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Defense rests as Shipman trial enters last day

By JAY BLANTON
Editor in Chief

When Bradley J. Shipman crashed into a telephone pole Sept. 7, the car he was driving was too dangerous for normal street use, according to testimony yesterday in Fayette County Circuit Court.

Shipman, a 20-year-old former UK junior, was driving a Camaro Iroc-Z128 when he hit a telephone pole at the corner of Euclid Avenue and Kentucky Court.

UK junior Lisa Whalen was killed in the accident, and another student, Michael Thomas Swerczek, was critically injured. Shipman withdrew from school shortly after the accident.

Shipman faces charges of second-degree manslaughter, second-degree assault and drunken driving. Prosecution and defense

attorneys concluded their cases yesterday in the trial, which is expected to end today.

"It takes an expert professional to drive a car like this," said John Hutchinson, a UK civil engineering professor who specializes in accident reconstruction. "It is a race car."

Hutchinson said that the "limited slip differential," located in the rear of the convertible Camaro Shipman was driving, can cause severe traction problems, which would make street driving dangerous.

Shipman was traveling eastbound on Euclid Avenue when his car swerved from the right-hand to the left-hand lane between two cars. His car then spun back into the right lane and struck a telephone pole.

"If they're wise," Hutchinson said, "they'll refuse to drive (that type of car) again."

Shipman's speed at the time of the accident has been estimated between 35 to 50 miles per hour. The speed limit on Euclid Avenue is 35 mph.

On the first day of testimony, Tuesday, witnesses for the prosecution pointed to alcohol—not the car—as the reason behind the accident.

Several witnesses testified that prior to the accident shortly after 9 p.m., Shipman was visibly intoxicated and was showing off, squealing his car's tires and revving the engine.

Shipman and some friends had been at Michael's Pizza Plus, located at 385 S. Limestone St., from 7 to 9 p.m. the night of the accident.

Shipman and a Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity brother, Andrew Will, also had been at the restaurant earlier in the day of the accident, drinking several beers. Shipman's

blood-alcohol percentage the night of the accident was .13, according to testimony Tuesday. A person is considered intoxicated under Kentucky law with a 10 blood-alcohol level.

John Darling, assistant commonwealth attorney, said Shipman had drunk the equivalent of 10 1/2 12-ounce beers in a period of 5 1/2 hours.

Shipman said yesterday that he drank about eight 9-ounce beers at Michael's Pizza Plus in a period of two hours prior to the accident, but he and friends with him that night testified that Shipman was not drunk, and was able to drive.

Shipman and his friends were all underage but were not carded at the restaurant, Shipman said. Shipman said he was not carrying a fake ID, but one was found on the body of Whalen after the accident.

Dan Veltkamp, a 19-year-old UK student

who was with Shipman at Michael's Pizza, said nobody drinking the night of the accident was drunk—including Shipman.

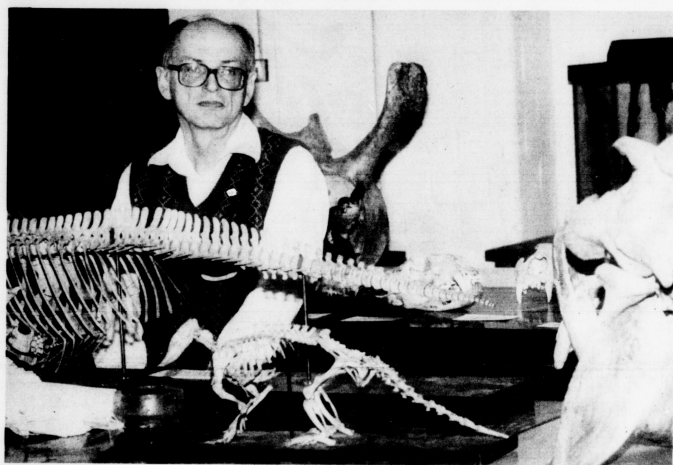
"If I had thought he was drunk," Veltkamp said, "I wouldn't have let him drive."

Shipman, visibly upset while testifying yesterday, said he was "very, very sorry for what's happened. I feel really guilty for what has happened."

"I was driving the car," Shipman said, unable to finish his sentence. "That was my best friend, and I cared for both of them. I've tried to see Mike (Swerczek) as often as I could."

Closing arguments in the trial are scheduled for 8:30 this morning. If convicted, Shipman could face five to 10 years in prison. The drunken driving charge carries a penalty of up to one year in prison.

