

Crowded mornings cause classroom shortage

By SACHA DEVROOMEN
Staff Writer

Empty classrooms around UK are hard to find during certain times of the day, some faculty members say. And one even described the situation as serious.

"The classroom situation is rather critical," John Christopher, associate dean for the College of Arts & Sciences, said.

Ruby Watts, associate registrar for data management, said the most popular class times — weekdays be-

fore noon — are "when most of the teachers want to teach their classes. Most departments offer the bulk of their classes in that time slot and that is where the crunch is."

"The prime time for classroom demand is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays," said Watts, who assigns classrooms.

Christopher said that at other times of the day, many classrooms are empty.

Watts explained the classroom sit-

uation: "We have a number of departments that have their own building. They get first shot at their buildings. What is left over we distribute to other departments."

"We try to accommodate departments with special problems and once those are done, we try to give all other departments a shot at the Classroom Building," Watts said.

The Classroom Building is the first to be filled, followed by the Commerce Building, he said.

"The University offers in the fall semester in excess of 4,000 classes,"

Watts said. "We do try to give everyone an equal shot at classrooms."

He said the problem would not be critical if departments would spread classes out throughout the day. "Then you can eliminate some of the less desirable classrooms," he said.

Christopher said increasing the number of classrooms would be costly. "It is not a good use of resources to add classrooms so people can take classes at 11 a.m.," he said. "If we shift hours we can

make more efficient use of what is available."

Thomas Blues, director of freshman composition, also said classes should be offered at a variety of times. "We have to have some system that enables us to use classrooms all through the day," he said.

"Students also cause problems because they want to have their classes at certain times."

Blues said the freshman composition program does not use all the classrooms available to it at 8 a.m. or at 3 p.m. "Watts really does a

good job trying to even it out but the situation is inevitable," he said. "There is no way to avoid (inconspicuity)."

Not only are classrooms crowded at particular times during the day, but the condition of many rooms also may be a difficulty students and faculty face.

Teaching a writing course in a room with inadequate classroom facilities is a problem, Blues said. He said the Freshman Composition Pro-

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LTI 'mission' will change this summer

By STEPHANIE WALLNER
News Editor

The Lexington Technical Institute will assume community college status to increase higher education opportunities for Lexington area students.

"The mission change was provoked by the University's adoption of selective admissions," Sharon Jaggard, director for LTI, said.

Jaggard also said the change to a community college would provide two-year associate degree programs for those students who "would not have had access otherwise."

Ben Carr, vice chancellor of academic affairs for the community college system, said, "It (Lexington Community College) will be the open admission institution for Fayette County (and surrounding areas)."

Carr said associate degrees in art and science will be offered. "We expect that there will be some (additional) faculty to handle general studies," he said.

Jaggard said UK faculty as well as new applicants will be used for the additional faculty to teach general studies.

"Regardless of whether they are fulltime or parttime, it will require a masters degree," she said. Jaggard said the requirement of a masters is not necessary for their current technical teachers.

"We've been able so far to get the people we need with the credentials we need," Jaggard said.

LTI students took courses such as history, math or English at UK and their technical classes were given at their own facilities.

Carr said the tuition for general classes normally is paid to UK but that tuition will be paid to LCC in the future.

"We won't be given any new allocations specifically for this," Jaggard said. "It does increase income because of tuition (increased payment to LCC)."

"The Board of Trustees approved that change in December," she said. "It reflects a mission change in LTI." Jaggard said the degrees to be offered are the "same that all other community colleges offer."

According to Jaggard, the administrative structure will remain the same as that which LTI currently uses.

"It's a positive move. We are very proud of our 15 technical programs," she said. "It's an addition to our mission."

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A baby was found in the UK Medical Center on Christmas day. The child now awaits adoption. See page 2.

UK came away with a hard fought victory over Mississippi State. The Wildcats won 51-42, putting their season record at 12-0. See SPORTS, page 3.

WEATHER

Today will be sunny with increasing clouds. It should be breezy this afternoon with temperatures in the low to mid 30's.



Book browsing

'Tis the season for education. Lanny Saylor, a telecommunications sophomore, takes a look at the supply of books available this semester at University Book Store.

Disease affects 'staggering' number of women, doctor says

By SACHA DEVROOMEN
Staff Writer

A "staggering" 25 percent of all women have endometriosis, a leading cause of infertility, Dr. Mike Vernon, a reproductive endocrinologist at the UK Medical Center, said last night in a seminar.

Speaking at the Taylor Education Building, Vernon said of those women who have endometriosis, 30-40 percent are infertile. Infertility affects 8-15 percent of all women, he said.

The seminar, sponsored by the UK Counseling Psychology Services Clinic, consisted of a slide and a video presentation, which was followed by a question and answer session.

The panel consisted of Vernon, and Dr. Michael Rush, also a repro-

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Panos Zavos,
animal reproductive physiologist
College of Agriculture

ductive endocrinologist (study of glands and hormones in the body) at the Medical Center. Also on the panel was Panos Zavos, an animal reproductive physiologist in the College of Agriculture.

"Endometriosis is the presence of endometrial tissue in ectopic locations," Vernon said. "That is locations outside the uterus."

There is no cure for endometri-

sis. "No doubt more research needs to be done in this area," Zavos said. "We don't know what causes endometriosis — we cannot treat it if we do not know what causes it."

Symptoms of the disease are pain associated with menstruation, pain during intercourse, pain of the lower abdominal cavity, and infertility, Vernon said.

Endometriosis does not invade or destroy tissue, Vernon said. "It is not truly detrimental, it can also grow inside the uterus," he said. Whenever it grows in the uterus the endometriosis becomes a cyst.

Mild, moderate, severe and extensive are the four classes of severity in endometriosis. "In considering treatment for endometriosis it is most helpful to classify as to the se-

verity of the disease," Vernon said. The mild category can be treated.

There are several drugs that are available to treat the symptoms of the disease, but the age of the woman is a factor in the treatment, Vernon said. For young women, birth control pills are prescribed to relieve the symptoms.

He said they used to think endometriosis only affected white women in their 40s; it was also said that working women are more prone to endometriosis because they postpone pregnancy. Endometriosis, however, also affects non-white women, and there is no proof of working women being more prone to the disease.

The specialists at the seminar last night strongly advised anyone with symptoms of endometriosis to consult a specialist in infertility.

Class cancellations for bad weather not likely, officials say

By FRANK STEWART
Reporter

For many people the most popular place to spend a cold, wintry day is at home, removed from the cold, snow and ice. And in the event of a rare case of severe weather, UK students may have that option — compliments of the University.

