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- TARAH HAWKINS, STUDENT ADMISSION REPRESENTATIVE



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Teaching the ins and outs of campus

Libby Greene, a communications senior and student admission representative, addresses a group of high school seniors and their families during a campus tour for prospective students.

Tours draw students to UK

More than just a guide: With more than 250 applicants for 20 positions, job as student admission representative competitive and challenging

By Jesse Lebus
STAFF WRITER

Every day, groups of high school seniors and their parents wander UK's campus. They look at dorm rooms, computer labs, libraries and sports facilities. They ask about food services, school history, and without a doubt, they ask about basketball tickets.

Here to answer those questions and provide campus tours are UK's student admission representatives. The opportunity to showcase UK to prospective students is a very coveted position, explained Todd Byrd, director of Visitor Services.

Out of approximately 250 applications, only 20 students were chosen, Byrd said.

Byrd said that the job is

highly selective because of the important role that representatives play in attracting new students.

"Visiting a college campus is the most vital step in picking a school," he explained.

After being hired, student representatives must attend a three-day, 40-hour training session. Because giving campus tours is only part of their job, the representatives must become fluent in all aspects of the university and the admissions process, Byrd said.

Representatives must learn the entire campus map, the history of the school, public relations statistics and Visitor Center management.

Tarah Hawkins, a communications junior, was almost overwhelmed by her training experience.

"I had no idea that the university was so interesting and complex. It's like a giant corporation," she said.

Another facet of working as a student admissions representative is to host information sessions with individual families, Byrd said. During these sessions representatives discuss admissions issues, housing, the cost of attendance and scholarships and loans.

The Visitor Center has seen a 25 percent increase in visiting students over the past semester, Byrd said. This means about 3000 high school seniors from 47 states visited campus between August and December last year. When parents are included, the numbers are staggering, Byrd added.

Despite the workload, representatives said that they are

excited to share the university with potential students.

"Being a Student Admissions Representative is a great experience," Hawkins said. "I help high school seniors make one of the most important decisions of their lives as well as give back to the university."

Interested?

Students wishing to be student admission representatives must be nominated by a faculty or staff member. Applications will be available in late February. Students must have 30 credit hours and be a UK student to apply.

ISSUES

Diversity takes campus spotlight



Laurretta Byars, the associate provost for the Office of Minority Affairs, quizzes President Lee Todd and other commission members at the first meeting of the President's Commission on Diversity. The commission will work to improve UK's recruitment and retention of minority faculty and students. Todd hopes the commission will make campus more "embracing, welcoming and nurturing."

Warm and inviting: President's committee holds first meeting to improve UK community

By Sara Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

The President's Commission on Diversity met for the first time to begin working on its goal of supporting diversity Friday. The commission's role was also made clear.

"You have your work cut out for you," President Lee Todd told the commission. "None of us are entering thinking that this is just something to do. There are definite issues on campus that we need to work on."

The commission will be charged with advising Todd on issues and policies that address diversity and it will report regularly to the community on campus diversity. It hopes to correct inequities on campus and insure diversity in both the faculty and the student body. Todd said that the sharing of information, good or bad, between all of the UK community is essential for the commission's success.

Members hope that involvement and interaction with other groups on campus and in the community will help accomplish one of their primary goals — gathering information about diversity.

"The word we are looking for is transparency," Todd said.

"This is one community and we all need to know." Denise Jones, associate dean of the Graduate School's Office of Recruitment and Diversity, is the chair of the commission. John Harris, an education professor, is serving as the vice chair. Other members include representatives from faculty and staff at

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FINANCES

Delayed refund checks frustrate LCC students

Where's the money?: Financial aid official says checks mailed to students Jan. 9

By Andrew Blankenship
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Many LCC students learned a lesson in patience last week when financial aid refund checks were delayed for several days.

LCC's Office of Student Financial Aid expected the checks to be mailed on Friday, Jan. 4, but were later notified that the checks would not be mailed until the next Wednesday, said Michael Barlow, the director of Financial Aid.

Many LCC students had to make last minute plans when their checks failed to arrive before the beginning of classes.

"It would have been nice to buy my books with (the refund check), instead of charging my credit card," said Charity Floyd, a psychology sophomore at LCC. "I'm lucky I didn't need it for rent."

The checks were delayed after accounting controls revealed numbers that didn't agree, and LCC requested the checks be held until the information could be verified, said Susan Krauss, assistant controller for UK's Office of Controller and Treasurer, which is responsible for issuing refund checks to LCC students.

After verification by LCC, the checks were mailed to students on Jan. 9, well within the time allowed by UK's regulations, Barlow said.

"Of course, we want to get students their money as soon as possible to cover expenses," Barlow added.

While there is little LCC can do about students waiting on a refund check to pay off-campus expenses, there are programs to make sure students can buy needed textbooks, Barlow said.

At LCC, students are offered a textbook voucher of up to \$300 that may be used at Kennedy Bookstore, Wildcat Textbooks as well as the UK and LCC bookstores, Barlow explained.

However, if a student needs more than \$300, and has financial aid available, the Office of Financial Aid is willing to work with the student to make sure additional funds are available, Barlow said.

Barlow cautioned students to always be prepared to cover off-campus expenses and not rely on a refund check.

"We cannot guarantee dates of check arrival or document processing," Barlow said. "We encourage students to come prepared for all expenses that may occur."

SCALING BACK

Officials doubt scholarship's future

Appalachia: Dwindling coal, logging revenue leads to smaller than expected endowment

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As its mining income vanishes, a popular scholarship program for Appalachian students is struggling to survive at UK. Robinson scholarships — renewable, all-expenses-paid awards — help first-generation college students from eastern Kentucky. Money for the program, started five years ago, comes mostly from coal mining and also from logging on one-third of the 15,000-acre Robinson Forest that UK owns in Knott, Perry and Breathitt counties.

Those revenues have dwindled, as a result of low coal prices and a lower-than-expected supply of coal — leading to a smaller endowment than expected. Meanwhile, investment

income on the endowment also has been lower than projected. Officials don't think their current endowment of \$15.4 million will be enough to handle the number of students they want the program to cover.

As a result, UK has permanently scaled back the scholarship program, and officials say its relatively modest endowment may not allow it to continue past this decade.

For current Robinson Scholars, such as freshman Penelope Spradlin, the program has been crucial. Spradlin, 18, of Prestonsburg, said she could not have attended UK without her scholarship.

"It really helps that they recognize the capabilities of all the people from eastern Ken-

tucky," she said. "My parents are disabled, and that makes it harder. They couldn't just give us money, so it really helped that I got the scholarship."

Freshman Neomia Hagans, 19, of Hindman, said the scholarship lets her attend classes without having to work full time to pay for tuition and other costs.

"I don't know if my success level would have been the same" without the scholarship, she said.

Spradlin and Hagans are members of the first class of Robinson Scholars to begin college. Of the 162 eighth-graders picked for the program in 1997, its first year, 78 enrolled at UK last fall and 60 others entered a community college — an option for scholars since UK controlled the community colleges when the program was established.

Under the program, UK names future Robinson Schol-

ars each year from among eighth-graders who apply from 29 eastern Kentucky counties. Students are chosen based on their academic potential, family income, essays and interviews. Their parents cannot have earned a college degree.

