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Gibler first to announce SGA bid

By Melissa Rosenthal
Staff Writer

Krista Gibler yesterday became the first candidate to announce her bid for president of UK's 1994-95 Student Government Association.

"I feel that SGA has overlooked how to get students involved on this campus," said Gibler, an art junior and member of Sigma Kappa social sorority. "I know I can change that."

Gibler's running mate, vice presidential candidate Eric Smith, agreed that students need to be better informed.

"There are many things to offer students here at UK, but they first have to learn about them and at least know that they exist," the political science junior said.

One of Gibler and Smith's ideas for increasing student involvement is to organize an activities fair.

"All of the organizations on campus could set up a booth in one room in the Student Center so that students could learn more about their organizations," Gibler said.

Gibler said this would not only get students more involved, but also increase club memberships across campus. "When the students find out that these clubs are active, if they are interested they will more than likely join," she said.

Gibler added that "most students have no idea of what clubs exist here at UK and, even if they do, they are unsure of how to get involved."

At the beginning of each school year, many campus groups set up



GIBLER



SMITH

Senate OKs three new appointments

By Lance Williams
News Editor

In an effort to calm down what he calls a "haywire" student senate, Student Government Association President Lance Dowdy brought his new nominee for parliamentarian before the Senate last night.

Jim Kruspe, who served as parliamentarian in 1991-92 under SGA President Scott Crosbie,

was confirmed for the post and will replace Jim Ragan, who currently is a battalion leader for Army ROTC and had problems making all the Senate's meetings.

"Maybe now our meetings will be a little bit more under control," Dowdy said. "Consistency has been a problem this year for the Senate."

Senate Pro Tempore and Senator at Large Misty Weaver said she thinks the Senate has overcome earlier problem she attributed to youth and inexperience.

"It is such a new Senate. We just have to find our niche," Weaver said. "This semester has been a time to learn."

Weaver said the Senate has passed several changes in the by-laws this semester, adding to the discussion about problems in the Senate.

"I can't imagine much more changes coming to the constitution or the by-laws," Weaver said.

Dowdy also complained that the Senate seemed "adversarial" in

meetings this semester.

"We have senators that bring attitudes to meetings," Dowdy said. "We can see if we can get it to be not such of a cold attitude in here."

Dowdy said some of the senators showed "childish" behavior during meetings, making facial expressions and launching personal attacks against each other during debate.

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tables outside the Student Center in an effort to allow new students to become familiar with the organizations.

Another idea the pair plan to work on is a fall break.

"A lot of universities get a couple

of days off in the fall just before or after mid-terms," Smith said. "A fall break would give students a chance to get things together and avoid getting burnt out."

Smith said a fall break is a legitimate request because students "get

a break in the spring and it doesn't seem to disturb classes much at all."

SGA passed a resolution last year supporting a fall break. However, when the proposal went before the University Senate, it was defeated.

The current system SGA uses to

award money to organizations also needs attention, Smith said.

"I think a policy needs to be set up and stuck with," he said. "There needs to be a criteria which is strictly followed for awarding mon-

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Sorority celebrates Kwanzaa

Holiday a tribute to roots and culture of black Americans

By Erica Patterson
Assistant News Editor

December marks a time for many celebrations — Christmas, Hanukkah ... and Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa is a non-religious holiday that pays tribute to the roots of black Americans, and tonight Zeta Phi Beta social sorority will present its first celebration of the event.

The holiday, which is based on the first fruit celebrations of Africa, lasts seven days, starting Dec. 26.

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Maulana Karenga, a professor of black studies.

In his book, *Kwanzaa: Origins, Concepts, Practices*, Karenga describes the holiday as "a time for the ingathering of African Americans to celebrate our heritage and achievements, for thanksgiving and rededication to greater achievements for fuller, more meaningful lives in the future."

Kwanzaa reinforces seven basic values, called "Nguzo Saba" (Swahili for the Seven Principles), that are designed to build and maintain the black community.

These principles are umoja (unity), kujicagulia (self-determination), ujima (collective work and responsibility), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purpose), kuumba (creativity) and imani (faith).

The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

• **Umoja** (Unity)—To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

• **Kujicagulia** (Self-determination)—To define, name, create for, and speak for oneself.

• **Ujima** (Collective work and responsibility)—To build and maintain one's community together and make your sister's and brother's problems your problems and to solve them together.

• **Ujamaa** (Cooperative Economics)—To build, maintain and own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

• **Nia** (purpose)—To make collective vocation the building and developing of the community to restore the people to traditional greatness.

• **Kuumba** (Creativity)—To do always as much as you can, in the way you can, to leave the community more beautiful and beneficial.

• **Imani** (Faith)—To believe in the people, parents, teachers, leaders, righteousness and victory of the struggle for a new better world.

"The whole focus of the holiday itself is to celebrate these principles and how to incorporate them throughout the year," said Heather Watson, who is a member of Zeta Phi Beta and chairwoman of UK's Kwanzaa celebration.

Like Christmas, Kwanzaa features distinctive colors, symbols and activities. The colors associated with Kwanzaa are red, symbolizing

the blood of the African people; black, symbolizing skin color; and green, symbolizing Africa and the hope of the future.

The symbols associated with the holiday are mazoa (Swahili for "crops"), which symbolize the traditional harvest celebrations and the rewards of productive and collective labor; mkeka (a mat), symbolic of African tradition and history; ki-

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nara (candleholder), symbolic of the ancestors; vibuni (ears of corn), symbolic of children and the future they embody; zawdi (gifts), symbolic of labor and love; kikonje cha umoja (a unity cup), symbolic of togetherness; and mishumaa saba (seven candles), symbolic of the Nguzo Saba.

