

stimulants Wake up and smell the coffee

By Jeff Vinson Staff Writer and Jennifer Smith

uan Valdez will be making appearances in many forms all over campus this week. Students looking for extra caffeine pick-me-ups have a variety of products to choose from, however, professionals advise extreme caution in using the stimulants.

Dr. Timothy Nolan Jr., director of UK's Student Mental Health Clinic, said students use everything from bronchodilators, used by asthmatics, to overthe-counter stimulants like Vivarin to increase their caffeine intake. caffeine intake.

raffeine intake.

Sebastian Parks, an architecture freshman said he has used coffee, Vivarin, NO DOZ and other things he can't mention to stay awake.

"I can drink a lot of coffee, a pot a night, sometimes two," Parks said. "I do not like Vivarin because it makes you jittery. NO DOZ is OK."

Nolan said the main problem with drugs that increase attention is that there are other side effects from the stimulation that can work against a person.

Some possible side effects from increased caffeine dosages are jitteryness, nervousness and an irregular heartbeat, Nolan said.

Charlie McDonald, a political science senior, knows what it's like to get the "shakes."

He said NO DOZ caused him to be "really jittery and busy."

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French sophomore Jill Payne said she had strange side effects when she used Vivarin and coffee together for last year's finals.

"I was awake, but I felt jittery and uptight," Payne said. "I don't know if it helped or hindered. It's just hard to retain information when you're wound up."

Nolan said cases like Payne's are not isolated.

"Caffeine is a stimulant and, as such, does to some extent improve a person's attention and concentra-

extent is a stimulant and, as such, does to some extent improve a person's attention and concentration," Nolan said.

He said problems arise when a person needs the stimulation for a sustained amount of time. The side effects of the drug begin to overtake the caffeine's benefit.

Long Thai, a chemical engineering freshman, said he was addicted to Jolt!, a caffeinated beverage, for about a month.

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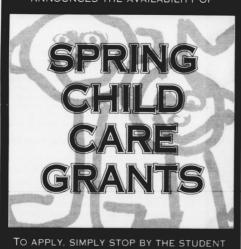
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Doctor says stimulants may cause a loss of concentration

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"After a while I built up a tolerance to it," Thai said. "It just helped me get things done." Thai said it caused him to get really tired in his

classes, though

classes, though.

Nolan said one or two cups of coffee at certain times may be helpful for a person. However, he said that "by the time they end up taking several doses of the over-the-counter preparation, (a person) can have considerable side effects to the point that it would interfere with their concentration."

Megan Lawson, a hotel management sopho-

more, said after taking Vivarin she was very tired

more, said after taking Vivarin she was very tired the next day.
"I think (Vivarin) helped because it helped me stay awake," she said. "It's not like I'm a drug addict or anything."

Biology sophomore Chris Webb said coffee and caffeine hurt his exam studying.

"When you come down off your high, you feel orse than when you started," Webb said.

worse than when you started," Webb said. Ellen Lamb, an undeclared arts and sciences sophomore, said she "just kept drinking diet Cokes" to stay awake while studying one night. "I had four or five of them in a row," Lamb said. "I just kept opening them. I was feeling a little sick

at five in the morning."

Nolan said that all things considered, it is better for students not to use caffeine stimulants. He also said if students have an underlying problematic reaction to excess amounts of caffeine, the effects can be serious.

"I can't think of situation that I would actually recommend (stimulants)," Nolan said.

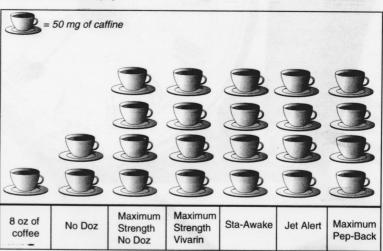
Stephanie Ackner, a biology sophomore, said she does not need caffeine or other stimulants to

stay up to study.

Elementary education freshman Barrett
Howard said he does not use them either.

"I just cannot stay up late enough, anyway," Howard said. "At least not to study, anyway."

Nolan said the fact that caffeine and other stimulants are available means that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognizes them as safe and effective when taken as directed.



Cats to get tested after finals

By Brett Dawson
Sports Editor

The UK basketball team is The UK basketball team is here to help you through the Christmas doldrums. The Wildcats have a handful of matchups over the holiday to keep hoops fans hyped, including the annual Dream Gam.

Things get ripping this Saturday when the Cats head for Circuit and the Cats head for

Cincinnati to take on Texas Tech (8 p.m. on UKTV, live). Tickets are all gone, but you won't want to miss it on the tube. Texas Tech returns five play-

Texas Tech returns five players who averaged in double figures last season, including three who averaged 17 or more.

"Believe it or not, the NBA scouts tell me 'this is the toughest game on your schedule,'" UK Coach Rick Pitino said. "They

have a very talented team."

On Dec. 27 the Cats play host to Marshall University in Rupp Arena (8 p.m., UKTV live).

Marshall coach Billy Donovan was an assistant under Rick Pitino his first five seasons in Lexington, and this is Donovan's Lexington, and this is Donovan's first stop as a head coach. UK and Louisville ring in the new year in style, facing off Jan. 1 in the 25th installment of their series (4 p.m., CBS live). This year's matchup would seem to favor the Cats, although Louisville is the home team. The Cardinal best three series.

Louisville is the home team. The Cardinals lost three starters from last season to the NBA Draft.

The Cats come back home on Jan. 4 for the opening of Southeastern Conference play, a tilt with the Auburn Tigers (8 p.m., Jefferson-Pilot, live). AU lost some key performers from

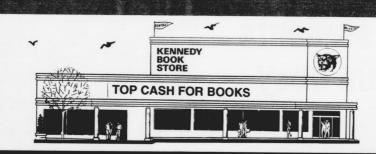
last season's team, including Wesley Person and Aaron Swinson, now hooping it up for the NBA's Phoenix Suns.