Overall, 394 students have been promised an all-expenses-paid scholarship to UK — an award valued at \$11,100. But with an endowment of \$15.4 million and annual scholarship costs estimated to rise to as much as \$8 million, the fund is likely to be out of money by 2010 unless UK secures more revenue or there is an increase in investment earnings, said Jack Blanton, senior vice president for administration.

"It would be our objective to have one scholar from each county, but whether we can sustain that is hard to say. It is still a sort of pessimistic scenario that you see out there right now."

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The Low-down

CAMPUS NEWS

Students and staff should be able to come in and rub shoulders with others to better understand where they are coming from."

— John Harris, vice chairman of the President's Commission on Diversity

Tomorrow's weather



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Just because it's cold doesn't mean your professors will appreciate it if you ditch class.

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Bioterrorism expert to speak at UK

Michael T. Osterholm, a national expert on bioterrorism, is coming to UK on Wednesday to deliver a lecture discussing potential bioterrorism agents and the level of preparedness for an attack in the United States. Osterholm is the director for the Center of Infectious Disease Research and Policy and a professor at the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health. Recently he has become a national leader detailing the growing concern regarding the use of biological agents as weapons of mass destruction in civilian populations. He will present "Bioterrorism: The Next Chapter" at 4 p.m. on Jan. 16 in the UK auditorium. The lecture is part of the UK College of Medicine Dean's Lecture Series.

Funds aid creation of new partnership

Funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture are allowing UK to form a new partnership between its College of Medicine, the Kentucky School of Public Health, the College of Agriculture and the Cooperative Extension Service. On Friday, UK President Lee Todd announced the formation of Health Education through Extension Leadership, HEEL, in combination with current programs in rural health services and wellness education programs. It is meant to enhance Cooperative Extension agents' capacity to deliver health education statewide. Health education specialists will collaborate with extension agents, health departments, school systems and community organizations throughout the state to take basic health education to the public. HEEL will be funded at the level of \$800,000 for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

STATE NEWS

Tire company increases production

MAYFIELD, Ky. — Despite a sour economy that has thumped the auto industry — Ford Motor Co. in particular — the Mayfield Continental General Tire plant has Ford largely to thank for a production increase requiring 65 new workers. The plant has been named as the supplier of tires for Ford's 2003 Expedition sports utility vehicle to be launched at midyear 2002, and also will make new products for Continental. General and private-brand tire markets, said Ken Herndon, a plant manager. The plant will increase production by 2,000 tires a day by May 1. The influx of new, union tire workers will raise plant employment to 1,350 and increase production to about 20,000 tires daily.



OH, JAMES: Shooting is about to start on the latest big-screen adventure of British secret agent James Bond 007. The new, as yet untitled, film is the 20th in one of cinema's longest-running film series and marks the 40th anniversary of the release of the first Bond film, Dr. No. Despite few, if any, details of the new film's plot being released, it has not stopped fan speculation. Last year the film's production company, Eon, dismissed as "fabrication" an Internet Web site's claim that the film would be called "Final Assignment." It was also reported that the plot would involve 007 confronting the killer of his father, Andrew Bond, who was also a British spy and that Sean Connery, the original Bond, would appear in flashbacks as 007's father. What is for certain is that actor Pierce Brosnan makes his fourth appearance as James Bond and will be joined by co-stars Halle Berry and Rosamund Pike.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush not informed about Enron's woes

WASHINGTON — Two Bush cabinet members said Sunday they never considered intervening in Enron's spiral toward bankruptcy, nor informed President Bush of requests for help from the fallen energy giant. "Companies come and go. It's... part of the genius of capitalism," said Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, when asked if he was surprised at the sudden collapse of Enron. The company's failure has left the one-time energy trading behemoth's stock virtually worthless and thousands of workers' pension funds in disarray. Last fall, a month before declaring bankruptcy, O'Neill received two telephone calls from Enron's chief executive, Kenneth Lay. Lay also called Commerce Secretary Don Evans at the time, reacting out for help to harness the energy company's financial slide.

White supremacists converge in Pa.

YORK, Pa. — Witnesses reported minor confrontations in the streets on Saturday as police kept hundreds of demonstrators at bay during a rally by white supremacists in a city still feeling the effects of deadly race riots more than 30 years ago. Matthew Hale, leader of the white supremacist group World Church of the Creator, spoke to about 70 supporters inside a library while police officers in riot gear, some on horseback, separated shouting groups of his supporters and anti-racist protesters. Marion Kinard, 31, of York, said he attended the speech with his two sons, 4 and 6, to teach them about racism. Witnesses reported seeing car windows broken and minor confrontations in the streets throughout the afternoon. Witnesses reported a clash between the two sides before Hale arrived, although police did not confirm it.

Marines killed in Pakistan sent home

WASHINGTON — The bodies of six U.S. Marines killed in an air crash in Pakistan were on their way home Sunday, and more than two dozen al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners were en route to detention in Cuba. Military investigators continued to search the crash site in the rugged mountain area of southwest Pakistan for the last of the seven victims and clues to what caused the crash of the military refueling plane Wednesday. U.S. warplanes struck again near the eastern Afghanistan village of Zawar, at the site of a huge complex of caves, tunnels and buildings the Pentagon says was used as an underground hide-out by al-Qaida and Taliban members. After more than a week of strikes, Sunday's bombing appeared to be the heaviest attack since last month's strikes on the al-Qaida cave complex at Tora Bora farther northeast.

Compiled from wire reports

GENDER

Women's commission identifies problems

By Alonso Soto Joya

STAFF WRITER

At their first meeting of the new year, members of the President's Commission on Women worked toward identifying the areas that the commission will focus on.

The group met for two hours Friday afternoon and briefly discussed internal organizational issues before moving on to discuss the two major issues concerning women on campus today: women's institutional climate and employment at UK.

Plans for improving these two issues, such as fuller institutional recognition of women and changes to the existing healthcare benefits for female university employees and students were discussed.

Another goal discussed by the commission was to increase its participation in forums held by UK.

"It's important for the university community to know we are there," said Carolyn

Bratt, chairwoman of the commission.

Bratt said the commission would meet monthly with President Lee Todd to talk informally about the commission's bimonthly meetings.

Student participation was another point discussed during the meeting.

The three student members are planning to meet weekly with student representatives from campus to discuss issues in order to boost student interaction with the commission.

Sara Sahni, one of the student commission members, is optimistic about the commission and the commitment shown by Todd, but said there are many students at UK that don't know what the commission can achieve.

"It's kind of hard to instigate their involvement, but for the most part they are really excited," she said. "A lot of people are not aware of what we could have and achieve with this commission."

DIVERSITY

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UK and two students. Reverend C. B. Akins of the First Baptist Church Bracktown will serve as a Lexington community representative.

The commission will act as liaisons and leaders of other commissions and committees that are related to diversity, including UK's Commission on Women and the Task Force on UK's Future.