Greetings used during Kwanzaa are spoken Swahili because it is a non-ethnic, Pan-African language.

"Swahili is used because it's not associated with any particular tribe or ethnicity or religion," Watson said.

Kwanzaa has two basic kinds of activities: family-centered and community-centered events.

Family-centered activities may be any event organized by the family to reaffirm and teach the Nguzo Saba.

Gifts are given to children but must always include a book (to emphasize the value of learning) and a heritage symbol (to reinforce the commitment to tradition and history). Gifts are given on each day of the holiday.

Unlike Christmas, however, Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration instead of a religious one, said Shelle Freeland, president of Zeta Phi Beta.

The purpose of the celebration being held on campus is to "bring an understanding of what Kwanzaa is and to bring student organizations together," Freeland said.

Watson said the event will not only provide a cultural outlook but "bring all people on campus together and uplift us."

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GIFTED



Agronomy professor Bob Pearce looks over presents gathered by UK's Circle of Love Program. The gifts will go to 640 needy children in the Lexington area.

First black Army units often ignored in history

By Tammy Gay
Senior Staff Writer

People gathered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Center yesterday morning to learn a part of history not spotlighted in history books.

Capt. Frederick Perkins, assistant professor of military science, gave a presentation on the Buffalo Soldiers, the first black unit in the Army.

These soldiers, who belonged to the 9th and 10th cavalries and the 24th and 25th infantry units, were sent out West to keep American Indians under control during the mid-1800s.

"They played a significant role in our country in the West," Perkins said.

"History has not always been kind to African Americans and now I think it's time we learn different

aspects of the contributions we did make," Perkins added.

The soldiers, under the command of a white officer, were sent west primarily as a test to see if they

rendous conditions," he said.

Because of their dedication, the Buffalo Soldiers later became a part of an elite unit that fought to protect the United States.

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—Capt. Frederick Perkins,
Military science professor

could perform in the most demanding region of the country, Perkins said.

"They overcame extreme prejudice," Perkins said.

"They worked under the most

Their contributions, however, often went unnoticed.

"It all happened with little credit," Perkins said.

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• Cloudy tonight with an 80 percent chance of showers; high near 40.
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UK seeking input on parking, buses

Survey's results will be considered to improve plans

Staff report

If you ever wanted to express your concerns about UK's parking and transportation system, now is the time.

Parking and Transportation Services is conducting a survey that will be used to aid planning of parking facilities and campus bus services.

In addition to Parking and Transportation Services, LexTran also will use these findings. The 27-question survey includes a section to be completed by people living on campus and another section to be completed by those who commute to and from campus.

The questionnaire asks those who live at UK if they have vehicles on campus, and if so, where they park.

For those who commute to campus, the survey asks students how they typically travel to and from campus, where they spend most of their time while on campus and how long they stay.

The questionnaire also asks students how often they travel to or from campus using LexTran buses, and how frequently they ride the CATS Shuttle Bus.

The questionnaire, which is available at Parking and Transportation Services, 305 Euclid Ave., comes with another form on which to make written comments.

Both forms may be returned to the Parking Office free of charge using campus mail.

The deadline to return surveys is Dec. 17. For more information, call 257-6319 or 257-5757.

Candidate

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Smith said money should not be awarded to organizations unless it will somehow benefit the University as a whole.

Gibler and Smith plan to formally announce their candidacy at the beginning of the spring semester.

"We would like to do as much as possible to set up inexpensive so-

cial functions for these students," Gibler said. "We want people who are not in the greek system to have events to attend."

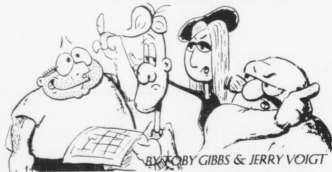
The Residence Hall Association, the programming and governing organization for all residence halls, receives money from the housing fees of students who live in the halls. Each hall also is given funds to use as it determines.

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SGA

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"It's inexcusable, and they don't need to bring that to senate meetings," Dowdy said.

Weaver defended the discussions that have taken place on the floor.

"I think, as in any other year, people get real heated, and it's hard to stick to parliamentary procedure

when things get really hot," she said.

Dowdy brought two other appointments before the Senate last night. Both were approved. Tracy Rogers, who currently serves as SGA community affairs chairwoman, will replace Ellen Hamilton as the new Governmental Affairs chairwoman. David Feola will take over the position left vacant by Rogers.

Dowdy received some criticism

from a few senators who were upset that one of the appointments, Feola, could not make the meeting. "My appointments have all made presentations earlier this year, and if they don't remember them, that's their problem," Dowdy said.

Notes:
•Dowdy said he would announce the new elections board chairman at a later date. Earlier this week, Kim Meadors resigned from the post.

Dowdy said SGA also is looking for students to fill other positions on election board next semester. He told the Senate he is "anticipating" more resignations before the end of the week.

•Senator at Large Quinton Dickerson will be leaving the Senate and UK next semester to work on a campaign for Grant Fox, who is running for the 1st District U.S. Senate seat in Mississippi.

Kwanzaa

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Tonight's event is free and open to the public, but Freeland stressed that it is not geared specifically to African-American students.

The program will begin with a libation statement, which symbolizes the honoring of one's ancestors, followed by a background discussion on Kwanzaa by members of the UK African-American Campus Ministry.

Also during the celebration, there will be a special presentation to Aaron Speaks, a recent graduate of Paris High School, who is battling a potentially fatal blood disease and needs a bone marrow transplant.

Seven of the eight traditionally black greek organizations at UK will present, through poetry, music or skits, a principle of Kwanzaa.

