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U. Senate votes to protect gay couples

By Charles Shumaker
Staff Writer

The University Senate approved a resolution Monday opposing the passage of three bills by the Kentucky Legislature that would exclude sexual minorities from the equal treatment afforded heterosexuals in marriage and in protection under domestic violence laws.

The Senate's decision will guarantee faculty, staff and administrators who are in a same-sex marriage the same rights as people in a heterosexual marriage. Jim Applegate, chairman of the Senate Council, said it is the sen-

ate's "obligation" to take a stand against policies that may pose a threat to students, faculty and administrators.

"These bills would ensure equal treatment for students, faculty and staff beyond sexual orientation," said Melanie Cruz, president of the Student Government Association and senate member.

"More and more institutions are realizing that recruiting the best faculty, administrators, staff and students requires that they need to be comfortable places for gay faculty, administrators, staff and students," said Joan Callahan, a philosophy professor who proposed the resolution.

The bills ranged from the seclusion of same-sex couples in protection from domestic violence to recognition of the existence of a same-sex marriage, performed in the state or elsewhere. Senate members passed these laws because they said it would unfairly burden members of the University community.

"The Senate's going on record in opposing these bills is very good for UK's reputation as an institution, which takes the interest and fair treatment for all members of the University community seriously," Callahan said. "This not only makes the institution an attractive place for a number of

people who are already here, it makes it an attractive place for people to come to."

The first bill, proposed by Rep. Jim Bruce, would amend existing Kentucky Revised Statutes to void same-sex marriages, keeps Kentucky from recognizing these marriages outside the state and limits the word "marriage" to a relationship between two people of the same sex, according to the Senate proposal.

The second bill, by Rep. Sheldon Baugh, would prohibit same-sex marriages in Kentucky and make invalid a same-sex marriage between a Kentucky resident and one who lives in a another state.

The third, by Sen. Tim Philpot, would not afford the same protection from domestic violence to same-sex couples as afforded to

The proposed bills would interfere with issues dealing with inclusion for individuals into the University environment. The reasons for the Senate passing the proposal were to insure sexual minorities the same rights as racial minorities.

"Laws which require that sexual minorities are to be precluded from equal treatment with heterosexuals have an important negative impact on members of the University community," Callahan said.

"Everyone who comes here has an equal right to an environment that supports his or her learning," she said. "This is why it is so important to black students that the University address racism.

"Racism creates a hostile environment for the learning of students who are subject to it," Callahan said. "Homophobia interferes in just the same way."

Callahan said the reason she presented the proposal was because many of the Senate members were unaware of the bills.

If they were aware, she said,

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MATT BARTON/Kannel staff

IN REMEMBRANCE A display case shows a picture and reminds students of Christopher Maier, a theater major, who was killed earlier this semester.

Maier fund established

Memorial scholarship created in student's honor

By Jessica Coy
Staff Writer

The family of Chris Maier is working with the Theater Department to establish a memorial scholarship fund in his memory.

After his death Labor Day weekend, Maier's family set up a memorial fund to benefit the theater department. An outpouring of donations prompted a fellow student to suggest turning the fund into a memorial scholarship for theater students.

"We have raised about \$3,000 so far," said Russ Jones, chairman of the theater department. "We need to raise at least \$5,000 to actually establish the scholarship."

Jones said he plans to send out a campuswide mailing to solicit donations at the beginning of next semester, and he thinks the department will be able to raise \$10,000 for the scholarship.

"It will be great if we can raise \$10,000, because then we will be able to give a larger award to the scholarship recipients," Jones said.

Once the department is finished raising the money, it will be placed into an account. The interest will be used to pay the scholar-

ship, to be awarded to one theater student a year.

Maier's mother, Anne, his father, Tom, and sister, Elizabeth, will work closely with the scholarship committee to establish criteria for the scholarship. Although the criteria for the scholarship hasn't been set yet, the committee will be looking for candidates who are caring, generous and dedicated to the theater department as Maier was.

"Chris was a wonderful young man, and we will be looking for students who embody some of his best qualities," Jones said.

"I think the memorial scholarship is a great idea," said Adam Davis, president of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity, of which Maier was a member. "I can't think of any better way to keep the memory of Chris alive."

Friends of Maier's in the theater department have already raised enough money to place a plaque bearing his name on a seat in the newly renovated theater. The first seat in the first row of the theater will be dedicated to him.

Those interested, should send donations to the Chris Maier Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Department of Theater, 114 Fine Arts Building, Lexington, KY, 40506-0022.

Boy gets help from Holmes

By Andrea Rader
Contributing Writer

'Tis the season for giving, and residents of Holmes Hall are showing their generosity toward the less fortunate.

Hall Director David Mast said he and two friends came up with the idea to collect for the needy.

"I got on the intercom and told everyone I'd sing Christmas carols every hour on the hour to remind them to donate," Mast said. "I'm sure part of the reason we had so many donations was because they didn't want to hear me sing."

The hall collected for an underprivileged 11-year-old boy named Leroy. Mast said he got the boy's name from the Circle of Love charity. He then posted a large sign with a can underneath that read "Money for Leroy," in the lobby of Holmes.

Mast said they started the week with \$30 in donations

and had \$156 by Tuesday. "I thought that we were doing great at that point," he said.

He said it surprised him when he told everyone the time had come to make their final donations, and he collected \$75 in three hours. The total of the three-day collection was \$225.

They spent \$125 buying Leroy various Christmas gifts, including a UK sweatshirt and a remote control car. The remaining money went to help other children who won't be receiving Christmas gifts this year.

Mast also said the hall has been very involved in the Golden Key clothing drive and ROTC canned food drive, as well as collecting for Leroy.

"The generosity of these

guys is incredible," Mast said, "and I think the fact that this is an all male dorm says a lot about the stereotype that men aren't giving."

Kurt Welsh, a resident adviser at Holmes, said every residence hall should consider organizing something similar to the Holmes Hall collection. "People are more giving during Christmas season, and collecting for Leroy has shown this hall has a great capacity for giving," Welsh said.

Matt Springer, a Holmes hall resident, said collecting

for Leroy made everyone feel like they were raising money to get gifts for a friend.

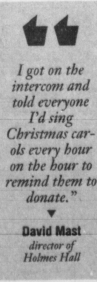
"Everyone in this hall treats each other like brothers," Springer said. "We are kind of like a mini-fraternity, and Leroy was our little brother."

He also said it is wrong for people not to be giving during the holiday season, and this offered the residents a chance to do something charitable without wandering too far from home.

"Getting without giving is like chewing without swallowing — it's disgusting," Springer said.

Springer attributes the success of the collection and other responsiveness to charities to good leadership. He said the hall director and resident advisers are highly motivated, and they help everyone get involved.

"We are up for any task the hall director gives us," he said.



David Mast
director of
Holmes Hall

Med Center chancellor sees challenges ahead

By Matthew May
Staff Writer

Leadership.

It is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the capacity to lead," but probably should have had the name Dr. James W. Holsinger, Jr., next to it.

Holsinger, chancellor of the Chandler Medical Center, has displayed an uncanny knack for directing others throughout his life, but now must take on what may be his biggest challenge yet: leading the Asbury Theological Seminary in its attempt to create a new campus in Orlando.

Holsinger is no stranger to building and expanding projects; in fact, he said it's what drives him each day.

He served as a top assistant to former Chief of Staff Colin Powell during the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Holsinger was also intimately involved in the rebuilding of the modern United States Army after the Vietnam War, the building of two new VA hospitals while he was chief medical director in the Department of Veterans Affairs, the continued development of health care for

the government, and the expansion of the Chandler Medical Center and its research facilities.

"I tend to gravitate to organizations when they are in a building and expanding state-of-mind," Holsinger said. "Maybe it's just chance, but it has happened everywhere I have been. I really enjoy watching things grow."

Asbury will be no exception. After being elected recently to a three-year term as chairman of Asbury Theological Seminary's Board of Trustees, Holsinger will begin work on Asbury's hopes of founding a new campus in Florida to extend the studies and research facilities of Asbury and the Methodist religion.

Masie D. Dunnam, president of Asbury Theological Seminary, said Holsinger will be the distinguished leader who Asbury needs to move into the 20th century.

"Dr. Holsinger, the second lay person to serve as chairperson in our 75-year history, brings experience in the church and in education," Dunnam said. "He is one of the



Holsinger

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Wildcats sink Hogs in pool

By Mike Heppermann
Staff Writer

The water may seem like a cold place to be this time of year. That's not the case if you're a member of the UK women's swimming team. Their hot streak is likely setting the pool temperature near hot tub levels.

The women's swimming and diving teams posted wins over Arkansas last Friday for the swimming team's seventh straight win. The women totaled 139 points to Arkansas' 108.

UK received huge contributions from its underclassmen. Freshman Carrie Knoeber finished in first place in the one meter diving competition. Freshman Melissa Olson placed first in the 1000 freestyle, and sophomore Jennifer Clifford finished first in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and helped the 200 medley relay team capture first.

"Swimming is sometimes thought of as an individual sport and it's fun to have certain events where you're swimming as a team more than just compiling your score," Clifford said.

Olson usually swims the 200 freestyle, 200 backstroke and the 200 breaststroke, but competed in the 40 lap, 1,000-meter freestyle in Arkansas. Even though she doesn't swim the 1,000-meter often, she considers herself a distance swimmer — and for good reason. She finished first with a time of 10:02.10, more than 48 seconds better than Vicki Wattles, the second-place finisher for Arkansas.

"I am a distance swimmer and I

can swim the 1,000 freestyle better than I can swim the 50 freestyle," Olson said.

"I can't swim the 50 (freestyle)," she added, laughing. She hasn't let that slow her down. Olson has won at least one of the events she has swam in at every meet this year.

And the underclassmen made sure the underclassmen didn't have all the fun.

Junior Rachel Komisarz has compiled a winning streak as long as Olson's by finishing first in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly in Arkansas. Sophomore Annabel Kosten, Olson and sophomore Kassidy Gala also finished in the top four, in that order, but none of them had their top four times go toward UK's final score.

The swimmers weren't the only ones seeing success.

Knoeber's score of 270.525 on the one meter diving board was 8.25 points better than second place finisher Christa Nykaway from Arkansas. Junior Christy Soulakis finished fourth on the one meter board and second on the three-meter board. Even though Soulakis did not finish first, like she did on the platform two weeks earlier in Indiana, she was satisfied with her performance.

"I was happy for the most part," Soulakis said. "It wasn't my best performance ever, but I did some good things."

Knoeber contributes part of her success to the support of Soulakis and senior diver Beth Leake.

"They've definitely supported me," Knoeber said. "Even just



TIME FOR REFLECTION UK freshman swimmer Melissa Olson placed first in the 1,000 freestyle at Arkansas this weekend. The Cats defeated Arkansas 139-108 for their seventh straight win.

watching them in practice has helped."

Soulakis realizes her additional role of preparing Knoeber and fellow freshman Sarah Fields for college competition.