The weather situation must be extreme for University classes to be canceled, said Tom Padgett, director of public safety at UK. It happens, however, he said.

In the past, school has been closed and classes delayed and there "have been occasions, particularly in 1977 and 1978, when school has been closed for several days," Padgett said. In the past five years, however, UK has canceled classes only once or twice.

According to Padgett, UK has its own criteria for canceling classes because of weather. Deciding factors include the inability of public transportation to operate and a snow emergency issued by the mayor.

"If the public transportation isn't in operation, we usually close because city buses generally operate without fail," he said. "Or the mayor may issue a stage-three snow emergency which prohibits all but emergency traffic on the roads."

The final decision, however, is left to UK administrators. Padgett is responsible for informing Jack Blanton, vice chancellor for administration, of the weather situation. Blanton has "the latitude to call off classes if the roads are hazardous and not good for students trying to get to classes," Padgett said. He can also refer the decision to President Otis A. Singletary, he said.

"We really do have to have a severe situation (to cancel)," Blanton said. "I rely very heavily on the police department."

Blanton said great consideration is given to weather reports for the safety of roads. Students and employees who commute are the main concern he said. "We are much less concerned about those students who are walking. The (Physical Plant

Division) people are very good about getting out there."

The decision to cancel or delay classes is usually made by 4:30 a.m. The media are then notified and begin announcing the cancellation by about 5:30 a.m. Padgett advises students to listen to local radio stations, especially AM stations, whenever the weather seems to be severe.

"Calling off school early is more cumbersome (than delaying or canceling classes) because we have to contact the chancellors, who contact the deans and directors," Padgett said.

"It's a peculiar thing the way the weather forms," he said. "Lots of times we end up looking inefficient, but it takes a long time to get the word around."

When deciding to cancel school, the weather situation must be weighed against other concerns. "We have equity problems," Padgett said. "A lot of services have to run. Almost every department has

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Frigid temperatures and low attendance dampen 'dry' rush

By KRISTOPHER RUSSELL
Staff Writer

Don't rush on icy roads. Or during basketball games, or without alcohol.

With two home basketball games this week, bitterly cold weather and the absence of free alcohol, greek houses are having a tough time attracting potential pledges.

Potential fraternity pledges have been slow to participate in spring rush this week, said Bernie Kruse, rush chairman at Kappa Sigma fraternity.

This semester marks the first attempt at a "dry" spring rush by the fraternities. Greek organizations did not serve alcohol during fall rush last semester.

"It's been pretty slow so far," Kruse said. "It should get better. By the end of the week it should be hopping."

Kruse said the problems his fraternity and other fraternities face is getting the people out to the parties. "It's hard to get people out," he said. "They say, 'Why go out in the cold?' So our goal is to get them here."

Wayne Hayden, rush chairman at Sigma Pi fraternity and a business administration senior, said turnout is about half what it was at this time last year, which he blames on the weather and the non-alcoholic rush.

Hayden said freshmen, the majority of rushees, tend to stay home and drink instead of attending dry rush parties.

Spring rush also has been slow at FarmHouse fraternity, where alco-

hol at rush has always been prohibited. "It's a little slow now, but we expect it to pick up by the end of the week," Rush Chairman Karl Durden said.

Durden, a biology junior, said the two home basketball games — against Alabama Monday and Mississippi State last night — and the popularity of fall rush caused the lower turnout. "There are usually lower numbers in the spring because there are so many less new students in the spring than in the fall," he said.

Michael Palm, assistant dean of students and adviser to fraternities, has not had many reports on spring rush. He said, however, he "has heard progress is at a snail's pace. 'It's been real slow,' he said. 'I haven't had a chance to get out and see for myself, but it's been real slow.'"

Though the low numbers have been disappointing, the fraternities are expecting fewer people to pledge, said Kruse, a marketing senior. "I'm hoping for 25 pledges this Spring. We average around 20-24 in the spring, and this past Fall we had 36."

Wayne Hayden, rush chairman at Sigma Pi, spring rush usually nets five to 10 less pledges than fall rush, Hayden said.

Rush chairmen agreed that spring rush brings higher quality potential pledges than fall rush. "In the spring, they are more interested, whereas in the fall they tend to be more curious than interested," Durden said. "Spring rushees tend to be more interested because they know FarmHouse fraternity, where alco-

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Baby abandoned on Christmas recovering, awaiting adoption

By ANGELO B. HENDERSON
Senior Staff Writer

Instead of lying in a manger among farm animals on Christmas Day, this newborn infant was found Dec. 25 abandoned on a couch in the restroom of the UK Medical Center. She was hospitalized in critical condition.

Now, lying in a diaper and wrap-

ped in a blanket in the neonatal intensive care unit of the hospital, Angela Noel has been taken off the critical list and is in satisfactory condition. She also is in the custody of the state Cabinet of Human Resources, awaiting placement.

On Christmas Day evening, this five-to-eight-hours old infant was found in the first floor women's rest-

room of the hospital wrapped in a hooded sweatshirt.

According to UK Police Chief Paul Harrison, the intestines of this 6-pound, 3-ounce baby girl were exposed. After two hours of surgery to correct her birth defect, Angela's condition was upgraded to serious.

"Other than the intestinal problem, the baby looks to be healthy and after a normal recovery she will

be fine," Patrick L. Stone, director of Public Information for the Medical Center, said.

He said there were no signs of trauma during birth, but it is highly unlikely that Angela was born in a hospital because of her uncorrected intestinal birth defect. Also, an infant as young as she was when found, the baby looks to have been released from the hospital.

Angela Noel got her name from her nurses shortly after she was found, Stone said. Most of the other children in the neonatal intensive care unit have parents who visit them but "the nurses are taking time to fill in as Angela's current adopted family," he said.

Angela will spend at least another two weeks in her first home in the intensive care unit, but after that she will probably be moved to an intermediate care unit or possibly to the regular nursery, Stone said.

But Angela's immediate future is based on her medical progress, he said.

The baby was discovered following a phone call to the hospital.

Harrison said that on Dec. 25, the telephone operator at the Medical Center received a call from an unidentified "woman who seemed excited and nervous" — explaining that a newborn infant had been left on the first floor of the hospital. The operator called the police, who, along with some of the hospital staff, began searching for the abandoned baby.

"Whoever made the call identified there was a health care need so whoever the mother is being well cared for," Stone said.

UK police are investigating the case of Angela Noel, but so far have come up with no substantial leads. Harrison said he has received several tips from people in Ashland and London, Ky., but so far, no luck.