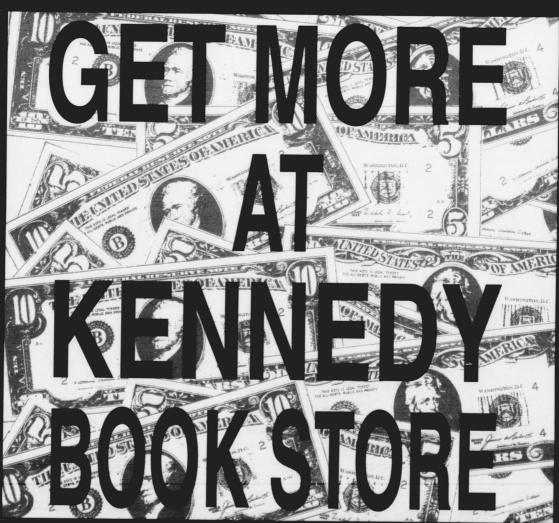
UK continues in SEC play on Jan. 7 at South Carolina (7:30 p.m., UKTV delayed). Coach Eddie Fogler's team lost several big-time players, but Fogler always has his teams primed to face UK and Pitino.

The best game of the break promises to be the last, UK's tilt with Florida Jan. 10 in Gainesville (9:30 p.m., ESPN, live). This game, on the eve of the start of classes, will be an early test for supremacy in the SEC's Eastern Division.

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The Cats knocked off the Gators two out of three meetings last year, but Florida got the last laugh, advancing to the Final Four before bowing out to Duke.





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Studying students still remain busy

By Jacob Clabes

Jobs and extra curricular activities have been put on the back burner this week while students spend the bulk of their time in the library or in the confines of a dorm room lapping up caffeine and cramming for finals.

For students like chemical engineering

For students like chemical engineering sophomore MuriAnita Andrews, who has had balanced jobs with school on several occasions, it is not always easy to arrange study time for finals.

"Every time I would ask off, they would pitch a fit," Andrews said.

"My supervisors could not relate because they had never been to college. They required me to work so many hours that it simply took up too much time."

The problem of scheduling time to study around part-time jobs is not the



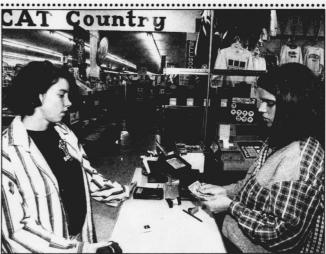
Yes, I work, but that is not the reason I have trouble finding time to study. I will have trouble because I procrastinate."

Amy Glenn Communications only reality of the exam season. There is yet another cancerous plague infecting the students during this exam week.

"Yes, I work," communications sophomore Amy Glenn said, "but that is not the reason that I will have trouble finding time to study. I will have trouble because I procrastinate." For non-traditional students the responsibilities that come with jobs and families can sometimes clash with their exam schedules. "When students come to us with a conflict, we send

us with a conflict, we send them straight to the source," said Jim Kuder, vice-chancellor for Student Affairs.
"If the problem

"If the problem is not resolved, they are then directed to the department head and then on to the academic ombudsman."



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REGISTERING Child development junior, Krista Sipes, cashes a check for a student at Kennedy Bookstore. Manager Carol Behr says being flexible for student employees is important to ber.

For some students, however, employers are understanding about time conflicts at exam time. Many employers are aware of the conflicts a student has and are more than willing to accommodate.

"The week of finals is a busy time for us, but they work when they can," said

Carol Behr, a manager at Kennedy Book Store, a business that employs many students.

"I feel that we are very flexible to allow them to study. That is one reason they like to work here. We understand that school comes first and we come second."

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December grads get lost in the shuffle

By Carrie Morrison Campus Editor

LeAnn Wood is graduating this month. She will not need to this month. She will not need to buy a cap and gown, nor will she whistle "Pomp and Circumstance" in anticipation of the big event. Instead, she will check the mailbox every now and then this holiday season to see if her diploma has arrived.

Who are these silent scholars?

Who are these silent scholars?
Does anybody care about them?
UK only holds graduation
ceremonies in May. Diplomas
are sent through the mail to
December graduates. This procedure has always been implemented and will probably not be
changed in the near future,
according to officials from the
Student Director's office.
"There are so many people
graduating in December due to
all the requirements you never
seem to fill," said Wood, a psychology senior.

chology senior.
"Most of my friends are staying at least an extra semester, and that's even if they come here knowing what they want to do."

Wood said she would like to

have a ceremony, so she will probably try to come back in

May to "walk."

"After four years, I feel I deserve to be recognized and months and then return to UK to December. go to law school.

Psychology junior Steve
Anderson's brother had the
uneventful UK December gradhave time to say goodbye to people," Wood said. "But after graduating, a lot of people travel or leave town to work. It's hard to uation. "It's like everything runs on the fall, then spring semes-ter thing," he said. "It leaves out the students come back when it's five months DECEMBER wno graduate December." GRADUATES later. Wood will However, Anderson said he travel for will probably graduate as eight even if it is

"Graduation in May is so massive," he said. "It's not very personalized."

One freshman, having just come from the typical grandiose high school commencement exercises, was a little surprised to learn of UK's December graduation procedure.

Jennifer Sivertsen, an interna-

tional studies major, believes a December graduation should be no less special than the tradition-

al May event.
"I would want my ceremony to be very formal and very expensive," she said.

"I paid so much for my educa-

ion ... I deserve it. I think there's lot of hard work that goes

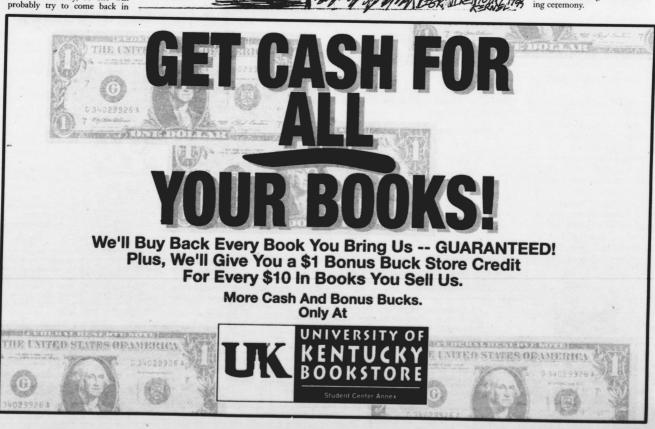
unrecognized."
Wood said she feels concern that many students just want to get their credit hours and get out, regardless of whether or not

they get recognition.