"It's hard to come in here your freshman year," Soulakis said. "There is a big change in the programs they came from compared to this program. We make sure that they know they're part of the

team."

The diving team takes time off from competition until Jan. 7, when they spend a week in Georgia at the All-American Diving Meet. The swimmer's next meet is on Jan. 6 at North Carolina State. "I'm looking forward to it," Soulakis said of their meet in Georgia. "It's always a fun meet. We enjoy seeing the competition down there."

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Cats come up golden 81-54

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Jeff Sheppard matched a career high with 21 points and No. 4 UK overwhelmed Canisius with its full-court defense en route to a 81-54 victory yesterday night.

Sheppard scored 10 points in the first six minutes of the second half as the Wildcats (7-1) rolled to their fifth straight victory and prepared for a meeting with No. 24 Georgia Tech this weekend.

The Cats' man-to-man defense was too much for Canisius, which plays in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. The Golden Griffins had problems bringing the ball past half court and struggled to score when they did.

Allen Edwards added 14 points

for UK, which went to its bench for most of the second half. Nazr Mohammed, the Southeastern Conference player of the week, had 11 points. Mike McCarthy and Jamie Cammaert each had nine points for Canisius.

UK was coming off victories over Indiana and Clemson going into the game and wanted to make sure it didn't have a letdown against Canisius, which had won four straight.

The Wildcats ended any chance for an upset early.

The Wildcats had a 10-point lead in the first 12 minutes and controlled the tempo before taking a 39-25 lead at halftime. They were never really threatened in the second half. Edwards' layup with 5:57 remaining gave the Cats

its biggest lead at 71-36.

The Wildcats took advantage of their size in the lane and overwhelmed the Golden Griffins by getting easy baskets.

Mohammed established himself for a third straight game and scored nine points in the first 20 minutes, most coming in the lane off rebounds.

Canisius closed to 23-18 on Mike McCarthy's 3-point shot with 6:35 left in the first half, but UK answered with eight straight points before Mohammed's tip made it 33-20 and set the tone for the remainder of the game.

Canisius paid UK \$200,000 for the home-and-home series with the Wildcats. UK won by 23 points last year at Rupp Arena.

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Nutt takes top spot at Arkansas

Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Two decades after telling Bear Bryant that his dream was to one day coach Arkansas' football team, Houston Nutt returned to his home state yesterday as coach of the Razorbacks.

"Dreams do come true, and this has been my dream, to stand up here in front of you with a Razorback helmet," Nutt said, putting his hand on football headgear at a news conference at the university's basketball arena.

Nutt accepted the job after the

Razorbacks failed to woo Ole Miss coach Tuberville. Nutt will make around \$500,000 a year, not including performance incentives.

Nutt coached Boise State to a 4-7 record this year after leading Murray State to a 22-3 mark in the two previous seasons.

As the Razorbacks' fifth coach in nine years, Nutt will try to right a program that has lost games and fans throughout the decade.

Arkansas is 38-51-2 in the 1990s and hasn't been to a major bowl since the Cotton Bowl after the 1989 season. Average home

attendance this decade has been as low as 44,551 in 1996. In 1989, the Razorbacks drew 51,138 on average.

"I can promise you this, I'll go from daylight all the way to exhaustion to make this the best Razorback football team," Nutt said. "I can't wait to get started."

Moments later, Razorback fans in the room erupted into a Woo-Pig-Sooie cheer. Nutt's mother and dad, sitting in the third row, joined in.

Nutt said yesterday he had not asked about details of his contract.

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Youth keeps UK powerful

By Jay G. Tate
Sports Editor

Though the UK volleyball team's season lasted four months, it took only 19 days to determine just how far this year's squad would go.

After a torrid 8-1 start, including a 3-1 win over eventual NCAA Tournament squad Sacramento State, the Cats seemed to be turning the clock back to 1993, when the team finished 29-4. Through the first 19 days, junior outside hitter LaTanya Webb was among the nation's leaders in kills per game. Sophomore middle blocker Jaclyn Homan had become the powerful blocker head coach Fran Flory envisioned. The team was destroying its opponents.

Life was good.

But then the team traveled to Louisville, where U of L handed the Cats a nasty 2-3 loss. After going up 2-1, the Cats looked to be on the verge of a breakthrough against the Cards.

Instead, it became a monumental breakdown.

"For the past several seasons, we've allowed (the Louisville matches) to be a turning point in the wrong direction," UK head coach Fran Flory said. "When we didn't beat them, you could tell when we walked off the floor — 'Oh God, here we are again' — right back where we started."

The loss in Louisville proved to be a foreshadowing of futility to come. The Cats limped to a 6-15 record after the Oct. 17 upset to finish the season at 14-17. Though UK won its first Southeastern Conference Tournament match since 1994 late in the season, outside hitter Katie Eiserman walked

away unhappy with what her team had accomplished.

"How can you be happy when you start 8-1 and you finish the way we did," Eiserman said. "All I can say is that next year will be different. Very different."

One thing that won't be different next season will be the Cats' line-up, which boasted two juniors, three sophomores and one freshman this season. Ninety percent of the team's offense returns for the 1998 season, leaving Eiserman excited about next season's prospects.

"Having so many people back is crucial," Eiserman said. "Some teams in the conference are losing a lot of people, but we have everyone back. That's huge."

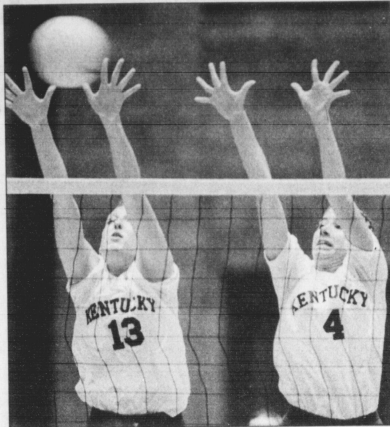
"We're pretty much set for next season," Flory said. "Next year, we're going to reap the benefits of this year's losses. We'll have more experience and a better understanding of how to win."

Nowhere did that lack of experience show through more than the Cats' first match against South Carolina. At the time, USC was flirting with the Top 25 and had been undefeated at home. UK won both the first and the fourth games, but yielded in the final minutes to lose the final game, 9-15.

Though the match ended in a loss, Flory said the contest spoke volumes about her team's future.

"That was the night our system worked," Flory said of the first USC match. "We came together and we out-played South Carolina in every aspect except for the ... scoreboard."

Headed for home
Kristy Burns, who became the



PHOTOS BY JAMES CRISP/Kentucky staff

IT TAKES TWO Though UK posted a fourth-straight losing season in 1997, the team will continue to enjoy a slew of young players, including sophomore Katie Eiserman (bottom) and freshman Megan Weiskircher (top, right) next season.

team's starting setter mid-way through the season, said she is leaving UK at the end of the semester. The Martinsville, Ind., native finished her freshman season with 656 assists, including a 64-assist winning effort against Eastern Illinois.

"I just wanted to be closer to home," Burns said yesterday. "If you were to move this campus closer to home, I would definitely stay."

Her last game came against South Carolina on Nov. 11. Soon after that match, Burns said she told Flory of her intention to leave the University.

Burns left the team prior to the Nov. 14 match with Tennessee, leaving sophomore Terri Crabb to pick up the team's setting duties, finishing the season ahead of Burns with 771 assists.

Burns said she had been offered a scholarship to play at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis and plans on attending the school next semester.

Recruiting Rumbblings

Though the UK coaching staff isn't allowed to comment on specific recruits until the official signing period begins, Flory said the team's recruiting wish-list includes an outside hitter, a right-side hitter and possibly a setter.

"This year's recruiting class is important for the future, but I

don't know how important it is for next fall," Flory said.

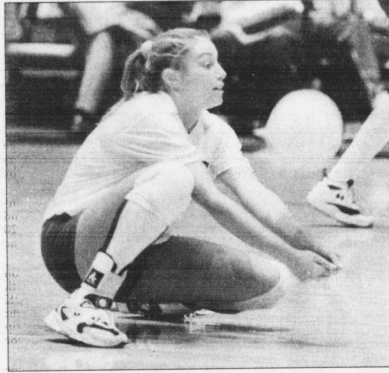
"If Terri (Crabb) doesn't come around in spring practice, we'll look for a junior college transfer. But Terri definitely has the opportunity to be our starting setter for next season."

One recruiting trend Flory doesn't want to follow is the acquisition of foreign players. Several foreign players, including Georgia's Lital Sisso (Israel), Florida's Arumar Rodriguez (Puerto Rico) and USC's Fernanda Lares (Brazil), have made a significant impact in the SEC.

Though Flory sees advantages in playing foreign-born players, she said her program will not be actively recruiting out of the country.

"A foreign player adds so much to your team because they've played the game longer," Flory said. "Just playing against that person every day in practice — you learn so much more than from the coach. But I'm only going to sign a foreign player after I know that I can't sign an American. I'm a fan of American dollars for American students."

"Does that mean I'm never going to win a national championship? Maybe it does. I don't think that. I want to do it with people from here and I want to prove it can be done."



Kristy Burns, who became the

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Man's penis cut off in possible revenge

By Martha Irvine
Associated Press

FAIRFIELD, Calif. — A woman bent on avenging the slaying of a friend bided her time for more than a decade before she seduced the killer and then cut off his penis, police say.

Doctors were unable to reattach the organ to 48-year-old pipe fitter Alan Hall.

Police on Wednesday searched for the woman, whom Hall knew only as "Brenda."

Hall, who was convicted in 1983 of voluntary manslaughter in the death of Denise Denofrio, told police that he met "Brenda" at a gas station on Friday and that she led him back to his trailer, where they had sex.

Suddenly, she took a cutting tool she found in his trailer and cut off his penis, he said.

"The woman made a comment which caused the man to believe that she was seeking revenge for a previous incident involving the man and a friend

of the woman," said Sgt. Brent Baird.

In the morning, eight hours after the attack, a passerby spotted Hall collapsed and bleeding heavily on the front lawn. Hall was rushed to NorthBay Medical Center, but it was too late to sew the penis back on.

"It was just too deep a cut," said Lt. Bill Gresham. "How do I put this? It was cut down to the base."

Hall's injuries were so severe that investigators were unable to

question him in depth until Monday, when he got out of the hospital.

Family members said he left his trailer Tuesday. "We really honest to God don't know where he is," said his brother John Hall, 45. "I believe he's in shock. He's not talking a whole lot about what happened, and I'm not asking a lot."

John Mraz, the now-retired officer who investigated the 1983 case, said Hall strangled

Denofrio, 22, with the cord of one of her sweatshirts after she apparently laughed at him because he couldn't perform very well sexually.

Her body, naked from the waist down, was found in the front seat of a car parked at a restaurant.

Police solved the case several days later after finding a matchbook from the bar. Patrols had no trouble describing Hall because of his distinctive curly hair, Mraz said. Hall served four years in

prison. The police officer said he could not recall interviewing a friend named Brenda, but investigators were going through his old files.