FIRST IN THEIR CLASS



FUNDAMENTALS: Professor Wayne Davis quietly reaches students. Davis, who is the co-author of one of the text books in a class he teaches, teaches ecology among other things in the UK Biology Department.

This is the fourth in a weeklong series of articles about some of UK's more interesting and popular professors.

By CATHERINE SALMEN
Contributing Writer

After talking to colleagues of Wayne Davis in the biology department and hearing about his accomplishments, you tend to visualize a rather intimidating picture of him.

When you first meet him, you expect to find an enthusiastic professor, eager to impart his vast knowledge on an apprehensive student.

But instead, you find a man that is quiet. In fact, he seems very interested in you. Davis waits to hear what you have to say and then thoughtfully replies to your questions. His replies are directly to the point.

"I don't know that they are interesting," said Davis about his classes. "I think that most people sleep through them."

But Davis, a member of the UK faculty since 1962, is striking in that he is an example to his students. A common description of Davis, given by his peers, is that he is "genuinely concerned."

And despite his quiet demeanor, Davis has some powerful opinions about the world, UK and college students.

"Class attendance is getting worse."

Davis remains quietly concerned for students

he said. "It's caused in part by the availability of copies of old exams."

Davis, however, is opposed to a mandatory attendance policy. "I don't like the idea," he said.

Currently, Davis teaches an upper-level mammology class, and this spring he will teach an ornithology class.

Davis can be found teaching his mammology class in the basement of the Funkhouser Building. He stands in a room surrounded by a variety of mammal skeletons. If enough funds were available, Davis said, the mammal skeletons could be part of a good natural museum of history.

Jeff Riney, a biology senior in Davis's mammology class, said the stories that Davis tells about his research experiences are "interesting."

Ann Fredenburg, a graduate student who took the Mammology class said he "shows slides of the animals. Where in a lot of classes they just talk, he actually shows you."

Fredenburg said, "Davis was very knowledgeable and puts in funny little stories about what happened or what went wrong in his experiments."

"I try to give a long picture show," Davis said. "I like to give people some

sort of appreciation of the tremendous diversity. The numbers don't mean anything to people, and with pictures you get some sort of idea."

Davis co-authored one of the class's textbooks, *Mammals in Kentucky*.

Collette McLaughlin, a senior in biology, said she enjoys learning from the "author himself."

Davis also co-wrote *Bats of America*, which was well-received by his contemporaries.

Davis also teaches a required senior seminar class for zoology majors. He speaks highly of the small class because he gets to know his students. Davis's students provide their own topics and initiate discussions.

During the late 1960s, students protested that some college courses were "not relevant" to today's world, Davis said.

In response to the students' requests, Davis and other professors met to design a "relevant" biology course.

According to John Just, a member of the biology department, Davis was the "driving force" behind the development of the class, "Topics in Biology." The professors on the panel felt that issues such as pollution and overpopulation were problems students saw facing society. Suggestions students made became the basis for class lectures.

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Sutton treated unfairly by the media, should not resign, students say

By MEREDITH LITTLE
Senior Staff Writer

A majority of 122 UK students polled recently said that UK basketball coach Eddie Sutton should not resign and that the program has been treated unfairly by the media.

But a majority also said that they have lost faith in the basketball program.

When asked if Sutton should resign now, 69 students said no, 49 said yes, and four had no opinion.

Three students had no opinion on the program's treatment by the media, 75 said it had been treated unfairly, and 44 said it had not been treated unfairly.

Students created a new category besides yes or no for the question "Have you lost faith in the basketball program?"

Fifty-eight said yes, 48 said no, two had no opinion, and 14 said they had never had any faith in it to begin with.

Gary Qualls, an Arts & Sciences junior, is one of the students who said he doesn't think Sutton should resign.

"I think Sutton runs a quality program although it's extremely hard to run a 100-percent clean program with so many people having access to the players themselves," Qualls said.

"I don't think it has anything to do with Sutton himself... I think he should weather the storm and see this problem through," he said.

The majority of allegations don't involve him (Sutton), said Mike Beavin, a fine arts sophomore.

But freshman Shane Wilson said that Sutton should resign "to help clean out the program."

Almost two-thirds of the students said they thought the media had been unfair to the basketball program.

"The media will screw you over so quick," said Travis Exum, an English freshman.