In a special presentation to the commission, Associate Provost of Undergraduate Studies Phil Kraemer illustrated the role of the commission. "There is no simple fix, we

need to know much more," Kraemer said. Kraemer presented information showing that UK has had a drop in the retention of minority faculty and students over the past two years. Kraemer said the retention and retention of minority faculty and students is an immediate issue the commission will focus on. "Students and staff should be able to come in and rub shoulders with others to better understand where they are coming from," Harris said.

Want to go?

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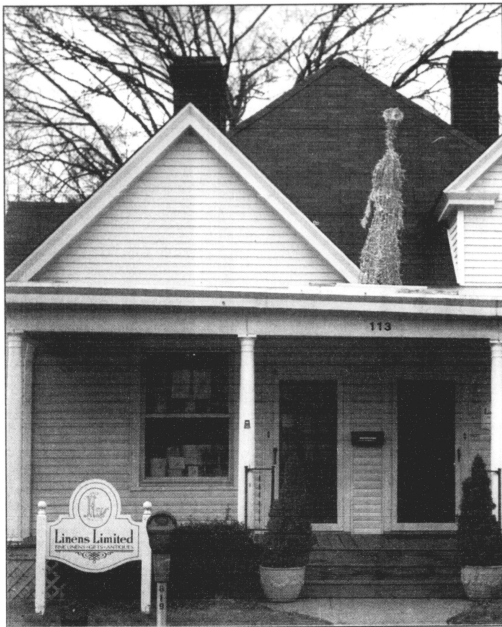
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Area boutique not limited in selection and elegance



ERIK SHIELDS | KERNEL STAFF

Home sweet store

Linens Limited offers beautiful bed sheets (above) and other fine accessories. Located on 113 Clay Ave. (left), the store is close to campus and has a wide variety of products. The store owners say that college students often frequent the store for gifts and specialty items.

Fancy satin sheets: Linens Limited offers an array of sheets, candles, soaps and other items for elegant home decorating

By Sara Cunningham
STAFF WRITER

If someone is looking for a pillowcase hand embroidered in Zimbabwe, Lexington may be the place to look.

Transformed from a Victorian house into a boutique, Linens Limited has something a little more special and unique than ordinary bed and bath products.

"I love the different perspective the store gives me," said Nancy Iliff, the store's owner.

Iliff and Bruce Bryant, the store's manager, opened Linens Limited nine years ago when they noticed that Lexington did

not have a specialty linen store. Iliff had been an antique dealer for close to 30 years and jumped at the chance to change careers.

Bryant had been working at a linens department store but when it closed, he was more than happy to help start the new boutique.

"It is great to be able to find new and different things," Bryant said of his favorite thing to look for — 1,020 thread count sheets.

Prior to running Linens Limited together, Iliff and Bryant knew and worked with each other. Even though starting a business can be harrowing, they enjoy working together.

"We've gotten lots of grey hair together," Iliff said.

To find the unique items to sell requires some footwork. Iliff and Bryant travel to New York four times a year in order to keep up with new things to stock the shop.

"It's a good way to stay on the cutting edge as well as a nice diversion," Iliff said.

While the shop may look like an ordinary white house, Linens Limited offers extraordinary treasures.

The two hope to stay in this area and plan on continuing to sell their unique products. Bryant likes the area because of the great atmosphere created by the other shops and

boutiques on Clay Avenue. Most of the shops look like houses and sell unique items as well, he said.

"This is a really great area for boutiques," Bryant said. Since the area is close to campus, Bryant and Iliff often sell to college students.

Bryant said they see college students frequent the store to buy soap and bath products. Other popular items include linens that can be monogrammed. "The candles, bath supplies and monogrammed items make nice gifts," Bryant said.

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Forget Belle, come write for Scene!



Stacie Meihaus
SCENE EDITOR

this year's addition of the Best Animated Film category, it's likely that *Beauty and the Beast* will remain the only film nominated for such a high honor.

Recently, the film was released around the country at giant IMAX theaters. These theaters measure around six stories wide by eight stories tall, a size that makes for an extremely clear picture.

Because of these clear pictures, the makers of *Beauty and the Beast* had to touch up a few mistakes and blemishes in the film so they wouldn't be blatantly obvious. While they were doing this, they added a scene that was excised from the original film, a new musical number that shows the enchanted items getting ready to create a romantic atmosphere for Belle and the Beast's date.

The film has come to Newport, Ky., at their new IMAX theater. I had the pleasure of seeing the film Saturday with about 200 of my closest friends, all of whom were under

the age of 6.

On the whole, the kids were very well behaved, obviously trying to focus their pre-pubescent eyes on a screen that stunned them into visual overload.

While the film is classic Disney, it's the same film that came out in 1991. And it should be. Can you imagine trying to deal with 200 children, all outraged at a movie that wasn't the same? The problem resides in the ticket prices, which are inflated to \$10.75, an expense obviously intended to match the size of the screen.

I suppose the point is that, while the film is classic, \$10.75 is too much for a movie that you probably have at home.

The other point I need to address is a plea for writers. I'm sure none of you want to read a story by Sarah Zoppi or myself every day. More ideas always make the page more interesting.

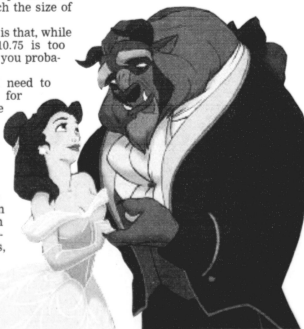
I know someone this year will complain about the Scene section having too much estrogen, but we love boys, the more the merrier.

In essence, we extend our most

heart-felt invitations to you all to come and grace our pages with your words. You'll meet people, get free stuff and even learn something.

If you don't want to write, you can help out, too. Know somebody that's starting up a band? Know someone who works in the great land of Hollywood that would love to be interviewed? If so, or if you have any complaints, e-mail or call us.

Have a wonderful semester. I hope we entertain you.



"I know someone this year will complain about the Scene section having too much estrogen, but we love boys, the more the merrier!"

— Stacie Meihaus, scene editor

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Blah.

It's Monday

Welcome to the first week of the first week of your life, or at least a semester that will seem like a lifetime as the summer looms months away. The first Monday of the semester is here, and none can escape the crushing oppression brought about by the end of the weekend.

"But Jared, why is Monday such a horrible day?"

Why? You ask why? Isn't it obvious?

"It's a beautiful day, the crisp Kentucky air nips at your face, the birds are singing, the smell of fresh coffee hangs in the air and knowledge flows freely in the halls of the building."

Beautiful? Ha ha! The temperature has plummeted and the cold gray sky is filled with dense clouds that allow little sunlight to pass.

The air does indeed smell crisp with the insurgence of automotive exhaust brought about by the new work day, but the biting wind is not so inviting as it whips around P.O.T.

If there is indeed a bird singing on campus, I doubt their cries are cries of joy but rather yelps of horror as they fly in terror trying to escape the screeching flares being shot into the air.

The smell of coffee is indeed inviting but is tainted by the smell of stale alcohol the person next to you in class is trying to hide.

Knowledge may flow freely, but tired minds, aching bodies and thoughts clouded by sleep act like small streams dammed by vicious woodland beavers.