In 1993, Lorena Bobbitt cut off her husband's penis in Virginia.

Bobbitt claimed years of sexual abuse drove her to the attack, and she was acquitted by reason of insanity.

Bobbitt's penis was able to be reattached.

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By Janet Adamy
Michigan Daily

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Minority applicants from Marquette, Mich., who earned a 2.7 grade-point average at Detroit Country Day high school could have their GPA boosted to a 3.7 when their application contents are reweighted during the University's intricate admissions process.

The admissions procedure refigures an applicant's GPA and takes into account more than grades and test scores.

Fractions of points are added and subtracted from a student's GPA for various reasons, which can leave the numbers looking much different than on a student's official high school transcript.

According to procedures used to evaluate the incoming fall 1997 pool of applicants, admissions clerks first narrow down the GPA to the grades received in core academic classes such as math, English and science and throw away elective classes like music and physical education.

"What (University admissions officials) call your GPA is probably going to be lower than what it is," said Walter Harrison, vice president for University Relations.

A system called SCUGA, which takes into account five criteria: an applicant's curriculum, unusual factors, geographical region, alumni relations and the quality of the applicant's high school, is then used to add points to the applicant's GPA.

In the first stage of SCUGA's application assessment, applicants can receive as much as a .5 addition to their GPAs, depending on what high school they attended. The quality of the school is determined by the number of advanced placement courses it offers, its average SAT and ACT scores and the percentage of graduates who go on to college.

According to SCUGA guidelines, applicants coming from one of Michigan's more than 60 "better than average" high schools have .1 added to their GPA. "Exceptionally strong schools," of which there are only eight to 15 in the country, including Detroit Country Day, have their GPAs boosted by .4. Applicants from "truly outstanding" schools receive a .5 boost to their GPAs.

Next an applicant's curriculum during grades 9-12 is evaluated based on the number of academic honors and advanced placement courses the student completed.

Indiana boots 49 for alarm pranks

By Sarah Rupel
Indiana Daily Starlet

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Next week most IU students will be spending time in their dorm rooms studying for exams and worrying about their final grades. But students residing on the second floor of the McNutt Delgado residence hall will be packing their belongings into boxes and moving out of their rooms a semester earlier than planned.

All 49 residents are being forced out of their rooms by the Halls of Residence after a judicial board hearing Nov. 21. The decision was made after an unknown floor member pulled a fire alarm out of the wall, causing the alarm system to jam for two hours. The floor was already on probation and serving 250 hours of community service filed a sexual harassment charge earlier in the year.

Freshman Guido Casalini said he was blown away by the decision.

"It's a complete outrage. There is an entire floor being punished and kicked out of their home for the act of one individual," he said.

The floor members are appealing the decision today during a special hearing in the McNutt formal lounge. If the appeal does not go through, the residents have until Dec. 20 to move into new dorm rooms around campus.

"Our floor is extremely close. We've all become such great friends; we eat dinner together, hang out with each other, help each other out, and now we're being split up," he said.

Casalini said the majority of the problems related to their probation were caused by three floor

members who were recently expelled from all dorms on campus because of individual infractions.

"We're being portrayed so negatively, and no one wants to hear about the good things we do as a floor, like sponsoring two needy families for Christmas," he said.

McNutt Coordinator Amy Cornell said she has mixed feelings about the incident.

"I believe the vast majority of the guys on the floor are good guys, but since the individual responsible for the fire alarm has not come forward, the whole floor has to be punished, because this is not this first time they've had problems," she said.

Floor governor John Warieka, a freshman, said the floor members are being treated like deviants. "I'm not trying to make excuses for previous charges brought against us. We deserved those. But this is outrageous. Most of the floor was asleep because there was a calculus final that morning. Five of our guys play football and were at an away game," he said.

"By pulling the fire alarm out of the wall, Delgado 2 put all the residents of McNutt in danger, because if a real fire had occurred, the system wasn't working," Cornell said.

One McNutt resident assistant who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the fire alarm wasn't the only safety violation made by the floor. She said night rounds on the floor when six residents cornered her and began making sexually lewd comments about a necklace she was wearing.

Moving floor members is not a rational solution, Warieka said.

"Separating an entire group won't correct the problem," he said.

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Drinking reduces death risk

By Daniel G. Haney
AP Medical Editor

BOSTON — The biggest study ever of alcohol's effects on health found that a drink a day in middle age reduces the risk of death by 20 percent.

The research documented this decrease over a nine-year period in men and women whose average age at the start of the study was 56. Reports over the past two decades have shown a little alcohol is good for the heart. Yet some have also found an increased risk of breast cancer and other diseases.

The latest research, conducted by the American Cancer Society, attempts to add up the pluses and minuses and calculate the net effect of alcohol on health.

Like most other studies, this one found that modest drinking is, on balance, healthful. The ill effects, including cancer, are greatly offset by alcohol's benefits to the heart.

"The best advice to the public is,

nothing in excess," said Dr. Michael J. Thun, the study's lead author.

The researchers gave questionnaires to 490,000 men and women and then followed up nearly a decade later, after 46,000 of them had died. The findings were published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The participants ranged in age from 30 to 104 at the start of the study. It is at middle age and beyond when alcohol's benefit to the heart is expected to pay off.

Among the results:
▼Men and women who averaged one drink a day had a 21 percent lower risk of death than did nondrinkers.

▼The benefits decreased as people drank more. Among those who averaged four or five drinks a day, the risk of death among men was 10 percent lower, while among women it was 7 percent lower.

▼Women who consumed at least one drink a day had a 30 percent higher risk of dying from

breast cancer than did non-drinkers. Drinkers also faced a higher risk of dying from cirrhosis, alcoholism and cancer of the mouth, throat and liver.

▼Overall, drinkers had about a 30 percent to 40 percent lower risk of dying of cardiovascular disease than did teetotalers.

Those who got the biggest benefit from drinking were people who clearly had bad hearts.

"It shows that the net effect of alcohol consumption on overall mortality is influenced not only by how much people drink but also by their background health risk," Thun said.

Alcohol appears to protect the heart by raising levels of HDL, the good variety of cholesterol, and it may have other beneficial effects on the circulatory system, as well.

Until now, two of the largest studies to look at this question were the Harvard-based Nurses Health Study and the Physicians Health Study. They found that

moderate drinking lowers women's risk of death by 17 percent and men's by 22 percent.

An editorial by Dr. John D. Potter of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle noted that men in the latest study averaged one drink a day, while women consumed less than one. This is less than half what Americans typically consume.

If the general population drank more like these people did, Potter wrote, "we would see more of the benefits and less of the harm associated with alcohol."

Dr. Enoch Gordis, head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, said the findings support the institute's recommendation that people who drink moderately don't need to stop, but no one should take up drinking solely to protect the heart.

"There is no great news in this study," he said, "but since it was done so carefully with a large number of people, I think it is a valuable piece of work."

Price hike could curb smoking

By Cassandra Burrell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress should raise the price of cigarettes by \$1.50 a pack, restrict access to tobacco and stress the dangers of teen-age smoking, witnesses told a House subcommittee.

But a price increase alone would do little to reduce youth smoking, two of three expert witnesses testified Tuesday to the House Commerce subcommittee on health and environment.

"There is no single magic bullet," said Leonard Jason, a DePaul University psychology professor. "The best approach is a combination of tools, including restricting access and advertising, school-based programs and price increases."

Economic studies estimate that a 10 percent price increase would reduce adult smoking by about 4 percent and teen smoking by 7 percent, said Michael P. Eriksen, director of the federal Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention's office on smoking and health.

A third witness — Howard Beals, a George Washington University professor who has worked as a consultant for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. — disagreed. He said the most effective approach would be educating teen-agers about the consequences of smoking and imposing penalties for tobacco use.

Several members of Congress have introduced bills that would raise prices by \$1.50 a pack, and anti-smoking groups have taken up the call in hopes that Congress will act next year on a proposed settlement reached between tobacco companies and state attorneys general in June.

Under the deal, tobacco companies would pay \$368 billion over 25 years, curb their advertising and pay fines of up to \$2 billion if teen smoking, which has increased through the 1990s, doesn't drop 30 percent in five years. In return, they would be

protected against future lawsuits and win limits on government control of nicotine.

The \$1.50 increase was not part of the settlement. President Clinton has called for raising prices gradually if teen smoking doesn't drop significantly over 10 years.

The tobacco industry has said the June agreement by itself would cause cigarette prices to rise by at least \$1.50 a pack over 10 years.

Beals said the single most important factor in teens' decision to begin smoking is the behavior of their closest friends.

"The odds that a teen whose best friends of the same sex all smoke are more than six times higher than for a teen with no smoking friends," he said. "Teen-agers smoke because, judged by their own preferences, the benefits of smoking exceed the costs. To discourage teen-age smoking, policies must seek to reduce the benefits that teens derive from smoking or they must seek to

increase the costs that teens who smoke must bear."

Beals said his research also shows that cigarette advertising may influence a teen-ager's choice of brands, but it doesn't appear to entice them to begin smoking.

But Eriksen said advertising plays an important role by affecting young people's perceptions of the pervasiveness, image and function of smoking.


CDC data show that teen-agers are nearly three times as likely as adults to smoke the most heavily advertised brands of cigarettes, and the glamorization of tobacco use in the media also appears to be a substantial influence, he said.

"Young people give the following reasons for smoking: to improve their image, specifically to impress peers and achieve a sense of identity," Eriksen said. "These themes are reinforced by the images of tobacco advertising that portray smoking as a popular part of a positive, active and fun lifestyle."