"I think the media's been unfair," said freshman Elizabeth McOwen.

"I think they're (the NCAA) trying to make an example of us, and the media is helping exploit this," she said.

Society is uncomfortable with sex talk, adviser says

By MICHAEL L. JONES
Staff Writer

James Petersen, the Playboy Advisor, brought his humorous anecdotes and frank sexual advice to the Grand Ballroom in the UK Student Center last night in a lecture sponsored by the Student Government Association.

For the last 15 years Petersen has answered letters from Playboy readers on various sexual topics.

"You cannot say trash and Playboy in the same sentence," Petersen said. "If we (Playboy publishers) take advantage of women then we have taken advantage of Norman Mailer and Martin Luther King. They all have appeared in the magazine."

Petersen said that Playboy offends those who have trouble dealing with nudity.

"I think they ragged on us too far," said freshman Donese Hollis. "They don't realize what they've hurt. They need to think about the players they're hurting."

Beavin said he felt that "according to the media, we have almost been guilty all along."

Scott Corbit, an English freshman used the Kentucky Kernel as an example of the media's unfair treatment of the team and staff.

"I don't think the Kentucky Kernel should be calling for Sutton's resignation. I think it should stand for the opinion of the campus, and the campus opinion is that Eddie Sutton should not resign," he said.

The Kernel should be supporting the team."

Some students agreed that UK was getting the attention because it "got caught," but that this justified the media spotlight.

"I think that they have been treated fairly," said Ken McCreery, an advertising sophomore.

"They are getting what they deserve. They shouldn't have been cheating any way. I'm glad to see that basketball is not taking priority at UK now," he said.

Most students based their answer to the question about faith in the program on opinion, but senior Mary Beth Morris, a resident adviser at Jewell Hall, spoke from experience.

"I never had any faith in the basketball program to begin with," Morris said.

"I was a Dance Cat for three years, and I saw what went on in the program. We had to deal with Cliff Hagan, with the alumni events and all the 'advantages' we received from going there."

From past experience, it always seemed that the program had a lot of flaws," Morris said.

But some students said the investigation had not affected their support for the program.

"This happens sometimes, and hopefully it will just die away, and we will have a better program to show for it," Beavin said.

"Everybody has been doing this for a long time," said Paul Cantrell, an education sophomore. "We just got caught."

Greeting cards designed for medical fund

By ELIZABETH WADE
Assignment Editor

"The Holiday Forest," a limited edition of greeting cards, was designed by seven pediatric patients at the UK Chandler Medical Center's pediatrics department.

This is the first year for the project, which raises money for the UK children's

hospital fund started last year, said Mary Collier, spokesperson for the hospital.

"In August we got kids to draw pictures, and we chose seven drawings," said Marian Blanchard, telephone coordinator for the pediatrics department. "I got the idea at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, (Ind.)."

Blanchard said none of the drawings

could stand on their own, so they took an element from each drawing and combined them to make one card.

"Each tree on the card was drawn by a different child," Blanchard said.

The seven patients are Adam Anderson, Quannah Clark, Amy and Anthony Chick, Erin Glass, Misty Sammons and Tonya Snyder.

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DIVERSIONS

Rob Seng
Arts Editor

Rock pioneer Orbison dies at 52

By JOE EDWARDS
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Rock 'n' roll pioneer Roy Orbison, whose surging falsetto mourned the misery of fading romance, suffered a heart attack and died. He was 52, and was enjoying a comeback with a new generation of fans.



ORBISON

The Grammy Award-winning Orbison, famed for hits like "Oh, Pretty Woman," "Only the Lonely" and "Cryin,'" died shortly before midnight Tuesday at Hendersonville Hospital, where he had been taken by ambulance, said Melanie Lamb, a spokeswoman for the suburban Nashville hospital.

"He was and always will be one of the greats of rock 'n' roll," said former Beatle Paul McCartney. "We toured with Roy in the early days and he was a really good guy."

It was Orbison's recent recordings as one of The Traveling Wilburys — along with ex-Beatle George Harrison, Tom Petty, Bob Dylan and Jeff

Lynne — that brought him a new generation of fans. The group's "Handle With Care" is No. 45 on the charts, and their swift-selling album, "The Traveling Wilburys," is No. 8 on the charts.

The upturn in his career surprised him, Orbison said last week as he was leaving London's Heathrow Airport for home.