The state Cabinet for Human Resources has temporary custody of Angela, Brad Hughes, spokesman for the Cabinet, said.

"When there is no chance of finding the parents, then the state will seek final commitment of custody to the state, entailing termination of parental rights," Hughes said.

"Then a court hearing will be set," which has been tentatively scheduled for Jan. 24.

Within the next week to 10 days, if everything goes well in the hospital, Angela will be placed in a foster home. "No more than 60 days after the court acts, she will be put up for adoption," Hughes said.

The number of adoption offers for Angela have not been kept, he said, because "there's no way a person can call in and adopt her."

Angela has gained over a pound since she arrived and she is progressing well according to medical center officials. The infant has now started taking regular formula — opposed to clear liquids which she was restricted to at first.

"I would say things have gone pretty well," Stone said.

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Family of late nuclear worker gets original \$10-million damage award

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court yesterday reinstated a \$10 million negligence award won by the children of the late Karen Silkwood, whose name became a battle cry for nuclear industry critics.

By a 5-4 vote, the nation's highest court ruled that the huge "punitive damages" award against Kerr-McGee Corp. does not interfere with federal regulation of the nuclear industry.

The decision, however, leaves Kerr-McGee free to challenge, in whole or in part, the award made by an Oklahoma jury in 1979. The jury found that Kerr-McGee's negligence led to Silkwood's radioactive contamination.

"Wonderful news," said Silkwood's mother, Merle Silkwood of Nederland, Texas, who wept after learning of yesterday's decision. "We've got everything we wanted."

Bill Silkwood, Silkwood's father, said he hoped the decision will have an impact on the nuclear industry.

"It sends a message to big companies that they ought to look at how their plants are run — like Karen was trying to do here — to

"It sends a message to big companies that they ought to look at how their plants are run."
Bill Silkwood, worker's father

get better health and safety measures," he said.

In Oklahoma City, family attorney James Ikard predicted the case would not be resolved for six months to three years. "We are very happy," he added. "We just don't know how happy we are."

There was no immediate reaction from Kerr-McGee, except that spokeswoman Donna McFarland said the Oklahoma City-based corporation was "surprised" by the ruling.

If the award eventually is upheld it will make millionaires of Silkwood's three teen-aged children who live in Ardmore, Okla., with their father, William Meadows. The children are Beverly, 17, Michael, 14, and Dawn, 13.

Meadows had been divorced from Silkwood when she died in a 1974 automobile crash. He has since remarried.

Silkwood, a 28-year-old laboratory analyst at Kerr-McGee's Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., died Nov. 13, 1974, while on her way to meet with a reporter from The New York Times. Nine days before, she had been radioactively contaminated.

Silkwood, a union activist responsible for monitoring health and safety matters at the Cimarron plant, reportedly wanted to make public evidence of missing plutonium and falsified safety records.

A movie about her, "Silkwood," was released a month ago and has grossed \$10.8 million at the box office. Last week, its \$2.1 million in ticket sales ranked it 7th in movie ticket receipts.

Silkwood's family sued in 1976, alleging negligence by Kerr-McGee and seeking damages for injuries Silkwood suffered — primarily fear and anxiety during the nine days from her contamination to her death.

A jury in Oklahoma said Kerr-McGee should pay Silkwood's three children \$50,000 in actual damages and \$10 million in punitive damages. The jury also awarded \$8,000 for Silkwood's contaminated belongings that had to be destroyed.

Teacher competency testing costs questioned by Collins' supporters

By CHARLES WOLFE
Associated Press Writer

FRANKFORT — A bill requiring competency testing for new teachers hit a snag yesterday in the Senate Education Committee when members raised questions about its cost.

And the sponsor of a bill to test pupils in private and parochial schools told the committee he intended to hold a public hearing on the controversial measure in the Senate chamber.

The teacher-testing bill, co-sponsored by Sens. Nelson Allen, D-Greensburg, and Robert Martin, D-Richmond, is scheduled to take effect next Jan. 1, provided it passes in the current General Assembly.

It would require new teachers to pass a written test before being certified. It also would require a one-year internship for new teachers and teachers moving to Kentucky from other states with less than two years of experience.

The proposal was a major plank in Gov. Martha Layne Collins' campaign platform, but its price tag — \$63.6 million for the next fiscal year, \$2.3 million for fiscal 1985-86 — raised the eyebrows of Sen. Ed Ford, one of her key supporters.

Ford, D-Cynthiana, was not alone. Majority Floor Leader Joe Wright, D-Harrod, and Sen. Clyde Middleton, R-Fort Mitchell, also wanted more information about the costs of administration and testing, including \$266,000 for the National Teacher Examination.

Allen asked that the bill be "passed over" until Jan. 25 "for some grammatical refinement and some analysis of the fiscal impact."

But the bill also had its supporters at yesterday's meeting, including officials of the Kentucky Education Association, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators and the state Parent Teacher Association.

The PTA also released an open letter to Mrs. Collins,

urging her to voice immediate support for an "Education Reform Act."

The letter said the PTA "is very concerned that time is running out for our children and to delay action until 1985 is to deny many children the right to even an adequate education."

That apparently referred to previously reported suggestions that Mrs. Collins forgo major education initiatives in this legislative session and convene a special session next year.

On the issue of private and parochial schools, the state Supreme Court cleared the way for testing the basic skills of their pupils. To that end, Sen. Kenneth O. Gibson, D-Madisonville, wrote Senate Bill 22, creating a new section of state law to establish the testing program in the third, fifth, seventh and 10th grades. It also would appropriate \$1.15 million for the program over the next two fiscal years.

But Gibson, apparently anticipating an uproar from officials of Christian schools, said on the Senate floor he hoped his colleagues would "keep an open mind on this bill" and not bend to "pockets of resistance out there."

Retraction

Recently, the *Kentucky Kernel* received correspondence from legal counsel representing The Bar, Inc.

This correspondence requested a retraction of a statement attributed to Detective Sgt. Mike Lowe from the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Department in a story which appeared in the *Kernel* on Dec. 9, 1983, titled "Experts agree that missing kids face many difficulties."

After conversations with Lowe, the *Kernel* believes that the statement — which referred to the possible presence of minor prostitutes in this downtown establishment — may have been either misunderstood by the reporter or misstated by Lowe.

Lowe has told the *Kernel* he meant that these persons may have been present in close proximity to this establishment.

The *Kernel* regrets any misunderstanding which may have resulted from the description of Lowe's statement as it originally appeared.