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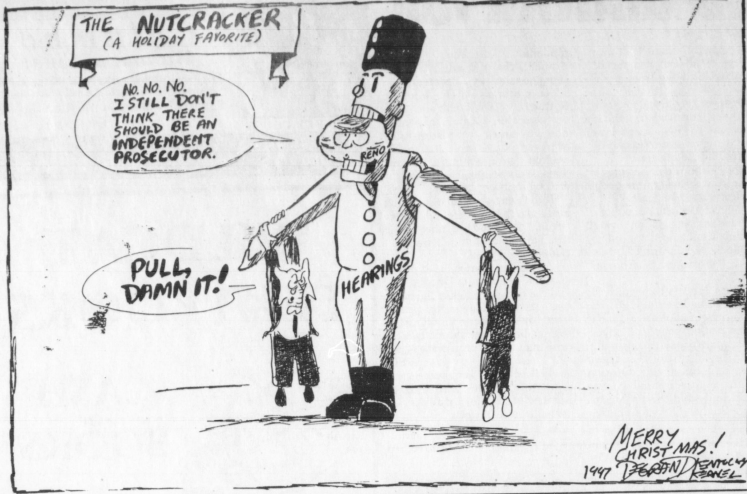
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There is hope, a faint glimmer of hope for future college students in Kentucky. Sen. Tim Shaughnessy and Sen. David Karem have proposed a "Commonwealth Merit Scholarship" program funded by the Kentucky Lottery. It may be too late to help students saddled with a 22 percent tuition increase, but freshmen entering UK in the fall of 2001 could receive up to full scholarship based on their high school grades. Students would receive a scholarship one-eighth of their total tuition costs for each year they maintained a B average in high school and one-quarter for each year they maintained an A average. So a student with an A average for all four years of his high school would receive a full tuition scholarship and student with a B average would get half tuition. As for students with a C average, well, they're on their own. As great as this sounds, there is one little hitch and that's money. To pay for the program, the lottery revenues — \$151 million last year — would have to be diverted from the state's general fund. We can already hear the howling from legislators who fear such a loss of funds would put Kentucky in

the poorhouse, but there is hope. The state of Kentucky recently found itself with a \$200 million revenue surplus that could soften the blow if it is used wisely. Further, the bill has anticipated concerns about revenue shortfalls and proposed that the state be slowly weaned from its lottery funding through the next seven years. Certainly, legislators — educated men and women — could deal with a seven-year cushion. As for those legislators who feel lottery funds shouldn't be reserved for one program, let us remind you that Wallace Wilkinson — God bless his soul — campaigned on the lottery issue and promised that revenues would go towards education. Legislators would finally be making good on that promise. However, we needn't sit idly by as cost conscious legislators debate the bill's merits. We can and should lobby state legislators. We expect the SGA to establish its own lobbying body with past and current SGA members throughout the state. Furthermore President Wehington — a man known for his lobbying prowess — should begin pressing the flesh on behalf of students.

IN OUR OPINION

It's in the stars, Ben Rich may not write again

That's just one of many predictions by campus psychic

With the start of a new year, some things are certain. Parties, celebrations, dropping balls, dropping pants and so on. My favorite end of the year activity is the predictions. Every tabloid and newspaper has some prognosticator or astronomer come up with a list of events that will take place during the next year. Since some people think I'm psychic and I do take astronomy, I am qualified to look into the future and give my predictions for 1998. On the national front, President Clinton will be forced to resign. This will come after the embarrassing accusations made by Paula Jones turn out to be true. Don't feel bad for Clinton though. He will separate from Hillary and move to Hollywood, where he will strike it rich in a series of porno films aptly titled *Crackled Clinton Does D.C.* Al Gore will crack under the pressure of being President. He will change his name to Rosebud and live in a tent on the White House lawn. His first official act of office will be to sell the Lincoln Bedroom to the highest bidder, who will turn out to be Bill Gates. Jesse Jackson will call J.C. Watts a "cracker," causing Watts to return to join a gang and cap Jackson in the ass. Bob Dole will die after trying to smile naturally. As Rush Limbaugh continues to lose weight, Al Franken will gain 300 pounds and become a permanent fixture on Richard Simmons' workout videos. Newt Gingrich will get a haircut, a meaningful one. In the world of sports, Tubby Smith will lead the Wildcats to the Elite Eight, where they will lose to eventual champion, Duke. Evander Holyfield will retire after losing to Lenox Lewis, but only after beating Mike Tyson at WrestleMania. Rick Pitino will realize that a roster of former Wildcats doesn't get the job done, trade Walter McCarty, still miss the playoffs and leave to take over for Denny Crum at Louisville. Tim Couch will throw for a record number of touchdowns, but UK still doesn't win a bowl game. Turning to entertainment, Ellen DeGeneres and Anne Heche will elope to Hawaii, only



Ben Rich
Columnist

to perish in a plane crash. Travis Ford will win an Oscar for his work on *The 6th Man*. To increase its ratings, NBC will air a totally unnecessary episode of "Seinfeld," only to have it backfire, when the episode revolves around Newman. MTV will ban all videos featuring Puff Daddy, forcing them to play more reruns of "The Real World," since Puff Daddy will be in every video made in 1998. *Scream 3: I Paid Seven Bucks For This!* will open to rave reviews. A Broadway musical on the life of Michael Jackson will open, only to close one week later. Jerry Springer will replace Dan Rather as anchor of the CBS Evening News, after he accepts a job as a greeter at Wal-Mart, only to be fired after scaring small children. Concerning Lexington, the owner of a strip-bar will be elected mayor, but a recount will be ordered, when no one admits to voting for him. Pam Miller will be forced to get a job at his club to pay for her failed campaign. Lex Tran will be forced to halt operations, after passengers realize the bus system sucks and it would be faster to crawl. The city will decide to renovate Rupp Arena, in favor of building a new arena, only to have the roof cave-in during a hockey game. A local news station will run an ad campaign claiming that true UK fans tattoo the station call letters on their foreheads. On campus, contractors will forget to remove the books before they implode the old library, destroying its contents and forcing officials to make the vacant W.T. Young Library the world's largest brothel. Grade-point averages will shoot through the roof after science professors and teaching assistants are replaced with people who can speak English. The Student Government Association will sue the Kernel for referring to them as "gimps" and highlight their incompetence, only to lose after a judge forces them to face reality. The SGA Talent Show will be rescheduled, only to be canceled again after host Jim Varney misses his flight. Students will revolt and lynch the UK parking police. Brother McCracken will sign a deal to host his own talk show. And finally, I predict that the "Most Hated Man on Campus" will become the "Most Loved Man on Campus" after vowing to never write in the Kernel again.

Kernel Columnist Ben Rich is a journalism junior.

READERS' forum

A beloved friend and coworker is remembered

When the focus of academic support shifted to faculty support, Chris was absorbed by and promoted the mission of the FACTS Center (Faculty Academic Computing and Technology Support Center). After a couple of years, he accepted the challenge of developing MCFACTS at the Medical Center modeled on the FACTS Center of Central Campus. After a time there, Chris took on a similar challenge as Technology Coordinator at the Law School. In January 1997, Chris went back to MCFACTS. He was employed with MCFACTS at the time of his death. Chris earned his degree in linguistics here at UK in 1978. He loved to travel and was a big fan of railroads. When Chris became interested in genealogy, he did not stop after researching his own family tree but went on to help others with their research at the Church of Latter-day Saints. Chris was also a well-known figure in the Singles Group at Christ Church Cathedral.

With all of these activities, Chris still found time to serve as Treasurer of his neighborhood association. Chris earned the respect of his colleagues over a lifetime of giving service generously and made many friends throughout the different aspects of his life. He was loved. He will be missed.

Bob Crovo
lead scientific analyst programmer
And Chris' Computing Center Friends

Baptist boycott fails miserably

With Walt Disney Co. posting record third-quarter profits and record attendance at Disney World, I'll bet there will be countless companies begging the Southern Baptists to boycott them, too.

Charles Godwin
Davenport, Iowa

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INFORMED SOURCES

"TAKE(S) YOU apart atom by atom so you could be reassembled at the other end, one hopes. It doesn't seem like a good idea to me."

Benjamin Schumacher, on a teleportation experiment right out of Star Trek. Scientists recently transported a bit of light across a room in a process that might one day work on people.

Party poopers are trying to take all the fun out of life

Now that three students are dead and one paralyzed in Paducah, the zealots have come out of the woodwork. "Ban violent movies!", "Ban guns!" "Make parents more responsible!" they cry. After every tragedy, the zealots show up. Different tragedies bring up different issues, each with its own unique kind of zealot. For instance, a child getting mauled or killed by a pit bull will bring cries of, "Ban pit bulls!" and a child getting killed by a lawn dart will bring the cries of, "Ban lawn darts!" The zealots of any particular issue seem to be composed of A) people who have suffered because of the issue and B) people with too much spare time on their hands. They seem to be driven by the notion that because they have been hurt by or feel strongly about a thing, nobody else can



Joe Dobner
Kernel Columnist

issue, such as The Coalition for Sensible Outdoor Activities. This organization then produces such hit informational videos as "Kevlar Carnage" and "Death

should enjoy it. Let's take skiing, for instance. The process seems to work like this: Because my dear, sweet mother was killed by an out-of-control skier, out-of-control skiing should be made illegal. To accomplish this goal, the zealot surrounds himself with like-minded zealots, who then paint everybody who doesn't snowplow down the mountain as frothing-at-the-mouth, speed-crazed nutcases who would run down their own grandpa if given the chance. They form their own non-profit organization and give it a reasonable-sounding name that has nothing to do with their issue, such as The Coalition for Sensible Outdoor Activities. This organization then produces such hit informational videos as "Kevlar Carnage" and "Death

Eventually some congressmen, probably from somewhere like Florida or Louisiana, get on board. With nothing to lose and a small skiing constituency, congressmen before the House and make impassioned speeches imploring their colleagues to "end this practice that can result in further suffering and misery." Noting that out-of-control skiing is already illegal in all states that have ski areas, but not wanting to miss out on the media feeding frenzy (with accompanying free face time), they go after the ski industry. They hold hearings in which they ask questions like, "Are you AWARE, Mr. Random, that with such devices (congressman waves ski in the air) people can attain speeds FAR in excess of what NATURE INTENDED?" Naturally, the congressional fact-finders then call the zealots before them, who

proceed to recite on national television the sad story of how, "Mom was just standing out in the middle of the slope, minding her own business and getting her picture taken, when a yellow-suited skier came out of nowhere and WHAM! mom was (sob) gone. All that was left (sob) was her (... sob ...) chartrreuse toboggan." The last sentences, with accompanying sobs, make the evening news. Maybe a law requiring ski manufacturers to make skis that can't go any faster than 10 miles an hour gets passed. Maybe it all blows over. In recent years, this process has been sped up far more often than it should have. People have gone on crusades against smoking, dogs, lawn darts, guns, homosexual activity, alcohol, stand-up roller coasters, computer games, bare butts on TV, violent movies, pornography and a whole host of other things. Let's face it. None of the above activities are really necessary. Most of the above, however, are considered fun by at least a measurable minority of the population. There is also the minority that considers that particular activity to be a threat to the well-being of society. I propose the adoption of a "men with guns" standard whenever you are trying to decide whether to support or oppose an activity that you have no particular preference for or against. This involves asking the question, "do I fear this activity so much that I would like to send men with guns (cops) to physically restrain and/or incarcerate the people who engage in this activity?" I sincerely hope the answer, in most cases, is no. I'm planning to make a violent movie about armed homosexual skiing smokers who play lawn darts with their pit bulls. Kernel Columnist Joe Dobner is an engineering senior.

Face off

This week delegates from 160 countries will wrap up negotiations on an international treaty to reduce CO₂ emissions that lie at the heart of the global warming debate. Complicating the negotiations are fears that aggressive pollution control will disrupt manufacturing economies and hamper fledgling industry in third world nations.

Global Proportions

Uncertainty itself is reason for change

As you read this column, El Niño would have killed hundreds of people in Mexico, set off uncontrollable fires and caused havoc in the nations of Southeast Asia. No, I am not talking about a Mexican bandit on a worldwide rampage. El Niño is a weather pattern originating in the southwest Pacific that has baffled climatologists around the planet. Scientists scramble for more data as they try to find the connections between El Niño and global warming.