Buffalo

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Their performance, however, should be a source of pride for everyone today, he said.

"We can all draw strengths and pride from what they did for the country."

Perkins showed the crowd a film on the Buffalo Soldiers, depicting the different places the men battled. It also illustrated the conditions the soldiers lived in.

Perkins later described his feelings about the film the first time he saw it: "I had a sense of pride of what we have accomplished.... We can learn from history and go from there."

The presentation was sponsored by the African-American Studies and Research Program and the King Center.

Sherman's Alley by Gibbs & Voigt



Save Our Sandwich

President declares support for Elders despite her stand on legalized drugs

By Christopher Connell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton declared he was "four-square" behind Joycelyn Elders despite their disagreement over legalizing drugs.

The surgeon general said yesterday she had "no second thoughts" about her controversial remarks.

Elders appeared to have weathered the storm over her suggestion that legalizing drugs would make America's streets safer.

Coming in the midst of a White House crime-fighting offensive, Elders' comments clearly took administration officials aback and they rushed to dis-

ow them. But Clinton, who grew accustomed to the blunt-spoken doctor's penchant for controversy back in Little Rock, Ark., made clear that she is still in good standing as surgeon general.

"When you have someone who is outspoken and energetic like she is, there are going to be times when she'll be outspoken and energetic in a way that I don't necessarily agree with," Clinton said.

"But I certainly stand behind her foursquare as surgeon general. I think she's done a good job and she's beginning to really focus the country on a lot of these health problems," he said.

"I have thought about it a lot," said Clinton, whose half brother, Roger, has battled a drug problem.

"I think the cost of legalizing

drugs would far outweigh the benefits."

Elders made no direct reference to the furor in a speech to a sympathetic audience of Democratic state legislators, who greeted her with a standing ovation.

She said her brother, a Methodist minister, advised her before she came to Washington that there would be a lot of mountains to climb and she would be served up "a lot of lemons."

"He said, 'But just learn to like lemons,'" she said to laughter.

On the way out, she told reporters she had "no second thoughts" about her comments.

She said no when asked if the White House had reprimanded or muzzled her.

Russian candidates reaching out to confused public before election

By Julia Rubin
Associated Press

MOSCOW — "Boris Anatolyevich, my building has no heat."

"Boris Anatolyevich, my power outages night and day."

"Boris Anatolyevich, my mother is 85 and has to sit by the stove all day to keep warm."

Boris Anatolyevich Pashintsev, city council candidate, listened solemnly to the grievances of the dozen, elderly people who showed up at his campaign appearance in a dim community hall.

There were no speeches, no handshakes, no banners or balloons. An aide took down each supplicant's phone number, and Pashintsev said, "Thank you for coming, we'll get back to you."

Across Russia, candidates such as Pashintsev are not so much hitting the campaign trail as trying to find it.

The country's first multiparty elections loom Sunday, and novice candidates from the federal to the local level are reaching out any way they can to a confused and apathetic public.

Pashintsev, a city administrator, is running without a party — "an independent, like Perot," as one

aided put it. But even the biggest election blocs with some money and experience are improvising in a country where there is little in the way of reliable demographics or previous election results.

Instead, there are 94,000 polling stations over 11 time zones, and travel conditions that range from icy to snowy. Of the 107 million eligible voters, 55 percent are expected to vote — the same as turned out for the last U.S. presidential election.

"Running a campaign is never an exact science, but they're starting from ground zero here," said Josh Freeman of the National Democrat Institute, a Washington, D.C., group that has been working in Russia for four years to help lay foundations for a multiparty system.

Thirteen parties are competing in the elections for seats in the new Russian parliament. There also will be a vote on President Boris Yeltsin's proposed constitution, and local government races, including the Moscow council.

Many of the parties are now headed by politicians seasoned by a few elections and referenda since 1991, Freeman said. But those earlier votes were more clear-cut, pitting "democrats" against "Communists," or Yeltsin against the old hard-line parliament.

This time, the former democrats have splintered into many camps and have to distinguish themselves from one another. And many candidates are now trying to build parties that will last beyond Sunday.

"A lot of people are looking at these elections as training elections," said Freeman. "Party activists tell us the short period of time doesn't allow them to experiment

and try new techniques."

Yeltsin called the elections on Sept. 21 when he disbanded the old parliament, which had stymied his policies. Two weeks later, his troops stormed the parliament building after hard-liners staged riots, and Yeltsin then banned several extreme hard-line parties.

The parties have not disclosed how much they are spending, or how much they receive in contributions.

Many seemed unprepared for their free air time on national TV, filling half-hour segments with three candidates from the same party sitting at a table asking each other questions.

Others, like Russia's Choice, which is led by many top Yeltsin aides and inherited much of the expertise from previous campaigns, aired slick Western-style campaign spots showing upbeat concerts, productive factories, speeding trains and sunsets.

Few parliamentary candidates have gotten out to the voters.

The Democratic Party, which opposes Yeltsin's constitution and fast-paced market reforms, broke new ground by sending thank-you notes to everybody who signed its petitions, Freeman said. "They have gotten a lot of volunteers from that," he said.

On the local level, candidates like Pashintsev stick mainly to putting up flyers and appearing on local radio and TV talk shows.

"Pashintsev pays for everything himself, and none of us campaign workers is being paid," said Vladimir Rudakov, Pashintsev's campaign manager.

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DIVERSIONS

Rivers rips carols with parodies



Bob Rivers & Twisted Radio
I Am Santa Claus
Atlantic Records

By Brian Manley
Assistant Arts Editor

One thing the holidays bring, besides the normal yuletide cheer and eggnog spiked with Jack Daniels, is the unavoidable — and many times loathed — group of Christmas carol parodies.