"A lot of students have that attitude," she said.

"I'm pretty close to having that attitude right now." Anderson said he could do

without attending another bor-



Campus organizations spread cheer

By Brenna Reilly Staff Writer

As the holiday season draws near, UK organizations take time to help local charities.

Becky McIlwaine, head of

philanthropy for Chi Omega social sorority, said her organiza-

Social Stronty, said lief or gamea-tion is participating in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree. The sorority selected 30 angels off the Angel Tree at Fayette Mall and will ask two or

three girls to share the cost of the presents for each child.

"Instead of buying presents for each other," McIlwaine said, "This year were are buying gifts for those less fortunate." McIlwaine said the Salvation

Army volunteers were impressed that the sorority took the time to buy the gifts on the

angels. "Our really got excited about the idea," she said.

Also, Jenny Likens of Alpha Gamma Delta social sorority said her sorority is buying gifts for chil-

addition, the Panhellenic Council participated in the Story Book Christmas program sponsored by the Lexington Herald-Leader.

Sorority members bought children's books at a 20% discount from bookstores.

Chi-O won the contest, turning in more than 100 hundred

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Becky McIlwaine Head of philanthropy for Chi Omega social sorority

books, said Jane Ann Bardin, Panhellenic president-elect. Interfraternity

Council Jonathan Bruser said he has been trying to encourage fraternity chapters to volunteer individually for Christmas

Christmas.
"Thanksgiving is really our focus, Bruser said, "justice because of the time." He said many stu-dents and fraternity members are away over the holidays and cannot participate in large community ser-vice projects.

Also, this year, the Student Activities Board participated in the Circle of Love Program. Participants bought presents for a children who could not afford

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By Brenna Reilly

UK students who want to make someone else's holiday seamake someone else's holiday sea-son a little brighter have many opportunities this year. Campus and local organizations are still looking for volun-teers for their pro-

The UK recreation department is sponsoring the "Santa Calls" program. Calls" program. Santa will be calling Lexington area chil-dren on Dec.13 and 14 from 6:30 to 8:30

p.m.
The program still in need of male voices to play Santa.

"The more people we have to make calls, the less calls each person will have to make," said Kathy Cole, organizer of the program.
She said each vol-

unteer should make no more than 10 calls and will be on the phone no more than an hour.

Anyone who wants to participate in the program should contact Kathy Cole at 257- 3928

tact Kathy Cole at States today.

There also are opportunities for students to spread the Christmas spirit off campus.

Williams Salvation Army said they have many programs in need of volun-teers. It has set up an Angel Tree at Fayette Mall

shoppers choose angels, which have information about a local children, from the tree; buy presents for the children; and return the presents to the mall

presents to the mall. Volunteers are needed to work at the

On Dec. 22 and 23 volunteers are need-ed to help the recipi-ents of the Angel Tree donations with

their packages.
There is a Mountain
of Love inside
Turfland Mall this Christmas. The food donations have piled up and the Salvation Army needs volun-teers to box up the food Dec.18 at 1 p.m. inside Turfland Mall.

Anyone interested in helping should call Jennifer Holloway at (606) 276-4411.

The Hope Center also needs volunteers for its Christmas pro-

grams.

There are two orientation wants to sessions for anyone who wants to volunteer. For more information, contact the Hope Center.



New Christmas music's not the same

The holidays can mean a few things for different members of the music industry. Some prefer to take some well-deserved time off to relax with their families.

After several long months on the road, some rest probably would be a great gift. Others, unfortunately, feel the need to make more bucks for their stockings by putting out Christmas albums. (I'm not counting the

aloums. (I'm not counting the Chipmunks, though.)
Today, I'm going to talk about three albums that are on the market as you are reading this. I can tell you this: Don't get out the shopping list just yet. Step away from the crossword puzzle for a minutes. for a minutes.

Here we go:

Mariah Christmas

It's no secret that I'm not exactly a Mariah Carey fan. To say that she can't sing, however, would be an extremely false statement. She certainly can sing. I'll give her that. I just don't like

her music.
So here we have Merry Christmas, a collection of both traditional songs and a few of Mariah's originals. Guess which

ones are better.

"Silent Night" is first. As I said earlier, she can sing, but does she have to be so annoying?

As is the case with most of the

As is the case with most of the album, she tends to overdo things. She sings, no restraint, plugging her vocal range whenever she gets the chance.

Next we have one of Mariah's own chestnuts, "All I Want for Christmas is You." This sounds hasically like anything else she

basically like anything else she has ever done, except it's about Christmas.

The same overproduced beats make it sound like something I heard at my sixth grade dance. Other featured titles on the

Other featured trues on the album include "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)," "Joy to the World" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." These aren't as had.

They're definitely better than her own creations. Unfortunately, though, Mariah apparently tries too hard to sing with passion. The fact is, I've got more soul in the bottom of my

shoe.

Overall, nice try, but no thanks. Of course, if you are a Mariah Carey fan, (I'm guessing that there are a few) this is probably what you're looking for. Merry Christmas is a good representation of her sound. But if you're not a fan, move along.

Jingle Monks

I never really understood this

whole "chant" craze that supposedly swept the music world. It seems more like a marketing strategy to me. Anyway, the monks are back, and they're ready to jam out some serious holiday tunes.

Yeah, right.
The thing that confused me the most was that if it didn't say so on the cover, I wouldn't have known this was Christmas album. I can't imagine any of other albums sounding much different. It could've been for Arbor Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day or Lincoln's birthday for all

Let me get something straight: I straight: know nothing about these monks and/or their religion or beliefs. If you do, maybe you will under-

stand what they are chanting about. I don't know if this is some sort of monk equivalent to Christmas or what. If so, that's fine. For those of us

If so, that's fine. For those of us who don't know, look elsewhere for your listening pleasure.