What exactly is global warming? Through deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels, we humans have added high levels of gases, such as carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. These gases act as a greenhouse window, trapping the sun's heat, resulting in a warmer Earth. Scientists and politicians around the world have been immersed in, well, heated debates about the effects of global warming. Data collected over the last century reveal some disturbing trends in the planetary climate patterns. According to the Goddard Institute of Space Studies, the 1990s have already been warmer than the 1980s. All 10 of the warmest years have occurred in the last 15 years with the average global surface temperature increasing by 2.4 degrees Fahrenheit.

Wallace Broecker, of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, said the dependable pattern of ocean circulation is necessary to keep the planet's weather predictable. "We're playing with an angry beast—a climate system that has been shown to be very sensitive," said Broecker. In his study published in the journal *Science*, Broecker asserts that changes in ocean water temperatures could affect ocean currents throwing Europe into a deep freeze and playing havoc with crops.

The insurance industry is another area that could be thrown into turmoil. The \$2 trillion plus industry could suffer massive setbacks if the problem of global warming gets out of hand. According to Franklin Nutter, president of the Reinsurance Association of America, nearly half of the insured losses from natural disasters in the last four decades have been contracted since 1990. In a public statement, Swiss Re, a reinsurer powerhouse, states that "the phenomenon of climatic change is not some vague threat... Humans intervention in the natural climatic system could accelerate global climatic change to such an extent that society might no longer be able to adapt quickly enough."

Despite these alarming facts, skeptics refute the necessity of immediate measures to counteract the increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. They say we would be just fine if we waited another decade or so, before taking any action. The little chicken said the sky is falling. Let it fall. Let's take a risk. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the international authority on the issue, the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere could double as early as 2050. Some of the impacts projected by the panel are the melting of the polar ice caps causing a rise in sea levels, damage to human health and dislocation of agriculture and commerce.

Admittedly, the reasons behind the Earth's rise in temperature are still debatable. Are they due to man or is it Nature at fault? The answer lies in not too long ago. For years, the tobacco industry denied any connection between smoking and cancer. According to the Joe Camel, not everyone developed cancer from smoking. Today, we know better. The Marlboro Man did not die by falling off his horse. He died of blackened lungs.

It takes years to scientifically prove a proposed theory. Can we afford to wait that long? As we name suggests, global warming effects everything on this planet. According to a statement on global warming by the Sierra Club, the Clinton Administration plans to fight a five-alarm blaze with a garden hose. Calling upon America to take a leadership role, the club states that the United States emits a quarter of the world's global warming pollution while supporting only four percent of its population. Increased efficiency standards on home appliances and stronger fuel economy for cars and trucks are some of the club's combat strategies.

Let us imagine that we do find a direct correlation between global warming and the planets climatic woes tomorrow morning. We still need to keep in mind the enormous time and resources it takes to redirect the world's energy framework. Currently, representatives from 155 countries are gathered in Kyoto, Japan trying to make the industrial nations of the world cut down on their greenhouse gas emissions. While the conference may not come up with an immediate solution, it helps in taking the all important first step. The Kyoto conference must strike a compromise between the different nations by setting limits on CO₂ emissions based on their social and economic

status. And it must do it soon. The argument for quick measures against global warming can, perhaps, be best summed up by the following quote from Michael Grubb of the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London. If you've got what one thinks of as a very large super-tanker in uncertain waters with uncertain problems ahead, you want to start braking as soon as you can. **Kernel Columnist Manish Bhatia is an electrical engineering senior. He can be reached at mbhat10@mik.uky.edu.**

United States can't solve problems alone

Starting Dec. 1 and continuing through the Dec. 10, representatives of 166 nations are meeting in Kyoto, Japan, to discuss global warming. Key among the issues, will be an attempt to cut "greenhouse gas"

emissions by as much as 20 percent below 1990 levels by 2005. In theory, Carbon Dioxide and other gases are released during fossil fuel combustion into the atmosphere. From 1800 to 1994, carbon dioxide in the atmosphere rose 280 parts per million to 358. These gases are transparent to incoming sunlight but absorb heat the Earth emits back towards space. Over time, this excess heat trapped by the CO₂ and other gases, rises the mean global temperature.

The mean global temperature has risen approximately 1 degree during the past 100 years. United Nations projections anticipate a 2 to 6 degree increase in the mean global temperature by 2100. This theorized increase in temperature could result in disastrous consequences for humankind. Sea levels would go up, flooding coastal plains; ocean currents would stop contributing to massive shifts in climate zones. Like a co-worker of mine is oft to say, "it'd be a nightmare."

To be sure, the "greenhouse" effect has some basis in science and the world should always keep a sharp eye on the negative impact economic development can have on the environment. However, before we all rush out to join Green "targets for the French navy" Peace, a few items need to be put into perspective. First, by no means does the international scientific community agree on the impact of "Greenhouse" gases. A common basis for skepticism concerning the greenhouse effect, is a relatively lack of understanding about the extremely complex nature of the Earth's climate systems. Even the most advanced computer simulations of global warming are little more than approximate guesses.

Until science has a better understanding of the global climate as a system, it's impossible to really know what could happen if current emission levels are maintained. Furthermore, some scientists have argued that the earth routinely goes through dramatic climatic changes that have nothing to do with greenhouse gas emissions. For example, the ice ages are touted as a regularly occurring climatic change.

Thus, a rise in global temperature might signal the start of another global shift that has nothing to do with fossil fuel emissions. Another major issue is the role clouds play in warming or cooling the atmosphere, as well as the effect the world's oceans have in absorbing excess global heat. In light of the above dissent, it would seem that at the very least, the world scientific community should reach a consensus about the greenhouse effect before major internal action is considered.

Setting aside for a moment the purely scientific concerns about charging blinding into an international summit on global warming, the harsh political and economic realities are even more pronounced. By cutting allowable emission standards by a proposed 20 percent, industry and consequently the consumer would be faced with hard choices. Industry in counties which agreed to the proposed 20 percent reduction in emission standards would either have to convert from coal or oil energy sources to cleaner alternatives such as natural gas, nuclear, solar or geo-thermal or they would have to scale back.

On the first count, trying to convert 100 percent to solar, geothermal or even hydroelectric power is just not practical, not to mention how prohibitive by expensive it would be. Realistically, nuclear power with all the baggage it brings (Three-mile Island, Chernobyl), is the only non-fossil fuel source that reasonably could provide enough energy for industrial use.

Understandingly, communities are not eager for nuclear power plants in the back yard. Secondly, any reduction in industrial production would result in a massive reduction in jobs. Certainly few elected officials in any democratic country would be eager to face disgruntled unemployed voters.

It's telling that nations such as China, Australia and Japan are not eager to participate in any treaty that would limit industrial growth. While acknowledging the current debate on the Greenhouse effect, most nations in opposition to the proposed limits on greenhouse gases place national priorities ahead of possible global ones. Concretely, if the United States signs a treaty that exempts other heavily industrialized nations, the United States risks losing even more of its market share in the world economy. This is an important consideration because our direct relevance in the world is dictated more by our industrial might than by military force. In answer to tree-hugging, green peace loving types, this is not an issue where the United States can "lead by example."

Other nations will not follow the United States down this road. If the United States lowers production to meet the emission standards, other nations will simply increase production to pick up the slack. The United States risks industrial emaculation if it pledges to a treaty that so many other industrial powers do not sign. The United States should remain committed to research on the greenhouse effect and should pursue to develop non-polluting energy sources. But given the above scientific debate plus the economic and political realities, the United States should not sign any treaty that does not include all the other industrialized nations. **Kernel Columnist Clayton Sandford is a psychology junior.**



Regardless of excuses, alcohol is never answer

There is a serious drug problem on college campuses today. Its use (and abuse) is widespread and extensive. It's not heroin, cocaine, crack or acid. It's not marijuana or even tobacco, but its effects can be just as ruinous. Because of its nature, it is especially suited to prey on college students. What drug is this which causes so much emotional, physical and financial damage and yet is so widely accepted? The answer is alcohol. Aside from caffeine and nicotine, alcohol is the most commonly used psychoactive substance in American society. The general public does not equate alcohol use with drug use; however, the alcoholic exactly

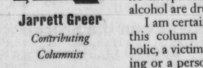
matches the profile of the typical addict, and unlike other drugs such as prescription painkillers, marijuana or even cocaine which have legitimate medicinal applications, alcohol is purely recreational. Although many people might choose to ignore it, the message is simple, unqualified, and there are no exceptions. All drinkers of alcohol are drug users. Period. I am certain every reader of this column knows an alcoholic, a victim of drunken driving or a person whose life has been otherwise affected by alcohol. I have alcoholics in my family, one of whom suffered and died from cirrhosis earlier this year. It is for them and those like them, as well as

for their families and children, that I say this: Nothing positive can result from the use of alcohol, and like any other addiction, the best way to avoid becoming an alcoholic is to abstain from alcohol entirely. Drinkers tend to produce the same excuses when they attempt to rationalize their drug habit. "Alcohol lets me have more fun in social situations," they say. This is not true. Alcohol itself is not a releaser of inhibitions; the precise effects of alcohol are a function of behavioral conditioning in a given society. For example, the Japanese typically respond with laughter and song, while the Arima peoples of Colombia tend to become somber, morose and rigidly serious.

In America, we have come to expect the expression of primal urges such as sex and aggression as typical drunken behavior and that is precisely what we get. You don't need alcohol to express yourself and using alcohol as a crutch only serves to create a vicious cycle: The more you come to depend on alcohol for self-expression the less capable you think you are of doing so without it. If you use alcohol because you think it makes you attractive, ask yourself in what way. Certainly, it makes you an easier target for sexual predators, but it doesn't make you any wittier or more charming, nobody respects a drunk for his or her mind.

There are also those who say, "I only have a few beers now and then with my friends." Why? If you enjoy the company of your friends, couldn't you do so just as easily without intoxicants? Things like beer and wine coolers are "gateway drugs" that lead to the use of harder

liquor and more frequent drinking. Many people claim, "I enjoy the taste of alcohol." If you like the taste of mixed drinks, similar drinks can be made without alcohol. If you like the taste of beer, non-alcoholic beer is available, or you can substitute other choice beverages. Just because something tastes good doesn't necessarily mean it's the best thing for you, and just because everybody else does something doesn't mean you should. Consider Jim Jones' cyanide-laced Kool-Aid. Others simply say, "It's traditional." Slavery was traditional. Wife-beating was traditional. The historical value of alcohol was that alcoholic beverages would not spoil; with refrigeration, we no longer need alcohol in civilized society. **Contributing Columnist Jarrett Greer is a biology junior.**



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SGA starts new scholarship

Lyman T. Johnson Award named for former leader

By Charles Shumaker
Staff Writer

At the final Senate meeting for the semester, the Student Government Association passed a bill that will introduce a new scholarship for students at UK. The Lyman T. Johnson Odyssey Award was proposed in memory of Lyman T. Johnson, former UK graduate student. Johnson was the first black student admitted to the UK Graduate School. After fighting segregation in the state supreme court, Johnson was admitted in 1949.