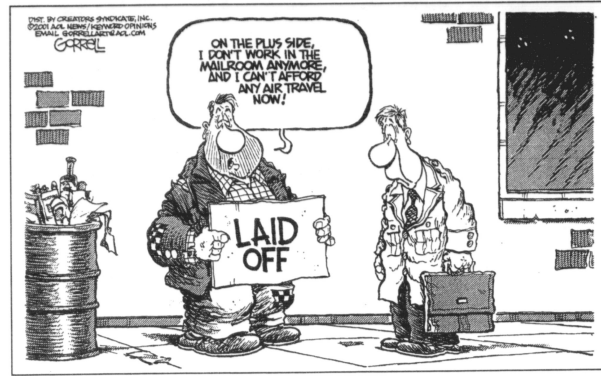
I see the e-mails coming already.

"Your article regarding Mondays, that brings the day following Sunday and preceding Tuesday, was horribly cynical and utterly bitter. Perhaps you need to look into anger and rage management classes. I know the number of a good doctor."

Am I cynical? On the other hand, are my sarcastic ramblings merely a demented journalistic attempt to make this day seem brighter? You be the judge.

Have a wonderful "give a squirrel a nut" day!

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IN OUR OPINION

Casinos could be an ace in the hole

Much speculation has swirled about the push to allow slot machines at Kentucky's horse tracks. It seems horse tracks are not as profitable as they once were because of increased competition from riverboat gambling. Plus, shortfalls in the state budget are forcing legislators to look elsewhere for revenue — one alternative being slot machines.

The resulting question is both simple and obvious: Why is gambling in Kentucky, outside of horse tracks, still illegal?

Obviously, the question is not entirely a moral issue, since no one is suggesting the horse racing industry be shut down. On top of that, hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians trek across the river every year to one of the many riverboats.

The main opposition to both land-based and riverboat casinos in Kentucky stems not from religious or moral inclinations, but rather from the extraordinarily powerful thoroughbred industry. For years, every plan to allow legalized gambling outside the tracks has been opposed by the state legislature until, of course, revenue problems became an issue. Now we need slot machines just to survive.

That said, legalized gambling, while carrying a significant amount of baggage, could also offer some benefits. Restaurants, hotels and other stores would be included in a casino, which would bring jobs (mostly well-paying) and increased tax revenue from tourism.

This stands in stark contrast to our current system, comprised of horse racing and a state-run lottery. The former has enjoyed a monopoly for years that in almost any other industry would be illegal. The latter is simply a regressive tax on the poor, provides no new jobs and offers a low payout (45 to 55 percent), much lower than casinos (95 percent) and horse tracks (86 percent).

It is time that horse tracks and those who own and operate them loosen their grip on Kentucky's gaming industry. Horse racing is a proud tradition, but if it cannot withstand competition from without, then what is the point of propping up a hollow industry, when the costs of missed opportunities could be extraordinary?

Benjamin Ditty

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Liberty takes backseat to politics

It seems to me these days that most everybody is willing to fork over some sort of right or freedom to the government. The right to bear arms seems to be the least sacred because many Americans appear willing — if not eager — to ban guns because they are dangerous, unnecessary or because people simply don't like them.

Regardless of whether or not we appreciate these rights, we all have a vague understanding of the sacrifices made by our forefathers so that we may enjoy them. Once we begin surrendering our rights to the government, we set a pattern of empowering it to further restrict these freedoms that our forefathers fought and sacrificed their lives to defend. As we continue down this path of increased governmental control and intervention in our lives, we will never recover our surrendered freedom.

Many of our constitutional rights are dangerous to some groups of people. Case in point: the First Amendment. Sept. 11 serves as a lasting example of the potential danger of groups acting under the

auspices of religion. One could argue that the freedom of religion made the murder of more than 6,000 Americans possible because this freedom protected the suicide hijackers from the government's attention and investigation.

Perhaps our most sacred right, freedom of speech, is more harmful than any other right protected by the Constitution. Individuals abusing this freedom, either by unfounded allegations or even simple mistakes, easily do irreparable social, financial and political harm to the recipient of their abuse. While this danger is not physical, it likely has broader scope and more frequent repercussions than private gun ownership.

Could we argue that due process, guaranteed by the 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution, is unnecessary? It seems that every time we turn on the TV we see another story of someone who has recently been released from prison after being wrongly convicted and jailed for 15 years, or someone who is most likely guilty but was found "not guilty" because of a technicality. I fail to

“The resulting question is both simple and obvious: Why is gambling in Kentucky, outside of horse tracks, still illegal?”

City ordinance is one example of overactivity

While some would consider a college student discussing alcohol policy to be akin to an inmate discussing prison hygiene, the current situation is simply unacceptable.

And it may get worse. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, with their thumb ever on the pulse of Lexington's needs, recently passed a law that would force any business that serves alcohol to close promptly at 1:30 a.m.

This would have not only impacted dance clubs that stay open until 4 a.m., but also bowling alleys and other such establishments. It was slated for repeal a week later precisely because of the last point, but our council members remain dedicated to solving a problem they have yet to thoroughly diagnose.

First of all, I think the law was a bad idea to begin with. No, that's not quite right. I think the law was not only an incredibly idiotic idea, but also smacked the face of the individual liberty with which we pride ourselves as Americans.

But moving beyond this instance, it is not hard to see that such laws are primarily the product of a (successful) decades-long campaign by a large bloc of Americans to demonize alcohol and anyone who chooses to partake.

The most obvious — and least contested — of the resulting laws was the legal drinking age of 21. Once 18, a person can alienate — vote, drive, enter into contracts, marry, serve the country, smoke, buy a shotgun, take out a loan, work in almost any capacity, receive a death sentence, fly airplanes and have abortions at will. Pretty much the only thing people under the age of 21 cannot legally do is buy alcohol or serve as an elected federal official.

It is a severe case of half-rights, and the evidence for maintaining the current system is quite slim. Safety, of course, is of utmost importance. But if I wish to get drunk and fall down, that is indeed my wish, and of concern to no one else. If I proceed to drive, I am breaking the law irrespective of my age. The laws should be even stricter in that regard.

It is just not that complicated of an issue. As an adult, am I free to make my own decisions, shoulder my own burdens and pay my own consequences?

That is a question that should be asked on a whole host of issues, only one of which concerns alcohol. Our legislators seem preoccupied with protecting us from ourselves, of ensuring we not only avoid anything that might lead to personal harm, but to ensure we are never even in a situation to make that choice.

We elect these people, too. They take away our booze, our smokes and our cell phones. They make us wear our seatbelts at all times and remove our garbage cans from the curb by 7 p.m. They take our money to build golf courses and research cow flatulence and then say they need more. They provide an ever-increasing incentive not to work, and then wonder why the economy falters and unemployment rises.

And yet the incumbency rate in Congress is above 90 percent. And while I don't have the numbers, I would guess the same holds true in Frankfort. This is because people are comfortable on the whole, and also because there just aren't many alternatives available.

For now, I wish all of our legislators, council members, representatives and other politicians would ask themselves one question before every decision: "To what extent does this law (or bill or ordinance) diminish the individual and collective liberty of my constituents (whether they voted for me or not)?"

Sometimes the problem addressed outweighs the sacrifice, but still maintain that we would be far better off with men and women like Calvin Coolidge in charge. Coolidge once stated that the greatest accomplishment of his administration was minding its own business.