Something about this season makes marketers giddy with the thought of unloading countless stashes of usually unfunny material on the public, whether they be such classics as "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer," or the zillion remakes of "Twelve Days of Christmas."



Bob Rivers and his Twisted Radio outfit have jumped into the fray, adding what will eventually fall into the novelty box — along with collections like *The Greatest Hits of the Brady Bunch* and every "Weird!" Al Yankovic album ever made.

I Am Santa Claus tries to bring something new and unpredictable to its approach to this holiday.

Rivers delights in twisting such Christmas ditties as "Winter Wonderland" into "Walkin' Round In Women's Underwear" and "I Came Upon A Midnight Clear" into "I Came Upon A Roadkill Deer." "Rudolph, the Red-nosed Reindeer" becomes "Teddy, the Red-nosed Senator," "What's It To Ya" is substituted for Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus and "O Christmas Tree" is played to the sonorous melody of a chainsaw.

Rivers and Twisted Radio know that this album won't be ranked up there with classic holiday albums by Andy Williams or The Chipmunks, but it might get a laugh out of a few people. As the back cover warns, "If you're looking for the true meaning of Christmas, buy this album. Then, by all means, keep looking."

'LaFace' presents a hip-hopping holiday



Various Artists
"A LaFace Family Christmas"
Arista Records

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Critic

A LaFace Family Christmas is a lot like a cup of eggnog without the alcohol.

It's not totally unsavory, but there's no real punch.

The album, a collection of R & B semi-stars and no-names produced by soul conglomerates — Antonio "L.A." Reid and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, never quite unwraps its potential.

Instead, it's relegated to being a second-rate Christmas recording that deserves a listen only once or twice a year.

The album features a mixture of traditional tunes and original tracks. The old songs are the best because most of those couldn't be messed



up by anybody.

Talented Toni Braxton delivers a solid version of "The Christmas Song."

Solid, but not spectacular. "Silver Bells," by newcomers A Few Good Men, starts off strong but drags on and on.

It seems *A Few Good Men* is trying too hard to impress so it can land a big record deal.

McArthur offers an uninspiring interpretation of "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas." Bing Crosby need not worry about losing his throne.

Among the original songs, TLC steals the show. The hip-hop harmonizers have fun with "All I Want For Christmas."

They also don't let the yuletide theme keep them from their sexual innuendo-filled raps. Their other

song, "Sleigh Ride," is not as energetic but still is one of the album's best.

Young crooner Usher gives a decent track with "This Christmas," but he's no Tevin Campbell.

And *A Few Good Men* come back with "Merry Christmas My Dear," another song that seems to last about as long as Hanukkah.

While most of the cuts are tolerable if not terrific, "Player's Ball" by rap duo OutKast is the exception.

Apparently a gangster's view of the holidays, the song is muddled, poorly produced and downright stupid. L.A. and Babyface should have outcast this track from the compilation.

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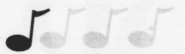
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David Foster wishes overproduced X-mas



David Foster
The Christmas Album
Interscope Records

By Brian Manley
Assistant Arts Editor

A theatre teacher of mine once said that you can never go wrong with great material — you could try as hard as you wanted to mess it up, and it would still hold out.

Apparently David Foster has never heard this phrase.

Some people's favorite aspect of the holidays is the music. Whether it be the classic flavor of Handel's "Messiah" (which you have to listen all year 'round), or the silliness of such secular fare as "Frosty."

However, Foster's attempt at adding to the millions of celebrity yuletide albums brings very little Christmas inspiration to the season.

David Foster, who has gained some type of credit in the musical industry for his production and songwriting contributions to Natalie Cole's *Unforgettable* and Whitney Houston's *The Bodyguard*, has assembled a cast of performers like Wynonna, Celine Dion, Vanessa Williams and even Tom Jones to produce *The Christmas Album*.

Foster thinks that by littering a few of pop's biggest names onto a circular, green disc and slapping his name in all caps across the top, he's created a classic Christmas icon. In fact, all he's released in an overpro-



duced collection of cheerless sludge that has packaging prettier than its content.

From the first note of Foster's own rendition of "Carol of the Bells," the listener can get a sense of the talent Foster has for overproduction and heavy glamorization.

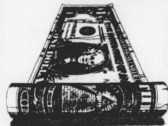
Peabo "Disney gave me my career" Bryson gives a fair performance of "I'll Be Home For Christmas" for about 30 seconds. Then, under Foster's deft hand, the song travels back into the 1970s, regurgitating such disco characteristics as wishy-washy keyboards, badly used horns and a wah-wah bass.

Perhaps the worst track on the CD is the version of "White Christmas," which features all of the artists singing in a "We Are The World" style.

The main setback to Foster's attempt to create a classic Christmas album is that he tries too hard to inject his pop instincts into each cut. The first five seconds of every track sounds like the beginning of Bette Midler's "Wind Beneath My Wings."

One benefit of having this CD is that I can save money on Christmas this year when I decide to rest things over an open fire.

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'Interpretations' shows off Boyz best Christmas crooning



Boyz II Men
Christmas Interpretations
Motown Records

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Critic

Of course, the best rendition of Christmas songs would be done by a chorus of angels. Boyz II Men offers the next best alternative.

The quartet puts its heavenly voices to work on *Christmas Interpretations*. The album is not a rehash of hackneyed yuletide carols (a version of "Silent Night" is the only exception). Rather, it's basically a bunch of soulful love songs set to a Christmas theme.