I really don't know why they bothered to label the songs because they all honestly sound the same. That's right, all 21 of them. There is nothing but voices; no instruments whatsoever. I never heard anything that resem-

es; no instruments whatsoever. I never heard anything that resembled Santa Claus, decorating the tree, wrapping gifts, or milk and cookies.

As I said earlier, maybe that wasn't the point, but I'm not going to force myself to like it.

Bottom line: Unless you are a card-carrying monk maven, you should steer clear. I guess the guys are good at what they do, but I still didn't like it. Santa Maria! Believe me, by the end of the album, I was ready to take the monkin' thing out of my CD monkin' thing out of my CD player.

So This is Christmas

The idea seemed good enough: Fill an album of Christmas tunes performed by some alternative-type artists. My guess is that this is some kind of benefit album, but I'm not sure. The results are a decidedly mixed bag, with a few bright spots, but

"Merry Christmas" Mariah Carey (Columbia)

*****1/2

"Chant Noel" The Benedictine Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos (Angel Records)

**10

"So This is Christmas"

Various Artists

(Atlantic)

RATINGS

* Excellent ***

** Fair * Poor

nothing ground-breaking.

One of my favorites from the album is "Silent Night" from L.A. punk-pop bashers Bad Religion. It surprised me, too. They did a great job maintaining their speedy, Ramones-style power chords with their

with their trademark harmonized vocals. They even stop and break into "My Sharona" for a few sec-onds before going back into "Silent Night." A new band that has caught my attention Hootie and the Blowfish, turns out

respectable ver-sion of "The Christmas Song." Lead singer Darius Rucker's soulful vocals proves that this is a band to watch. The South The South
Carolina quartet's catchy
sound is well
represented.
Another sur-

the form of "Blue Christmas," the form of "Blue Christmas," performed by Collective Soul. I know that MTV played (and probably still does) "Shine" to the point of suicidal insanity, but I'm not going to hold that against the band. The song isn't bad; it's more of a rhythmic, uptempo thing, unlike most

bad; its investigation of the partial bad; its investigation of the contract of the partial burn. His version is obviously different from Bad Religion's, however, its pretty good all the same. but it's pretty good all the same. His folky, acoustic strumming

His folky, acoustic strumming and calm, sweet voice make this one of the better tunes.

You have to take the good with the bad, and there are plenty of lumps of coal on the album. The biggest one comes from Daniel Johnston, who performs "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

I've never heard of this dude I

I've never heard of this dude. I guess he's some cool, alternative guy whom I would know nothing about. I do know, however, that he sounds like one of the

he sounds like one of the Muppets.
Victoria Williams shows up for "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." I just don't like her voice. She painfully squeaks her way through this one.
Tori Amos does "Little Drummer Boy," while Juliana

Hatfield sings "Make it Home." These two are better than Williams', but due to the slow pace of the tunes, they turned out to be a bit boring.

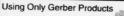
So This is Christmas is OK, and

definitely the best of the three. If you're looking for something dif-ferent to listen to during the hol-idays, this might be what you

The thing that most of these albums are lacking is timelessness. For a real Christmas treat, check out an Elvis album or maybe Bing Crosby.

Those are the ones that I grew

up listening to, and they'll probably be on the turntable when I go home.



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Some freshmen fearful of first finals

By Glenda N. Ethington Staff Writer

As the clock ticks, many fresh men still have questions about finals. Some wonder if they can score well enough to bring up their grade. Others begin to question why they chose a certain class or major in the first

For Amanda Caskey, a psychology freshman, the burning question is ... "What the hell is dead week?"

Caskey is not alone. Her friends, fellow nursing freshman

Laura Strader and psychology major Alice Lannon, admitted that they have no idea what dead

Elizabeth Mitchell, a freshman in communications, defined dead week as "the week leading

dead week as "the week leading up to finals where you really study a lot."

"I know we are supposed to have less work, but that hasn't turned out to be the case," Mitchell said. "I have daily homework in two classes."

Are freshman studying and

Are freshman studying, and just how prepared are they for finals?

"We studied yesterday in a group session," Lannon said. "We sing 'Phantom of the

Opera' to relieve tension," she added. "We also wrestle." Caskey said she mostly studies alone because she doesn't know anyone in her classes

"I don't know anyone in my class to ask (if I have questions)," Caskey said. "I'm the one people always ask questions of."

Caskey, Strader and Lannon all expect to pull all-nighters while studying for

finals.
"I wait until the last minute to cram," Strader said. "I know that's horrible, but it's just reality."

Mitchell admits to becom-

Mitchell admits to pecoming distracted while studying in groups, and prefers to go it alone.

"I don't think I'll be staying"

ing up all night studying," she said. "I'm trying to spread it out over this week and the

weekend.
"It seems I'm just now get ting into the routine of college. It became more apparent that I after mid-term.

Perri Kersh, learning skills instructor at the Counseling and Testing Center, said the center can offer advice for students "looking for exam strategies or in dealing with the end of the semester."

Kersh said constant review of class material and attendance are main factors in preparing for finals

"For a lot of first-year students, (college) is very different from high school, and you can't study for an exam in one night,"

she said.
"Probably the most important thing is to start as early as you can. Also, it's impor-tant to have a study schedule set up the week before and the week of exams."

When taking a cumulative exam, Kersh said, students should break that task down

should break that task down into smaller tasks involved in a daily review, so it doesn't seem so overwhelming.

"Preparation is the key to reducing test anxiety," Kersh said.

"If experiencing extreme anxiety over exams, remember sleep, dier and remember sleep, diet and nutrition are important dur-

ing finals week."

Kersh said students may want to form study groups (to help formulate possible test questions and to use the group as a review to test each other."

other."

The center also provides several study skills programs for students, such as the Masters Student Program.