"When you see ten problems rolling down the road," Silent Cal once said, "if you don't do anything, nine of them will roll into a ditch before they get to you."

Now that's my kind of politician.

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CAT FIGHT

Turnovers prevent Cats' upset bid

Alex Williams
STAFF WRITER

The No. 19 Auburn Tigers defeated the UK women's basketball team 70-66 at Memorial Coliseum when the Cats' rally fell short Sunday.

Both teams struggled early as UK (8-8, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) did not score until sophomore guard Kristin Connolly hit two free throws with 15:31 left in the first half. The Cats then picked up their intensity and built a 17-10 lead with six minutes remaining.

The Tigers (13-3, 1-2 SEC) used a 9-2 run late in the first half to tie the game at 19. The Cats committed four turnovers with just under three minutes left and struggled to involve their post players offensively

despite an injury to Tia Miller, Auburn's best post player.

"I was rushing a lot of my shots," UK sophomore center SeSe Helm said. "I need to be poised and patient."

Auburn coach Joe Ciampi said the Tigers hoped to contain Helm.

"We were fronting (Helm)," Auburn coach Joe Ciampi said. "We wanted to slow her down and keep her from getting any touches."

Auburn capitalized on the Cats' mistakes to take a 25-23 lead into halftime. Helm, UK's leading scorer, was 2-of-6 for four points in the first half and finished with 18.

UK opened the half by taking a 34-33 lead with 13 minutes left to play, but the Cats had no

answer for the Tigers in the ensuing 4:07. Auburn went on a 19-3 run to break the game open and take a 52-37 lead.

"We weren't patient during Auburn's run and we have to learn to do that," UK coach Bernadette Mattox said. "When we use the clock and get open shots, it opens things up for us."

UK committed 19 turnovers, but picked up on Mattox's preaching and responded with suffocating full-court pressure to shorten Auburn's lead.

A 3-pointer by freshman guard Sara Potts cut the Auburn lead to 60-55, and a steal by junior guard Rita Adams led to a layup by Helm that cut the deficit to 62-59 with

1:22 left.

"You can't get into your press when you don't score and when you run your press it energizes the team," Mattox said.

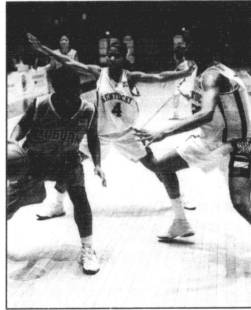
A three-point lead was all the Tigers needed as they hit 6-of-6 free throws in the final minute to seal the victory.

Adams scored 17 for the Cats and grabbed a career-high nine rebounds.

"Give Kentucky credit," Ciampi said. "They came at us with everything they had."

Mattox said the difference was UK's inability to sustain its level of play.

"This team is going to have to continue to learn and hopefully they pick up on it pretty quick... we're a good team, but we have to be consistent."

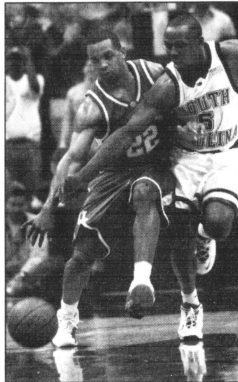
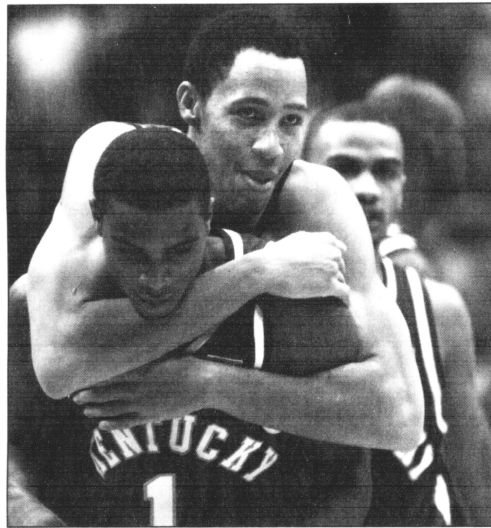


Junior guard Rita Adams (4) and senior forward LaTonya McDole trap Auburn guard Carol Smith during UK's 80-76 loss Sunday. Adams grabbed a career-high nine rebounds, but the Cats committed 19 turnovers in the loss.

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GOAT TO HERO

Hawkins saves UK from 0-3 start



NICK TOMCEK | PHOTO EDITOR

Carrying the load

UK sophomore Cliff Hawkins (left) is embraced by senior forward Tayshaun Prince following UK's one-point victory on Hawkins' game-winning shot with 3.4 seconds remaining against South Carolina. Freshman point guard Adam Chile (above) is pressured by USC's Aaron Lucas while filling in for Hawkins in the first half.

Taking shots: Coach Tubby Smith called late-game decisions by point guard Cliff Hawkins 'questionable'

By Will Messer
SPORTSWRITER

COLUMBIA, S.C. — UK overcame 20 turnovers and made a clutch basket to defeat South Carolina 51-50, avoiding an unthinkable 0-3 Southeastern Conference start, but it wasn't pretty.

A 15-foot off-balanced jumper by sophomore guard Cliff Hawkins with 3.4 seconds remaining made the difference.

Hawkins scored all eight of his points in the final four minutes and also had five rebounds and two assists.

Hawkins, who had taken and missed what UK coach Tubby Smith called "questionable shots" in the final minutes in UK's losses to Duke, Mississippi State and Georgia, said he had hoped to put the ball in the hands of senior UK forward Tayshaun Prince for UK's final shot.

"The whole time, I was looking to get

Tayshaun the ball," Hawkins said. "But (South Carolina) did a great job of denying him the ball. Time was running out, so I just tried to get a shot up and get it on the boards."

After Hawkins' basket, South Carolina senior guard Aaron Lucas raced down the court and launched a one-handed 3-pointer from the right wing that fell short.

The Gamecocks defense on Prince during UK's final possession was representative of the pressure they placed on UK's pre-season All-American the entire game.

The Gamecocks held UK's leading scorer to a season-low eight points on 3-of-11 shooting.

Prince, who was averaging 18.3 points coming into the game, said South Carolina's defense was the best he had faced.

"Every time I got the ball, they trapped," Prince said. "They did a great job defensively on me. By far, it was the best

(defensive job on me)."

UK last started SEC play 0-3 in 1976. Sophomore guard Gerald Fitch said the Cats "couldn't afford to duplicate that record."

"We wouldn't have been able to recover," said Fitch, who led UK with 11 points on 5-of-8 shooting.

UK (10-4, 1-2 SEC) outrebounded South Carolina (10-5, 0-2 SEC) 36 to 26 and held the Gamecocks to 32.1 percent field goal percentage.

However, South Carolina led much of the game in large part because of UK's season-high-tying 20 turnovers.

"I don't even want to think about it," junior guard Keith Bogans, who scored eight points on 3-of-7 shooting, said of a possible 0-3 start for the Cats.

"I'm just glad Cliff came up with a big shot."

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IN BRIEF

Sportsbytes

Track Cats place at Wildcat Invitational

The UK track & field squads closed out a successful showing at the Wildcat Invitational at Nutter Fieldhouse on Saturday, placing in several events.