"I've been rediscovered by young kids who had never heard of me before the Wilburys," he said. "They are getting into my original songs and apparently the old stuff is selling at the rate of 20,000 copies a day."

Orbison got his early recording experience in the 1950s with Sun Records of Memphis, Tenn., the label that launched the careers of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis. Orbison was one of the first "rockabilly" singers — a hybrid of rock 'n' roll and hillbilly music, as country music was known then.

His career peaked in the first half of the '60s but tailed off in the aftermath of two family tragedies: His wife died in a motorcycle accident in 1966, and in 1968, two of his three sons, ages 10 and 6, died in a fire that destroyed his lakeside home.

Group 'Stakes' out musical territory

By ROB SENG
Arts Editor

The White Animals, with their self-described "dreadbeat" style of music that combined 1960s rock with 1980s dance music, received a lot of critical acclaim during the six years they were together.

Now, two members of the group (which disbanded two years ago), Steve Boyd and Rich Parks, have formed their own band — The Claimstakers — which just released their first album on their own label, Stake Records.

"Rich and I decided to start our own group with me writing the music, and we just found other musicians to play with us," said Boyd in a telephone interview from Nashville, Tenn. "Through that we hoped to come up with a distinctive sound."

Although Boyd writes the music, Jim Sherraden, who is not a member of the group musically, contributes most of the lyrics.

"I met up with Jim about the time that we were forming The Claimstakers," Boyd said. "We needed a lot of songs for our catalog so that we could play shows and get tight as a band. I put music to all the songs that he had written and then we just started writing together."

The Claimstakers' lyrics are more involved than The White Animals, which is immediately evident on the album's opening track,

WHEN, WHERE AND HOW MUCH

The Claimstakers will perform tonight at The Wrockage. Tickets are \$2.

"Broken Wings," whose chorus is sung in the background during each stanza.

"It just evolves out of the clouds and gives people the idea that we're going to stretch things a little bit further than just what meets the eye," Boyd said.

"Sister's Trippin,'" about a brother who has seen his father abuse his mom (before she left).

and who's now going after his sister, is a little deceptive on first listen because it's got a bouncy beat.

"It's a very depressing lyric but I gave it a happy beat as opposed to making it a real slow, sad bluesy song to give it a little bit of lift as a sort of contradiction because, by the end of the song, the guy's ready to take out his anger on his dad and thus become like him," Boyd said.

"Wouldn't You Like To Know It," a song that in some ways addresses the apathy that is so prevalent in our society, was described by Boyd as being a tongue-in-cheek type of song.

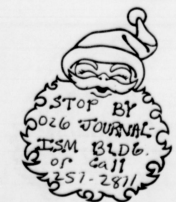
"You can ask people, 'Do you

really care?'" and "Don't you want some answers?," but you're never going to get a clear answer out of anybody, even though that's what you're looking for," Boyd said.

Having their own record label has helped the band gain public exposure faster than bands who shop around at different labels.

"We didn't want to have to wait six months and, if you get rejected, then you have to start all over again," Boyd said.

"Now, we've got the product out and we've got the luxury of doing a little shopping (for a major label), and we're getting a following so we're definitely ahead of the pace," he said.



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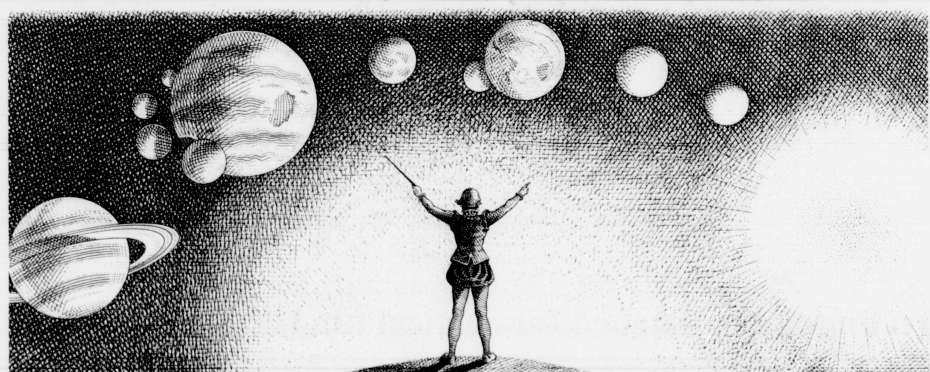
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SPORTS

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Ellis' 37 not enough as Cats fall 85-82

By TOM SPALDING
Sports Editor

David slaying Goliath?
It's the stuff Biblical stories are made of, but it doesn't happen that way in real life.