For more information, contact the Counseling and Testing Center at 257-8701.

SOUNDbytes

What do you do to relieve your finals stress?



"I've spent everyday this week studying in the library. I take Effidrin to stay awake."

Jason Prather



"Study. I play ball, sports, anything active."

Billy Fluker Biology freshman



"What stress?"

Saara Maunu Elementary education senio



"I cannot eat because I have stress.

Seiichi Morisaki



"Study. I make sure that I get enough rest and play time. It has to be balanced."

Leah Kidwell Psychology junior

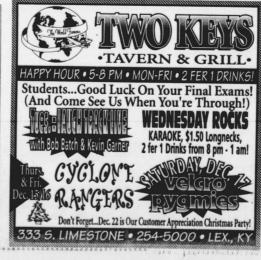


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By John Abbott

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the children.

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You'll shoot your eye out!

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) On
the day of our Saviour's birth, get
down on your knees and thank
Him for making you such a flawless, individual. Remember: You didn't get to be so perfect by yourself. You had help

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) As the Christmas spirit washes over everyone, people will forget how unfriendly and boorish you are and will speak to you for once. Enjoy it

will speak to you for once. Enjoy it while you can; by Jan. 1, it's back to unpopularity and loneliness.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) You've gone way past the "naughty" list; you're on the "pure evil" list now. But take heart: Santa can be bribed. Leave him some milk, cookies and \$500 in unmarked

Wino (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) All of your toys will be of the "some assembly required" variety, and the instructions will be printed in a Turkish dialect. Good luck.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) When

you go home for holidays, you will find it burnt to the ground, with the charred bodies of everyone you love inside. But don't let this spoil your holiday.

Scorple (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Santa didn't like those lima bean-Santa didn't like those lima bean-flavored cookies last Christmas. Better suck up big time, or you might get presents that tick. Sogittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Death will visit your family this Christmas. Death likes to drink screwdrivers, so stock up on the vodka and orange juice before the

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Santa's sleigh will be hit by anti-aircraft fire and crash in your yard. Before he wakes up, riffle through his sack for all the cool

junk you weren't going to get.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
What's that in your stocking? Why, it's a lead pipe, painted red and green and decorated with tiny reindeer! Take it and club a deserving Virgo over the head with it. Don't forget to scream, "Merry

Christmas, punk!"

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) Just before you jump off a bridge, your guardian angel will come down to guardian angel will come down to stop you. Seeing you, however, he will decide that you are too repul-sive to save and leave, mumbling something about how no pair of

something about how no pair of wings is worth this crap.

If your birthday is today: Since it's so close to Christmas, people might try to pull that "This is your birthday and Christmas present in one!" nonsense. Don't fall for it. Demand two trips on the Materialism Express.

LCC final exams similar to UK's

By Tiffany Gilmartin Staff Writer

Students Lexington Community College often are forced to deal with the popular misconception that their academic work is not of the same caliber of students at four-year

institutions.

This feeling of superiority surfaces especially around finals time, but students and professors at LCC are prepared to combat the myth.

For starters, LCC instruc-

tors are hired only to teach, so they can focus all of their attention on the students, instructors said.
"We are not stretched too

thin, which is a little advantage over other instructors," said Susan Kavanaugh, an associate professor in the biological sciences department.

Also, professors and stu-dents are aware of the scrutiny that their graduates will endure, so the desire to turn out a well-prepared student is a

priority for instructors.

"We have high standards because the departments that many of out students are transferring into have high stan-dards," Kavanaugh said. Other than the additional

strain of preparing for regular-ly scheduled examinations during the last week of classes, stu-dents and teachers think finals at LCC and UK are similar.

Some even argue finals are more difficult for LCC stu-

"(At LCC) a student has to pass the final to pass the class
— even it the student has an A
in the class — flunk the final,
flunk the course," Kavanaugh

Undeclared junior Becky Grigsby said she has a harder time at community college than she did at a four-year uni-

"Tm having a hell of a time with the classes here," unde-clared Grigsby said. "I went to Morehead (State University), and I did not have a problem at all."

With smaller classes at LCC, students become better known by their instructors, which can be both beneficial and detrimental.

Dave Wachtel, a sociology professor at LCC, said he thinks the smaller classes give students the advantage of being more comfortable with the material

He said this helps them do

He said this neips them do better on their final exams. "I taught at UK and here. I would say the main difference is that students develop a level

of confidence about the material and feel more confident," Wachtel said.

Wachtel said there are many differences between UK's main campus and LCC.
"The courses are not differ-

ent, and the instruction is not different," he said. "But the classes are smaller and students are able to feel more confident.

Richard Reece, an undeclared sophomore, agreed that the smaller classes are an added benefit for LCC students, especially

around exam time.

"The teacher-to-student ratio is better here," he said. "That might not make for an easier exam, (but) a better knowledge of what to expect.'

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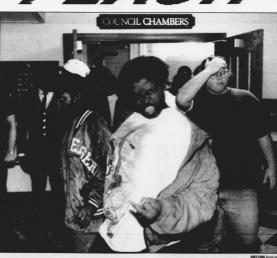
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Undeclared Freshman





"Its all just a cycle. What this really should do is scare middle-class America.

-Sandra Delarosa UK Graduate Student in Rehabilitation Counseling



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Going beyond Christmas

By Thomas McIntosh Staff Writer

Got the Santa Claus blues? re you tired of "Silent Are you tired of "Silent Nights?" UK students are cele-brating many different holidays

this season, to lift your spirit.

Among the different holidays celebrated on campus is Kwanzaa, a non-religious holiday, pays tribute to black Americans. Kwanzaa is not central around a morification. tered around a specific religious or political figure.

Sociology senior Heather Watson, a member of Zeta Phi

last week's "It's Kwanzaa Time anyone can celebrate Kwanzaa.

A professor in California began the holiday to adapt feasts celebrated in ancient societies in

Africa, Watson said. "Kwanzaa is a time for us to gather and recommit ourselves to the things that are important throughout the year," Watson said.