Sophomore Jeff Chakouian threw an NCAA-qualifying throw of 65-06.75 to take first place in the men's shot put, while freshman Beth Heimann set a freshman school record in the 800-meter run with her first-place time of 2:10.84.

Other Wildcats enjoying success in the closing day of the meet were Thomas and Jack Morgan, who finished first and second, in the men's one-mile run.

Freshman Warren Wilson finished fifth in the 60-meter hurdles in his first meet with the Cats. The football player turned in a time of 8.12 in the race, just ahead of Bryan Wilson's 8.17 sixth-place showing.

Another gridiron Cat, Ernest Sims, had a solid day for UK, finishing fifth in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.83. It was Sims' first track meet in nearly three years.

GymKats fall to N.C. State for first loss of season

NASSAU, Bahamas — The No. 24 UK GymKats fell to No. 25 North Carolina State by just 0.100 points, 192.550-192.450, at the Bahama Breeze Invitational on Friday.

Sophomore Julie Joy claimed the all-around title, her second straight this season, with a career-best 38.125 to help lead UK past No. 23 BYU 192.450-191.650.

Despite having three gymnasts out with injuries, the GymKats (2-1) led N.C. State (2-0) by 0.900 points heading into the final rotation. However, the Wolfpack scored a meet-high 49.050 on the uneven bars to overtake the GymKats by a slim margin.

The GymKats return to the mats Friday as they host No. 7 Florida in the Southeastern Conference opener. Action is slated to get underway at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Coliseum.

Cool Cats finish weekend undefeated

The UK hockey team defeated Penn State 5-4 in overtime Sunday morning after playing the Nittany Lions to a 2-2 tie the day before.

UK's Alex Derhohannian netted his second goal of the game during the extra period to help the Cool Cats improve to 8-9-2-1.

Chris Boyd also tallied two goals for UK and goaltender Jason Graves turned away 33 Penn State shots to secure the win.

UK grants release, Stone joins Pitino in Louisville

Marvin Stone finally took his place on Louisville's bench.

After weeks of opposition Athletics Director Larry Ivy released Marvin Stone, the former UK forward, from his commitment at UK to the University of Louisville Friday.

Stone did not return to UK after the holiday break and was subsequently dismissed from the team by UK coach Tubby Smith.

Stone expressed an interest in transferring to either Colorado State or U of L and UK denied his transfer to U of L citing an unwritten policy, which prevents athletes from transferring to traditional UK rivals.

Stone and his mother met and spoke with U of L coach Rick Pitino Saturday morning prior to the Cardinals' game against Texas Christian. Hours later, Stone sat on the U of L bench to watch the Cardinals defeat the Horned Frogs 93-85.

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PANAMA CITY BEACH: The No-Brainer Destination for Spring Break

Spring break's just a few weeks away, and you're ready to trade grade point average for another kind of GPA - great party action! But where?

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So, once again, why not Panama City Beach?

Beaches? Oh, yeah. There are 27 miles of them. White, sugary, sandy beaches caressing the blue-green Gulf of Mexico. The Student Travel Council and the Travel Channel rated Panama City Beach the No. 1 spring break hangout, and the Travel Channel ranked it No. 4 among US beaches overall.

"We have always been aware of how beautiful our beaches are, but it is nice to be acclaimed by others," said Bob Warren, president and CEO of the Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Sun? Oh, yeah, there's lots of that, too. The average year-round temperature is 78 degrees. That's a lot higher than 15 degrees in Indianapolis or Ann Arbor in February.

Fun? Well, that's even easier. There's swimming (the average water temperature is 72 degrees), diving, boating, fishing, windsurfing, sailing, snorkeling, parasailing and jetskiing.

Don't want to get wet? OK. There's hiking, camping, golfing, tennis and miniature golf, a zoo, amusement parks, a waterpark (sorry, you didn't want to get wet), museums and arcades.

If you're not the active type, how about eating? Panama City Beach, known locally as the "Seafood Capital of the World" because of its restaurants and Gulf water delicacies, has an array of colorful restaurants.



Want to go clubbing? PCBeach has that, too. Many right on the beach and offering myriad tastes in music - from classic hits and golden oldies to heavy metal.

Jayna Leach of the Panama City Beach Convention & Visitors Bureau says the city has lots of other things planned for visitors, too.

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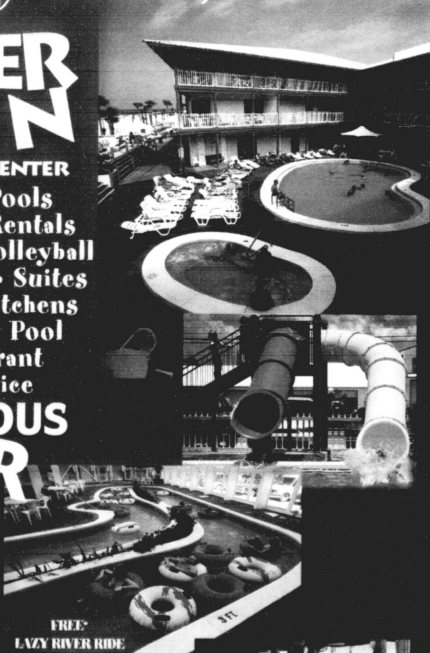
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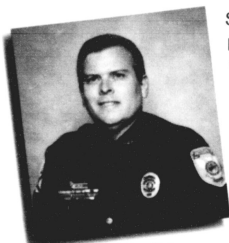
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Take It From the Chief: Common Sense Keeps the Good Times Rolling



Chief Robert H. Harding

Spring break is fun time, and meeting new people is part of it. But one person you don't want to meet is Bob Harding.

It's not that he's not a nice guy. He is. And he really wouldn't mind meeting you.

But Bob Harding is a cop. Panama City Beach's top cop. The chief.

"We are a nice little town of about 7,500 which grows to more than 10 times its size each week for six weeks during spring break," the chief says. "That kind of growth, with the kinds of activities that go on, can mean a lot of headaches."

Still, the chief looks forward to the influx of visitors from the first of March to the second week of April. "Most of these kids who come are great, and they bring millions of dollars with them, which is absolutely great for the economy."

The only thing Harding asks is that the students bring something with them besides money - common sense. "We want the kids to have a good time," he says. "We just want them to not leave their common sense or manners at home." "Our biggest problems are just the sheer numbers of people and the traffic, which can be overwhelming at times."

The main drag through town is U.S. Highway 98, which the locals call Front Beach Road, and it is only two lanes. "That's why I say bring your manners," Harding says, "because there are going to be times when you need them with that kind of traffic."

The chief says it helps to have patience, too, when some of the locals run out of theirs. "The loud music, noise and rowdiness can get a bit much" for some residents, he says.

Harding says that the biggest legal problems college students have during break are underage drinking (the legal minimum is 21) and disorderly conduct - often related.

"We are tolerant," he says.

Not drugs, though. "That is one thing we are definitely not tolerant about," the chief says. "No warnings. Zero tolerance on drugs."