The format may not be the most traditional, but it allows the album to be listened to year-round instead of just one month a year.

Which is good, because Boyz II Men hasn't put out an album since 1991's smash *Coolerhigharmony*, and fans might need something to



hold them off until the next one.

Then again, the content of the songs is irrelevant.

Boyz II Men could sing a song about Dick Van Patton and make it funky. An entire compilation about Arbor Day would be appreciated. Just to hear their voices is worth the price of any album.

And there are some exceptional tracks on *Christmas Interpretations*. The best is "You're Not Alone," although if you heard it on the radio (which you probably will) you'd have no idea it is a Christmas song. The cut ranks as one of the group's best love songs to date.

"Who Would Have Thought" would be a wonderful piece with a different theme. As it is, it makes kind of a silly Christmas song. When the Boyz croon "I never thought I'd fall in love on Christmas Day," you start to wonder if they're spending Dec. 25 drinking

eggnog in singles bars.

Either that or going goo-goo eyed for their second cousins.

The best pure X-mas tunes are "Share Love," about the spirit of the season, "A Joyous Song" and, of course, "Silent Night," if for no other reason than it's done a capella.

"Silent Night" is the only capella song, which is a terrific respite from the latest Boyz II Men trend. The groups has been so wont to perform unaccompanied you began to wonder whether it lost its drum machine.

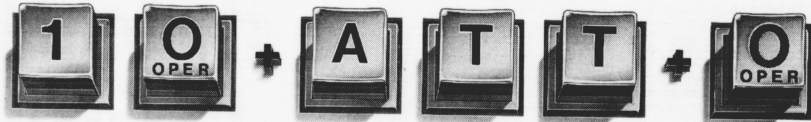
Instead, on *Christmas Interpretations*, their magical voices are bolstered by blends of soft piano and beats provided by producer Brian McKnight.

Christmas Interpretations is a perfect holiday album. A couple of the songs are contrived and sappy ("Why Christmas" being the most obvious.)

But it's still Boyz II Men, and they're still the best singers around today.

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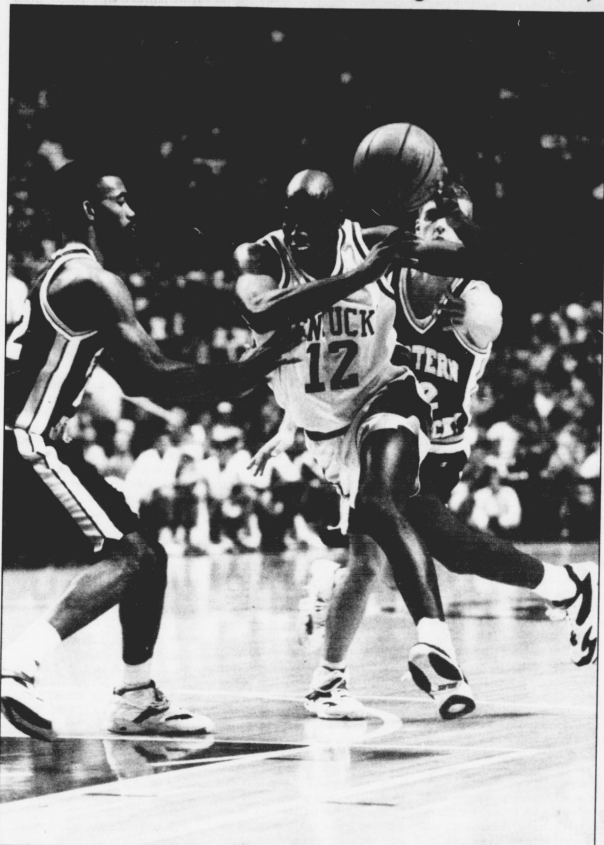
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SPORTS

Colonels fried by Ford, big men 107-78



EASTERN KILLING: UK's Rodrick Rhodes (top) drives in the first half against Eastern Kentucky. Rhodes had 11 points as the Cats won 107-78. Jared Prickett (below) and Eastern's John Allen fight for a rebound. Prickett finished with nine points and nine rebounds.

Senior sets school assist record

By Brian Bennett
Senior Staff Writer

Travis Ford insists he's not UK's go-to guy because his job is to distribute the basketball. Last night he did both.

Ford dished out a school-record 15 assists and ignited a 13-0 run that broke the game open as the No. 6 Cats pounded Eastern Kentucky 107-78 at Rupp Arena.

Assist No. 15 came with 14 seconds left. Ford found Jeff Brassow, who drained a 25-foot three-pointer from the wing.

"I told (Brassow) if you get it don't dribble, just shoot the ball," said the senior point guard, who also had 12 points. "I told him to launch it, and he drained it."

"It didn't matter if there were two guys in my face, I would have shot it," said Brassow, who finished with 14.

"I'm just glad it went in. Otherwise, Travis would be hanging that over my head."

UK coach Rick Pitino left Ford in the game to go for the record. But he had to remind Ford what to do.

"He kept shooting, and I told him you're not going to get the assist record without passing the ball," Pitino said.

The scrappy Colonels (3-1) trailed just 51-45 with 15 minutes left. But then Ford, scoreless in the first half, hit back-to-back three-pointers.

That triggered a second half explosion for the Cats, and they never looked back, outscoring EKVU 68-45 in the final 20 minutes.

"That was a great offensive display in the second half," Pitino said. "And we needed that because we had been tight."

Just as they did against Tennes-

see Tech, the Cats (3-1) called off the press and pounded the ball inside. It worked again.

Centers Rodney Dent and Andre Riddick combined for 27 points, seven blocks and 14 rebounds.