It is celebrated from Dec. 26 through Jan.1 and is based around seven universal principles, including unity, cooperative responsibility and spirituali-

Watson said Kwanzaa has

vatson said Kwanzaa has positive impacts on students. "Usually the only time we gather is when there is a prob-lem, and this is a positive way to end a difficult semester," Watson said.

She said the October riots in Lexington has hung a dark cloud over students' heads this season.

She said Kwanzaa is a time to regain lost faith.

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For Jewish students, there is
Hanukkah. It was developed
after Jews in Jerusalem were
thrown out of the Holy Temple
by Antiochus of Syria, said
Austin Cantor, an animal science professor.

professor.
When the Jews regained the Temple, there was only enough oil to last one day.
"Students who celebrate (Hanukkah) light candles, say prayers and attend one of two companyments here in Levington." synagogues here in Lexington,' Cantor said.

Some students said life at a

Some students said lite at a school based on Christian holidays create conflict for students celebrating Hanukkah. "In college it's hard to celebrate because all the days (of Hanukkah) fall on different days every year, and it's hard to go home, when it is during school," home, when it is during school," said Tara Lieberman, president of the Hillel Foundation, a campus organization for Jewish students.

Lieberman said many Jewish students cannot celebrate because of the conflict.

Not all students going 'home for the holidays'

By Carrie Morrison
Campus Editor

As students pack their bags to roll merrily along to their holi-day destinations, some will be prepping their passports.

Some won't get to leave at all.
Anna Ulitskaya, an international student from Vladimir,
Russia, won't be going home this week

"I haven't got money for a (plane) ticket to get there," she

Carolyn Holmes, advisor for the department of International Students and Scholars, said there are a variety of options for those who are "stranded." "Many students come here for

two to three years at a time," she

two to three years at a time," she said.
"Sometimes they make American friends and are invited to their homes. Some stay here and sweat it out."

Jewell Hall, a dorm for American and international students, stays open over the Christmas season for students like Ulitskaya. Graduate student

housing is also open all year.

"It's good for them to join forces with other students who

are here," said Holmes.

Ulitskaya said she will be hooking up with other students staying in Jewell for the next month.

Holmes' department sposors a program called "International Hospitality." Foreign students

are "matched" with local families

are "matched" with local families through the program. These families befriend the students and show them the area.
"It's not a liwe-in program, but one of friendship," she said.
There is also a program through International Students and Scholars that informs students of trips that take them south for the winter. south for the winter.

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The Christian International
House accepts applications in
October for students who want
to travel to warm sites such as
Florida, Georgia or Texas for
two weeks. PPThe program
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two weeks. PPThe program arranges housing. Holmes said people who par-take in the program "report back a wonderful time." Holmes said not all students

stuck in Lexington are upset

"For many students, Christmas is not a holiday, so it doesn't have the same over-tones," she said.

The services for international students at Bradley Hall try to students at Bradley Hall try to recognize their country's holi-days while they are here, such as the Chinese New Year, which takes place in February and is similar to Christmas in its fami-ly-gathering and gift-giving ele-ment, said Holmes.

Ulitskaya is not sure what her holiday plans are, but she looks forward to Christmas in

America.
"I want to stay here," she said.
"I like it very much."



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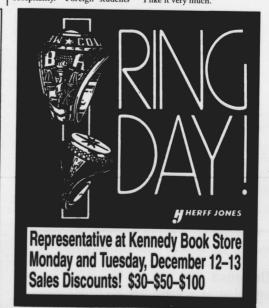
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Religion target of liberalism

"There is no God, and if there

was, she made a mistake."

I was recently reading a letter to the editor in one of my

to the editor in favorite maga-zines, and this was the state-ment the writer said she had heard from a professor in one of her philosophy classes. It's not

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prising consider-ing the way col-leges in this country have made themselves bastions of political correctness

Knuckles Editorial Editor

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ical correctness, where feel-good, self-esteem building educations are given rather than the truth. With the Christmas season in our midst, I can't help thinking that a quick, sharp, obligatory mention of the holiday is probably as close to the "C" word (that being Christ, not Communist Manifesto) that most students at UK will ever get.

It should come as no surprise. Christianity and all of its beliefs have been the target of liberalism in our education system, for quite some time.

After being taught that man (people, for those who prefer the gender-neutral, all-inclusive language) started out as primordial ooze, became fish, then apes and

ooze, became fish, then apes and now what we are today, many are left wondering where the crazy notion of being created in the image of God could have gone.

Divine creation, among other subjects, must be left in the hands of the church (whereby now churches are constantly correcting the mistakes of the schools instead of working alongside them).

recting the mistakes of the schools instead of working alongside them).

Christmas is a time we are supposed to celebrate Jesus' birth. (I say this only because many have probably forgotten that fact amid the forced liberalization, which replaces the values of their own traditional families with the values of man-hating feminists, radical gays and angry culture-thugs who blame whites for every problem our society has suffered throughout history).

You won't learn that religious nonsense here. It would take too much time away from the study of queer marriages and adoptions, porno-art and the virtues of Communism.

I notice that at UK, no mention is made of Christmas break, but rather our time off after finals is noncommittally called "winter break." The reason, of course, is so we do not exclude those that don't celebrate the holiday and would be offended and oppressed at the mere mention of it, not to forget that this

could be a breach of church-state

separation.

Anyway, I know this time of year is supposed to be a time in which giving is valued over receiving. But I'm not really in

the giving mood this year.

I work an average of six hours per day putting out the editorial page for the students' reading pleasure. I get a monthly salary of \$180 for my efforts. I did the math, and it comes out to about

So, like many, I get a little angry when I see a large chunk of my paycheck taken by the government.

I understand that some taxes

tial activities (building of roads, national defense, etc.), what I don't understand, though, is why I should subsidize the work of socalled artists whose masterpieces belong on the back-room shelves of sleazy bookstores and video rental establishments and not on the walls of public galleries for all to see.

I also can't understand why it is used to give handouts to those who are too lazy to get out and work (see artists, above).