Don't tell that to the Kentucky basketball team.
The Wildcats, although hardly Big Blue giants this year, were slayed in their own right last night, the victims of an 85-82 upset loss at Rupp Arena last night to tiny Northwestern State University.

The Wildcats' loss was the team's first home opening loss since 1972 when the Cats lost to Iowa University.

"This is something that we never expected," said Dan Bell, coach of Northwestern State. "I told the guys before the game, you just dream of games like this."

After losing an 11-point first-half lead and seeing their deficit grow to as many as five points late in the contest, the Wildcats almost came back.

But UK's last chance effort — a three-point try by Richie Farmer with five seconds left — banked off the side of the rim and was pulled down by a Northwestern State player.

UK coach Eddie Sutton said his team's loss simply was a matter of not putting the game away when the Wildcats had the chance.

"This game was lost in the first half because we were twice up by 11 points," Sutton said. "We didn't push it up to a 17 to 18 point lead."

Trailing by three with 58 seconds left, Farmer drilled a three pointer to tie the score at 30, but Northwestern State's Terrence Rayford made a layup with 42 seconds left to make it 82-80.

UK called a timeout, but afterward John Pelphrey was called for charging with 27 seconds left.

Rayford then drilled two more free throws to make it 84-80. UK's Reggie Hanson, however, hit a driving layup with 12 seconds left to cut it to 84-82.

But then Farmer was called for

an intentional foul. Roman Banks hit on the first free throw but missed the second one.

Northwestern got the ball back and DeWayne Watkins was immediately fouled again. He missed both.

Pelphrey rebounded the ball and dished it off to Farmer who went to the three-point line and missed the shot that would have tied it.

Sutton was angered by the intentional call on Farmer.

"I don't believe I've ever seen a call like that against the home team, especially an intentional foul," Sutton said. "I thought the official was going to call a charge."

"When the whistle was blown, we thought it was going the other way against us," Bell said. "For him to call an intentional foul, it was a shock."

For the entire ball game Northwestern hung around but could never take the lead until midway through the second half.

Tied at 60 with 11:17 remaining, Northwestern's Pernel Smith stole the ball after it ricocheted off two key players and hit a six footer to make it 62-60.

UK sophomore center LeRon Ellis, who had a game high 37 points, hit a shot on UK's next possession to tie it at 62.

Farmer appeared to give UK momentum when he hit two free throws with 9:33 left, but with Rupp crowd of 18,932 roaring, Northwestern guard Patrick Wesley connected on a three-pointer.

From that point on the lead exchanged hands. Northwestern jumped to a 71-66 lead.

Kentucky tied it at 75 on a Sean Sutton three-pointer, but Wesley came a three on the other end.

Although they were outsize by UK's taller lineup, Northwestern State outrebounded the Cats 32-31.

Northwestern State was on fire in the second half connecting on 20 of 29 shots for 69 percent.



Sophomore center LeRon Ellis contributed 37 points in an 85-82 losing effort against Northwestern State last night in Rupp Arena.

"As the game went on, you could just see the confidence oozing out of their eyes," Sutton said.

UK shot 50 percent for the game. Reggie Hanson and Richie Farmer each added 10 for the Wildcats. Smith pumped in 17 first half points. Sutton chipped in with 10 assists.

UK dropped to 2-4 overall. Northwestern State improved to 3-3.

"I guess we go back to the practice court and try to correct the mistakes," Sutton said.

"It's got to be a misprint," Bell said.

UK next game is Saturday at

1:30 against Western Carolina University at Rupp Arena. Tickets for the game still are available.

Last night's game against Northwestern State wasn't the first time UK has opened against the Demons. Northwestern State visited Rupp Arena on November 22, 1985. That game, Sutton's first as head coach at UK, ended up a 77-58 UK victory.

Tickets for the 36th annual University of Kentucky Invitational Tournament, to be held Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17 at Rupp Arena, are now on sale.

UK judo team earns honors in tournament

Staff reports

Six members of the UK judo team participated in the annual Miami Valley Open Judo Tournament in Dayton, Ohio on Dec. 3.