Meanwhile, EKVU center William Holmes, averaging 17 points a game, was held to just four and fouled out with eight minutes left. UK outrebounded the smaller Colonels 50-25.

UK also went outside, making 11 of 25 three-pointers, including four from Brassow.

"That's the best we've executed since we've been playing the motion offense," said Brassow, a fifth-year senior.

The Cats led 39-33 after a sloppy first half.

Though neither team pressed, they combined for 20 turnovers on several mistimed passes.

UK looked ready to pull away after Riddick put back a missed three-pointer to make it 32-20.

But Eastern crawled back behind a three and a lay-in from Arlando Johnson and a couple of loose-ball layouts from John Allen.

The Colonels failed to make it closer by missing seven free throws in the half.

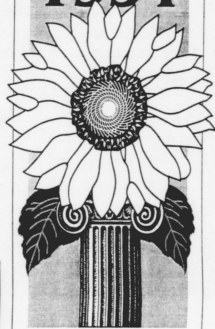
Johnson had 24 to lead EKVU, and Allen added 17. Rodrick Rhodes had 11 points, and Jeff Sheppard had 10 for UK.

NOTE:
Ford's 15 assists broke Dirk Minnifield's record of 14, set against Villanova in 1982.



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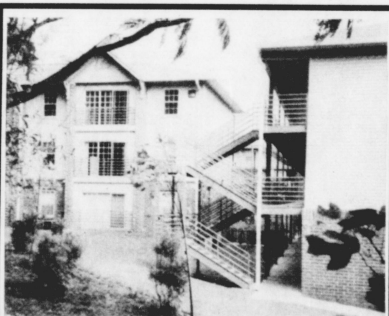
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Reed shooting for wins, attention

Lady Kats' junior says Pitino's crew not the only game in town

**By Doc Purcell
Staff Writer**

When Stacey Reed arrived at UK two years ago, she wasn't quite sure what to expect.

After all, Reed was leaving her hometown of London, Ky., behind for the unfamiliar surroundings of Lexington, and what's more she was entering a UK women's basketball program that annually faced the nation's finest competition.

But it wasn't the battles awaiting her in the Southeastern Conference schedule that awed her, or even the prospect of living in one of Kentucky's largest cities. Rather, Reed was impressed by something quite different.

"Being so closely associated with the men's basketball program day in and day out was a big surprise," she says now, remembering how she had idolized the team as a child.

Much has changed for Reed since she launched her first jumpshot as a first-grader, surely trying to emulate a Wildcat legend. And much has changed since she first stepped on the Memorial Coliseum court as a scared and overwhelmed freshman.

Now, Reed deservingly takes her place alongside her highly publicized male counterparts, lighting up the scoreboard with her brilliant perimeter marksmanship.

After completing two seasons of basketball in the Lady Kat program and posting some pretty impressive stats, averaging nearly 10 points a game in her inaugural collegiate campaign and just over 11 per game a year ago, Reed seems poised for a breakthrough season, and she's realized just how different things are since the beginning of her basketball career.

"I've realized I'm the same age as (the men) are," she said. "After having looked up to them for so long and becoming part of the Lady Kat basketball program, I felt a lot of pride in myself that I had accomplished something that I had always dreamed of doing in becoming a Lady Kat basketball player."

Unlike many avid basketball followers and participants, Reed's focus this season isn't on whether Rick Pitino can lead the Cats to a second consecutive Final Four appearance or whether Rodrick Rhoads finally will live up to his high school reputation.

Instead, Reed is thinking of what noise she and her Lady Kat teammates can make this season and hoping the group will garner the respect she believes they deserve.

"We don't have very much support," she said of the Lady Kats' following. "I think for us to be a



Stacey

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really successful basketball team, we have to have great fan support and a promotional outlook on the game."

But Reed's idealistic views of the women's game don't end there. Playing at a university where men's basketball is viewed more as a religion than a sport, she often is upset by the large difference in crowd backing.

"If you are going to get excited about one, you have to get excited about the other," she said of the two basketball programs.

Reed's opinions have certainly changed since her childhood days. She now asserts that women's basketball often is given the shaft by media representatives. But she has comfortably adjusted to working out alongside some of Kentucky's most recognizable faces.

As she enters her third season under Lady Kat Coach Sharon Fanning, her outlook on basketball equality is not the only thing that's different.

For two seasons, Reed has propped the perimeter and tossed countless assists to her Wildcat teammates. It's not likely that will change too much this year, but what will change is her position.

She moves from her customary point guard spot to shooting guard — a switch that Fanning says can only lead to great things.

"We plan on working her at the shooting guard spot because of the way she pulls up on her jumpshot (and) runs the floor, and (because of) her ball-handling skills," Fanning said. "This should be a big year for her."

"Usually you see a tremendous amount of growth from a college basketball player when they reach their junior year."

Perhaps growth is the best way to describe the changes Reed has undergone since arriving in Lexington.

After being named Kentucky's Miss Basketball as a senior at Laurel County High School, Reed has honed her basketball wizardry into some rather impressive credentials, including a second-team all-Southeastern Conference selection a year ago and a summer tour with the USA Junior Select Team following her freshman campaign.

With all of this in her past, Reed has begun her junior season, helping lead the Lady Kats to a 4-1 record overall by averaging 15.8 points and 5.4 assists per game.

She is hopeful a breakthrough year will help her take the Lady Kat team to an SEC title that has proved elusive in years past.

"The goal that I think I have not yet accomplished is to be the best that I can be, to not get frustrated with myself and to win an SEC championship — or at least finish in the top two or three," she said.