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Cats able to hold off slow-paced Mississippi

By ANDY DUMSTORFF
Assistant Sports Editor

There is a saying some place that goes something like this: "The old man river just keeps slowly moving along."

Apparently Bob Boyd has decided to keep his Mississippi State Bulldogs slowly moving along, as was evident in last night's 51-42 loss to Kentucky at Rupp Arena.

Throughout the first part of the season, Boyd's team has held its opponents to an average of 56.2 points per game. Last night the Bulldogs not only held Kentucky under that average, but toyed with the Cats and their No. 2 ranking.

"I told the players that this is not a type of game that one can feel good about," UK coach Joe B. Hall said. "It is a win and that is the main objective."

Kentucky came out for the first time this season in a 1-3 defense to try and force State to shoot more from the outside.

To the dismay of Hall and UK, Mississippi was able to handle the tight defense and force Kentucky into a more deliberate style of play. Hall and his players later noted this is not the UK way — and that the slower tempo lulled the Wildcats into a lax style of play. "When you play defense and then offense you have a tendency to run your offense like the other team's," Hall said. "You're tight and just have to play their tempo."

UK guard Dicky Beal said, "It was very, very hard for us to adjust to their style of play. When you slow us down like they did, it is like they lull you to sleep."

The Bulldogs were able to handle the taller UK squad throughout the first half and went into the locker room with a 22-21 halftime lead after center Kelvin Hildreth hit the front end of a one-and-one.

"We were unable to convert all of our free throws in the first half which would have given us a more comfortable lead at half time," Boyd said.

Missed free throws — not State — held UK to 8-of-19 from the field for 42.1 percent while hitting 50 percent on 9-of-18 shooting.

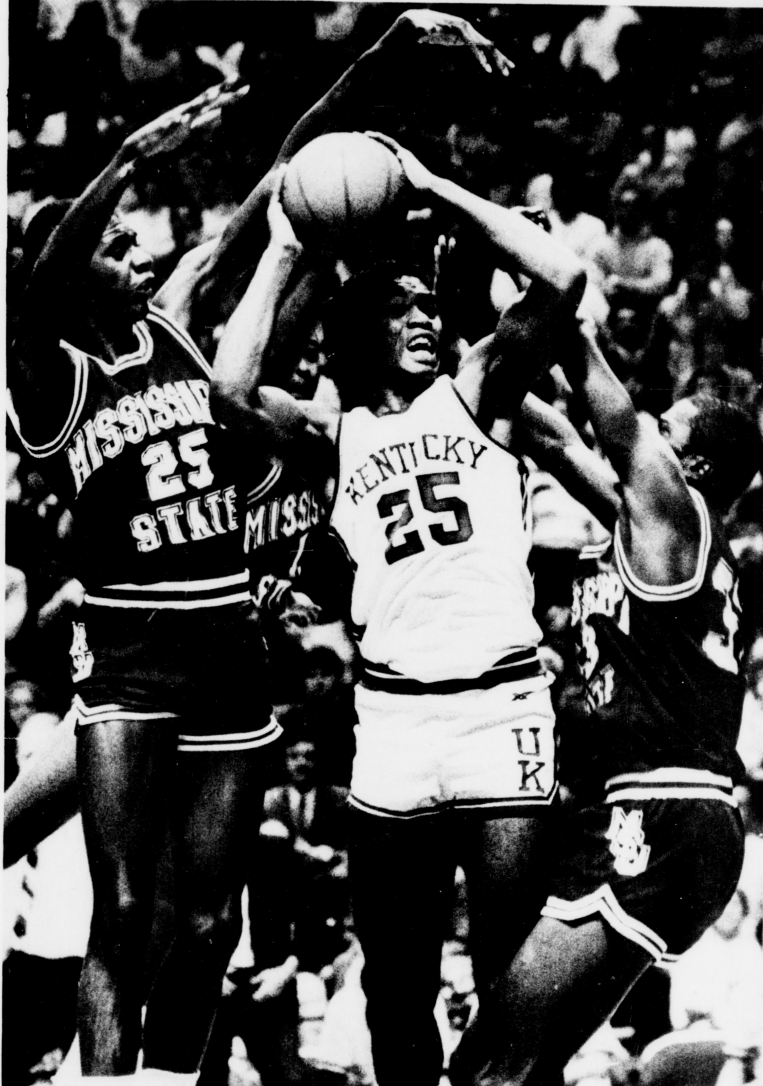
The Cats were lead in scoring in the second half by sophomore Kenny Walker, who hit 4-of-6 shots from the field and 5-of-6 shots from the charity stripe. Walker contributed the turnaround in the second half to James Blackmon's ability to shift more inside.

"James Blackmon was able to penetrate more in the second half than he was in the first," Walker said, "and that was the major difference."

UK took the lead for good in the second half when Walker hit a six-foot jumper from the lane with 15 minutes left in the game. Mississippi was able to hold the game close and was not out of the game until the three-and-a-half minute mark when forward Mark Peters fouled Walker sending him to the line for the one-and-one. Walker earned both free throws giving UK an eight point lead of 44-38.

"If we had shot a little better in the second half we might have won," Boyd said.

As for Kentucky, "In my opinion they (Kentucky) are the best team in the nation and I am not saying that to build up my team's performance."



CASSANDRA H. LEHMAN, Kernel Staff

Heavy traffic

UK freshman Winston Bennett attempts a shot through Mississippi State's Anthony Robinson and Kelvin Hildreth. The Wildcats won a hard fought 51-42 contest to run their record 12-0 overall and 4-0 in the SEC. UK will travel to Auburn to

take on the Tigers Friday night. Auburn is 3-0 in the conference and returns three starters from last year's team. The game will be televised live by the USA cable network. The win ensures UK standing as No. 1 in the UPI basketball poll.

Bulldogs aren't great, but they deserve respect



Mickey PATTERSON

They were underdogs in every sense of the word. In size and talent Mississippi State was lacking by a big deficit against UK.

Yet, with four minutes remaining in the game, the Bulldogs were only trailing 42-36, well within reach of a win and in perfect coordination with coach Bob Boyd's game plan. But the bubble burst when the Bulldogs had to begin fouling and went cold from the field in the warning moments of the game.

Despite the loss, the Bulldogs walked away from the game with at least part of their mission accomplished — they held the mighty Wildcats under 60 points and kept UK from establishing any sort of a running game. They also held the Cats to 41 percent shooting from the field and outrebounded them 28-27. A month ago Boyd and his team defeated Memphis State in the same type of game — UK just had a little too much talent.