The SGA should recognize and honor Lyman T. Johnson with this scholarship, as an individual and for students who need to be recognized for helping the University," Executive Director Joe Schuler said.

Beginning Spring '98, the scholarship will be awarded to students who apply and meet the criteria set by the SGA. A student who has a high degree of personal integrity, has dedicated themselves to the betterment of the campus and/or community, and someone who has strived for success despite adversity.

The recipient of the scholarship will receive \$1,500 per semester for one year. The student must be enrolled as a full-time student and be in good academic standing. The student will also receive a plaque for the award, along with having their name engraved on a larger plaque for all recipients.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a UK student who exemplifies what Johnson fought for. For generations, students have been influenced by Johnson's battle to break segregation laws. His battle can be credited with ultimately outlawing segregation in Kentucky's higher education institutions.

Les Olsen, architecture senator, proposed an amendment that would present the award to any number of students who met the requirements and were selected by the scholarship committee. This would allow one student to receive the scholarship they deserved, while it can also provide the scholarship to two or more students who applied and are selected.

"Placing a dollar amount on this man's legacy and saying that one student exemplified what he stood for demeans him," Olsen said.

He was supported by several members but his amendment failed. Another amendment that failed was to provide two scholarships to students who met the criteria and exemplified Johnson's legacy.

In other business, SGA announced the SAFECASTS program, an escort for students at night, will remain intact throughout finals week since many students stay out later.

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Goldsmith wins award for service as mentor

By Elisabeth Mohr
Contributing Writer



Judy Goldsmith, an assistant professor of computer science at UK, was given the 1997 Mentor Award by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The award is given yearly to a person who is a mentor to a substantial number of women, Native American, Hispanic and black men, and those with disabilities.

The recipient of the award

receives \$2,500 and a plaque to commemorate the honor.

Goldsmith, 36, was recognized for being a mentor to a number of females and minorities who were seeking either a bachelor's or master's degree. More than a dozen of those went on to receive their doctoral degrees.

She also acts as a mentor to several

students who are currently working toward a doctorate.

"Dr. Goldsmith has aggressively helped and encouraged women and minorities in computer science and mathematics, going well beyond what was expected of her as an assistant professor," the association's award selection committee wrote.

Besides working with students at UK, Goldsmith has been a mentor to students at other universities and in other countries.

"She's very active in offering to help students with different opportunities," said Joe Oldham, a computer science graduate student and a research assistant. "She's genuinely interested in the students."

Goldsmith, who is up for tenure this year, said she is happy about winning the award.

"It's work I've been doing probably for 20 years, and it's the first time there has been an official recognition — that's very exciting," she said.

Jerzy Jaromczyk, an associate professor of computer science, said Goldsmith is the most deserving person for the award.

"She is a good role model for female students and a good adviser for students in general," he said. "It is an important part for all faculty to be in touch with the students and it seems to me that Judy has a good bond with them."

Winning the award means much more to Goldsmith than just recognition.

"It legitimizes something I've spent a lot of time on," she said. "That is, supporting other people, mostly women, supporting their careers."

Jaromczyk said success is what has made Goldsmith such a good role model for students.

Goldsmith feels that academics can be too competitive at times.

"The academic ideal is fairly self-centered, not necessarily cut-throat, but very competitive," she said. "Those of us who work toward making it a more cooperative environment like to be recognized."

Born and raised in New York City, Goldsmith received her bachelor's degree from Princeton University. In 1985 she earned her master's degree in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received her doctorate in 1988 from UWM.

She will be recognized at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Feb. 16 in Philadelphia.

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Tuition up, spending down

By Steven Cady
Independence Magazine

WASHINGTON, D.C. — College and University tuition is increasing at a faster rate than institutional spending per student, according to new United States Education Department data. The National Commission on the Cost of Higher Education issued a report on the new trend, accompanied with harsh criticism, in response to new Education Department data.

The data indicates tuition increases have begun to moderate, but the Commission said institutes of higher education should make efforts to avoid becoming institutes of higher tuition. The Commission indicated that colleges and universities should make "efforts" to manage expenses and

be more candid about why they charge what they do.

The newly available Education Department data indicates spending per student at private institutions, on average, has increased 68 percent from 1987 to 1996, while tuition has increased 99 percent. Spending per student at public universities and colleges increased — less than private institutions — at 57 percent while tuition rose — more than private institutions — at 132 percent in the same nine year period.

The commission also raised concerns about a growing trend of shifting aid from grants to loans. The George Washington University is on track with this national trend, with a growing amount of tuition being paid with loans.

According to information available from GW and SAYIT, finan-

cial aid, as a percentage of tuition, has decreased over the past several years. In fiscal year 1994, tuition and fees for GW undergraduates averaged \$16,988, the total tuition revenue for GW was over \$87 million, and \$38 million was spent on financial aid. By fiscal year 1997, tuition and fees had increased 17.6 percent to \$19,980 and the total tuition revenue had increased 30 percent to \$114 million, however, the amount spent on financial aid had only increased 8.9 percent to over \$41 million.

From fiscal year 1995 to fiscal year 1996, the amount of grants and scholarships provided by GW went down by 11 percent, while loans to students went up by 31 percent, loans to parents went up by 39 percent and work study grants went up by 23 percent.

Holsinger

Move from Asbury to UK not difficult

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most outstanding and well-known Christian lay leaders in the Wesleyan world. He will provide distinguished leadership for Asbury Seminary, especially during this time of expansion.

Holsinger is anxious to get started despite his enormous responsibilities.

"I will preside at board meetings and work closely with Maxie Dunning to keep interactions about Asbury's new campus mov-

ing forward," Holsinger said. "There is a great deal of work to do, starting with appointing a task force to look at the possibilities."

While plans for Asbury move ahead, Holsinger spends the other half of his time running the Medical Center and monitoring the direction of the Medical Center's academic programs.

Despite the almost alter-ego life of UK and Asbury, Holsinger said moving back and forth between the two isn't as difficult as it may seem.

"The leadership skills necessary are the same in both jobs," Holsinger said. "Both require a broad spectrum of involvements and interpersonal communication skills. The major difference is the distance from direct relations with

people and how authority is delegated through the very competent and outstanding staff at the Medical Center."

At the top of that chain of staff members is Holsinger, leading not one, but two major academic organizations at once: something the Army prepared him for.

"The Army gives you a chance to learn and display leadership skills very early on," Holsinger said. "I learned through them how to be a leader and manage organizations of large size. It was an invaluable experience."

"Becoming chancellor of the Medical Center was the capstone of my career," Holsinger said. "Then everything fell into place with Asbury. I have wonderful jobs."

Senate

Same-sex benefits not included in state bills

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they would be for opposing them, the same way the University Senate would attend to similar bill burdening the community.

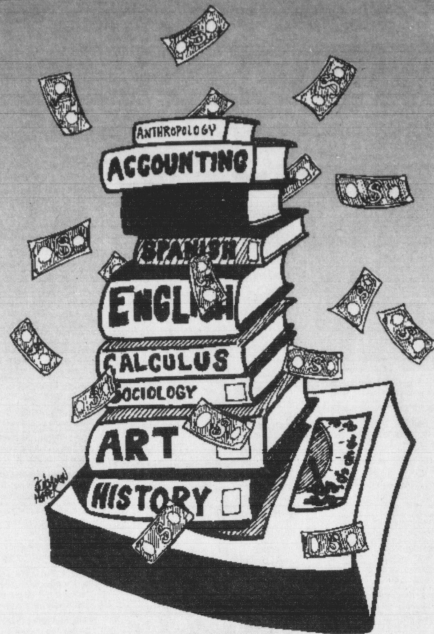
While sexual orientation is

included in the University's non-discrimination policy, the policy stipulates that UK will not pay for benefits. Gay employees who have partners do not receive the same benefits such as buying health care coverage through UK, as heterosexual employees who are married, Callahan said.

Therefore gay couples must go outside to private companies to buy coverage for their partners or children, which could cost as

much as three to four times the amount for the same level of coverage, she said.

"There are gay people throughout all these groups, and the University should be saying that we should not endorse discrimination by the state," she said. "Again, if the state is willing to explicitly deprive some of its citizens of equal rights, and some of these citizens are part of the University community, the Senate rightly protests."



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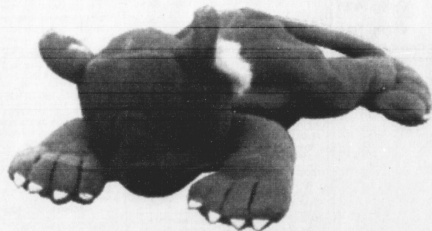
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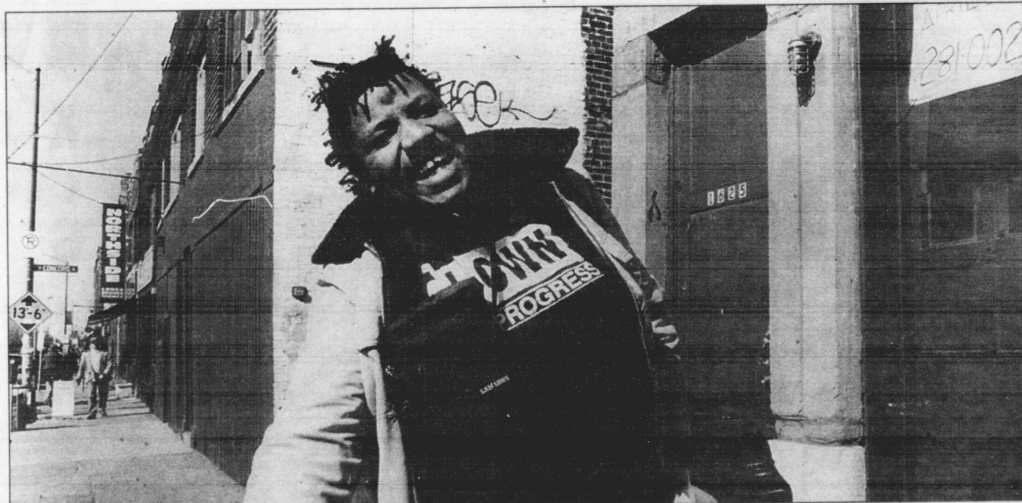


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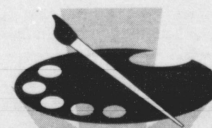
The Nutcracker. By the Lexington Ballet. Dec. 12-14, 19-21. Times vary. The Opera House, 401 W. Short St. 255-2302.

For Unto Y'all: A Country Christmas. By the Asbury college Theater Department. Today-Sat. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., play starts at 7:30. \$12. (606) 858-3511, ext. 3207.

Jack and the Beanstalk. By Stage One: Professional Theatre for Young Audiences. Today-Sat. Louisville Gardens Armory Theatre, Louisville. Times vary. \$12.50. (502) 584-7777.