Brad Johnson (132 pounds), Shannon Torgerson (143 pounds), Mike Todd (156 pounds) and Wade "Moose" Washington (172 pounds) captured the first-place trophy in their respective divisions.

Bill Crafton placed second in the heavyweight category.

Don Leach participated in his first black-belt division tournament but did not place in the top three.

"He did real well for the competition involved," said Rodney Ping, a member of the team.

UK coach Larry Howard helped prepare the judo team for their last big tourney of the fall season.

"Howard usually does not receive as much recognition for his job as he should," Ping said. "He's done an excellent job this year."

Anyone interested in being part of the judo team can contact Rodney Ping at 268-4499.

Hahn, a senior from Carrollton, Ga., was the tournament's No. 1 seed. However, she was upset in the first round of action by Evelyn Hamers of Kansas University. In the consolation bracket, the two-time All-American rebounded by winning two matches before falling to the University of Georgia's Caryn Moss.

Rincon, a native of Bogota, Columbia, reached the second round of competition before losing to junior college national champion Mikael Stalling in straight sets.

Other players that saw action for the Wildcats included sophomore Sammy Stinnett and All-SEC performer Chris Karges. Both players lost in first round action.

Lady Kats takes off

The UK women's basketball team, 2-2 after ending a two-game losing streak Tuesday night, hope to add a fourth win to their record this weekend when they face the Indiana University Hoosiers Saturday at 3 p.m. in Bloomington, Ind.

The Kats beat IU 75-68 in their last match-up, which furthered UK's game series lead to 10-3.

UK hopes to add its 11th series win with the help of junior guard Ruth Ann Mountain, who was the leading scorer in UK's win over the University of Dayton Tuesday night.

Mountain surprised the crowd with 20 points (on 9 for 11 shooting) and three rebounds in the game.

The Hoosiers are coached by Jim Izard, who has a 4-1 record at IU in his first season as head S.C.

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During finals week, it's easy to forget the holiday spirit

Well, it's finally here. The semester's just about over, and finals loom before us with all their characteristic anxieties.

It's kind of hard to believe that Christmas is only 2½ weeks away. Signs of the holiday season appear everywhere — from the lights and decorations in the Student Center to the Grinch on TV to Bruce Springsteen's "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" on the radio.

Sometimes, however, it's hard to get in the Christmas spirit when we're busy writing last-minute research papers or cramming in the history of the world for a test that will make or break a grade.

Or, we can get too caught up in the commercial spirit and forget what Christmas really is all about.

Although Christmas is a religious holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, people of all walks of life can take part in its celebration. Its origins go back to the Roman celebrations of the Invincible Sun on Dec. 25 and hope for the spring as the days begin to lengthen again.

People will celebrate the holiday in different ways. Some will have lavish parties and gift-exchanging; some will gather quietly with their family; and some, unfortunately, will be alone.

But what binds us together at this time is that Christmas spirit — that spirit of giving and sharing, of laughter and fun, of hope for something special.

Unfortunately, though, that spirit sometimes can foster greedy desires in us as we hope for a new Porsche, an expensive sweater, or, to make it simple, just money. And an A on that final sure would make a nice gift.

But that kind of hope should be secondary to our spirit of generosity and "good will" — fulfilling the hopes of others.

This can be shown in a variety of ways, from donating money to the food drive sponsored by the Student Government Association for the needy to making the extra effort to get something special for a friend.

We should try not to think so much about what we want for Christmas, but about what we can do to make someone else's holiday a little brighter.

Now if only UK professors will catch that spirit as they grade finals next week . . .

Be sure to check out all 'academic myths'

More academic myths:
Myth III: You should take your adviser's word on required courses, hours needed to graduate, number of upper-division courses, etc. Never check program requirements yourself since this should be done by your adviser.

You have the responsibility to follow your plan sheet and know the number of hours and courses required for graduation in your major. You should monitor your own progress and stay abreast of the University requirements and regulations which affect your program.

Myth IV: At the end of the semester, you toss all your papers, exams, etc.

This office strongly recommends that you keep all papers, exams, etc., until you receive your grade and are satisfied with it.

Myth V: You have two years to complete an I (Incomplete) grade or leave the I grade as a permanent part of the record.

As of fall 1987, undergraduates have only one year to complete an I grade, or it converts to an E grade. For I grades received prior to the fall 1987 semester, the two-year limitation is still in effect. Graduate students must remove an I within one calendar year after the close of the term in which the I grade is assigned (unless the dean of the Graduate School grants an extension of time).