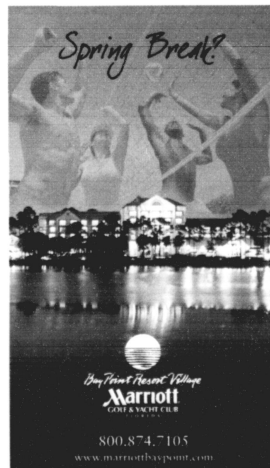
Actually, that hasn't been too much of a problem in Panama City Beach. "During the entire six weeks of spring break, we usually have between 2,000 and 2,500 misdemeanors, which is a very low number" considering there are 450,000 to 500,000 visitors overall.

He wants the visitors to have a good time. "There's plenty to do. I would like for the kids to look after each other. Don't leave a buddy stranded if he has had too much to drink.

"Just be nice; come down and enjoy sunshine."

If students bring their manners, he says, "then we like to treat people the way we would like to be treated when we are on vacation."

See, he's not such a bad guy. Hope you don't get to meet him.



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1. **HERE'S HOW TO ENTER** - Starting 12:01 a.m. ET 11/26/2001 and continuing through 11:59 p.m. ET 1/21/2002, visit www.springbreakpanamacity.com and follow the on-screen entry instructions. You will need to answer the 10 Official Sweepstakes questions. Answers to the questions may be found by visiting the Websites indicated. Limit one entry per valid e-mail address. Normal time rates, if any, charged by internet service provider will apply.

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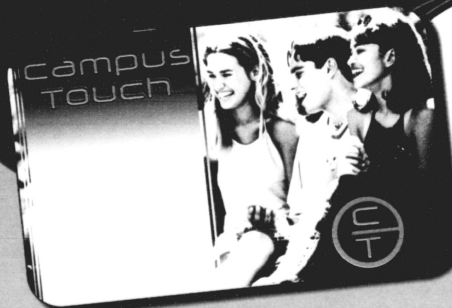
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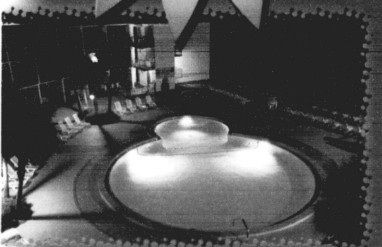
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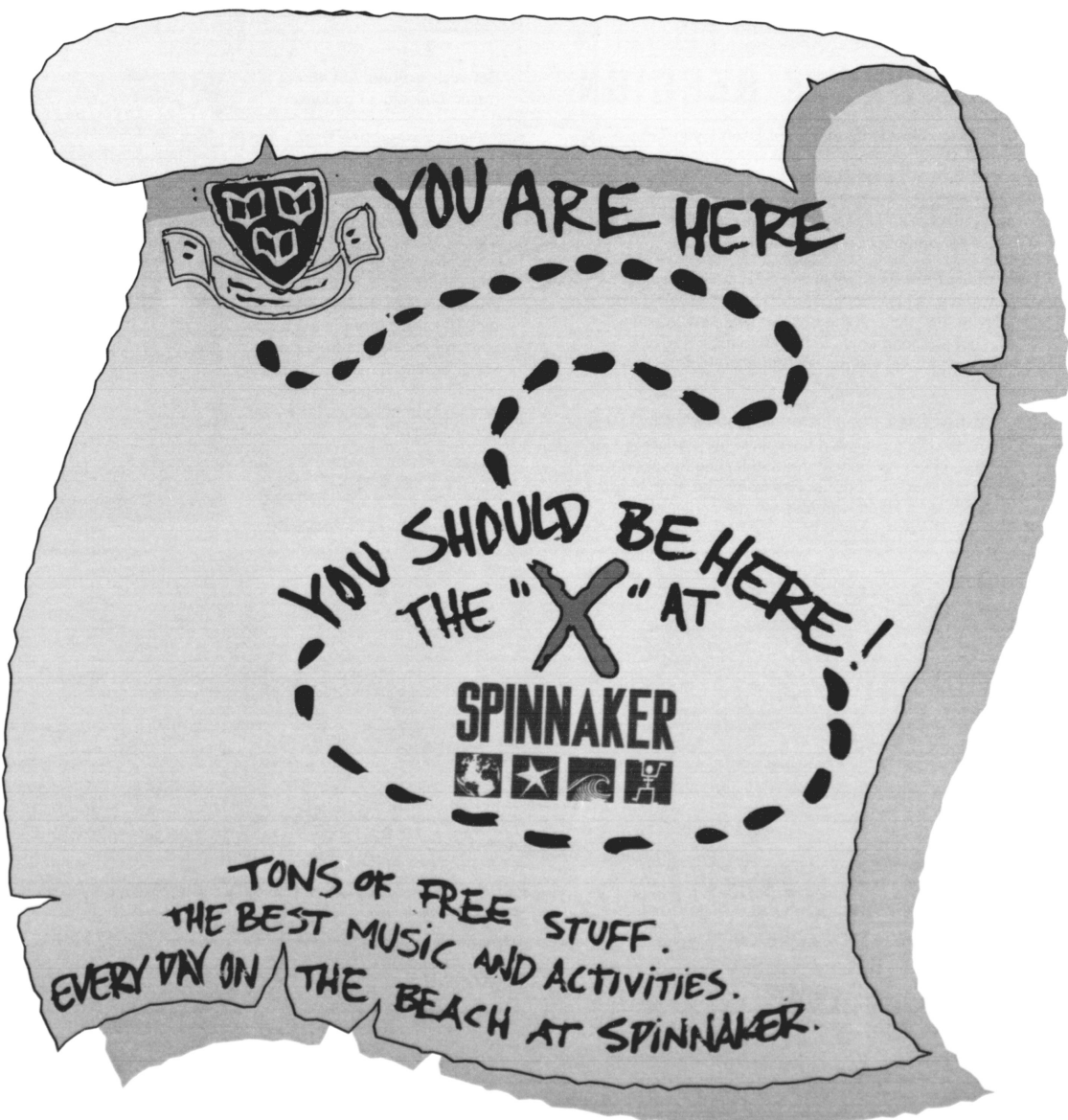
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HEALTH 101: SPRING BREAK SESSION

Arrive in one piece. Buckle up in the car, even if you, your pals and your stuff are so jammed in that you think nobody could fly loose. Take turns at the wheel, and catch some zzzzzs before it's your shift. Pack a cell phone (and charger), an auto club card and travelers checks in case of a breakdown. And let hitchhikers wait for some fool behind you.

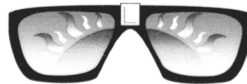
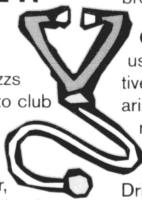
One word - sunscreen. The higher the SPF factor the better, especially if you are fair-skinned, but use at least 15. And slather it on often. (Maybe that cutie on the beach towel next to you will help.) A hat, shirt and long pants in breathable fabrics, and UV-protecting sunglasses, will provide the glam look and keep you from frying.

Regular, not extra-crispy. If you do get sunburned, chill out with some old-fashioned magic. Soak a towel in white vinegar (you'll find a jug, cheap, in any grocery store) and lay the towel on your back, chest, legs, wherever it hurts. Shazzam! The sting is gone. Then you're ready for a lotion with aloe vera to continue the soothing and help the healing.

Eat your greens. On spring break, guacamole counts.