Winning a conference title certainly won't be an easy task for a Lady Kat team that has been mediocre at best the past several seasons and must face national powerhouse Tennessee this year.

Still, it seems with Reed's readying herself for an impressive campaign and reaching a clear understanding of her views of numerous aspects of the women's game, nearly anything is possible.

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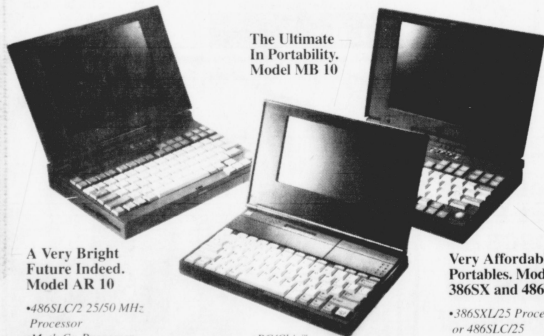
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Next Week

Belanger, Thomas, Robinson named to All-South teams

Staff report

Three UK volleyball players were named to All-South Region teams yesterday.

Seniors Jane Belanger and Eunice Thomas were named to the first team, while junior Krista Robinson was named to the second team.

Belanger averaged 12.93 assists per game this season. She ranks second among all-time assist leaders.

Thomas led the team in hitting percentage and averaged 1.22 kills per game.

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Change in leadership will bring new direction to black greek system

EDITORIAL

Gary Trudeau recently penned a Doonesbury series about a college campus with segregation problems.

The problem wasn't that students were being forced to the backs of buses or to eat in a separate part of the cafeteria. These students wanted the right to segregate themselves.

It was a great comment on the phenomenon of separatism that is popping up on campuses nationwide, including UK.

Such is not the case with the new governing body for UK's predominantly black social fraternities and sororities.

Separatism might be the first thing one would be tempted to say after learning that the eight fraternities and sororities are leaving the National Panhellenic Council, which also governs UK's predominantly white social sororities, to join a separate national council.

But as Lisa Brown, one of the people involved in the change, pointed out, there are distinct differences in the predominantly black and white greek organizations.

With these differences come different goals and different needs. It would be difficult for one organization such as the NPH to serve such diverse needs.

That's where the National Pan-Hellenic Council Inc. comes in. It is a national organization with 1.5 million members that works with predominantly black fraternities and sororities.

Ties to such a strong group can only serve to improve the greek organizations affiliated with it. It will provide better organization, more leadership opportunities and a stronger campus presence for the member fraternities and sororities.

We wish the new organization luck and hope that the group takes this opportunity for the entire greek community to prosper.

Lack of basic morals is destroying America

Guest Opinion

Never would I expect to hear the same social philosophies coming from such a variety of lips.

When former Vice President Dan Quayle attributed the rise of crime and the general decline of the country to the breakup of the traditional family, the media went into an uproar. A small phrase was pulled out of context and said to put down single mothers and fathers, which was absolutely opposite of the point that Quayle was trying to make.

Suddenly, the media took hold of this misread statement to affect the election that was about to occur.

Most importantly, though, Quayle's statement was said to be untrue and unfair. Perhaps, if the statement was taken into context, we could understand what Quayle was trying to say.

This same message is now being made publicly by New York Democrat Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and by Democrat and Rainbow Coalition founder Reverend Jesse Jackson.

They both credit most of the country's major problems to the destruction of the traditional American family. They blame our country's woes on the recent move to normalize homosexuality, on the welfare system and on the liberalization of the media.

They say that we need to re-

think the choices we're making about our society. Last year, we heard that this message was only a right-wing conservative ploy to dodge the real issues.

In other words, the reply was that we need more government programs to help.

What we are hearing from these three government officials is merely the truth. To avoid more events like the Los Angeles riots and the Rodney King beating, we need to realize every child's need for a mother and a father. To ignore this need is to turn our backs to the very core of our problems.

The fall of the Roman Empire was characterized by many of the current problems that we now have. These include an increase in divorce rates, the rise of homosexuality and a philosophical movement that says that anything goes.

It's not too late! We still can do something to stop the terrible decline that we are now in. We can turn this country around and move back to the basic principles of right and wrong that have made our nation the greatest in the world.

We can join Quayle, Moynihan and Jackson, and take our government by the reins and put our country back on a positive movement.

Mark Day is a civil engineering junior.

LETTERS

Editorial page AIDS coverage appreciated

To the editor,

I want to express my appreciation for the excellent editorial page articles published on World AIDS Day last week, in particular, the thoughtful and personal pieces by Editor in Chief Tyrone Beason and Staff Columnist Jeff Jones.

I could not help remembering the homophobic and ignorant pieces written by last year's staff about AIDS and am so glad the Kentucky Kernel is under more enlightened editorship.

Keep up the good work. We all need more information and compassion when it comes to facing the facts about AIDS.

Julie Burns

Library and information sciences junior



Student groups should fend for themselves



Don Puckett
Kernel Columnist

If Trista Claxon had her way, not only would UK's Student Government Association pay for the Sierra Club's advertising, but it also would require senators to volunteer to pick up trash in Red River Gorge.

Claxon's Dec. 2 guest opinion in the Kentucky Kernel blasted Student Government Association President Lance Dowdy for vetoing a bill that would have given UK's chapter of the Sierra Club \$130.

Although the sum of money may be small, the principle involved is much larger.

Dowdy should be commended for his stand against the bill. Dowdy apparently believes that student organizations should be able to support themselves without depending on SGA funds for "operational costs."

The problem is particularly apparent with politically active student groups. Last year, for example, the UK Right to Life organization asked SGA to pick up the tab for similar operating costs. But should money that comes from student fees be used to help campus organizations implement a political agenda?