I guess a little cheer is in order, though. We all will be home visiting our families soon home visiting our families soon (father-mother, mother-mother or father-father), enjoying good food and basking in the spirit of the holiday, remembering, the plight of the homeless and feeling guilty for everything we have that they do not.

So Merry Christmas, or rather, Merry "Winter Break."

Editorial Editor Trent Knuckles is a political science senior.



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RECREATION

-Aikido Class, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft; CALL 257-3988

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INTRAMURALS & RECREATION

Aikido Class, 8:00pm, Alumni Gym Loft;

THURSDAY 12/15

MEETINGS & LECTURES

-People: Your Greatest Asset, spon-sored by the Ky Small Business Development Ctr, 2:00-4:30pm, 4τη Floor- Lex. Central Library, FREE; CALL

FRIDAY 12/16

SPECIAL EVENTS

-End of 1994 Fall Semester -Last day for candidates for a December degree to submit a thesis/dissertation to The Graduate School

SATURDAY 12/17

SPECIAL EVENTS

-Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 6:00pm

SPORTS

-UK Lady Kats Basketball at Ole Miss,

7:00pm -UK Men's Basketball vs. Texas Tech (UKTV-Live), 8:00pm; Cincinnati, OH

SUNDAY 12/18

-Catholic Mass at the Newman Center, 9:00 & 11:30am, 5:00 & 8:30pm

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Go home, but don't just sleep there

The holiday season, and the semester break with it, has finally arrived, fellow students. I think that we are all looking forward to heading back to our numerous homesteads, taking some time away from daily grinds and not studying a darn bit.

However, while sinking back into the days filled with hometown friends, joyous parents and relatives, tormenting siblings and getting stuff you may or may not deserve, it's easy to get a little bored.

Maybe even a little restless. You might even feel a desire to actually accomplish something while at home.

Now, those of us with people to see and places to go may not find our time quite so free, but if you are genuinely searching for activities to fulfill your break, see how many of these 10 things you can actually do.

I'd love to hear your response on this matter. If, by some freak of nature, you find this a worthwhile undertaking, please send or bring me a note to the Kentucky Kernel in 035 Enoch J. Grehan Journalism Building. It'd be cool to see how much of this is possible.

Anyway, No. 10. We're all in this together, and The holiday season, and the semester break with

Kentucky Kernel in Journalism Building, It'd be cool to see how much of this is possible.

Anyway, No. 10. We're all in this together, and it's a whole lot easier to be politically correct if you know something about a culture other than your own. There's a lot to be said for the power of human understanding.

No. 9. Convincing a young'un of the big guy's existence will not make you a cruel villain living in a fantasy world. Trust me, I'm an expert. However, wouldn't it suck if he actually does and you didn't think so? Who could really know?

No. 8. God knows there are plenty of them. You can go with the original, a recent remake, "Scrooged" with Bill Murray, the Muppets version or my personal fave "Mickey's Christmas Carol," and it don't have a thang to do with Rocky.

No. 7. I've got one thing to say. It's a genre in which Mariah Carey and Amy Grant can co-exist.

No. 6. Use the college excuse of "I didn't know

where to shop in Lexington, so I decided to wait until I got home." This will cover your gift choice of varying shapes of soap for each member of the family. Just say it's all that was left, then steal them to bring to school.

No. 5. Great fun. Make sure you don't partake yourself, though. That could make things much less funny. Note: Younger siblings can be made to do anything after three of these babies. At least, that's what I've heard.

No. 4. If you are a female and you find yourself obsessing over keeping the wrapping paper in good shape, you're becoming your mom. It can't be used again anyway. I agree with conservation, but let it go.

used again anyway. I agree with conservation, but let it go.
Guys, if you insist on cooking things a certain way or on taking on the chore of watering the tree or on being in charge of the remote, notice the smile on Dad's face — he is overjoyed at having raised you in his image. If your same sex parent won't be present, miss him or her.

No. 3. This is the scenario. Look for MTV. Keep finding the Family Channel or a local CBS affiliate. Note part two: It might not be Channel 11 at home. Re-adjust. It's good for you. Make sure you're equipped with a TV Guide to sort through the parades, miracles on various streets and wonderful lives.

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No. 2. Admitting to yourself what you think is
cool/sucks will help to make you happier/more
pissed off about coming back, thus making your
holiday cruddy/pretty neat. Just a little contemplative service from the Kernel. You're welcome.

No. 1. Call it a cliché, but seeing my sister or
grandad beaming at a gift makes me feel a lot
warmer than getting a sweater or some jeans.
Regardless of commercialization or nything else,
handing someone you love a gift is the purest and
most beautiful thing about this season.

Thanks again for reading. If this list has provided a great service to you, feel free to get together
with some friends and buy me a pinball machine.
Enjoy your holiday, folks.

Staff Writer Nick Rhoton is a journalism freshman.

Top 10 things to do at home over the holidays

- 10. Jearn just a little bit about a holiday different from the one you and your family celebrate.
 - 9. Convince a little kid that Santa Claus does, in fact, exist.
- 8. See how many times you can catch a movie version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol,"
- 7. Find something to hate about big stars producing albums of Christmas carols. (This should be easy.)

- 5. Spike your family's eggnog and watch the fun begin. Keep your disillusioned aunt away from the Cheetos during this experiment.
 - 4. Take notice of how much you are becoming like your same-sex parent. Consider this a warning sign.
- 3. Spend a day, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the couch changing channels. See how many times you mix up your home channels with the Texington channel numbers.
- 2. Write a Top 10 list of the things you do/don't like about UK. I think you'll find this very liberating.
- 1. Remind yourself that giving is a hell of a lot better than getting.

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Get great gifts with your VendPlus

By Scott Drake Staff Writer

In all the world, there is nothing I dislike more than shopping. I would rather go to the dentist and have all of my teeth pulled

than go shopping.
I guess the single thing I dis-like most about shopping is hav-

ing to wait. I am a fairly patient person most of the time, but everywhere you go and every-thing you try to do concerning

shopping, you end up waiting.
You have to wait in traffic to get into the parking lot and you have to drive around and wait to find a parking space. Then, you get to wait in long lines to buy

stuff people you don't even like won't like either.