The Gift of the Magi. By Actors' Theatre of Louisville. Today. 12 p.m.; Tomorrow. 8 p.m.; Dec. 13. 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Bingham Theatre, 316 W. Main St., Louisville. \$8 and \$9. (502) 584-1205.

James Cuts: A Showcase of Ten Plays. By Actors Theatre of Louisville. Dec. 15. 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 16. 12 p.m.; Dec. 19. 10 p.m. Bingham Theatre, 316 W. Main St., Louisville. (502) 584-1205.



ART

UK Museum. Faces: Portraits Into A Collection. Today-Dec. 23. Museum is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. 257-5716.

Lexington Arts and Cultural Council. Ceramics by Joe Molinaro and Richard Burkett. Today-Dec. 30. Arts Palace. Gallery open 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Sat. (606) 233-1469.

TriArt Gallery. The Goblet: Artistry, Ritual and Function. Today-Jan. 10. Gallery open Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. (502) 585-5550.

The Living Arts and Science Center. Seasons of the Soul: Paintings by the UK Donovan Scholars. Today-Dec. 20. Gallery open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 252-5222/ 255-2284.

Musical Masters

Troubadour brings back Bela Fleck

By Stephen Daniel Morgan
Contributing Critic

Bela Fleck (banjo and guitar virtuoso) will bring his Bluegrass/Jazz show to the stage of the Kentucky Theatre tonight. Accompanying Fleck at the Kentucky Theater's Troubadour Concert Series performance will be bluegrass icons Edgar Meyer and Mike Marshall.

The three are taking part in The Kentucky's first Master Musicians Night. This is appropriate because each of them are world renowned masters of their instruments and pioneers in their fields.

Fleck, a former Lexingtonian himself, makes a patronage to the Kentucky Theatre every year.

This night however, he leaves behind his jazz group, the Flecktones, to give the show a more bluegrass style.

For those of you who have never heard of The Flecktones, it is an ensemble of three, give or take a few guest players that drop by now and then. It has been releasing instrumental albums at about one a year since 1990.

Its most recent effort, *Live Art*, is a two CD set recorded live at several different shows. Both Marshall and Meyer play with the Flecktones on the album, and if it is any indication, tonight will be amazing.

Although the trio will be less jazz and more bluegrass tonight, don't make any preconceptions

about the show.

This ain't traditional bluegrass.

These players are incredible jazz musicians, and for those of you who can't imagine a banjo picker playing jazz, you've never heard Fleck.

Fleck personalizes his style by playing the electric banjo (yes, they make one) using electronic effects on his banjo and playing melodies so impossibly intricate it's hard to believe there's only one player.

He can even make his banjo sound like a steel drum. I'm not kidding, it sounds exactly like a steel drum.

But that's just the half of it. He can also play guitar with anyone else on the planet.

Combining Fleck's melodic banjo and guitar skills with Meyer's legendary bass playing will make this show worth the price of the ticket. Adding in Mike Marshall on mandolin, guitar, mandocello and mandola is sure to make this one show not to miss.

Although most college students typically aren't huge fans of bluegrass or jazz, this isn't typical bluegrass or jazz either. I strongly suggest hitting this show.

If nothing else go to see Fleck and Meyer. Fleck will be a legend someday and Meyer has already reached that status.

The Bela Fleck show promises to please. Anyone who goes will be entertained but hurry up and get your ticket for the 8 p.m. show.

Seating in the theater is limited and there are only a few seats left. The tickets are available at The Kentucky Theatre box office for \$20 plus tax and service charge or by calling 231-6997 after 4 p.m.

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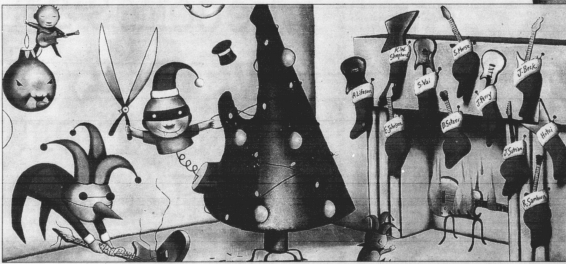
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Yuletide

Christmas music makes the season more merry

CDs

ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS
Steve Vai had the idea of putting together a guitar holiday album. 'Merry Axemas' features such guitar greats as Joe Satriani, Alex Lifeson, and Jeff Beck.



More Christmas than you can shake a stick at

This holiday season there are more than a few Christmas albums you can choose from at your local record store.

Pop/Rock:
Hanson, 'Showed In'; Jane Siberry, 'Oh! Music for the Christmas Season'; Donny Osmond, 'Christmas at Home'; Don McLean, 'Don McLean's Christmas Dreams'; Joyce Slev and the Royal Jelly Orchestra, 'A Christmas Cocktail'.

Folk:
Slow Jams Christmas, Volume 2; The Permutations, 'You Are All I Want For Christmas'; Social Train, 'Christmas'; Roomful of Blues, 'Roomful of Christmas'; Rufus, 'Ho, Ho, Ho'; SWV, 'A Special Christmas'; The Boys Choir of Harlem, 'Tis the Season'; Richard Smallwood with Vision, 'Joyce'.

Jazz:
Louis Armstrong & Friends, 'What a Wonderful Christmas Yule Be Boppin!'; Genevieve Washington, 'A Breath of Heaven - A Holiday Collection'; Jim Brickman, 'The Gift'; An NPR Jazz Christmas with Marian McPartland and Friends; Christmas with Houston Person and Ella Jax; Warner Brothers Jazz Christmas Party; Dave Koz, 'December Makes Me Feel This Way - A Holiday Album'; Ensemble Vocal Jazz Band, 'Christmas'; Ann Hampton Callaway, 'This Christmas'; Mannheim Steamroller, 'Christmas Live'.

Country:
Dwight Yoakam, 'Come on Christmas'; Jumpin' All the Way, 'Merry Texas Christmas'; Full Willie Nelson with Bobbie Nelson, 'All Country Christmas'; Sawyer Brown, 'Hallelujah He is Born'; The New Grass Revival, 'The Christmas Album'; B.J. Thomas, 'Christmas is Coming Home'; Christmas Eve Band, 'Rhythm On The Road'; Various, 'The Way in a Manger'; Ray Stevens, 'Christmas Through a Different Window'.

'Axemas' puts new tilt on Christmas

By O. Jason Stapleton
Entertainment Editor

'Tis the season for a whole slew of gimmicky Christmas albums to grace the record store shelves. Normally these albums are good for lining the bottom of bird cages, but about once a year one comes along that is actually worth buying. 'Merry Axemas' is one of the best Christmas albums I have ever had the pleasure of listening to. This album is a must for any guitar enthusiast. It has

almost everyone who is anyone in the guitar world; from Kenny Wayne Shepherd and Jeff Beck to Joe Satriani and Alex Lifeson. Most of the more recognizable names listed on CD would suggest it is filled with ultra-fast, metal-like renditions of traditional Christmas songs, but that is not the case at all. There are a few songs that feature explosive electric guitars but there are several songs and quite beautiful.

There is even a little swing and steel guitar thrown in for just the right amount of flavor. 'Merry Axemas' kicks off with a funky rendition of 'Rudolf the Rednosed Reindeer' performed by Shepherd. It isn't limited to Shepherd twanging his electric guitar, though. Sam Bryant throws down on his drum set with some serious fills and Jimmy Wallace adds in some very nice keyboards. 'The First Nowell' performed by Eric Johnson is one of the most beautiful songs on the album. It captures the spirit of the season perfectly. Just listening to it brings up images of sitting by a frosty window with a hot cup of cider. Joe Satriani is also in rare form on 'Merry Axemas.' He did

a seven-minute arrangement of 'Silent Night.' It starts out as sounding like an electric version of the original hymn but then about three minutes in, Satriani changes it up with a zesty jazz influence that gives it the same sort of sound as most of the stuff on his last album. Alex Lifeson went into his studio right after he got off Rudy's 'Last Four Echoes' tour. The result was a rendition of 'The Little Drummer Boy' done totally by Lifeson himself. He did everything and that included playing the guitar, bass and keyboard, as well as filling in the preprogrammed drum beats. 'The Little Drummer Boy' turned out to be very cohesive, but I can't help but wonder what it would have been like if

Neil Peart and Geddy Lee had been there to provide their own special input. The whole concept for this album was provided by Steve Vai, so it seems only fitting that his song be the one that sticks out from the rest on the album. 'Christmas Time Is Here' starts out with the sound of sleigh bells and then in comes the powerful guitar. Vai is so well known for. This truly is the sonic embodiment of the holiday season. It is not too hard and not too soft, but instead finds that perfect niche somewhere in between. The only thing to bear in mind is no matter how musically sound the album is, it is still only a Christmas album, and any Christmas album quickly loses its luster after the holiday season is over.

Hymns come alive on album

By O. Jason Stapleton
Entertainment Editor

During the hustle and bustle of holiday traffic, the countless multitudes of carry gift ideas and the insane crowds at the mall, the true reasons for the Christmas season sometimes get lost.

The first five letters are Christ after all, but that is all too often forgotten. Thanks to CDs like 'Christmas' Rebecca St. James and arrives like a little easier to remember what all the holiday madness is all about.

St. James, a contemporary Christian singer from Australia, has put out not only a good Christmas album, but also one that is easy to listen to.

She doesn't try to get all preachy on the album, she just sings some of the oldest and most respected Christmas hymns. She doesn't feel any pressure in by putting out a record like this either.

"I don't think of myself as a role model," St. James said in a media release. "Some people ask me if I feel pressure to live up to some image that has been given to me by myself, but I really don't. I want to be accountable to the people closest to me and to God. I want to please Him with every part of my life. I want to be the same

whether I am on stage or off. That kind of attitude shines through 'Christmas.' St. James takes some very old hymns and puts her own unique spin on them without losing any of their original meaning.

In 'One Small Child' she does this perfectly. Usually a slow, somber song, St. James adds a little kick to 'One Small Child' by livening up the tempo. This gives the tune an almost bouncy feel to it.

Of course not all of the songs have been changed from their traditional states. She sings 'Silent Night' in the slow, loving way it was intended to be sung. Her voice rises and falls in tune with the music making this

one of the best renditions I have ever heard of the Christmas standard.

One of the more interesting selections from the CD is John Lennon and Yoko Ono's 'Happy Christmas.' It is the only track on the album that isn't a traditional Christmas song, but you would never know it by the way St. James sings it.

It was originally meant to be dripping with sarcasm, but St. James sings the song with love in her heart and it shows. That is the true mark of just what a positive attitude can do for music.



MUSIC REVIEW
★★★★ (out of five)
'Christmas' Rebecca St. James (Forefront)



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Musical marketplace

Bootlegging gives music personality

By Mary Dees
Senior Staff Writer

What would it be like to relive the music of your favorite concert over and over again. The exact same songs in the same order and the same style. That's why there's bootlegs.

