, anywhere, that Jesus was white.

And so, now I can't help wonder if Ted Presley was conscious that the manifestation of Jesus as a white man was a lie and how many of us will unlearn that which we have been taught and direct our path of life to the search of truth for "only truth can set us free."

"The revolution is coming. Are you ready my brothers and sisters?" to quote Tenise Johnson.

Lily Mulugeta
Pharmacy junior
April 26, 1993

WANNA BE A KERNEL COLUMNIST?

"Limbaugh and Madonna in '96!" "Drag out the members of SGA to tar and feather them!" "Pitino may be a good coach, but what about those shoes?" It's time for a changing of the guard here on the Kernel editorial page, which means some of the old columnists must be put out of their misery.

If you have an opinion, let the world know and make your mother proud — become a Kernel columnist. It's a low-wage, low-appreciation sort of job (much like the ones we'll have when we graduate), but it's relatively painless, and it will do you good to let it all out.

If you're conservative, liberal or anything in between, make your opinion count. Send a sample to Kentucky Kernel Editorial Editor Chris McDavid; 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building; UK, Lexington, Ky. 40506-0042.

IF PARANOID SETS IN...



Limbaugh promotes rugged individualism

Democrats prefer to take easy way out



Joe Braun
Editorial Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Idealism is not dead.

This was one of the many enlightening things I learned at the 122nd annual National Rifle Association Convention this weekend.

The three-day glimpse at eternal ecstasy began on Friday with a concert by music legend Lee Greenwood. During his concert he told the crowd, "If Bill Clinton and a few of his friends up in Washington think they can reduce the military and still keep this country safe, they've got another thing coming." The thunderous applause from this statement led into Greenwood's first chords of "God Bless the USA."

While the Greenwood concert was celebrating with the Opryland Hotel as a beautiful backdrop for the convention, Saturday night's keynote speaker, Rush Limbaugh, stole the show.

Limbaugh spoke to a crowd of more than 7,000 people about "freedom and the pursuit of excellence," the pathetic state of the Clinton administration and its popularity, and myths surrounding the L.A. riots and race relations in our country, as they relate to gun control.

He said the thing that scares him most in our country is Democrats who are trying to convince people rugged individualism is underscored by selfishness and greed. Democrats are doing this because one can be Democrat and not liberal, but one cannot be liberal and



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not a Democrat. Limbaugh commented on West Virginia Sen. Robert Byrd's immature comments that because Clinton's supposed stimulus bill was defeated people may be forced to eat soda crackers and beans. Limbaugh's reaction was "better soda crackers and beans than pork and beans."

We live in a capitalistic society



JASON VAUGHN/Staff Artist

where we must work to succeed while providing for our families and, most importantly, remember we're there for the government, it's not there for us. "The last thing in the world we want, ladies and gentlemen, is for the government to be our father, although with President Clinton it

may be possible," Limbaugh said.

He also spoke about Clinton's inadequacies and his inability to win over the American people and pass any legislation or make any appointments that will halt his plummeting popularity after a narrow election.

The protection of the second amendment also was a hot topic, but a bumper sticker in the Opryland Hotel parking lot put it best, "More people have been killed with Ted Kennedy's car than my gun."

The NRA presented Limbaugh with a Kentucky longshooter rifle.

While serving in this capacity, I've learned Director of Admissions "Admiral" Joseph Fink really does run the tightest, most efficient administrative office on campus. Other University offices could learn a lot from the atmosphere hidden over there in the Funkhouser Building.

I've also had the pleasure of learning SGA Executive Director Stephen Keller really is the most polite and helpful person on campus and Harrodsburg is a city every student should visit before graduation.

Next year the Viewpoint page is being turned over to current Staff Writer Chris McDavid. With the passing of the guard, great change will occur, and I wish McDavid luck.

The end of an era is upon us, my friends.

As a lone wolf crying in the wilderness, I have preached the conservative cause, but I know it will continue to prosper elsewhere in the hearts and minds of the people.

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam."
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Gay rights activists bark up the wrong tree



Don Puckett
Asst. Editorial Editor

one gay issue in the news. Now there are dozens at the same time.

And the discussion is not limited to news media. Hollywood recently unveiled plans to go through with several movies featuring gay lead characters. The success of the British film "The Crying Game" — it gathered an academy award nomination for best picture and \$54 million — proves that American audiences are no longer turned away by gay issues.

Television also has picked up on the gay theme. Shows ranging from "Rosanne" to "L.A. Law" to "Melrose Place" regularly are including gay and lesbian characters that are portrayed in a favorable light.

All this is due, in large part, to the willingness of Clinton to confront the issue of gays in the military head on. Without this bold political move, the framework for the political and cultural dialogue that followed would not have been established.