One solution that was offered was to fund both sides of a particular issue. If SGA gives money to UK Right to Life, it should equally fund a UK abortion rights organization. If the College Democrats get money, then so do the College Republicans.

Michael Jackson victim of modern medicine

Guest Opinion

TV coverage, newspapers headlines, magazines articles, even the Kentucky Kernel, has publicized that Michael Jackson now is addicted to drugs.

This news creates, in the majority of the public and children, a loss of confidence in the one that they have, for a long time, seen as "being from another planet."

The media never tells the whole truth and, for the millionth time, it has caused the fall of an unrecognizable image by spreading non-factual information.

It is, therefore, essential to question these allegations and accusations to be able to clearly see the reality of the subject matter.

In this light, it is important to first establish the difference between drug abuse and drug addiction.

According to "The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics," drug abuse is "self-administration of any drug in a manner that deviates from the approved medical or social patterns," while drug addiction is "a severe degree of drug dependence due to a continuous involvement with drug use," which can very well be medically approved.

Jackson was put on an analgesic (pain killer) by health professionals because of his medical condition.

His condition persisted to where

to assume that his level of stress is fairly high.

being maintained on the analgesics became necessary. However, upon the relief of pain or decrease in pain, it was impossible to immediately withdraw him from these drugs because of their chemical properties.

If the analgesics were abruptly withdrawn, he could have experienced sweating, chills, restlessness, muscle aches, high blood pressure, hyperventilation and/or seizures and face a potentially fatal condition.

Analgesics cause not only psychological dependence (because of their relief of pain), but also physical dependence.

Contrary to popular belief, physical dependence is when the body adjusts to a new level of homeostasis (equilibrium) during the use of these drugs.

It takes time for it to readjust to its initial level, and the person has to stay on the drugs while decreasing the dose gradually. The person has no control whatsoever over this process.

Each body is different and, depending on Jackson's condition, it could take a long time before he is totally withdrawn from these drugs.

Stress also is a factor that can aggravate this process, and it is safe

If the requested money is tied to a campus event, then SGA should be more liberal in its funding. Campus organizations significantly contribute to the intellectual atmosphere of the University by sponsoring cultural events, and often money is needed for advertisements or to offset costs.

But unless the groups can somehow show that everyone at UK at least has the opportunity to benefit from requested funds, then SGA should not grant the request.

This year, SGA has about \$60,000 in discretionary funds.

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About half that will be used to bring two speakers to campus.

This is significantly more money allocated for speakers than in past years. Yet, I think this is one of the best ways that SGA can spend the students' money.

Jesse Jackson's visit to campus this fall (even though he left in a whirlwind of controversy) was one of the most significant campus events of the semester. He opened more than a few eyes, and for at least a few days, there was a much needed discussion of the way black students are treated on this campus.

The other half of SGA's discre-

tionary funds will be doled out mostly to campus organizations that request money.

By funding only organizations that are spending money to benefit the entire campus, SGA would free up more of its budget to make campus improvements or initiate programs that help all students.

For example, several years ago SGA provided money to install handicapped-accessible doors at Margaret I. King Library. This year, SGA bought computers to improve network connections between UK and Lexington Community College.

SGA also sponsors free legal services and a tutoring service for all students.

Improvements and programs like these benefit the UK community, not just a select group of individuals.

While Claxon may argue that her group, the Sierra Club, would benefit everyone by making us more environmentally aware, UK Right to Life can make similar arguments. After all, we would all be better off if we stopped killing babies, right?

The point is, you are likely to disagree with one group or the other. The only way to keep politics out of the SGA funding process is to deny funding to both sides.

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Many more things can be said, more details can be given.

But the above explanation, I hope, has shed light on the possibility that Michael Jackson is not guilty of drug addiction, and is indeed a victim of the shortcomings of the present medical technology.

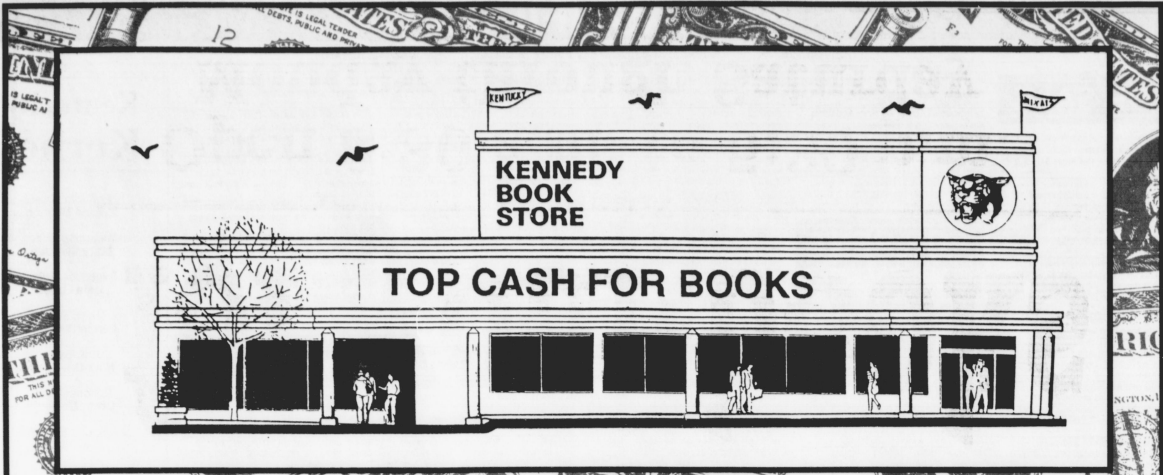
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