Myth VI: You received a C grade when you expected a B grade. Just accept the grade because there is nothing you can do about it.

These are the steps to follow when pursuing a grade change and they need to be done as soon as possible:

- (1) Gather all relative information.
- (2) Set up an appointment to discuss the matter with your instructor.
- (3) If not satisfied, set up an appointment with the class coordinator (if there is one).
- (4) If there is not a class coordi-

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nator, set up an appointment with the chairman of the department.

(5) If you still are not satisfied with the results, set up an appointment with the academic ombudsman.

Myth VII: You need to withdraw from a class during the latter half of this semester. You need the instructor's approval to let you out of the class.

During the latter half of the semester, only the dean of your college can approve your petition to withdraw, certifying urgent non-academic reasons. Before acting on such a petition, the dean will consult with the instructor of the class.

Myth VIII: You received an E grade but never attended the class.

Myth IX: A freshman received a D in a required course and thought he/she earned a C. The instructor has agreed to change the grade to a P (Pass) rather than the D. This cannot be done for three reasons:

- (1) Students enrolled this fall may not change their grade from a regular letter basis to Pass-Fail basis after Sept. 14, 1988 — the last day to drop a course without a grade.
- (2) Freshmen are not eligible to take courses on a Pass-Fail basis.
- (3) Only courses considered as electives in the student's program and such other courses approved by the Senate Council for a college or department can be taken on a Pass-Fail basis.

William G. Moody is the academic ombudsman.

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American pie

Recent corporate takeovers denote flawed priorities

America's economic pie was resliced last week. Not expanded mind you, just resliced once again to someone else's advantage.

The buy-out of RJR Nabisco by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. for \$25 billion marks history's largest takeover. Unfortunately, while Wall Street investors and dealers reaped huge gains from the RJR deal, main street's workers found no reason to celebrate.

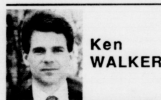
The deal's huge proportions did not increase the GNP, give rise to new product lines or cause a jump in the nation's productivity. In essence, nothing new was created.

The only real difference was on paper. Shares of stock will be traded and ownership will change, but otherwise, the economy is the same after the deal as it was before.

Hence, the economy was resliced, not expanded.

The Wall Street Journal reports that there have been \$34.5 billion in takeovers already with another \$47.4 billion proposed in the near future.

These are astonishing figures indicating that corporate raiders are just licking their lips before the big feast.



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However, before my peers in the business school have a chance to envision themselves making big-time deals at big-time commissions, consider again that there is no true economic glory to be found in any of these ventures — other than a quick gain for those associated with the deal.

What comes after the feast is astonishing in a different way. Many of these big deals require corporate managers to find ways to finance the huge debt they incur from buying out a company. Managers are forced to close or sell factories for cost saving purposes. Inevitably, workers lose their jobs.

I am not trying to convince people that all buy-outs are bad, nor do I wish to draw some divisive conclusion about the effect of mergers on the U.S. economy. What is of more importance is that

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many people appear to favor expanding their energy reslicing the economy instead of expanding it.

Likewise, many favor short-run gains over long-term survival. It is this short-run attitude that undermines America's future prosperity and competitiveness with foreign economies.

This problem, in its extension beyond large corporate mergers, is indicative of the prevailing attitude of our time.

The 25th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination gave rise to contrasts of today's attitudes with those prevailing in the early 1960s.

Some observers have remarked how Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country"

speech can be viewed as an indication of the prevailing spirit during those times. Volunteerism was on the rise, as well as the hope that the future would be bright for everyone.

Sadly, as a recent Herald-Leader cartoon put it, many believe the 1980's and Reagan administration's catch phrase is "What's in it for me?" That attitude is an unwanted by-product of laissez-faire economics, but nevertheless seems prevalent in society today. Even George Bush was prompted to call for a "kinder and gentler America."

Even academia with its ideals and high values is infected with the lowly "me" disease. Are there students studying for finals who are eager to be with the people shuffling paper and reslicing the economy because that's where one can find the big action and big bucks? After all, it's only natural to want the best for ourselves, right?

Remember, however, that when one reslices the American economic pie, one probably will be reslicing someone's American dream.

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The holidays are not cheerful for all

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togetherness, some people do not desire this reunion, and, in fact, dread it! Christmas brings back bad memories of other Christmases that didn't go well.