The Bulldogs could only connect on 30 percent of their shots in the second half and it simply cost them the game.

"Had we shot a little better in the second half we might have won the game and of course it would have been a tremendous upset," Boyd said. "I was pleased with the game as it unfolded, we were able to maintain our poise early and take the lead."

The Bulldogs are not exactly the kind of team that makes for exciting basketball but they play smart and they play within their limitations. They won't score a hundred points and more than likely they won't win a flock of new fans, but they will win some games they're not supposed to, and when you come right down to it, that's the name of the game.

"It was a slow tempo game, not our type of game at all," UK guard Dicky Beal said. "That's the way they play, it was the only way they could beat us."

Exactly, and it almost worked. Give credit where credit's due — the Bulldogs took UK right out of its game by putting the Cats to sleep and adding just a little bit of pressure.

"When you play defense for a full forty-five seconds and then you get the ball, you have a tendency to tighten up and play their style of ball," UK coach Joe B. Hall said.

While the fans and players from both teams walked away disappointed, it was a classic case of what a good coach can do with minimum talent a lot of brains. Mississippi State deserves UK's respect because it was so efficient in taking the Wildcats out of their game. It wasn't pretty, but it was fairly effective.

"It was not our kind of game or one we got a lot of satisfaction out of," Hall said.

Nobody did, except maybe Bob Boyd.

Pressure escalates as Wildcats' undefeated streak continues

Is this Kentucky team one of the best in the history of this institution? It may be getting there.

With last night's win the Kentucky basketball team gained its 12th straight victory, moving ahead of three other squads of the past that had won their first eleven games before suffering a loss.

This year's team now ranks sixth in UK annals. Only five other Kentucky teams began their seasons with longer winning streaks. More about that later.

With winning streaks comes pressure. But who feels it the most — the players, coaches or fans?

It was hard to find one man who served in all those capacities. But one who did was most gracious when asked.

Dickie Parsons, who played on the 1958-59 team that won its first 11 games, was an assistant coach in 1977-78 when the Cats rolled out 14 wins in a row. He is watching this year's team with great interest like the million other fans in the Commonwealth.

"When I was a player there was no real pressure. We weren't expected to do well, but we got off to a good start and won 11 in a row," Parsons said. "I remember it well. We were having fun playing even

Bruce KABALEN

though there was a lot of attention focused on us."

Things changed 19 years later for Parsons when he became an assistant coach. The 1977-78 team was ranked number one in preseason polls and was expected to win it all.

"I sensed the pressure much more in 1978 when I was coaching. As a coach you want to keep your team in the right frame of mind and try and avoid letdowns," Parsons said. "Players don't realize when they aren't mentally ready and it's the coach's job to prepare them."

"There are a lot more problems for a coach during a streak. He has more on his mind. I never liked to talk about the streak. The best time to talk about it is at the end of the season, when you have already accomplished it," he said.

Streaks are newsworthy and that's why we've heard so much about them lately, according to Parsons. But they can help a player.

"Every game you win gives you something to build on. There's no real explanation but it seems easier.



If you have the right frame of mind, you (as a player) can get a tremendous amount of enjoyment out of it."

Depending on your philosophy, the idea of this year's team going undefeated may or may not be realistic. Parsons thinks it is possible.

"Right now is a bad time," he said. "The team is getting back into a routine and has its mind on not only playing but also schoolwork. The games are coming so fast and it is difficult to keep at peak performance."

"The key to keeping the streak alive is defense. In 1978 that's all we stressed," Parsons revealed. "We didn't know what our shooting percentage might be, but if we played well defensively it didn't matter."

If the key is defense, this team has certainly proven to this point that it can play when it counts. The Alabama game Monday night is a perfect example.

After walking through their defensive assignments early in the contest, the players responded when the game was on the line. A 2-2-1 zone press provided needed turnovers when the game was still very much in doubt.

Only the following Kentucky teams have begun their seasons with longer winning streaks than the current Cats.

Two Kentucky teams, the 1931-32 and 1977-78 teams, won their first 14. The '31-32 team lost at home to Vanderbilt 23-21 in its last regular season game of the year. That team finished 15-2.

The 1977-78 team lost its 15th game of the season to Alabama in Tuscaloosa 78-62 before winning UK's fifth NCAA championship with a 30-2 overall record.

The 1969-70 team won 15 in a row with All-American Dan Issel leading

the way before losing at Vandy 89-81. UK finished the year 26-2.

The 1933-34 Kentucky team won 16 in a row before losing the first game of the Southeastern Conference tournament to Florida 38-32. That team finished 16-1.

Rupp's Runts of 1965-66 won 23 in a row before losing at Tennessee 69-62. With no player over 6-5, UK lost in the NCAA finals to Texas Western 72-65.

The longest winning streak belongs to the 1933-34 team led by Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey. This team became the first Kentucky team to go undefeated in a season with a 25-0 mark. UK declined a bid to the NCAA that year after being placed on probation the year before.

That's a look at the streaks this edition of Wildcat basketball has its sights on. Should Kentucky go unbeaten this season it would end the year at 35-0.

The Cats are 12-0 at present. Add a win over Houston and 14 regular SEC games to go to 27-0. Three wins in the SEC Tournament takes the total to 30-0 and five wins in the NCAA Championships stretches the streak to 35.

It would also be the 13th time in college basketball that a team went unbeaten in a season.

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Leadership, plans needed to improve educational system

State legislators have an exciting opportunity before them, Alice McDonald, the newly-elected state superintendent of public education, told a special Kentucky General Assembly education conference in a speech delivered Jan. 5.

"Never before in the history of Kentucky has the General Assembly chosen to spotlight education as its first order of business," she said. "In choosing to hold this conference, you, the members of the General Assembly, have demonstrated for all the people your concern for Kentucky's children."

Kentucky's legislature has a chance to get something done concerning the quality of education, an opportunity to make up for the frequent fiscal years of budgetary neglect and miscues in planning and leadership.

Education, as McDonald put in her address, must be put ahead of roads, economic development, tourism and aid, even basketball. "We must dare," she said, "to put it ahead of politics, selfish interests, regionalism . . . We must dare to want excellence in our public schools."

And she has hit the nail right on its head.

Kentucky has put aside the tough problems and equally-tough solutions concerning education long enough. We regard education as a luxury. It is a necessity; we cannot function as a modern, efficient society without an informed and enlightened citizenry.