The reason for the lack of substantive gains for gays is that Congressional leaders and other high-ranking government officials do not yet consider the political gains of endorsing a pro-gay agenda worth the risk of alienating a large homophobic sector of the electo-

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rate.

In particular, many members of Congress are afraid that voting for an end to gays in the military or a gay civil rights bill would make them the target of a Religious Right backlash come next election.

The civil rights of gays should not be tied to their ability to demonstrate their own political clout; but by focusing their efforts on legislative action, gay leaders do just that. They delay their success until the time that they become more politically powerful than their opponents.

Given that policy change is unlikely in the near future, gay rights organizations should focus their efforts and resources away from legislators and toward the court system. The courts have the ability to shield themselves from political influences and could be the source of major gains for gays.

The ruling federal precedent is the landmark 1986 case Bowers v. Hardwick. In his majority opinion, Justice Byron White used the entire Judeo-Christian tradition of homophobia and intolerance as an argu-

ment for upholding a Georgia law that prohibited sodomy.

New appointments to the federal judiciary by Clinton, coupled with the emerging dialogue about gay issues, may make the court system more receptive to gay rights.

The Supreme Court has proved in the past its ability to spark major social change. Brown v. Board of Education is regarded widely as one of the main catalysts of the black civil rights movements. Gay rights advocates should realize that the court could have the same effect for their movement.

A banner that hung across the speakers' rostrum at Sunday's demonstration read: "A simple matter of justice." If it is justice that the gay rights movement wants, its leaders must first learn where to look for it.

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Poll: U.S. split on Clinton's performance

By Howard Goldberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As President Clinton nears his 100th day in office, almost half of Americans in an Associated Press poll say he already has broken promises too often. But about the same number consider him a strong leader.

The leadership measure could be crucial for a president trying to push an agenda of change after winning only 43 percent of the vote in November. Those polled regard Clinton as a strong leader 49 percent to 37 percent, with the rest unsure.

More Americans than not say Clinton has set the right tone for his administration, by 44 percent to 40 percent. But 48 percent say he already has broken his promises too often, compared with 34 percent

who say he has kept his promises up to this point.

Clinton complained Sunday that it was "just not realistic" to expect that he could have moved on all his campaign commitments in his first 100 days. "That's why you get a four-year term, not a three-month term," he said.

The poll indicates a quarter of those critical of broken promises still respect Clinton's leadership. People who voted for him are much less likely than others to fault him for breaking promises, but nearly a fourth are withholding judgment or have a mixed assessment, the poll found.

The national telephone poll of 1,014 adults was taken April 16-20 by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 per-

centage points.

Clinton was under harsh media scrutiny while the poll was taken, with Republicans in Congress having scuttled his \$16.3 billion economic stimulus and the standoff with armed cultists in Texas ending in a fiery tragedy.

But the poll asked respondents to take a broad view of Clinton's "opening months in office," 100 days as of Thursday.

Most, 68 percent, say Clinton has accomplished about what they expected, 6 percent say more than they expected, 22 percent say less. Among the disappointed are 18 percent of Democrats and 18 percent of Clinton voters.

Clinton gets higher marks for leadership among women in the poll than among men, possibly because of his push for spending on social programs that traditionally

are more popular with women than men. Also, the president has taken favorable stands on controversial issues, such as abortion rights and homosexuals in the military, in which polls show more male than female opposition.

Two-thirds of those who said they voted for President Bush for re-election give thumbs down to Clinton's leadership. Ross Perot voters split about evenly in assessing Clinton.

While 6 percent of voters refused to say how they cast ballots in November, those who did say seemed reluctant to acknowledge voting for the loser.

Only 29 percent said they voted for Bush, who won 38 percent of the vote, and 17 percent said they backed Perot, who actually got 19 percent. Clinton got a four-point bonus in the poll.

Yeltsin

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dent and his policy show that a nationwide will for revival through democratic reforms has emerged and is strengthening in Russia," Kostikov said.

"The referendum demonstrated that broad circles of the population are consolidating around the president's policy and the goals of building a great Russia," he said.

Yeltsin's rival, parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, said the referendum had worsened the political crisis, which pits the president against hard-line lawmakers who are steadily eroding his authority and blocking reforms.

"There were no clear winners or losers," Khasbulatov said during a leadership meeting of the Supreme Soviet legislature.

"This referendum has split society," he said. "This referendum is another stage on the road of weakening Russia's statehood."

Kostikov shot back, saying that Khasbulatov and his allies ignored the will of the people and were "out of touch with reality."

"As the Supreme Soviet leaders feel the ground slipping from under their feet, they may push the legislators into hasty aggressive actions that can do harm to democracy in Russia," Kostikov warned.