Lucky for me, this shopping only involved walking across campus to the UK and Kennedy bookstores.

Two bonuses, I don't have to fight traffic, and I get to spend some of the excess money on my VendPlus card that I won't come close to spending before the uniclose to spending before the university takes it in the spring.

I put the challenge to UK Bookstore Manager Paul Little. I asked him what nifty Christmas gifts he might have.

"If you are shopping for a Kentucky fan, we have a lot," he

You can find just about anything a good UK fan should pos-

The store has a lot of things that would make great gifts for

less than \$20. They have a vast selection of UK sweats and T-shirts. There's also hats, basketballs and footballs, trash cans, Cross pen and pencil sets, stuffed animals, window flags, posters, ornaments and calenders. The store even has panty hose, but not with UK on them.

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The store has books, too. Go

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No, not just textbooks. We're talking New York Times best seller list. Who wouldn't want the latest book by Stephen King, John Grisham or Anne Rice?

If you wander over to the Kennedy Book Store, you will find much of the same selection, also available for purchase via your card. your card.

The store offers a good selec-tion of calendars and journals, greek items and apparel, watches, clocks and even cuff-links.

Clocks and even cult-links.

Of other interest on the list is
Russell Rice's book "Adolph
Rupp, Kentucky's Basketball
Baron," selling for \$22.95, a UK
drinking jar for \$5.49, a golf ball
set for \$11.99, and even a \$9.99

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By Scott Drake Staff Writer While the UK and Kennedy bookstores earn major bonus points for allowing UK students to make purchases on their VendPlus cards, there are many

VendPlus cards, there are many shops close to campus that also have great gift ideas.

Court Sports, located at the corner of Euclid Avenue and North Limestone Street, was the first stop on my list.

"We have anything a sports person might need," assistant manager Bob Foster said.
They have hats from \$10 to

They have hats from \$10 to \$25, T-shirts from \$15, sweat-shirts from \$20 to \$40, 200 different styles of shoes from \$20 to

\$130, Starter jackets from \$74.99 and up, and Stussey equipment, posters and duffel bags.
Next to Court Sports is Third Street Stuff. If you have never been in there, do yourself a favor and check it out.

been in there, do yourself a favor and check it out.

"We sell lots of odd items, stuff you can't get at other stores," sales associate Joshua Weill said. "We make some of our own stuff like the boxes and furniture."

The store also sells jewelry (most under \$20), "knick-knack"

Shop until you drop items like mobiles, puppets, candles, Christmas string lights and "out of the ordinary" clocks that

start at \$20.

start \$20.
If there is an alternative person on your list, you might stop in at Retail Hell.
"Most of our stuff is harder edge alternative or punk stuff," sales associate Jason Wolfe said.
Retail Hell carries a lot of clothes like leather jackets; T-shirts; accessories, like hats and iewelry; and other items, like

jewelry; and other items, like patches and posters.

A little farther up Limestone Street is Pep-Tab. Like Retail Hell, Pep-Tab carries a lot of clothing items for the alternative

person on your list. Some of the clothing is imported, manager Ben Gambrel said.

This store also has jewelry, both beaded and "hard core," and a vast selection of T-shirts and posters. It also has lava lamps starting at \$230.00

and posters. It also has lava lamps starting at \$39.99.
Sqecial Media, also on North Limestone Street, sells new and used books, small toys, T-shirts, Indian tapestries, candles, wind chimes and jewelry.

There is no shortage of unusual places to shop around campus. Many stores have unique gifts at various prices.

Students want Grand Slam exams

By Jason Dattilo

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As finals time rolls around at UK, local all-night restaurants become clogged with students seeking a reprieve from the traditional study environment.

Some popular places around UK include Denny's, Tolly-Ho and Common Grounds coffee shop.

Amy Finn, an undeclared junior, sat in a booth at Denny's with books sprawled over the table and cigarette in hand at about 12:15 a.m. last Wednesday morning. Finn and her study partner, Jennifer Haas, an animal science junior, are boycotting Common Grounds because, in addition to charging \$1.25 for coffee, the coffee shop strongly discourages loitering, the two said.

One of the reasons the girls sat at Denny's is because it charges 94 cents for unlimited refills of the brew.

"I come in for the coffee," Finn said "ft's also good to get away from all the distractions at my apartment."

Finn said the smoke-filled, noisy atmosphere at Denny's is actually less distracting than her apartment where phone calls and roommates constantly interrupt her academic progress.

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"At home you just want to sit around and watch television," said Shane Cecil, a psychology senior.

"Being here kind of isolates what you're doing. You can eat or study, and you can only eat for so long."

Cecil said he frequents Denny's because the Tolly-Ho is too noisy and distracting.

"They got that jukebox always going, and they got a lot of strange people coming in there," Cecil said.

Paul Eakins, a waiter at Denny's, works the late shift. He said students always flow in at a steady pace during the days immediately preceding midterm and final exams.

The UK students usually come in and stay for long periods of time at one table, he said.

But, in exchange for the extended service, which includes countless refills of coffee, Eakins said students usually tip well.

Eakins, however, is still confused about why people come to his place of employment to study.

"I've thought about this for a long time," said the 21-year old waiter.

"I mean, it's noisy in here. It doesn't seem like they get much studing done have to see they death and they get much studing done.

"I mean, it's noisy in here. It doesn't seem like they get much studying done, but I guess they do. We've had the same people coming in here for years."

In addition to coffee, Eakins said many of these regulars order the Grand Slam breakfast, which is currently being sold at a discounted price.
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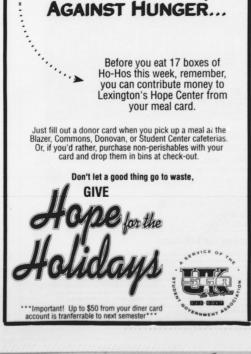
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