But better education will not come from a wave of Kentucky's magic wand. Tough, nonpartisan concepts will have to be expounded, stressing the importance of excellence in the classrooms — from primary schools to state universities. Attitudes need to be molded, placing importance on excellence in teaching and discipline in learning. Basic skills must become basic again for all students.

And leading this charge should be Gov. Martha Layne Collins. With her support and leadership, the needed reforms in Kentucky's educational system could be sped through the General Assembly.

For now, Collins has not elaborated on her specific plans concerning education, raising the spectre of another legislative session passing without action on needed reforms.

Our governor, who stressed the importance of education throughout the campaign, now needs to back her concerns with plans. And, with the renewed enthusiasm that has been recently generated concerning educational reforms, she needs to strike while the iron is hot.

"There must be a time for learning," McDonald said. "We are wasting time, and time wasted is money wasted. More importantly, it is children wasted."

SEX in America deserves capital letters

This is a column about SEX symbols.

You will notice that the word SEX is in capital letters. That was done intentionally to lure you into reading this column about SEX symbols. You opened your newspaper, saw the word SEX in the first sentence of this column and said to yourself, "Wow, I'm going to read that!"

You also will notice that the word in question has appeared in every sentence so far, except this one. Why? Because SEX itself is a symbol. It is a symbol for the most important thing in America.

SEX, the symbol, has been made larger than sex, the process. It is steamy, smoky, fiery, frenetic and, well, SEXY. And if we are to believe our national media, it is on the mind of every person in this country.

SEX is the nothing-at-all that men wear as an alternative to English Leather. It is the special ingredient that makes Tab such a beautiful drink. It might even be the hidden meaning behind those weird Chanel



John VOSKUHLL

No 5 commercials, but I'm not sure. The point is, SEX sells.

But that's nothing new. It has been known for quite a while — ever since Norema decided that clean is SEXY.

SEX sells because people are fascinated with it. It has been romanticized and made larger than life. It deserves capital letters.

SEX is the stuff of which fantasies are made. It is the main ingredient in grade "Z" porno movies, too. You also can find it on the pages of books that you buy in supermarkets — books like *Love's Savage Passionate Fury*, *Savage Fury's Passionate Love*, *Passion's Furious and Savage Love of Passionate Savagery's Lovely Fury*.

Of course, you can also find SEX

on television. It's the one area where "General Hospital" becomes "Specific Hospital." And it doesn't take much intelligence to figure out how "All My Children" were conceived.

But soap operas aren't the only bastions of SEX on TV. Situation comedies have known for a long time that jiggles mean gaggles. Detective shows always feature beautiful people in trouble. (It is true that detective shows cater mostly to VIOLENCE, but that's fodder for another column.)

But beautiful people are not the only ones involved in SEX. Politicians also get in on the act. Just read the newspaper. Alleged misconduct involving congressional pages was front page news a little while ago. SEX doesn't just sell, it makes news.

Is the American public really preoccupied with SEX? The answer is yes and no. Any time a topic is prevalent in the media, you have to ask the same old question: Does SEX flood the media

because we think about it a lot, or do we think about it a lot because it floods the media?

If I might paraphrase that old question: Which body has the dirty mind, the public or the media?

The answer is not obvious. The media would not mass produce SEX if there were not a large audience for it. But there would not be a large audience for it if the media did not produce it so often. It is a type of symbiotic relationship — one circumstance could not exist without the other.

You won't find any moral judgments about the situation here. I'm just doing my job as a reporter — reporting on SEX. True, I could take some sort of stance on the subject, but I don't want any hate mail. I can report, however, that the *Kentucky Kernel* is a family newspaper. And so far, there are no plans to include centerfolds.

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Phones are indicative of changing times

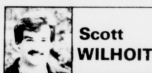
Over the holidays, I got a phone for a gift. That in itself, a few years ago would have been odd, but as the cliché goes, "the times they are a changing."

On the market today, there are phones with clocks and phones with alarms. There are phones with radios and phones with televisions. There are even phones with tape recorders. I'm still waiting for a telephone with a small microwave oven attached.

Can't you just imagine it now? You come home from a long day at work. You're beat. The phone rings. No need to get irritated. While you're talking, just pop a TV dinner in the old "telemicrowave" and when you hang up, *bon appetit!*

I can still remember the old black phone that sat on the coffee table in the living room. Now that was a phone. Ma Bell would have been proud of it. The thing weighed a ton. When you slammed the phone, you meant business.

The abuse that phone took was incredible. Dropped, thrown, smashed and spilled upon, it did not matter. The telephone would always have that same loud *ring-ring-ring*.



Scott WILHOIT

My new phone doesn't ring, it chirps. Every time someone calls, I look for a bird house in the house.

But that's not the only problem with the device. On numerous occasions I have accidentally hung up because of the phone's design. I have to take great care when I place the phone down.

Try explaining to your girlfriend how you only accidentally hung up on her.

To compensate for this, the phone has an automatic redialing system. This is great if you are the snooping type and horrible if you are paranoid. If you want to find out who your friend just called on your phone, all you have to do is hit the button.

The phone also has another attraction, a mute button. The instruction booklet reads that all you have to do

is press this button and the person on the other end can't hear you.

For some reason, I really don't trust this. I still believe a hand cupped over the speaker is far better to muffling out things you don't want heard.

I could imagine losing a lot of friends should I solely rely on this button.

Someone, and I imagine not too far from now, is going to make a lot of bucks when they invent a phone that won't ring while you're taking a shower. It never fails, just as I am enjoying a steamy hot shower, the phone rings. And to make matters worse, it's usually a wrong number.

If I had my druthers, I wish the phone company would just improve what they already have installed instead of creating "space age communications." If only the phone company could invent a means to dial off this campus after 11 p.m., all would be great.

I don't think our friends at General Telephone realize the problem on-campus students face trying to dial off campus late at night. A few months back, they said all was fixed.

Great, I thought.

Great, that is, until I tried to phone a pizza order. It took at least seven different attempts before I finally got a line out. Frustration in life is bad enough without the phone company adding to the predicament.

After going through this ordeal, I wish we would go back to the days of tin cans and a piece of string.

But I guess that wouldn't work either. The operator would just say, "I'm sorry sir, but all our strings are busy."

Operators are great at giving excuses. I know they have a rough job, but come on.

At UK, if you want to get a number without searching through the confusing campus directory, you just dial "0."

But, if you dial "9" and ask the operator to connect you, she won't.

But, if you dial "9" and "257-9000" and ask the operator to connect you, she will. Maybe this phenomenon is a candidate for Ripley's Believe It or Not?

Excuse me, my phone is chirping.