Concert taping has become a cheap activity with a personal swing on music. Many bands allow for tapers to tape the show and then distribute the show to the fans. Bands like Phish and the Grateful Dead have made a name for taping. Other bands such as Blues Traveler, Leftover Salmon and Widespread Panic are also popular bands to tape.

Tape trading offers many different levels for patrons and fans to become involved in. Fans can start at the beginning and possibly work their way up to taping shows themselves.

Kevin Sather, a business management sophomore, suggests the internet for starters. He particularly suggests www.tapetrading.com for bootleg traders.

At tapetrading.com the tapes are divided into bands. A person can find the particular band, tape and date they are looking for and then contact them by usually e-mail and work out a trade.

The internet also offers beginner friendly sites that will tape concerts for fans at just the cost of tapes and shipping. This way everyone can share the music and get started.

However, finding someone locally is easier and cheaper.

"Trading locally is easier. It doesn't take as long, and you don't have to pay for shipping,"

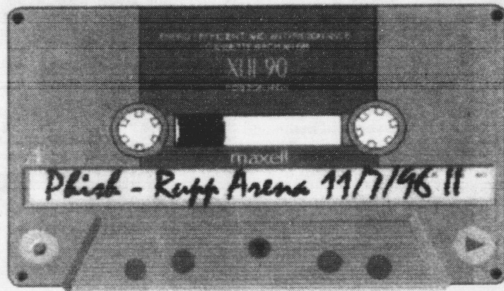


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TRADER JACK Phish represents of the many bands who tape live shows and then distribute the product to the fans.

Sather said.

Towards the top of the tape trading pyramid is those who tape the shows. Harvey Couch, an English junior, is a taper and avid fan of music.

"I met a couple guys with tapes and they got me started," Couch said.

Couch now owns a Digital Audio Tape recorder (DAT) and tapes shows. By using a DAT a person can tape the shows and get basically CD quality from a tape. A DAT stores the information on computer disk, usually ensuring every transfer gets top quality just like the first one.

"Some bands let you plug into the sound board. If it's mixed right it sounds just like a CD, but it's a live show and you don't have to pay like \$30 for a live CD," Couch said.

Although taping a show personally can have intangible benefits, it can also have its drawbacks.

"Two microphones can range up to \$8,000 for top quality. A top scale DAT can also range from \$700-1500," Couch said.

"It's the most valuable thing I own and it gets kind of sketchy letting stoned and drunk people mess with it," Couch said.

Despite the cost and the trou-

ble taping and trading can have wonderful perks.

"The best thing is being able to set and listen to the show you were just at and remember everything and pick out more detail than the first time," said Rachel Baker, an English sophomore.

Most bands that allow taping have an enormous library of music and play the same song in many different ways.

Although things like the internet and tape trees offer extensive variety, some prefer trading locally. For this reason Sather wants to start a tape trading club at UK.

"Everyone could gather and listen to a phat tape. People could just go around with their tape lists and a couple of blanks and just trade around. It would give people a chance to meet people," Sather said.

To start this club the backing of 20 students and a faculty advisor is necessary. If students are interested they can contact Sather by his e-mail or cite on tapetrading.com.

Bootlegs offer audible memories of awesome time and can be shared among everyone.

"If you have the music, you spread the music," Couch said.

WHAT'S your sign?

By Linney Strother

Aries March 21-April 19
Air Head butting 101

You will become even more confused about your sexual identity now that same sex harassment charges has become law. What to do? Consult a priest, Hare Krisnas' and/or your peep video representative. Rent *Horror on 34th Street* to gain the real meaning on Christmas. If not, you will not get out of the rut.

Taurus April 20-May 20
Take the bull by the ...

Slap Santa with that Christmas wreath over your automobile radiator, Sing with Bing, Homo with Como, Dingle with Kringle, Party with Barbie, flow with the bow, save the receipts, binge with the Grinch, fear the reindeer, always have the pole pointing North, sleep with the fruitcake, get the ranger in the manger, jog after eggnog, AND unwrap yourself under the mistletoe. Happy Holidays!

Gemini May 21-June 20
Sassy Sorority Sisters

JonBenet is really working on the strip in Los Angeles, where you used to be. You need to be swept, as your flue is glued. Santa can help, if he isn't busy with the elves himself. Don't set out cookies, but oysters and Vitamin E. Place your set of worshipping snakes, Sodom & Gomorrah, under the tree for the Pentecostal Clause.

Cancer June 21-July 22
Maniacally Melonomish

Your moon is passing through a period of heavy cream, but the seventh house is entering a house of merriment. "Don't delay, act now" will become your slogan for this holiday season — good in theory, but can you follow through? Does anyone care? You are having trouble keeping those pants of yours on. Well, what the hell, g-string on those lights and give us all a little holiday cheer! Just don't forget to unplug yourself before any potential liaisons — we want you to be electric, not electrocuted.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22
Lions come out to play

It is Lions 4, Christians 1, and the crowd is hungry for more. Now is your chance for center stage, take it even if it means auditioning for the Woody A. adolescent bizarre Christmas soiree. Chopsticks are optional. Consider employment as a Park Ranger.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Viral sheep hunters

Buy Woolite by the fifths. Don't be misguided by the water tower beacon, take the lead from

these guys: L. Sprewell, M. Albert and M. Tyson, the three wise men of '97.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Lascivious, Lecherous, Licitious
Red, Gold and Green. Loving would be easy if your colors were like my dreams, Red, Gold and Green. Silent Night is not a possibility when you are having sex, although it is immaculate.

After an ordeal such as this, it will take you three days before rising again for the occasion. Draw nearer to the crucifix as you may need the extra wood.

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Venomous zingers

Spike the punch, dress in eggnog, save some bourbon for the chocolate candies, but most importantly, spike your least favorite inlaw (hard choice isn't it?) on top of the tree to gain a new perspective for the holiday season. You won't have to worry about watering or fertilizing the tree either.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Fall Finality Of It All

'Tis the season for your fortuitous luck to change. A good book about organically produced substances will get you through the holiday break. Spending time with the parents during the recess will add fodder for your therapist's amusement.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Fickle, capricious, wavering

Work on Barry and Holly, 'tis the season." Focus on the prickly, as it is better to give than to receive. If your birthday is after the 25th, send pipe bombs to anyone that wraps your birthday present with Christmas wrapping paper. No one will blame you.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Drawing in your own vomit

If having problems in MA109, CHE 105, ENG 102, HIS 109, any calculus and foreign language classes, or Law School, book your professors on a plane over the Bermuda triangle, with a layover in the 'Black Hole.' One may want to consult *Dante's Inferno* for further relaxation and sensitivity to resolving these issues, but what perverse pleasures derived.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Swimming with the cretins

Regain that lost inner child by decorating that mosh pit that you call your room with Martha Stewart's new colors for the alternately challenged. It's a good thing. Quit being a doormat, just become dormant. Cuddle up with your Tickle me Elmo, but placement is essential for maximum enjoyment.

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Movies

The Projection Booth



Scream 2

After the sickening success *Scream*, Wes Craven and company set out to capitalize some more. The survivors at Windsor College return two years after the first film ends for this semi-spoof horror sequel. When a movie called "Stab" opens, based on the best selling book by Gale Weathers (Courteney Cox) of the last film, Neve Campbell's scary past comes back with a vengeance. The rest of the film plays on its sequelness and saturation of pop culture references.

Also back are Liev Schreiber as Cotton, David Arquette as Dewey and Jamie Kennedy as Randy Meeks. New cast members include Jada Pinkett, Omar Epps, Portia DeRossi and *Buffy* the *Vampire Slayer* star Sarah Michelle Gellar.

Home Alone 3

John Hughes stoops to new lows by writing directing and producing the former Macaulay Culkin vehicle. Since Culkin isn't cute anymore, Hughes found 8-year-old Alex D. Linz from *One Fine Day*. The story has him in possession of a top-secret computer chip stolen from the U.S. Defense Department. Four highly trained spies/high-tech blackmarketers try to invade his Chicago suburb home to get it back. One of them accidentally kills Alex with an assault rifle and the film goes on to offer a unfashionably moralistic statement about leaving children home alone.

Not really. Of course, little Alex carries a repertoire of makeshift surveillance equipment to stop the criminals, keep the yuletide spirit and relieve his loving parents.

For Richer or Poorer

Before everyone jumps to see this based on the sheer star power and acting skills of Tim Allen and Kirstie Alley, take a deeper look. The director of *Might Morphin Power Rangers: The Movie*, Bryan Spicer, has the unenviable task of matching the near-classic status of his first.

Allen and Alley try for the alliterative equal to Wesley and Woody of *Money Train*, as they play an unloving, rich husband and wife. One day they find out their accountant is corrupt and the next thing they know they're fugitives on the run in a Pennsylvania Amish Village. The filmmakers actually take the content seriously calling it "a study in contrasts underscored in distinct visual and cinematic terms." Deep.

By Dan O'Neill

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What Christmas means to me plus other rants

This is the space that was left over in this week's KeG. I thought about just leaving it blank but then I decided that it would be a good place to share a little Christmas cheer.

That's not the real reason that I decided to spread a little good cheer though, the truth is I probably wouldn't get paid if I left a big, gaping open space on the back of the KeG.

The Christmas season is all about good feelings. It doesn't really matter what religion you are or even if you believe in any sort of God. It's more about having a love for your fellow man.

Christmas is so easy to take for granted. We go around the malls all day long frantically dashing from shop to shop trying to find the best deal on the perfect present for that special someone.

It can get really overwhelming. So be good to people. It's good to be good to people.

OK. That's more than enough good Christmas cheer for now. The truth of the matter is that I

am a way overstressed editor right now. I mean this is the middle of Dead Week and my life is going down the crapper.

I have a ton of papers to write, major projects and presentations coming up, and I don't even want to think about my exams.

So I guess what Christmas really means to me is that I just want to go home and get away from the daily grind.

That's the ticket.

Home is a very Christmas-like place. Being surrounded by your family and friends, that's what it is all about. If that's true, then I wonder if it's about running away from your exams too?

I wonder what would happen

if I just ran away. I think about that a lot. I think I might join the Merchant Marines some day.

See the world from the deck of an ocean liner. That would be the life.

That's not really what Christmas is about, though. I think Christmas really is about love.

Love is a funny thing when you think about it. It can be the only thing in the whole world that hurts in a good way. Of course it also hurts in a really, really bad way, too. That's what sucks about it.

Once you find it, something really stupid happens that screws everything up. That's life though. You just have to get over it and get used to it.

Anyhow, since this is the last KeG of the year I would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas on behalf of all the other burnt-out Kernel staffers.

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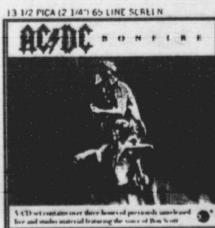
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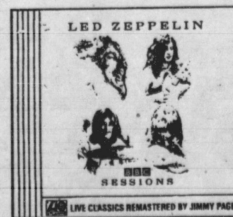
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