Getting personal. Pack - and use - condoms and contraceptives in case the occasion arises. Make sure spring break remains a good memory.

Water, water everywhere. Drink it, lots of it. You'll keep cooler and you'll avoid dry-mouth. If your room has a fridge with freezer, fill and freeze empty water bottles for your cooler. They'll keep canned drinks cold and provide chilled water when you want it.



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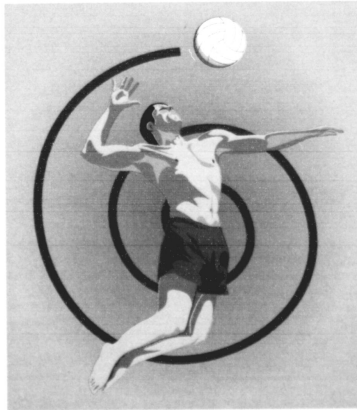
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* Cozy and cheap: Average number of students sharing a room - six to eight.

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* One of the major highlights is cruising the strip of Front Beach Road. Traffic can be backed up for hours at a time, but that's the point.

* Big name corporations sponsor interactive games, contests and giveaways.

* Want entertainment? Top-name performers, battle of the bands, WCW Monday Nitro, extreme sports challenges and contests give you heaps to choose from. Last year, Baywatch was searching for Hollywood's next hunks and hunkettes. Who knows what surprises are in store for spring break 2002.

* Local police are pretty cool, and they want you to be safe while you have fun. As many as 90 officers - the locals with help from state troopers and the sheriff's department - will be looking out for you on Friday and Saturday nights. So tell your folks not to worry.

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* The No. 1 violation is under-21 possession of alcohol.

* You don't have to drive. Local sponsors provide free shuttle service to properties, nightclubs and attractions.

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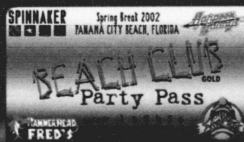
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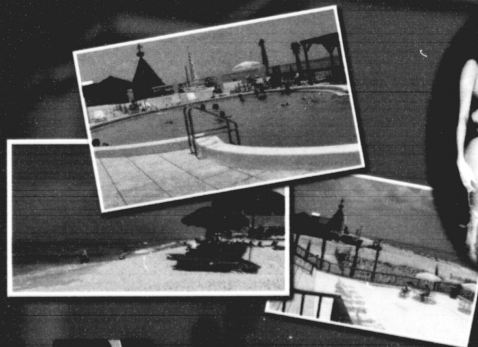
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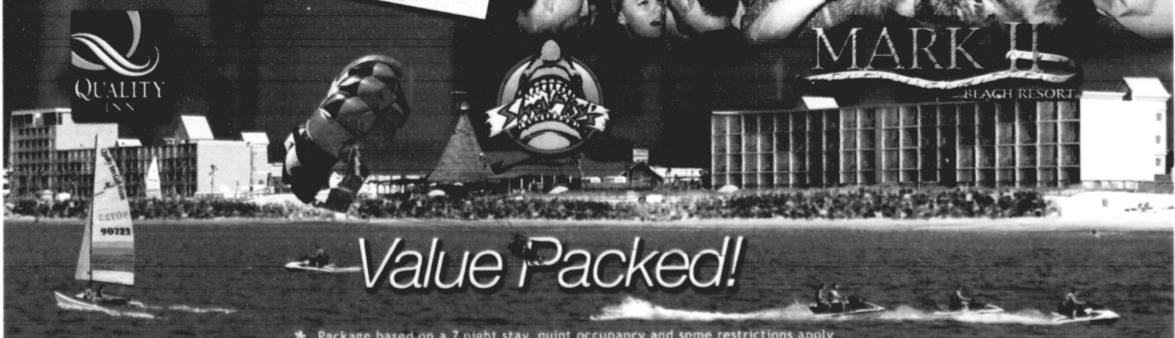
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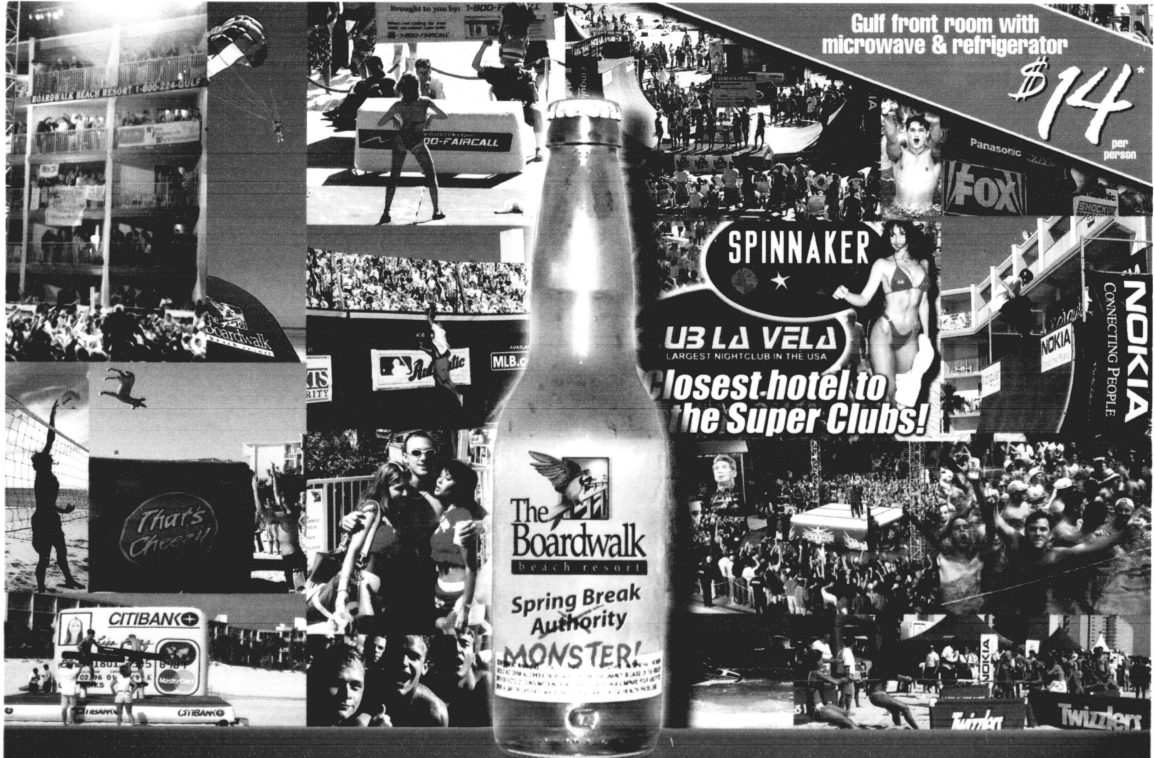
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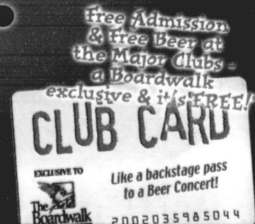
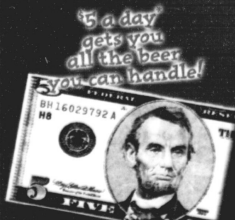
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