A Time for Grieving: Maybe Christmas is a time when you most remember a loved one who has passed away or is far from home.

Missing someone can really get in the way of enjoying the holidays although we intellectually know that loved one would want us to be happy.

Christmas as a Landmark: This is the old, "Well, another year, and it ain't any better" syndrome. Christmas often provides a time to look back and reflect on the successes and failures of the past year . . . what did and didn't I accomplish?

"I look older and heavier than last year's picture." Or, "I didn't finish that project." Most of us are very creative about being self-critical.

There are lots of other reasons for dreading the Christmas holidays. Try to pinpoint the specific reasons for your lack of enjoyment. Then, think of ways to remove or at least dampen the barriers to your enjoyment.

If going home is a tense experience for you because there is conflict going on and you get drawn into it, try to find ways to minimize the conflict by using a new approach or limiting the time spent with the people that draw you into conflict.

If Christmas is a sad time because you miss a lost loved one or you have broken up with a significant person in your life, accent the positive.

Remember the good times and

surround yourself with supportive people. Be loving and giving to those who are there in your life.

Second, consider what would make you happy or at least would be enjoyable. Even if you can't think of anyone to involve in whatever would make you happy, determine something that you could do for yourself that would be fun and do it.

The key is not to be passive. Come up with a game plan for yourself to get something out of your holiday, something good to anticipate. You may wish to negotiate with your friends and family on how to celebrate Christmas — a limit on number of gifts or their expense.

You may be surprised by their relief at your suggestion.

There are so many expectations and fantasies associated with Christmas. TV shows, movies and commercials can make Christmas

seem like such a glorious time of year.

Often our expectations are based on unrealistic and idealistic presentations of the holidays, and we become disappointed and frustrated when our experiences don't live up to our expectations.

Change your expectations to fit your circumstances. Focus on what's right in your circumstances — not on how they fail to meet your expectations. Your key to holiday happiness may be to set yourself up to feel good.

Students who wish to address these issues can come by the UK Counseling and Testing Center, 301 Frazier Hall or call, 257-8701.

If you have a problem you would like addressed, write "Counselor's Corner", 301 Frazier Hall; UK; Lexington, Ky.; 40506-0031.

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Athletes need priority

We have heard many times from the non-athletes' point of view on the early registration of athletes. Now it is time to hear the other side.

I am an athlete. I have practice every day at a certain time. It is also mandatory for us to attend these practices. My coach gave my team and me a schedule saying that we cannot have classes after a certain time and no night classes.

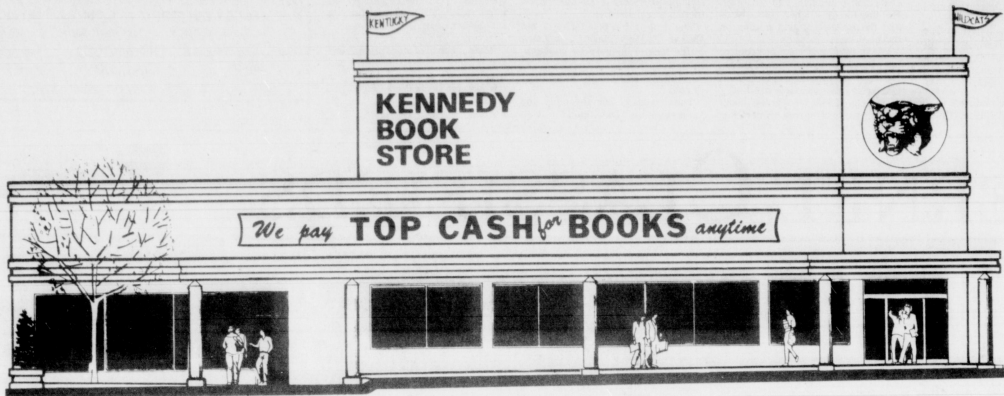
I know it is not only my sport that requires certain times for practices. I ask you, the public, how is it possible for us to register

around these practice schedules when all of the classes are full?

Athletes give the school a good name, time and money. It is justifiable that academic students have pressures and deadlines, but remember, we are not only athletes, but student-athletes as well. Athletes must keep up good grades and still perform well for our team and school.

The ratio of student-athletes to regular students is considerably low and does not put students at an inconvenience. Registering early just gives us one advantage that takes some of the pressure off — so please give us a break.

Lee Vandiver is a student-athlete.



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