In a statement released by his press office, Yeltsin also rejected Khasbulatov's interpretation.

"The attempt by the Supreme Soviet leadership to disrupt the

expression of the people's will, under the pretext that the population is tired of politics, did not succeed. Efforts to discredit the people's will will not succeed," Yeltsin said.

Signs of new confrontation mounted yesterday.

Ilya Konstantinov, a conservative legislator, called for a session of the Congress of People's Deputies to be convened as soon as official results are announced — as early as today.

Recent parliament sessions have been used to launch attacks on Yeltsin and market reforms, launched in early 1992.

Pro-Yeltsin legislators urged the president to push ahead with reforms, including privatization and support for entrepreneurship that has promised before the referendum.

Yeltsin has said he also will press for a new constitution to replace the Congress with a Western-style, bicameral legislature. An alternative choice is to seek early elections.

Khasbulatov's remarks signaled that legislators would insist that they alone are empowered to change the constitution.

Khasbulatov has said the referendum was riddled with irregularities and was not legally binding, although foreign observers from the International Society for Human Rights said yesterday they found no significant problems at the polls.

Yeltsin won the confidence of 63.8 percent of the 5,219 Russians surveyed at 80 polling stations nationwide.

Guns

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ple would be a violation of privacy. He also said metal detectors would be ineffective because residents could bring handguns into their residence halls when they move in at the beginning of each school year.

He said any metal detectors would have to be turned off during this period to eliminate continuous false alarms.

Presley

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Mitchell declined to comment on the new information. Reached by telephone at his room in Keeneland Hall, Mitchell said UK police "told us not to talk about nothing."

No charges have been filed in connection with the shooting, and UK police still are operating under the assumption that Presley accidentally shot himself while playing a game of Russian roulette with Smith, Derickson said. Mitchell also was in the room but did not play the game, Derickson said.

Police are continuing their investigation, however. UK Police Chief W.H. McComas said officers planned to return to Presley's dorm room last night and gather more evidence.

"We really have not done a 100 percent evidence collection in the room," he said yesterday.

Officials also are waiting for the results of a forensic gunpowder test conducted Thursday morning on the hands of Presley, Mitchell and Smith. The test results, which are being analyzed at the Kentucky State Police Crime Laboratory in Frankfort, can verify whether Presley was holding the pistol when it discharged.

Derickson said the results of the

Although there have been two gun-related incidents on campus since Thursday, McComas said UK has not yet reached the point where substantially tighter security methods are needed.

UK cornerback Ted Presley apparently shot himself in the head with a pistol while in his residence hall Thursday, and a man allegedly took his ex-girlfriend hostage a gunpoint Friday at the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center.

"We just have not had, until the last couple of days, this kind of test won't be back for at least three or four days.

Autopsy results of Presley's body also won't be available for a number of days, but an initial coroner's test showed no traces of alcohol or drugs in Presley's system.

No blood or alcohol tests were conducted on Mitchell and Smith because they voluntarily told police "that they had done some heavy drinking that night," Derickson said.

Both men told police they had drunk about 40 ounces of malt liquor each and an undetermined amount of gin, Derickson said.

Presley, 22, remained in critical condition at UK Hospital until doctors removed him from life-support systems Friday morning. The electrical engineering senior and Hopkinsville native died at 11 a.m. the same day.

Funeral services are scheduled for today at 1 p.m. at Freeman Chapel CME Church in Hopkinsville.

Presley attended Hopkinsville Community College for two years before walking on UK's football team in 1991. He never appeared in a game and was listed as fourth string on the team's depth chart.

The 5-foot-8, 170-pound athlete played high school ball at Christian County.

Presley will be buried at Pleasant Green Cemetery.

manifestation of firearms on campus," McComas said. "I hope this is not a trend.

"I know some schools are discussing (installing metal detectors) that have some severe weapons problems on their campuses, but I don't think we're at that point yet.

"If you look at our statistics, we normally have about seven or eight cases of carrying concealed deadly weapons on campus a year. Very few — probably one or two — involve students."

McComas and Clay both say campus security depends upon students acting responsibly and observing campus regulations, which forbid student from possessing firearms while on campus.

Clay also encouraged everyone

to do his or her part to keep UK secure.

"If you are aware of someone who may have a gun — even in their car — you need to say to us, 'Hey, this person has a weapon,'" Clay said.

Meanwhile, UK is moving ahead with plans to install "card access" devices and security cameras at all residence hall entrances. Haggin and Donovan halls already have card access, which requires students to insert a magnetic card into readers before they can gain access to their residence halls.

Clay said every residence hall on campus will have the devices by the start of the fall 1993 semester. The project will cost about \$500,000, he said.

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