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'Whiz' kids can get rich without school

On the first Monday of 1984, tennis whiz Andrea Jaeger held court at an electronics store in suburban Maryland, signing autographs and chatting with customers about the hardships of travel on the women's tennis circuit. For Jaeger, a veteran of four years on the professional tour, working on a holiday didn't seem unusual.

"You can't expect to live the life of a normal teenager when you're making the kind of money I am," explained Jaeger, 18, who pocketed \$281,954 last year. "It's a business type of world I'm in."

Jaeger is only one of the better-known members of a noticeably ex-

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panding club: the teenage professionals. Blessed with exploitable talents, many young Americans are foregoing the less certain rewards of education for higher percentage shots in their particular fields. Their choice of life in the fast lane is a reflection of the times, but it's also a misreading of the future.

On the tennis circuit alone, dozens of teenagers have proven that it

pays to turn pro early. Aaron Krickstein, 16, who turned professional only last October, has already won \$17,000. Carling Bassett, 15, a second-year pro, collected \$87,168 in tournaments last year. A pro since 1981, Kathy Rinalde, 16, won \$85,732 in 1983.

Other professions, including films and music, have continued to draw talent from the sub-18 group. More recently, high-technology firms have come to rely on young computer programmers, some of whom have dropped out of high school to start their own software companies.

Amid the well-publicized success stories, however, many child phenoms risk failure in a number of ways. Take Jim Nichols, 21, for example. In 1980, Nichols dropped out of Torrey Pines High School in San Diego, Calif., to start a firm that wrote programs for video games. Three years later, Nichols' firm is all but defunct, and he has gone to work for another computer company in Northern California.

While Nichols insists that the experience was educational, he regrets its impact on his personal life which he says isn't what it should be. "Maybe I spent too much time at work."

Of course, parents are often to blame for the overemphasis on adolescent success. It's still a measure of one's own self-worth to have produced and raised competent offspring. In many cases, talented children have found themselves offering parents a vicarious feeling of accomplishment, if not a thrill similar to that of owning a prize race horse.

Younger parents may be even more obsessive. They have helped spawn the supernova phenomenon. We've known friends who've solicited congressional assistance to place their three-year-old children in

private schools. As members of the baby-boom group, these new parents have fought long and hard to survive fierce job competition, and they'll do almost anything to free their kids of the same burden.

Indeed, the perceptions that compel so many teenagers are wedded in recent experience. Anyone who has watched older siblings or listened to reports about gloom in the job markets can't help but feel wary of the future. In this context, the drive for early success, whether in sports or videogames, is a natural response.

But time and numbers stack up on the side of teenagers today. In 1990, there will be three million fewer young adults competing for jobs than in 1980, and 4.5 million fewer in 2000. College administrators are already concerned with these projections, as are employers.

"There's no question there will be a dramatic improvement in the job picture for young people by 1990," said Michael Wachter, a professor of economics at the University of Pennsylvania, who's written widely on the topic of youth and labor. "I see firms aggressively bidding up wages for young adults and promoting them faster."

Add Chester Franke, director of placement and college relations for General Motors: "We'll do whatever it takes to get them."

Such comments may have little value for the likes of Andrea Jaeger, who will fare better financially without a B.A. than most Ph.D.s. But for the average teenager who'd like to achieve success comparable to Jaeger's, these remarks are more relevant than visions of Wimbledon's Centre Court.

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From Staff and AP reports

Reagan receives Kissinger report

WASHINGTON — President Reagan congratulated the Kissinger Commission on Central America yesterday for producing what he called "the most comprehensive and detailed review" he had ever seen of the issues affecting U.S. national security in the troubled region to the south.

After a half-hour briefing by commission chairman Henry A. Kissinger and members of the panel, Reagan expressed hope that the report, which buttresses the thrust of administration policy in the region, will convince Congress it's time to set forward a program that will achieve the report's goals.

Reagan, speaking from notes, cited AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland, Democratic leader Robert Strauss and "others of the loyal opposition" for urging produce "a consensus recognition of the urgent nature and the complexity of the crisis in Central America and the implications for our fundamental interests."

"Henry has told me this was a diverse but not a divisive group, and they worked in a bipartisan manner throughout," Reagan said.

Female pilots can fly KC-10s

WASHINGTON — The Air Force yesterday made its female pilots eligible to fly the KC-10, the newest jet tanker-cargo plane operated by the Strategic Air Command.

It announced that qualified women pilots may apply for consideration by the next selection board which will meet in April "due to a determination by the Strategic Air Command and the Military Airlift Command that the KC-10 is not a combat aircraft."

Women are barred by law from flying fighters, bombers and other combat planes. Trained women pilots already are flying a variety of tankers, radar-jamming aircraft and other planes in the Air Force fleet.

SAC now operates 20 KC-10s. An additional 40 are due to go into service by late 1987 under a Reagan administration program for building up American ability to project forces to distant points on the globe.

Secretary backs deployment

WASHINGTON — Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam, declaring that "now is not the time to flinch," told a Senate committee yesterday that U.S. policy in the Middle East hinges on keeping 1,800 Marines in Lebanon.

If Congress or further terrorist attacks force a pullout of American troops from Beirut, Dam said, "the result will be that the United States would be back to ground zero in its Middle East policy."

Recalling the terrorist bombing that killed 241 U.S. servicemen in Beirut Oct. 23, Dam said, "It would be disastrous if our reaction to such terrorist attacks were to withdraw from the field."

Dam testified before the Republican-controlled Senate Foreign Relations Committee, whose members are increasingly uneasy about the continued presence of U.S. troops in Beirut after the bombing of Marine headquarters near Beirut International Airport.

Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., the committee chairman, called the hearing on President Reagan's policy in Lebanon in advance of Congress' return Jan. 23 from a two-month recess.

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Rush

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what they want out of a fraternity. They've had a chance to see the Greek system in the fall and they want to be a part of it.

"What's good about spring rush is that most of the people have gone through rush already, and they have a good idea of why they want to be in a fraternity," Hayden said.

Danny Flora, an accounting sophomore, said he feels that spring is the best time to rush. "I got to know some people and I felt like it would be interesting to go here," said Flora of his decision to wait until spring to rush Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Bob Johnson, landscape architecture freshman, wanted to pledge either Kappa Sigma or Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in the Fall, but he did not have the

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something that has to be attended to. There is a significant number of people who have to be here anyway.

Blanton said there are a number of inconveniences when classes are cancelled including research projects, feeding of animals and hospital patients. "There is a pretty substantial cost whenever we cancel," he said.

Fadgett said, "We have a lot more to lose than public schools if they close. They can make up days; we can't. We don't have the same situation. We're not dealing with seven-year-olds waiting on a delayed school bus. We're dealing with adults."

AT&T credit phones will accept new card

NEW YORK (AP)—American Telephone & Telegraph Co. announced an agreement yesterday that will allow holders of American Express Co. cards to charge calls placed on AT&T's new "card caller" public telephones.

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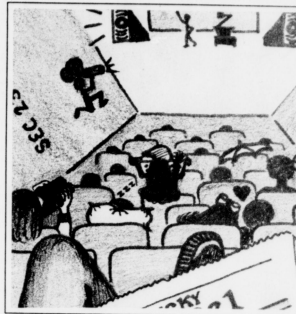
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"It's very necessary; we need a strong spring to make up for what we lose in the fall."

Bernie Kruse, rush chairman Kappa Sigma fraternity

time to make a commitment, he said. "At first, I kinda wished I'd joined in the Fall, but after going through it, I would probably do it in the Spring again, he said. I've



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Ronstadt vs. Quiet Riot: Battle of '83's Best/Worst Albums

Despite the efforts of Culture Club, Def Leppard and Kenny Rogers, 1983 was a remarkably good year for popular music.

As inevitably as a follow-up single, nominees for the various music awards this year have gone to the artists who (surprise, surprise) sold the most outrageous numbers of records during the previous 12 months. Some of them deserve that recognition, but the many who do not clog up the award system and rob lesser-known acts of one of their best chances at publicity.

Ergo, the list of awards you are about to read includes both the famous and the near-famous, in the naive hope that one of these magical days we may come to judge musicians on the basis of artistic merit rather than Billboard "bullets."

Most Underservedly Overlooked Album of the Year — The Real Macaw, by Graham Parker/Arista Records. Now that he's dropped the obligatory hard-rock numbers with which he filled his earlier albums with the Rumour, Parker seems more at ease to experiment with innovative pop-stylings. Parker sounds more like Elvis Costello than Costello himself, and in songs like "Passive Resistance" and "You Can't Take Love for Granted," he shows considerably more flair for deceptively clever lyrics. "I get so hungry, I'm eating my heart out" was the year's pinkest expression of love lost.



Best One-Two Punch of the Year — War and Live Under a Blood Red Sky, by U2/Island Records. Of all the bands from the New Wave side of the tracks, U2 stands the best chance of entering the pop mainstream with its angry energy and screaming guitars intact. But there's more than simple anger behind songs like "Sunday, Bloody Sunday." U2 gives powerful voice to that segment of an apathetic generation searching through its bewilderment for some resurrecting battle cry. "And today the millions cry, / We eat and drink while tomorrow they die. / The real battle just begun. / To claim the victory Jesus won. / On a Sunday, bloody Sunday." And unlike most bands, their live recordings are even better than the studio originals.

Most Heinous Waste of Vinyl of the Year — Metal Health, by Quiet Riot/Pasha Records. "Cum on Feel the Noise" was an execrable song when it was originally recorded a decade ago by Slade, but Quiet Riot took it to new depths of unlistenable heavy-metal depravity. And that's the best song on the album. Thank God their earlier work is still unavailable in this country.

Best Post-Mortem Anthology of the Year — Snap!, by the Jam/Polydor Records. This double-album collects in one fine set the best studio tracks from one of the few bands to come out of the British punk scene able to sing and play in harmony. Not to damn the Jam with faint praise: with music this intense, a little harmony goes a



Most Surprisingly Satisfying Change of Musical Style — What's New, by Linda Ronstadt/Asylum Records. Ronstadt has always been a competent interpreter of well-written songs, but with this album of tunes from decades past, she enters a musical arena previously limited to the redoubtable likes of Lena Horne and Barbra Streisand. Ronstadt's raunchy rock style on earlier albums gave little hint of the delicacy with which she handles these standards. If you can't understand why anyone under 40 would want to hear them, listen to Ronstadt's heart-breaking vocal on the last line of the title track. If that doesn't move you, nothing will.

Best Soul Album of the Year — Break Out, by the Pointer Sisters/RCA Records. While most artists in this category used flashy synthesized vocals, hard-funk rhythms and sexually explicit vocals to sell records last year, these ladies proved some artists can still sing a good song in a heartfelt manner. No flash, just soul. Break Out isn't without its dance tunes, however. "Neutron Dance" flippancy describes the day-to-day drudgery that make you want to dance your blues away, while providing more than enough fuel to help you do the job. The Pointer Sisters also turn in an excellent version of "Nightline," a tune about an obscene but friendly phone-caller, which is considerably better than previously covered by Randy Crawford and Ellen Foley.

Best Rock-Soul Crossover Album of the Year — Thriller, by Michael Jackson/CBS Records. An obvious choice, perhaps, but then everyone likes to back a winner occasionally. There's actually some good music underneath all the irritating media-blitz surrounding this

album, and it will probably be quite some time before the furor dies down enough to allow for more objective listening. Jackson's vocals often lapse into pure histrionics, but buried in some of the album's few quieter moments, you can still hear traces of the talent he displayed years ago in songs like "I'll Be There."

W weakest Attempt to Recapture Old Glory — Undercover, by the Rolling Stones/Atlantic Records. With guitar riffs lifted straight from *Exile on Main Street*, the Stones wallow in the messiest S & M mumbblings this side of the Marquis de Sade. One bright spot here was Jagger's sly vocal on "Too Much Blood" (something about a severed head in a refrigerator, or an idea to that effect), but otherwise this album promised a great deal more eroticism than the aging Stones are likely ever to deliver.

Best Comeback by an Old Master — Infidels, by Bob Dylan/CBS Records. Dylan has never sounded better, on an album which proves there's no reason right-wing politics and a religious stance can't mix comfortably with rock 'n' roll. "Sweetheart Like You" is one of Dylan's most poignant songs, while "Jokerman" and "I and I" show Dylan at his self-consciously egotistical best. Never a completely impartial observer of human nature, this time Dylan sheds any pretensions in that regard, and delivers an album full of material which sounds as honest as we can reasonably expect from a performer of his long-standing stature.

Mention Honorable and Otherwise — Talking Heads' Speaking in Tongues, Altered Images' Bite and ABC's Beauty Stab provided some of the year's quirkier rhythms and eccentric vocal styling. The Bongos delivered the strongest EP of the year with "Numbers With Wings," while Big Country's *The Crossing* was the year's most promising debut effort.

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